

1 YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA FEDERAL
2 SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

3
4 PUBLIC MEETING

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7 Moravian Church
8 Bethel, Alaska
9 February 23, 2012
10 9:00 o'clock a.m.
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13 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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15 Lester Wilde, Chairman
16 Robert Aloysius
17 John Andrew
18 Noah Andrew
19 Andrew Brown
20 William Brown
21 James Charles
22 Mary Gregory
23 Paul Manumik
24 Evan Polty
25 Greg Roczicka
26 Aloysius Unok
27 Harry Wilde, Sr.
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32 Regional Council Coordinator, Alex Nick
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Bethel, Alaska - 02/23/2012)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Call the meeting to order. It is now according to Yukon time, 9:00 o'clock.

(Laughter)

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We'll have our invocation. Harry Wilde, will you please do the invocation for us.

(Prayer - Harry Wilde)

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Before we start, public comments are welcome for each agenda item that we have and for regional concerns not included on the agenda. The Council appreciates hearing your concerns and knowledge. Please fill out a comment form, there should be a comment form somewhere, over there on the table, if you want to speak. Time limits won't be provided today because we don't have that much business and you can have your opportunity to testify on any subject that we might have.

And the procedures that we'll be using for proposals, since we only have one proposal, but usually when we have proposals we introduction of the proposal and the presentation of analysis and then we also have agency comments, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Federal agencies and Native, tribal and village and other village agencies. And then we have Advisory Group comments. Item 4, we usually have summary of written comments. Item 5, public testimony. Item 6 Regional Advisory Council recommendations and motions always in the positive note.

And I think we have one more.....

MR. J. ANDREW: Noah.

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Noah.

MR. J. ANDREW: Yeah, Noah Andrew (In Yup'ik)

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Noah, will you
2 please come and take your chair. Please.
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4 MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, okay. Well,
7 anyway we are down to roll call establish -- Secretary,
8 please call the roll.
9
10 Yeah, the secretary is Mr. John Andrew.
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12 MR. J. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. Roll
13 call.
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15 William Brown.
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17 MR. W. BROWN: Here.
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19 MR. J. ANDREW: James Charles.
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21 MR. CHARLES: Here.
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23 MR. J. ANDREW: Noah Andrew.
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: He's having heart
26 -- he's having problems.
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28 MR. J. ANDREW: Okay. Excuse Noah
29 Andrew.
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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Uh-huh.
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33 MR. J. ANDREW: Evan Polty, Sr.
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35 MR. POLTY: Here.
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37 MR. J. ANDREW: Lester Wilde.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Here.
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41 MR. J. ANDREW: Paul Manumik, Sr.
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43 MR. MANUMIK: Here.
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45 MR. J. ANDREW: Andrew Brown, Sr.
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47 MR. A. BROWN: Here.
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49 MR. J. ANDREW: Harry Wilde, Sr.
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1 MR. H. WILDE: Here.
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3 MR. J. ANDREW: Mary Gregory.
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5 (No comments)
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7 MR. J. ANDREW: Aloysius Unok.
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9 MR. UNOK: Here.
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11 MR. J. ANDREW: Greg Roczicka.
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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Here.
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15 MR. J. ANDREW: Robert Aloysius.
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yo.
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19 MR. J. ANDREW: John Andrew. Here.
20 Mr. Chairman, one excused, two absent, 11 -- 10 (In
21 Yup'ik), you have a quorum.
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. At this
24 time we're down to Item 3. And we'll go ahead.....
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26 REPORTER: Lester. Lester.
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.
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30 REPORTER: Just leave yours on, it'll be
31 easier for you that way to run the meeting.
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Welcome
34 introductions.
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36 I'd like to welcome you all to our
37 Regional Advisory Council meeting. We have one
38 proposal to work on, a past one from past meetings, but
39 I think at this time we'll have introduction of the
40 Council, starting from our right.
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42 Mr. Al Unok, could you introduce
43 yourself, please.
44
45 MR. UNOK: My name is Aloysius Unok
46 from Kotlik, Alaska.
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48 MR. POLTY: My name is Evan Polty from
49 Pilot Station, Lower Yukon.
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1 MR. H. WILDE: Harry Wilde from
2 Mountain Village.
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4 MR. A. BROWN: Andrew Brown, Sr., from
5 Mountain Village.
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7 MR. J. ANDREW: John Andrew from
8 Kwethluk.
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10 MR. ROCZICKA: Greg Roczicka, Bethel.
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12 MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, Sr., from
13 Nunan Iqua.
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: Bob Aloysius.
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17 MR. W. BROWN: William Charlie Brown.
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19 MR. CHARLES: James Charles from
20 Tuntutuliak.
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And I'm Lester
23 Wilde from Hooper Bay.
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25 We'll start with introductions from our
26 Staff. Our Staff members if you could please introduce
27 yourselves starting with Mr. Tom Kron there.
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29 MR. KRON: Tom Kron, OSM.
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31 MR. A. NICK: Alex Nick, OSM, Bethel.
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33 MR. MASCHMANN: I'm Gerald Maschmann
34 with Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks.
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36 MR. RIVARD: Don Rivard, fisheries
37 biologist with the Office of Subsistence Management.
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39 MR. ROBBINS: LaDonn Robbins, Kuskokwim
40 Native Association.
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42 MR. SHARP: Daniel Sharp with the
43 Bureau of Land Management.
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45 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pat Petrivelli with
46 Bureau of Indian Affairs.
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48 MR. PAPPAS: George Pappas, Department
49 of Fish and Game, Subsistence Liaison Team.
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1 MR. HALE: Jason Hale, Yukon River
2 Drainage Fisheries Association.
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4 RIT SCAMMON BAY: Anthony, RIT Scammon
5 Bay.
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7 RIT ST. MARY'S: , RIT, St. Mary's.
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9 RIT EMMONAK: , RIT, Emmonak.
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11 MR. WILLIAMS: Jackson Williams, Akiak.
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13 RIT BETHEL: , RIT, Bethel.
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15 MR. N. ANDREW: Noah Andrew. I'd like
16 to request that I may go the hospital this morning and
17 I'll resume after that appointment.
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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, you'll be
20 excused.
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22 DAVID: David, RIT,
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24 MR. ANDREW: Louie Andrew, Bethel, Fish
25 and Wildlife.
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27 KWETHLUK: Kwethluk, Incorporated.
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29 SANDY: Sandy.
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31 DR. CHEN: Good morning, everyone. My
32 name is Glenn Chen and I work for the Bureau of Indian
33 Affairs.
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35 MR. RUNFOLA: Dave Runfola, Fish and
36 Game in Fairbanks, Division of Subsistence.
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38 MR. SANDONE: Good morning. My name is
39 Gene Sandone. I represent Yukon Delta Fisheries
40 Development Association and Kwik-Pak Fisheries.
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. And,
43 Tina, our court reporter, thank you young lady.
44
45 We're down to housekeeping items and
46 announcements, Alex Nick.
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48 MR. A. NICK: Good morning, Council
49 members. First of all I would like to welcome back Mr.
50 Paul Manumik to YK-Delta RAC, and also new member Mr.

1 Andrew Brown. He is from Mountain Village and he has
2 -- both of these gentlemen do have background, they do
3 a lot for their communities in the Yukon River.

4
5 And what I would like to do is I would
6 like to apologize regarding the memo I sent to you, it
7 had wrong date and I immediately called every one of
8 you. I think I called each and every one of you with
9 the correct date of travel. And I'm hoping that didn't
10 cause any inconvenience on your part.

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12 As you can see winter meeting location
13 has been moved to Bethel. We did an analysis on that
14 for your information and because it's cheaper to meet
15 in Bethel we moved the winter meeting from Emmonak to
16 Bethel.

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18 As for eating places, as you know
19 there's a snack-shack that used to be open across the
20 street, a little ways across the street, it's been
21 closed for awhile. And there's eating places near, AC,
22 AC Store and also there's a deli in AC, and there's
23 also a deli down at Swanson and a couple of other
24 restaurants near Swanson's store.

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26 As for the Regional Advisory Council
27 manual, I understand it's being revised. We do have
28 copy of 2007 Council operation manual if anyone needs a
29 copy of that, I could make a copy and give you one.

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31 I would like to remind each and every
32 one of you that you should stay within your travel
33 plans. For example if you are planning to travel from
34 one -- from your village to meeting location, like
35 Bethel, you need to carry your itinerary that I sent
36 you. We had one problem that still needs to be
37 corrected yesterday on Council travel because a copy
38 was not readily available, they thought that the ticket
39 was not paid for one of the Council members that came
40 in from a village, but that will be corrected today. I
41 told them that I would send them a copy of that
42 itinerary today. If you're going home, should you --
43 you are unable to contact me or you have travel
44 problems call this number, jot this number down, 1-800-
45 478-1456, and ask for Durand Tyler or Anita Roberts.
46 They will correct your travel problems if I am unable
47 to be contacted. My personal cell phone number is 545-
48 1135. You could try to call me at that number if you
49 continue to have some problems.

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1 Mr. Chair, that's all I got for now.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.
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5 The agenda reads as follows:
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7 Item 6, review and adopt the agenda
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9 Item 7 -- I'm sorry.
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11 Item 5, review and adopt the agenda
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13 Item 6, election of officers
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15 Item 7, coordinating fisheries
16 committee appointments
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18 A. Lower Yukon
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20 B. Lower Kuskokwim
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22 C. Kuskokwim Salmon Management
23 Working Group
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25 Item 8, review and approve minutes from
26 September 29 to 30, 2011 meeting
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28 Item 9, reports by the Council member
29 -- Council member reports
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31 Item A, customary trade subcommittee
32 meeting reports
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34 Item B, Chair's report, Federal
35 Subsistence Board meeting
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37 Item C, .805(c) report, Chair
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39 Item D, Committee reports
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41 Item E, Working group reports
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43 Item 10, tribal consultation
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45 Item 11, regulatory proposals
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47 Item A, call for proposals to change
48 Federal subsistence fish and shellfish
49 regulations; deadline is March 30th,
50 2012

1 Item B, customary trade of chinook
2 salmon, OSM
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4 Item C, WP10-69 deferred proposal
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6 Item 12, old business
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8 Item 12A, review and finalize draft
9 2011 annual report
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11 Item 12B, review of draft tribal
12 consultation policy
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14 Item 13, new business, Gates of the
15 Arctic SRC proposal regarding per diem
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17 Item A, agency reports, OSM
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19 Item B, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
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21 Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge
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23 Togiak Refuge
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25 Joint Lower Yukon River Fisheries
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27 NPS, National Park Service
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29 BLM
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31 ADF&G
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33 Wildlife Conservation
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35 Fisheries
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37 Native Organizations
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39 Association of Village Council
40 Presidents
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42 Orutsararmiut Tribal Council
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44 Kuskokwim Native Association
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46 Tribal Council Representatives
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48 ANCSA Corporation Representatives
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50 Yukon River Drainage Fisheries

1 Association
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3 Item 15, Future meetings
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5 Confirm date and location of Fall 2012
6 meeting on October 10 and 11, 2012 in
7 Quinhagak
8
9 Select date and location for winter
10 2013 meeting
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12 Item 16, closing comments
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14 Item 17, adjournment
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16 Any additions or deletions or
17 corrections on the agenda, Mr. Sandone.
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19 MR. SANDONE: Mr. Chair. My name is
20 Gene Sandone. I represent Yukon Delta Fisheries
21 Development Association and Kwik-Pak Fisheries. Mr.
22 Chair, you asked me if I would give my presentation
23 regarding my observations on 7.5 inch impact to the
24 Yukon River chinook salmon run and I'm here to give
25 that presentation.
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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. I forgot to
28 get you on the agenda, or ask for you to be on the
29 agenda but I think we can work you in. Under the
30 reports, under fisheries, where.....
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32 MR. J. ANDREW: Maybe under 11.
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Under 11.
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36 MR. SANDONE: I'm not Yukon River
37 Drainage, it's Yukon Delta Fisheries Development
38 Association, YDFDA.
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I know that.
41
42 (Laughter)
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Item 9.
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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Item 9, F.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we'll put you
49 under Item 9, F.
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1 MR. SANDONE: Thank you very much, Mr.
2 Chair.
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. It's a good
5 report. I think it'd be a good idea for the rest of
6 the Council to hear the report that you've got.
7
8 Yes, sir.
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10 MR. RUNFOLA: David Runfola, Alaska
11 Department of Fish and Game, Division of Subsistence.
12 Under the agency reports, I'd like to request that we
13 be added to the agenda, Division of Subsistence under
14 ADF&G, Part E.
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: ADF&G.
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18 MR. RUNFOLA: Yes.
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: E.
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22 MR. J. ANDREW: Number 3.
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Number 3 under
25 Fisheries.
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27 MR. ROCZICKA: ADF&G, Subsistence
28 Division.
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30 MR. RUNFOLA: Yes, Number 3 would be
31 Division of Subsistence. I would just like to give a
32 short report of our current research projects in the
33 area.
34
35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
36
37 MR. RUNFOLA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You're welcome.
40 Any other additions to the agenda.
41
42 (No comments)
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, I'll need a
45 motion.....
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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.
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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: New business, Item B,
2 State of our Salmon, a special convention that AVCP is
3 having next month, can you put that.
4
5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Under where, Bob,
6 where do you.....
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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: B -- 13B.
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 13B.
11
12 MR. ALOYSIUS: New business.
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14 MR. J. ANDREW: AVCP.
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: AVCP Fisheries,
17 what is that, Fisheries.....
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19 MR. J. ANDREW: Report.
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, it's a --
22 they're getting a meeting together.
23
24 MR. J. ANDREW: Oh, yeah, State of the
25 Salmon.
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, State of the
28 Salmon, okay. Any other additions.
29
30 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair.
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.
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34 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair. Not
35 necessarily in addition, unless it's needed, but I'd
36 just like to ensure that under the regulatory
37 proposals, Item 11A, I would like to hear from our
38 regional Staff on what kind of proposals, if any, are
39 being discussed or considered for submission.
40
41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Under Item what?
42
43 MR. ROCZICKA: 11A, it's existing
44 there, but I just wanted to make sure and have that out
45 there.
46
47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
48
49 MR. ROCZICKA: Make sure that would be
50 covered, the topic.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. You can
2 remind me.
3
4 Any further additions to the agenda.
5
6 (No comments)
7
8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr.
9 Charles.
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11 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. I move to
12 adopt agenda as prepared.
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's been
15 made to adopt.....
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Amended.
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19 MR. CHARLES: Or as amended.
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:the agenda, do
22 I hear a second.
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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second.
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.
27 Aloysius.
28
29 Any further discussion.
30
31 (No comments)
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any discussion.
34
35 (No comments)
36
37 MR. W. BROWN; Question.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called
40 for. All in favor say aye.
41
42 IN UNISON: Aye.
43
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed, same
45 sign.
46
47 (No opposing votes)
48
49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried.
50 We are down to election of officers. We will turn the

1 Chair over to Mr. Alex Nick.

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3 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
4 For the record, Alex Nick, Regional Council
5 coordinator.

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7 We are starting to have Council
8 election of officers in the fall meeting because --
9 rather, winter meeting, because some of the new members
10 are seated or vetted in the fall, the late fall, early
11 winter. So we'll go ahead and open the floor for
12 nominations for Chair.

13

14 MR. J. ANDREW: I move that we -- how
15 do I rephrase that. I nominate Lester Wilde, Sr.

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17 MR. A. NICK: Lester Wilde, Sr., has
18 been nominated. Are there any more nominations.

19

20 (No comments)

21

22 MR. A. NICK: Are there any more
23 nominations for Chair.

24

25 (No comments)

26

27 MR. CHARLES: I close the nominations.

28

29 MR. A. NICK: Mr. James Charles moved
30 to close the nominations, do I hear a second.

31

32 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.

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34 MR. A. NICK: Seconded by Greg
35 Roczicka. Are there any discussions.

36

37 (No comments)

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39 MR. A. NICK: If there are no
40 discussions, all those in favor of the motion say aye.

41

42 IN UNISON: Aye.

43

44 MR. A. NICK: All opposed, same sign.

45

46 (no opposing votes)

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48 MR. A. NICK: Congratulations Mr.
49 Wilde.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, thank you for
2 your confidence. I think I might be able to do it for
3 another year.

4
5 (Laughter)

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: At this time we
8 will be electing our vice Chair. Any nominations for
9 vice Chair.

10
11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any nominations for
14 vice Chair.

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16 Mr. Manumik.

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18 MR. MANUMIK: I'd like to move to
19 nominate Mr. Greg Roczicka for the vice Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg Roczicka's
22 been nominated for vice Chair. Do I hear any further
23 nominations.

24
25 (No comments)

26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further -- I
28 think we're all sleepy this morning.

29
30 (Laughter)

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
33 nominations for vice Chair.

34
35 (No comments)

36
37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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39 MR. W. BROWN: I close the nomination.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What was that.

42
43 MR. W. BROWN: Close.

44
45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's been
46 made to close nominations, do I hear a second.

47
48 MR. MANUMIK: Second the motion.

49
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion's

1 seconded. Any further discussion.
2
3 (No comments)
4
5 MR. UNOK: Question.
6
7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called
8 for. All in favor of the motion say aye.
9
10 IN UNISON: Aye.
11
12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Then maybe we
13 better have a roll call vote. Roll call vote, please,
14 Secretary.
15
16 MR. J. ANDREW: William Brown.
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18 MR. W. BROWN: I decline.
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20 MR. J. ANDREW: James Charles.
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22 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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24 MR. J. ANDREW: Noah Andrew is excused.
25 Evan Polty.
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27 MR. POLTY: What was that for, excuse
28 me, vice.....
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Vice Chair, Greg
31 Roczicka.
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33 MR. POLTY: Yes.
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35 MR. J. ANDREW: Lester Wilde.
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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39 MR. J. ANDREW: Paul Manumik.
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41 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.
42
43 MR. J. ANDREW: Andrew Brown.
44
45 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.
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47 MR. J. ANDREW: Harry Wilde.
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49 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.
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1 MR. J. ANDREW: Mary Gregory.
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3 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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5 MR. J. ANDREW: Aloysius Unok.
6
7 MR. UNOK: Yes.
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9 MR. J. ANDREW: Greg Roczicka.
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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay.
12
13 (Laughter)
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15 MR. J. ANDREW: Robert Aloysius.
16
17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.
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19 MR. J. ANDREW: John Andrew, yes.
20 Unanimous.
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Unanimous. We are
23 down to secretary. Any nominations for secretary.
24
25 (No comments)
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any nominations for
28 secretary.
29
30 Mr. Roczicka.
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32 MR. ROCZICKA: I nominate John Andrew
33 for secretary.
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: John Andrew's been
36 nominated. Do I hear any further discussion -- any --
37 I'm sorry.
38
39 MR. J. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. I have to
40 decline.
41
42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Andrew
43 declines. Do I hear another nomination.
44
45 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. I nominate
46 Bob Aloysius.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius has
49 been nominated. Any further nominations.
50

1 (No comments)
2
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
4 nominations, Bob Aloysius has been nominated.
5
6 MR. UNOK: I nominate John Andrew.
7
8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: John Andrew just
9 declined. John just declined.
10
11 MR. UNOK: Oh, okay.
12
13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
14 nominations.
15
16 MR. POLTY: Mr. Chair. I make a
17 nomination to close the vote.
18
19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's been
20 made to close the nomination, do I hear a second.
21
22 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.
23
24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Greg.
25 Any further discussion.
26
27 (No comments)
28
29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
30 discussion.
31
32 (No comments)
33
34 MR. MANUMIK: Question.
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called
37 for. All in favor say aye.
38
39 IN UNISON: Aye.
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.
42
43 (No opposing votes)
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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So be it. We are
46 down to coordinating fisheries committee appointments.
47 I think anybody volunteering from the Kuskokwim for the
48 -- James, would you still like to be on that fisheries
49 coordinating committee for the Kuskokwim.
50

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. You need
2 to go to the Lower Yukon first.
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm
5 so used to Kuskokwim, being on the Kuskokwim.
6
7 (Laughter)
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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Lower Yukon. Who
10 was our.....
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12 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair.
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:coordinating
15 committee from the Lower Yukon. Any volunteers from
16 the Lower Yukon.
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18 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair.
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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22 MR. A. NICK: According to Lower Yukon
23 coordinating fisheries committee members were Raymond
24 Oney, who is no longer a member of the RAC, and
25 Aloysius Unok.
26
27 Mr. Chair.
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Don't we
30 usually have one from the Yukon and one from the
31 Kuskokwim on the fisheries coordinating committee --
32 two each -- two -- okay, we need a couple of people
33 from the Yukon, if we can get volunteers I'll know
34 we'll get our job done.
35
36 (Laughter)
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: How about.....
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40 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair.
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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44 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I was
45 going to -- we did ask Evan Polty to represent us at a
46 couple of the different -- or at just one meeting
47 already, I believe, earlier, if he'd be willing to take
48 that.
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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: How about the two

1 young men on the end.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Al and Evan, would
6 you two be willing to serve on the Yukon fisheries
7 coordinating committee.

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9 MR. POLTY: That will be fine. Fine
10 with me.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What about you, Al.

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14 MR. UNOK: Yeah.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we got Al
17 Unok and Evan Polty from Yukon.

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19 Now, we need a couple from the Lower
20 Kuskokwim.

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22 MR. J. ANDREW: James Charles and
23 William Brown.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: James Charlie and
26 William Brown, will you two be -- you're on the
27 coordinating fisheries committee already, aren't you?

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29 MR. CHARLES: (Nods affirmatively)

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And.....

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33 MR. CHARLES: Me and Bob.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You and Bob.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: James and I are still on
38 that.

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40 MR. J. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius and
43 James Charles.

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45 MR. CHARLES: (Nods affirmatively)

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: (Nods affirmatively)

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius and
2 James Charles for Lower Kuskokwim.
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4 And the Kuskokwim Salmon management
5 working group.
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7 MR. J. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. The
8 Kuskokwim Salmon management working group always
9 recruit their own volunteers.
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: How does that work
12 -- is that how it works?
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14 MR. J. ANDREW: Uh-huh.
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg, do you have
17 any comments.
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19 MR. ROCZICKA: Go ahead.
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead. Go
22 ahead, somebody.
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24 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. The way it's
25 been done in the past is Robert Aloysius was -- or is
26 still representing YK-RAC on the fisheries.....
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, so be it.
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30 MR. A. NICK:salmon working
31 group.
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you all right
34 with that Bob.
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: (Thumbs up)
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Good. We're down
39 to Item 8, if we're moving too fast you guys just slow
40 us down.
41
42 (Laughter)
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We are down
45 to review and approve minutes from September 29th-30th,
46 2011 meeting.
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48 Mr. Roczicka.
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50 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I'd like

1 to move to waive the approval of minutes. I just got
2 this this morning. I haven't had a chance to really
3 read them through yet and given that we dealt with some
4 regulatory proposals and justifications, for me, I'm
5 not comfortable voting on it yet until I read it
6 through. I'd like to waive that for this meeting,
7 approval of these minutes.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we could do
10 that and approve our minutes at our next meeting for
11 the two meetings since none of -- we didn't get our
12 booklets until just a minute ago. We need to go over
13 those minutes.

14
15 We are down to Item 9, reports.
16 Customary trade committee report.

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18 (No comments)

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anybody got a
21 report on the customary trade subcommittee meeting.

22
23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anybody. Don. Mr.
26 Don Rivard.

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28 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Don
29 Rivard with the Office of Subsistence Management.

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31 I don't think anything significant has
32 changed since your last meeting in the fall.

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34 (Phone interruption)

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, who's that.

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38 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'm waiting for
39 the teleconference to start, I haven't heard anybody
40 speak or whether the RAC's started meeting yet.

41
42 MR. RIVARD: Yes, you are. You're in
43 the meeting.

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45 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I've called in a
46 couple times and this is the second time I've called in
47 and the last time I called in I was cut off.

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49 MR. RIVARD: Hold on guys.

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1 (Phone interruption - various people
2 speaking)
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4 MR. RIVARD: Hey, guys can you hear me.
5 I'm Don Rivard, I'm at the meeting and you're talking
6 over the meeting. We're trying to get you on speaker
7 here but you are hooked up to the meeting.
8
9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.
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11 (Phone interruption)
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: This meeting's been
14 going like this anyway so we're kind of expecting that.
15
16 (Laughter)
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18 REPORTER: Thanks.
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20 (Laughter)
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22 MR. RIVARD: Okay, I can give you a
23 quick report.
24
25 On the customary trade thing, David
26 Jenkins was going to be at this meeting but at the last
27 minute he was unable to come, so he would have
28 addressed that particular topic. As far as I know -- I
29 know that he spoke to your group last fall, gave you a
30 report. I don't think anything has changed yet. And
31 I'm not -- that's all I can tell you basically.
32
33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I don't think they
34 ever came to a conclusion as to which proposal they
35 were going to go through and they were supposed to have
36 that proposal before the RAC sometime in the future
37 meetings.
38
39 MR. RIVARD: Well, I -- yes. This is
40 the start of the fisheries proposal cycle so it should
41 be submitted between now and the end of March, and then
42 it would come to your Council in the fall.
43
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thanks, Don.
45 Any further on that. Did you have anything Mr. -- my
46 friend. Mr. Kron.
47
48 MR. KRON: Reporting back to my friend.
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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

1 MR. KRON: I think Don pretty well
2 covered it. I think this was an opportunity for
3 Regional Council members to provide any comments that
4 they have. David Jenkins is going to be presenting the
5 customary trade issue later in the meeting when it's on
6 the agenda and then following that the one wildlife
7 proposal as well. But in any case he will be
8 presenting his issues but I know it was discussed at
9 YRDFA last week. So this would be an opportunity for
10 any Lower Yukon members, that are members of that team,
11 to present their comments, and I think you're one of
12 them Les -- no. Okay. Harry, okay.

13
14 So, anyway, again, I think this is an
15 opportunity for Council members that are participating
16 in the process.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So you say he's
19 going to be here later on?

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21 MR. KRON: He is going to be presenting
22 via teleconference.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is he on now?

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26 REPORTER: No, he's not.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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30 MR. KRON: David, are you on.

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32 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Still not hearing
33 anything, I'll call in later.

34
35 (Laughter)

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37 MR. KRON: We'll get him on.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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41 MR. KRON: If he doesn't do it I'll
42 have to do it, but we're hoping that he can present.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr.
45 Roczicka.

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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair. Tom, before
48 you leave there, just clarify for me where we're at in
49 the process because I've just looked -- again, I just
50 got this packet here this morning and so I'm looking at

1 what's there for the customary trade report on Page 21,
2 it says the next step is that three RACs may consider
3 submitting a proposal to change customary trade
4 regulations and I thought we had put that proposal in
5 during the last cycle that generated this whole process
6 from this Council. And I guess it was my understanding
7 the proposal was deferred to this committee and so --
8 and I would have expected that that proposal should be
9 coming back to the board rather than having a new
10 proposal developed, or that they would develop a new
11 proposal or something of that nature, but is it not
12 going to be addressed if nobody steps forward on that,
13 even though it was a deferred proposal. It's still
14 active in my mind. They go for five or 10 years, some
15 of these things.

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17 (Laughter)

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Tom.

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21 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Greg. My
22 understanding is that the request, the hope is that the
23 three Councils will submit proposals for this current
24 fisheries cycle. So, again, this is the first Yukon
25 meeting in the cycle process and they're asking for
26 your input as to how you'd like to see this go.

27

28 Again, you've already dealt with this.
29 You dealt with it -- we've been dealing with it now for
30 over a year, but, again, they're suggesting that an
31 actual proposal be developed. You're the first ones
32 out of the block, you can develop the proposal, and
33 then there'll be a chance to comment on it this fall,
34 an analysis of the proposal as well.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.

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38 MR. ROCZICKA: I guess what is the
39 status of our proposal that was put in previously, if
40 nobody comes up with a new proposal that one is still
41 an active proposal?

42

43 MR. KRON: I think, again, David will
44 be presenting what the three Councils have done on the
45 customary trade issue. Again, YRDFA addressed the
46 issue last week, but, again, the expectation is that
47 the three Councils will, in fact, submit proposals this
48 cycle. They've all weighed in on the issue. They've
49 all presented their perspective, and the hope -- I
50 think that the hope is is that all three Councils will

1 come up with the same proposal, if not, the Councils
2 will have an opportunity to comment on those
3 differences.

4

5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I think for your
8 information the proposal we put in is the
9 recommendation -- it's on Page 21, recommendation two
10 is the proposal that we actually put in. We put in a
11 proposal to preclude customary trade on the Yukon
12 River, chinook salmon between rural residents and
13 others, and this was for the time when the salmon was
14 low. And another thing that was put into our proposal
15 was a \$750 limit per calendar year per qualified
16 household, and we also requested that there be required
17 customary recordkeeping receipt form. And that was our
18 proposal.

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20 And I don't know if the Council wants
21 to go ahead and put that proposal in as it was written
22 at that time, I guess we could resubmit it.

23

24 Mr. Tom Kron.

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26 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. My suggestion
27 would be that you hold off on actually making that
28 submission until you get a chance to hear from David.
29 He'll be presenting the customary trade issue and you
30 could decide to present -- you know, put in your
31 original proposal or you could decide to modify it;
32 it's up to you.

33

34 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Pappas.

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38 MR. PAPPAS: Good morning. George
39 Pappas, Fish and Game. Maybe I could just help give
40 you a foreshadowing of Dr. Jenkins' presentation.

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42 The customary trade work group got
43 together. They came up with two recommendations as
44 presented here and they're going to ask you to take a
45 look at those recommendations. So just to move the
46 process along, you are correct, sir, these are the
47 options that the customary trade work group came up
48 with.

49

50 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
2 Pappas. Any questions for either one of the gentlemen
3 here.

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5 (No comments)

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, what is the
8 feeling of the Council. What would you like to do as
9 far as customary trade is concerned -- wait -- I guess
10 we'll wait for the gentleman before we make a decision.

11
12 (Council nods affirmatively)

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we are down
15 to Item 8C.

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17 MR. ROCZICKA: B.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 8B. Chair's
20 report. There you go, Mr. Nick will give you a report
21 on what went on at the Federal Subsistence Board
22 meeting. Go ahead, Mr. Nick.

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24 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. I would
25 rather you give that report, but I was going to give
26 you the status of .805(c) report. Usually .805(c)
27 report is signed by Chair, I understand it has not been
28 signed by the Chair, so.....

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We're still
31 on the Federal Subsistence Board meeting.

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33 MR. A. NICK: You could give that
34 report.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does anybody have
37 an idea of what proposals passed? Off the top of my
38 head I can't remember what proposals passed at the
39 Board meeting. Does anybody have a record of that?

40
41 MR. A. NICK: If you give me a minute,
42 either myself or Tom could give you that.

43
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, let's take a
45 five minute break.

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47 (Off record)

48
49 (On record)

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1 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick.

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5 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, apparently our
6 conference phone is not working so what I am going to
7 do is before you need to present other presentations
8 for those who are on line, I'm going to my office and
9 get my phone and see if it works.

10

11 Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

14

15 Tom, are you going to be presenting the
16 .805 letter or -- and I understand this has not been
17 sent to the Council so it hasn't been signed by the
18 Board Chair, and I think we'll be getting it later; is
19 that correct, Mr. Kron?

20

21 MR. KRON; Mr. Chair. My understanding
22 is Tim Towarak has not signed the .805(c) letter yet.
23 It's been drafted but it hasn't been signed.

24

25 I gave you a copy of the Board actions
26 and the various proposals, if anybody wants to look at
27 them, but the actual letter, I guess my recommendation
28 would be to hold off on this until you get the letter.
29 You should get it in the next week or two.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We can do
32 that, we can skip our .805 report.

33

34 But if you guys want to have a -- and
35 I'll give you what went on at the Board -- the Federal
36 Subsistence Board meeting, I'll just go down the list.

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38 The statewide WP12-01, the brown bear
39 claw, that was adopted with modification.

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41 WP10-02, the brown bear handicrafts,
42 that was -- they took no action on that.

43

44 WP12-02, redefine designated hunter so
45 that a designated hunter can only hunt for elders or a
46 person who is disabled and that failed.

47

48 WP12-14, require traps and snares to be
49 marked with trapper identification, that -- I got to
50 look through here and make sure I get the right.....

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: What page are you on?
2
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: This is a special
4 report that was given to me.
5
6 Okay, that's next to the last -- that
7 one was adopted.
8
9 WP12-12, close subsistence hunting
10 within 200 mile radius -- oh, that's not ours.
11
12 Revise season hunting -- WP12 --
13 require wolf traps and revise sealing requirements, C&T
14 for residents of Ninilchik -- oh, there's a whole bunch
15 of other ones, revised -- I can't remember which ones
16 we had support, anyway, okay YK, there we go.
17
18 We have the AVCP, revise dates, that
19 was adopted with modification.
20
21 The lynx, revise harvest limit and
22 extend season dates, that was adopted.
23
24 Nunapitchuk IRA Council to revise
25 harvest limit, they took no action.
26
27 Aloysius Unok, moose revise season
28 dates and harvest limit, they took no action.
29
30 Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, revise
31 season take was adopted.
32
33 Mountain Village working group, WP12-
34 47, limit use of aircraft in controlled use area, that
35 failed.
36
37 Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge,
38 to revise season dates and remove antler requirement,
39 that was adopted.
40
41 WP12-47 on moose, to revise season and
42 harvest limit, that was adopted.
43
44 WP12-50 AVCP moose, was -- the proposal
45 was put in by AVCP and it was for a moose, new
46 regulations, Unit 18 remainder to allow a hunter to use
47 a boat under power to harvest moose, that was adopted
48 with that modification.
49
50 WP12-51 ptarmigan, revise harvest limit

1 and season dates, that was adopted with modification.
2
3 WP12-52 close hunting sport --
4 sporthunting along Yukon River, that failed.
5
6 WP12-53 redefine language for -- under
7 special provisions for use of motorized vehicles to
8 harvest ungulates, that was adopted with modification.
9
10 And WP12-54 Orutsararmiut Native
11 Council put in a proposal to revise hunting harvest for
12 wolf, that was adopted.
13
14 WP12-55 wolverine, to revise hunting
15 harvest limit, that was adopted.
16
17 And -- I got to make sure I got the
18 right proposals here -- I guess that's it.
19
20 Okay, I think that's it.
21
22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: What was the
27 modification for that ptarmigan hunt?
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: They cut the
30 numbers down from unlimited to 100, I think.
31
32 MR. ALOYSIUS: What about the season?
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The what?
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: The season.
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, the season, I
39 can't remember what the season is, but it's probably
40 the same -- anybody remember if it was the same? Mr.
41 Kron, if you could help us out.
42
43 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Mr. Aloysius.
44 My recollection and, again, I had recommended that you
45 wait until you get the .805(c) letter, but the State
46 Board, my understanding, increased the limit, the
47 Federal limit -- the Federal season is a little bit
48 longer than the State season. My understanding is that
49 the Federal Board did not change the Federal season but
50 they adopted the same limits that the State has. And,

1 again, going from memory so there's a possibility it's
2 off a little bit, but that's my recollection from the
3 action of that January Board meeting.

4

5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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9 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, ma'am.

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13 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Kron. What's the
14 season right now, from what to what?

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: June, July.....

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18 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Mary. We'll
19 have to check the Federal regs. Again, I do not recall
20 exactly. But, again, the Federal Board did not change
21 the season, they just changed the limit to match what
22 the State had done.

23

24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The season's the
25 same but the limit is different.

26

27 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Same time we always
30 hunt them.

31

32 (Laughter)

33

34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, I can't
35 remember, June, July.

36

37 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

38

39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Tom.

40

41 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Again, I'm
42 reading from the regs book. For ptarmigan, Unit 18,
43 the season is August 10th through May 30th.

44

45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There you go.

46

47 MR. KRON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

48

49 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

50

1 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman.
2
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik.
4
5 MR. MANUMIK: You said the limit was
6 100, is that per day or per season?
7
8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: He knows how to use
9 that book.
10
11 (Laughter)
12
13 (Pause)
14
15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I think that was
16 for per day. It wasn't for per season, it was per day.
17
18 MR. ROCZICKA: There's no limit per
19 season.
20
21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There's no limit
22 during the season.
23
24 MR. MANUMIK: Uh-huh.
25
26 MR. KRON: That information isn't on
27 the sheet.
28
29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So I guess we could
30 wait until the .805 letter comes out. It'll explain
31 everything and all the proposals that passed, in the
32 letter that was not signed, but I'm sure that Tim will
33 get around to that.
34
35 MR. ALOYSIUS: What's in that book?
36 What's in that book?
37
38 MR. KRON: This book?
39
40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, for the limit, 80
41 bagged or what?
42
43 MR. KRON: Okay. Mr. Chair. Mr.
44 Aloysius. What the current book says is 20 ptarmigan
45 per say and 40 in possession.
46
47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: But it's 100 now.
48
49 MR. KRON: And, again, I think they
50 went to 50 and 100, 50 per day and 100 possession and

1 that was based on what the Board of Game change was.
2 But they did not change the season.
3
4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I see Mr. Pappas
5 back there, do you have any comments on it?
6
7 MR. PAPPAS: (Shakes head negatively)
8
9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What he says is --
10 the information he gave is correct, okay.
11
12 MR. PAPPAS: (Nods affirmatively)
13
14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any further
15 questions on ptarmigan.
16
17 (No comments)
18
19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And when Alex gets
20 back with the phone -- we'll keep on going with our
21 agenda until Alex gets back.
22
23 Do we have any committee reports.
24
25 (No comments)
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No committee
28 reports. Any working group reports.
29
30 Mr. James Charles.
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32 MR. CHARLES: Greg is our Lower
33 Kuskokwim working group member, he may have something
34 to say.
35
36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg, you have
37 anything to report?
38
39 MR. ROCZICKA: There haven't been any
40 working group meetings since the last Regional Council
41 meeting. I'll just mention that coming up here at the
42 end of March we will be having our InterAgency meeting
43 between all the user groups on the Kuskokwim from the
44 Kuskokwim Salmon management working group along with
45 the State and Federal agencies and I believe that's
46 March 28th and 29th -- 27 and 28, and so that's coming
47 up but we haven't had any meetings since then.
48
49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. I think
50 before Gene gets here the young lady back there has a

1 -- would like to get one second on the agenda of your
2 time.

3

4 MS. PETRIVELLI: And this is related to
5 the last meeting when you were discussing the bear
6 proposal, the bear claw proposal and then I answered a
7 question about customary and traditional use
8 determinations and then when I was through Mr. Charles
9 mentioned this proposal doesn't apply to us and I said,
10 yes, it does, and I was mistaken. When we got back to
11 the office everyone looked at the transcripts and they
12 said you told the Council the wrong information and so
13 I wanted to apologize to Mr. Charles, he was correct.

14

15 And my name is Patricia Petrivelli with
16 the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

17

18 And so I told you all the information
19 about the customary and traditional use determination
20 and technically if you ever approve the sale of bear
21 claws in your region then these regulations would apply
22 to the people who have C&T. But Mr. Charles you were
23 correct, that as the proposal was written it did not
24 apply to anyone in the region. It didn't affect the
25 vote or anything but I just wanted to clarify that you
26 were correct and I was wrong and I'm sorry for giving
27 you misinformation.

28

29 Thank you.

30

31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. I had
32 an opportunity at the last meeting, Mr. Gene Sandone
33 made a presentation, and I thought it might be -- since
34 he made the presentation to us prior to his second
35 report that he made, I think it might be a good idea
36 for us to hear Mr. Sandone at this time on his report.

37

38 MR. SANDONE: I need five to set up.

39

40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, you got five.

41

42 MR. SANDONE: Thank you.

43

44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: But in the meantime
45 we could go down, is there anything -- I guess we'll
46 just have to wait for you.

47

48 MR. J. ANDREW: Break -- (In Yup'ik).

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, take a five

1 minute break then.

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3 MR. J. ANDREW: Fifteen.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We'll take a 10
6 minute break, coffee break.

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8 (Off record)

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10 (On record)

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead are you
13 ready.

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15 MR. SANDONE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My
16 name is Gene Sandone. I already introduced myself, who
17 I work for, Yukon Delta Fisheries Development
18 Association and Kwik-Pak Fisheries.

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20 I just want to give you a little
21 background on who I am because some of you don't know
22 who I am. I've been associated with Yukon fishery
23 issues since 1988 when I was a Yukon River research
24 biologist for the summer season, that's chinook and
25 summer chum salmon. I moved on to Palmer for four
26 years and was the research biologist out there in
27 Palmer for sportfish. And then in 2000 I came back to
28 AYK as the regional research supervisor. And then from
29 2001 until 2008 I was the AYK regional supervisor, the
30 position that John Linderman holds right now. So I
31 just wanted to give you a background because I do know
32 a little bit about Yukon River chinook and I do know a
33 little bit about Yukon River summer chum particularly.

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35 This presentation, you know, one year,
36 this regulation came into effect last year, the 7.5
37 inch maximum mesh on the Yukon River because of the
38 concern of the quality of the escapement. A lot of
39 people have said that we're not getting the large
40 females up on the grounds. So the Board of Fish after
41 a three -- well, I'll get into this. This is just
42 observations though, one year observations, it really
43 doesn't even make a trend, that is just what I saw.

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45 Okay. Background.

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47 Historically there is no mesh size
48 restrictions on gillnets used in the Yukon. In 2010
49 the Alaska Board of Fisheries enacted a regulation to
50 limit the maximum mesh size of gillnets used in the

1 Yukon River to 7.5 inches effective with the 2011
2 season. Prior to that it was unrestricted. Direct --
3 this is a direct response to concerns over the quality
4 of the escapement and decreased in size at age of the
5 chinook salmon within the Yukon River. This decision
6 was based on a mesh size study conducted by ADF&G over
7 three years. The objective of this action was to
8 increase the number and proportion of larger and older
9 chinook salmon, particularly the largest and oldest
10 female salmon on the spawning grounds by targeting the
11 younger, smaller males.

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13 And please stop me any time you have a
14 question.

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16 Okay. My observations. What I've
17 looked at in this presentation was basically the
18 chinook salmon length frequency distribution and I'll
19 explain that in a little bit.

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21 I looked at the Lower Yukon set and
22 drift gillnet fishery which uses large mesh gear. The
23 Mountain Village test fishery which uses 7.5 inch gear.
24 The Pilot Station test fishery which uses a suite, a
25 number of meshes from two and 3/4 all the way up to 8.5
26 so they catch everything in the river. The Kaltag
27 subsistence fishery, which uses 7.5 inch gear for this
28 past year. The Rapids subsistence fishery which uses
29 7.5 now, previously it used large mesh. The Eagle
30 Sonar test fishery. The test fishery associated with
31 the Eagle Sonar passage, they use 6.5, 7.5 and 8.5 inch
32 meshes. And the Little River salmon, the Little Salmon
33 Escapement project, which I run in Canada. I actually
34 go on the spawning grounds in Canada and collect the
35 age, sex, size information from the fish that are
36 spawning in that river.

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38 MR. MANUMIK: Gene. What size.....

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40 MR. SANDONE: Yes.

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42 REPORTER: Mr. Manumik.

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44 MR. RIVARD: Turn your mic on.

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46 MR. MANUMIK:mesh do you find
47 catches the most fish?

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49 MR. SANDONE: 7.5.

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1 MR. MANUMIK: 7.5.
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3 MR. SANDONE: Yeah.
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5 MR. MANUMIK: Of kings or.....
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7 MR. SANDONE: Kings. We're talking
8 about kings now.
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10 MR. MANUMIK: Okay, thank you.
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12 MR. SANDONE: Okay. The observations.
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14 The chinook salmon, run passing into
15 Canada from Eagle Sonar, all chinook salmon, I looked
16 at the older age chinook salmon, those that are greater
17 than six year olds and equal to six year olds. The
18 large chinook salmon, the ones that are greater than
19 900 millimeters or equal to, that's about 39.5 inches,
20 okay, that's what a large chinook looks like on the
21 Yukon River, and also the age seven salmon. They've
22 been disappearing presently, so I looked at that too.
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24 And then I looked at only the female
25 salmon component. Again, I looked at the older age
26 female chinook salmon, the largest female chinook
27 salmon and the age seven of chinook salmon.
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29 Now, I spoke a little bit about length
30 frequency distribution, okay, I want to explain that a
31 little bit.
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33 Over here you have length bins, and
34 here you have the millimeters and here you have the
35 inches. And if a fish is a certain size it fits into
36 one of these bins, and if a fish is a male or a female
37 it fits into one of these bins, okay. So, this is from
38 chinook salmon caught in the Lower River test net
39 fishery with 8.5 inch mesh. And you can see that in
40 this length bin, 141 fish were caught that were between
41 31.5 and 33.5 inches. All of those -- I'm sorry, 310
42 fish were caught, okay, in that length bin, 31.5 to
43 33.5 inches. Of those fish 141 were male and 169 were
44 female. So that -- I did that for every length bin
45 here going from less than 650 millimeters or less than
46 about 25.5 inches to greater than 1000 millimeters,
47 which is a meter long, which is greater or equal to
48 39.5 inches, around there. So I distributed -- I put
49 these fish into bins, okay, that's a length frequency
50 distribution.

1 And what it looks like on a graph is
2 something like this.

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4 Now, I have in the red is Lower Yukon
5 Test fishery with 8.5 inch setnet and then in the black
6 it's Lower Yukon Test fishery with 8 and a quarter inch
7 drifts and these are conducted by ADF&G nearly everyday
8 at the mouth of the Yukon River during king season, and
9 you can see, like I said before, most of the fish were
10 caught in the 8.5 between 800 and 850 millimeters. And
11 if you're metrically challenged like a lot of us are, I
12 put it in inches, okay. So here it is, 31.5 to 33.5
13 like I said before, most of the fish were caught in
14 that length bin, over 30 percent, about 32 percent.
15 This is probably what people would have caught in the
16 Lower Yukon using unrestricted mesh size, okay. If
17 they used unrestricted mesh size this is probably what
18 they would have caught.

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20 Now, this is the Mountain Village test
21 fishery, I run this. They use 7.5 inch test net fish
22 -- test inch gillnets and you can see like in the Lower
23 Yukon test fisheries, the peak was at 800 to 850 well
24 now the peak is substantially lower, to 700 to 750, and
25 the female percentage is appreciably lower. Females
26 percentage in the Lower Yukon test fisheries using 8.5
27 and 8 and a quarter inch was around 50 to 51 percent,
28 here we're looking at 32 percent. And remember that on
29 the Yukon Drainage Fisheries Association
30 teleconferences people were saying that they were
31 catching 80 to 90 percent males in their 7.5 inch, so
32 this year is a male killer, there's no doubt about it.
33 And if you look at here, these are mainly age one/three
34 males, okay, age one/three, you might not be familiar
35 with that. But age one/three means that it spends one
36 year in fresh water and three years in the ocean.
37 What's not here is the year they spend in the gravel as
38 eggs. So age one/three salmon is a five year old,
39 okay. So this fishery at Mountain Village takes mainly
40 age five salmon. Takes some king salmon that are
41 bigger but not that many. Look we're here at five
42 percent and these bars are hardly above five percent
43 for the age and sex.

