

1 YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA FEDERAL  
2 SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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4 PUBLIC MEETING

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6 VOLUME I

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8 Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge  
9 Bethel, Alaska  
10 February 25, 2009  
11 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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14 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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16 Lester Wilde, Sr., Chair  
17 Robert E. Aloysius  
18 William F. Brown  
19 James A. Charles  
20 Mary Gregory  
21 Paul J. Manumik, Sr. (Telephonic)  
22 Joseph P. Mike ((Telephonic)  
23 Raymond Oney (Telephonic)  
24 Greg J. Roczicka, Vice Chair  
25 Harry Wilde (Telephonic)  
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30 Regional Council Coordinator, Alex Nick

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Bethel, Alaska - 2/25/2009)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Let's call the meeting to order. The time is now 9:02, February 25th. Roll call, please.

MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Lester Wilde.

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Present.

MR. NICK: James Charles.

MR. CHARLES: Here.

MR. NICK: John Andrew. He asked to be excused due to clinic arrangements.

Raymond Oney. Mr. Chair. He will be on line later.

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.

MR. NICK: William Brown.

MR. BROWN: Here.

MR. NICK: Harry Wilde. Mr. Chair. Harry Wilde will be on line later on, too.

Mary Gregory.

MS. GREGORY: Here.

MR. NICK: Edgar P. Hoelscher.

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Edgar is excused, because -- he's trying to come in, but the weather is bad in Hooper.

MR. NICK: Okay. Elias Kelly. Mr. Chair. Elias will be on line later on.

Paul Manumik. Mr. Chair. Paul Manumik will also be on line.

Joseph Mike. Mr. Mike will also be on

1 line.  
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3 Greg Roczicka.  
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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Here.  
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7 MR. NICK: Robert Aloysius.  
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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Here.  
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.  
12 Chair -- I mean, thank you, Alex.  
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14 MR. ROCZICKA: Do we have a quorum?  
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, we don't have a  
17 quorum. We need to call somebody to make sure we have  
18 a quorum.  
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20 MR. NICK: Okay.  
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22 MR. KRON: Lester, I'll get phone  
23 numbers from Alex, and I'll go call people right now  
24 and remind them.  
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We'll just  
27 wait for that. Let's take a five-minute break.  
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29 (Off record)  
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31 (On record)  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We'll just recall  
34 the roll so we could get those guys on the record.  
35 We'll be ready in just a minute.  
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37 Alex, could you please recall the roll  
38 for the record so we can establish quorum.  
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40 MR. NICK: Okay. I'll use this list.  
41 Okay. Recalling the roll call.  
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43 James Charles.  
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45 MR. CHARLES: Here.  
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47 MR. NICK: John W. Andrew, excused.  
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49 Raymond Oney. Okay. He will be on  
50 line.

1 William Brown.  
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3 MR. BROWN: Here.  
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5 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde.  
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7 MR. H. WILDE: (No audible answer)  
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9 MR. NICK: He's on line.  
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11 MR. H. WILDE: Here.  
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13 MR. NICK: Okay. Mary Gregory.  
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15 MS. GREGORY: Here.  
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17 MR. NICK: Elias Kelly. Mr. Kelly will  
18 be on line later.  
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20 Lester Wilde.  
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Here.  
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24 MR. NICK: Paul Manumik. Mr. Manumik  
25 plans to be on line.  
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27 MR. NICK: Joseph Mike.  
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29 MR. MIKE: Here.  
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31 MR. NICK: Greg Roczicka.  
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Here.  
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35 MR. NICK: Robert Aloysius.  
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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Here.  
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39 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, you have a  
40 quorum.  
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. At this  
43 time we're down to invocation, I'll ask my Anaan Mary,  
44 please to say the invocation for us.  
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46 MS. GREGORY: (Gives invocation)  
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Qyuana. At this  
49 time I think we'll have introduction of guests,  
50 starting from Mike.

1 MR. THALHAUSER: My name is Mike  
2 Thalhauser. I'm with the Kuskokwim Native Association  
3 in Aniak.

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5 MR. MASCHMANN: I am Gerald Maschmann  
6 with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service out of Fairbanks.  
7 And I work for Russ Holder, and I'll be presenting the  
8 2009 Yukon River outlook today.

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10 MR. CANNON: My name is Richard Cannon.  
11 I work with the Office of Subsistence Management. I  
12 work with the Yukon fisheries.