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45 Now, this is Pilot Station. This is
46 the length frequency at Pilot Station. And you can see
47 there's a peak here at 700 to 750 just like at Mountain
48 Village, but it's more widespread, there's another peak
49 here to 800 to 850 just like the test fisheries at the
50 Mouth. So, again, but the highest percentage are the

1 age one/three females and this length frequency
2 distribution is probably the best indicator of what's
3 coming into the river as far as age, sex and size.

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5 So you can see there's not.....

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: A question here Gene.

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9 MR. SANDONE: Yes, Greg.

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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Through the Chair. Just
12 to get it in perspective and I'm fairly comfortable
13 asking you this and pulling it off the top of your head
14 or whatever, but just for perspective, do you have a
15 general idea of what the total run composition is in
16 the male and female is for the Yukon, to put these
17 numbers that you've got within the different age
18 classes and size ranges?

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20 MR. SANDONE: Well, it depends on age
21 class composition. Age fives are predominately male, I
22 mean they're almost all male, and age six are about 60
23 percent male so you would expect to have more males in
24 the run than females.

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26 30 percent -- I don't know that could
27 be what's coming into the river.

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29 We really don't know for sure but this
30 is the best approximation, I believe, that we have,
31 okay.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I've got one
34 question, Gene.

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36 MR. SANDONE; Yes.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Would that be for
39 just that one season only or would you go out and say
40 every five year old male is -- every five year old is a
41 male or a percentage, would you say that?

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43 MR. SANDONE: A very high percentage of
44 age five fish consistently are male salmon.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Consistently, okay.

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48 MR. SANDONE: Okay. Now, this is --
49 this length frequency distribution is just for 2011, it
50 will change depending upon age class strength. If you

1 have a lot of six year olds coming in you're going to
2 have a lot more females. So this -- and this would
3 change, this peak and this number would be higher if
4 you had more age six year olds. If you had more age
5 seven year olds these numbers would be higher. So this
6 is just for 2011.

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8 Okay.

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10 Let's review a little bit.

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12 Oh, this is -- this is the 8.5 inch
13 drift, this is the 7.5 inch drift at Mountain Village
14 and this is the Yukon Sonar, and so you can see there's
15 a vast difference in our test fisheries. That the 8.5
16 is still catching a lot of males and big fish. The 7.5
17 -- I'm sorry a lot of females and big fish, 51 percent.
18 The Pilot Station is 30 percent female and the Mountain
19 Village is about 30 percent female. So this is what
20 Mountain Village catches and that's good
21 representation, I believe, of what the Lower River
22 fishery is catching now.

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24 So it's shifted, basically, from 800 to
25 850 down to 700 to 750 and switched from probably a lot
26 of females to very few females.

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28 So just from these graphs it looks like
29 it might be doing its job.

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31 MR. W. BROWN: I have a question on
32 sonar, how do you identify the fish from using sonar?

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34 MR. SANDONE: Okay. The fish are
35 identified through a species apportionment program and
36 I don't like to speak to it because I'm not with Fish
37 and Game anymore. But I'll just tell you they use a
38 suite of gillnets. They use a statistical program that
39 delineates how many fish are caught by each species.
40 Okay. And I don't want to say anything more about
41 sonar because I'm not the expert anymore.

42

43 Okay, this is the Kaltag driftnet
44 fishery and it was 42 percent female. The black bars
45 are males and the red bars are females. And it has a
46 wider peak than the Mountain Village. Mountain Village
47 peaked here. And you can see there's a lot of age
48 one/three, age five year old males in this fishery also
49 but they did catch a fair number of females in this
50 fishery too, and I talked with Richard Burnman about it

1 and, you know, I suspected that they were using large
2 mesh gear, you know, and they said, no, no everybody's
3 using 7.5 inch but it was the way they were fishing, it
4 was where they were fishing so there's some ways to get
5 around 7.5 if you try, I guess.

6
7 Okay. Now, I looked at the Rapids area
8 gillnet harvest and you can see that this harvest where
9 the 8.5 in the Lower River was around 800 to 850, this
10 fishery consistently took the largest fish in the river
11 and I don't know why, maybe because of sexual
12 dimorphism, as they move up they get more teeth, and
13 they get kypes and they might be catching the bigger
14 fish here or maybe they're using bigger mesh, I don't
15 know. But these data are from 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009
16 and 2010, this was prior to the regulation that went
17 in. And please note these sample sizes are small in
18 some cases. They're okay in 2008, 2010 relatively but,
19 you know, there's only 65, 18 and 34 in the other years
20 but what's interesting is they all peak at the same
21 length. I found that extremely interesting. Then I
22 got the data from this year and bingo, the same peak as
23 with the Mountain Village test fishery so their peak
24 shifted from the largest fish in the river to basically
25 the male one/three component, the age five component.

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27 Now, this is the fishwheel fishery at
28 the Rapids. And you can see that the bold red line
29 here is this year. So the fishwheel fishery didn't get
30 affected that much by this 7.5 inch regulation as you
31 would expect, but they did catch more than usual of the
32 largest fish. So there are fish passing through the
33 Lower River before the Rapids gets them and they get a
34 crack at them because they're using fishwheels.

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36 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Madame.

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40 MS. GREGORY: Where's the Rapids at?

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42 MR. SANDONE: It's about Mile 700, I
43 believe, on the Yukon, so it's way up, it's past the
44 Tanana Confluence.

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46 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Right around
47 Rampart.

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49 MR. SANDONE: Yes. Yeah. Down around
50 Rampart. And you can see that the female component

1 dropped dramatically. This year is was -- I'm sorry,
2 within the range, 13 to 28 percent is the overall range
3 and the female component was in that range, so
4 basically it didn't affect the fishwheels. But I want
5 to point out, when people tell you they get -- I want
6 to point out that the fishwheels do not represent the
7 run. They catch small fish. Okay, there's no two ways
8 about it, fishwheels catch small chinook.

9
10 Okay. Now we move up to Eagle Sonar,
11 it's right at the border, right at the border, and this
12 is what the length frequency distribution looks like
13 here. Now, we have a very wide peak of basically the
14 larger fish left in the run. After all the harvest has
15 gone on in the U.S. side this is what is left. And I
16 am impressed with the number of females or the
17 percentage of females which is 49 percent, and remember
18 at Pilot Station it was 30, and also remember there's a
19 lot of different stocks at Pilot Station so a direct
20 comparison is not appropriate but, you know, it looks
21 good to me.

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23 And the males were really low. Other
24 fishery, every other test fishery had a high component
25 of males, especially in this length category here. So
26 I was impressed looking at it.

27
28 Okay, let's review.

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30 This is the Lower Yukon drift fishery
31 peaking at about 800 to 850.

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33 This is the Mountain Village test
34 fishery peaking at 700 to 750, so smaller fish.

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36 This is the Yukon Sonar and it's spread
37 over the range, but you could still see a couple of
38 peaks that coincide with these fisheries.

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40 This is the Kaltag fishery, this dark
41 bar here and it kind of spreads over this trough here.

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43 The Rapids gillnet fishery, it almost
44 looks exactly like the Mountain Village fishery, 700
45 miles difference in river length and it almost looks
46 exactly like it.

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48 And then we have the Eagle Sonar, which
49 looks different than these harvest ones, different than
50 the Lower River, and it looks like it contains more

1 larger fish.

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3 So at the tail end of the pipe, maybe
4 the 7.5 is doing what it's supposed to do catching the
5 age five males and letting the large females escape.

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7 Okay. Now, I looked at border passage
8 over a number of years. Now, this is the Eagle Sonar
9 test fish, okay. Now, I'll go briefly through this.

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11 In 2011 it had -- the passage at Eagle
12 Sonar based upon their test nets had the highest
13 percentage of fish that were age six or older. In 2009
14 we had the highest number because there was a
15 difference in about 20,000, over 20,000 in the passage
16 estimate of the fish going into Canada. It has the
17 largest percentage in number of fish greater or equal
18 to 900 millimeters, the largest fish in the river.
19 From 2005 to 2011 it has the largest percentage in
20 number. And the age seven fish were the highest
21 percentage and number in the passage going into Canada.

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23 Now, this is -- I want to just tell you
24 that there's two age classes for age salmon. There's
25 the one/fives, which spend five years in the ocean, and
26 one year in fresh water, and there's the two/fours that
27 spend four years in the ocean and two years in fresh
28 water, and this is primarily made up of two/fours. And
29 if you want to know more about that contact me after
30 the presentation because I don't want to run too long.

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32 Okay, in 2006, let me go back, where is
33 it -- all right, let me go back here. In 2006 we had a
34 very high passage of about 71,000 fish but we had a
35 fairly low number of fish that were larger than 900
36 millimeters, very few age seven fish and not a real
37 high proportion of fish that were older and so -- and I
38 wanted to show you why. This is because this is the --
39 the 2006 Eagle Sonar, and you could see that it was an
40 age five male run going into Canada, basically, a few
41 older fish, mainly composed of age five fish, males.

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43 This is what it looked like in 2011,
44 almost a mirror image, very few older fish -- or
45 younger fish, and quite a bit older fish and females.

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47 Now, if you look at the females in
48 comparison in 2005 to 2011, you have the highest
49 percentage of females that crossed the border since the
50 initiation of the sonar project, 2009 had the highest

1 number because, again, they had -- this is wrong --
2 this should be 49,000 -- so you have about 20,000 more
3 fish in 2009 than in 2011. They had the highest
4 percentage of females that were age six or older;
5 again, 2009 had the highest percentage -- highest
6 number. Just because they had more fish in the
7 passage. Females, highest percentage of females,
8 largest females in the river passed this year into
9 Canada, 10 percent of the passage were females equal or
10 greater than 900 millimeters and the highest number.
11 Age seven fish, again, the highest percentage and the
12 highest number, these older aged fish getting into
13 Canada. So, again, it looks like 7.5 inch is working.

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15 This is the Little Salmon -- let me go
16 back and -- again, this is just review, 2011 Eagle
17 Sonar test fishery by length and age.....

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19 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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21 MR. SANDONE;with the total here
22 -- yes.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Madame.

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26 MS. GREGORY: Can you go back to that
27 first one. I want to ask you why the fluctuation of
28 number of fish on that one.

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30 MR. SANDONE: Yes, what now?

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32 MS. GREGORY: From 2005 to 2011.

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34 MR. SANDONE: Yes.

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36 MS. GREGORY: How come such a vast
37 fluctuation of fish that were caught?

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39 MR. SANDONE; These are not caught,
40 these are numbers that actually are going into Canada,
41 okay, and it depends upon the run size and then the
42 harvest that the U.S. takes. So this is what comes out
43 of the tail pipe, the minimum escapement -- spawning
44 escapement in Canada is 42,500 but the Canadians also
45 harvest from four to 10,000 fish, 10,000 fish if the
46 run is good. They get a percentage of the total
47 allowable catch.

48
49 Okay.

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1 Now, this is the Little Salmon --
2 Little Salmon escapement survey and you can see that
3 it's different than the Eagle Sonar and I said, oh, my
4 God, they're different, you know, why are they
5 different, and I investigated it.

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7 Again, that was Eagle Sonar, so you can
8 see what's different.

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10 I looked at all the fish crossing the
11 border and the ones that are in the Little Salmon and I
12 noticed that the mean length of the fish at Eagle Sonar
13 was larger, significant, the portion of the largest
14 fish was greater, significant in the Eagle Sonar, the
15 oldest age fish were greatest in the Eagle Sonar and
16 that's highly significant, and the proportion of
17 females that went across the border were higher than
18 what I found on the spawning grounds. Well, then I
19 looked at the female/male component, let's do the males
20 first. The mean length of the males was higher at
21 Eagle Sonar than on the Little Salmon spawning grounds.
22 They were bigger fish as males. The percentage of the
23 largest fish was higher in Eagle Sonar than at Little
24 Salmon. And then the age -- the older age fish were
25 higher at Eagle Sonar than the Little Salmon. But the
26 females were all similar. So in other words, the male
27 component is what was driving the overall comparison
28 that said that it was different. But the females, they
29 had similar mean lengths. They had similar proportion
30 of the largest fish and they had similar proportion of
31 the oldest fish. So that's important.

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33 So we can see it here, is that, these
34 fish here, these are the female proportion, the females
35 here and they're similar. If you just look at this
36 portion of the graph, these are very similar,
37 especially if you just count this large male component.
38 So we've put the eggs in the gravel. You can see a
39 very high proportion here in one of the largest age
40 class -- size ranges and this is just comparison
41 overall where you have the red line is the Little
42 Salmon -- oh, this is -- I'm sorry, this is the 2011
43 versus the 2010 Little Salmon escapement survey. And
44 you can see that both years they peaked at about the
45 same with the age one/three salmon, the age five
46 salmon, but the females in 2011 had a higher proportion
47 here than the females did in 2010. So if you look at
48 the comparison, the mean length of all salmon were
49 about the same. The fish -- the largest fish were
50 about the same. The age six fish were different. The

1 age six fish in the Little Salmon escapement was higher
2 than the 2010 and the female proportion was similar.
3 But if you look at the females, the mean length was
4 different, you had larger in this 2011 than in 2010,
5 similar largest fish, largest females, and the age six
6 component was different. It was more older fish in the
7 2011 Little Salmon escapement. Male salmon, the mean
8 length was basically the same. The fish that were the
9 largest were basically the same but the oldest fish was
10 different, that was kind of perplexing. So I took a
11 better look at that. You could see it -- the males
12 kind of looked similar, there was some older aged
13 larger fish more in the 2011, which is the black large
14 than in the 2010. But the females, this is the 2011
15 female component and you can see that -- especially in
16 this age category, the ones that were greater than 850
17 millimeters, these are similar, higher in 2010, these
18 are similar and these are similar. But in this
19 category the age -- the females in 2011 were at a
20 higher proportion in the escapement than in 2010.

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22 So if you look at that, just that
23 category, the ones that were larger than 850, all male
24 salmon had a higher proportion in -- that were fish
25 that were greater than 850; the females were a higher
26 proportion in 2011 than in 2010, and; the male salmon,
27 a higher proportion in 2011 than in 2010, and
28 differences were all significant.

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30 So what that means is that even though
31 the largest fish, ones that were 900 millimeters were
32 not different, the ones greater than 850 were, because
33 that one age class contributed a lot to the escapement.

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35 Okay, let's go to a summary.

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37 The chinook salmon net selectivity.
38 Lower Yukon test fisheries mainly catch fish between
39 31. and 34.5 inches. Mountain Village fishery targets
40 males between 27.5 and 29.5 inches, they're five year
41 olds. Pilot Station uses a suite of drift gillnets,
42 probably represents the best estimate of length and age
43 distribution of the run. The Kaltag subsistence
44 fishery harvests that wide range between 27.5 and 33.5
45 inches and relatively high female proportion. The
46 Rapids subsistence gillnet fishery, prior to 2011 the
47 maximum mesh size restriction, this fishery targeted
48 chinook salmon between 900 and 1000 millimeters, the
49 biggest fish on the river, 35.9 to 39.5 inches. The
50 female percentage of the sample dropped dramatically to

1 13 percent, it was mainly females before. The Rapids
2 fishwheel showed little difference. The Eagle Sonar
3 test fishery uses a suite of drift gillnets and
4 probably represents the best estimate of length and age
5 distribution of the chinook salmon run passing into
6 Canada.

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8 Just looking at the border escapement,
9 it was the fourth highest border passage out of seven
10 years, so it was just kind of mediocre as far as the
11 numbers going into Canada.

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13 It had the highest percentage of older
14 aged fish. It had the highest percentage of the number
15 of large chinook salmon. It had the highest percentage
16 of number of age seven salmon. The highest percentage
17 of female chinook salmon. The highest percentage in
18 number of older age female chinook. The highest
19 percentage of number of age seven female salmon.

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21 The 2011 Eagle Sonar test fishery and
22 the 2011 Little Salmon River escapement comparison,
23 they had similar female characteristics. The length
24 was basically the same. The proportion of large
25 females was basically the same. And the proportion of
26 the older age females were basically the same.

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28 They had dissimilar male salmon
29 characteristics. Eagle Sonar test fish, the males were
30 larger. They had a high proportion of larger fish.
31 And they have a high proportion of older age fish.

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33 The comparison on the two years on the
34 escapement grounds, all fish the 2011 escapement was
35 larger in length and contained a higher proportion of
36 older age fish.

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38 The female components, the 2011
39 escapement was larger in length and contained a higher
40 proportion of older aged fish. And the males, the 2011
41 escapement contained a higher proportion of older aged
42 fish.

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44 Again, continuing that, all fish, the
45 proportion of chinook salmon greater, the largest fish
46 were similar between years. In 2011, however, the
47 proportion of chinook salmon greater or equal than 850,
48 the large fish, was higher than in 2010. Same thing
49 for the female proportion, the proportion of chinook
50 salmon greater or equal to 850 was higher than in 2010.

1 Males, again, the same thing, in 2011 the proportion of
2 chinook salmon greater than 850 millimeters was higher
3 than in 2011.

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5 In conclusion, more than one year
6 needed to fully assess the impact of the 7.5 inch
7 maximum mesh size restriction of the quality of the
8 chinook salmon run passing into Canada. However, the
9 age, sex and length information from the harvests, the
10 2011 Eagle Sonar test fishery and the 2011 Little
11 Salmon escapement is very encouraging. It looks like
12 the harvest is taking the younger aged males that are
13 smaller and passing the larger female, more fecund
14 chinook salmon onto the spawning grounds.

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16 I'm done.

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18 (Applause)

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for that
21 report Gene.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you have a
26 question, Bob.

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: You said that Canada was
29 able to harvest between four and 10,000 is that
30 subsistence or commercial?

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32 MR. SANDONE: It depends on the run
33 size and what the -- there's a total allowable catch
34 that's calculated, basically post-season but we try to
35 stay within it in-season. The U.S., out of the total
36 allowable catch of fish that are Canadian origin, which
37 usually makes up 50 percent of the run in the Yukon,
38 the U.S., is allowed to catch between 76 and 80 percent
39 of the total allowable catch. Canadians are allowed to
40 catch between 24 -- 20 and 24 percent of the total
41 allowable catch. So in our subsistence fishery we
42 estimate that 30,000 fish on a normal year are Canadian
43 origin, so that equates with about three-quarters of
44 the run. So Canada is allowed to catch about 10,000.
45 And each country can do with their total allowable
46 catch as they see warranted. We, if it's just 30,000,
47 then we use it for our subsistence fishery. If going
48 across the border, they say, well, we can harvest
49 10,000, we only need about 8,000 for our aboriginal
50 fishery, they can use the other two for commercial.

1 So we don't dictate what they do with
2 their fish, they don't dictate what we do with our
3 fish.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Bob.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: (Nods affirmatively)

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.

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11 MR. W. BROWN: Yes. The spawning
12 ground, you said that one year in fresh water and three
13 years in the ocean, how far did these fish go up to
14 spawn in the Yukon?

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16 MR. SANDONE: Okay, the age is a little
17 tricky. Most fish, most chinook salmon spend one year
18 in fresh water. If they were spawned in 2000, they
19 spend a year in the gravel until the next spring. Like
20 2001, they came out of the gravel and then they spend a
21 whole year in fresh water and they migrate to the ocean
22 in the spring of 2002. Now, they can spend between one
23 year and six years in the ocean. So if they spend one
24 year in fresh water and they spend four years in the
25 ocean that's a six year old fish. And those fish, it
26 depends upon the stock, go throughout the whole Yukon
27 River drainage and spawn. Some of them spawn in
28 Alaska, some of them spawn in the Yukon/Canada and some
29 actually spawn in British Columbia in Canada, so that's
30 how far they go. Once they hit the border, some of
31 them may have another thousand miles to go.

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33 They're an amazing fish.

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35 Did that answer your question?

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37 MR. W. BROWN: (Nods affirmatively)

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Could you turn off
40 your thing, people are trying to sit there and you're
41 blinding them.

42
43 MR. SANDONE: Okay.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Greg. Thank
46 you. Thank you, Gene.

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48 MR. SANDONE: You're welcome.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Greg.

1 MR. ROCZICKA: Gene, I'm sure you'll
2 hear it from other places, but in the course of your
3 work with the development council and so forth, what
4 kind of feedback have you got from the fishermen as far
5 as how this has affected their subsistence catches?

6
7 MR. SANDONE: I've been hearing kind of
8 -- ancillary -- the main point that I'm hearing is that
9 it's a killer net. Efficiency went way up. People are
10 catching a lot more fish and there's some fishermen
11 right here that can attest to that, people are catching
12 a lot more fish with less effort but the real clincher
13 is that they're catching small males. I've heard some
14 people disparage the 7.5 inch because it kills so many
15 fish, but it's doing its job.

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17 MR. ROCZICKA: It's quality versus
18 quantity.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Greg.

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22 MR. ROCZICKA: (Nods affirmatively)

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik.

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26 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman. Members of
27 the Board. Gene. This question I'm going to ask you
28 has been bothering my mind for many, many years. And
29 your test fisheries, when they are caught they go to
30 families, right, and then who counts those fish, Fish
31 and Game test fishery or the families at home?

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33 MR. SANDONE: I don't know. I'm not
34 with Fish and Game anymore, Mr. Manumik so I'm not
35 really sure who counts those fish. I think there is a
36 question on the subsistence questionnaire is that have
37 any fish, they actually caught, they went out and
38 fished; how many fish they get from the test fishery.
39 I think they are accounted for, I'm pretty sure of
40 that. As I said, I don't work for Fish and Game
41 anymore so maybe somebody in the audience could answer
42 that better. But I believe they are all accounted for
43 and they're not doublecounted.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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47 MR. MANUMIK: My question is -- if the
48 fish are caught by the Fish and Game, they should be
49 counted by the Fish and Game, not by the household.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MR. RUNFOLA: Yes, Mr. Chair, this is
4 David Runfola. Fish and Game in Fairbanks, Division of
5 Subsistence.

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7 My understanding is that the commercial
8 fisheries test nets count all the fish that they catch
9 and record that, and then any fish that are given to
10 anyone after they've been caught, those are not counted
11 in the subsistence salmon survey as a fish that was
12 caught by that family, or they shouldn't be counted.
13 The intention is not to count those fish twice.

14

15 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman. When --
16 there's a lady going house to house in the falltime,
17 she asks all those questions and the families answer
18 all those questions, they are answering to the fish
19 that they are giving that lady, even though they did
20 not catch those fish themselves. If they were given to
21 them by another fisherman, subsistence fisherman they
22 still count those fish, same thing as it would happen
23 in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's test net
24 sites.

25

26 Thank you.

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28 MR. RUNFOLA: Mr. Manumik, through the
29 Chair. I will note this and I actually work with the
30 person in the Division of Commercial Fisheries who runs
31 those surveys, her name is Dean Jallin*, and I will
32 note that to her. I believe, as I said, the intention
33 is not to count those fish twice. So we'll be certain
34 that in the upcoming survey season that our surveyors
35 know that and they make sure that the families who
36 they're surveying also understand that so that they
37 don't doublecount the fish.

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39 If I understand, your concern is that
40 those fish are counted twice; is that correct?

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42 MR. MANUMIK: That's what I'm afraid
43 of.

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45 MR. RUNFOLA: Okay. I will be certain
46 to note that to the people who run the survey in
47 Fairbanks.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.

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1 MR. MANUMIK: Thank you.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more questions.
4 Mr. Charles.
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6 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
7 Gene, is 2011 the first year when you changed the --
8 changed to smaller gear and I'm thinking that the
9 seasons are always different in years before and years
10 after, it's always different, so does that help you
11 2011 for when you change the gear, chinook gear to
12 smaller gear, that help you and next year may be or
13 this year may be different, but I'm asking if that's
14 your escapement -- or you're satisfied with your
15 escapement goal?
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17 MR. SANDONE: Mr. Charles. Mr. Wilde.
18 You know, as I said before it's one year of data. And
19 I think the results are going to vary somewhat from
20 year to year based upon the age and size of the fish
21 that dominate the run coming in. Some years age five
22 dominates, some years age six dominates. I don't know
23 which age class dominated this year. It looks to me
24 that age five might have been a little more abundant
25 than the age six, but I think, you know, this is only
26 one year of data; I'm encouraged, especially when you
27 look at Eagle Sonar and, you know, after one year of
28 this 7.5 inch in there, we get the highest percentage
29 of numbers of females and older age fish and largest
30 fish. I mean I think it's working.
31
32 There's a three year study by ADF&G
33 that they did and they settled on the 7.5 inch because
34 it basically caught age five males and the length
35 distribution of the catch of the 7.5 falls directly
36 over the peak of the male component of the run.
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that answer
39 your question.
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41 MR. CHARLES: (Nods affirmatively)
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ms. Gregory.
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45 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I want to thank
46 the gentleman for a very well done presentation and I'd
47 like to see more of those kind of presentations that we
48 can associate with and know that people who are doing
49 surveys are making -- finding useful information.
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1 (In Yup'ik)
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Quyana.
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5 MR. SANDONE: Thank you. Thank you.
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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any other further
8 questions of Mr. Sandone.
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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Right here.
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Bob.
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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Any reports on fall out,
15 do you know what I mean by fall out?
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17 MR. SANDONE: Fall out.
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19 MR. KRON: Drop outs.
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21 MR. SANDONE: Oh, I'm sorry, yeah,
22 thanks, Tom. The question regarding drop outs. At the
23 project that I ran in Mountain Village, we noted the
24 fish that were falling out of the net and we had very,
25 very few fish that we observed. Of course the Yukon is
26 muddy and turbid and you can't see much. But as the
27 fishermen were pulling it into the net, they were
28 pulling it in slowly they noticed any fish that dropped
29 out and I think I had eight all season, eight out of a
30 catch of 500. So in my estimation, it was small, but
31 the Kaltag fishery, when I talked with Richard Burnman
32 up there, and I questioned him about the high
33 percentage of females and I questioned him about the
34 large fish, he said that they were fishing and they
35 were pulling the net in very slowly and they were
36 making sure that any fish they saw in the net they go.
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38 (Cell phone interruption)
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40 MR. SANDONE: I'd just go on to say
41 that I don't think that drop outs is a problem because
42 of the results on the spawning grounds and at Eagle.
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Bob.
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: (Nods affirmatively)
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
49 questions.
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1 Mr. Polty.
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3 MR. POLTY: I have a question
4 concerning the sonar, sonar improvement at Pilot. They
5 did improvement to where they could reach the depth of
6 the bottom of that -- where the sonar couldn't reach.
7 Was there any improvement on that during the summer?
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9 MR. SANDONE: I don't work with Fish
10 and Game anymore so I don't think I should comment on
11 Pilot Station sonar.
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13 MR. POLTY: Oh, okay. So you have no
14 knowledge of what they were doing just during the
15 summer?
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17 MR. SANDONE: I'd just rather not
18 comment because I'm not the expert, I'd rather Fish and
19 Game take that question.
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21 MR. POLTY: Oh, okay. Thank you.
22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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24 MR. PAPPAS: Mr. Chair. Fish and Game.
25 Yeah, we're supposed to have our Yukon Staff on
26 teleconference here. I'm not sure the status of the
27 equipment.
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29 REPORTER: The line is open.
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31 MR. PAPPAS: Steve, are you here.
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33 (No comments)
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35 MR. PAPPAS: The teleconference, Steve,
36 are you here.
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38 MR. NEWLAND: This isn't Steve, this is
39 Eric Newland. We're having a hard time listening in
40 but we can give a -- what is the question?
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42 MR. PAPPAS: Yes, Eric, did you
43 understand the question?
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45 MR. NEWLAND: No, I'm having a hard
46 time hearing a lot of what's going on.
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48 REPORTER: Say it again, your question,
49 I moved the phone again.
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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3 MR. POLTY: Yeah, this is Evan. My
4 question was, that Pilot Station sonar, was there any
5 improvement to reach the bottom of that 50, 60 feet
6 down, improvement to where you could count more fish
7 escaping through Pilot Station sonar?
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9 MR. PAPPAS; Eric, did you get that?
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11 MR. NEWLAND: Yeah, just one moment.
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13 (Pause)
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more questions
16 for Mr. Sandone.
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18 (No comments)
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Well, let's
21 get that answer, is he going to answer it? Was there
22 an answer to that question?
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24 MR. PAPPAS; Eric, are you ready to
25 answer that question?
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27 MR. NEWLAND: I'm not sure on that. We
28 can come back to that I guess later in the meeting.
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, let's come
31 back to that.
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33 Right now if there's any questions for
34 Mr. Sandone.
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36 (No comments)
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Remember Mr.
39 Sandone is a consultation, not necessarily working with
40 Fish and Game and if you have any questions towards him
41 -- just all the questions should be towards Mr. Sandone
42 right now. Any further questions for Gene.
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44 Go ahead, Mr. Roczicka.
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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Just kind of a follow up
47 on Bob's drop out. Up on the Little Salmon or in other
48 areas, perhaps in the fishwheels or some of the
49 escapement in Canada, has there been any effort to
50 maybe document the net marked fish. Because I worked

1 the Kogrukluk up here, some years back, and that was
2 something we did notice, you know, two or three -- you
3 know, come mid-July you're seeing a lot more net marked
4 fish coming through from the commercial fishery, back
5 when we had a commercial fishery in June. So if that's
6 not there, maybe something to look at.

7

8 MR. SANDONE: Mr. Roczicka. Mr. Wilde.
9 No, we really didn't look at any net marked fish in the
10 Little Salmon. So it's something we can look at this
11 year, coming year, if I get funded again.

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay.

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
16 questions for Gene.

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18 MR. W. BROWN: I heard a lot about the
19 Canadian. You guys work with the Canadian officials?

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21 MR. SANDONE: Again, I don't work for
22 Fish and Game. I work with the Canadians. I work with
23 the First Nation up in Canada and I know there's a JTC
24 where they work together. I know there's a Yukon Panel
25 where they work together. So it appears that the U.S.
26 and Canada are working together on the chinook and the
27 fall chum.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
30 questions.

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Going once.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Going.....

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40 (Laughter)

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
43 Sandone.

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45 MR. SANDONE; Mr. Chair. Thank you
46 very much for allowing me to make this presentation to
47 you.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Before we go any
50 further, if any of you people haven't -- any of you

1 guests or anybody hasn't signed in, there's a sign in
2 sheet in the back and we'd like to ask all of you, if
3 you haven't signed in to please sign in.

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5 At this time we'll be calling on
6 Jackson Williams from Akiak.

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8 MR. WILLIAMS: (In Yup'ik)

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: He can speak.....

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The thing is we
13 need to have it recorded.

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15 REPORTER: He's going to interpret his
16 own testimony, he said he would summarize for me.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, you will
19 summarize or Alex, will you summarize what he says in
20 English.

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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: He could speak English.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, you could.....

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26 MR. WILLIAMS: I could summarize.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You do it.

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30 MR. WILLIAMS: (In Yup'ik)

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. He'll
33 summarize for you.

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35 REPORTER: Thank you.

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37 MR. WILLIAMS: (In Yup'ik)

38
39 I was very young. Very, very young, my
40 dad bring me fishing, very young.

41
42 (In Yup'ik)

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44 In the 60s, maybe I was nine years old,
45 eight years, Akiak fishery.

46
47 (In Yup'ik)

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49 And I was curious why he was doing
50 that, hardly any fish at the time. That was in '60s,

1 remember this.
2
3 (In Yup'ik)
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5 Same thing, not much fish.
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7 That tells me in some years fish aren't
8 going to come up.
9
10 (In Yup'ik)
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12 Because we work with them since we were
13 born.
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15 Anyway what I started off with, you
16 know, my dad taught me to be a fisherman, and I'm very,
17 very expert in the river.
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19 I just mentioned in 1960s, maybe I was
20 eight, nine years old, my dad, in our fishery in Akiak,
21 brought me to Akiachuk, why, he was hardly catching
22 fish, chinook at the time. And even we went down to
23 Akiachuk fishery, we weren't catching that much fish.
24 And that tells me at the time, the fish aren't abundant
25 in some years. I learned from that.
26
27 And I was saying, we fishermen that
28 fish in these rivers are the number 1 experts, we are.
29 We know the fish by the weather, the water, everything.
30 My dad taught me this.
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32 And the main thing I'm going to get
33 across, I'll get to the point why mainly I come facing
34 you guys, some of you -- I'm also in the Lower
35 Kuskokwim Advisory Committee, I'm glad some of the
36 Board show representing here. I'm just going to (In
37 Yup'ik)
38
39 Let me share you a little bit --
40 Kisaralik River because it's tied with last year, last
41 year (In Yup'ik) closed, with Kwethluk, Tuluksak, and
42 one thing about us Akiak, when the Fish and Game came
43 up to put a fish weir in Kisaralik, we say no way. No
44 way fishwheel will be put in that Kisaralik River.
45 Why? My dad used to talk about a lot of escapement in
46 those years.
47
48 (In Yup'ik)
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50 They survived from that river. They

1 did.

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3 (In Yup'ik)

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5 Anyway, five years ago I hardly fish in
6 Kisaralik but I'll give you an example. One time we
7 went vacation in Lower 48, it was in July, but I go set
8 the net in July in Kisaralik, as soon as I set it
9 already catching fish. After I sink the buoy I go in
10 and I caught seven already, less than five minutes.
11 Seven king salmon already. That tells me there's a lot
12 of fish in that river. That late afternoon, I got two
13 boys, I go tell them, go check the net, maybe that was
14 three or four hours later, they came back, 30 fish
15 already. Thirty. Stayed over night, 60. I took it
16 out. That was good enough already. 100 fish that's
17 all I need.

18

19 But, anyway, I'm going to get to the
20 point, last year we had a Unit 4 meeting, these up
21 river, Akiak, Akiachuk, Kwethluk, Tuluksak, and Fish
22 and Game were there, we came to Kwethluk to have a
23 meeting with them, and what really was disturbing for
24 me at that meeting, you know, the Fish and Game were
25 already talking about Kwethluk, Tuluksak, not enough
26 fish in those rivers. And to me this was insufficient
27 data for us Akiakers. After we went back we had a
28 meeting. What they said by the air (In Yup'ik) is that
29 accurate. Not to us.

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31 (In Yup'ik)

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33 And one thing, you know, that was
34 really disturbing for us also is depending on the
35 outlook, the prediction.....

36

37 (In Yup'ik)

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39 You know before they even test with
40 sonar or how they're catching, it was disturbing for
41 us.

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43 And let me get to the fishing, when we
44 fish this summer, spring (In Yup'ik) I wasn't that
45 early, but the one before me was really early fishing,
46 maybe 4:00, 5:00 in the morning, that's when they're
47 abundant in Akiak. I kept pretty good, maybe 11, 11
48 second drift (In Yup'ik) satisfied me. But this guy
49 that fish in front of me or earlier, in one drift he
50 caught 30 to 40 king salmon, that was last year. You

1 know what that tells me, there's fish in the river. In
2 one drift, 30, 40 that's lots. That was in Akiak last
3 year.

4

5 (In Yup'ik)

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7 I fish as much as I can, holy cow, I
8 had to, because I know from that meeting in Kwethluk,
9 you know, it's going to happen and it did.

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11 (In Yup'ik)

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13 We had a community meeting. We had to
14 try to do something. And we had a meeting, elders were
15 telling us it's very, very disturbing the way we're
16 regulated.

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18 (In Yup'ik)

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20 To fish even if it was closed.

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22 And we were just about to. We even
23 wrote to Fish and Game of our intentions and after our
24 leaders that were involved with the Fish and Game at
25 the time tell us that they'll hopefully open it that
26 Monday so we decided not to fish. And what happened
27 was really disturbing. After we got word from the
28 Department of Fish and Game, Federal came in, I think
29 it was on a Monday or somewhere, they close it out.
30 Close it out. I think we had a closure, 12, 13 days
31 last year, somewhere around there anyway.

32

33 And, you know, my livelihood is to feed
34 my family. I was taught by my dad.

35

36 I'm sorry, you know, it's hard
37 sometimes to go through things that we're going
38 through. As a father with my kids -- I'm sorry.

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40 And I don't know how many years
41 back.....

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43 Quyana.

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45 I hope I didn't say this but I did. I
46 don't know how years back I saw news, bycatch down
47 there, I was really, really disturbed. Right on the
48 ship, the bycatch fish were thrown to the ocean, it's
49 really sad. I tell you I wish to this day I didn't see
50 that in the TV. And hopefully this March, next month,

1 AVCP is going to represent the fishing that we had very
2 bad last year and from there hopefully we'll catch
3 something, you know, better for us.

4
5 You know, I'm sorry I get emotional,
6 you know, when I think of free, like my dad taught me,
7 we didn't have nobody bother us, nothing, nobody, and
8 hopefully, you know, things -- you know I'm glad you're
9 all Natives here, that's what I like to see
10 representing us to work together.

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12 Quyana.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Quyana. We try the
15 best we could.

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17 The next person to testify is Nicholai
18 Alexie.

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20 MR. ALEXIE: Could I wait until agency
21 reports?

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, you can.

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25 MR. ALEXIE: Quyana.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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29 MR. ALEXIE: Okay.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We are going down
32 to regulatory -- anybody here from the tribe -- anybody
33 here -- anything on tribal consultation, Mr. Nick.
34 Anything developed on tribal consultation.

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36 Go ahead.

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38 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Tribal
39 consultation is on the agenda again, on No. 12B, and
40 they had some questions they were seeking input on. So
41 if it's okay with you maybe we could wait, I think
42 David Jenkins is on the phone now, and can talk about
43 the customary trade and also WP10-69, if it's your
44 wish.

45
46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Let's get
47 Gene on there then -- David, or whoever that was.

48
49 Go ahead, Greg.

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 Although the next item on the agenda is that call for
3 proposal. Since we heard them earlier, previous
4 discussions, I'd like to see that customary trade of
5 chinook salmon may generate some thoughts on proposals
6 come before the actual discussion or consideration of
7 proposals we might want to put in.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. As long as
10 we got the gentleman on we might as well put him on, go
11 ahead.

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13 MR. KRON: Go ahead, David.

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15 DR. JENKINS: Mr. Chair. Council
16 members. This is David Jenkins with the Office of
17 Subsistence Management.

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19 I apologize I'm not there in person,
20 something came up yesterday and requires my attention
21 today. My preference would be to be there and speak
22 with you in person but I'll do the best I can on the
23 telephone.

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25 What we have in front of us is the Tri-
26 RAC customary trade subcommittee recommendations on
27 customary trade. The subcommittee developed two
28 recommendations, which are on Page 21 of your Council
29 meeting books. The subcommittee was made up of members
30 of the Yukon-Kuskokwim, the Western Interior and the
31 Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Councils. And the
32 two recommendations -- or the first recommendation, the
33 one that's strongly preferred was:

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35 The customary trade of Yukon River
36 chinook salmon may only occur between
37 Federally-qualified rural residents
38 with a current customary and
39 traditional use determination.

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41 That was the strongly preferred
42 recommendation.

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44 And the second recommendation was:

45
46 Preclude customary trade of Yukon River
47 chinook salmon between rural residents
48 and others and to establish a \$750
49 limit per household per year and
50 require a recordkeeping form and a

1 receipt form.

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3 Now, at this point the YK RAC may
4 consider submitting a proposal to change customary
5 trade regulation for Yukon River king salmon and it
6 could, either follow recommendation number 1, or
7 recommendation number 2, or present a different
8 recommendation. But let me point out that the Tri-RAC
9 subcommittee recommendation was assembled with a
10 riverwide consensus of the subcommittee of all of these
11 members up and down the river and they are interested
12 in periods of low chinook -- or king salmon runs, and
13 instituting some kind of conservation efforts directed
14 at the customary trade practices. So the Regional
15 Advisory Council, Mr. Chair, could then make its own
16 proposal or adopt one or the other of these proposals.
17 And the proposals would then be analyzed by OSM and
18 presented to the Regional Councils during the fall 2012
19 meetings and then the Federal Subsistence Board would
20 take action on any of these proposals in January of
21 2013.

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23 Let me point out that there are, I
24 think, two, maybe three of the subcommittee members who
25 are on the Regional Advisory Council there and they
26 could also respond to questions if the Regional
27 Advisory Council has any.

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29 So, Mr. Chair, at this point I think
30 I'll stop and take questions if the Council has any.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ms. Gregory.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. Under your
35 recommendation number 2, third bullet, require
36 customary trade recordkeeping and receipt form; to what
37 purpose is this and I wonder why -- and my question is
38 why get a receipt and recordkeeping; who's going to
39 check the records?

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41 MR. KRON: David, did you hear that
42 question?

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44 DR. JENKINS: I heard part of the
45 question.

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47 My understanding from the subcommittee
48 was the recordkeeping form and the receipt form was
49 mostly an effort to understand the distribution of
50 chinook salmon and to try to figure out in low harvest

1 years where the salmon was going. So it really was an
2 attempt to continue conservation efforts and it was
3 kind of recordkeeping, in order to understand where
4 these salmon ended up. So that was the intention of
5 the subcommittee in putting together this
6 recommendation number 2.

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8 But let me point again that you have
9 two subcommittee members there on your Council, Mr.
10 Wilde and Mr. Unok, I don't think Mr. Oney is there
11 anymore but you could direct your questions as well to
12 these subcommittee members.

13

14 Thank you.

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16 MS. GREGORY: I'm still questioning the
17 recordkeeping. When you have a limit of \$750, how much
18 recordkeeping are you going to keep?

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20 DR. JENKINS; Well, the exact
21 recordkeeping form hasn't been -- wasn't decided upon.
22 There are examples of a recordkeeping form from Bristol
23 Bay and from the Upper Copper River area which could be
24 used. And the recordkeeping was, again, simply a way
25 of understanding in low run years what was happening to
26 these fish as they were distributed through customary
27 trade networks. So the exact form of that, the
28 subcommittee hasn't recommended.

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30 Thank you.

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32 MS. GREGORY: I have one more.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Madame.

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36 MS. GREGORY: In the low run we don't
37 trade because it's hard enough for us to get food for
38 ourselves. And I'm -- I don't like the third bullet
39 because it puts me in an unnecessary bind because \$750
40 worth of fish, if I sell that much, it's too
41 cumbersome.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ms. Gregory. Mary.

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45 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: This proposal,
48 those three bullets on the bottom were our proposal
49 that went into the Department of Fish and Game and.....

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Federal Subsistence
2 Board.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, to the Federal
5 Subsistence Board. And Greg has an idea, could you
6 explain exactly what went on on that proposal.

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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
9 Yeah, that part was included on there to put a dollar
10 limit and the recordkeeping was to provide some kind of
11 enforcement, and what was happening with the Yukon
12 River strips, people were selling them at AFN when the
13 Yukon River subsistence users, drainage wide, were
14 being restricted on subsistence, but yet this customary
15 trade was going on and it was reported to the Federal
16 Subsistence Board from some of their Councils that
17 there were people bragging about buying new trucks with
18 the amount of salmon strips that they'd sold. They
19 were being advertised in Cabela's catalog and others
20 nationwide, again, when subsistence restrictions were
21 going forward -- were in place on the subsistence
22 users. So that proposal was put in to try to get a
23 handle on that, to try to get some level of enforcement
24 capability because both State and Federal enforcement
25 personnel, there's really no direction there, no
26 restrictions in place and nothing for them to be able
27 to stop people from doing this and so that's why the
28 proposal was put in and that's why the recordkeeping
29 was a part of that, to aid in the actual enforcement,
30 that they could stop people from selling on the
31 sidewalks of Anchorage and saying -- while subsistence
32 was being.....

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34 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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36 MR. ROCZICKA:restricted on the
37 Yukon.

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39 MS. GREGORY: My concern is for the
40 Kuskokwim part, not for the whole state, so that's why
41 I came up with those questions because I represent the
42 Kuskokwim.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. This
45 proposal was mainly for the Yukon River, not Kuskokwim.
46 And it was at the time that we were low on chinook and
47 that's the reason why we went ahead and put this
48 proposal in with the approval of -- we discussed it on
49 the Council, but I don't know if you were there at the
50 meeting or not.....

1 MS. GREGORY: I don't think I was.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:but we went
4 ahead and sent this from our Council in for the Yukon.
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6 MS. GREGORY: Quyana.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
9 questions.
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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.
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15 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
16 And just kind of as a follow up to that, Dave, at this
17 meeting and with this recommendation that's put out
18 there, if the Board should go forward to actually adopt
19 this with recommendation one, that customary trade
20 could only occur between Federally-qualified rural
21 residents with a C&T determination for Yukon king
22 salmon, will that effectively provide enforcement for
23 people who are going to sell it on the sidewalks of
24 Anchorage or Fairbanks to anybody who happens to come
25 up?
26
27 Is it sufficient enough as an
28 enforcement tool to do that, because the best of
29 intentions and.....
30
31 DR. JENKINS: Well, it's the
32 understanding of the subcommittee, I believe, that it
33 would provide a first step in that direction, to
34 provide an enforcement mechanism. Because these
35 customary trades would be limited to folks, essentially
36 within the Yukon River drainage. And it would really
37 exclude the folks in urban areas who don't have
38 customary and traditional use determinations, not being
39 rural residents, so it would exclude sales to those
40 folks, is my understanding.
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42 MR. ROCZICKA: Back to the way we get
43 things convoluted, though, is enforcement going to say
44 well we don't know if the person they actually sold to
45 may be from one of these villages and without
46 requiring, getting some kind of documentation -- I'm
47 trying to get something that's actually useful here and
48 not just more words on paper that aren't enforceable
49 because of some kind of vagaries, enforcement's not
50 going to.....

1 DR. JENKINS: I do understand your
2 concern and the subcommittee wrestled with this issue
3 over four days of meetings that they had, which
4 included law enforcement present at both sets of
5 meetings and they discussed quite extensively with law
6 enforcement, directions to take. Your specific
7 question you'd have to direct to somebody in law
8 enforcement, however, Greg, I don't think I can answer
9 that directly.

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11 But I can tell you that this first
12 recommendation is the one the subcommittee strongly
13 preferred and they thought it would be a sufficient
14 first step to curtail these large sales that you
15 referred to before. And so it's really the
16 subcommittee's position that I'm trying to articulate
17 here for you.

18
19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
22 questions.

23
24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none,
27 thank you.

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29 Thank you. Go ahead Mr. Kron.

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31 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. The question for
32 this meeting was, do you want to submit a proposal.

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34 I've heard a lot of discussion about
35 the first recommendation, YRDFA took this issue up last
36 week as well, but, I guess, do you want to submit a
37 proposal at this meeting?

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39 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You guys want to --
42 everybody that would like to put in a proposal, go
43 ahead, Mr. Unok.

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45 MR. UNOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair for
46 recognizing me. At those meetings were you hoping the
47 RAC -- I mean the whole Board will decide on which
48 proposal to make?

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I think we could

1 put this into discussion, we'll probably discuss it
2 later. I think during lunch is a good time.

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4 Yes, I think we will want to put in a
5 proposal at this meeting and we'll have to draft it up.

6
7 Okay, does that answer your question.

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9 (No comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. We are
12 down to -- oh, yeah, we were going to get into tribal
13 consultation. Do you have any information on that?

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15 (No comments)

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Last I heard is
18 that it was still in draft form and nothing has been
19 put to public; is that correct, Mr. Kron. The
20 introduction is on Page 54.

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22 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. I guess a
23 question, do you want to cover WP10-69 under 11 first?
24 We can do tribal consultation now if you'd like, or,
25 again, if you go down your agenda we were going to talk
26 about WP10-69 and also the call for proposals.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, actually it
29 was the Chair's fault, I actually skipped over 10
30 without intentionally doing so, I think we better get
31 back on our agenda, tribal consultation was Item 10.

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33 Go ahead, Mr. Nick.

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35 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. There are two
36 people who are interested to call in when Proposal 69
37 is on the table. The first one is Mike Talhauser with
38 KNA and Ms. Vivian (Indiscernible), with Lower Kalskag
39 Traditional Council.

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41 Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We won't be
44 handling that WP10-69 until after lunch, but then just
45 in the meantime we'll go ahead and get into tribal
46 consultation.

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48 VIVIAN: This is Vivian
49 (Indiscernible), I called in due to 10-69.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What was that?
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3 MR. A. NICK: That's Ms. Vivian.
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We'll be discussing
6 this after lunch.
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8 MR. KRON: So when is that, 1:00
9 o'clock?
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We'll see, it
12 depends on how long it takes you.
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14 (Laughter)
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16 MR. KRON: Okay. Okay, now we've got
17 that squared away.
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19 Well, I will jump into tribal
20 consultation then. The tribal consultation materials
21 is in your book and the questions that they have,
22 again, this process has been ongoing for more than a
23 year, and it's on basically Pages 54 to 59. But
24 there's a list of -- and the questions that I'm going
25 to ask you are on Page 56, questions for Regional
26 Councils. And I'll just go ahead and read those. I'll
27 read all three of them now and if you have answers to
28 any of those they would like to know this.
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30 Do you feel this policy is going in the
31 right direction, if not, why not?
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33 Is there anything else that the working
34 group needs to consider?
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36 Do you feel the tribal concerns for the
37 consultations have been or will be
38 meaningful to the Regional Council's
39 consideration of each topic?
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41 And, again, there's some material here,
42 it sounds like it might be a good idea to give people a
43 chance to read it over lunch as well. But, again, I
44 think people are aware, at the past two Board meetings
45 they provided specific times for tribal consultation,
46 we talked about it at your last meeting as well, but
47 they've got drafts in your book and they're looking for
48 your input at this time. It's an opportunity to do
49 that.
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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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3 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I was just
4 going to suggest that he give us some time to go
5 through the policies before we can answer your
6 questions.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay then at this
9 time we'll take a lunch break and take your material
10 with you and take it to your lunch and go through it
11 and directly after lunch we'll start up with tribal
12 consultation and after that we'll go into the
13 proposals, and we'll return at 1:00 o'clock.
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15 Break for lunch we'll be back at 1:00.
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17 (Off record)
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19 (On record)
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: At this time -- oh,
22 nobody's on the phone yet.
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24 MR. KRON: My suggestion is let's do
25 tribal consultation.
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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we'll do
28 tribal consultation.
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30 MR. KRON: And we'll get David on the
31 phone.
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Go ahead and
34 we'll go down to tribal -- up to -- back up to tribal
35 consultation.
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37 REPORTER: David, are you on line.
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39 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. While we're
40 getting David Jenkins back on the line. David are you
41 on?
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43 (No comments)
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45 MR. KRON: They're not answering.
46 Who's on line?
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48 REPORTER: Go ahead and ask again.
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50 MR. KRON: Who's on line.

1 MR. BUE: Fred Bue, here.
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3 MR. KRON: Okay. Okay, well, again, if
4 we can do tribal consultation first, Mr. Chair.
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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8 MR. KRON: The questions, it sounds
9 like Seward Penn and North Slope really didn't provide
10 significant input. It's up to you. Do you have an
11 answer to the questions that I stated from Page 56 in
12 your book? Any input is welcome and we'll carry it
13 back. It will be on the record and Tina's going to get
14 it down, word for word.
15
16 (Laughter)
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18 REPORTER: You bet.
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20 (Laughter)
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any comments on
23 tribal consultation.
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25 Mr. Roczicka.
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27 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
28 I guess, again, this is brand new since this morning so
29 scanning it over lunch and just the one that comes out
30 is references back to an ongoing problem that we have,
31 in that, the management agencies themselves are not
32 apparently accountable to the subsistence priority and
33 that is one of the goals, maybe adding to number 8 too
34 that the member agencies of the Federal Subsistence
35 Board would be held to the subsistence priority and
36 apply it over the Wilderness Act and other issues that
37 were referenced in the Unimak Decision that were
38 elevated to an equal status, whereas ANILCA
39 specifically states that there should be a subsistence
40 priority so that management of the resource and
41 population themselves, not just the human harvest is
42 integral to proper management of subsistence -- for
43 subsistence, in implementing the priority.
44
45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
46 questions concerning tribal consultation.
47
48 (No comments)
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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: None. Mr. Kron,

1 we'll let you fill in the blanks.
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3 (Laughter)
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Silent spaces.
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7 REPORTER: David, are you on the line?
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9 DR. JENKINS: Yes.
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11 MR. KRON: David, are you on the phone?
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13 REPORTER: Yes, he's on.
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15 DR. JENKINS: Yes, I am.
16
17 MR. KRON: Good. Very good.
18 Excellent. Okay.....
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20 REPORTER: Tom, turn your microphone
21 on.
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23 MR. KRON: The Council is back after
24 lunch and they would like to deal with the two items
25 that you have for us. And those being customary trade
26 and the wildlife proposal. So let's do customary trade
27 first.
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29 DR. JENKINS: Well, we went through the
30 briefing this morning on customary trade and now I just
31 await direction from the Regional Advisory Council on
32 what sort of proposal, if any, they would like to
33 submit.
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: So we're incorporating
38 this together now?
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I guess.
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42 MR. ROCZICKA: Again, as far as the
43 working group goes, I'd still see it as having our
44 proposal in front of them and the recommendations are
45 in place. I don't essentially see the need for an
46 additional proposal regarding that but if they're
47 looking on more direction more specifically.
48
49 I guess one proposal that maybe could
50 be generated from these discussions is that currently

1 there's no prioritization of the use. I'd like to
2 recommend that we do put in a proposal that puts the
3 subsistence use for personal and family consumptive
4 needs over customary trade. I don't have one drafted up
5 right now but that that would be our proposal, number
6 1. So get that established in place so hopefully it
7 could help address the customary trade occurring that
8 may be unenforceable in a large scale failing to do
9 anything while closures are happening on the villages,
10 for example, what happened on the Yukon.

11
12 And then the second is kind of
13 incorporated into that recommendation number 2, and we
14 did provide a benchmark there with that \$750 limit, but
15 in the case that those are absent and the lack of any
16 kind of a definition or direction on what's a
17 significant commercial enterprise, we would ask the
18 Board to put in a proposal that the Board develop some
19 kind of an enforceable definition of what constitutes a
20 significant commercial enterprise in absence of them
21 being in place anywhere else -- in place of guidelines
22 out there.

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24 Those are the two proposals that I
25 would submit here.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Greg.

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29 Mr. Kron.

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31 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, you were
32 there at the meeting. But potentially what YRDFA did
33 last year -- or last week may have an impact on what
34 you decide to do here and potentially -- are you
35 prepared?

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37 MR. HALE: I was actually just up here
38 to work the mic for Tina.

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40 MR. KRON: You were, okay.

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42 MR. HALE: Sorry. I was just up here
43 to help work the mic so that we didn't run, Tina, the
44 sound woman, to ragged, but I would also be happy to
45 pull up that resolution if that would help. That's not
46 why I came up here.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, since we're
49 on that discussion if you have it right there handy.
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1 MR. HALE: Sure, it'll just take a
2 second.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There's a
5 resolution that we drafted in YRDFA last week that has
6 some meat to some of this discussion that we're having.

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8 Yes, Mr. Kron.

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10 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair. The reason
11 I mentioned that, again, it's additional information
12 but it starts to touch on what Greg was just talking
13 about and I think the idea, as I understood it, was to
14 incorporate the thinking that YRDFA had along with
15 recommendation one.

16
17 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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19 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: This was a proposal
22 that was generated with, Mr. Sandone and I, we got
23 together and did that one resolution, that we passed.

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25 Yes, Mr. Kron. Yes, go ahead, Greg.

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27 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
28 And since they have requested, I guess, additional
29 proposal or new proposal to address the issue, that
30 recommendation number 1 is, to me, at least another
31 good starting point so I guess I could -- I don't know
32 if I'm comfortable on actually sponsoring a proposal to
33 that effect since we do have a proposal on point there
34 already.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It's not a
37 proposal, it's just a form of a resolution, it's not a
38 proposal, it could be drafted as a proposal.

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40 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, I was speaking to
41 the recommendations.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: The ones that are in
46 there as far as the recommendation one.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: In the book?

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50 MR. ROCZICKA: And the recommendation

1 two that were there.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr. Kron.

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5 MR. KRON: Just for clarity. The
6 customary trade issue, we do not have any proposals
7 currently. The committee has been working, they've
8 worked on recommendation 1 and 2. We've got
9 recommendations -- YRDFA discussed clearly some issues
10 that relate to this but -- and I think I heard Gene
11 Sandone say he was thinking about submitting proposals
12 but we do not have -- we're not aware of any Yukon
13 proposals at this time.

14

15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: OSM, you mean?

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17 MR. KRON: OSM, I mean. And so I guess
18 the question is, do you want to submit one.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, I think we
21 want to submit one. Go ahead, Mr. Jason -- Hale.

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23 MR. HALE: I like Mr. Jason, that's
24 nice but.....

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26 (Laughter)

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28 MR. HALE: I haven't had a chance to
29 meet some of you guys. I'm Jason Hale with the Yukon
30 River Drainage Fisheries Association. And just
31 briefly, normally Jill Klein comes to these meetings
32 for us and I go to Eastern and Western and now I see
33 why she covets you guys and always comes in because
34 with the good questions and the efficiently runned
35 meeting and the good food of Bethel, I now see why
36 she's been guarding it so closely so hopefully I'll get
37 to see you some more.

38

39 Anyway, so the Yukon River Drainage
40 Fisheries Association had its annual board meeting last
41 week in Galena and they did pass a resolution on
42 primary subsistence use of king salmon and it reads:

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44 Whereas Yukon River Drainage Fisheries
45 Association represents subsistence,
46 commercial and sport fishers from over
47 40 communities with the U.S. portion of
48 the Yukon River Drainage who depend on
49 wild salmon for subsistence and income,
50 and;

1 Whereas historically Yukon king salmon
2 has provided for all subsistence uses,
3 except for transportation, by the
4 people living within the Alaska portion
5 of the Yukon River Drainage;
6

7 Be it resolved that YRDFA defines that
8 the primary use of the Yukon king
9 salmon is to provide food for personal
10 and family human consumption.
11

12 That's it.
13

14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that to your --
15 is that what you were going after Mr. Roczicka?
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17 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, no, I haven't seen
18 the resolution so I haven't looked at it as far as the
19 specific language. It sounds like it speaks directly
20 to the concern that I have and the concern that's been
21 raised on this whole priority issue, not having
22 anything at present.
23

24 So.....
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26 MR. BUE: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, this
27 is Fred Bue.
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Fred.
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31 MR. BUE: Yes, I apologize I'm not
32 there so I can't see you very well, what's going on.
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34 But maybe, just for clarification, from
35 Greg, were you thinking that the proposal that the YK
36 RAC submitted last year with the dollar amount and all
37 was still a standing proposal?
38

39 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, that was my
40 question this morning and I really didn't get an answer
41 yet. I had considered that to be still an active
42 proposal since it was -- I don't know if it was
43 deferred or label it was actually given. Is it a dead
44 proposal now since they're asking for new proposals;
45 and that's what I was trying to get at this morning by
46 my question and I'm really not clear on that yet.
47

48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We'll get to the
49 bottom of this.
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1 DR. JENKINS: Let me try to answer
2 that, I didn't understand that question earlier. I
3 couldn't hear all of it.

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5 My understanding is that it was
6 deferred so that the three Regional Advisory Councils
7 could form a subcommittee and try to come up with a
8 riverwide idea about customary trade which would
9 satisfy these three major areas of the river. And over
10 many days of hard work and sending out their
11 recommendations to the public for review, the
12 subcommittee did come up with a recommendation, which
13 is recommendation number 1 that's before you on Page
14 21, which is their preferred recommendation, as an
15 attempt to get consensus of what to do for customary
16 trade up and down the Yukon River. And you're
17 certainly welcome to propose other proposals or to
18 bring back your proposal from what was deferred so that
19 the subcommittee could do its work.

20
21 But bear in mind that this was an
22 attempt to come to some kind of consensus along the
23 Yukon River and if you start making individual
24 proposals and they're no longer aligned with the other
25 Regional Advisory Councils, you might end up just going
26 back to the status quo, what was going on before and
27 not having a consensus, which is clearly your
28 prerogative to do if that's the direction you wish to
29 go.

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31 But I want to just remind you that this
32 was the Tri-RAC's subcommittee's proposal, it's not an
33 OSM proposal, it's not a proposal from any other
34 entity, it was generated by the Regional Advisory
35 Council members who were elected to this subcommittee
36 across these three Councils.

37
38 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Kron.

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42 MR. KRON: Yeah, the other issue that
43 was discussed at YRDFA was that recommendation one
44 would only apply during times when they were expecting
45 it was going to be a poor king salmon run, when
46 subsistence would be restricted.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, the whole
49 thing -- even the recommendation two, that was put in
50 place for a time when.....

1 MR. KRON: Right.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:for an exact
4 time when the chinook run was at a low stage where we
5 weren't able to get subsistence time out of it. And
6 that was the reason why the customary trade issue came
7 up in the first place.
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9 MR. KRON: Yeah, David, do you have the
10 exact wording there that I sent you from the YRDFA
11 meeting?
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13 DR. JENKINS: Not at my fingertips,
14 Tom, no.
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16 MR. KRON: But, again, the thinking was
17 they would restrict it to Yukon River residents only
18 when, in fact, the kinds are in short supply; there
19 isn't a commercial fishery going on, subsistence is
20 being restricted, and there's the exact wording there
21 from YRDFA.
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Unok.
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25 MR. UNOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The
26 proposal we're trying to come up with is for only
27 subsistence users that misuse subsistence under
28 customary trade, those are the people that are being
29 targeted, not the subsistence users for themselves.
30 We're trying to get -- it's like the subsistence users
31 will not change, their limits will not change, how much
32 they can catch. It's for the people that over -- we're
33 targeting those people. The Tri-subcommittee never
34 come up really -- never really came up with the answer
35 yet.
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: With a proposal.
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39 MR. UNOK: Thank you.
40
41 Mr. Roczicka.
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43 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
44 I guess I'm still trying to get at here then is I'm
45 perfectly comfortable with supporting recommendation
46 number 1, but we're being -- from the content of what's
47 down here on paper and from what we've been presented
48 we're being asked to come up with a new proposal. Is
49 it a dead issue -- where are we at on it as far as this
50 recommendation number 1 we support, would then take the

1 place of our previous proposal?

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3 (No comments)

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Correct?

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7 MR. KRON: (Nodding affirmatively)

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9 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay. His head's
10 rattling up and down for the recorder.

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12 MR. KRON: Yep. In a nod.

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14 MR. ROCZICKA: In a nod, yes.

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16 REPORTER: I got it.

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18 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you. So, you
19 know, I'm comfortable with that as a recommendation for
20 that proposal and action on that issue.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: On the issue of a
23 customary -- recommendation one?

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25 MR. ROCZICKA: On the customary trade
26 so long as it's speaking directly to that issue on the
27 customary trade there.

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29 However, I would still recommend that
30 we would also follow up with a fisheries proposal this
31 time, and that we do make it clear on the record that
32 what I had earlier about the -- that the subsistence
33 use for personal and family consumption would be
34 established as a priority that addresses specifically
35 the concern about when there's a shortage because
36 that's the only time it is triggered, which people say
37 is one of the caveats they wanted to have as far as
38 recommendation number 1 went.

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40 And then the second is also for the
41 Board to come up with developing some sort of
42 enforceable definition of what constitutes a
43 significant commercial enterprise. And that's an issue
44 that's of statewide concern and brought up since they
45 were established, ever since they've been in place, in
46 this thing, since it's come forward, whether it's
47 herring in Southeast or king salmon on the Yukon.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you have
50 anything to address this, Mr. Sandone?

1 MR. SANDONE: Yes, I have some.....

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Some thoughts to
4 help us out, then we could get all the help we need --
5 I mean we could use all the help we need, or something
6 like that.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MR. SANDONE: Mr. Chair, my name is
11 Gene Sandone and I represent Yukon Delta Fisheries
12 Association -- Development Association and also Kwik-
13 Pak Fisheries. And we support recommendation one by
14 the subcommittee, and we also support defining
15 significant commercial enterprise. Because as I
16 understand it, this is only when subsistence
17 restrictions are enforced in any district or
18 subdistrict within the Yukon River Drainage, the Alaska
19 portion. So I still think we have a problem when the
20 runs come back, that when customary trade comes back,
21 the definition of significant commercial enterprise is
22 still undefined. And we got a good start for it in
23 recommendation two, and maybe you could craft
24 recommendation two to define significant commercial
25 enterprise with all the caveats that are associated
26 with the sale of subsistence caught fish.

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28 We also support prioritizations of
29 subsistence uses. And I'd just like to read what all
30 the subsistence uses are.

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32 It says, in a nutshell -- part of the
33 law, ANILCA -- or not ANILCA -- yeah, it says:

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35 As used in this act the term
36 subsistence uses means the customary
37 and traditional uses by rural residents
38 of wild renewable resources for direct
39 personal or family consumption, as
40 food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools or
41 transportation;

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43 For the making and selling of
44 handicraft articles out of non-edible
45 byproducts of fish and wildlife
46 resources taken for personal or family
47 consumption;

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49 For barter or sharing for personal or
50 family consumption;

1 And for customary trade.

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3 Well, we hear from the Federal
4 government that all subsistence uses are important,
5 there is no prioritization, so when you need to
6 restrict subsistence you don't restrict subsistence
7 uses but restrict subsistence users.

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9 In other words, you go into a system
10 where some people are not allowed fish for subsistence
11 use. In State they call it a Tier II; in Federal .809?

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13 (No comments)

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15 REPORTER: .804.

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17 MR. KRON: Yeah, .804.

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19 MR. SANDONE: .804. So where you
20 actually, within a village or within the Yukon River
21 Drainage, you say -- the Federal government says which
22 people are allowed to fish for subsistence uses. Well
23 -- and customary trade is one of the subsistence uses
24 that people can do.

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26 I don't agree with that.

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28 I think the main priority for
29 subsistence uses is for personal and family -- or
30 family, human consumption. YRDFA agrees.

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32 There has been a precedent set and it's
33 in both State and Federal government regulations, and
34 it's a special provision regarding dog food, it says --
35 and remember transportation is one of the key
36 subsistence uses in ANILCA; but the Federal Subsistence
37 Board came out and they said;

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39 In the Yukon River king salmon must be
40 used primarily for human consumption
41 and may not be targeted for dog food.

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43 And then it lists a number of
44 exceptions.

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46 So, I think that a proposal to
47 prioritize subsistence use to make the primary
48 subsistence use of king salmon for family and personal
49 human consumption is warranted.

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1 I think that in short supply, when
2 we're looking at restricting subsistence on the Yukon,
3 that the managers could then have a tool to say, we're
4 restricting subsistence uses to the primary subsistence
5 use.

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7 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
10 Sandone.

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12 So, yes, Ms. Gregory.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Before that gentleman
15 leaves, I'd like to ask you about number 5 on Page 56.

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17 MR. SANDONE: On what page?

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19 MS. GREGORY: Page 56 of the policy
20 briefing. The last paragraph, including in-depth
21 discussion about implementation guidelines; can you
22 explain that or somebody?

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24 (No comments)

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26 MS. GREGORY: The last page before the
27 questions.

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29 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Mary.
30 Could you tell us exactly where the point is again?

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32 MS. GREGORY: No. 5 on Page 56.

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34 MR. KRON: So that's the tribal
35 consultation issue?

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37 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. Policy, this
38 tribal consultation policy. The Board members, which
39 are available -- I'm sorry -- available to discuss new
40 draft prior to the May Federal Subsistence Board
41 meeting, including in-depth discussion about
42 implementation of guidelines.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr. Kron.

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46 MR. KRON: So you want us to answer --
47 okay, I'll tell you what my understanding is.

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49 Basically the -- a little bit of
50 background.

1 The Department of Interior implemented
2 a tribal consultation policy. The Federal Board for
3 Alaska, because of the importance of Federal
4 subsistence in Alaska, the number of tribes we have
5 here, wants to be talking, wants to be communicating,
6 wants to be having effective tribal consultation with
7 the tribes here in Alaska as well. And what they're
8 saying is, you know, they want the tribes, they want
9 the Councils, they want everybody to tell them what
10 they think. Well, there's been this group that's been
11 assigned to draft the policy and they've been working
12 on it. Again, this was your opportunity to provide
13 additional comments, and they were hoping to get those
14 comments, you know, at this meeting or by spring.

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16 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
19 Kron. Does that answer your question -- go ahead.

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21 MS. GREGORY: It doesn't answer my
22 question.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What were you
25 asking, ask it again.

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27 MS. GREGORY: What do you mean by
28 implementation guidelines? What guidelines?

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: She's talking about
31 the finalize implementation guidelines, that's way
32 later on, it hasn't even happened yet, and it's not
33 going to happen until they're done with the guidelines
34 and then they'll implement those guidelines.

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36 Go ahead, Mr. Kron, did I -- I tried.

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38 MR. KRON: I think Mr. Wilde
39 characterized things accurately with my understanding.

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41 Implementation of guidelines are
42 basically, you know, the guidance that's given out to
43 the agencies about how they're supposed to do this.
44 How they're supposed to do tribal consultation, you
45 know, in detail, to make sure that they do it, and they
46 can be held accountable.

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48 Thank you.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. If that's the

1 case then I'm satisfied.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, this will
4 happen later on after the policy is in place.

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6 Okay.

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8 We are down to our customary trade
9 discussion. Does the Council feel that we need to put
10 in a proposal to that effect, if so, we can draft one
11 up for your approval later on. Between Greg and I --
12 and Greg can get along -- you got all the words,
13 everything that needs to be done, all the wording, all
14 you have to do is put it in place. Right.

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16 (Laughter)

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18 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. That just
19 came off the top of my head here.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, anyway,
22 that's what we want in there. We want to make sure
23 that we describe exactly what the use of the fish is
24 going to be, plus this one here, plus adding on the
25 establishing -- establishing \$750 limit. And that
26 should take care of all of it.

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28 Is that correct, Mr. Kron?

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30 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I just --
31 again, we're here to serve as a resource, to help if
32 you need the help. The main thing, again, fisheries
33 proposals need to be in by the 30th of March, so we've
34 got about a month. We need to get the thing done. If
35 you want to do it as a Council it needs to be done at
36 this meeting and acted on by the group, it'd be a vote.
37 Alternately it could come in from individuals. But,
38 again, the -- you know, the opportunity to do it as a
39 Council is right here, today.

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41 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. And, Greg,
44 go ahead.

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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
47 mean I'd be willing to draft up the proposal on behalf
48 of the Council to address those two issues, that those
49 would be the two main points;

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1 One is that that priority.....

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yep.

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Establishing the
6 priority for the subsistence use being personal and
7 family consumption, one proposal.

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9 And then the second proposal to define
10 customary trade and if we want to make it specific to
11 the Yukon, that's where we incorporate recommendation
12 number 2.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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16 MR. ROCZICKA: And as far as the other
17 one, no additional proposal is needed on recommendation
18 number 1, and that we would be in full agreement that
19 as far as customary trade of Yukon River chinook may
20 only occur between the Federally-qualified rural
21 residents that was recommended by the Tri-RAC committee
22 is their recommendation number 1, I would certainly
23 endorse that and it should not require an additional
24 proposal. Just stating for the record our concurrence
25 with that, and then I'd draft up the other two
26 proposals with the approval of the Council.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you done?

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30 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Kron.

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34 MR. KRON: Yeah, I'll just jump in.
35 Number 1 does require a proposal. It's a
36 recommendation from the Tri-RAC committee at present.
37 You are the first Council to be meeting on the Yukon.
38 If you want to adopt one in addition to the other
39 issues that you discussed, this would be the meeting to
40 do it and you would do it through a motion and a second
41 and a vote.

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43 MR. ROCZICKA: I'll make the motion.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Greg.

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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
48 In that case, in hearing that, then I would like to
49 make a motion that we do put in a proposal reflecting
50 recommendation number 1 as one proposal.

1 Draft a second proposal, or sponsor a
2 second proposal prioritizing the subsistence use on the
3 Yukon River chinook of being personal and family
4 consumption over customary trade.

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6 And then a third proposal that would
7 request the Board to develop enforceable definition of
8 significant commercial enterprise. And we could put in
9 recommendation number 2 as that proposal.

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11 MS. GREGORY: Second the motion.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's been
14 made and seconded.

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16 Discussion.

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18 Mr. Rivard.

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20 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. This may just
21 be a procedural thing, but I would recommend that you
22 have three different motions on those three different
23 proposals because you're putting them in as a package
24 now. I mean that's fine to do it that way but there may
25 be differences of opinion, and maybe you do one at a
26 time as a proposal or a motion; one motion per proposal
27 that you're going to put in. That's what I'm trying to
28 say.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you think that
31 would be more effective than just one single?

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33 MR. RIVARD: Yeah.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: In that case then
36 that's the way we'll go. So for the first proposal,
37 that was when the -- the first proposal was which?

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39 MR. ROCZICKA: The first proposal would
40 be to support recommendation -- or would be to
41 establish customary trade of Yukon River chinook salmon
42 could only occur between Federally-qualified residents
43 with customary and traditional use determination.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that the second
46 too?

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48 MS. GREGORY: (Nods affirmatively)

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You heard the

1 second, any discussion on that.

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3 (No comments)

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
6 discussion on that proposal.

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Would the maker of the
13 motion clarify it so I can understand it because it's
14 too -- I mean it's not direct.

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16 MR. ROCZICKA: I could speak to my
17 motion, Mr. Chair, there's a question.

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19 Proposal No. 1 gets to the -- kind of
20 the heart of the issue that brought up the concern in
21 the first place the last time around when we put the
22 proposal forward where people on the Lower Yukon River
23 villages in our region were being restricted on
24 subsistence, yet at the same time there was cases upon
25 cases upon cases of Yukon king salmon strips being sold
26 on the sidewalks of Anchorage and being advertised in
27 catalogs nationwide and enforcement shrugged their
28 shoulder and said there's nothing they could do about
29 it because there was no restrictions on customary trade
30 and that generated that first proposal.

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32 So putting that forward would at least
33 put it in place and be kind of a first step, in my
34 mind, towards the problem. And basically it would only
35 be customary trade -- customary trade would only be
36 recognized between the village residents that have
37 customary and traditional use of Yukon king salmon,
38 between each other. They would not be allowed to sell
39 it on the sidewalks to anybody that came up, you know,
40 of course we can go back to enforcement folks and they
41 might have problems with it, but at least it's a step
42 in stating what the clear intent is.

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44 It would restrict the customary trade
45 to people on the Yukon River basically, and I think
46 it's residents of Unit 18, although I'm not for certain
47 if Kuskokwim resident villages have C&T of Yukon kings
48 or vice versa.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Bob.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: The thing that confuses
2 me is that you're talking about Lower Kuskokwim king
3 salmon shortages and.....

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yukon.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: I mean Lower Yukon king
8 salmon shortages and the motion would restrict them
9 from their customary, and then leave the rest of the
10 Yukon River wide open.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No.

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: So that -- well,
15 that.....

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You would only be
18 able to sell your fish to people that have customary
19 and traditional use of the fish. And that customary
20 and traditional use only applies to people that are
21 living in the villages. They're the ones that have
22 customary and traditional use of the salmon. And
23 usually -- I don't know if all the people, or all the
24 villages on the Yukon have customary and traditional
25 use of king salmon; is that a positive statement?

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27 MR. KRON: Yes, Mr. Chair. And I'll
28 look at Don Rivard for the details. There are a couple
29 of the Lower Norton Sound villages that were included
30 in the C&T for the Yukon as well.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Stebbins and St.
33 Michael.

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35 MR. KRON: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Including Stebbins
38 and St. Michael and all the lower villages on the Yukon
39 River. Does it clarify it any, Robert?

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41 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I heard
42 him mention, too, that he thought it only applied to
43 the lower river villages, I referenced those as being
44 the ones that were having the main closures and being
45 mainly affected as far as our region, but the
46 restriction between subsistence users -- only between
47 subsistence users, it applies to the entire Yukon
48 drainage within the state of Alaska, it's not just the
49 lower river.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes. Any more
2 questions on the proposed proposal.
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4 (No comments)
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any other
7 discussion.
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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Is that right?
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Kron.
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13 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Perhaps I'd ask
14 Jason to get the wording from the Yukon meeting, just
15 for your information. And, this, again, was approved
16 by the entire.....
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: River.
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20 MR. KRON:river. All the board
21 of directors.
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23 So, go ahead, Jason.
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25 DR. JENKINS: Tom, I actually have that
26 in front of me now if I could read that for you.
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28 MR. KRON: Okay. We've got it here,
29 too, but go ahead.
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31 DR. JENKINS: Okay. The YRDFA Board
32 unanimously agreed that, quote:
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34 We recommend to the Federal Subsistence
35 Board that whatever they do regarding
36 customary trade restrictions, it be
37 only in times of shortage, when there
38 is no chinook salmon commercial fishing
39 and restrictions on subsistence
40 fishing.
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42 End quote.
43
44 Thank you.
45
46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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48 MR. HALE: Yeah, and what I had written
49 down was pretty darn similar to that, that the YRDFA
50 board passed, that:

1 Any customary trade restrictions put
2 into place apply only in times of
3 shortage when there is no commercial
4 fishery on chinook salmon and there are
5 restrictions on subsistence fishing.
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7 And, you know, Lester was at the
8 meeting but, you know, the intent was that, you know,
9 if the fishery is going gangbusters, you know, let
10 people do what they're going to do with the fish; only
11 in the times that you need to restrict should you be
12 looking at restrictions on customary trade is what
13 they were saying.

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15 Thank you.

16
17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
18 discussion.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.

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24 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. And I
25 would incorporate that by reference into my motion.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Okay, with
28 the second.

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30 MS. GREGORY: I agree.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
33 discussion on the motion.

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35 (No comments)

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37 MS. GREGORY: Question on the motion.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called
40 for. Roll call vote, please. Secretary call the roll.

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42 MR. J. ANDREW: New secretary, Bob
43 Aloysius.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What?

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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: Bob is your new
48 secretary.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: When did Bob become

1 my new secretary?
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3 MR. ROCZICKA: This morning.
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5 (Laughter)
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7 MR. ROCZICKA: When you became Chairman
8 again.
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10 (Laughter)
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I'm still thinking
13 last year, I'm sorry. Okay, Robert.
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: Last year I was the
16 secretary.
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Last year was my
19 mistake too, so, go ahead, Robert, please call the
20 roll.
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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.
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24 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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28 (No comments)
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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: Evan Polty.
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32 MR. POLTY: Yes.
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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: Lester Wilde.
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Paul Manumik.
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40 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.
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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: Andrew Brown.
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44 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Harry Wilde.
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48 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.
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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.

1 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Aloysius Unok.
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5 MR. UNOK: Yes.
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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Greg Roczicka.
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9 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.
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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert Aloysius. Eh.
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13 John Andrew.
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15 MR. J. ANDREW: Yes.
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: William Charlie Brown.
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19 MR. W. BROWN: Yeah.
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: The aye's have it.
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The second motion.
24 Thank you, the motion carries.
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26 Go ahead, Greg.
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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I would
29 then move that we also sponsor a proposal to prioritize
30 the subsistence use of personal and family consumptive
31 needs over customary trade.
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You heard the
34 proposal, do I heard a second.
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36 MR. CHARLES: Second the motion, Mr.
37 Chairman.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any discussion.
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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: Again, are you
42 segregating the river to Lower Yukon and the rest of
43 the Yukon or are you including the whole drainage?
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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: This includes the
46 whole Yukon River Drainage.
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48 The problem with the chinook is on the
49 Yukon River and that's what all the proposals so far
50 were addressing that shortage that we have of the

1 chinook on the river.
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3 And who was that -- who raised their
4 hand?
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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Over here.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Sandone.
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10 MR. SANDONE: Can I speak?
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, I guess you
13 can speak.
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15 MR. SANDONE: Okay, thank you. I want
16 to reference the proposal.
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18 The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries
19 Association didn't use customary trade because it's
20 kind of like a buzz word and they just wanted to
21 prioritize human and family consumption over all other
22 subsistence uses; and that's what they did and I just
23 want to make that clear; that it's not particularly
24 over customary trade, it's basically over all other
25 subsistence uses. And I just want to make that clear.
26
27 Thank you.
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And that could be
30 incorporated into.....
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32 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah.
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:incorporated
35 into the proposal. Is that okay with the second. Who
36 gave the second?
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38 REPORTER: James.
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Was there a second
41 to that?
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43 REPORTER: It was James Charles.
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45 MR. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) James
46 Charles.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Who seconded, young
49 lady.
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1 REPORTER: James Charles seconded.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Charles.
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5 REPORTER: James Charles.
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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, James Charles
8 you seconded?
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10 MR. CHARLES: Yeah.
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.
13 Any further discussion on that proposal.
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15 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I guess
16 my point would be I said customary trade because that's
17 the issue of contention at the moment of what's being
18 in conflict but, yeah, I concur with that, it should be
19 more properly stated over all other uses.
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, that's what we
22 wanted to get after.
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24 Mr. Kron.
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26 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I made a
27 mistake.
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29 Customary and traditional use
30 determinations for Yukon chinook salmon are for the
31 people that live along the Yukon River, and the
32 community of Stebbins. That's not what I said before.
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
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36 MR. KRON: So I wanted to correct
37 myself and make sure you understand that. It's
38 basically the same, it doesn't include the Kuskokwim,
39 but basically the people along the river and Stebbins.
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41 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And Stebbins is
44 always included on the lower river.
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46 Go ahead, Mr. Manumik.
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48 MR. MANUMIK: Does that exclude St.
49 Michaels?
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1 MR. KRON: (Nods affirmatively)
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any further
4 discussion on the proposed proposal.
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6 (No comments)
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
9 discussion.
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11 (No comments)
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13 MR. J. ANDREW: Question.
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called
16 for. Mr. Aloysius, will you please take the roll.
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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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20 (No comments)
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22 REPORTER: Bob. Bob.
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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Ahhhhh.
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26 REPORTER: Thank you.
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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: Buttons.
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30 REPORTER: Thank you.
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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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34 MR. N. ANDREW: Yes.
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Evan Polty.
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38 MR. POLTY: Yes.
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Lester Wilde.
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Paul Manumik.
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46 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.
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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Andrew Brown.
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50 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Harry Wilde.
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3 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.
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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.
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7 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Aloysius Unok.
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11 MR. UNOK: Yes.
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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Greg Roczicka.
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15 MR. ROCZICKA: Yep.
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert Aloysius. Yea.
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19 John Andrew.
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21 MR. J. ANDREW: Yes.
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: William Brown.
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25 MR. W. BROWN: Yes.
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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.
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29 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Unanimous.
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And that passed
34 unanimously.
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36 Proposal three.
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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Well, I'm sorry, there's
39 one abstain since he's not here.
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, okay. For the
42 record one abstained, you said or one's not present?
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Since he's not here.
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46 REPORTER: Noah's here.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, he's here,
49 Robert.
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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: What?
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Noah is here.
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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: I didn't hear him,
6 unanimous.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, third
9 proposal.
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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's 13.
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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 I would then move that we also sponsor a proposal to
15 the Board that they develop an enforceable definition
16 of what constitutes a significant commercial enterprise
17 on the Yukon River. And since it's mentioned in that
18 recommendation number 2 about precluding the customary
19 trade, that wouldn't apply, but as a starting point for
20 what constitutes a significant commercial enterprise
21 would be to establish \$750 limit per calendar year, and
22 require the recordkeeping and receipt forms.
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do I hear a second
25 to the proposed proposal.
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27 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I didn't get
28 the motion. Is it number 3 or what?
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, number 3.
31 Greg, could you repeat that please.
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: That we sponsor a
34 proposal that the Federal Subsistence Board develop an
35 enforceable definition of what constitutes a
36 significant commercial enterprise and that as a
37 starting point they would use a \$750 per calendar year
38 per qualified household, as we had in our initial
39 proposal, and that also such customary trade would
40 require recordkeeping and receipt form.
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you want to
43 include that recordkeeping and receipt form on there?
44
45 People on the Yukon that are coming
46 from the Yukon and people on the Kuskokwim also, you
47 know, we really need to get something started here
48 because we've been talking about this for a couple
49 years almost but.....
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1 MR. J. ANDREW: Three.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, maybe three.
4 And we -- the people.....
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6 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. (In Yup'ik)
7 second to the motion, the one he made.
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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. But when we
10 first started this, the people on the Yukon, and we, as
11 a Council, at the time, voted to have a limit of \$750,
12 and I don't know if this Council will agree to that
13 number or if they would like to put that number up or
14 down; so it'll be up to this Council to see what limit
15 that they would like to start out with.
16
17 Mr. Roczicka.
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19 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
20 And since I don't have a second yet maybe I'd modify my
21 motion anyway because it's going to die.
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
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25 MR. ROCZICKA: But, no, you actually
26 bring up a -- in your response there a very legitimate
27 point about the recordkeeping and receipt form perhaps
28 doesn't really fit in this proposal. So as the
29 proposal -- it gets more into the actual implementation
30 of it later on. So maybe at this time just say that
31 they would establish, again, some kind of a definition
32 of a significant commercial enterprise with a starting
33 point of that \$750 per year.
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: And that would be the
38 proposal.
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That would be it.
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42 Go ahead, Mr. Kron.
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44 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair, just a
45 question. And I think it'd be helpful to understand if
46 there's a little discussion about what your intent is
47 in relative to a qualified household versus qualified
48 subsistence users. If you could explain that would be
49 helpful.
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, I'll get back
2 to you. Al.

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4 MR. UNOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
5 talked to some people in the Yukon about the \$750 limit
6 and they said it's a little bit too low. Most of the
7 people I talked to they suggest \$1,500.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, what is the
10 feeling of the Council.

11
12 Mr. Noah Andrew.

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14 MR. N. ANDREW: I subsistence for like
15 four families and when it comes to the amount of the
16 figure here, it kind of puzzles me out, in trying to
17 get enough and then probably use some for subsistence
18 trade, we do have our usual Yup'ik consumption, it's
19 particular items to feed my body, you know, and the
20 figure here is kind of -- with what I experienced, I
21 don't know it -- to me it feels kind of high on the
22 figure here.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What figure is
25 that?

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27 MR. N. ANDREW: The \$750.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 750 to you is high?

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31 MR. N. ANDREW: It is. Yeah, kind of
32 high to me.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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36 MR. N. ANDREW: In supporting three or
37 four families, yeah.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: See, we have
40 disagreement already.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So we need to have
45 an agreement on a number, anything from.....

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47 MR. N. ANDREW: I wouldn't -- to me, in
48 my own opinion, I kind of hesitate to find a bigger --
49 but it -- in the run in place of -- to me, it's kind of
50 high.

1 Mr. Chairman.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Al.
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5 MR. UNOK: I'll make it simple, \$1,500
6 to make these people understand what it means.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We've got to be
9 able to agree on a number, \$1,500 is a little bit too
10 high for some of the people here, I think it should
11 come down -- if we kept it at \$750 I think that would
12 be good but I don't know, let's get a few more people
13 up here that would like to speak on this issue, on this
14 number that we're speaking about -- go ahead, young man
15 over there.
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17 MR. ROCZICKA: For the record we're not
18 discussing any one proposal, it died for a second.
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, we're not -- we
21 just want some opinion on that number from you guys.
22 So if you're going to speak on that number come on up.
23
24 MR. ROCZICKA: For the Yukon.
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: For the Yukon
27 River.
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29 MR. WILLIAMS: Jackson Williams, Akiak.
30 You know I'll just verify the customary trade that we
31 used to have in Akiak with Mekoryuk or Coastal people.
32 They used to come up trade with seal, walrus blubber,
33 that's when I had good blubber from Mekoryuk. We used
34 to trade with fish at the time, you know, they were
35 abundant. Anyway, you know, on that \$750 with a fuel
36 cost that we're having.....
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Uh-huh.
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40 MR. WILLIAMS:you know I'm having
41 -- especially people like me don't -- aren't employed,
42 you know, would really help on that figure even -- I
43 agree a little bit with -- you know right now,
44 yesterday, I heard the gas price in Florida is going up
45 \$6 just imagine if the Lower 48 is going up, right now
46 in my village I'm paying \$6.80 and we're going to
47 purchase through river and it's going to jump maybe
48 almost close to \$8, can I afford that, no. Anything,
49 little bit of income would help that's why I wanted to
50 speak out to that 750, I agree with even a little

1 higher because fuel, holy cow, especially where there's
2 no trees, they use stove oil, they're having a hard
3 time.

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5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.
8 Nick.

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10 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
11 For the record, Alex Nick, Council coordinator for YK
12 and also for Seward Penn.

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14 When Seward Penn discussed this, if I
15 remember correctly, they were saying that customary
16 trade is important for some of the people that live up
17 north because they have people that are living from
18 that area originally from Yukon River, like from Lower
19 Yukon. And they said, if I remember correctly, they
20 said the price of a bucket is approximately \$450 and
21 they said, if I remember correctly they said that
22 bucket would not be enough for the winter. And just to
23 help you decide on the figure Seward Penn Council was
24 also concerned about the trade, customary trade between
25 Yukon and their area.

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27 Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.
30 Sandone.

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32 MR. SANDONE: Gene Sandone representing
33 Yukon Delta and Kwik-Pak Fisheries.

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35 I just want to point out to you that on
36 Page 21, it says what the Councils already did on
37 recommendation two, which includes the \$750. It says
38 the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council met
39 and the Council members supported the first
40 recommendation but some members felt that if the dollar
41 limit was imposed the \$750 was appropriate.

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43 The Western Interior on recommendation
44 two voted unanimously to support the first
45 recommendation but not the second.

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47 So there's some dissention already.

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49 The Eastern Interior Council met and
50 they voted in favor of the first recommendation on a

1 split vote. It voted against the second recommendation
2 also on a split vote.

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4 So we already have dissention.

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6 This is what the Tri-RAC subcommittee
7 on Yukon River chinook salmon customary trade came up
8 with. They argued long and hard and came up with the
9 \$750 per calendar year.

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11 As, Mr. Roczicka, in his proposal
12 states, it's a starting point. We know there's going
13 to be a lot of discussion among the RACs and at the
14 Federal Subsistence Board but he's using the \$750,
15 which is the recommendation of the Tri-RAC subcommittee
16 as a starting point and that's what you -- I think you
17 should consider.

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19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I think that's a
22 good idea.

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24 Mr. Aloysius.

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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. You know
27 this is like to me we're going to open up a can of
28 worms because I sure as heck don't want to see
29 subsistence caught salmon turning into a commercial
30 product, that's exactly what you're doing. You're
31 saying, hey, it's okay, you can sell your subsistence
32 caught fish. And this \$750 figure, where did that come
33 from, did it come from the WRAC or the ERAC, you know,
34 and I don't feel comfortable in dictating to the guys
35 in the Upper Yukon what they can do with their
36 subsistence salmon.

37

38 Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Robert.
41 Go ahead, Mr. Kron.

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43 MR. KRON: Yeah, just a thought. The
44 Council could choose, if they wanted to, could choose
45 to just ask the Board to define a significant
46 commercial enterprise and not set a dollar amount
47 because as we all know, you know, gas has been changing
48 a lot, that has a big impact on things. Gas has been
49 changing a lot here in the past five years, 10 years.
50 You could just say, you know, we want the Board to

1 define a significant commercial enterprise, period.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What could happen,
4 too, then is the same thing that happened at the very
5 first meeting when we first discussed customary trade,
6 we tried at that time to try and set an amount and in
7 those days, that first meeting, none of the RACs, Tri-
8 RACs were in agreement and I'm glad \$750, that they
9 agreed to that and I think that might be a good
10 starting point for now until such time that it's really
11 defined. It's going to be coming into a lot of
12 discussion. We've discussed this now going on for
13 three years and probably another three or four years
14 before anything is every done to it.

15

16 But, anyway, go ahead, Madame Gregory.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I agree that
19 \$750 is fair for now because we're not in the (In
20 Yup'ik) selling business, we're subsisting for our own
21 family, our uses and our elders and those people who
22 cannot afford to go out and fend for themselves, so
23 \$750 (In Yup'ik).

24

25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The reason why we
26 came up with that \$750 in the first place was we had to
27 put on a limit -- we had to try and put a limit to what
28 was going on at the time because right now customary
29 trade is going rampant. I think you can -- in fact you
30 could talk to anybody that likes strips outside of the
31 Yukon and the Kuskokwim and they'll tell you the best
32 strips come from the Yukon River and that's where
33 they're going to buy those fish. And during the time
34 that us people that are living on the river and having
35 a hard time, trying to feed our families, and all that
36 fish is going out to feed somebody else, that don't
37 need to happen. We need to put a stop to it. And if
38 we need to put an amount on it then that's the way
39 we're going to have to go.

40

41 Yes, Mr. Rivard.

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43 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Don
44 Rivard with the Office of Subsistence Management.

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46 I just -- Greg, for your purposes
47 you're asking the Board, possibly, to define
48 significant commercial enterprise and I would assume
49 that would be a statewide definition. The whole reason
50 why they came back to the Councils was for them to

1 basically identify what some amount -- you're talking
2 about 750 now.....