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14 MR. NEWLAND: My name is Eric Newland  
15 with the Department of Fish and Game. I'm the Yukon  
16 commercial fisheries biologist. I work with Steve  
17 Hayes in the summer season.

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19 MR. SIPARY: I'm James Sipary, and I'm  
20 from Toksook Bay. I'm one of the people that are very  
21 concerned about the fishery and the fishing season.

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23 MS. KENNER: Hi. I'm Pippa Kenner with  
24 the Office of Subsistence Management in Anchorage. I'm  
25 the anthropologist.

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27 MS. DOWNING: I'm Meredith Downing with  
28 Computer Matrix, and I'm your court reporter today.

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30 MR. KRON: I'm Tom Kron with OSM.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Anybody  
33 else we missed?

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35 MR. NICK: Alex Nick.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, sorry.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MR. NICK: OSM.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Review and  
44 adoption of draft agenda. On the agenda we've got a  
45 couple additions under agency and organizations, 14 on  
46 Page 2. Under item 5 is the Ninth Circuit Court.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Item 5?

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, there's --

1 under 14, agency and organizations, a new number 5.

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3 MR. KRON: 14.A.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Under 14.A, yeah.

6 Sorry. Item number 5, the Ninth Circuit Court. And

7 under 6, customary trade.

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9 Any other additions. Greg.

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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.

12 Chairman. A glaring oversight that I've found is under

13 item 10 for subsistence wildlife issues. Board of Game

14 proposals that affect us is specifically -- that the

15 Board is going to be taking up starting this Saturday

16 at their meeting in Anchorage, or actually Friday,

17 Proposal No. 230, to revise the amounts necessary for

18 subsistence moose in GMU 18; Proposal No. 247, to open

19 the lower Kuskokwim fall moose hunt in 2009; Proposal

20 No. 228, to reauthorize the GMU antlerless moose hunt;

21 Proposals 235 and 236 regarding adaptive management

22 plans in GMU 19A and 19D; Proposal No. 238, to

23 implement an adaptive management plan in GMU 21E; and

24 another one we may want to look at is Proposal No. 244

25 to ban the use of full metal jacket of .223 ammo

26 statewide.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any other

29 additions.

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31 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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35 MR. ROCZICKA: I would like somewhere,

36 whether it would be under wildlife issues or perhaps

37 down under agency reports, but I would like in

38 accordance and compliance with the Federal Subsistence

39 Board's policy on closures to hunting, trapping and

40 fishing on Federal public lands in Alaska, a report on

41 what has been done on the analysis to identify

42 effectiveness of management options to avoid or

43 minimize the degree of restrictions to subsistence uses

44 in GMU 29A where for the last several years now it's

45 been under a Tier II, and the villages, with the

46 exception Tuluksak, throughout GMU 18 have been

47 precluded from participating in the Federal subsistence

48 hunt in that area.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any suggestions

1 where you might want to put that?  
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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Maybe -- well, item E  
4 under subsistence wildlife issues.  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
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8 MR. NICK: What's the title for that?  
9 Excuse me. Mr. Chair.  
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What was that  
12 title.  
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14 MR. NICK: What is the title. Topic.  
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16 MR. ROCZICKA: The closure of customary  
17 and traditional use in GMU 19A. And a report on -- and  
18 it's fairly lengthy, there was supposed to have been an  
19 analysis done according to this document that was  
20 adopted back on August 29th of 2007.  
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22 MR. NICK: Thank you.  
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
25 questions, suggestions additions.  
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27 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. It has been  
28 indicated to me that some of the agency presenters who  
29 are not here or on line plans to add a topic or two on  
30 the agenda for discussion with the Council. So just to  
31 give you a head's up on that.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: At that time we  
34 could suspend our rules to hear them.  
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36 MR. NICK: Thank you.  
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
39 additions.  
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41 (No comments)  
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, we need an  
44 agenda for -- I mean, we need a motion to approve  
45 the.....  
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47 MR. MANUMIK: Alex, this is Paul  
48 Manumik.  
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50 CONFERENCE OPERATOR: Pete DeMatteo

1 joins.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Paul Manumik's on line.

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7 MR. MANUMIK: Yes, I'm on line.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Let the  
10 record show that Paul Manumik has joined us at 9:15.

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12 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. I move to  
13 adopt the agenda as amended.

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion's been  
16 made to adopt the agenda as amended. Do I hear a  
17 second.