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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6 MR. RIVARD:and in some ways
7 you're saying if it goes over 750, if people are
8 getting more than \$750 for commercially caught --
9 excuse me, subsistence caught chinook salmon, then
10 that's starting to look like a commercial enterprise,
11 okay, they're doing more than just doing it amongst
12 subsistence users. And the -- when the Board did this
13 they wanted each region to weigh in because what may be
14 significant in one part of the state may not be in the
15 other, so that's where they started to come up with
16 some limits and that's what happened in Bristol Bay and
17 where's the other one, Copper River.

18

19 MR. KRON: Copper River.

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21 MR. RIVARD: Okay. And so they put
22 some limits. One is 1,000 and one is 750, something
23 like that, anyways it's close to what you guys are
24 discussing. So to ask the Board now to go and define
25 commercial significant -- commercially significant --
26 yeah, okay, whatever, that -- I think they're going to
27 flip it right back to you guys and say.....

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's what's going
30 to happen.

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32 MR. RIVARD: They're going to say you
33 tell us what's significant. So I guess I'm kind of
34 advising you that maybe you want to reword your
35 proposal. And you're getting at it by putting a dollar
36 amount on it, that's what this whole second
37 recommendation is about. So I think that's the
38 direction you want to go. I don't think you want to
39 try to tell the Board -- because they're going to have
40 to set -- if they set one, they're going to have to set
41 it for the whole state and it may not be pertinent in
42 some parts of the state as it is for other parts and
43 that was the whole reason -- hold on a second, Tom --
44 the whole reason why they put together this Tri-RAC
45 subcommittee, was to make it basin-wide and not just
46 you guys talking about the Lower Yukon.

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48 So just a little background
49 information.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Kron.
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3 MR. KRON: Mr. Chair. Just for clarity
4 we've mentioned these two examples before.
5
6 For the Upper Copper River, the
7 Southcentral Regional Council defined exchange in
8 customary trade between rural residents and individuals
9 other than rural residents may not exceed \$500.
10
11 And in Bristol Bay, let me see if I can
12 find it here.....
13
14 MR. ROCZICKA: They're also 500.
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16 MR. KRON:okay, 500 for rural
17 residents total cash value per household of salmon
18 exchanged between rural residents and non-rural
19 residents may not exceed 400.
20
21 So those were the numbers that they
22 were using. And, again, this was done -- let's see, I
23 think YK Regional Council had a representative in this
24 process as well, because I remember all 10 Councils
25 were involved.
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah.
28
29 MR. KRON: But that was what they came
30 up with at that time.
31
32 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Greg.
35
36 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
37 Yeah, I specifically thought I put my motion into
38 effect, which, by the way I don't believe we're even
39 discussing a motion anymore because there was never a
40 second that I know of.
41
42 Second?
43
44 REPORTER: No second.
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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay. But anyway that's
47 just as well so we could have a discussion on it. But,
48 yeah, when we first visited this thing we were told
49 essentially if we tried to put it in that it's going to
50 come right back to our laps if we didn't put some kind

1 of a monetary value in.

2

3 Bob, your concern again about trying to
4 put a dollar amount on the subsistence sale -- actually
5 encouraging it to occur, it's already happening to the
6 tune of 40 to \$50,000, as was given in direct testimony
7 through the Eastern and Western Interior RACs at their
8 meetings, that folks were taking advantage of this huge
9 loophole and bastardizing subsistence to some degree.

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11 The number \$750 that they came up with
12 here actually came from a totally different proposal
13 but it dealt with the GASH villages, which are right on
14 the boundary between, for those that don't know,
15 between Unit 18 and 19, Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, Holy
16 Cross area, and there was some general numbers in there
17 on how much people had made, reported over customary
18 trade in the past they were fairly old numbers, I think
19 they came out to four or \$500 but we looked at what
20 they came up with for Bristol Bay and what was there
21 for Copper River, plus what was on record for those
22 four villages, people saying on average, being in the
23 four to \$600 range so that's where the \$750 if anybody
24 wanted to know how those numbers came forth. And that
25 was OSM information, again, I don't even remember what
26 proposal it was, it was in a different book in a
27 different time and place. So that was where those
28 numbers were from.

29

30 So, yeah, I mean the intent was not
31 statewide, I would like to see them come up with some
32 kind of criteria and perhaps they should take a look at
33 it and request from their Councils to come back with
34 recommendations on a statewide basis but for the
35 purposes of this proposal we'd only put in a proposal
36 for our region on the Yukon.

37

38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Noah, go ahead.

39

40 MR. N. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, thank
41 you. The figure that I was using was I got some
42 relatives way up there in the Kuskokwim River, the
43 figure \$750 would be sufficient in this area. But the
44 further the fish went up there for trading it's a
45 little high for them to support this figure. I was
46 just thinking about them. The further they are up
47 river the less they're going to be catching and I was
48 just figuring the overall figure here.

49

50 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert.

2

3 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'd like some
4 clarification on the \$40,000, what was that, from a
5 region, part of the river, or is that statewide?

6

7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That happened, one
8 of the people over there was telling us that his grand
9 -- one of the boys over there sold enough salmon to get
10 himself \$40,000 truck in Fairbanks from customary
11 trade.

12

13 MR. ALOYSIUS: If you're concerned
14 about, you know, the disposal of our subsistence caught
15 salmon why the heck are you putting a dollar limit on
16 it, it should be zero, that way, you know, everybody's
17 breaking the law and why give the crooks some leeway or
18 loophole to, oh, yeah, each household can sell up to
19 \$750 worth of subsistence caught salmon that are
20 supposed to be consumed subsistencly.

21

22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Because the thing
23 is if we -- there is a law that allows customary trade,
24 it's in the books and it's in the Federal law, that you
25 can sell -- customary trade is allowed. It's been
26 allowed even before this Council was formed and before
27 you and I were born.

28

29 Any more questions on customary trade
30 proposal.

31

32 Go ahead Robert.

33

34 MR. ALOYSIUS: Can you give me a dollar
35 figure before we were born?

36

37 (Laughter)

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I doubt it.

40

41 MR. ALOYSIUS: I mean customary trade
42 means exactly what somebody was talking about, people
43 come from Mekoryuk with their seal oil, we trade them
44 with dry fish, there's no money involved in that.

45

46 MR. ROCZICKA: That's barter.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: This was during the
49 time when the boats were going up and down the river,
50 they were selling salmon at the time.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: They were not
2 selling.....
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And that
5 brought.....
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7 MR. ALOYSIUS:they were trading.
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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And my brother and
10 George Sheppard and Sheppard Trading Company, all those
11 people, Harry was working for Sheppard Training Company
12 at the time, Sheppard Trading Company had a fishwheel
13 above Mountain Village and we dried salmon for them.
14 He bundled it and he sold it to whoever he could sell
15 it, for dog feed, for human consumption and everything,
16 something like 20 or \$25 a bundle. So it was carried
17 on long before this customary trade was even discussed.
18
19 Any further discussion on the proposal?
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21 (No comments)
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there a proposal
24 on that we're discussing?
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26 MR. UNOK: There's a.....
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Al, just a minute.
29 Al, I asked you a question, was there a proposal that
30 we had or what?
31
32 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I made a
33 motion to make that our third proposal but there never
34 was a second so we don't have any motion.
35
36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.
37
38 MR. UNOK: There was a motion already?
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, there's no
41 motion on the floor.
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43 MR. UNOK: I make a motion to have \$750
44 limit.
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's on the
47 floor now to develop the third proposal for \$750.
48
49 Do I hear a second to that amount?
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1 MS. GREGORY: Second.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mary.
4 Do I hear any further discussion.
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6 MR. MANUMIK: Question.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called
9 for. Roll call vote, please.
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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Clarification.
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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15 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
16 Just for clarification on the motion that the \$750
17 would be a recommendation for what would constitute a
18 significant commercial enterprise for Yukon River king
19 salmon.....
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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23 MR. ROCZICKA:per household.
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes. Roll call
26 vote please.
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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: Lester Wilde.
29
30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Paul Manumik.
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34 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Andrew Brown.
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38 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Harry Wilde.
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42 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.
45
46 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
47
48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Al Unok.
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50 MR. UNOK: Who me?

1 REPORTER: Yes.
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3 MR. UNOK: Yes.
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5 REPORTER: He said yes.
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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: I didn't hear him.
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9 MR. ROCZICKA: He said yes?
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11 REPORTER: Yes, he said, yes.
12
13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Greg Roczicka.
14
15 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.
16
17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert Aloysius. No.
18
19 John Andrew.
20
21 MR. J. ANDREW: Yes.
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: William Frank Brown.
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25 MR. W. BROWN: Yeah.
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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.
28
29 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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33 MR. N. ANDREW: Abstain.
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Evan Polty.
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37 MR. POLTY: Yes.
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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: I didn't keep track.
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41 REPORTER: One abstain, one no, 11 yes.
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion carried.
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45 MR. ROCZICKA: 10 to one.
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47 REPORTER: 11, one, and one.
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion carried.
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1 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, Ma'am.
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5 MS. GREGORY: Can I request that
6 everybody turn your cell phones off or put them in that
7 whatever mode, because it's really disturbing when
8 somebody's phone rings when we're in the middle of
9 discussion.
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Yeah,
12 if you have your cell phone please put it on vibrate
13 or.....
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15 MR. J. ANDREW: Silent.
16
17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:turn them off.
18 Thank you. We are down to WP10-69 deferred proposal.
19 After that proposal we'll be going into the testimony
20 for Gene Sandone and Alissa will be after the deferred
21 10-69.
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23 Mr. Kron.
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25 MR. KRON: David, are you on, I hope.
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27 DR. JENKINS: Mr. Chair. Council
28 members. I'm still here. David Jenkins, Office of
29 Subsistence Management.
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31 WP10-69 starts on Page 22 of your
32 Council books. This request submitted -- was submitted
33 by the Kuskokwim Native Association and the proposal
34 asks the recognition of customary and traditional uses
35 of moose in Unit 21E for residents of Lower Kalskag,
36 Upper Kalskag, Aniak, Chuathbaluk.
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38 (Laughter)
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40 DR. JENKINS: The communities of Upper
41 Kalskag, Aniak and Chuathbaluk are located in Units 19A
42 and Lower Kalskag is in Unit 18.
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44 The proposal is submitted for all of
45 Unit 21E, however, the proponent states that it is the
46 Piamuit Slough area that is customarily and
47 traditionally used by Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag,
48 Aniak and Chuathbaluk residents.
49
50 Part of the request was made because of

1 the growing scarcity of moose in Unit 19A and the
2 Kuskokwim River drainage portion of Unit 18 and
3 regulatory restrictions that resulted beginning quite
4 some time ago, in 2003.

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6 A similar request was submitted by KNA
7 to the Federal Subsistence Board in 2008 in the form of
8 a special action request but the Board rejected that
9 request, in part because of differences between the
10 Yukon Kuskokwim Delta and Western Interior Council's
11 recommendations. The Board suggested additional public
12 participation and discussion was necessary.

13
14 And the OSM analysis is quite extensive
15 and it shows that the eight criteria for determining
16 customary and traditional use, in fact, applied to the
17 communities in question, the ones that I just
18 mentioned, and rather than going through each of those
19 characteristics, which you can read through your
20 analysis there, let me just note in a summary fashion,
21 that the communities of Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag,
22 Aniak and Chuathbaluk use only a portion of Unit 21E,
23 primarily the area that was used by former residents of
24 the Piamuit Slough area in winter, and if you look on
25 Map 4 it shows where that area is and that map is on
26 Page -- oh, let me see what page it's on, 43 of your
27 Council books and that'll show the area of Piamuit
28 Slough and south over to the Malidibin Mountains, and
29 this is the area that's now in -- at issue here in
30 question for customary and traditional use.

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32 Now, after the initial analysis OSM
33 developed a second -- an addendum to the analysis, for
34 the proposal to provide customary and traditional use
35 to these communities with modification to include only
36 the area of Unit 21E south of Piamuit Slough, which is
37 indicated on Map 4, and you can see that the modified
38 -- what the modified regulation is if you look on Page
39 42 of your Council books. And it indicates the
40 boundary areas on that map and the residents of Aniak,
41 Chuathbaluk, Kalskag, Lower Kalskag and Russian Mission
42 would be included in customary and traditional use
43 determinations for this particular area.

44
45 So if I can answer any questions I will
46 but I'll stop there with this very brief presentation,
47 Mr. Chair.

48
49 Thank you.
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions for,
2 who's that, David?
3
4 DR. JENKINS: Yeah, it's David.
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6 (No comments)
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What is the wish of
9 the Council.
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11 (No comments)
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What is the wish of
14 the Council to the deferred 10-69. Mr. Roczicka.
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16 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.
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20 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) defer,
21 because it just doesn't include me.
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What's that, I
24 didn't get you, what was that?
25
26 MS. GREGORY: Defer. (In Yup'ik)
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert. Mr.
29 Aloysius.
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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Who?
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius.
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: I was born and raised in
36 that area and I know that the residents of Lower
37 Kalskag, Kalskag -- there's no such place as upper
38 Kalskag, Aniak and Chuathbaluk have always hunted, to
39 my knowledge, in 21E in the wintertime, and how in the
40 heck that Russian Mission ever got determined to be a
41 part of that is beyond me, and beyond the people in
42 that area because Russian Mission is 40 miles down
43 river from the boundary, and we Kalskag, Lower Kalskag
44 within 10 miles, 5 miles, Aniak is maybe three miles,
45 Chuathbaluk maybe 10 miles. So the residents, the
46 hunters of those four villages have always asked to be
47 included in the winter hunt but they've always been
48 refused and so, you know, since I'm the only person
49 from up there right now, you know, I move that we
50 support this proposal.

1 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's been made
4 and seconded to support Proposal.....
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6 MR. ROCZICKA: As modified.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:as modified
9 WP10-69. And there was a second.....
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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There was a second
14 to that motion.
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16 Any further discussion.
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18 (No comments)
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I suppose we'll
21 need -- we have the introduction of the proposal. Do
22 we have any agency comments, Alaska Department of Fish
23 and Game.
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25 (No comments)
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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any comments.
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29 (No comments)
30
31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No comments. How
32 about Federal agencies.
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34 (No comments)
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Native tribal
37 villages here have any comments on this proposal.
38
39 Go ahead Mr. Nick.
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41 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Alex Nick,
42 Council coordinator. I don't know if Kalskag -- Lower
43 Kalskag is on line, they were going to comment on this
44 proposal. Is there someone from Lower Kalskag on line?
45
46 VIVIAN: This is Lower Kalskag, this is
47 Vivian (Indiscernible).
48
49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
50

1 MR. A. NICK: They're asking for
2 comment from you on the Proposal 10-69.

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4 VIVIAN: I do support Proposal 10-69
5 due to we have ties to that area, people that live in
6 our area. I know a few people that go up there to hunt,
7 not very many people. I know there were concerns about
8 moose declining due to opening it up to our area but
9 not very many people go up there to hunt, but still,
10 yet, you know, it's traditionally our right to go hunt
11 and, you know, when they closed it down to us, you
12 know, we had to go on to the wetland and we had a
13 moratorium in 18 and, you know, 19A we had hardly any
14 moose. My just being a hunter, you know, for the past
15 six year I have not hunted due to the decline of moose
16 and getting Tier II, you know, being Federally
17 regulated to hunt moose, you know, now days to get meat
18 we go to AC store to get meat and, you know, that just
19 hurts, you know, because we give a lot of meat to our
20 families, you know, extended families and not being
21 able to catch anything for six years is pretty hard and
22 I really do support this proposal.

23
24 Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Now,
27 Mr. Kron.

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29 MR. KRON: Just for clarity, a question
30 on the motion, was the motion to support the original
31 proposal. I heard.....

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: As modified.

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35 MR. KRON:as modified by?

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.

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39 MR. ROCZICKA: It was the modification
40 in there.

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42 MR. KRON: So are we looking at the OSM
43 modification, your modification, Western Interior's
44 modification?

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, no, no, we're
47 looking at the original one.

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49 MR. KRON: Original proposal.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's what we were
2 looking at.
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4 MR. KRON: So the original proposal?
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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8 Any further comments on the proposal as
9 written.
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11 Mr. Roczicka.
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13 DR. JENKINS: Mr. Chair. David
14 Jenkins.
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry.
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18 DR. JENKINS: I did go through the
19 analysis from 2010 and the original proposal, however,
20 OSM's conclusion was a modified conclusion from that
21 original proposal and that customary and traditional
22 use determination conclusion is on Page 42 of your book
23 and if you wanted to refer to that as you go through
24 your deliberations, perhaps that would help clarify
25 matters.
26
27 Thank you.
28
29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka, go
30 ahead.
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32 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 Actually I'd intended to ask that of Mr. Aloysius as
34 far as the modification including only south of Piamuit
35 Slough, which was the Western Interior's recommendation
36 and essentially the modification adopted by the OSM
37 Staff. Was that the intent of your motion or.....
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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: What page are you on?
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41 MR. ROCZICKA: It's on Page 22, the
42 executive summary regarding the proposal.
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44 MR. RIVARD: Page 42, Bob.
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46 MR. ROCZICKA: 22 and 42.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 22 and 42. Any
49 further discussion while we're looking things up.
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1 (No comments)
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Charles, did
4 you have something to say?
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6 MR. CHARLES: (Shakes head negatively)
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ms. Gregory.
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10 MS. GREGORY: On Page 42 the map shows
11 the affected area I believe between 19A and 21E in line
12 with Unit 18.
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14 MR. ROCZICKA: Page 41 to 43.
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: While that's being
17 looked up, anybody here from the -- any comments from
18 the InterAgency Committee.
19
20 (No comments)
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any comments from
23 InterAgency Committee.
24
25 (No comments)
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27
28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No. No. No.
29 Robert, go ahead.
30
31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, I was at the
32 meeting with Western Interior RAC when they first
33 talked talked about this and I also met -- had a
34 teleconference with our former coordinator for the
35 State out at Fairbanks, and this map on Page 41 and 43
36 is what they were most comfortable with. Because GASH
37 really opposed this proposal, full bore, I mean they
38 sent a whole slew of people to Anchorage to oppose the
39 meeting -- I mean to oppose the proposal. And so this
40 map on 41 and 42 [sic] is what I thought we were
41 talking about.
42
43 MR. ROCZICKA: So that's the intent of
44 your motion.
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, thank you.
47
48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So that's all --
49 okay, the motion's good.
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1 Any further discussion.
2
3 Mr. Rivard.
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5 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
6 just want to have further clarification because I'm a
7 little confused of what I just heard.
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9 Is your proposal either Page 41 or is
10 it Page 43 because there's a difference, there's less
11 area in 43. If you look closely the line is drawn
12 right at the Piamuit Slough on Page 43, Page 43, and
13 that's what OSM has recommended with their
14 modification.
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Well.....
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18 MR. RIVARD: Okay, there's more area in
19 41.
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.
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23 MR. RIVARD: So which.....
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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, well, Page 43.....
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27 REPORTER: Bob. Bob.
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29 MR. RIVARD: Turn your microphone on.
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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Page 43 is the one that
32 we're really talking about because there is a natural
33 boundary -- let me repeat that again there's a natural
34 boundary that you can see whereas on Page 42, I mean
35 41, you can't see the boundary.
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37 MR. RIVARD: Okay, thank you.
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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: So Page 43 is the one
40 I'm talking about.
41
42 Thank you.
43
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.
45 Advisory comments.
46
47 (No comments)
48
49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any neighboring
50 Regional Councils.

1 (No comments)
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: None. Is there any
4 remarks, any written comments.
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6 (No comments)
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Local Fish and Game
9 Advisory Committees.
10
11 Go ahead, Mr. James.
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13 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. I forgot
14 my notes or my book in Tuntutuliak yesterday because
15 the plane was delayed, but at our fall meeting, this
16 meeting here, if I remember right I think we supported
17 this proposal at our AC meeting last -- 2011 fall
18 meeting. Alissa will -- did we support it -- four of
19 our members are here so -- four or five so -- yes,
20 that's right.
21
22 Thank you.
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Anybody
25 from the National Park Service Subsistence Resource
26 Commission.
27
28 (No comments)
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: None being here.
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32 Summary of written comments.
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34 (No comments)
35
36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick, none?
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38 MR. A. NICK: (Shakes head negatively)
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Public testimony.
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42 (No comments)
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any public
45 testimony for this proposal.
46
47 (No comments)
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being --
50 Alissa did you raise your hand? Yes or no?

1 MS. JOSEPH: Hi. I am Alissa Joseph.
2 I'm just going to speak on behalf of the Yukon
3 Kuskokwim.....
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Move the mic in
6 front of you and speak right into the mic in front of
7 you.
8
9 MS. JOSEPH: Can you hear me now?
10
11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yep. We can hear
12 you now.
13
14 MS. JOSEPH: Okay. So I'm going to be
15 speaking on behalf of the Yukon Kuskokwim Youth
16 Delegation in regards to this proposal. And we thought
17 that if you guys are going to be putting this on to
18 customary trade that we only have the customary trade
19 in regards to the moose population when they're good
20 enough and everyone's getting their subsistence, that
21 you could put this on customary trade as defined.
22
23 Makes sense?
24
25 (No comments)
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.
28 Any other Regional Council recommendation.
29
30 (No comments)
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion. Regional
33 Council.
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35 REPORTER: Lester, you have a motion.
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It's up to you.
38
39 MR. ROCZICKA: We have a motion on the
40 floor, don't we?
41
42 REPORTER: Yes.
43
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We have a motion on
45 the floor. Any further discussion.
46
47 Ms. Gregory.
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49 MS. GREGORY: Clarification. (In
50 Yup'ik)

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Just look on Page 43.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Page 43.
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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: That's the area we're on
6 right now.
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8 MR. ROCZICKA: As modified.
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
11 discussion on the proposal.
12
13 (No comments)
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Council.
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17 MR. UNOK: Question.
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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called
20 for. Before we call for the question, go ahead, Greg,
21 one more time.
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23 (Laughter)
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25 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
26 Yeah, I understand the motion was to support as
27 modified by the final recommendation by OSM Staff. And
28 I just did want to put it on the record, though, that
29 within the Staff analysis it mentions a couple times
30 that this request is being made, although qualified by
31 saying in part because of the growing scarcity of moose
32 in Unit 19A, and restrictions in Unit 18 precluding
33 folks from hunting and, you know, as Bob mentioned back
34 to his memory people have always hunted over there from
35 those villages and I can recall conversations with the
36 head of Tanana Chiefs and people from the GASH
37 Committee, as well as, you know, Mr. Siemion, folks
38 from KNA from back over 20 years ago when these C&T
39 determinations first came out, this specifically being
40 an issue, so this proposal may be following, you know,
41 the current restrictions but it certainly not -- I
42 wouldn't say it was generated by the -- because it's
43 been an ongoing concern, and of course it's always been
44 couched more in the terms of included Unit 18 as well
45 rather than just the four villages and so I think
46 that's given its acceptance of the Western Interior at
47 this time, I would still contend that there are some
48 Unit 18 villages that should have 21E but it shouldn't
49 preclude them moving forward with this proposal right
50 here.

1 And actually there's -- what they came
2 up right here with is actually a proposed amendment and
3 change to the State Board of Game for switching the
4 boundaries between Unit 18 and 19, 21E, 19 never made
5 it at their meeting last fall.

6
7 Anyway I'm going to support the
8 proposal as modified.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Greg.
11 Any further discussion.

12
13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question was
16 called for. Roll call vote, please, Robert.

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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: All those.....

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20 REPORTER: Bob.

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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Oh, right. Paul
23 Manumik.

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25 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Andrew Brown.

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29 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Harry Wilde.

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33 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.

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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.

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37 MS. GREGORY: I abstain.

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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: Al Unok.

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41 MR. UNOK: Yes.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: Greg Roczicka.

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert Aloysius. Yes.

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49 John Andrew.

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1 MR. J. ANDREW: Yes.
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: William Brown.
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5 MR. W. BROWN: Yes.
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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.
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9 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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13 MR. N. ANDREW: Yes.
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: Evan Polty.
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17 MR. POLTY: Yes.
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Lester Wilde.
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: What is it?
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25 REPORTER: 12 yes, one abstain.
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal passed.
28 Thank you, Robert.
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30 We are going -- let's take a 10 minute
31 break.
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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.
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36 (Off record)
37
38 (On record)
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If it's all right
41 with the Council, I'd like to suspend the rules and
42 hear our Refuge people from our Refuge here, if that's
43 all right with the Council.
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45 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, ma'am.
48
49 MS. GREGORY: I move to suspend the
50 rules to listen to our Refuge.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.
2 Motion's been made to suspend the rules, do I hear a
3 second.
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5 MR. POLTY: Second.
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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded. All in
8 favor say aye.
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10 IN UNISON: Aye.
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.
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14 (No opposing votes)
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried.
17 Mr. Sundown, you are next on the agenda.
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19 (Pause)
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr.
22 Sundown.
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24 MR. SUNDOWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25 Members of the RAC. For the record my name is Robert
26 Sundown. I'm a subsistence resource specialist for the
27 Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.
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29 Thank you for taking this on your
30 agenda. And before you is a special action request
31 that the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge has
32 submitted. There's three versions all attempting to do
33 the same thing. Basically taking into action this year
34 a proposal that was made last year that the RAC
35 supported and the Federal Subsistence Board passed that
36 reduced the caribou season by two weeks. So under
37 normal circumstances the process is June 30th comes
38 about, July 1st comes about the new regulation books
39 are published and the new regs go into effect next
40 year, and next year the season for caribou on Federal
41 land closes the end of February. And the special
42 action request before you basically takes those
43 concerns, because the same concerns that we have for
44 the next several seasons, which the Board addressed are
45 still valid for this season, so we submitted a special
46 action request to reduce the caribou season this year
47 by two weeks on Refuge lands, on Yukon Delta Refuge
48 lands south and east of the Kuskokwim. So basically
49 this would -- if this special action proceeds with your
50 support and the support of the Federal Subsistence

1 Board, the caribou season would end on the 1st of March
2 this year for all users on Yukon Delta National
3 Wildlife Refuge lands.

4
5 So taking the same concerns that you
6 guys addressed several months ago, before, this went
7 before the Federal Subsistence Board, the same concerns
8 still exist today. During the last census that was
9 made in 2008, there were 30,000 caribou down from a
10 couple hundred thousand since, I believe it was 1995,
11 the data's in Page 2 that kind of shows the decline
12 from 1996, 1997 to 30,000 in 2008.

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14 And I guess the concerns that the
15 Refuge has are on several fronts.

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17 The bull ratio and the total numbers
18 are approaching the bottom end of the management
19 objectives. So this was -- the primary reason we'd
20 like to see the actions that were taken for the next
21 several seasons apply this year instead of next.

22
23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
26 Sundown. Any comments or questions from the Council.

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28 MR. UNOK: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Al.

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32 MR. UNOK: How many hunters per year
33 are limited to two per caribou or hunt?

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35 MR. SUNDOWN: Right now there are no
36 limits. You know, anybody who's a Federally-qualified
37 user can go and harvest a two caribou per season. And
38 it's one bull through -- of the two you can harvest,
39 it's one bull through the end of January and two total
40 for the season.

41
42 MR. UNOK: How many hunters are asking
43 in the area?

44
45 MR. SUNDOWN: It's not very well
46 documented. We have a fairly low compliance rate with
47 the harvest ticket program so it's kind of hard to
48 guess. Let's see if I can pull out from the harvest
49 trend, on Page 3 the reported harvest trend has
50 declined as the Mulchatna Caribou Herd declined, the

1 total reported Mulchatna Caribou harvest was 2,171 in
2 2005 but it declined to 516 by 2008 and this is ADF&G's
3 2009 report.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
6 discussion.

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8 Mr. Noah.

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10 MR. N. ANDREW: I got a question here.
11 How often do you, or the Department count these caribou
12 and what's the system they use?

13
14 MR. SUNDOWN: Generally they try to do
15 it as frequently as they can every season, but there's
16 been several problems with weather, a fractioning herd
17 that have prevented the counts for the last three
18 years. There's several good reasons that the counts
19 have not happened, but the general trend has been
20 downwards. There's been some stabilization and, you
21 know, they're fractioning out the herd into an eastern
22 group and a western group but that's not how the herd
23 is managed, it's still managed as a Mulchatna Herd,
24 despite, you know, observations on the side.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.

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28 MR. A. BROWN: Yeah, I have a question.

29
30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Turn your mic on.

31
32 MR. A. BROWN: Looking at this, it
33 looks like in the future there'll be nothing left, in
34 just the three years from 2007 to 2009 45,000 to
35 30,000, you guys got to do something about it before
36 it's totally wiped out, you know, going back to the old
37 days we used to see thousands of reindeers in this area
38 but now we got nothing. Now the caribou's next is the
39 way it looks.

40
41 MR. SUNDOWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 Mr. Brown. That is exactly our concern. And, you
43 know, I think we've got a pretty good track record
44 working with the local population here, both on the
45 Lower Yukon and the middle Yukon and the lower
46 Kuskokwim, whether it's been with a moratorium, which,
47 you know, the people who have agreed to it are
48 benefiting from it now. And I think if we can start to
49 address the concerns of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd by
50 reducing seasons, I think it's a good first step

1 toward, you know, preserving that population for future
2 generations. And that's what we're doing with this
3 special action request now. It's something you guys
4 have already passed, and we're just asking it to be
5 taking effect this year as opposed to next.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Brown.

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9 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any -- turn your
12 mic off please.

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14 Any further -- Mr. Aloysius.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. My question
17 again is always the same, what can the Federal
18 government do to restrict head hunters, and you know
19 exactly what I mean by head hunters.

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21 MR. SUNDOWN: Thank you. You know the
22 out of state sport season has been closed for quite
23 some time now and, you know, there is a legitimate
24 sport harvest that occurs by State residents. You
25 know, no judgment from my part or the Refuge's part on
26 what -- the harvest by and large is occurring and done
27 by local users, there's very little out of state or out
28 of area hunters at this point for harvest. We believe
29 the bulk of the harvest occurs by residents of Unit 18,
30 which is our concern.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Aloysius.

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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: (Thumb's up)

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg. Mr.

37 Roczicka.

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39 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
40 Your rationale's certainly pretty good and as you've
41 said we've already given our support for this to go
42 into effect later on.

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44 I guess I'd just have to wonder what --
45 you know it's pretty late in the game, we're looking at
46 10 days away now, if that, not even that, less than 10
47 days, what do you see for actual -- have you looked at
48 what you might see for an actual saving of animals?
49 You know, are we talking a couple dozen animals and
50 what difference that might make in comparison to the

1 mortality that occurs on the calving grounds; anything
2 of that nature?

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4 MR. SUNDOWN: Through the Chairman.
5 Thank you, again, Mr. Roczicka.

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7 You know the only thing I can do is
8 anecdotally note our efforts at the end of the season
9 for the law enforcement efforts that occur, and, you
10 know, I mean I think everybody in the room who's got
11 ties to Bethel kind of understood the big uproar last
12 year and, you know, there was somewhere between 50 and
13 100 snowmachines noted over the course of several days
14 towards the end of the season last year. I believe it
15 was the 12th or 10th, somewhere between the 10th and
16 12th of March last year that this was happening. So I
17 mean it's -- you know, two weeks, you know, with the
18 moose season closing on the 28th of February, both on
19 the Lower Yukon and the remainder section of the Yukon,
20 there's a natural focus that tends to happen on caribou
21 because it's the only thing left and only thing open at
22 that point. So it's hard to guess anecdotally what it
23 might be. I mean these are just anecdotal observations
24 that we make.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.

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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, okay, and actually
29 you just led right into my next question I was going to
30 ask you. That in putting this special action request
31 forward did you consider and do you still have time
32 actually, and would you be able to put in an additional
33 special action to extend the remainder of Unit 18 moose
34 so that you could have that alternative source of
35 harvest from the remainder of 18 moose to be -- for
36 folks because of this closure that's going to be --
37 come into effect for the caribou.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you want one of
40 the guys to come up here?

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42 MR. SUNDOWN: Yeah, without -- I've got
43 the Refuge manager and the chief biologist here, I'm
44 sure they'd be able to answer that question much better
45 than I can.

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47 MR. PELTOLA: Mr. Chair. Council
48 members. Gene Peltola, Refuge manager, Yukon Delta.
49 That is certainly an option that can be considered, we
50 did not consider it at this time. We have liberalized

1 the season in conjunction with the State of Alaska on
2 several of those occasions the last couple of years.
3 Our immediate concern, which we addressed via this
4 proposal was with direct regard to the Mulchatna
5 Caribou Herd where it comes out and winters out here in
6 the flats. The reason we addressed that is, as Robert
7 said here, in the last couple years, more highlighted
8 last year by our law enforcement efforts, is we have
9 numerous snowmachines towards the end of the season
10 that are out there targeting caribou. And right now as
11 we stand, the last time we were out there flying, a
12 majority of the caribou are in the hills. Now, that
13 doesn't mean necessarily they're going to stay there,
14 they could, but what we're trying to do is be sensitive
15 to the population status of these caribou and looking
16 upon when this herd was at its peak in 1996 we had in
17 excess of 200,000 caribou and we've been aggressively
18 harvesting a declining population up until today -- I
19 mean not today, but at this time. And if you look upon
20 the last photo census which has been conducted, we had
21 30,000 caribou estimated at a time which is the bottom
22 end of the management regime established for this herd.

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24 And in answer to your question, yes,
25 that is something that could be done, we have not
26 considered it, and we didn't act upon -- we acted upon
27 the greater concern, which is the status of the caribou
28 herd.

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30 MR. ROCZICKA: I guess then you can get
31 in a special action request to have that season
32 extended in the remainder of.....

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34 MR. PELTOLA: That is something we
35 could.....

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37 MR. ROCZICKA:18 to replace.....

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39 MR. PELTOLA:we could consider.

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41 MR. ROCZICKA:this and if the
42 Board could move on this one, they could also move the
43 other one.....

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45 MR. PELTOLA: That's something --
46 that's something.....

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48 MR. ROCZICKA:concurrently.

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50 MR. PELTOLA: That's something we could

1 consider and we need to address that independently at
2 the time.
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4 MR. ROCZICKA: But you can do it this
5 year? I'm trying to ask.....
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7 MR. PELTOLA: What's that?
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9 MR. ROCZICKA:will you do it?
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11 MR. PELTOLA: What's that?
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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Will you do that?
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15 MR. PELTOLA: Well, I don't want to get
16 into playing politics with a biological resource
17 saying, I'll do this if we do that. And I think -- and
18 then that's where, in a sense it goes into, if there's
19 a legitimate need from the villages saying that we have
20 not harvested enough animals at this time to meet our
21 needs, and then if a request was coming through we'd
22 consider it, yes we would.
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24 MR. ROCZICKA: And I had just asked --
25 I didn't intend to make any kind of insinuation that
26 there was a trading of politics here, it's providing an
27 alternative for something that was there as an
28 expectation.....
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30 MR. PELTOLA: Yes. Well.....
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32 MR. ROCZICKA:on the table and
33 a.....
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35 MR. PELTOLA: Okay, yeah, I apologize
36 if.....
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38 MR. ROCZICKA:given, and it's
39 immediately.....
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41 REPORTER: One at a time, please, let
42 Greg finish.
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44 MR. PELTOLA:that was -- if it's
45 -- I didn't.....
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47 MR. ROCZICKA:available.....
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49 MR. PELTOLA: Yeah.
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1 MR. ROCZICKA: And what I was asking
2 you, is that, are we there -- is it possible within the
3 process and is it something you would pursue?

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5 MR. PELTOLA: Yeah. And I said we
6 would consider it, yes.

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8 MR. ROCZICKA: I guess the only other
9 thing and you kind of touched on it that I was
10 wondering about is how many animals are there left
11 actually in 18 now out of those 30,000; what likelihood
12 -- well, you can never guess whether they're going to
13 stay here or not.

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15 MR. PELTOLA: And -- Mr. Chair, if I
16 could address that. You know, the way that the Fish
17 and Wildlife Service has participated in the census of
18 this herd is that we've cooperated with the Alaska
19 Department of Fish and Game. We provided fuel and
20 aircraft and some of the radio collars, we have a small
21 portion of the herd that is radio collared and try to
22 identify where they're calving. Traditionally the
23 Department comes through with a Beaver that has a
24 camera in the bottom of the plane, when this herd was
25 calving in one large aggregation, one large group and
26 the snow conditions are right, you could fly over the
27 top of them and take a series of photographs, take
28 those series of photographs and started counting
29 numbers and it took several months -- months to come up
30 with a minimum estimate. Similar to what they've done
31 with the Western Arctic Caribou Herd up north. Now, it
32 appears that the caribou are calving in up to three
33 distinct groups, we haven't had the conditions -- the
34 weather or the snow conditions properly to do that. In
35 addition there are not those large groups or
36 aggregations anymore so it makes it very difficult to
37 come up with an estimate. And so the last one was done
38 several years ago because at the time they were still
39 together in a big group and all the conditions were
40 right and it was easily done, that hasn't been the case
41 in the last several years, and that's why we have not
42 -- we, or meaning game managers have not come up with a
43 good estimate on the size of this herd. If you look in
44 the composition we had this slight little increase in
45 the composition this last time around through October,
46 but if you look at the trends of that there is a
47 continual decline in the bull/cow ratios and the
48 calf/cow ratios and in some of them they're between the
49 fourth and seventh lowest ever recorded in the 24 to 26
50 years that composition -- composition has occurred on

1 this herd.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: This is just kind of a
4 side one, but has there been any indication -- well,
5 you probably don't have it with you -- whether we might
6 be seeing some of these satellite herds reestablishing
7 like we used to have for the Glenwood Herd and, you
8 know, up Canyon Creek for calving areas and such?

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10 MR. PELTOLA: Mr. Chair. To address
11 that, as I stated, you know, there seems to be three
12 different calving areas now and that's usually
13 indicative of, you know, herd identification. And as
14 far as -- they may be establishing in different areas
15 and remaining there.

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17 And we have a small number of satellite
18 collars -- excuse me, radio collars out but I don't
19 recall whether they're satellite or radio, I believe
20 they're satellite, used to identify where these areas
21 are. It could be at the point now but I would not like
22 to speculate any further but they may have different
23 summer and calving -- wintering ranges now so they
24 could be splitting off into different areas and
25 establishing like sub-herds, but at this time, you
26 know, the Department, nor the Fish and Wildlife Service
27 have taken the stance to managing other than one common
28 herd and that's what's been commonly done over the
29 years.

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31 There has been very recent discussions
32 about initiating, once again, the Mulchatna Caribou
33 Herd working group to address some concerns and we look
34 forward to working as part of that group to address
35 some of the concerns that we and other managers have
36 about this herd itself.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Just a minute I had
39 a couple of questions over here.

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41 Ms. Gregory.

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43 MS. GREGORY: I haven't had caribou all
44 winter, no moose, if it wasn't for my Yup'ik lifestyle
45 I wouldn't have gotten no moose meat or any kind of
46 meat all winter but because we have that kind of
47 people, people been bringing me and I've been able to
48 get by but I'd like to get fresh one for my own. But
49 my hunger is not because of health reasons. And
50 there's people like me who'd like to have fresh meat

1 but there's nobody to hunt for them, that hunter
2 designation, if it's in effect, does it go under
3 regulations too?

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5 MR. PELTOLA: Mr. Chair. To address
6 that, Mary, I was -- Mary, I'm in a similar boat as you
7 are, I had a medical condition where I couldn't get out
8 to hunt and I actually relied on moose meat from
9 different people also and as far as the designated
10 hunter permit under the Federal system, any Federally-
11 qualified user which has a hunting license, and Greg's
12 been working on a project, you know, to try to get an
13 increased harvest on the Lower Yukon, yes, someone can
14 go out and hunt for you as long as you have the
15 appropriate, you know, license and tags.

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17 MS. GREGORY: I do have that license.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Just a minute.
20 James, and then we'll get back to you. Go ahead,
21 James. There's a couple of questions more.

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23 MR. CHARLES; Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
24 I'm like Greg, I'd like to see the special action
25 extension for moose because our hunters, this winter
26 has been holding off because weather was too cold to go
27 out caribou hunting or moose hunting and weather
28 finally got warmed up and people can go out, either way
29 for moose or caribou, but the special action request
30 now is to close both of them at the same time. That's
31 what I don't like to see. I'd like to see the
32 alternate for other, so I'm like Greg, I'd like to see
33 the extension for moose, a special action request
34 extension for moose.

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36 Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any -- go ahead.

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40 MR. SUNDOWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
41 Members of the RAC.

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43 I guess all I can say about that is if
44 we can biologically afford it and the folks who look at
45 the numbers can look at that, it will get our best
46 shot. And with regard to the caribou season in Unit
47 18, it's not the whole Unit 18, it's just the Yukon
48 Delta Refuge within Unit 18, so the area south of us
49 and the Togiak Refuge, which is near Quinhagak and
50 Goodnews Bay will still be open. So it's just the area

1 immediately east of this area. So it's a much smaller
2 portion of Unit 18 than people think, so it's not all
3 of Unit 18.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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7 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.

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11 MS. GREGORY: Does that mean that south
12 of us, the season will still be from August 1 to March
13 15th?

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15 MR. SUNDOWN: Mr. Chairman, correct.
16 For this season.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Just a
19 minute, did we have one question down there -- who was
20 that, go ahead.

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22 MR. N. ANDREW: I assume this is the
23 right time to bring this information out, how often --
24 when was the last time you guys observed these moose
25 maybe down Yukon or right where the hunting and around
26 this area.

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28 MR. SUNDOWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
29 Mr. Andrew. We're right about to end conducting our
30 most latest moose survey, we're doing the Andreadfsky
31 Unit for the Unit 18 remainder. We think that's going
32 to be done today. We've got less than a dozen blocks
33 left to do and that's been ongoing for several weeks
34 and we expect that to be done today in terms of the
35 last time we did a moose census.

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37 MR. N. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. For my
38 concern and the concern of the hunters, I've heard some
39 -- probably some rumors but I need to bring that out to
40 see seek some advice coming from us to you, I heard
41 recently, in the last week or so, about some moose camp
42 or moose -- small moose being killed by this very cold
43 winter, this winter sometime and they're abundant in
44 the Lower Yukon if I bring out what I heard from other
45 people, and it's very -- just the other day, this
46 fellow came about and tell me, this White sportshunter
47 -- just I hate to refer to people here -- but he said
48 that he killed about 20 to 25 moose and left some of
49 them in the Yukon area. And I also heard some Yukon
50 youths was hunting moose and they count about 14 moose

1 dead on the area and I'd like you to stop this nonsense
2 here. That's my food, that's my livelihood. You guys
3 need to be very special -- especially watch these
4 incidents.

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6 Do you have any comment to that?

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8 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr.

11 Peltola.

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13 MR. PELTOLA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

14 Yes, actually the first reports we heard of dead moose
15 for this winter were while Robert and I were attending
16 the Federal Subsistence Board, there was a group of 12
17 or 14 animals which were found, reportedly, you know,
18 dead, laying down like they fell asleep and they didn't
19 wake up, now we've also heard reports of numerous moose
20 around the mainstem of the Yukon from -- going from St.
21 Mary's down stream, down to Emmo along the river
22 scattered throughout there -- anywhere from -- if you
23 total all the numbers together, assuming that there's
24 any overlap, which there may or may not be, anywhere
25 from 30 to 35 moose found this winter. When discussing
26 with individuals whether they're shot and left or
27 whether people -- people reported felt that they were
28 shot and left or wasted they said, no, it looked like
29 they laid down and fell asleep and they didn't wake up.

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31 Now, with the weather that we
32 experience here locally in Bethel and down in the Lower
33 Yukon for the density of the moose we have there, some
34 of the moose are spending their winters in fringe
35 habitat which may not be the greatest for cold weather,
36 the deep snow we had, we could probably expect some of
37 that to occur. And part of the reasons why we
38 liberalized the seasons over the last year or two with
39 regard -- with the State of Alaska is to try to
40 minimize that as much as we could by reducing the
41 harvest there.

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43 You know the last survey we did on the
44 Lower Yukon was several years ago and we have thousands
45 of moose down there, we're working on the GMU Remainder
46 or from St. Mary's upstream to Ouhamuit and there -- or
47 towards Russian, and we probably have a lot more moose
48 there than we did when we surveyed them, you know, five
49 or six years ago. That may become a common -- a more
50 common occurrence in the future, depending on the

1 winter conditions we have.

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3 So -- and there's -- Mr. Chair, if I
4 could -- let's see -- well, I lost my train of thought
5 there, so I apologize.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more discussion
8 on the special action request.

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10 Mr. Brown.

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12 MR. W. BROWN: You said Togiak Refuge,
13 is it similar to moose lie down in Quinhagak?

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15 MR. SUNDOWN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
16 Mr. Brown. I don't believe so, you know, there's five
17 units within Unit 18 that are separately managed for
18 moose. And the Kuskokwim along with the area around
19 Quinhagak and Goodnews Bay are probably the least
20 populated for moose in terms of their health. There's
21 still a season that remains down there for those two
22 units, I think it's still the main Kuskokwim stem
23 that's probably the most restricted.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Let me remind the
26 Council, we were discussing special action request;
27 let's keep your questions to that, and we'll go ahead.
28 You got any questions or anything on this special
29 action request, Mr. Brown?

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31 MR. W. BROWN: I have a concern about
32 those hunters from my area like in Eek, due to the sub-
33 weather last whole month or so, nobody able to go out
34 hunting because it's too cold and they'll surprised,
35 you know, if they find out that you guys are going to
36 close it for the 1st of March instead of 15th because
37 they couldn't be able to go out because of the sub-
38 weather. Could that be possible to extend the closure
39 this year for -- they might be surprised if I tell them
40 that -- it's short notice.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Peltola. I
43 have too many misters going on my head, I got to think
44 which one is which -- go ahead, Mr. Peltola.

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46 MR. PELTOLA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
47 think to address Greg's question earlier, and then
48 James and now Mr. Brown, is that, the temporal aspect
49 of the proposal, special action request which we
50 submitted, we submitted the original special action

1 request about a week and a half ago and we're getting
2 to the point probably here today or so where that
3 proposal would be forwarded on for consideration by the
4 Federal Subsistence Board. Now, I can't make any
5 guarantees, but my gut feeling is that before they
6 could do a poll of the Federal Subsistence Board it'll
7 probably be the middle or end of next week, probably in
8 the best case scenario, which would surpass the
9 original proposal, the line of February 29th, or end of
10 February. If that was the case, if the Federal
11 Subsistence Board did support the special action
12 request, then it probably wouldn't take effect until
13 the following week. Now, that's all speculation but
14 looking upon the timing of things, if it would be
15 addressed by the Federal Subsistence Board and it was
16 supported by the Federal Subsistence Board, I think the
17 time limitations in order to address the special action
18 request may not be able to be met prior to the end of
19 February and if that was the case and if they did
20 support it, like I said, if the Federal Subsistence
21 Board did support this special action request and
22 proceeded with it, it probably wouldn't be initiated
23 until the following week.

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25 So in a sense there may be a delay if
26 it was supported by the Federal Subsistence Board.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
29 questions.

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31 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chair.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik. Mr.
34 Brown, does that answer your question; does that take
35 care of you?

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37 MR. W. BROWN: (Nods affirmatively)

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, go ahead, Mr.
40 Manumik.

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42 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
43 On your harvest of caribou you have eight months, that
44 needs to be reduced. That's the first thing that needs
45 to be reduced. There's too much time being given to
46 the people to hunt caribou. And it only should be bull
47 because in the fall time when -- I mean the summer --
48 springtime when the calves are born the mothers need to
49 take care of them so they can survive the next coming
50 winter, that's why you need to only address bulls in

1 the opening of the season.

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3 And I would also like to share what we
4 went through in the Yukon about the moose. James
5 Charles wants an extension, we went through the same
6 thing that these people are going through here in the
7 Kuskokwim River when we first opened the moose season
8 in the Lower Yukon, weather was always bad, the winter
9 was always, always cold, you can't go out. That's why
10 they tripled, doubled, you know, every year the calves
11 were being taken care of by their mother. Right now
12 when the moose season opens young kids take moose,
13 calves, bulls, young calves and mothers, or cows, they
14 take them and the young calves got no one to take care
15 of them. Right now, this past couple of months in that
16 cold season, there was lots of young calves dead out
17 there, froze to death, no mother to take care of them,
18 even dogs were killing them, young calves, so you need
19 to address when you open the moose season, bulls only.
20 Caribou, bulls only. So the young ones can be taken
21 care of by their mothers.

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23 That's all I want to say, Mr. Chairman,
24 thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
27 discussion on -- go ahead and then we'll get back to
28 you.

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30 MR. SUNDOWN: Yeah, I guess to address
31 Mr. Manumik's concern, yes, we feel like we're behind,
32 biologically we feel like we're behind on caribou, like
33 we're not acting fast enough. And I guess over the
34 course of the last year we've submitted proposals --
35 attempted to work with the local managers at the State
36 to bring forth different solutions and bring forth the
37 solutions to the RAC and the Federal Subsistence Board.
38 And, you know, I suppose this is the latest attempt for
39 us to not fall behind, we feel like we're behind
40 already with regard to the caribou herd and how we
41 manage it. So I guess in answering you we'd like the
42 help of the RAC and the general population herein Unit
43 18 to say we can do something to reverse that or stop
44 it, and get it going in a positive direction again,
45 because we do feel like we're behind the eight ball.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.
48 Andrew.

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50 MR. J. ANDREW: Yeah, thank you, Mr.

1 Chairman.

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3 (In Yup'ik)

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5 Just the way it's written it's not
6 acceptable to me because perhaps when I first heard
7 about it back in December, brought it up to our
8 Council, they weren't too happy with it but they took
9 no action because they never expected to see it on the
10 table because they'd be more comfortable if you'd bring
11 it up on the next regulatory cycle. It'll come to this
12 one but, you know, we don't want to shove it down their
13 throat. It's frustrating at times.

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15 I feel a little bit better, thank you.

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17 (Laughter)

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19 MR. J. ANDREW: Quyana.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You're welcome.

22 Any further discussion.

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24 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik.

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28 MR. MANUMIK: In 13 years, the moose
29 dropped down from 200 to 30,000.....

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Caribou.

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33 MR. MANUMIK: I mean caribou, I'm sorry.

34 Thank you, Bob.

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36 That's too big of a drop for, you know,
37 mother's dinner table, you need to do something. You
38 can't let it go on like the way it is going. Maybe
39 next season, next fall you'll still see another big
40 drop if nothing happens from here on. And the season
41 needs to be regulated more, the season's too long. In
42 order to save what's left in 13 years from 200 to
43 30,000, that's too much.

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45 Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
48 discussion on the special action request. Mr. Al.

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50 MR. UNOK: What about the predators,

1 the wolves are increasing too or what?

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr.....

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5 MR. PELTOLA: Mr. Peltola.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MR. PELTOLA: Thanks, Lester. I'll
12 address the question and then I have one more probably
13 closing statement unless we have any other questions
14 for us.

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16 You know there is some predation that
17 occurs on the caribou herd out here. If you look at
18 the distribution, or I mean excuse me, not
19 distribution, but if you look at the composition of the
20 herd where we have reduced cow ratios, we have reduced
21 calf/cow ratios, the biggest concern is with a
22 reduction in the bull size that -- that segment of the
23 herd. Now, depending which area you believe or do not
24 believe predation -- predator control may or may not
25 have an affect on the population. Now the State of
26 Alaska has approved a predator control program in 17B
27 east of the Refuge. When that was brought forth at the
28 Federal Subsistence Board one of the RAC members there,
29 from a different RAC, other than here, made a comment
30 that in the short-term that that may address some
31 productivity questions of the herd but that isn't the
32 real concern of this herd at this time, we're looking
33 at the reduced bull/cow ratios. So that's the predator
34 aspect of it.

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36 We are lucky in a sense that when we do
37 have predators out here, we, on the river are also very
38 effective predators and people have been utilizing
39 those predator species out there, be it harvest for
40 ruffs and you name it for material. So there is -- and
41 actually if you talk to people, right out of Bethel,
42 around in villages here on the Kuskokwim going up to
43 the hill towards the east they haven't been seeing very
44 much sign up there this year, that's totally anecdotal
45 from what people have mentioned to us. So I think
46 there's that -- does that address your question.

47

48 MR. UNOK: (Nods affirmatively)

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

1 MR. PELTOLA: And what I'd like to say
2 probably in closing, unless there's other questions for
3 us, is that, the Refuge putting forth this proposal and
4 in no means is an attempt to restrict or stop people
5 from harvesting caribou or going out to hunt. Our
6 concern is that if you look at the reduction in the
7 herd, like Mr. Manumik alluded to, from 1996 on, the
8 population has been declining like this, the higher
9 harvest rate, the bottom end will continue to be
10 lowered. What we're attempting to do is try to
11 decrease the slope of that decline in the population
12 such that it doesn't take longer to recover. And so
13 we're not trying to stop people from hunting, what
14 we're trying to do is to try to decrease the slope of
15 the decline such that it takes less time in the long
16 run to recover so we will have a sustainable
17 subsistence source in the future.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
20 Peltola. Any further questions, discussion on
21 emergency request -- Mr. Brown.

22
23 MR. A. BROWN: Yes. I want to say
24 something about this. My understanding.....

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Turn his mic on.

27
28 MS. GREGORY: Can't hear you.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mic. Mic.

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32 MR. A. BROWN: Is to make sure Fish and
33 Game, they're not gone or reduced to very -- we see the
34 caribou here, that it's declining very rapidly,
35 unbelievable, and these guys here, their job is to
36 watch, make sure they're properly managed. That's what
37 -- I'm backing them up. Make sure the whole caribou is
38 not totally wiped out. You know we heard this, you
39 know, from both of you. And I'm very glad you guys are
40 bringing this to us, you know, our job is to watch Fish
41 and Game -- fish or game so that they would sustain as
42 more in the future instead of totally wiped out.

43
44 I back this proposal, Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
47 Brown.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
2 discussion on the -- yes, Madame.
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4 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)
5
6 And I don't like to be railroaded into
7 doing something that wasn't priorly announced and let
8 me remind the RAC, that we are standing for people that
9 we represent, not somebody else. I'm here to advocate
10 for my elders, and I want them to have their life fully
11 because there's a few of them left and what's two
12 weeks, from March 1 to March 15th.
13
14 (In Yup'ik)
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16 We should give our people the
17 opportunity to exercise their right as Native people to
18 live off the land.
19
20 (In Yup'ik)
21
22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23
24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Ma'am.
25 Any further discussion.
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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Come on up and say
30 what you have to say, anything -- as long as it's
31 concerning the special action request that's before us.
32
33 MR. WILLIAMS: Quyana, Mr. Chairman.
34
35 Jackson Williams.
36
37 (In Yup'ik)
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39 Four years, I think, around there.
40 Falltime moose season, five years, maybe.
41
42 Anyway, I look at this (In Yup'ik).
43
44 I never seen so many wolf my lifetime.
45 I'm telling you (In Yup'ik). Holy cow, run like crazy,
46 I tell you. Next day I went up again, observed, I
47 counted five. I can see with my binocular.
48
49 (In Yup'ik)
50

1 I saw them. I witnessed that.
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3 So we stayed there another couple days.
4
5 (In Yup'ik)
6
7 Holy cow. Caribou. Wolf. I never seen
8 so many caribous in one spot in my life, so many.
9
10 But, anyway, last year or two years ago
11 my boy went snowmobiling across Akiak toward Spain
12 Mountain, in between, when he returned early, I ask him
13 how come you come, I thought you went caribou hunting,
14 no, I seen so many wolf tracks (In Yup'ik) so many.
15 That same -- no, no month later, January, I went
16 Anchorage, and this guy from Kwethluk, telling me same
17 story, (In Yup'ik) that same winter, same thing
18 happened to him, he returned, why, so many wolf tracks.
19
20 (In Yup'ik)
21
22 They are very large.
23
24 Doi. Quyana.
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Quyana. Any
27 further discussion on the emergency action, special
28 action.
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30 Mr. Aloysius.
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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: I just have one comment.
33 We are dealing with an emergency, that's why it was
34 brought here on an emergency basis.
35
36 Thank you.
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Robert.
39 Go ahead.
40
41 MR. ALEXIE: Yeah, my name is Nicholai
42 Alexie from Kwethluk.
43
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you testifying
45 or are you discussing this proposal.
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47 MR. ALEXIE: Discussing this action.
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
50

1 MR. ALEXIE: On this action, special
2 action (In Yup'ik), you got to give us two choices, if
3 they close it early, you have to open it so they'll
4 have a choice.

5
6 Quayana.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If they close it
9 early they have to open it, what do you mean?

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11 MR. ALEXIE: If they close it for the
12 caribou, they have to extend it for the moose.

13
14 (In Yup'ik)

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for your
17 comments.

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19 Any further discussion on the proposal.

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21 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik.

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25 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.
26 Members of the Board. And.....

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We're not Board,
29 we're Council members.

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31 MR. MANUMIK: Members of the Council
32 and general public that's here. It's good to hear from
33 you. Thank you.

34
35 And, Mr. Jackson, when we -- when I
36 suggested to shorten the season, I was also thinking
37 that Mr. Sundown would think of doing it in windows,
38 you know, open so long here and then close for awhile
39 and open again and close for awhile, you know, in that
40 matter you might be saving more calves than you would
41 be letting them go out and get killed. Same thing with
42 the moose, do it in windows throughout the year.

43
44 Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Sundown, do you
47 have any comments.

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49 MR. SUNDOWN: Yeah, through the Chair.
50 Mr. Manumik.

1 We proposed a proposal last year to
2 close a window, kind of in the middle of the season for
3 just under three months from October through December
4 20th, I believe it was, and I don't think that passed
5 through the RAC process or through the Federal
6 Subsistence Board process and so we -- it did not. So
7 we're looking for different ways to address the problem
8 working with the RAC and working with others. And, you
9 know, it's a process so we try to work within the
10 process and see what's palatable to the public as a
11 whole, as well.

12
13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
14 Sundown. Mr. Manumik, a couple more and then we'll
15 have to make a decision on this pretty quick because we
16 got a lot of work to do yet.

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18 MR. UNOK: Mr. Chairman.

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20 MR. MANUMIK: Okay. To help, in the
21 Yukon we went to cold weather, stormy weather in the
22 summertime, couldn't go out, so that's why I suggested
23 the window system. So you might hit one day of good
24 hunting weather that you can get your game.

25
26 Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Al.

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30 MR. UNOK: This emergency order is
31 already in effect and.....

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, it's not in
34 effect.

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36 MR. UNOK: It's not in effect yet.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: They're asking for
39 your decision on what you want to do with it. That's
40 what I'm asking you.

41
42 MR. UNOK: Okay. You want us to make a
43 motion?

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It would be nice if
46 there was a motion, it sure would.

47
48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. UNOK: I'll so move then.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Move to support the
2 emergency special action request, is that your motion?
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4 MR. UNOK: Yes.
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You heard the
7 motion, do I hear a second.
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9 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.
12 Roczicka. Do I hear any further discussion.
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14 (No comments)
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question called
19 for. Roll call vote.....
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21 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:please.
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25 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, ma'am.
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29 MS. GREGORY: The motion, he just said
30 I so move, so what'd he move for. Can you put the
31 motion in writing.
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, it's here.
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35 MS. GREGORY: I know.
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion he made
38 was to support the Federal emergency special action
39 request.
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41 MS. GREGORY: To do what? What does it
42 say in there?
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: We've been talking about
45 it all this time.
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47 MS. GREGORY: No, no, no, Mr. Al.....
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49 REPORTER: Mary. Mary.
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1 MS. GREGORY:is asking for.....
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Turn on your mic,
4 madame, please.
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6 MS. GREGORY: Okay. It says close (In
7 Yup'ik) on March 1, that doesn't stipulate that; the
8 motion didn't say to -- this special action is to close
9 the caribou season by March 1, 2012.
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that your
12 motion.
13
14 MS. GREGORY: No. The motion maker
15 should always make sure that the motions are clearly
16 understood.
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, thank you,
19 Mary.
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21 Did you hear that Mr. Al.
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23 MR. UNOK: Yes, I heard it.
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, could you do
26 it -- would you like to restate your motion.
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28 MR. UNOK: For the date.
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Would you like to
31 restate this motion that you just made.
32
33 MR. UNOK: Okay.
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, point of
36 order.
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38 MR. UNOK: Yes, I'll restate it.
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: The motion addressed the
41 request and the request is to.....
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, okay, I stand
44 corrected.
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS:close March 1.
47 It's as simple as that.
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I stand corrected,
50 thank you, Robert.

1 Is that understood, Ms. Gregory?
2
3 MS. GREGORY: Yes, sir.
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Now,
6 let's proceed.
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8 There's a motion on the floor, seconded
9 and asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Secretary, would
10 you please call the roll.
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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: William Brown.
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14 REPORTER: Bob, please.
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Oh, sorry. William
17 Brown.
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19 MR. W. BROWN: No.
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.
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23 MR. CHARLES: No.
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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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27 MR. N. ANDREW: Abstain. I didn't
28 catch that -- who's making it.
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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: Evan Polty.
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32 MR. POLTY: I abstain.
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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: Lester Wilde.
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Paul Manumik.
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40 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.
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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: Andrew Brown.
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44 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Harry Wilde.
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48 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.
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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.

1 MS. GREGORY: No.
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Aloysius Unok.
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5 MR. UNOK: Yes.
6
7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Greg Roczicka.
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9 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.
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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert Aloysius. Yes.
12 John Andrew.
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14 MR. J. ANDREW: No.
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Did somebody keep count.
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, would you
19 please give us a count.
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Ahhhh.
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23 (Laughter)
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25 REPORTER: 4 no, 7 yes, 2 abstain.
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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: What she said.
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29 (Laughter)
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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. So motion
32 carried.
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34 MR. KRON: So 7, 4, 2.
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 7, 4, 2.
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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Two abstained.
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40 MR. KRON: Two abstained.
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion carries.
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: You all heard that,
45 motion carried.
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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49 MR. SUNDOWN: One more issue, Mr.
50 Chairman, and members of the RAC.

1 Regardless of whether this passes or
2 not through the Federal Subsistence Board process, we
3 will look into the extension of the moose season,
4 either in remainder or Lower Yukon, but what they
5 typically like to see when that happens is some sort of
6 voice or some sort of feedback from the RAC, and if you
7 guys could take action on that at some point during
8 your meeting, if we happen to request it, they're going
9 to want to know.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If I might say my
12 two cents worth, that's exactly what they'll ask you.
13 They'll ask you if there's something else to take the
14 place of what we're taking out. So I'm sure that's
15 going to come forward and they always do anyway.

16

17 MR. SUNDOWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18 And if there's something the RAC can say with that
19 effect, totally separate on a separate issue, that way
20 there's public record from the RAC on an extension of
21 some sort.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
24 Sundown.

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26 Mr. Roczicka, you got a motion.

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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair. Yeah,
29 actually I was holding off making this or bringing it
30 part of the other discussion since the concern was
31 raised about how we might be playing politics with it
32 and things of that nature. But I would like to move
33 that the RAC would -- he's gone already, but I was
34 going to ask him if he would be willing to co-sponsor
35 that we would sign on as a co-sponsor for a special
36 action request to the Federal Subsistence Board for
37 that additional 15 days, from the time they take action
38 on this, not since it becomes a timeline, so that we
39 could get the additional two weeks, so effective upon
40 their action and I would invoke the three criteria,
41 that they consistently say that they are supposed to
42 defer to the Regional Advisory Councils on; that it's
43 biologically sound, and it's not detrimental to
44 subsistence and it's consistent with sound biological
45 management principles, all three of those criteria are
46 met from this Council; and that that would be included
47 as part of that, and that we'd be co-sponsors with the
48 Refuge on that special action. And ask for their
49 expedited consideration as well.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Is that a motion, Mr.
2 Chair.
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary, go ahead.
5
6 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) I second the
7 motion.
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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. That's
10 the motion and discussion all in one so he didn't make
11 it short, you know.....
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13 (Laughter)
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS:precise and concise
16 so we can understand it better. Because it gets too
17 long.
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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Justify your motion
20 before you get your motion seconded.
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22 Go ahead, did you have something --
23 there was a motion and a second.
24
25 Was there a second?
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27 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)
28
29 MR. ALOYSIUS: What is the motion?
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31 MR. ROCZICKA: For an extension of the
32 remainder of Unit 18 moose season for 15 days.
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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: The Feds regulation or
35 the State regulation?
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: On Federal, yes, for
38 special action.
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: For the Feds or the
41 State or both?
42
43 MR. ROCZICKA: Federal. This is
44 Federal.
45
46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay.
47
48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You heard the
49 motion, do I hear a second.
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1 REPORTER: Mary seconded it.
2
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Ms.
4 Gregory.
5
6 Any further discussion on the motion to
7 extend the moose season for 15 days.
8
9 Mr. Sundown.
10
11 MR. SUNDOWN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
12 If the vote can reflect remainder, Lower or both.
13
14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Is that all
15 right with the motion maker?
16
17 MR. ROCZICKA: I said remainder so that
18 didn't include the lowest section, correct, yeah, okay,
19 so on the Yukon side the current open seasons would be
20 extended, so, yes, remainder and lower.
21
22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that okay with
23 the second.
24
25 MS. GREGORY: I concur.
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any further
28 discussion on the motion.
29
30 MR. ALOYSIUS: Just so I understand,
31 lowest Yukon, and the remainder.
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Not Lower Yukon because
36 that.....
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah.
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.
41
42 MR. J. ANDREW: All of Unit 18.
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, no, no.
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46 MR. J. ANDREW: Mr. Chair. My question
47 is, he said remainder of Unit 18, when you say
48 remainder of Unit 18 they usually talk about Lower
49 Yukon, what about on the south side of the Kuskokwim.
50

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.
2
3 MR. ROCZICKA: The remainder of Unit 18
4 and the Lower Yukon is across the Johnson River by
5 definition, excluding the Kuskokwim drainage. So the
6 current areas that are open would be that.
7
8 MR. J. ANDREW: What I'd like to say is
9 east of the -- the east side, too, over here, that'll
10 be a fair decision.
11
12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion is
13 understood.
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15 MR. POLTY: Mr. Chair.
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is the motion
18 understood?
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20 MR. POLTY: Yeah, I have a question.
21 I'm confused on the remainder, Unit 18.
22
23 REPORTER: Evan. Your microphone.
24
25 MR. POLTY: I got a question, if
26 they're going to extend it, is that the extension
27 starting from up around Johnson River around down to --
28 not -- from Yukon on down, so half of the Unit 18.
29
30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does anybody have a
31 map that we can look at?
32
33 MR. ROCZICKA: It would be the Yukon
34 drainage of Unit 18 with the existing boundaries that
35 are there, if we start trying to adjust boundaries
36 around -- right now those lines are delineated as the
37 Johnson River on the Yukon drainage in Unit 18.
38
39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
40
41 All right, there you go. Here is your
42 map, pass that on.
43
44 (Pause)
45
46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There's Unit 18
47 right there.
48
49 (Pause)
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1 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair,
2 right here.
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick.
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6 MR. A. NICK: I did bring only a
7 limited copy of the map that Tina's distributing
8 because that's all that I found in my office.
9
10 Mr. Chair.
11
12 MR. POLTY: Where are we going to start
13 from for two weeks, from that Johnson River along down
14 to the lower area, around remaining 18?
15
16 MR. ROCZICKA: The current areas that
17 are open would be extended by two weeks, so the
18 remainder of Unit 18, being Mountain Village on up to
19 Piamuit and the Lower Yukon from Mountain down to Emmo.
20
21 MR. POLTY: So otherwise the whole Unit
22 18.
23
24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No.
25
26 MR. ROCZICKA: No, the Yukon drainage
27 of Unit 18 and the remainder.
28
29 MR. POLTY: Yukon drainage then, okay.
30 Okay, I'm clarified on that now. Thank you very much.
31
32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr. Rivard,
33 I know you're going to add something to this.
34
35 MR. RIVARD: Yes, I would ask you to
36 clarify something else, and this is only if caribou is
37 closed?
38
39 MR. ROCZICKA: No.
40
41 MR. RIVARD: No, it's not, it would be
42 closed whether or not you want an extension of two
43 weeks.
44
45 Okay, I just wanted to clarify.
46
47 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I
48 stated that up front that we didn't want to make one
49 conditional on the other and that was brought out in
50 the discussion earlier.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And biologically is
2 this sound?

3
4 MR. DOOLITTLE: Tom Doolittle, Deputy
5 Refuge Manager, Yukon Delta. Right now we're in the
6 process in the Middle Yukon to get the density data
7 done. This is the last day of flying it. That survey
8 had not been done since 2002. We know that there are
9 more and more moose obviously in that area than there
10 was in 2002, but we can comment for sure after we have
11 the data in on the density for that area, whether it
12 can biologically sustain the harvest in Unit 18
13 remainder.

14
15 The lowest Yukon, Mountain down, we do
16 have the data that supports, you know, the biological
17 harvest and the need and, thus, that's why it has one
18 of the most liberal moose seasons in the history of the
19 state. So when we look at that, obviously it's not a
20 biological issue from Mountain Village down. There has
21 been some concern, that's, again, the morality of the
22 individual hunter to make the decision on how late they
23 want to harvest cows, and that's just for the
24 development of the youngsters in those cows, and that
25 was brought up by previous RACs before when we
26 suggested this. So it's going to be really the
27 decision of the villages and the RACs and the proposal
28 to really ask their communities, you know, about what
29 they really view the season extension doing for their
30 individual communities.

31
32 For the lowest Yukon it's not a
33 biological issue, there's plenty of moose.

34
35 In the middle Yukon we don't have the
36 data, we will within a week.

37
38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And one thing that
39 you might take into consideration was this is one of
40 the worst winters that's ever been recorded in our area
41 and so it kept a lot of our -- us hunters, including
42 myself, from actually going out and doing our
43 harvesting that we usually do every year, so you might
44 take that into consideration.

45
46 Thank you.

47
48 MR. DOOLITTLE: Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further

1 discussion on the proposed motion.

2

3 (No comments)

4

5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's -- one
8 more statement, Mary, go ahead.

9

10 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, if this one goes
11 through, how long does it take for this to take effect?
12 Like right now, where is it going?

13

14 MR. SUNDOWN: Right now the Federal
15 Subsistence Board is going to be polled to see if they
16 even take it up. So I mean there's no guarantee
17 either way whether or not they're going to address it.

18

19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, we
20 understand.

21

22 MR. SUNDOWN: And it's going to be the
23 same thing with the lower Yukon and remainder, moose,
24 if a special action request is made by us.

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26 So what I'm trying to do is to just
27 remove procedural obstacles that may exist. I mean
28 they're going to want to know what your opinion is and
29 me suggesting that is just trying to clear a procedural
30 obstacle.

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32 MS. GREGORY: So it's okay to hunt.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There is a motion
35 on the floor, the question is called for -- is there a
36 statement you'd like to make, Mr. Charles.

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38 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
39 And if this goes through, you folks should let the
40 hunters understand because I learn from my mistake last
41 summer. I didn't clearly understand the closure on
42 Kuskokwim River and so you folks -- you got enough RITs
43 here to translate it in Yup'ik and not every one of us
44 speak English at home and so if this goes through you
45 should make the hunters understand clearly, that way
46 they know where to hunt, what they're taking; just make
47 them understand.

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49 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.
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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
4 And I guess more towards this, it was brought up
5 earlier, too, about whether or not to include the
6 State, and as I understand it under the State
7 regulations, the area manager does not need the
8 permission of the Board to extend the season. They
9 would if it was to increase the bag limit or change the
10 harvest, you know, for sex or something like that. But
11 I believe -- I was wondering if there might be that
12 avenue to our area manager and it wouldn't require a
13 special action request; if you could look into that as
14 well. If not, that's why the motion's here.
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16 MR. SUNDOWN: Regardless of the
17 outcome, like I said, we will begin discussions with
18 the State immediately, today.
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's on the
21 floor.
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23 MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Wilde.
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27 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah, if anything going
28 to be doing anything in Lower Yukon, we people want to
29 know. When we transplant moose and others, we work
30 hard, our people stop from hunting, so whatever you do,
31 even especially from right now from Mountain Village
32 down, you have to let the people know. And people, not
33 only people alone, all young people too, we have to
34 have some kind of meeting in Mountain Village, we will
35 support you whatever you need to help the moose stay
36 like that. So please let us know, we'll do everything
37 we can.
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39 Thank you.
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
42 discussion before we go into the vote.
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44 (No comments)
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, Mr.
47 Secretary, please take the roll.
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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: John Andrew.
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1 REPORTER: Bob.
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Oh, yeah, ahhh.
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5 REPORTER: Thank you.
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7 (Laughter)
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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: John Andrew.
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11 MR. J. ANDREW: Yes.
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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert Aloysius. Yes.
14 Greg Roczicka.
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16 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.
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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: Aloysius Unok.
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20 MR. UNOK: Yes.
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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.
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24 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: Harry Wilde.
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28 MR. H. WILDE: I'm sorry, I didn't
29 understand what you said -- what's the motion?
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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Extend the moose
32 season 15 days.
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34 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Andrew Brown.
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38 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Paul Manumik.
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42 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Lester Wilde.
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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50 MR. N. ANDREW: Yeah.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Evan Polty.
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3 MR. POLTY: Yes.
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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.
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7 MR. CHARLES; Yes.
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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary -- oh, William
10 Brown.
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12 MR. W. BROWN: Yes.
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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: 13 yes, no no's, no
15 abstains.
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Unanimously, thank
18 you.
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20 We are now down to old business.
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22 Let's take a five minute break.
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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 10 minute break.
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28 (Off record)
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30 (On record)
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32 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Members of
33 the RAC. Your annual report is on Page 49. As you
34 remember, last meeting I asked for topics to draft your
35 annual report and the YK RAC did provide topics and
36 I've drafted your annual report based on the issues
37 that you've provided at the time, but this is your
38 annual report, so it will be written the way you want
39 it. This is only a draft. Mr. Chair.
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
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43 MR. A. NICK: And the date is
44 tentative. It's today's date, but it's tentative date.
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: This is your draft.
47 Any discussion on our draft annual report from any
48 Council members. Is there any additions or anything
49 else on the report starting on Page 49 to 53.
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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chair.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius.
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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: It's just like
6 everything else. This is the first time I saw this.
7 Like the whole booklet, this is the first time I saw it
8 today.
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, yeah, that's
11 right. We haven't really had any opportunity to go
12 through our book. So even if this is new, we haven't
13 seen it. How soon do you need this, Mr. Nick?
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15 MR. A. NICK: It would be good if.....
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We can do it today.
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19 MR. A. NICK:you provide some
20 information to me. If there's any changes that you'd
21 like to see and if you want to mirror what the Seward
22 Pen Regional Advisory Council did on their annual
23 report, because they had similar things, you know, like
24 they didn't have time to review the annual report. So
25 what they decided at the meeting was they would be
26 given a chance to -- time to review their annual
27 report, provide their address to me and then I would
28 work with the Chair, vice Chair and the secretary of
29 the Council and then those three would give a go ahead
30 on the document. Mr. Chair.
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Madame.
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34 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. In your
35 report, I'd like you to put down the hardship that we
36 suffered this winter, like most of the people who have
37 been telling you about not being able to hunt for our
38 moose and other subsistence activities because of the
39 severe weather we've had and let them know.
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41 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mary. That's
42 the option you have. If you want me to do that, I can
43 do that. Allow me to suggest a recommendation.
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45 MS. GREGORY: That's what I am telling
46 you to do. Okay.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius.
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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: What period does this

1 annual report cover?

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3 MR. A. NICK: I didn't understand you.

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: What period does this
6 annual report cover, the calendar year or the fiscal
7 year?

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9 MR. A. NICK: It's a fiscal year annual
10 report for fiscal year 2011, that was last year, from
11 beginning of the fiscal year until the end of the year.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: So the things from this
14 winter would not be included in this report, right?

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16 MR. A. NICK: This winter -- yeah, it
17 was my mistake earlier. This winter's would be in 2012
18 annual report.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ms. Gregory,
21 anything else?

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23 MS. GREGORY: This fiscal year runs
24 from where, September/October?

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26 MR. A. NICK: October 1 through
27 September 30 each year.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Would the council
30 like to review this, take this home and review it over
31 and then get back to Alex on any additional that you
32 might have?

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34 MS. GREGORY: That's a good idea, Mr.
35 Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's okay with
38 you. Is that okay with the rest of the Council?

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40 (Council nods affirmatively)

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, so we'll do
43 that. We'll go ahead and bring this home and make sure
44 that we get a hold of Alex on any of the -- even if you
45 think it's all right, just make sure you call him and
46 let him know so he'll have an idea of what the whole
47 Council is thinking.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. Do we
50 need a formal request for that? He's done nothing yet,

1 so I move that we take this information home, review it
2 and call Alex if we have any concerns.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You heard the
5 motion. Is there a second to the motion.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.
10 Roczicka. Any further discussion.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none.
15 All in favor say aye.

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17 IN UNISON: Aye.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.

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21 (No opposing votes)

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So ordered. We'll
24 do that. Thank you, Alex.

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26 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What exactly are we
29 setting up for?

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31 MR. GILLIKIN: It will be the fisheries
32 report from last year, Mr. Chair, and then the outlook
33 for 2012 and preliminary management strategies.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that under
36 agency reports?

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38 MR. GILLIKIN: Yes, sir. We're not
39 quite there yet.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I've got some
42 testimony here that needs to be heard. Mr. Kron, do
43 you have anything else to add?

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45 MR. KRON: Again, I was just going to
46 talk about the agenda and where you are in the agenda.
47 I think with the item that you just dealt with, that's
48 12A, 12B we dealt with earlier unless you have
49 additional comments. So then you would be moving on to
50 13. What I had written down for that, you've got item

1 A, but under item B was state of the salmon, the
2 meeting that AVCP is putting on, and then you get into
3 agency reports. They're just getting ready. I told
4 Mr. Gillikin not to slow you down because you were
5 cruising.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.
8 At this time we've got a couple people that would like
9 to testify. I think we'll get them out of the way.
10 The first is Alissa Nadine Anguksuar Qiuran Joseph. I
11 hope I said your name right.

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13 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. Can I ask
14 decorum in this meeting please while the young lady is
15 presenting. Can you guys not disrupt my attention
16 while this lady is giving a report, please. Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.

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20 MS. JOSEPH: Hi. My name is Alissa
21 Joseph. I'm going to be doing a presentation -- or not
22 presentation, but reporting on Board support. I'll be
23 giving some input from the in-season subsistence survey
24 conference of young Alaskans, the packet that I had
25 spread out to you, Youth of the Y-K Delta, in regards
26 to our efforts of high school, college students getting
27 involved in these RAC meeting and possibly learning
28 these processes to take over in the next generation of
29 young leaders. I'll be going through just a couple
30 things.

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32 For the Board support, I coordinate the
33 Western, Southwestern and possibly as of 2013 I'll be
34 also coordinating the Arctic region as well, which
35 includes 11 regions for Southwest and Western, for
36 Shaq, Central Kuskokwim, Lower Kuskokwim, Central
37 Bering Sea, Lower Yukon, Togiak, Nagnek, Kvichak,
38 Nushagak, Lower Bristol Bay, Unalaska, Dutch Harbor.
39 As of 2013, I will let you know who I coordinate as
40 well. That would be 143 villages and there would be
41 143 youth representatives as well.

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43 Right now we have Board of Fisheries
44 proposals that are open and I also passed that out to
45 you with also a proposal form if you guys want to
46 submit proposals and that deadline is going to be April
47 10th. That's this one right here.

48

49 For the Conference of Young Alaskans
50 2012, our question for this year was what would Alaska

1 be in the next 50 years. If you see in the packet that
2 I didn't sign my name to these proposals in regards to
3 some of them that I had disagreed with in regards to
4 the safety and policies and regulations towards
5 subsistence and rural Alaskans.

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7 For the natural resources there was a
8 globalization by Alaska General Seafoods for the
9 Kuskokwim and Yukon chinook salmon by advertising
10 Alaskan Kuskokwim and Yukon chinook salmon on the
11 global market to increase sales of Kuskokwim and Yukon
12 chinook and which I did not agree with this committee
13 at that time either.

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15 There's a lot of good proposals in this
16 final draft report from the youth. Another thing on
17 here that I wanted to address from COYA was that there
18 was an issue in regards to the definition of giving
19 jobs to Alaskans for rural Alaskan areas. They were
20 going to plan on opening up jobs in regards to
21 subsistence issues in commercial fisheries and
22 processing plants. Although they wouldn't be giving
23 those jobs to rural Alaskans. They would be giving
24 those jobs to people that would be sent internationally
25 into rural Alaska, which I didn't agree with that also.

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27 Also with natural resources in that,
28 within the next 50 years they wanted to build a gas
29 pipeline to all rural villages in regards to the
30 current pipeline that we have. I did not agree with
31 that also because of our animals running would be
32 getting hurt by these pipelines, transportation issues
33 would be destructive and I was also worried about
34 putting Alaskans in debt in trying to fix this pipeline
35 and addressing it.

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37 Also for the chinook salmon or just
38 pollock and ground fisheries was also on the table.
39 They wanted to encourage opening international waters
40 along with Alaskan waters to a large expansion of
41 pollock and ground fisheries in which Alaska will
42 strive for sustainability through maximum
43 sustainability yields, which will affect subsistence
44 allocation by minimum requirements to establish
45 subsistence numbers. That would only meet minimum
46 quota for subsistence of rural Alaskans in which that
47 means that they wanted to put out subsistence and
48 increase globalization market and I did not agree with
49 that either.

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1 There was also to expand personal use
2 of subsistence rights to any Alaskan that lives in
3 Alaska a minimum of six months to one year for
4 subsistence hunting and fishing and I did not agree
5 with that either in regards of -- I wanted to make sure
6 that subsistence was protected and not thrown on the
7 global market. That's for COYA.

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9 If you have any comments, questions or
10 concerns, please let me know.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Right here.

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14 MS. JOSEPH: Go ahead.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: What did you agree with?
17 I mean it seems like every one you disagreed with.

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19 MS. JOSEPH: Everything in the packet,
20 the reason I didn't go -- the reason I didn't say
21 anything about me going with anything in there is
22 because the things that are in there right now are what
23 I just gave you and I didn't want to continue this
24 going on, so I just took all the things out of there
25 that should be highlighted under this for the final
26 draft report. So that when you're actually able to
27 have time and be able to read through it, you'll think
28 of those things that I said rather than me repeating
29 the same information over. Sorry, Bob.

30

31 And for the Youth of the Y-K Delta,
32 effective 2012-2013 for 143 high school student
33 representatives, 143 college student representatives
34 from all the Y-K Delta villages are going to come
35 together in regards for the Board of Fish proposals to
36 address issues that the youth would like to help bring
37 up the salmon stock.

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39 I believe that is it. Yeah, that's all
40 the folders. Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions for
43 Alissa. Mr. Charles.

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45 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
46 Is the Board of Fish proposals that aligns the April 10
47 or this year because it changes some years? So it's
48 going to be April 10 this year.

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50 MS. JOSEPH: Yes.

1 MR. CHARLES: Where do we forward the
2 proposals to, you or.....
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4 MR. JOSEPH: You could forward them to
5 me and I'll forward them to Juneau or you could forward
6 them directly to Juneau. On the proposal form that I
7 gave you, if you look in the back pages, the public
8 notice is on there with my information and Juneau's
9 information as well. And when you do send proposals to
10 Juneau, I will receive copies so I can put them in the
11 file of the right region that they come from in regards
12 to keeping historical documentation available.
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Robert.
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: What years are you --
17 what is the deadline for what years? It's like two or
18 three years from now, not this year.
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20 MS. JOSEPH: The deadline for the Board
21 of Fish proposals?
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.
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25 MS. JOSEPH: It's going to be -- it's
26 this year, 2012.
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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: What period does that
29 deadline cover? You've got two years from now they're
30 going to take action on that? Because they're always
31 one, two or three years ahead of time and they give you
32 that much -- you know, 2012 proposals deadline was last
33 year. Do you know what I'm saying? Like if you want
34 to make a proposal for '13 and '14, you'd have to be
35 this year before April 10th.
36
37 MS. JOSEPH: For the Board of Game and
38 Board of Fisheries, they have different proposals, as
39 you were saying for every other year. Last year was
40 actually for the Board of Game for this region and for
41 this coming up 2012 is going to be for the fisheries.
42
43 MR. ALOYSIUS: What period did that
44 cover?
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46 MR. JOSEPH: Two years from now.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead. If you
49 can help out, Greg, go ahead.
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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. Just as
2 the proposals that were due for the Board of Game that
3 went in were taken up during this winter's regulatory
4 cycle, the proposal deadline for April 10 will be taken
5 up next winter for the Fish Board proposal cycle and
6 those will be in effect for three years following.
7 We're every three years under the Fish Board. We're
8 every two years under the Game Board.

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Give me some dates, like
11 January 1 to December 31, 2013 or '14 or '15.

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: The proposals that will
14 be taken up next winter, they go into effect the
15 following season and are in effect for three years. So
16 you'd be looking at 2013.

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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. That's what
19 I wanted to hear.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
22 questions of Alissa. Mr. Roczicka.

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24 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you. Alissa, you
25 mentioned something about getting your rural youth
26 conference together of 143 villages to come up with
27 Board of Fish proposals? Am I correct on that?

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29 MS. JOSEPH: Uh-huh.

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31 MR. ROCZICKA: Where and when is that
32 going to be?

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34 MS. JOSEPH: I'm currently coordinating
35 to work it into next year's school cycle because I
36 wasn't able to get with -- some of the superintendents
37 weren't able to come to a meeting with me, so we're
38 still working on that, but I should have it all squared
39 away by this next coming school year. As soon as I
40 find that out, the public notice will go out at least
41 in two months, then one month and then three weeks in
42 advance.

43
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
45 questions.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I just have a
48 comment. I want to thank the young lady for being
49 interested in our type of work right now and I give her
50 all the blessing I can conjure up and I want you to

1 keep going no matter what because you have a good
2 future ahead of you.

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4 MS. JOSEPH: Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And I'm sure that
7 comes from the whole Council here. Thank you, Alissa.

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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: I don't know what to
14 call it. They want you to cover the whole northwest
15 and the chain? It doesn't make sense for one person to
16 cover half of the state and you're only one person.

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18 MS. JOSEPH: I can do it. I have
19 faith. The reason why is because we lost the
20 southwestern regional coordinator and we split the
21 southwestern region and I have all of western region
22 and we are going to be losing our arctic regional
23 coordinator. So we'll be splitting up the arctic
24 region as well.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you sure you
27 can handle it all?

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29 MS. JOSEPH: I believe I can.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I know you could.
32 I have faith in you. Any further questions of Alissa.

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34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, thank you
37 very much Alissa.

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39 MS. JOSEPH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
40 and thank you, Board.

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42 (Applause)

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Gene Sandone, you
45 have the floor. What's that?

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47 MR. SANDONE: I'm done.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, you're done.
50 Okay. Then I can do away with this then. Mr. Alexie,
you wanted to wait until after agency reports, right?

1 Okay. So we'll take you last. Okay. We are now down
2 to new business. Gates of the Arctic's proposal
3 regarding per diem. Gates of the Arctic SRC
4 Subsistence Regional Council proposal regarding per
5 diem. Does anybody cover that?

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7 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair. Carl Johnson
8 from OSM. I can just tell you that there is a written
9 proposal that is in your book materials and this is
10 from the Gates of the Arctic Subsistence Regional
11 Commission. Essentially what they are asking is
12 they're going to be sending a request to the Secretary
13 to increase the per diem for both the SRC members and
14 the RAC members. It doesn't request a specific
15 increase amount and, of course, as I'm sure you're
16 aware, whether or not the increase will be successful
17 is dependant upon budgetary issues and the per diem
18 rate that is set for all Federal employees in Alaska
19 and a whole bunch of other things.

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21 Essentially they just wanted to get the
22 knowledge of the requests out to all of the Regional
23 Councils and it's up to the Regional Councils as to
24 whether or not they wish to take any action on this
25 request to either support it or take no action at all.
26 I can say that at the Seward Peninsula Regional
27 Advisory Council meeting they took no action on the
28 request. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Any
31 further discussion on this.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we support
38 this proposal.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion has been
41 made to support a recommendation by the Gates of the
42 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Subsistence Resource
43 Commission. Let me see if this is correct.

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45 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, if I may.
46 That would be for Gates of the Arctic National Park and
47 Preserve. Under ANILCA, there are certain National
48 Parks that were designated to have SRCs, whereas the
49 Fish and Wildlife Service and Forest lands were then
50 designated to have Regional Advisory Councils. They

1 were both set up at the same time and essentially
2 performed the same function. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you for
5 the clarification. There's a motion on the floor to
6 support this proposal or this request. Do I hear a
7 second to the motion.

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9 MR. UNOK: Second.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr. Al
12 Unok. Any further discussion. Mr. Roczicka.

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14 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. As far as
15 supporting on it, we recommended that increase be
16 reflective of the same geographical bonus that all
17 Federal employees get this for working in rural Alaska
18 and I think it's in the neighborhood of 25 to 30
19 percent or something over and above the base salary.

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21 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, if I may. A
22 point of correction on that. Through the Chair for Mr.
23 Roczicka. The cost of living allowance you're
24 referring to actually this is the last year it will be
25 in existence. It's being completely phased out of the
26 Federal system for Alaska and replaced by what's called
27 locality pay. It's a bunch of complicated stuff about
28 retirement and pre-tax numbers that I won't waste the
29 Council's time with. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, because
32 we don't have the time for it.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
37 discussion on the motion.

38

39 (No comments)

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41 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Question.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question is
44 called for. All in favor say aye.

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46 IN UNISON: Aye.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed same
49 sign.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Nay.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there
4 opposition?
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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: One nay.
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8 MS. GREGORY: One nay.
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. The motion
11 is carried. We are down to AVCP fisheries meeting.
12 Mr. Aloysius.
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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: AVCP's special
15 convention on the state of our salmon. That's early
16 next month and I thought there would be somebody here
17 from AVCP to promote this, but I don't see anybody
18 here. Anybody familiar with what they really want?
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20 The reason I brought it up is because
21 we have many people sitting on the Council who are
22 going to be affected by the state of our salmon and I
23 thought maybe we should have our two cents presented at
24 that meeting too. Thank you.
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Robert.
27 I was going to ask that. I was invited, but I couldn't
28 go because I didn't have any way of paying for my trip.
29 It would be good to have somebody from this Council,
30 not me, but somebody else that might be living close
31 and around this area that might be able to attend. Now
32 we're going to Mr. Rivard and see what he's got to say.
33 Go ahead, Mr. Rivard.
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35 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Don
36 Rivard with OSM. I could give you the dates and a
37 couple other informational items on this. It's March
38 6th, 7th and 8th here in Bethel. There are going to be
39 people like Gene Peltola and Dan Gillikin who will be
40 attending from the Refuge and they'll be able to report
41 to your Council at some point if you so choose to have
42 them do so. It's going to be aired live by KYUK
43 through their website. If you have computer
44 capability, you can go to their website and then listen
45 to the meeting live. That's what I'm planning to do.
46 I won't be attending in person, but I will be listening
47 in those three days. And I have a copy of the agenda
48 here. I just brought the one, so if anybody wants to
49 see it, I'll be glad to share this.
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert, do you have
2 anything else?

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4 MR. ALOYSIUS: I just wanted
5 information. Not only for me, but for all of us here
6 exactly what are they going to be addressing and if
7 there needs to be any action taken by this Council to
8 support that. Does anybody from Bethel here know
9 exactly what's going on?

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11 MR. GILLIKIN: Mr. Chair. This is Dan
12 Gillikin, Fish and Wildlife Service. All I know is the
13 messages I've been getting from Casie Stockdale from
14 AVCP. She's the biologist and she's coordinating the
15 meeting. It sounds like Don's at least got an agenda
16 out, so they might have a preliminary one. I believe
17 they're still finalizing it. Unfortunately, you guys
18 were in here meeting today and there was an excellent
19 radio discussion occurring at 11:00 that went on for an
20 hour where Myron Naneng and Tim Andrew were actually
21 talking about the conference and what they were going
22 to discuss and all the issues related to fisheries.

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24 The word is getting out to the public
25 and I suspect they will probably be releasing an agenda
26 with all of the topics for discussion. Right now
27 they're still collecting or confirming the presenters
28 and getting their presentations and all their
29 backgrounds and things like that together. But Don had
30 the dates there and there's going to be a lot of
31 discussion about the state of the salmon out here on
32 the Kuskokwim and in the region and probably a lot of
33 focus on chinook. That's what I know. Any questions
34 maybe that I could answer for the Council.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Charles.

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38 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
39 That's what information I got from Casie and she told
40 me there were going to be presenters from Yukon and
41 Kuskokwim both, so she invited me to be there too. She
42 wanted people involved in fisheries and some
43 subsistence elders too, both subsistence and
44 commercial. Thank you.

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46 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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50 MS. PATTON: I don't know if you guys

1 can hear me. This is Eva Patton from ONC and I'm
2 calling in via teleconference. Are you able to hear?

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: They can hear you.