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19 MR. BROWN: Second.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
22 Brown. All in favor say aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I just got  
31 appointed for my third term. Do I need to be seated or  
32 I just come in? I don't need to be seated? Okay. Now  
33 I can vote.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: You know, there's the  
38 motion, second and discussion before you vote.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. I'm sorry.  
41 Any further discussion on adoption of the draft agenda.

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43 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There's a second  
46 already made. Go ahead, Robert.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Well, I was just  
49 wondering if those guys on the telephone can hear you  
50 when that phone is way over here.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Can you people on  
2 the teleconference hear me?  
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4 MR. ALOYSIUS: Because the microphones  
5 might be.  
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7 MS. GREGORY: Oh, yeah.  
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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: It needs to be on?  
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11 MR. DeMATTEO: Hear you loud and clear.  
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13 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah.  
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I just want to make  
16 sure that people that are on the teleconference are  
17 able to hear us. And if you're on the -- if you're  
18 going to make any comments while you're on the  
19 teleconference, please state your name and the area  
20 that you're from the record. Thank you.  
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22 Did we already have a motion? Have we  
23 approved the agenda?  
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25 MS. GREGORY: We're under discussion.  
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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any further  
28 discussion on the agenda.  
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30 (No comments)  
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32 MS. GREGORY: Question on the.....  
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question made.  
35 Question's been asked for. All in favor of the motion  
36 signify by saying aye.  
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38 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.  
41  
42 (No opposing votes)  
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Okay.  
45 We are down to item 5. Welcome remarks. Anaan.  
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47 MS. GREGORY: I was hoping that Greg  
48 would do it, since I did the invocation.  
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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Greg.

1 MS. GREGORY: And he's a representative  
2 of our Yup'ik -- the Orutsararmuit.

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4 MR. ROCZICKA: There you go. Okay.  
5 Well, certainly in deference to the request from an  
6 elder who's also one of our tribal members with  
7 Orutsararmuit.

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9 Welcome everybody to Bethel, even  
10 though we were going to be welcomed to St. Mary's today  
11 and yesterday, and everybody on line as well. We're  
12 able to get a quorum through the teleconference at  
13 least. I look forward to a good substantive meeting.  
14 And with that, I'll say again, welcome. I'm glad we're  
15 able to get this meeting done in a timely fashion this  
16 year.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Greg.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Maybe I'll add on to  
21 welcome the ones that are on the Council and Vince  
22 Matthew and (In Yup'ik). What's that guy's name, my  
23 buddy. Pete DeMatteo. And Harry Wilde and the rest of  
24 the Council. Welcome to Bethel.

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26 MR. DeMATTEO: This is Pete DeMatteo.  
27 Members of the Council. Thank you for the nice  
28 welcome, and I'll be on the line listening and ready to  
29 any questions you may have.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Krone.

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33 MR. KRON: Yeah. Pete, this is Tom.  
34 Greg just asked a question about the 19A Lime Village  
35 moose closure.

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37 MR. ROCZICKA: 19A.

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39 MR. DeMATTEO: Okay.

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41 MR. KRON: Go ahead. I just want to  
42 make sure you're up to speed. He'd announced that  
43 before you came on, so if you could do whatever  
44 research you need to so you can respond to him. But,  
45 Greg, if you could follow. Thanks.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.  
50 Pete, what I requested was in accordance with the

1 hunting, trapping, fishing closure policy that the  
2 Board adopted back in August, specifically under the  
3 last concluding statement of the policy, the last  
4 sentence says that the analysis will be done on the  
5 availability and effectiveness of other management  
6 options to avoid or minimize a restriction to  
7 subsistence and nonsubsistence uses. And I was  
8 referring specifically GMU 19A, the lower half -- well,  
9 actually 19A as a whole if you go above Georges, you  
10 know, it's been closed entirely, and below that has  
11 been a Tier -- well, not a Tier II, but a subsistence  
12 hunt only. Well, yes, under Federal subsistence Tier  
13 II permit. That has precluded the participation of the  
14 customary and traditional use of GMU 18 villages with  
15 the exception of Tuluksak. And I'm wondering what is  
16 the status of that policy, and what has been done. We  
17 brought that issue up in a broader context and the  
18 Board was supposed to be getting with the management  
19 agencies, specifically Fish and Wildlife Service, to  
20 address that over the summer. In conversations last  
21 fall with Staff and others involved with the Board,  
22 nothing has been done to date on the issue statewide  
23 and this one specifically for this meeting.