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6 MS. PATTON: I just wanted to chime in.
7 I know they have the teleconference today. So trying
8 to get the information out. Again, it's on KYUK, but
9 it requires an internet connection with a high enough
10 speed. It's also going to be aired on KYUK and so you
11 should be able to get access to the meeting via your
12 regular radio station on that day hopefully. One of
13 the challenges with posing Region 1 was having funding
14 to bring in delegates, so they were limited to funding
15 to AVCP village delegates for most of the attendees
16 unfortunately. So I don't know if there's possibly
17 additional funding from within the RAC Council to allow
18 travel for other RAC members to be able to attend this
19 meeting, but that was one of the big limitations that I
20 know they were working with with funding for bringing
21 in delegates throughout the region.

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23 The meeting dates are March -- it will
24 be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with break-out
25 sessions on March 6th, 7th and 8th. If members of the
26 RAC haven't gotten this announcement, just let Greg
27 know and I'll make sure that gets forwarded to you
28 either via email or fax if you need it via fax that way
29 for the full agenda.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Any
32 questions for the young lady. Mr. Aloysius, did you
33 have any comments or something you wanted to say.

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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: I just have a question
36 to the money people, OSM. We have four people
37 designated by this Council to be representatives for
38 the Lower Yukon and the Lower Kuskokwim and this is
39 something that's really important. My question is to
40 the money people, can you afford to send four of us to
41 this meeting? If not, why not?

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43 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Bob, that's
44 something we'd have to get back to you on. I can't
45 answer that right now. Our travel budget is somewhat
46 limited. I mean I'm not attending. I'm going to be
47 listening in, but I will check with our upper
48 management and see -- I'll get back to you guys as soon
49 as I can.

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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Bob. Go
4 ahead.
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6 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I'm
7 following you around there, Bob. Actually I'd make a
8 formal recommendation, maybe make a motion for a formal
9 recommendation from this committee that at least one
10 from Yukon and one from Kuskokwim attend this because
11 it is going to be a pretty major meeting where fairly
12 significant items are going to be discussed. I've
13 heard quite a bit about it myself. Unfortunately I
14 can't attend because it's right on top of the Board of
15 Game where Mulchatna Caribou management plan is on the
16 plate. That's also major for this area as well, so I'm
17 going to be in Fairbanks. I won't be here. But I'd
18 like to see at least one representative, one from
19 Kuskokwim, one from Yukon from this Council to be
20 there.
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Al Unok.
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24 MR. UNOK: I'd like to see our elders
25 attend the meeting. They'd be the most important
26 people there.
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ms. Gregory, go
29 ahead.
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31 MS. GREGORY: I move that we send two
32 representatives from the Yukon-Kuskokwim RAC to the
33 AVCP convention March 6th, 7th and 8th.
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You heard the
36 motion. Do I hear a second to the motion.
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38 MR. UNOK: Mr. Chair. If the funding
39 is possible, I would recommend the elders to travel.
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do I have a second
42 to the motion Mary just made.
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'll second it.
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Robert
47 Aloysius.
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49 MS. GREGORY: Discussion.
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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3 MS. GREGORY: I would like to ask the
4 OSM people to find this money for them. Thank you.
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr.
7 Rivard.
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9 MR. RIVARD: I don't know what the
10 answer is going to be, but maybe it would be good if
11 you identify who those two people are willing to go so
12 that if the answer is yes we contact those folks right
13 away and start making the arrangements. It would help
14 to know that.
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: One from the Yukon
17 and one from the Kuskokwim. Robert is one. Go ahead,
18 Charles.
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20 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. I think
21 that would be good for coordinating fisheries
22 committee. That's what we are for, fisheries committee
23 members. But I'm already selected by AVCP, I think,
24 and Bob is not.
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26 (Laughter)
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there any
29 comments, Mr. Nick?
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31 MR. A. NICK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Alex
32 Nick, Council coordinator. There was one formal
33 request by one of the RAC members and it has been
34 forwarded to our office in Anchorage and I haven't
35 heard anything. Like Don said earlier, we can check
36 into that and see what comes up between now and then.
37 Mr. Chair.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Yukon,
40 how about Mr. Evan.
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42 MR. POLTY: Yukon.
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: For Mr. Evan and
45 Mr. Aloysius. Evan Polty, I'm sorry. I'm trying to
46 switch your name around.
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48 MS. GREGORY: Question on the motion,
49 Mr. Chair.
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question is
2 called. All in favor say aye.

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4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.

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8 (No opposing votes)

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion carried. We
11 are down to agency reports. Thank you, Mr. Rivard.
12 Okay, Mr. OSM, you are first on the list.

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14 MR. RIVARD: I'm not moving. Thank
15 you, Mr. Chair. Don Rivard with OSM. I just have a
16 couple three announcements for my part. I don't know
17 if there's any more OSM reports, but I do have a few
18 announcements. We touched on this subject a couple
19 times in this meeting and you even did some proposals,
20 but we never really actually did Item 11A, so I'll get
21 that out of the way real quick.

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23 We've got the call for changes to
24 Federal subsistence regulations for fisheries and the
25 deadline to submit proposals is March 30th, 2012. So
26 the proposals must be received or postmarked by March
27 30th or they will not be accepted. you may make
28 proposed changes to the following types of Federal
29 subsistence regulations: season dates, harvest limits,
30 methods and means of harvest and customary and
31 traditional use determinations. So those are the ones.
32 I just wanted to get that on the record that we did
33 announce that to you.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
36 Rivard.

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38 MR. RIVARD: Another announcement I
39 have for you, the salmon bycatch issue has always been
40 a concern to your Council. Earlier I distributed this
41 to you. It says the North Pacific Fisheries Management
42 Council. It's their kind of time schedule and when
43 they're going to take up chum salmon. There's some
44 language here, a description, but the last two pages
45 kind of summarize things.

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47 The North Pacific Fisheries Management
48 Council is going to meet again starting March 26 or
49 April 3rd in Anchorage where they're going to look
50 through and review revised analysis of chum salmon

1 bycatch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area.
2 It's their intent to come up with a final
3 recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce in either
4 their June, October or December meetings of this year.
5 So by the end of the year they want to have a decision
6 to the Secretary of Commerce on their recommendations
7 on chum salmon bycatch.

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9 This may be tough for any of you to
10 attend, but tomorrow they're having a teleconference
11 and that's the last page that talks about it. I will
12 be listening in on this tomorrow. It's a way to listen
13 in and I think they will probably allow some questions
14 and some input.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I think we are
17 going to be traveling.

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19 MR. RIVARD: I know that's a difficult
20 time for you, but I wanted to let you know that was
21 happening in case somebody could listen in. And then
22 the last announcement I have is for the Fisheries
23 Resource Monitoring Program. We are going to be doing
24 a call for proposals for the 2014 year this fall, late
25 fall, maybe early next year, but it usually comes out
26 in November. So that will be happening. Let me just
27 read you this. A request for proposals for the 2014
28 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program projects will be
29 issued this coming fall by the Department of the
30 Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of
31 Subsistence Management.

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33 The monitoring program funds
34 technically sound projects that gather, analyze and
35 report information needed to manage and conserve
36 subsistence fisheries resources on Federal public lands
37 in Alaska. These include the National Wildlife
38 Refuges, the National Forest, National Parks and
39 Preserves, national conservational areas, national Wild
40 and Scenic River systems, the National Petroleum
41 Reserves and the national recreation areas.

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43 In accomplishing this, the program
44 seeks to provide meaningful involvement in fisheries
45 management by Alaska Native and rural organizations and
46 to promote collaboration among Federal, State, Alaskan
47 Native and local organizations. While capacity
48 building and partnerships are encouraged as an
49 important part of each project, any project for which
50 the main objective is capacity building, for example

1 science camps, technician training or intern programs,
2 will not be considered for funding. That's will not be
3 considered.

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5 Part of the request for proposals will
6 be a list of priority information needs for each of the
7 six geographic regions in the state. Those are the
8 Northern, the Yukon, the Kuskokwim, the Southwest, the
9 Southcentral and the Southeast regions. Anybody who
10 submits these projects are being asked to consider
11 examining or discussing climate change effects as part
12 of their project to participate in standardized air and
13 water temperature monitoring program for which they
14 will be provided calibrated temperature loggers and
15 associated equipment analysis and reporting services
16 and access to a temperature database or to submit
17 proposals that focus on effects of climate change on
18 subsistence fishery resources and uses and that
19 describe management implications.

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21 Although investigators are strongly
22 encouraged to address these priority needs, all
23 proposals addressing Federal subsistence fisheries will
24 be considered for funding as long as a compelling
25 rationale for conducting the work is provided.
26 Activities that will not be considered for funding, and
27 this is nothing new, this is part of the policy, are
28 habitat protection, mitigation, restoration and
29 enhancement, hatchery propagation, restoration,
30 enhancement and supplementation and contaminant
31 assessment evaluation and monitoring. These are
32 important activities, but are most appropriately
33 addressed by the responsible land management or
34 regulatory agency.

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36 So for your fall meeting we'll have
37 this as an agenda item as well so that your Council can
38 give us your input on priority information needs
39 regarding subsistence fisheries in your area. So you
40 might want to be thinking about that if you see some
41 priority information need. Let us know so that we
42 include it in the fall call for proposals, which will
43 be coming out in mid November. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
46 Rivard. Any questions for Mr. Rivard.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Over here.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr.

1 Aloysius.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. Is this
4 information getting forwarded to KNA and other agencies
5 -- I mean not agencies but organizations?

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7 MR. RIVARD: Yes, they'll be made fully
8 aware of it too because they've already been
9 investigators on projects. Believe me, they keep track
10 of it too because they usually have other projects they
11 want to submit.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any other
16 questions. Mr. Unok.

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18 MR. UNOK: Who takes care of the seals?

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20 MR. RIVARD: Seals? The U.S. Fish and
21 Wildlife Service has a marine mammals division and they
22 take care of that. It's not part of the subsistence
23 program.

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25 MR. UNOK: Would it be possible to
26 check. There's been quite a bit sick seals out there
27 last fall.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That would be
30 another division. If you want that information, I can
31 give it to you later.

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33 MR. UNOK: Okay.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik.

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37 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chair. Members of
38 the Council. Earlier I asked you about St. Michael and
39 you told us it would not be included. I have been
40 asked by my first cousin and my wife's sister called my
41 wife to move up to St. Michael to fish for chinook
42 salmon and there's many others who are planning to go
43 up there to fish for chinook salmon in St. Michael
44 because it's not going to be included. That's why I
45 asked earlier. I can see now that there will be some
46 problems if St. Michael is not included as part of the
47 Yukon. Thank you.

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49 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. I'm looking at
50 our book here for -- I think you're talking about

1 customary and traditional use determinations. Right
2 now on the books, as Tom Kron pointed out to you
3 earlier, for chinook salmon it's residents of the Yukon
4 River drainage and the community of Stebbins. For fall
5 chum salmon it's residents of the Yukon River drainage
6 and the communities of Chevak, Hooper Bay, Stebbins and
7 Scammon Bay.

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9 Now one of the options you have if you
10 don't agree with that and you have reason to believe
11 that St. Michael ought to be part of that traditional
12 use determination is you can put in a proposal and this
13 would be the time to do it during this cycle by the end
14 of March. Get a proposal in asking to include
15 residents of the community of St. Michael to be able to
16 fish in the Yukon and any supporting evidence you have
17 that they've done that traditionally. So if that's
18 another proposal your Council would like to submit or
19 you would like to submit as an individual, we will note
20 that.

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22 MR. MANUMIK: I think St. Michael
23 should be included because many, many young people are
24 planning to go up there to catch that chinook and bring
25 it home to the Yukon.

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27 MR. RIVARD: Okay, that's the reverse.
28 I think what I'm hearing you say is people from the
29 Yukon River drainage will go to St. Michael and I don't
30 believe they have -- I have to look at their.....

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32 MR. MANUMIK: I don't think we've ever
33 worked on any determination for the Yukon up in that
34 area.

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36 MR. RIVARD: No, there's no indication
37 that any communities in the Yukon River drainage have
38 customary and traditional use in St. Michael area, so
39 that would be a proposal that could be put in as well
40 if you believe that should be the case.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik, are
43 you done?

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45 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, there were many
46 young men planning to go.

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48 MR. RIVARD: Well, there's two issues
49 we're dealing with here because people that want to go
50 doesn't necessarily mean they can go fish there, but if

1 they have traditionally gone to St. Michael to fish,
2 then you have the opportunity to request that that's
3 formally recognized by the Federal Subsistence Board.
4 But just because they want to go doesn't necessarily
5 mean they'd be allowed to go. Especially if it's just
6 young people and it's kind of the first time people
7 from the Yukon drainages are going up to St. Michael to
8 fish. Does that make sense?

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10 MR. MANUMIK: Uh-huh.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Manumik.

13 Ms. Gregory.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I move that
16 the coordinator draft up a proposal to what Mr. Manumik
17 was concerned about, that people from the mouth of the
18 Yukon go to St. Michael. Is that what it is?

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20 MR. RIVARD: You're talking about the
21 river systems around St. Michael? Is it the
22 Pikmiktalik?

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24 MR. MANUMIK: No. Just right outside
25 of St. Michael.

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27 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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29 MR. RIVARD: Okay. There's no Federal
30 lands. If it's marine waters, it's not part of our
31 program.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. My motion
34 needs to be seconded before anybody can discuss it.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What was your
37 motion? Can you restate it, please.

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39 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion has been
42 made to have the coordinator draft a proposal to allow
43 -- say that again.

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45 MS. GREGORY: Give them a chance to do
46 what they're trying to do, so fish in St. Michael.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's still no second
49 on the motion.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there a second
2 to the motion.
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4 MR. MANUMIK. I'll second it.
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
7 discussion. Young lady, go ahead.
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9 MS. PETRIVELLI: Mr. Chair. Looking at
10 the customary and traditional use determination, the
11 Pikmiktalik is in the remainder of the Yukon northern
12 area, which I think -- well, okay. So that's the
13 remainder of the Yukon northern area, but what happens
14 is when there is no specific C&T use determination,
15 then that means all rural residents are eligible to
16 fish there. There is no determ -- or there is a
17 determination and it says -- oh, it just says Kotlik,
18 St. Michael and Stebbins. Yeah, so I guess you would
19 have to do a C&T determination to allow them in.
20 Sorry. I was looking at the wrong one.
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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.
23 Pikmiktalik is not even close to St. Michael.
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We know that. What
26 was that, Ms. Gregory? Did you have a comment to make?
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28 MS. GREGORY: No.
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There was a motion
31 on the floor that was seconded. Any further discussion
32 on the motion. Mr. Alex Nick.
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34 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Members of
35 the Council. The proposal would become a crossover
36 proposal between Seward Peninsula and the Y-K Delta.
37 There's a few things that the Council need to know. It
38 depends on the waters itself. If it's State waters and
39 Federal waters or marine waters, I think State of
40 Alaska would be the one that would be able to explain
41 who's able to go to that area from the State, from the
42 area. Under State law I think it's okay to go for you.
43 Since I'm going to be working with the Staff to draft a
44 proposal, we need a specific area, Mr. Manumik, if
45 possible, which area you're talking about. Is it
46 marine waters or is it the drainage? Like Unalakleet
47 River or whatever drainage there may be in the area.
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49 MR. MANUMIK: In St. Michael, you mean?
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1 MR. A. NICK: Yeah.
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3 MR. MANUMIK: I don't know of any
4 drainage except for that one canal.
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6 MR. A. NICK: So it's Federal waters
7 you're talking about.
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9 MR. MANUMIK: It looks like it.
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Pappas, do you
12 have anything that you might offer?
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14 MR. PAPPAS: Just as Mr. Rivard said --
15 my name is George Pappas, Fish and Game. If you fish
16 in marine waters, anybody in the state of Alaska can go
17 subsistence fish there, so you don't need a C&T. If
18 you're looking at fresh waters that are within Federal
19 public CSUs, then you would have to have a C&T for it.
20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
23 Pappas. Any questions for him. Mr. Greg Roczicka.
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25 MR. ROCZICKA: What defines that line
26 between marine waters and fresh waters? It can't be
27 tideland because then you kick out all the way up to
28 Akiak as far as restricting subsistence users on the
29 Kuskokwim. The other thing I'd wonder about the
30 proposal if it did come to being appropriate to put one
31 in is what villages might you be talking about; Nunam
32 Iqua, Alakanuk, Emmo maybe being included. Kotlik you
33 said is already there. Do we even need a proposal?
34 Where's the line between marine and freshwater?
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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38 MR. RIVARD: Well, part of the Yukon
39 Delta National Wildlife Refuge is up in that area in
40 the Norton Sound and its boundaries are near Stebbins
41 and St. Michael and that's just a little quarter here.
42 That would be the Federal boundaries we'd be talking
43 about within the National Wildlife Refuge, if that's
44 what you mean. So there's a few small river systems in
45 there it looks like and I don't know if that's the area
46 you were talking about. If it's anything marine water,
47 then it's not under the Federal Subsistence Program.
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49 MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I'll get you later.
2 Just a minute. Greg, was that you who asked that
3 question?

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Go ahead,
8 Mr. Wilde.

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10 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.
11 I've been half grown in St. Michael. Pikmiktalik is
12 clear water. That's where fall chums go in there and
13 the mouth of it there are a lot of chum salmon at a
14 certain time. Also we used to in St. Michael we put
15 down nets in certain time, this is marine water.
16 Pikmiktalik is clear water, from Mountain Village side,
17 St. Mary's side, it goes all the way up. Almost come
18 out to Pikmiktalik River, other side Romanzof. Certain
19 times we go up and full chums. Sometimes there are
20 quite a few of them. Inside of that, front of St.
21 Michael, a gully there, wait for chum salmon in a
22 certain time also. Not for sale, but food for
23 ourselves. So there are some clear water close to it.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further -- Mr.
26 Sandone, I'm sorry.

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28 MR. SANDONE: Gene Sandone, Yukon Delta
29 and Kwik'Pak Fisheries. Maybe I can clear it up a
30 little bit. I'm familiar with the area. I'm familiar
31 with the fisheries and I'm familiar with migration
32 routes. The migration routes of Yukon king enter in
33 Norton Sound. Sometimes they enter it in Norton Sound
34 and sometimes they're even caught around Unalakleet.
35 They think they come down through St. Michael and I
36 think that's what Mr. Manumik is talking about. The
37 villagers from the Yukon are saying that they're going
38 to go up to St. Michael to fish in marine waters for
39 Yukon River chinook salmon and if they are in marine
40 waters and it's State regulations and not Federal. I
41 hope that clears it up. Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: Question.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question is
48 called for. All in favor of the motion -- does
49 everybody understand what the motion is? Recording
50 secretary, do you have the motion?

1 REPORTER: I have it.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Would you please
4 read it for us.
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6 REPORTER: Oh, I don't have it written
7 like that.
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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, okay. But the
10 motion is to draft -- what was the motion? Ms.
11 Gregory, could you please repeat your motion.
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13 MS. GREGORY: My motion was to make a
14 proposal so that -- Alex Nick to draft (in Yup'ik)
15 proposal so that Yukon River people can go up to St.
16 Michael and fish for chum.
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There was also a
19 second to that motion. The question has been called
20 for. All in favor say aye.
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22 IN UNISON: Aye.
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: Aye.
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: One? Two? Roll
29 call vote then, please.
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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Everybody understand the
32 motion? I think it was treading into State waters and
33 we have no business doing that. That's why I voted no.
34 William Brown.
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36 MR. W. BROWN: Yes.
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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.
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40 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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44 MR. N. ANDREW: Yeah.
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Evan Polty.
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48 MR. POLTY: Yes.
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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Lester Wilde.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Paul Manumik.
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5 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.
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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Andrew Brown.
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9 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.
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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Harry Wilde.
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13 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.
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17 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Al Unok.
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21 MR. UNOK: I guess yes.
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Greg Roczicka.
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25 MR. ROCZICKA: No.
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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert Aloysius. No.
28 John Andrew.
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30 MR. J. ANDREW: Yes.
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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Motion carries 11-2.
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.
35 Roczicka.
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: I believe something you
38 better clarify then since people asking me about which
39 way the rabbit runs through the willows. How many
40 villages are you going to include or is it just for the
41 villages on the mouth of the Yukon up to St. Mary's?
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43 MR. MANUMIK: I wouldn't know.
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45 MR. ROCZICKA: That's what you need to
46 tell us before we leave here.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik, how
49 many villages are you going to include in that
50 customary and traditional use determination of salmon?

1 MR. MANUMIK: Lower Yukon. Unit 1.
2 That's down in the Lower Yukon, including the people of
3 Scammon Bay that move into Black River for subsistence
4 fishing and including Stebbins and St. Michael. That's
5 Kotlik, Emmonak and Mountain Village, St. Mary's.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. That answers
8 somebody question. We are down to Item B. Mr. Unok.

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10 MR. UNOK: On Paul Manumik, there's
11 some people from Pilot Station.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You could talk to
14 him on that later. I'm trying to get this meeting done
15 before 7:00 o'clock. But you can talk later on. We
16 have U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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18 MR. DOOLITTLE: Tom Doolittle, deputy
19 manager, Yukon Delta. I think you heard what our issues
20 in our report were and I really thank for the
21 additional time that the RAC has spent on this. What I
22 will do, if I could, defer any comments we have
23 relative to fisheries to a joint ADF&G, Fish and
24 Wildlife Service presentation, which would be agenda
25 item 14E(2). That's my report.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions.

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29 (No comments)

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yukon Delta
32 National Wildlife Refuge. Oh, that was you. Togiak
33 Refuge. Does Togiak Refuge have a -- you're passing
34 that out now?

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36 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Togiak Refuge
37 bulletin is in your workbook.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We can take
40 time to read that. Thank you. We are now to joint
41 Lower Yukon fisheries. Any report.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. I have a
44 question. Where is that Lower Yukon joint?

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Joint Lower Yukon
47 River Fisheries. That's ADF&G.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: Are you talking about
50 Federal and State?

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Oh, okay.

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5 MR. MASCHMANN: Do you want to hear
6 Yukon first or Kuskokwim?

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You're sitting
9 there. Might as well give your report.

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11 MR. MASCHMANN: I'd like to summarize
12 instead of just reading the whole thing if the Chair
13 approves.

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That will be fine.

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17 MR. MASCHMANN: What I'm handing out is
18 the 2012 Yukon River chinook salmon update. It's a
19 joint flyer from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
20 and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I am Gerald
21 Maschmann. I work for Fred Bue with the U.S. Fish and
22 Wildlife Service in Fairbanks and the assistant Yukon
23 manager under Fred Bue, who is the Federal manager. The
24 2012 outlook is still being worked on right now, but we
25 have a brief update. Those folks who went to YRDFA
26 have seen this before.

27

28 The Yukon River salmon are important to
29 all users in the Yukon area. Unfortunately, these
30 stocks have experienced a decline in production.
31 Current run sizes are about half of the historic levels
32 making it difficult to meet escapement goals and
33 provide for subsistence uses on the river. Harvest and
34 run size have been greatly reduced since 2000. Chinook
35 salmon runs have been below expectations and escapement
36 goals into Canada were not met in three of the last
37 five years. Preliminary analysis suggests the 2012
38 Yukon River chinook salmon will again be below average
39 to poor and the run will not be sufficient to fully
40 support subsistence needs.

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42 It is now prudent to enter the 2012
43 season with the expectation that the conservation
44 measures will be required in an effort to meet
45 escapement goals and share the available subsistence
46 harvest. During these low runs it is necessary for all
47 users to look at the amount they harvest and determine
48 how they can voluntarily reduce their harvest to help
49 ensure adequate chinook salmon escapement.

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1 Yukon River fisheries managers need
2 your continued support in carrying out management
3 strategies and options for 2012 that will help in
4 getting fish to the spawning grounds should the chinook
5 salmon run be similar to the poor runs of 2007, 2008,
6 2010 and 2011. The 2011 season is a good example of
7 Yukon River people cooperating to attain the necessary
8 salmon on the spawning grounds even though the chinook
9 salmon run was poor. Because of the trend of low
10 productivity, it is anticipated that a conservative
11 management plan will be in place for the next few
12 years.

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14 During the winter and spring State and
15 Federal fisheries managers will attend several meetings
16 to inform fishermen and user groups of the 2012 outlook
17 and to receive input on management options for the 2012
18 fishing season. Yukon River fisheries managers are
19 soliciting practical ideas for reducing chinook salmon
20 harvest from resource users on the river.

21

22 That's the update. If there's any
23 questions, I can take those now and then I have a
24 little bit more that I'd like to talk about.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions. Mr.
27 Al Unok.

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29 MR. UNOK: The Feds are ready to take
30 over here pretty quick.

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32 MR. MASCHMANN: No, we work
33 cooperatively with Fish and Game and it's been a pretty
34 good relationship so far.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any other
37 questions. Mr. Polty.

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39 MR. POLTY: Do you coordinate with
40 Pilot Station sonar testing site that the Feds go up
41 there and double check on how the run is doing during
42 the first pulse, second and third pulse during the
43 summer?

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45 MR. MASCHMANN: Fred and myself were
46 typically in Emmonak during the chinook salmon season
47 working with Steve Hayes daily and we review all the
48 test fish data, including Pilot Station sonar. At this
49 point, our branch is a Federal agency, we don't have
50 any issues with the sonar at this point.

1 MR. POLTY: Oh, okay. You'll have the
2 information then later on, a later date?

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4 MR. MASCHMANN: What information are
5 you.....

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7 MR. POLTY: On increasing the salmon or
8 how did the run this year go on the chinook?

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10 MR. MASCHMANN: The 2011 run was poor.
11 We made most of our escapement goals, however it was
12 difficult on the subsistence users. We had to restrict
13 subsistence.

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15 MR. POLTY: Thank you. Thank you,
16 Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If there are no
19 other questions, go ahead with your other.

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21 MR. MASCHMANN So in addition to this
22 update, Fred Bue, the Federal manager, has asked me to
23 get your Council's input on some of the management
24 options that have been discussed or implemented in the
25 past. Some of these options included, but weren't
26 limited to, such as no fishing on one or more of the
27 chinook salmon pulses, limiting Districts 1 and 2 to 6-
28 inch mesh only for part of the season, and also the no
29 sale of incidentally caught chinook salmon during the
30 summer chum commercial fishing periods. This is input
31 you can talk about now and tell me or you can tell me
32 after the meeting. Jason Hale is going to be telling
33 you about the pre-season preparedness meetings and
34 that's input you can also provide during that time too.

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36 Lastly, in 2009, Russ Holder, the
37 Federal manager at the time, limited fishing in the
38 Yukon River in the Federal waters to only Federally
39 qualified users. This option was not implemented in
40 2010 or 2011, but Fred is considering that for the 2012
41 season and he wants to know what the RAC thinks of that
42 option.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, do you need
45 that answer now?

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47 MR. MASCHMANN: You don't need to do it
48 now. You can tell me after the meeting. You can call
49 Fred later. You can give your input at the YRDFA pre-
50 season meetings. We'll take it all spring if you want

1 to even call Fred personally and let him know.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Does
4 anybody want to give anything to him right now as far
5 as information is concerned.

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7 (No comments)

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, then thank
10 you. We are down to National Park Service. Anybody
11 from National Park Service.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: How about BLM.

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17 MR. SHARP: Good afternoon, Mr.
18 Chairman. Members of the RAC. My name is Dan Sharp.
19 I'm with BLM. I'm the statewide subsistence
20 coordinator. I also serve on the Interagency Staff
21 Committee. I'm bringing you information today. It's
22 not requesting any action, but I know it's probably a
23 topic near and dear to everyone's heart. Guide
24 concession areas.

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26 Just for your own information, the
27 State Department of Natural Resources just this week
28 posted their proposed Guide Concession Program on their
29 website. They've been working on this since 2007.
30 Just as some background, the exclusive guide use areas
31 were found unconstitutional in 1988. Since then there
32 hasn't been a coherent guide program for big game
33 hunting.

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35 The Bureau of Land Management is the
36 only Federal agency that doesn't have a guide capacity
37 number for lands that it manages. All the other
38 Federal agencies have established their concession
39 programs. So BLM is somewhat in parallel action with
40 what Department of Natural Resources is doing. It's
41 going to go through a guide capacity study to figure
42 out how many guides will be allowed to operate on BLM
43 managed lands.

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45 So this is going to be through the NEPA
46 process. It will probably take well over a year from
47 start to finish, but I wanted to make Council aware
48 that we're going through this process and especially to
49 make folks aware that DNR has just posted this as of
50 February 15th. They have a 60-day comment period with

1 respect to how they're going to operate their guide
2 concession program.

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4 What we're doing is starting through
5 the NEPA process to hopefully be proactive and sort of
6 be ahead of the curve. One of our concerns is that if
7 the State lands are divided up and the one map that's
8 on the table there that looks something of a jigsaw
9 puzzle, those are the State proposed guide concession
10 areas. The State only permits guides to operate on
11 State lands, so BLM needs to have a parallel action to
12 figure out how many guides will be allowed to operate
13 on BLM managed lands.

14

15 I'm just informing the Council that
16 we're starting this process and I suspect I'll be in
17 front of you to give you updates as to where we stand
18 and how things are moving along, but if folks are
19 interested in guide use areas, the State's program is
20 on there. Their 60-day comment period has just begun.
21 One of the things we're looking at though is only to
22 establish a number of guide concessions. We're not
23 talking about the number of animals, the number of
24 clients. It's only the number of guides that will be
25 allowed permits to operate on BLM managed lands.

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27 Currently there's only two places in
28 the state on BLM managed lands where we have something
29 of an issue. That's the Squirrel River area north of
30 Kotzebue and on the Dalton Highway for sheep. We don't
31 have too many guide permit requests on other BLM
32 managed lands, but we want to have a number established
33 so that when the State guide concessions are divvied up
34 everyone who doesn't get one is going to be coming to
35 look at BLM, where can I operate, so we want to have
36 that capacity number established prior to that
37 happening.

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39 So I'll cut it short right there. I
40 know there's going to be lots of opinions on guide use
41 areas. This will be a drawn-out process. The only
42 thing that you may want to pay attention to in the near
43 term is the State's program being administered by
44 Department of Natural Resources. I'll leave it at that
45 if there's any questions.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions.

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: I have a comment.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair. One thing
4 I'd suggest on the outset as much as you can to
5 incorporate into this and if you have the option,
6 similar to the Refuge manager, not so much the guides,
7 but it's the outfitter/transporters that really killed
8 off the populations throughout the state following that
9 decision and the legislation failing to do the tweak to
10 the statute that could have fixed it back in '92, '93.
11 That's really where you need to focus some effort if
12 you can to get a handle on that because the guides are
13 not the problem. The guides will take care of the area
14 and limit the amount of people that go in and take only
15 a few animals whereas the transporter and outfitter
16 industry is as many people as you can, as fast as you
17 can and during the hunting season and it really is a
18 mess. So as much as you can do to keep a handle on
19 that and a leash on those guys, please do.

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21 MR. SHARP: Through the Chair. Greg,
22 on area where we have had a problem is Squirrel River
23 and we limited the transporter permits to the 2004
24 level, I think right now, to just sort of freeze it,
25 but again it is, as you recognize, it's the number of
26 clients that folks bring in and those are conditioned
27 on permits.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
30 questions. Mr. Aloysius.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Not related to what
33 you're talking about but somebody asked me to bring
34 this out. Who manages and protects Native allotments?
35 Is that BLM, BIA, BM something, somebody? Some people
36 have no respect for Native allotments.

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38 MR. SHARP: My understanding, through
39 the Chair, is those are considered private lands and
40 they would fall under State jurisdiction.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr.
43 Aloysius.

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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
48 questions.

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50 (No comments)

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, thank you
2 very much. We are down to ADF&G and they will report
3 on the wildlife conservation, fisheries and
4 subsistence.

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6 MR. GILLIKIN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
7 Council members. My name is Dan Gillikin. I'm the
8 fisheries biologist with the Yukon Delta National
9 Wildlife Refuge and this is Chuck Brazil. He's the
10 area manager with ADF&G and we unfortunately couldn't
11 get our PowerPoint presentation working, but what we'd
12 like to do is just go ahead and walk everybody through
13 it. Most folks are pretty familiar with the Kuskokwim
14 fisheries out here, so it was just going to be a bunch
15 of different bar charts and things like that.

16
17 What we want to do is we want to give a
18 joint presentation of the status from last year 2011
19 and discuss what the outlook is for 2012 and then go
20 over some of our preliminary, and I emphasize
21 preliminary, management strategies for 2012 related to
22 what we are seeing from the outlook.

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24 With that, I'll let Chuck start.

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26 MR. BRAZIL: Mr. Chair. Members of the
27 Committee. Most of the you have the end of season
28 outlook from 2011 in front of you and Holly Carroll
29 previously presented this information to you.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We can't hear you.
32 I know she can't hear you. Would you move that up a
33 little closer.

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35 MR. BRAZIL: Sure. Can you hear me
36 now?

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There you go.
39 Thank you.

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41 MR. BRAZIL: All right. So most of you
42 have the end of season summary in front of you and
43 previously Holly Carroll at your fall meeting presented
44 this information to you. So we'll go over 2011 season
45 rather briefly and move on to the 2012 outlook in our
46 very preliminary pre-season and end season management
47 strategies that we're still developing. We'll present
48 that information to you as well.

49
50 Last season on the Kuskokwim River, as

1 you all know, the outlook was for a poor return. Well,
2 we did get a poor return. In previous years we had a
3 number of tributaries which had not achieved their
4 escapement goals. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
5 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, working with the
6 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group, came
7 up with some management actions pre-season to take on
8 these tributaries and those actions were to restrict
9 subsistence salmon fishing, basically close to king
10 salmon fishing with gill nets and rod and reel salmon
11 on Kwethluk, Kisaralik, Kasigluk, Kuskokwak Slough and
12 the Tuluksak Rivers.

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14 Also last season Bethel test fisheries
15 continue to indicate that we were having a poor run
16 based off of the catch per unit effort that we have
17 with Bethel test fish. It basically indicated that we
18 would not achieve a majority of our escapement goals.
19 So there were several end season management actions
20 that were taken. From June 16th to June 19th
21 subsistence fishing was closed in District 1 and again
22 from June 23rd to June 27th subsistence fishing was
23 also closed in District 1. On June 29th through July
24 6th the Alaska Department of Fish and Game took a
25 management action to restrict subsistence fishing to 6-
26 inch mesh or less. That action was superseded by
27 Federal management special actions from June 30th to
28 July 2nd to close subsistence fishing within the
29 conservation zone.

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31 So last year the total run was about
32 135,000 chinook salmon. Spawning escapement was
33 73,000. Preliminary subsistence harvest estimate right
34 now is about 59,250 chinook salmon and that's subject
35 to change because that number is still preliminary. It
36 can still move up a little bit or move down a little
37 bit.

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39 The commercial harvest, we had
40 commercial processors that were willing to not purchase
41 chinook this last season due to the low abundance of
42 chinook salmon, so commercial fishing did not take
43 place until about 90 percent of the chinook salmon run
44 had past, which was July 5th. So the total harvest was
45 about 748 fish, of which 49 of those were sold. So the
46 total harvest is about 60,000.

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48 MR. GILLIKIN: Can I make a comment?

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50 MR. BRAZIL: Yeah, go ahead.

1 MR. GILLIKIN: Dan Gillikin here. I
2 just wanted to comment on the subsistence harvest even
3 though it is preliminary. It appears to be quite a bit
4 lower than it has been in previous years. That appears
5 to be directly a result of a few villages up stream of
6 Bethel here, really taking on the conservation burden.
7 I think some of the estimates are as much as 40 percent
8 fewer chinook salmon were harvested by Kwethluk, Akiak
9 and Akiachak, which is something that we really
10 appreciated. If folks are from those areas, we'd like
11 to thank them and pass that along to the members in the
12 village. Unfortunately, in Bethel here, I think the
13 reduced harvest was pretty insignificant. Probably not
14 even much different than in the past. In the future,
15 again, we're going to be asking people to probably try
16 to conserve. I just wanted to point out and recognize
17 those villages.

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19 MR. BRAZIL: Like Dan said, we
20 recognize that it was a burden. It was a hardship and
21 we were completely empathetic with the villages that
22 had that burden placed upon them and we really do
23 appreciate it. Also the subsistence harvest was
24 significantly lower than the recent 10-year average,
25 which is about 73,000. So there was a real reduction
26 in the harvest of chinook salmon in the subsistence
27 fishery, which led to increased escapement, which we
28 really needed after the past couple of years.

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30 Moving on to sockeye salmon last year,
31 abundance of sockeye was considered below average. You
32 know, it built up through the 2000's, peaked around
33 2006 and total run size and abundance has kind of
34 decreased since then. One escapement goal that we have
35 on the Kogrukluuk we met that escapement goal with 8,000
36 fish passing through the weir, so we were right at the
37 mid point.

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39 Preliminary subsistence harvest was
40 39,500, which is right about the average, so
41 subsistence harvest of sockeye salmon was right around
42 where it should be. Commercial harvest 13,500 was
43 below average and that's because the commercial fishery
44 took place after 90 percent of the run had already
45 passed Bethel test fish. Total harvest was 53,000,
46 which is still below the 10-year average.

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48 Chum salmon returns last year were
49 above average. All of our escapement goals were met or
50 exceeded on the Aniak and Kogrukluuk. Subsistence

1 harvest was 50,000, which is about average. Commercial
2 harvest was 118,000, which is about average. The total
3 harvest was 168,000 for chum salmon last season.

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5 Coho salmon, the abundance there was
6 average. The average total run typically for coho is
7 somewhere around 600,000 to 900,000. Kogrukluuk
8 achieved its escapement goal at about 24,000 fish pass
9 the weir. Kwethluk unfortunately was not assessed due
10 to high water occurring throughout most of the season.
11 Preliminary subsistence harvest was 29,000 and that
12 number was actually below average. Commercial harvest
13 was 74,000, which is below the average. Total harvest
14 was about 100,000.

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16 Did you have anything you wanted to
17 say, Dan?

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19 MR. GILLIKIN: No.

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21 MR. BRAZIL: Okay. So moving on to the
22 2012 outlook, I can tell everybody is looking forward
23 to hearing that. The chinook salmon forecast is about
24 197,000 and the range is 157,000 to 236,000, which is
25 still below the recent average or historical average.

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27 Sockeye is expected to be about the
28 same abundance as last year. Chums are about the same
29 as last year, so that should be above average and coho
30 should be the same as well. So we're expecting good
31 numbers of chum and coho. A poor return or below
32 average return of chinook and probably just below
33 average for sockeye.

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35 MR. GILLIKIN: So based on that outlook
36 and then looking at the historic subsistence harvest
37 that occurs in here for chinook salmon, both the Fish
38 and Wildlife Service and ADF&G feel that there will
39 probably be a need again this year to institute some
40 type of conservation measures on the Kuskokwim for
41 chinook salmon.

42
43 We've developed some early preliminary
44 kind of side boards or framework to start looking at
45 what types of options are available. For our pre-
46 season management strategies we're looking at similar
47 strategies to what we implemented last year with the
48 closures of the tributaries that are of most concern.
49 That's the Kwethluk and Tuluksak, in around those
50 areas, and then Kuskokwak Slough as well. We did not

1 meet escapement at those locations last year except on
2 the Kisaralik the aerial survey did meet that
3 escapement objective barely. We have concerns about
4 deferred effort over onto that system.

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6 So that's the preliminary pre-season
7 action that we've been considering.

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9 MR. BRAZIL: Also based on the outlook
10 we feel that there is sufficient enough abundance of
11 chinook salmon to provide for reasonable subsistence
12 opportunity within the mainstem. So, therefore, when
13 we go to start the season it will be going seven days a
14 week just like it has in previous seasons. What will
15 happen is that Dan, myself, Fish and Wildlife Staff and
16 ADF&G research staff, we're going to assess the run on
17 a daily basis by monitoring Bethel test fishery and the
18 relationship that's developed between the Bethel test
19 fish, escapement and the projected forecast as well.

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21 There's other tools too, including the
22 in-season subsistence harvest surveys, stock assessment
23 projects and if there was a commercial fishery, which
24 we have no plans to commercial fish directly for
25 chinook salmon and even potentially later into June,
26 maybe early July, depending on how the run progresses
27 at that point. We could use harvest CPUE as well to
28 manage the fishery, but that's unlikely.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The reason why I'm
31 smiling is people in the back are having problems with
32 hearing you when you low -- your voice seems to go up
33 and down. When you get relaxed, it's hard for them to
34 hear in the back and they requested me to request you
35 speak up a little louder. Thank you.

36
37 MR. BRAZIL: I always feel like I can
38 hear myself and I'm really loud. Do you want me to
39 repeat my last statement?

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I don't think. Did
42 you hear what he was saying? Okay.

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44 MR. GILLIKIN: So if I just might add
45 to this. Essentially what it's looking like is very
46 similar to last year. Possibly a little bit better for
47 a return. What we intend to do is use the same types
48 of tools that we used last year looking at the Bethel
49 test fishery and we're going to revise that a little
50 bit, try to improve on it because it did appear to

1 perform well last year. It did a pretty good job of
2 telling us that we were low on our return and it kind
3 of came in right where we expected it to. We do see
4 that there's some tweaking to that that we can do.

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6 And then also develop some other
7 components that we want to take into consideration.
8 Things such as how close are we to our pre-season
9 forecast, how close are we to meeting the amounts
10 necessary for subsistence, things like that, and try to
11 integrate a lot of those different components into a
12 decision-making process. Kind of what we do ad hoc at
13 all of our meetings anyway, but try to kind of
14 formalize that a little bit and throw some boundaries
15 on that so that we have a little bit clearer possibly
16 for people when we're trying to make these decisions.

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18 We want to emphasize this is all
19 preliminary. It's open to discussion and we'll be
20 starting those consultations and discussions from this
21 point on. I mean we just finalized this within the
22 last few days. There will be a lot of discussion about
23 it I'm sure and we're open to suggestions on how to
24 address it.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Charles.

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28 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
29 I've got a couple things I want to talk about. The
30 first thing is that last summer when you folks closed
31 the river. Us downriver didn't do so good when people
32 upriver said they did okay. They were satisfied
33 because the salmon goes by downriver first before they
34 go up there. When it was closed downriver, we don't
35 have anything yet. Some of them. Some of the people
36 anyway. We don't like that kind of closures. Windows
37 were okay because they were planned before. We people
38 already know and windows were worked out okay for us
39 those days, but last summer we were not happy.

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41 Another thing is about four of us here
42 are with the Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group.
43 We accept the Department's recommendations sometimes or
44 we don't accept it sometimes and we accept the Federal
45 recommendations sometimes. But one time we accepted
46 the Department's recommendation and not accept the
47 Federal recommendation. Later on after we went home
48 they were both implemented our recommendations. People
49 were not happy with that because we told them that we
50 accepted -- me, I broadcast on the marine radio what

1 happened at the working group meeting and they expect
2 that. When it changed before we have our next meeting,
3 they were not happy with me. They blamed me. They
4 should be blaming the Department or the Federal. So I
5 wasn't happy with that.

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7 So when you have enough RITs, the
8 Federal has RITs who can speak in Yup'ik and explain
9 the closures, where it is and all that, because that
10 time the Department always tell why one or not the
11 Kuskokwim area or one is closed on down. But the
12 Federal told us Federal waters were closed and we don't
13 know where Federal waters were. It could be the pond
14 there or our river or slough. We don't know. So they
15 should say that the Kuskokwim River is closed from some
16 river, like Kwethluk or Bethel on down or Bethel or
17 above, wherever. We would like that. Let the people
18 understand because myself fished illegally not knowing
19 the river was closed. I didn't like that because I
20 don't like to go do something illegally. Thank you,
21 Chairman.

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23 MR. GILLIKIN: Mr. Chair, if I may.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, you may.

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27 MR. GILLIKIN: There's a lot of stuff
28 in there, James. I'll address what I can. Yeah, it
29 was not pretty last year. We realize that it caused a
30 lot of confusion and a lot of misunderstandings by
31 folks. Ultimately the way to resolve that is to not
32 have us exert our Federal jurisdiction in the fishery
33 if we could come to some other type of resolution.
34 That was unfortunate for the users and it was
35 unfortunate that it caused confusion. We didn't agree
36 with the State and the State didn't agree with us. We
37 couldn't come to some kind of agreed upon solution
38 there, so we just had to agree to disagree and go our
39 separate ways and do what we were being directed to do.

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41 Unfortunately what that does is that
42 does kind of take the working group out of the picture
43 at that point. I remember that meeting and we left
44 that meeting with an open question, we were going to
45 close it or not, and it wasn't until later that
46 afternoon or evening that we finally worked it out with
47 the State to where we were going to have to go ahead
48 and close it with the Federal authority. The best way
49 to avoid that is don't let us have to exert that.
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1 The other thing you mentioned was the
2 preference for the windows and we realize that those
3 closures causes some issues for the users and trying to
4 get fish up the river and Chuck has worked out maybe
5 kind of a modified window closure tool that if we had
6 to enact it might be implemented this year and might
7 work better. Do you want to try and describe how that
8 works, Chuck.

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10 MR. BRAZIL: Yeah, I'll give it a shot.
11 It's more of a rolling closure basically than a window.
12 What it takes into account is the travel timing of
13 chinook salmon by day based off of all the radio
14 tagging of chinook salmon that we've done through
15 previous projects. Basically what it would do is we
16 would close sections of the river in blocks, say like
17 five days to a week due to the travel timing of chinook
18 salmon and move that upriver to follow a specific
19 proportion of the run where we're at all the way
20 upriver.

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22 So basically say if we were to close it
23 for five days, say District 1 for five days and
24 District 2 for five days, then above District 2 for
25 five days and that's just kind of a generic scenario,
26 but they would overlap by a day so you could actually
27 protect a little extra fish all the way upriver. So
28 that way everybody would get to bear a little bit of
29 the burden and would provide a measure of conservation
30 to move chinook salmon upriver into the tributaries and
31 it would still allow people an opportunity to
32 subsistence fish.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.

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36 MR. BROWN: Thank you. Last year I
37 was at my fish camp during the closure time. The month
38 of June is the best of the year for drying fish. That
39 time I only have contacting information through AM
40 radio, KYAK. That time the closure was like continuous
41 nine days and then extend the closure for another three
42 days, which was too long for me to fish. That time it
43 was like 12 days. I was kind of confused because I
44 didn't attend the meeting last year. I mostly stay at
45 my fish camp. Sometimes I get a hold of James what's
46 happened during the meeting just to have information
47 after the meeting is over. So this year I want you
48 guys to fix your closure like instead of 9 or 12 days,
49 give us a chance to fish between closures. Thank you.

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1 MR. GILLIKIN: Mr. Chair. I'm sorry if
2 you thought there was not a nine day continuous
3 closure. There was not a nine day continuous closure
4 last year. We had three closures. We had a four-day
5 closure from the 16th to the 19th, a five-day closure
6 from the 23rd to the 27th and then the Federal closure
7 was three days from June 30th until July 2nd. So there
8 were periods between those closures and those were
9 considerations we discussed at the working group
10 meetings, is opening it up to allow for fishing.

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12 So if that information wasn't getting
13 out to people at fish camps -- I mean we advertised
14 this, we put this on the radio, we contacted villages.
15 We made a really strong effort to get the information
16 out, even for the Federal closure. It was late when we
17 got it out, I'll admit that, but we did make a lot of
18 contacts with folks and it was certainly on the radio.
19 So if there was confusion about when it was open and
20 closed, and I can understand that because people aren't
21 used to that and that's kind of why this approach with
22 the rolling closure might be easier for folks to
23 anticipate and understand. We might be able to
24 communicate that better to people in the field. So I
25 apologize if there was confusion related to that, Mr.
26 Brown.

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28 MR. BROWN: So this year I don't like
29 to have a last minute notice on your closures. I have
30 to have your plans ahead of time. Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you have
33 anything else?

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35 MR. BRAZIL: No, we don't, Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions. Mr.
38 Aloysius.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. This is a
41 non-salmon question I have and a big concern. Our
42 native fish, whitefish, have really been catching hell
43 from -- I'm talking about -- when I say our, I'm
44 talking about Whitefish Lake. In the fall time, it's a
45 free for all for people from down here to go up there
46 and they don't honor the regulations. You're supposed
47 to be 90 feet, so many inches and so deep.

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49 Every fall, especially this last fall,
50 people go out with 50 fathom nets, stay two or three

1 days and where's enforcement? It's really sickening
2 for people up there. Even me, we go out with 30, 40,
3 50, 60 and maximum 90-foot nets, so deep, 4-inch mesh
4 or whatever is the minimum or maximum, because we
5 believe those fish need to recover and yet people from
6 below have no regard for that. You try to tell them
7 and who are you. They don't care. So where's
8 enforcement? What do we need to do to enforce that.
9 We ask if Fish and Wildlife troopers can deputize us to
10 be watchers of the lake. Oh, we can't do that. We
11 don't have that kind of program. So what can the Feds
12 and the State do to protect that fishery because it's a
13 native fishery and it's a year-round fishery, not just
14 a seasonal fishery like salmon. Thank you.

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16 MR. BRAZIL: Mr. Chair. Bob. I've
17 spoken with Trooper Cresswell about this already. I
18 received an email late this fall about it and it's
19 definitely on their radar and it's something that
20 they're going to be monitoring specifically this
21 season. I know it's a little late at this point,
22 however, but I did get the information and it was late
23 in the season and Trooper Cresswell is aware and it is
24 on his radar and it's something he's going to be
25 looking into this year.

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27 MR. GILLIKIN: Mr. Chair. Mr.
28 Aloysius. This is the first I've really heard about
29 abuses occurring up there at Whitefish Lake. I suspect
30 if Trooper Cresswell is aware of it because of the
31 coordinated effort that usually occurs between our
32 enforcement folks and the State we'll probably be
33 keeping an eye open for it and I'll certainly bring it
34 to their attention as well.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Where's he stationed?

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38 MR. GILLIKIN: Trooper Cresswell?

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.

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42 MR. GILLIKIN: Here in Bethel.

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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Who's the guy in Aniak?

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46 MR. GILLIKIN: I have no idea.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: We had a meeting with
49 our local AC up there and that was the biggest issue we
50 had with the Whitefish Lake.

1 MR. GILLIKIN: Do you know, is he a
2 brown shirt or is he just a straight trooper?
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4 MR. ALOYSIUS: He's a wildlife trooper.
5 He said he's only one guy covering.....
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7 MR. BRAZIL: Mr. Chair. Bob. I can
8 send out another email to Mike and I can find out who
9 the wildlife enforcement officer is up in Aniak as well
10 and make sure they're aware of it and that they can
11 monitor it.
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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: We made him aware of it
14 because we invited him to our meeting, but we had a
15 different subject.
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Let's get back to
18 our agenda here. Are you done with the whitefish
19 subject?
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Uh-huh.
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you have anymore
24 on fisheries Kuskokwim?
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26 MR. BRAZIL: Mr. Chair. Committee
27 members. Before we finish up here I just want to let
28 everybody know that 2013 is also a Board of Fish year
29 for the Kuskokwim management area. Proposals are due
30 April 10th and if anybody has any proposals or
31 questions about writing proposals for Kuskokwim
32 management area, they can contact Alissa Joseph. She's
33 our board support person and she works in the Bethel
34 office full time. Also that the current escapement
35 goals are under review because it's a Board of Fish
36 cycle, so all the escapement goals for the Kuskokwim
37 River and Kuskokwim management area are being reviewed
38 this year by the escapement goal review committee.
39 There's a meeting coming up March 1st and if you have
40 questions about that, you should contact Jan Konna
41 (ph). She's the regional research coordinator in the
42 Anchorage office.
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We have that
45 information on record. If nothing else, thank you,
46 gentlemen. We are still with ADF&G. That was
47 fisheries. Is there anybody from the wildlife
48 conservation?
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50 MR. BRAZIL: Mr. Chair. Wildlife is

1 not present.

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MR. NEWLAND: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead. Is there
somebody on the phone?

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MR. NEWLAND: The Yukon summer season
fishery management status. Just to kind of get back to
some of the concerns that I heard previously in the
meeting regarding the Pilot Station sonar, I'm not sure
if we still have Jody Lozori from Pilot Station sonar
on, but if we do, maybe we can give him the opportunity
to speak. Otherwise, if he's not on, I will try to
fill the gaps as best I can, okay?

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is the gentleman in
question here?

MR. LOZORI: Yes, Mr. Chair and Council
members. This is Jody Lozori, Alaska Department of
Fish and Game. I'm the Pilot Station sonar project
leader and I was told that there were some questions
regarding the project and if there are I'm here to
answer any.

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there any
questions for the gentlemen that are on? Mr. Pappas.

MR. PAPPAS: Gentlemen, George Pappas,
Fish and Game. There was a question that came up
earlier about the Pilot Station sonar and they were
looking at investigating some new information earlier
about looking at deeper waters.

MR. POLTY: Yeah, okay, fine. I was
the one that asked them earlier. My question was
concerning the sonar that Federal worked with up at
Pilot Station sonar that state they try to improve it
to where the depth -- they could have accurate count on
the chinook salmon. So I was asking about information
and how the improvement worked on that sonar.

MR. LOZORI: Can you be a little more
specific on what you mean by the depth.

MR. POLTY: Like depth of around 35 to
-- 50 to 90 feet. That's how depth our area is right
there at Pilot Station sonar area.

1 MR. LOZORI: Right. Well, that's in
2 the fall leg and that would be on the right bank. So
3 you're asking if the sonar is going deeper? I'm not
4 sure what you're asking.

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6 MR. POLTY: Yeah, I was asking how far
7 deep the sonar goes down and what are those new
8 improvement that regulate how deep the fish could swim
9 in that depth of that sonar.

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11 MR. LOZORI: Okay. Generally the depth
12 of the sonar is not what we're shooting for. I'm not
13 sure if you mean by the depth of the water or by the
14 range, but on the right bank where you're talking that
15 it's 80 feet, we look out 150 meters from the shore
16 there and when we're profiling the bottom with the
17 sonar it's like a cone, just like on your depth finder
18 on your boat, but this is looking sideways. We look at
19 the bottom. You know, basically the fish are going to
20 wander right on the bottom and the cone is aimed
21 towards the bottom and then it's shaped narrow at the
22 end and wide. So on the right bank we're looking out
23 150 meters and on that left bank we're looking out to
24 300, which we increased in 2009 from 250 feet.

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26 And then you asked something about the
27 improvements. Are you referring to the side scan sonar
28 that we're using now?

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30 MR. POLTY: Yes, on that.

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32 MR. LOZORI: Okay. The side scan sonar
33 is a different type of sonar and that is more of a
34 side-looking sonar. We deploy that from a boat. Right
35 now it's just basically a feasibility project because
36 we're trying to add any kind of new technology that we
37 can to the project to improve our passage estimates.
38 What we're trying to do with the side scan sonar right
39 now is -- generally one of our biggest problems at the
40 site is that we have silt on that left bank. What that
41 does is blocks our detection. It blocks the amount of
42 range we can see with the sonar, which is very similar
43 to if you were driving your snowmachine or car in a
44 snow storm and you turn on your bright lights. You
45 just can't see and that's what happens. Generally
46 that's not throughout the whole river and it's normally
47 just a band of silt that blocks us. So we might only be
48 able to see out 50 meters with that shore-based sonar
49 that we have.

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1 What we're trying to do with the side
2 scan is anchor out beyond that range and look on the
3 other side of that silt band. We've been doing it for
4 two years now and generally it hasn't been used for
5 apportionment or to enumerate passage before, but we're
6 seeing promise that we can detect fish with the
7 anchored vessel. There are some problems with the boat
8 moving back and forth. Comparatively our counts with
9 the side scan and our normal sonar are good. The only
10 thing we haven't seen yet is we haven't had really bad
11 silt conditions yet, so we're not totally sure how this
12 is going to work when we have those heavy silt
13 conditions like we did in 2009.

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15 Right now we're just using that side
16 scan as if there's a presence or an absence or
17 comparative data to the shore-based sonar. We'll see
18 later on how it works in the silt and if we can use it
19 as an additional tool to help enumerate passage beyond
20 the range that we are limited of detection with the
21 normal sonar when we have those heavy silt years or
22 high water events like we did in 2009. Does that help?

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24 MR. POLTY: Yeah, that's clarifying
25 information. Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr.
26 Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Is
29 there anything else?

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31 MR. NEWLAND: Mr. Chairman. This is
32 Eric Newland again with Department of Fish and Game. I
33 also wanted to hit on another concern we heard about
34 the subsistence harvest surveys and how the test fish
35 were incorporated into the harvest estimates. I did
36 speak with Deanna John and she confirmed that, yes,
37 they are kept separately. In the survey, the household
38 are asked a question what was harvested, what they
39 harvested from the household and what was received or
40 given to them and that would be those test fish, so
41 those are tracked separately and they are not double
42 counted.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that answer
45 your question, that double counting question somebody
46 had? Mr. Manumik, did you get that? Does that answer
47 your question?

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49 MR. MANUMIK: Uh-huh.
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you
2 for your information.

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4 MR. NEWLAND: Okay. I have just a few
5 other things. I wanted to say thanks to Gerald for
6 providing that update and that we will be looking for
7 that input through the YRDFA pre-season planning
8 process. Like Fred Bue, we are looking for
9 information, but what people feel about the actions
10 we've taken in the past. More than likely some of
11 those actions will be used again for the 2012 season
12 for the chinook. I think the one question that we
13 would like to hear more about in that input is that
14 mesh size change and what people are seeing in those
15 fish and that they are catching -- like I think Gene
16 hinted on earlier was the size, maybe even a sex
17 composition of what people are seeing when they're
18 cutting the fish. All that information is important
19 and hopefully people can bring that kind of information
20 to that YRDFA meeting that Jason I imagine will be
21 addressing here later in the agenda.

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23 The other thing, I did get some
24 information from Jeff Estensen, the fall season
25 manager. He wanted to provide kind of a prelim
26 forecast for fall chum. The point estimate for fall
27 chum would be 1.1 million with a range of 986,000 to
28 1.2 million. This would provide for escapement and
29 subsistence priority and a good commercial harvest
30 between 500-700,000 coho. We expect the average run of
31 approximately 212,000 and would provide for escapement
32 of subsistence priority and a potential commercial
33 harvest of 10-70,000.

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35 I know we've talked about the Yukon and
36 talked a lot about how the chinook runs aren't great,
37 but I do have a summer chum run that's expected to be
38 average to above average this year, so subsistence
39 priority should be met and escapement as well. The
40 potential for commercial will probably be impacted by
41 that potential for a poor chinook run.

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43 There was one other item I wanted to
44 comment on was the Board of Fish. I don't know if all
45 those dates got said, but the Board of Fish AYK is 2013
46 January 15th through the 20th. Those proposals are due
47 by the 10th of April, 2012. So I think that's pretty
48 much what I wanted to hit upon. Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for your

1 information. Any questions.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none.
Thank you very much. We're still under U.S. Fish and
Wildlife. We have ADF&G subsistence.

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MR. RUNFOLA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
David Runfola, Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
Division of Subsistence. I'm going to talk to you for
just a few minutes about this presentation you have. A
handout from me. It looks like this and you can follow
along. Because our division has not had a well-known
presence in the Bethel area for the last several years
I want to remind folks that what we do is -- or the
goal of our division is to gather information about
subsistence harvests of Alaskans and related
information and share that with the public both in
reports and in a public forum like this. We also use
that information to advise the Board of Game and the
Board of Fisheries in their decisions about regulation
of subsistence wildlife and fisheries management.

I'm going to talk a little bit about
some survey projects that we have going on or have
completed. When I talk about a survey, these are
surveys that are done door to door with local hires and
with local community approval. I will also give you
some information on where you can find out more
information about what those surveys look like. There
are going to be three projects I'll talk about. The
first one is the index community baseline and then
there's a big project with the Donlin Creek Mine and
the Lower Kuskokwim Big Game Project.

The index community baseline is a
project that was conducted on the Yukon River. The
purpose of the study is to develop a method of
estimating subsistence harvest in an area by going to a
sample of communities and doing a comprehensive survey.
The comprehensive survey I'm talking about is where we
ask about many different resources. Big game, small
game, salmon, non-salmon, whitefish and other
freshwater fish, birds, eggs, plants, et cetera. Our
hope is to develop a plan to go to a region, sample not
every community but some of the communities and then
use that to develop some general idea about subsistence
in the area.

1 In 2011, we completed surveys in five
2 Yukon River communities, including Marshall and
3 Mountain Village. Right now Fish and Game have
4 analyzed the community data and we're in the process of
5 writing the report.

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7 The Donlin Creek Mine Subsistence
8 Baseline Project is a large, multi-year project funded
9 by Donlin Gold, LLC. The purpose is to document
10 subsistence harvests and related traditional knowledge,
11 economic and demographic data in the Yukon and
12 Kuskokwim River communities. Phase one of the project
13 was conducted in 2010. We surveyed eight central
14 Kuskokwim communities, including Lower Kalskag and
15 Kalskag. The final report is published and it's going
16 to be distributed. I have a copy here. I don't know
17 if the Council is interested in a hard copy. I also
18 have digital copies available for anyone who would like
19 one.

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21 I will not summarize this long report,
22 but I can say just a couple things briefly about the
23 communities from Lower Kalskag and Kalskag upriver to
24 Stony River. All those communities were surveyed in
25 our project. Overall, about 80 percent of the
26 resources that were harvested in that area were fish.
27 Of the total resources, 65 percent were salmon. So
28 obviously fish, particularly salmon and namely chinook
29 salmon, were very important to all the communities.
30 There were some important concerns that people had.
31 Two of them were regarding folks, even though they did
32 harvest a lot of fish, they felt like they did not
33 harvest enough and that's based on our interviews that
34 we conducted.

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36 Also there's a concern about the
37 availability of moose because moose are scarce in that
38 area. One part of 19A where some of the communities
39 are is closed to moose hunting. One part of 19A is
40 Tier II or Section .804 under ANILCA, so there's
41 limited access to moose and that's a concern to people.
42 As a result, it seems like some of the communities have
43 recently shifted away from their traditional harvest of
44 moose and trying to replace that moose harvest with
45 other resources such as fish, but also beaver and black
46 bear.

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48 I probably should stop there. In the
49 interest of time I'll not continue with any discussion
50 of this report. However, I have it available.

1 Phase two of Donlin Creek Mine Project
2 in 2011 we surveyed six Kuskokwim River communities,
3 including Tuluksak, Akiak, Kwethluk and Oscarville.
4 Fish and Game Staff have analyzed the community data
5 and we're currently writing the report. This should be
6 published within the next six months. We're currently
7 conducting research for phase three and we've completed
8 surveys in Russian Mission, Nikolai, Grayling and
9 Anvik. We hope to complete surveys this year in
10 Tuntutuliak, Napaskiak, McGrath and Takotna.

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12 Then finally we have a survey program
13 that's going to be happening here in Bethel starting on
14 March 8th. It's the Lower Kuskokwim Big Game Survey.
15 Household surveys will be conducted here in Bethel to
16 document harvests of caribou, moose and other species
17 of big game. The surveys will provide harvest
18 estimates and information about hunting effort in the
19 area. Our data hopefully will give us some important
20 information about subsistence activities in the Y-K
21 Delta and help biologists in developing management
22 plans for big game species in the region because of
23 some of the concerns that were discussed today
24 regarding moose and caribou in the region.

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26 As I said, the survey will take place
27 in March. We'll have a sample of about 475 households.
28 We'll ask about number, sex, month and location for
29 each species harvested and the number of days spent
30 hunting by each household member. Also I just want you
31 to know that we did go through a community approval
32 process where we presented our project to the City of
33 Bethel and ONC and we've received approval from those
34 organizations. We've also kept AVCP informed of our
35 activities. We look forward to working with them
36 during this project. We'll also be hiring some local
37 folks, hopefully up to 10 people for temporary jobs
38 with us, which is really important in partnering with a
39 community.

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41 If you have any questions or concerns
42 I'm happy to answer them now.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions. Ms.
45 Gregory.

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47 MS. GREGORY: My question is what's
48 your base number for 65 percent of chinook salmon
49 harvesters.

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1 MR. RUNFOLA: That information is for
2 the communities of the survey that we completed in
3 2010, we asked people in the communities of the central
4 Kuskokwim area, eight communities from Lower Kalskag up
5 to Stony River, we asked them about their harvests of
6 everything in 2009 and the results we found were that
7 of all those communities, if you add up everything that
8 everyone harvested, 65 percent of that was salmon.

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10 MS. GREGORY: Of the total.....

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12 MR. RUNFOLA: Of the total was all
13 species of salmon.

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15 MS. GREGORY: And I was going to ask
16 you about the permission from ONC and other people to
17 do the surveys in Bethel, like you need to ask them
18 before you can ask their constituents to go into their
19 private homes and ask question.

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21 MR. RUNFOLA: Yes, ma'am. Through the
22 Chair. We did have a meeting with ONC. I believe it
23 was announced to the public. I'm not sure how ONC
24 handles those meetings. That was in December. The
25 council took their time not only that evening but also
26 several weeks in other meetings to discuss that.

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28 To answer your concern about going into
29 people's households, all of our surveys are voluntary.
30 No community as a group has to choose to participate
31 and no individual is required to participate. At any
32 time a person can tell us -- they can either say, no,
33 you can't ask me any questions or if they change their
34 mind during the survey they can ask us to stop asking
35 questions or to leave their house, so we respect that
36 as well.

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38 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Any
41 more questions. Mr. Aloysius.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: Was there any indication
44 about an ability to harvest like they did five or ten
45 years ago?

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47 MR. RUNFOLA: Yes. That's an important
48 part of our research. Not only do we conduct surveys
49 that are just questions about the harvests that
50 occurred in a specific time period. We also conduct

1 what we call key respondent interviews. We ask the
2 local community to identify individuals who are
3 knowledgeable in the area and we conduct a lengthy
4 interview to discuss their experience in their lifetime
5 where they harvest different resources or traditional
6 information that they choose to share with us about
7 subsistence harvests. So it's also incorporated into
8 our reports. Does that answer your question?

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes, sir. One thing I
11 abhor is TEK. You know what that is. That's the
12 accepted process where to me it doesn't mean a damn
13 thing. When you go into a village and you start asking
14 them their knowledge of their ecological and
15 environmental knowledge, why don't you say it's local,
16 it's indigenous. It's not traditional knowledge. It
17 belongs to the people. When you write up your report,
18 give credit to the people of that particular village or
19 the area. It's not just TEK. TEK doesn't mean a damn
20 thing. So if you have some information gathered from
21 an area, give that area and the village and the people
22 the credit for that. Thank you.

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24 MR. RUNFOLA: May I respond?

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, you may.

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28 MR. RUNFOLA: Just so you know, for all
29 the eight communities that we did work with in this
30 particular project for example, there is one chapter
31 dedicated to the work that we did there or that
32 describes the work that we did there and the results
33 from that community. We share that concern that we
34 give credit to all the people who are involved in the
35 project. However, we also protect their
36 confidentiality, so we do not share their names. We do
37 discuss that in our report. However, if you read a
38 report and you feel that we have not given credit where
39 credit is due, it's very important that we know that
40 because we share your concern.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anything else, Bob.
43 Thank you. Mr. Brown.

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45 MR. BROWN: Did you include whitefish,
46 sir, on your survey?

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48 MR. RUNFOLA: Through the Chair. In
49 our comprehensive surveys we ask questions about many
50 different wildlife resources and plant resources,

1 including whitefish, yes.

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3 MR. BROWN: Do you guys complete your
4 surveys on whitefish?

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6 MR. RUNFOLA: We include whitefish in
7 the survey. Maybe I don't understand your question,
8 Mr. Brown.

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10 MR. BROWN: I mean are you done with
11 whitefish on your survey.

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13 MR. RUNFOLA: Oh, I'm sorry. Are you
14 asking about the whitefish study that was conducted in
15 Eek?

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17 MR. BROWN: Yes.

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19 MR. RUNFOLA: I do not know at what
20 stage that project is right now. However, I do know
21 that the research has been conducted and I believe that
22 funding may have run out. Our funding is often limited
23 and it's possible that the funding has not allowed us
24 to complete the writing of that report. However, I do
25 know that the person who directed that study, Caroline
26 Brown, is someone I can talk to when I return to
27 Fairbanks and I'll get an answer for you.

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29 MR. BROWN: Yes, because I'm just
30 wondering if that survey is completed. Are you guys
31 going to put those on a regulated?

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33 MR. RUNFOLA: Well, my understanding of
34 the process -- and if Mr. Pappas has anything to add.
35 My understanding is that the information that we can
36 gather from a community, from our surveys, can be used
37 as background information for the Board of Fisheries
38 for example to make decisions about proposed changes in
39 regulation. So if a proposal is put forward to the
40 Board of Fisheries about changing regulations in
41 whitefish harvest, then it would be our responsibility,
42 the Division of Subsistence, to provide that
43 information at that time for the Board of Fisheries
44 when they had to make that decision.

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46 So, for example, if you or someone in
47 your community were interested in proposing something
48 to the Board of Fisheries, you could do that and then
49 Division of Subsistence would have that information
50 available so that the Board of Fisheries could make a

1 decision. That's one important role of the data we
2 collect.

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4 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

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6 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair. Charlie Brown.
7 If I may.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, you may.

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11 MS. PATTON: This is Eva Patton with
12 ONC. Just an update on the project Charlie Brown and
13 David Runfola. So there was a lot of changeover in the
14 staff. That was a joint project between ADF&G and AVCP
15 and the villages of Eek, Tuntutuliak, Nunapitchuk and
16 there was a number of staff turnover during the
17 duration of that project. That report has been
18 finished, though it was published last year, but each
19 village should have received a report. Charlie Brown,
20 Mr. Runfola, perhaps you could make sure that those
21 villages and the people that participated in that
22 project do get access to a print copy of that report.

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24 MR. RUNFOLA: I will do that. I'll
25 make sure that Eek gets a copy as well as Tuntutuliak
26 and -- what was the other community? I'm not familiar
27 with the study.

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29 MS. PATTON: Yeah, that study was long
30 and ongoing and the final report did take some time to
31 get published, but it was published last year. So it's
32 Nunapitchuk and Eek that participated in that whitefish
33 study. But, Charlie Brown, just to let you know that
34 that report is published and available to the
35 communities.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for your
38 information. Is there any other questions.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, are you
43 done?

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45 MR. RUNFOLA: Yes, I am. Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you very
48 much. At this time we're going to go into -- we've got
49 a couple people to hear and then the rest of that
50 should go pretty well. At this time we're going to

1 call on Nikolai Jacob Alexie.

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3 MR. ALEXIE: I represent Kwethluk,
4 Incorporated. I have a few items I need to speak up on
5 just for the record. During the 2011 summer of
6 fisheries for Kuskokwim salmon subsistence we had three
7 closures on these three rivers, Kwethluk, Kisaralik and
8 Kasigluk on the Kuskokwak Slough and we could not fish
9 for most of the summer until they lifted that closure
10 and we had a hard time fishing. We had to go down
11 below Bethel to Napakiak when they had openings over
12 there. We used a lot of gas and that's how we got our
13 fish. It was not good for us. We spent a lot of
14 money, a lot of time and we hardly filled up our fish.
15 It was not good for us. My recommendation is if they
16 do have closures in any tributary like Kwethluk,
17 Kisaralik, Kasigluk, don't let us take the brunt of it.
18 Let the whole Kuskokwim close from the headwaters down
19 to the bay if they're going to have closures for
20 subsistence. Subsistence has to come first before any
21 commercial or sports fishermen.

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23 The weirs, I don't know who's in
24 control of those. We have a weir up there in Kwethluk
25 and we want to take it off just for a while. We don't
26 want it there for all that time. If they have
27 closures, take off that weir and let the fish go up.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. We have
30 Sandra Nikolai. Oh, I'm sorry.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: I've got a question for
33 that young man. It was my understanding last year, and
34 correct me if I'm wrong, that the main Kuskokwim River
35 from the Y up to Akiak was open because the only
36 closures were in Kuskokwak Slough and the three
37 drainages that come into that. If I'm wrong, tell me
38 I'm wrong.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You're right, he
41 says.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: There was no reason for
44 you to go all the way to Bethel and below because from
45 the Y up to Akiak was open on the main Kuskokwim River.

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47 MR. ALEXIE: When they started doing
48 closures, we went down to go fish when they closed it
49 upriver from Bethel on up and we went down to Napakiak
50 to fish. When they were closing Bethel on down, we

1 fished up here and when they closed Bethel on up, we
2 went down to fish in Napakiak.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
5 questions for the young man here. Mr. Aloysius, are
6 you done?

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: I didn't understand why
9 they had to come down here when that part of the river
10 was open.

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12 MR. ALEXIE: It's about putting away
13 fish in a short period of time. June to July, that's
14 when we put our fish away.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: I understand that. I'm
17 from this river, but why did you have to -- why could
18 you not fish from the Y to Akiak on the main river.
19 That was always open during the time that Kuskokwak
20 Slough and the three drainages was closed.

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22 MR. ALEXIE: (In Yup'ik) when it was
23 open and when it was closed we went down.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, that problem
26 will be solved, I guess. Is there any questions? He
27 gave you the reason why. Do you have any further
28 questions? No. Go ahead, Mr. Roczicka.

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30 MR. ROCZICKA: I was going to ask the
31 same question too as Bob did. The only time there were
32 closures occurring was later on in July after they
33 started doing commercial periods on chums. That would
34 have been the only time there would have been any
35 closures up there.

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37 Actually, just for the record too, and
38 maybe I remember wrong, but the recommendation, at
39 least the one I supported at the working group meeting
40 back pre-season last year, was that the Kuskokwak was
41 not supposed to be included unless and until that
42 trigger point was reached where closures and windows
43 were going to be put in place and it was only going to
44 be the tributaries of the Kuskokwak which stayed open
45 too and not been affected until those five-day closures
46 that did affect the whole river, the ones that started
47 the 16th to 19th of June and so forth that was the
48 whole river, not just only the tributaries.

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50 But, yeah, the only other closures that

1 would have occurred when you say above Bethel and below
2 Bethel, those were commercial periods and there weren't
3 any commercial periods until well into July.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. You're done?
6 All right. Go ahead.

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8 MR. J. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr.
9 Chairman. Actually the last three years our rivers
10 have been closed on the Kwethluk, Kasigluk and
11 Kisaralik, including Tuluksak, which is quite a ways up
12 for salmon fishing. They only allowed you with 4-inch
13 gear, 4-inch whitefish gear. They tear it up. It
14 doesn't work for us.

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16 What he was saying is they closed our
17 river for the last two years starting in June, that
18 Kuskokwak Slough. You have to go eight miles down to
19 use your whitefish net on the north side of the
20 Kuskokwim. What he was talking about is when they have
21 other openings they have to come down to Bethel and
22 below to fish down here and bring them all the way back
23 up. He was saying Akiak was open. It's another 15
24 miles upriver. We can't afford to go all the way up
25 there and back. The closest one you can go is about
26 eight miles and you have to use a 4-inch gear.

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28 The whole month of June last year alone
29 we had three days -- one day a week opening per week.
30 I was lucky enough to go out in two of those -- two
31 days out of the whole month because we don't fish all
32 day. We just go out there and make a set or two if
33 we're lucky. If I go back, I still have to share with
34 at least seven households. Some of them sharing more
35 than that. That created quite a severe hardship for a
36 lot of people that go subsistence fishing. Quyana.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
39 comments. Mr. Noah.

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41 MR. N. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Quyana. Okay, young
44 lady.

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46 SANDRA: My comments are in regards to
47 some of the comments that were given to the people that
48 we met with before we came. All of us know the
49 hardships that we endured last summer, so we don't need
50 to go through all that. Some of the things that came

1 up and they suggested is if we have to close one area,
2 we should also close all the other areas too.

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4 An example would be if a group of
5 people committed a crime and then they had to go to
6 jail, you don't say you, you and you go to jail and the
7 rest of you go free. That's the same concept. If you
8 don't understand me, ask me. Anyway, one of the
9 people's comments was -- you know when we did the first
10 windows a couple years ago it was nice, but this past
11 summer it was so chaotic. So many people went out to
12 fish all at once that people hardly ever caught
13 anything. It depletes the fish when everybody fishes
14 at the same time and people get a few fish.

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16 Okay. And then one other person's
17 suggestion was for the people of Kwethluk to have the
18 fish weir closed and if anyone asks to have science
19 camps up there to say no to those people. The reason
20 being to cut down on the mortality of the fish that go
21 upriver to spawn. Back to my first comment, when you
22 close one area and you don't close the other areas. An
23 example that I could think of for that was every
24 species has a migratory pattern. Fish have migratory
25 patterns, birds have migratory routes and even some
26 animals have migratory routes. That was an example.

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28 (In Yup'ik). You know, we need to work
29 together on this problem. Some people when they go to
30 the meetings they say this is what's wrong, this is
31 what's wrong, this is what's wrong. We've heard all
32 that. We need to come to these meetings and start
33 saying we could do this, we could do that or do this so
34 we can work together for the betterment of everybody,
35 not just one or two people.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions. Ms.
40 Gregory.

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42 MS. GREGORY: Quyana. (In Yup'ik) and
43 sitting for a long time. Mr. Chairman, I would suggest
44 that you put -- whoever makes our agenda put the
45 comments from the local people whom we represent
46 further up so they won't get too tired and (in Yup'ik).
47 We are sitting for them, not for everybody. They have
48 their own money already.

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50 SANDRA: Thank you. I have to drive
back.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary, the reason
2 why we took these people at this time was because they
3 requested to be heard after the reports. That's the
4 reason why they came out so late.

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6 MS. GREGORY: I'm sorry then.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We are now down to
9 AVCP. Is AVCP here?

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No AVCP.
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16 MR. ROCZICKA: Nothing prepared, Mr.
17 Chairman, other than as I just said. We do plan on
18 conducting our regular projects that have been in place
19 for several years now. The in-season project, the bio
20 sampling as well as working with the test fishery and
21 making sure the senior center is provided with fish as
22 well as elders in the community. That's it.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions.
25 Sandra, before you leave, about the weir talk to
26 somebody like the young man over there sitting there.
27 He's the person that you talk to about the weir. Thank
28 you. Kuskokwim Native Association.

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30 MS. ROBBINS: LaDonn Robbins for the
31 Kuskokwim Native Association. In the interest of time,
32 I have a handout for you guys and it has all the
33 information in it and contact information for myself
34 and Mike Talhauser who couldn't be here.

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36 The one thing I did want to hit on was
37 our education programs and we're working to expand
38 those a little bit more and we're looking to start
39 hiring for high school internships and college
40 internships coming up in mid March and we've had a lot
41 of participation from the Lower Kuskokwim for high
42 school internships. We've recently been contacted by a
43 few of those students that are moving into the college
44 internship and they've started talking to us about
45 wanting to be a college intern for us and we're really
46 excited about that.

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48 We're also working with the Kuspuk
49 School District and putting together lesson plans that
50 can be used by the teachers without having an educator

1 or fisheries biologist present in the schools as we
2 won't have funding next year for an in-school biologist
3 to be doing those programs. We've been working with
4 the curriculum director at KSD to work on that.

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6 We're really excited about a new
7 project for the location, migration timing and
8 description of Kuskokwim River bering cisco spawning
9 origins. That's going to start this next season in
10 2012 putting out 25 tags in Kalskag and 25 tags up in
11 Nikolai to track where the bering cisco are going to be
12 spawning. That's pretty much all I have. There's some
13 graphs attached at the end for passage from the George
14 and Tuluksak River weirs if you guys want to look at
15 those numbers.

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17 Do you have any questions?

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, Ms. Gregory.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. Thank you
22 for waiting also for a log time. Can I get your name,
23 please.

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25 MS. ROBBINS: LaDonn Robbins. It's on
26 the sheet too if you want to know how to spell it.

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28 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: I just want to make a
33 comment, not a question. I really applaud the efforts
34 that KNA has been working on for a long time. They have
35 a really good program where they have interns, high
36 school and college interns. They also have a really
37 good education program where they go in the villages
38 and teach about fish and game. It has really been an
39 eye-opener for many young people. If those guys can do
40 it, we can do it. I really applaud them for that. I
41 always do because it's my home, my area, where I grew
42 up.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any other comments.

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.

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1 MS. ROBBINS: Thank you very much. I'd
2 also like to let you guys know that Art Cummings is the
3 wildlife trooper out of Aniak. I know that was a
4 question as to who that was earlier. His name is Art
5 and he's the Aniak Wildlife Trooper.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for that
8 information. Are there any tribal council reps.

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10 (No comments)

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: ANCSA corporation
13 reps.

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15 (No comments)

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: My friend from
18 YRDFA, Mr. Jason Hale, you're next.

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20 MR. HALE: Thank you very much. I
21 guess I always hear you save the best for last, so I
22 guess I have a lot to live up to. Was that too loud?
23 I'm looking at Mary because I'm answering to Mary
24 today.

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26 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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28 MR. HALE: That's too loud?

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30 MS. GREGORY: No.

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32 MR. HALE: It's perfect.

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34 MS. GREGORY: It's good.

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36 MR. HALE: Okay. So I'm going to hit
37 on three things. Sorry there's three instead of one.
38 The first thing, a few people have mentioned this.
39 We've been doing it for a few years. On the Yukon we
40 have this pre-season planning meeting to talk about the
41 coming season. We've been doing it the first week of
42 April for the past four years. We're doing it again.
43 This may be the last time for a while because of
44 funding, but pretty much the idea is to bring together
45 every tribal council and every major group that's
46 involved in the fishery together with fisheries
47 managers to come up with a plan for this coming season.

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49 An outlook is presented that's been
50 approved by all the bodies that approve outlooks and

1 basically all the users sit and chat about what
2 strategies make sense to them and at the end of the
3 meeting it's just one big long hard day like you've had
4 today. We come up with a plan and the managers present
5 it and that's going to be the pre-season plan going
6 into the year.

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8 So next week we'll be doing a mailing
9 to every single tribal council in the Alaska portion of
10 the Yukon River drainage asking for a representative
11 and giving a bunch of questions for them to talk about
12 at their next tribal council meeting so they can come
13 prepared. As we have the past several years, we would
14 like to ask your RAC to nominate a representative to
15 attend the meeting as well. So that's the first thing.
16 The meeting is going to be in Anchorage on April 4th.
17 We're still working on the venue. I'm leaning toward
18 the Captain Cook.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: From the Yukon.
21 Mr. Manumik is the only one from the Yukon that is not
22 going to be busy except for elders and I don't know if
23 they would want to go. Andrew Brown or Mr. Harry
24 Wilde, would you be interested to go to what he was
25 just discussing.

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27 MR. HALE: It's going to be a meeting
28 to plan for this coming fishing season in Anchorage in
29 early April.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You, Andrew? Okay,
32 we'll send Andrew Brown then. That's okay with the
33 rest of the Council to have Andrew Brown represent us
34 for that.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Why don't you ask the
37 Yukon people.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, I just asked
40 them. I wanted to make sure that everybody agreed, you
41 know. We're all members of this Council, so we've got
42 to appoint the person. So if it's all right with you
43 people from the Kuskokwim, then we from the Yukon will
44 say -- and it's all right with Mr. Andrew Brown, then
45 we'll appoint Mr. Andrew Brown as our rep.

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47 MR. HALE: That is wonderful. I don't
48 think we've had the pleasure, Mr. Brown, at this
49 meeting yet and we really like having new input, so
50 that couldn't be any better really. Thank you for

1 that.

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4 The second thing is going to be a
5 discussion of -- right now we're working with pretty
6 much all the major user groups on the Yukon River, the
7 big groups, RACs and intertribal groups like TCC and
8 AVCP, CATG, the Yukon River Panel, YRDFA and management
9 agencies and processors on a revamp of the King Salmon
10 Management Plan in light of the recent decline in the
11 run. I have some questions about that.

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13 My last thing that I'm going to get to
14 later if we have time is just a very brief update on
15 bycatch. Just something to look forward to to close me
16 out.

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18 I handed you way too much paper. The
19 only thing I really want you to look at is the top
20 sheet. It looks just like this. It's got a bunch of
21 check boxes and support and don't support and that kind
22 of thing.

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24 So, in super brief. Last year the
25 YRDFA Board passed a resolution saying work on a
26 unified king salmon conservation plan, set forth and do
27 that. And they said do it so that you can address --
28 or we can address the recent low salmon returns on the
29 Yukon, and we can talk about how to manage the king
30 salmon runs in times of these low returns, to have the
31 plan come from the users to build trust and confidence
32 in the plan and try to incorporate some of the new
33 measures management's been using over the last four
34 years that we hadn't seen before that seem to work.

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36 So we had a big meeting last month, you
37 guys sent Mr. Polty, who was a great participant, of
38 course, and we also had processors, YDFDA, YRDFA, Fish
39 and Wildlife, Fish and Game, Intertribal groups, it was
40 a good meeting. And in the end they came up with
41 possible components to the king salmon management plan
42 that could be put in to address these low runs. And
43 right now we're working on public input, we're doing a
44 mailing to tribes, we're going to a bunch of meetings
45 like this one, this is the second one we've gone to, we
46 were at YRDFA last week, asking for input and then on
47 the 10th of April we're going to be putting a
48 placeholder for a Board of Fish proposal to make
49 revisions to the king salmon management plan. So
50 that's what we're working toward, is that placeholder.
51 And then we'll work through the whole summer kind of

1 revising the proposal that we put a placeholder in for
2 so that we have a nice, shiny, tightened up proposal
3 for them in the fall, so there'll be one more round of
4 public comment before it gets polished up.

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6 So this is sort of the ground floor,
7 the initial chance to jump in and say, here's what that
8 king salmon management plan on the Yukon should look
9 like and we're looking for your input.

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11 So the group that got together, which
12 included representation from you guys came up with a
13 host of idea. There was only one idea that the whole
14 group agreed on and the YRDFA Board last week agreed on
15 the same idea. And that idea was, pulse protection,
16 which was used last year and a couple years before that
17 on the Yukon River, protecting pulses, distinct pulses
18 of king salmon as they went up the Yukon River, people
19 said it was fair and it seemed to work to get fish
20 across the border.

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22 So everybody who we've talked to so far
23 has agreed that's the one thing, so far, and so that's
24 what I really want to talk about today. They did talk
25 about some other things, they couldn't get full
26 agreement on it, that there was enough of a push that
27 we wanted to bring it up to the public, and make sure
28 we didn't drop something that was important.

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30 Those things were:

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32 No. 1. Protect of early fish. Those
33 fish before the first pulse. The idea
34 that maybe they need to be protected
35 from breakup on, in some ways, whether
36 it was by starting windows early or
37 even a total closure until the first
38 pulse.

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40 Then sale of incidentally caught kings
41 in the summer chum fishery on the
42 Yukon; should it be allowed, if so
43 should there be a set date or some set
44 percentage of the king run that's gone
45 by before you allow it.

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47 Subsistence and personal use harvest
48 reporting to get better numbers.

49
50 Subsistence use permits is an idea.

1 Concurrent subsistence and commercial
2 periods. Right now that's, you know, I
3 guess they can do it through emergency
4 order but otherwise it's not allowed
5 and the idea would be then you could
6 have a commercial period at the same
7 time subsistence was open, like they
8 tried this past year. So that was an
9 idea.

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11 Prohibition on selling king salmon roe
12 in Subdistrict 4A, that's an old reg
13 that's on books so we could talk about
14 that.

15
16 Just two more.

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18 Looking at revising mesh depths.

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20 Looking at whether or not we should
21 keep the windows program in place.

22
23 Now, all those things I just rambled
24 about after pulse protection, we didn't have full
25 agreement on anyways, yet, so I really want to hang out
26 on pulse protection for a minute.

27
28 Going back to that sheet that I said
29 was the one I really wanted to talk about with all the
30 checked boxes, this is where I really want to hang out
31 the rest of the time I'm up here. You'll notice
32 there's a big section under first pulse and it's got
33 four questions. I'm hoping you guys can give me some
34 guidance and support one of these four questions or
35 options. I'd like to read them and just see what you
36 think.

37
38 So on the first pulse of king salmon
39 for the Yukon River talking about the official
40 management plan on the books with Board of Fish, the
41 idea's put forth, number 1;

42
43 Not allow any harvest from the first
44 pulse regardless of the preseason run
45 projection.

46
47 In other words, put in the regs, we're
48 just not fishing on that first pulse. The idea being
49 we're going to protect those fish all the way up to the
50 spawning grounds, it's got the highest proportion of

1 Canadian fish, the Canadian run's not doing so hot.

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3 No. 2.

4

5 Allow a harvest not to exceed 50
6 percent or half of the passage of the
7 first pulse regardless of the preseason
8 run outlook.

9

10 In other words, just protect half of
11 that pulse as they go up so you get some fish up there
12 every year and that's guaranteed.

13

14 No. 3.

15

16 Not allow any harvest from the first
17 pulse when the preseason projection of
18 run size indicates the subsistence
19 harvests will likely be restricted in
20 one or more districts or subdistricts.

21

22 In other words, if the run looks good
23 don't mess with restricting subsistence at all; if it
24 doesn't look good the fishermen's tool of choice is
25 protection of pulses and that's when you use it. Don't
26 use it unless you have to is that one.

27

28 No. 4.

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30 You know we don't like this idea of
31 pulse protection being formalized at
32 all, don't do it.

33

34 I don't know if -- I realize our time
35 is sort of tight, I don't know if there's any guidance
36 we can get on if you like any of these ideas.

37

38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Here's mine.

39

40 (Laughter)

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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. I thought
43 it was presented to the Council not individuals.

44

45 (Laughter)

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That was mainly for
48 the Yukon -- for the Yukon run.

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Exactly. But I thought

1 this group was supposed to answer those questions, not
2 individually.
3
4 (Picking up forms from Council members)
5
6 (Laughter)
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8 MR. HALE: I got to admit I didn't
9 expect it and I'm kind of chuckling.
10
11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, if that's the
12 way you want it then that's the way it will go.
13
14 MR. ALOYSIUS: It says here, please
15 indicate whether the YKRAC, that means this group.....
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS:not each
20 individual.
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22 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: One at a time.
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26 MS. GREGORY: I opt for number 4.
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you want to go
29 over those one by one and get the -- like as Robert
30 suggested, the reaction from the Council?
31
32 MR. HALE: That will be tremendously
33 helpful.
34
35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, if you would
36 go through those one at a time, support raise your
37 hand, oppose raise your hand you'll get an answer.
38
39 MR. HALE: Okay, super. And what I'd
40 like to ask is of these four options, please only
41 support one, that would be really helpful.
42
43 Okay, so the options.
44
45 Never allow harvest on the first pulse.
46
47 Anybody like that idea.
48
49 I'm going with that that looks like
50 it's not very popular. Okay.

1 Never allow harvest on at least 50
2 percent or at least half of that first
3 pulse.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There was a
6 question just after you got done.

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8 MR. HALE: Sorry.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question.

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12 MR. MANUMIK: My question is if you're
13 talking about subsistence?

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15 MR. HALE: Yes, sir.

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17 MR. MANUMIK: Not commercial.

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19 MR. HALE: Correct.

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21 MR. MANUMIK: Okay.

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23 MR. HALE: Okay, so, again, protect
24 half of the first pulse always. Any hands up for that
25 one.

26
27 Looks like we got one.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: One thing that the
30 information didn't come out, is that the average
31 species on each run, you know, that changed a lot.
32 Because in YRDFA, you know, we had all the information
33 that said that 50 percent of the males or so many
34 percent of the males went on the first pulse, you know,
35 without that information the questions that you're
36 asking are not really -- people are kind of guessing at
37 -- you know, because some of the pulses that come
38 through may have all one -- like all males, a large
39 percentage of males and what you're actually trying to
40 do is get the females up there. And that information
41 should have been included in this questionnaire.

42
43 MR. HALE: Yes, sir. And actually all
44 that background information is in that second, fatter
45 packet that I handed you. And I wish I could have
46 given it to you in advance of the meeting, but it was
47 hot off the press about a week and a half ago and that
48 was too late for your booklet and that's just because
49 it's a pretty compressed timeframe from our first
50 meeting. So that stuff is.....

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, we didn't get
2 our booklets until today anyway so it wouldn't have
3 done any good.

4
5 (Laughter)

6
7 MR. HALE: Right, that's fair. So that
8 is in the other packet. So the idea behind this is
9 management is really based on numbers. Numbers of fish
10 getting up the river. Now, some people who put this
11 together said, you know, quality and then let's look at
12 the number of females and I believe Mr. Sandone many
13 times pointed out, he was in this meeting, you know,
14 quality was addressed by the mesh size change and we're
15 really talking about numbers of fish. And basically
16 that first pulse has the highest percentage of Canadian
17 bound fish, and that part of the run is reported to not
18 be doing all that well. So that's why there's all this
19 push to protect the first pulse because those stocks
20 aren't looking so good. So that's the real thing, the
21 numbers of fish heading to Canada are higher in that
22 first pulse and the first pulse is the largest of the
23 three pulses normally.

24
25 So with that bit of information that's
26 why we're talking about protecting the first pulse in
27 any way, shape or form.

28
29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Now,
30 you can go on.

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32 MR. HALE: Now I can go on and feel
33 good about it, okay.

34
35 The third option was not allow any
36 harvest from the first pulse, basically
37 only when you have to restrict
38 subsistence.

39
40 In other words, if you got to do
41 something, well, pulse protection seems like the
42 fairest thing to do so let's put that in the books.

43
44 How many people would support that.

45
46 Okay, I get 8.

47
48 Okay, and then the last one is do not
49 formalize pulse protection, just don't put it in the
50 plan.

1 I don't see any -- no, wait -- okay,
2 that's that one.
3
4 The next one might be a little easier,
5 it's about the second and the third pulses. So first
6 pulse is already gone.
7
8 Based on in-season run assessment,
9 which are actually seeing coming in the
10 river each year, that the Department
11 would restrict harvest opportunity on
12 the second and third pulses of Yukon
13 River king salmon as necessary to
14 provide for escapements and
15 international treaty obligations.
16
17 In other words, if you got to do
18 something towards this middle and end of the run, pulse
19 protection is what we want you to do instead of just
20 doing, you know, the whole suite of things you can do,
21 we want to say, do this one, do pulse protection.
22
23 So the question is do you like that
24 idea, do you put pulse protection in as the thing or do
25 you just leave it open to the manager's discretion.
26
27 So I guess maybe one way to ask would
28 be who would support pulse protection
29 as the thing on the second and third
30 based on what we see coming in the
31 river.
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33 8. 8.
34
35 And who would not?
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37 MS. GREGORY: I wouldn't.
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39 MR. HALE: One.
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41 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I think it's nine.
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43 MR. HALE: Oh, you say nine, okay.
44
45 (Laughter)
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47 MR. HALE: Nine, one and.....
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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Undecided.
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1 MR. HALE:undecided, and you're a
2 no also. Okay, nine, two and one.

3
4 Okay, fair enough.

5
6 And here's one that you may feel okay
7 about, it's about equity. Basically it says:

8
9 The Department shall distribute
10 reductions in subsistence harvest
11 opportunity equally among users.

12
13 In other words, if you're going to
14 throw in restrictions, have it equal all the way up and
15 down the river on everybody.

16
17 Who supports that idea, of being equal
18 in the management -- okay, one, two, three, four, five,
19 six, seven, eight.

20
21 And so who does not support the idea of
22 being equitable in the management -- one, two, three,
23 four, five.

24
25 Okay. This is very helpful.

26
27 And then lastly, if you would look at
28 the additional items for consideration, basically it's
29 the back of that sheet. I rambled on about all this
30 stuff a little bit ago, was the protection of early
31 fish, sale of incidental kings, harvest reporting,
32 permits, concurrent subsistence and commercial periods,
33 selling king salmon roe, changing mesh depth and
34 adjusting the existence of windows.

35
36 Are any of those topics that you guys
37 want to explore enough to take a vote on, or do you
38 want me to just run through them all real quick and get
39 a vote, or do you want me to go away?

40
41 MS. GREGORY: Go away.

42
43 (Laughter)

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What do you think
46 -- well, you already went through them, let's go
47 through them just to get the numbers.

48
49 MR. HALE: Okey-dokie. So one is Would
50 you support protection for the early fish. In other

1 words, establishing greater protection for the earliest
2 returning king salmon prior to the current windows
3 schedule or pulse protection. Those fish that come in
4 before the first pulse and just trickle in. Would you
5 support trying to protect them, the idea being, right
6 now if you're looking at things like protecting that
7 first pulse of fish, people might really hammer those
8 early fish so that they can get some fish in the bank
9 before the restrictions come down and trying to maybe
10 not hammer them quite so much.

11
12 Would you support that -- how many
13 people would support that -- I'm not saying I would --
14 one, two.

15
16 How many people would not support that?

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18 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.

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22 MS. GREGORY: May I say something.

23
24 MR. HALE: Was that everyone else?

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26 REPORTER: Yes.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, you may.

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30 MS. GREGORY: I am not supporting you
31 because you're supposed to be working for me and look
32 out for my welfare and this doesn't say that you are
33 doing it.

34
35 MR. HALE: I appreciate that. And if I
36 may, this is coming from me, none of this came out of
37 my head, this actually came from the users on the Yukon
38 River. This came from -- well, I hate to throw you on
39 the spot there, but people like Evan, who were in the
40 room.

41
42 (Laughter)

43
44 MR. HALE: I didn't come up with any of
45 this. I didn't put out a single idea at the meeting. I
46 helped record it so I could report it back to you guys
47 and get more feedback. So this was actually from the
48 users on the river, it wasn't me trying to come down on
49 you, it was actually me trying to get input from the
50 users so that we can have a good plan.

1 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, ma'am.
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5 MS. GREGORY: I want to say something,
6 too, that when the first come in here, we haven't had
7 fresh fish all winter long and you're asking me to give
8 up, give up my Nativeness, and I can't do that.
9
10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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12 MR. HALE: Fair enough. Okay.
13
14 So the second.....
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. Could we
17 get some clarification, we're talking about Yukon
18 River, we're not talking about Kuskokwim River.
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, this is all
21 Yukon River.
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: If you look at the
24 heading it says the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence
25 Regional Advisory Council is going to take a look at
26 these and -- they're not from us, and they're not from
27 him, they're from the group of people, you know, that
28 work to get these but they want support or, you know,
29 they just want information, do you support us or you
30 don't want to support us, so.....
31
32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
33
34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, ma'am.
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36 MS. GREGORY: If this is going to
37 happen in the future, I'd like for somebody who help
38 you put this together sit there by you so I'll know
39 where it's coming from.
40
41 MR. HALE: Well, in the room the two
42 people who were involved of the 14 people who were
43 participating in the meeting, one is Gene Sandone, who
44 we've heard quite a bit from today and the other is
45 Evan Polty here, who you guys nominated to come on in
46 and I would welcome them to sit beside me if that is
47 the wish for certain.
48
49 (Laughter)
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1 REPORTER: Evan, they're calling your
2 name.
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4 (Laughter)
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Sandone.
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8 MR. SANDONE: I just want to let you
9 know that all these items we couldn't get agreement on,
10 period. Everybody had their own idea, people were
11 split on these that's why they weren't included in the
12 main plan, okay, so they were just split.
13
14 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, ma'am.
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18 MS. GREGORY: If I was sitting there I
19 would opt to ask my people whom I represent before I
20 make a decision.
21
22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: They did. Okay, go
23 ahead.
24
25 MR. HALE: Thank you, sir. And thank
26 you for the comments, Mary, I do appreciate them.
27
28 Okay, the second question is:
29
30 Sale of incidentally caught kings, and
31 this is in the commercial chum fishery
32 in the Yukon River, should they be
33 allowed by a set date or after a
34 percentage of the king run has gone by.
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36 Should that be something that's
37 entertained or not?
38
39 So do you believe that the incidentally
40 caught kings in the chum fishery should be allowed to
41 be sold by a set date or after a percentage of the king
42 run has gone by; if you think that's a good idea please
43 raise your hand. If you don't that's kind of saying,
44 don't sell the incidentally caught kings.
45
46 MR. ALOYSIUS: It's very, very
47 confusing because sale of incidentally caught kings by
48 set date or percentage of king run has gone by, I
49 thought you were supposed to sell your fish the same
50 day you get them, not some other day.

1 MR. HALE: Yeah, and, you know, a lot
2 of these are pretty heady things and this one, I think
3 probably the commercial fishermen on the Yukon could
4 probably speak to it pretty quick because in the past
5 few years when there's been restrictions on king salmon
6 in the subsistence fishery, a lot of times the sale of
7 incidentally caught kings in the commercial chum
8 fishery, commercial summer chum fishery, that just
9 wasn't allowed with the idea that they should be taken
10 home for subsistence because subsistence is getting
11 restricted.

12
13 So, you know, if I were a commercial
14 fisherman in the Lower River and I caught a mess of
15 chum salmon and caught a few kings as well and went and
16 said, oh, please buy my kings as well they'd say, no,
17 you know, that you need to take those home for
18 subsistence and a lot of the fishermen said, geez, I'd
19 actually rather sell them, I put up my subsistence take
20 earlier in the year when the drying was good and I've
21 put away what I'm going to put away on my kings and I'd
22 like to sell them, and that would be my preference, but
23 other people said, you know, geez, we've restricted
24 subsistence it just doesn't seem fair that you get to
25 sell your kings and I'm not getting enough up river or
26 in Canada. So that was kind of the debate back and
27 forth.

28
29 Is that fair, Gene?

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31 MR. SANDONE; Well, yeah, and one major
32 factor that Jason left out, probably inadvertently, is
33 that all these kings or the vast majority are males and
34 they are small, about an average of 12 pounds, they're
35 caught in the directed summer chum salmon commercial
36 fishery, which uses six inch mesh, so they're very
37 small fish. It's more of a political and also they are
38 mostly lower river fish by the end of the run, so it's
39 mostly political and not biological, except for the
40 subsistence restrictions.

41
42 So I'd ask for an initial show of hands
43 and eight people threw their hands up saying that they
44 supported being able to sell incidentally caught kings,
45 does anybody else who has not raised their hand yet
46 want to throw in on that supporting -- okay.

47
48 Who opposes selling incidentally caught
49 kings by -- okay, one, two, and I suppose the rest
50 abstain -- okay.

1 MR. N. ANDREW: May I have the floor?

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, you may.

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5 MR. N. ANDREW: Thank you. I didn't
6 vote any of them because I'm representing the Kuskokwim
7 here and I'm representing subsistence and I'm
8 representing myself. The outcome of, the figure you
9 tried to reach, there's several comments I'd like to
10 make on that.

11

12 Why aren't the international fisheries
13 included, limit their catch, get these fish into our
14 tributaries there. The other concern I have is for the
15 past several years, a couple of our river's mouth are
16 becoming channeled, really shallow channel, Tuluksak is
17 one river majority of the fish that went up used to go
18 into. We had to channel out on our own using the
19 village equipment, make a channel, and just helped us
20 out, maintaining these channels and then come lastly to
21 us for subsistence.

22

23 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Go
26 ahead.

27

28 MR. HALE: Okay. A lot of these are a
29 little -- I think a few of these are a little easier.
30 The next one is trying to get subsistence and personal
31 use harvest reporting. People said, oh, geez, let's
32 see if we can get a little bit more accurate so that
33 fisheries managers have a better idea of all the
34 pressures on the fish.

35

36 So who would support trying to improve
37 harvest reportings, perhaps through harvest report
38 forms issued by Fish and Game -- one, two, three, four,
39 five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10. Okay, and I believe
40 that Mr. Andrew would abstain, and I know that Mary
41 is.....

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43 MR. ROCZICKA: Opposed.

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45 MR. HALE:and Greg will oppose as
46 well.

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48 MR. ROCZICKA: You say require, not
49 try. A requirement for the reporting.

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1 MR. HALE: Okay, thank you. And the
2 next one is subsistence use permit, the requirement of
3 a subsistence use permit to participate in subsistence
4 fishing.

5
6 Who likes that idea?

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8 MS. GREGORY: Nobody.

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10 (Laughter)

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12 MR. HALE: Does anybody like that idea?

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14 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. That already
15 is there in that -- what's that thing called when we
16 can only fish a certain amount of fish when there's a
17 -- what's that called, Tier II -- is it Tier II, it's
18 already in there.

19
20 MR. HALE: Don't shoot the messenger.

21
22 (Laughter)

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24 MR. HALE: Okay, fair enough, good
25 clear message on that one, and, thank you.

26
27 The next one is allowing concurrent
28 subsistence and commercial periods. Normally on the
29 Yukon River there has to be a delay in between when the
30 commercial period occurs and when subsistence is
31 allowed to occur. This past year, through emergency
32 order, they did them at the same time to be able to
33 have a commercial fishery on chum salmon even while the
34 king salmon were running so that the fishermen in the
35 lower river could make an income without adversely
36 harming the kings.

37
38 So would you support allowing that to
39 happen in regulation, making that okay by regulation or
40 would you be against that.

41
42 So who would support allowing
43 concurrent subsistence and commercial, allowing them
44 both to fish at the same time.

45
46 MR. H. WILDE: Me, I could say never
47 have having fish before.

48
49 REPORTER: Could someone turn Harry's
50 mic on, please.

1 MR. H. WILDE: People don't have no
2 experience, they will get in trouble. I could look at
3 this already. So I'm not supporting it.

4
5 MR. HALE: You don't support it.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Sandone.

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9 MR. SANDONE; Yeah, Gene Sandone. Just
10 for your information, this was put into place awhile
11 ago when there was selling of subsistence caught fish,
12 the shanks, and to thwart people selling subsistence
13 fish, subsistence caught fish under the guise of
14 commercial, it was put in that there would be a waiting
15 period before and after commercial. Right now the
16 Department, like last year, didn't see the need for
17 that and so they had concurrent commercial and
18 subsistence fisheries because we don't believe that a
19 lot of people would go out and catch chum salmon in the
20 subsistence fishery and then try to pawn them off on
21 the commercial.

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23 MR. HALE: So with that
24 explanation.....

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius, go
27 ahead.

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: I got a question here.
30 When you're talking about concurrent subsistence and
31 commercial periods, are you talking about the same
32 districts or, you know, you open one for commercial and
33 the other one at the same time is open for subsistence?

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35 MR. HALE: Same spot, same district.
36 In the same district, having them both be able to
37 happen at the same time. Not that they always would,
38 but just that that they could.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Al.

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42 MR. UNOK: The question, the one we
43 just vote on, to sell the kings don't -- okay.

44
45 MR. HALE: Okay, so there seems to be
46 some good discussion, I'll just pose it one more time.

47
48 Who would support allowing commercial
49 and subsistence concurrently?

50

1 Would anybody?

2

3 Okay, two. And so I presume that's 10
4 against.

5

6 Next up is prohibition of selling king
7 salmon roe in Subdistrict 4A. Right now on the books
8 you're not allowed to sell king salmon roe in
9 Subdistrict 4A. The idea is maybe expanding that to
10 the entire drainage and changing the regulation to
11 read:

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13 A harvester may not sell king salmon
14 roe, only whole king salmon may be
15 sold.

16

17 And I believe Gene probably has an
18 insightful comment on this one.

19

20 MR. SANDONE: Gene Sandone. There's
21 nothing on the books that allow king salmon roe to be
22 sold, it's the guideline harvest ranges are all in
23 numbers of fish and it is understanding, and I'm going
24 to speak for Steve Hayes because we talked about this,
25 it's his understanding that you can't sell king salmon
26 roe without selling the fish. So it's kind of a moot
27 point and if we get rid of it, this, in here, or you
28 adopt the language that really species that you can't
29 sell king salmon roe, I think that would be good.

30

31 MR. HALE: Okay. So with that
32 explanation, who would support expanding the
33 prohibition of just selling king salmon roe, saying
34 that you can't do that across the whole river, given
35 what Gene just said. And I know this is a little
36 confusing. I know that one's a real head turner.

37

38 Does anybody think that we need to put
39 that into regulation anyway -- one, two, three, four,
40 five, six, seven, eight, nine. Okay, and I presume
41 that that would be three against -- okay.

42

43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And one no comment.

44

45 MR. HALE: And one no comment. Okay.
46 Mesh depth of net. The idea is to reduce the allowable
47 mesh depth to let more fish get up to the spawning
48 grounds. Would anybody support another gear change, in
49 this case, to reduce the depth of the -- reduce mesh
50 depth of nets.

1 Who would support that -- I don't see
2 any hands.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you raising
5 your hand that you're supporting it or do you have
6 something to say.

7
8 MR. W. BROWN: I have a question.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, a question.

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12 MR. W. BROWN: Is it true that I heard
13 roe is -- cost outside Alaska, is it true that roe
14 buying is expensive to buy, like I heard it might be a
15 rumor that someone told me that the roe cost like \$16,
16 \$20 a pound.

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18 MS. GREGORY: More than that.

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20 MR. HALE: You know, I'm not even going
21 to pretend to have any idea about that, Mr. Brown, I'm
22 sorry. I don't know.

23
24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you know
25 anything, Mr. Sandone?

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27 MR. SANDONE: Gene Sandone, no. No,
28 Mr. Chair, I don't know anything about it.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.

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32 MR. HALE: Last question from me on
33 this is about the fishing windows that they have on the
34 Yukon River, you know, the periods where you can fish
35 and where you can't that have been, you know, on the
36 books for about a decade. And this is if that pulse
37 protection, the very first thing we talked about, if it
38 were adopted for management of king salmon in the Yukon
39 River, consider how those windows, the subsistence
40 fishing periods, should be applied during times of
41 conversation.

42
43 Should we keep those windows in place.
44 If pulse protection is adopted should we eliminate the
45 windows to e sure that when the pulses aren't being
46 protected people have ample opportunity to fish for
47 their subsistence needs. Or if the first pulse is
48 protected, should we eliminate the windows after that
49 first pulse is protected.

50

1 So there are three options; keep the
2 windows; ditch the windows; or ditch the windows after
3 the first pulse. And the idea is trying to make sure
4 that people have sufficient opportunity to meet their
5 subsistence needs in the event of pulse protection. I
6 know it's another confusing one and I apologize for
7 that.

8
9 So I'd like to just shoot down the row,
10 one, two and three, and if you support it throw your
11 hand up if you don't mind.

12
13 Who thinks we should keep those windows
14 in place that spread out the harvest.....

15
16 MR. CHARLES: I didn't get that one.

17
18 MR. HALE: That one's a little
19 confusing, really.

20
21 So if -- Gene, can you throw a little
22 -- I'm not doing so well on this one.

23
24 (Laughter)

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26 MR. SANDONE: Gene Sandone. Let me see
27 what it is again.

28
29 Okay, windows were basically enacted to
30 spread the harvest out and some people believe that
31 pulse protection is just an expansion of the windows.
32 If you're doing pulse protection that means you're
33 going to have either a preseason forecast that's poor
34 and you're going to have subsistence restrictions or
35 you're not. And if you have pulse protection, then it
36 might make sense to keep the windows so that you could
37 spread the harvest of the rest of the run over the
38 entire run and not concentrate on one section. Most
39 people like to get their fish early, put it up in the
40 smokehouse, dry it, early. So if you don't have
41 windows there could be a lot of pressure on that second
42 pulse or the trough between the pulse.

43
44 That's my opinion.

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46 And I would -- if you would ask me, I
47 would vote for keeping windows intact and having the
48 pulse protection just as an expansion of the windows.

49
50 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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3 MR. HALE: So I know it's super
4 confusing this one and it's really late; it's really
5 late.
6
7 So just to make it easier, do you guys
8 think that these fishing windows are a good thing to
9 keep or not.
10
11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, they are.
12
13 MR. HALE: Okay. Who thinks that the
14 windows, the fishing windows, trying to spread the
15 harvest out through these regular closures they've been
16 doing for awhile, who thinks that's a good idea -- one,
17 two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10.
18 Okay, so 10 say keep the windows, and two say
19 otherwise.
20
21 That is it, that was enormous. It took
22 the YRDFA Board three hours to work through the very
23 first question, and you guys just knocked through all
24 of them in, well, much less than that, so I thank you.
25 That was tremendously impressive.
26
27 I said I was going to do a salmon
28 bycatch update. I'm going to do a 30 second salmon
29 bycatch update out of respect for your time the rest of
30 the day.
31
32 You already heard a little bit about
33 this. In 2011 25,500 kings and 191,446 chum salmon
34 were caught as bycatch in the pollock fleet. Kings,
35 you probably already heard, the North Pacific Fishery
36 Management Council took action on that a couple years
37 ago and that took effect just over a year ago and this
38 catch was under that cap that they had set. Chums,
39 they're working on a cap right now and they are -- the
40 Council is meeting about chum salmon bycatch right now
41 and the handout I gave you, it gives you instructions
42 if you want to weigh in. And basically if you want to
43 weigh in, you just weigh in and say, geez, chum are
44 really important to us and write them a letter by the
45 20th of next month delivered to the North Pacific
46 Fishery Management Council at the address on the little
47 handout I gave you and that would be great.
48
49 But, as was referenced earlier, they're
50 not going to be -- the Council will not be making a

1 final determination on chum salmon until the fall, if
2 not the winter, it's either going to be October or
3 December, so we got awhile. So if you want to weigh in
4 on it, that would always be helpful so that people
5 understand how important chum salmon are to your
6 subsistence needs. But the big push is going to be in
7 the fall and we're going to be asking for, you know,
8 more official letters at that point so that we can
9 really hammer at the end.

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11 And that's all I've got, I really
12 appreciate it.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, Ms. Gregory.

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18 MS. GREGORY: I have a question. Did
19 you say North Pacific is going to regulate the fishing
20 here? I thought the State Fish and Game did that for
21 the Kuskokwim River and the Yukon Rivers.

22

23 MR. HALE: Outstanding question as
24 always. And I guess the 30 second preview, I had to
25 skip some of the details.

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27 The Council is looking at restricting
28 chum bycatch in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island pollock
29 fleet.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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33 MR. HALE: That's where they're
34 managing and so that's what I was referring to so sorry
35 for the confusion.

36

37 MS. GREGORY: Thank you. And thank you
38 for explaining it.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further
41 questions for Mr. -- go ahead, Mr. Brown.

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43 MR. A. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
44 On the subject of Yukon king salmon, I want to bring
45 this up for maybe for informational.

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47 In the month of -- I think in the month
48 of November, in Anchorage Daily News, there was an
49 article about Yukon king salmon, it was on the front
50 page. I clipped that article but somehow I misplaced

1 it in my house, I was going to bring it over here make
2 a copy of it, the paper says Canadians they find out
3 there was a virus in king salmon but they keep it
4 secret. They didn't pass it on to us Americans. They
5 keep it to themselves, the virus, that's a sickness,
6 some kind of a sickness on king salmon and they keep it
7 to themselves until somehow the Americans find out.
8 I'm pretty sure some of you people from Anchorage read
9 that article in the month of November. I read it
10 because I subscribe to Anchorage Daily News. It cost
11 me a lot of money over the year but I like this
12 information about -- I was -- I thought something would
13 come up on this meeting about that article. And
14 Canadians for years have been fighting, they say that's
15 our fish, the Yukon king salmon and not only in the
16 Yukon but also in Southeastern where there's British
17 Columbia and Alaska there's a river, a fishery and what
18 do they call it -- and there's a fishery down there for
19 sockeye, a sockeye fishery. So all these years they've
20 been fighting Americans fighting, and Canadians
21 fightings for that sockeye fish because that river goes
22 in some part of it in Canada and some part of it in
23 Alaska, so the same thing up in Yukon.

24
25 Then somebody must have known it, you
26 know, you're supposed to be biologists, I just wanted
27 to bring that up, you know, Mr. Chairman. Maybe that's
28 the reason why our Yukon kings they're not very many no
29 more because there's some sickness going on, maybe
30 something happened out in the high seas. That's where
31 North Pacific Fishery Management Council should check
32 into that, out in the high seas. And then out there,
33 maybe something happened to the habitat, maybe trying
34 to get some research money, study what really happened
35 to try to rebuild this Yukon king salmon.

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37 And then also in Kuskokwim, the same
38 thing, king salmon, the chums, you know, they're a
39 tough fish, they survive.

40
41 This is something I want to bring up
42 before the meeting's over.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You got any
45 comments, Mr. Pappas.

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47 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Jason.

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1 MR. HALE: Thank you, very much.
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3 MR. PAPPAS: Real quickly. I do
4 remember an article, it was about sockeye salmon. It
5 was about hatchery related diseases. And as you were
6 saying British Columbia, some transboundary fish, I am
7 not aware of a Yukon issue with the diseases, like you
8 said. But you've built a record here. OSM and Fish
9 and Game will investigate that and have answers for you
10 at your next meeting.
11
12 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Andrew.
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16 MR. A. BROWN: I'm going to look for
17 that when I get home and when I find it I'll make a
18 copy.
19
20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
21 Pappas.
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23 We are now -- if you want me to say it
24 the way you say it, it's Mr. Pappas, okay, are you
25 happy.
26
27 (Laughter)
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we are down
30 to future meetings.
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32 Mr. Nick, do you have any comments
33 before we go to that.
34
35 Oh, Mr. Alex -- Mr.....
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37 REPORTER: Al.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Al. Al, thank you.
40
41 (Laughter)
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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45 MR. UNOK: We're going to have
46 nomination of date and location for the next meeting.
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, we're going
49 to that right now if you will let us.
50

1 MR. UNOK: Okay.
2
3 (Laughter)
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr. Nick.
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7 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
8 Your fall 2000 [sic] meeting is scheduled on Page 81 --
9 I mean the calendar's on Page 81, and you chose your
10 fall 2000 [sic] meeting to be held on.....
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: October 10 and 11.
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14 MR. A. NICK:October 10 and 11 in
15 Quinhagak. And in the past we've informed the Council
16 that, you know, we would like to meet in the hub
17 community as you know -- unless there's a really good
18 justification to meet in a non-hub community. And it
19 is something that you need to consider when you talk
20 about future meetings.
21
22 Mr. Chair.
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So now the
25 direction is to meet in the hubs and we don't have no
26 say on where we meet, is that what you're telling us?
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28 MR. A. NICK: What I'm telling you is
29 that, you know, because Quinhagak is considered as
30 anon-hub -- is not -- it is -- let me rephrase that.
31 The community of Quinhagak is a non-hub community
32 according to our analysis of hub versus non-hub
33 community. We would like for you to consider meeting
34 in the hub community to keep the costs down, the costs
35 of the meeting down.
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Unok.
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39 MR. UNOK: Mr. Chairman. I'd like to
40 make a motion to have meeting in Bethel because we were
41 supposed to have a meeting in Emmonak and they called
42 me and told me they were low on money and I think we're
43 going to have that problem more because of the oil
44 price going up and the State revenue and Federal
45 revenues are going down. We're probably going to hear
46 more about the low money and we'll end up in Bethel
47 again.....
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Did you make a
50 motion.

1 MR. UNOK:or keep it in Bethel.
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I didn't hear what
4 you said. Did you make a motion?
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6 MR. UNOK: Yes, I did.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What was the
9 motion?
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11 MR. UNOK: I make a motion to have the
12 meeting in Bethel unless they come up with good monies.
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, usually, Al,
15 before we go into voting, we usually try to meet on the
16 Kuskokwim and the Yukon. Once on the Yukon, once on
17 the Kuskokwim, and this time we met on the Kuskokwim,
18 so are you trying to say St. Mary's?
19
20 (Laughter)
21
22 MR. UNOK: No, we were supposed to have
23 a meeting in Emmonak right now but they said they don't
24 have enough money so they moved it to Bethel, that's
25 what I'm talking about.
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.
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29 MS. GREGORY: Second the motion, Mr.
30 Chair.
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32 MR. UNOK: So the future.....
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.
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36 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) to meet in
37 Bethel.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: To meet in Bethel.
40 A motion's been made to change the place of the meeting
41 for the fall on October 10th and 11th in Bethel, it's
42 first and seconded.
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44 Any further discussion.
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46 Mr. Roczicka.
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48 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I'm not
49 going to support -- I understand what they've stated
50 there, I don't know if it's been looked into on the

1 reduction that might be gotten for not having to pay
2 hotel bills versus what you might get in Quinhagak for
3 a place to stay. I don't know if that's been looked
4 into or not. But all in all, I think this decision is
5 something that sounds like it's already being made.
6 I'd like to say on record that we would have preferred
7 to have the meeting in Quinhagak and if funding doesn't
8 permit then it gets moved back to Bethel as it's been
9 done for the last two or three years, I think, now, and
10 being more and more. Are there any hub communities, is
11 St. Mary's even recognized as a hub community? What
12 are the recognized hub communities in the YK-Delta?
13 Anchorage?

14

15 (Laughter)

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Could you answer
18 that Mr. Nick.

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20 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. St. Mary's is
21 considered as a hub community.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Could you name the
24 hub communities in our area?

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26 MR. A. NICK: Right now at this point
27 we have only two hub communities. One in Bethel. One
28 is Bethel and one is St. Mary's within our region.
29 When you choose to meet in a non-hub community, what I
30 would have to do is do analysis of the cost, the hotel,
31 if there's hotel, if there's -- you know, well, the per
32 diem costs and cost of lodging and then compared with
33 hub community like St. Mary's and -- or Bethel. And
34 then it would be up to the.....

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36 (Teleconference interruption)

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38 MR. A. NICK: Going back to what I was
39 saying, what I would have to do is I'd do -- I would do
40 a cost analysis and submit it to our office in
41 Anchorage and a decision would be made whether -- you
42 know, we would make a decision to either meet in that
43 community or in the hub community. It's not the Staff,
44 it's our boss that makes the decision.

45

46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If you must, then,
47 Mr. Kron, go ahead.

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49 MR. KRON: Real, real quickly.
50 Basically the Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska has

1 cut travel significantly, we're looking at a 20, 30, 40
2 percent reduction and we specifically said that a big
3 portion of our travel cost is connected with supporting
4 the Councils and we shouldn't have to meet this
5 reduction and we were told, yes, you do. You know,
6 basically you saw it at this meeting, we haven't
7 brought as many Staff, we won't bring as many Staff to
8 the future meetings because of the travel reduction.
9 But basically what I've been told is that -- and you
10 already heard me say this earlier at a break, but,
11 please try to convince the Councils that we have to
12 meet in hubs, you know, the consideration of other
13 sites is not going to be the option that it has been in
14 the past because of this travel reduction. I think you
15 all watch the evening news and realize what's happening
16 to Federal budgets but it's filtering down to the
17 travel budget issue as a start.

18

19 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr. Kron
22 and Mr. Nick.

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24 We have a motion on the floor, yes, is
25 this addressing the motion?

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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. History of
28 meeting has always been Yukon next year -- I mean next
29 meeting in the Kuskokwim, next year Yukon, Kuskokwim,
30 and so on, and one of the things that was agreed on a
31 long time ago was the simple fact that because of the
32 harshness of the winter that winter meetings be held in
33 Bethel because it's easier right here, and alternating
34 with the Yukon, so the next logical place to meet would
35 be in St. Mary's.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: But there is a
38 motion on the floor and we'll act on it.

39

40 MR. ALOYSIUS: That is why I am
41 discussing it as part of the discussion to remind you
42 guys what you were already -- what you already know.

43

44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Bob.

45

46 (Laughter)

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I said that because
49 I was supporting what you were saying. Yes, Mr. Unok.

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1 MR. UNOK: So we'll just have to make a
2 motion for a date only for those two places.
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All we have to do
5 is vote on this motion. If the people don't want to go
6 to Bethel then we'll have another motion to go meet in
7 St. Mary's. It's easier to handle it if you let me
8 handle it then we'll do it faster. Okay.
9
10 (Laughter)
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We have a motion on
13 the floor that's already been seconded to have the next
14 meeting here.....
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16 MS. GREGORY: Question.
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:in Bethel.
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20 MS. GREGORY: Question.
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's been
23 called for. Roll call vote, please.
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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Ahhhhh.
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27 (Laughter)
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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.
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31 REPORTER: Bob. Bob, please. I know
32 it's late, late.
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34 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Oh, sorry about that.
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38 REPORTER: Thank you.
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mary Gregory.
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42 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Aloysius Unok.
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46 MR. UNOK: Yes.
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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Huh?
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50 REPORTER: He said yes.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: What?
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: He didn't hear your
4 vote, say it again.
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6 MR. UNOK: Yes. I said yes.
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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Greg Roczicka.
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10 MR. ROCZICKA: No.
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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert Aloysius. No.
13 John Andrew.
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15 MR. J. ANDREW: No.
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Charlie Brown.
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19 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Charlie Brown.
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23 MR. W. BROWN: No.
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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.
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27 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
28
29 MR. ALOYSIUS: Noah Andrew.
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31 MR. N. ANDREW: Yes.
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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Evan Polty.
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35 MR. POLTY: No.
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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Lester Wilde.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No.
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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: Paul Manumik.
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43 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.
44
45 MR. ALOYSIUS: Andrew Brown.
46
47 MR. A. BROWN: Yes.
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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: Harry Wilde.
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1 MR. H. WILDE: No.
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Who did I forget,
4 someone -- seven no, six yes, so motion fails.
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion fails?
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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.
9
10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. So the
11 motion fails for the meeting in Bethel?
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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes, correct.
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15 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. I don't know
16 if I have wrong tally but I do have seven yes and six
17 no.
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, it's the other way.
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What was that?
22
23 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, I think it's
24 other way.
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26 REPORTER: No, Alex, it's seven no, six
27 yes.
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What was that?
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31 REPORTER: Seven no, six yes.
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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: What she said, seven no,
34 six yes.
35
36 MR. A. NICK: Okay.
37
38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seven no, six yes.
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.
41
42 MR. A. NICK: Okay.
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So the next meeting
45 is -- the next hub is St. Mary's.
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47 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I move that
48 we leave the next meeting up to the Chair person.
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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: To the what?

1 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There's a motion on
4 the floor, do I hear a second.
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6 MR. MANUMIK: Second.
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Second. Any
9 further discussion.
10
11 MS. GREGORY: Question.
12
13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called.
14 Roll call vote, again, please, Robert.
15
16 (Laughter)
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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: Ask for a voice vote, I
19 mean there's no.....
20
21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. All in favor
22 of the motion say aye.
23
24 IN UNISON: Aye.
25
26 (Laughter)
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I was trying to get
29 out of that.
30
31 (Laughter)
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed, same
34 sign.
35
36 (No opposing votes)
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried
39 then. The next meeting will be held in St. Mary's
40 October 10th and 11th.
41
42 (Laughter)
43
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.
45
46 MR. ALOYSIUS: That is a directive from
47 the Chairman.
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Thank
50 you. We are at closing comments.

1 First of all I want to say I apologize
2 for holding you guys for so long and thank you for your
3 dedication for doing this, you know, it's not very
4 often that we sit and we talk about things that carry
5 us out this late, but I think it was well worth the
6 time, and I want to thank you all, even our Staff for
7 being here and being here until the end. I know it
8 gets a little touch sometimes, even the Chairing gets a
9 little rough at times but we still got to get things
10 done.

11
12 Mr. Robert Aloysius, go ahead.

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes, point of order, you
15 forgot one item, 15B, select date and location for
16 winter 2013 meeting.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, I overlooked
19 that, I'm sorry, I stand corrected. Item B, select
20 date and location for winter 2013 meeting.

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22 Mr. Unok.

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24 MR. UNOK: I make a motion in Bethel,
25 it's the only hub anyway.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Date. Date and
28 location. The calendar is where?

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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: Page 82.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Page 82. Alex,
33 could you give us a rundown on the open dates, please,
34 or is that what it's just showing there.

35
36 MR. A. NICK: I have two regions and
37 Seward Penn chose February 12 and 13. Other -- do we
38 have other Councils yet?

39
40 (Pause)

41
42 MR. A. NICK: So while Tom's looking at
43 other Council's winter 2013 meeting, 2013 meeting, it
44 would be good, you know, if they -- if my two regions
45 are at least a week apart, that would help.

46
47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Since the location won't
50 really matter since -- we should alternate between the

1 two drainages but I'd move for February 27 and 28,
2 which is a Wednesday and a Thursday.
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: How about 27 and
5 28.
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7 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair.
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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex, go ahead.
10 Yes, what?
11
12 MR. A. NICK: It's okay. It's okay.
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, okay. The 27th
15 and 28th -- the suggested dates were 27 and 28 in
16 Bethel.
17
18 MR. UNOK: Second.
19
20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do I hear a motion
21 to that effect.
22
23 MR. ROCZICKA: I did.
24
25 MS. GREGORY: So moved.
26
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. A motion's
28 been made to have the next meeting on February --
29 winter meeting on February 27 and 28th in Bethel. Any
30 further discussion.
31
32 (No comments)
33
34 MS. GREGORY: Question.
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called
37 for. Did you get the first and second on that?
38
39 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. All in favor
42 of the motion signify by saying aye.
43
44 IN UNISON: Aye.
45
46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.
47
48 (No opposing votes)
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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried.

1 Okay, now, we are down to the last
2 item. Let me find my agenda, closing comments. We
3 will start with the young lady on the far left.

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5 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. I'd like
6 to thank everybody for coming here and (In Yup'ik).

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8 To me it was kind of a short notice
9 because I've been very busy and I didn't make plans to
10 do this but I'm glad I was here. And I am glad that we
11 have new people sitting there. I'd like to welcome Mr.
12 Brown, and who else did I see, Mr. Andrew, those people
13 who are new.....

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik.

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17 MS. GREGORY:yeah, Manumik.

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19 (In Yup'ik)

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21 MS. GREGORY: And I'd like to make a
22 special mention of our little young lady who gave a
23 presentation and I like to have you guys ask people
24 from your villages to get involved in the subsistence
25 programs because we're not going to be here forever and
26 we need people to take over when we go and make sure
27 that they have there -- that they're not afraid to
28 speak like I am. And a lot of times you guys don't
29 like what I'm saying but I have to speak my peace
30 because if you don't hear from me, nothing gets done.

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32 Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Charles.

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36 MR. CHARLES: No comment.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown, do you
39 have any comments.

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41 MR. W. BROWN: (In Yup'ik) we have a
42 plan first, this last minute (In Yup'ik)

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44 Quyana.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Quyana.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you, sir. Only
49 one comment, no more one day meeting. It's just too
50 damn much. We get, you know, (makes sound)

1 MR. KRON: I'll second that, Mr. Chair.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik, you
6 have any comments.

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8 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman. Members of
9 the Council. I served before and I'm back on again, I
10 got reelected by the Secretary of the Interior to serve
11 on this board and I appreciate the comment made by Mr.
12 Bob Aloysius. I really truly agree with him, one day
13 meeting crunches every piece of paper that's supposed
14 to come in here before the meeting even starts -- when
15 we get handed out paper during the meeting, it's not
16 prepared well. We need to receive all the paper that's
17 going to be discussed on issues that our region is
18 covering, we need to look at them before the meeting
19 even starts.

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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Amen.

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23 MR. MANUMIK: And also I thank
24 everybody for all their comments during this meeting
25 and I welcome Mr. Andrew Brown. He was my late
26 brother's best friend.

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28 Thank you for coming in Andrew.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Quyana. Mr.
33 Roczicka.

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35 MR. ROCZICKA: No comment.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No comment. Mr.
38 Andrew.

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40 MR. J. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr.
41 Chairman.

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43 First of all the concerns earlier, I
44 was disappointed not getting our workbooks a couple of
45 weeks early, it could have given us time to go over all
46 the proposals and materials in there.

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48 And the other one is, travel always
49 miss stuff. I've been talking to Alex for years over
50 this one, because it could be better if you could

1 select your own air taxis because we know which
2 airlines work best for us in each village.

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4 And we still have problems in other
5 areas, like every year when I go to the airport in the
6 summertime I see sportfishers, mostly sportfishing
7 people transporting salmon out of our region, not
8 monitored, no control, same story with subsistence
9 caught fish, our own people are taking them out to
10 Anchorage, Fairbanks, wherever their relatives are in
11 other places. I don't have no trouble with barter, but
12 I have trouble seeing my own people selling them out,
13 selling their subsistence caught fish to other areas,
14 other people in other regions, and our Yukon has a
15 concern, almost every year we see people selling over
16 in Anchorage streets right outside meeting places,
17 selling coolers of salmon, subsistence caught salmon,
18 same thing up in Fairbanks, we see that every other
19 year. And I've seen that happen over here in
20 Dillingham, it's not just -- both of the rivers, they
21 need a better monitoring system over what goes out of
22 our region. Our biggest problem on this little river
23 area where I live up in Kwethluk, the last three years
24 that these trawler people drifted on subsistence
25 fishing on salmon, every year for the last three years
26 salmon fishing has been closed on the Kwethluk,
27 Kisaralik, including Tuluksak, is quite a ways up river
28 from where we live, another 50 miles from -- roughly 75
29 miles up from here. The problem you see, because like
30 earlier Mr. Alexie was pointing out, last two years,
31 actually the last two years I've seen it when they have
32 an opening way further down, they come all the way down
33 to fish here and take it all the way back to their
34 village. And last summer I was listening to my people
35 of my own village when they were having their meetings
36 over fish, that they were getting frustrated with Fish
37 and Game, Fish and Wildlife tell them when to go out to
38 fish or not, and they weren't to happy with the weir up
39 at the village up by the Kwethluk. It's quite a ways
40 up river from -- I know it's above Three-Step (ph),
41 four or five miles up river from there and it's
42 affecting our fisheries.

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44 The other area we definitely need -- I
45 always bring this one up, we definitely need predator
46 control on wolves. From our own observation this is
47 the biggest killer of our caribou. In years like this
48 when there's snow in the hills, they're easier prey for
49 the wolves, the caribou. When I go out there I've seen
50 kills where -- at one time I've seen about 18 wolf

1 kills in one trip. The next group of people that went
2 up behind us said that they thought other people shot
3 them but they were all wolf kills, they were eaten,
4 only portion -- the only portion that is showing is
5 just their mouth was -- their tongues were torn out and
6 part of their (In Yup'ik) were eaten. The whole
7 animals were intact.

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9 And same -- same story with bears every
10 year, year after year we have more and more brown bears
11 and some black bears raiding our fish camps, especially
12 this summer when there was hardly any berries out in
13 the tundra. They were raiding our fish camps. I know
14 of at least seven households that lost their summer
15 caught salmon to the bears, this summer.

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17 And there's a real need for
18 restrictions for the intercept fisheries because every
19 time we have low runs showing up on both the rivers we
20 bear the burden of conservation, they punish our own
21 people that rely on the fish to live. Why not put the
22 restrictions on the whole river system and out to the
23 high seas and we've been bringing that year after year
24 and nobody listens. They can hear you but they won't
25 listen.

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27 The other one, they brought up at our
28 villages were, those mining sites up in Red Devil, Nyak
29 and Platinum. How are those mines, they ever doing
30 studies on them because on our river, on the Kuskokwim
31 River area a lot of our people are dying of internal
32 cancer. As far as I know some people were saying
33 they've been hearing reports of -- a small study they
34 did -- the BLM did for the Red Devil, there used to be
35 run off to the Kuskokwim and it's affecting our
36 freshwater fish, especially the pike and the sheefish,
37 they're showing contamination of mercury and arsenic.

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39 (In Yup'ik)

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41 Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.
44 Andrew. Mr. Brown, do you have any comment.

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46 MR. BROWN: No comments.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No comments. Mr.
49 Wilde, do you have any closing comments.

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1 MR. H. WILDE: Any?
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you have any
4 closing comments?
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6 REPORTER: Harry. Harry, any closing
7 comments.
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9 MR. H. WILDE: No.
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11 (Laughter)
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Andrew, Noah.
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15 MR. N. ANDREW: I would like to thank
16 John for saying that, got some of my words out.
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18 I'd like to see what's happening to
19 those small little moose out there in Yukon, if
20 somebody has gone over there and do something about it.
21 Traditionally we don't leave them on the
22 (indiscernible).
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24 Secondly, there's too many wolves up at
25 Tuluksak River. That guy was talking about them
26 earlier. That guy from Akiak. Right now they're
27 driving some of these moose into town. Tuluksak
28 they're running around, a couple of them, the last
29 couple of weeks ago. And there's -- I don't know,
30 hundreds of rabbits (photographs) now in the village,
31 around the village. What can you do to get these wolf
32 managed here.
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34 Lastly, the weir, the guys earlier said
35 that when the subsistence closure is being enforced,
36 maybe it'd be wiser to get that weir -- open that weir
37 up until such time that subsistence closures end.
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39 We have had some problems before with
40 this particular weir, of salmon not going up river and
41 returning. We've seen several fish floating. They got
42 that rubber thing that goes up and down as the current,
43 so maybe you guys need to modify that, it's not getting
44 the fish up to the point where they -- I guess that
45 concludes my concern here.
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, I don't know
48 if you would want to answer that comment but go ahead,
49 if you need to.
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1 MR. GILLIKIN: Mr. Chair, if you
2 wouldn't mind. Just very quickly.

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4 The Tuluksak weir is actually been
5 converted for the last two years now, to a video weir,
6 it is open all the time. They actually just take
7 videotape of the fish as they swim by the open weir.
8 So, I mean your concerns about it impeding passage
9 really are not -- I mean should not be a concern. And
10 they modified that specifically because of the concerns
11 coming from the village.

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13 I just wanted to make sure that folks
14 understood that.

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16 MR. N. ANDREW: How you guys counting
17 then?

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19 MR. GILLIKIN: The fish pass through a
20 chute and there's a white piece of plexiglas on
21 the back side and they use a videocamera that's
22 submerged in the river and you can clearly see the fish
23 as they pass by this window, okay, in the weir, this
24 opening in the weir, and then they can count and
25 speciate the fish as they go by. They look at the
26 videotape.

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28 MR. N. ANDREW: The people that work
29 from town, we had some of our people working there,
30 some have spoken to me about that concern. They had to
31 manually sometimes on high and low water and they
32 wanted to see some kind of better equipment, when
33 they're counting them they don't know which species is
34 going when it does that. But anyway it's being counted
35 they said.

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37 MR. GILLIKIN; I know they have -- they
38 have actually done it both ways, initially for the
39 first -- for the first year they did, and then the
40 second year and they've compared the two methods, the
41 video weir is actually much more accurate at
42 identifying species and getting total counts, plus you
43 have a permanent record that you can go back to and
44 check. It's not like the fish passes and that's it,
45 either you got it or you didn't, right, and, so, it's
46 being -- yeah, it's being adjusted, it's like anything
47 that's new. And we're hoping to actually employ the
48 same technology starting this year on the Kwethluk as
49 well. And so that should address some of those
50 concerns about fish passage.

1 I don't want to take the committee's
2 time.
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If you guys have
5 any more questions, you know, get together with him.
6 That's personal and you guys can talk about that. But
7 we're taking comments right now. If that's all right
8 with you Noah.
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10 MR. N. ANDREW: Uh-huh.
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Go ahead,
13 Mr. Polty.
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15 MR. POLTY: (In Yup'ik)
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Al Unok.
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19 MR. UNOK: I'll make it really short
20 because it's really, really late, or maybe I'll make it
21 exactly one hour.
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23 (Laughter)
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25 MR. UNOK: I'd like to thank the whole
26 group for supporting the Yukon, and we'd be glad to
27 help Kuskokwim too, this is what this group is all
28 about, to help the whole Unit 18, that's what we're
29 representing.
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31 Thank you.
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Wow,
34 we're done. I think at this time we usually have a
35 parting prayer.
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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Your turn.
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, I already said
40 my comment before I invited you.
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42 So at this time, Mary, would you say
43 the.....
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45 MS. GREGORY: Before I say benediction
46 I'd like to ask you people to -- I'm going to lock -- I
47 want you to lock this door and you can go out through
48 the kitchen door because I'm going to lock that door,
49 too. I already locked the back door. Because I'm
50 responsible for locking up the church tonight.

1 (In Yup'ik - Prayer)
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3 Because we have the freedom of speech
4 and we're not afraid to say things that are in our mind
5 and not be afraid of reprisal.
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7 (In Yup'ik - Prayer)
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9 Have a good summer.
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Meeting's adjourned
12 at -- what time is it?
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14 REPORTER: 8:30.
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: At 8:30.
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18 MR. ROCZICKA: 8:30.
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20 (Off record)
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22 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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