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25 Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thanks, Greg. Mr.  
28 Kron.

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30 MR. KRON: So I guess, Pete, the  
31 request is to check into it, find out what happened on  
32 the closure policy issue, review process with fish and  
33 game.

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35 MS. KENNER: It's a C&T.

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37 MR. KRON: C&T. And, anyway, be  
38 prepared when we get to the wildlife issues section to  
39 respond, if you would. Thanks.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tom.

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43 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. DeMatteo?

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47 MR. DeMATTEO: Yeah. Mr. Chair. Pete  
48 DeMatteo. Mr. Roczicka, if I understand the question  
49 correctly, you want to know how the closure policy  
50 pertains to that closed area in Unit 19 north of the

1 Kusko River upstream from the George River drainage,  
2 that area described; is that correct?

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4 MR. ROCZICKA: That is part of it.  
5 We're talking all of 19A. I'm also talking about the  
6 lower half of 19A, which I believe they call the  
7 western portion, where it's a Tier II hunt and the  
8 villages that have customary and traditional use  
9 recognition through Federal recognition have not been  
10 allowed -- permits have not been issued to over half of  
11 the villages that have that recognized customary and  
12 traditional use. And the final statement in that  
13 policy says that availability and effectiveness of  
14 other management options to avoid or minimize the  
15 degree of restriction to subsistence and nonsubsistence  
16 uses will be done. And this is two years ago.

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18 MR. DeMATTEO: Okay. I understand your  
19 question now. Let me do some research, and I'll be on  
20 line and make a statement toward that.

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22 MS. KENNER: Pete, in Unit.....

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Wait. Before you  
25 speak.....

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27 MS. KENNER: Oh, my name is.....

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....could you  
30 please be recognized by the Chair. Pippa.

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32 MS. KENNER: This Pippa Kenner. Pete,  
33 in 19A there is an 804 analysis that was conducted that  
34 restricted some of the communities that had C&T.

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36 MR. DeMATTEO: Right.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more comment.

39 Okay.

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41 MR. DeMATTEO: Yes, I'll work on that.

42 Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All right. We'll  
45 continue on with our agenda.

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47 Housekeeping items and announcements.

48 Mr. Nick.

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50 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For

1 the record, Alex Nick, Counsel Coordinator.

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3                   And my housekeeping items were prepared  
4 for St. Mary's, but unfortunately the meeting had to be  
5 relocated to Bethel. Yesterday I spent a lot of time  
6 trying to change your -- or cancel some of your  
7 reservations and revising the itineraries to have you  
8 return as scheduled on Thursday. And then there are a  
9 few things that I prepared for St. Mary's, but I'll  
10 skip those for now.

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12                   Only one that I want to go on record is  
13 that the lodging and reservations, hopefully they're  
14 canceled, they were canceled, because I could not  
15 contact anyone at the Ciunerkiurik Corporation in St.  
16 Mary's. I did contact a couple of people to pass on  
17 the information that the meeting has been relocated to  
18 Bethel, and that the lodging and the meeting will need  
19 to be -- the reservations need to be canceled.

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21                   For your information, for the Counsel's  
22 information, there is a young lady by the name of  
23 Josephine Guy I believe. She's with the Refuge. I  
24 haven't -- maybe she is around somewhere, but she is  
25 assigned by the Refuge Staff to help out us here at the  
26 meeting, including your transportation to and from  
27 lunch during the day. So she will be around to assist  
28 the Council on transportation needs.

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30                   And for the guests information, the  
31 hospital across the street here, they sell lunch and  
32 dinner if you want to go ahead and eat lunch over there  
33 or eat dinner. And there's also several restaurants in  
34 town within -- well, I wouldn't say within walking  
35 distance because of the road conditions, but they're  
36 not far. They're down the street down here, and one is  
37 up the street over here, which used to be (In Yup'ik).

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39                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pacifica.

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41                   MR. NICK: Pacifica Guest House. I  
42 think it's called Asandavik now.

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44                   And, let's see, there is a sign-up  
45 sheet on the little table over there.

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47                   I made some copies of correspondence  
48 for Council's information if you need. And some of it  
49 relates to bycatch issues. And the ones that are ready  
50 for public distribution, I make those available to you

1 and the guests.

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3                   And before you return, I would ask the  
4 Council to please let me know if you need to change  
5 your travel plans, because in order to change travel  
6 plans, I have to contact our travel agency in order for  
7 it to be legal travel.

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9                   I think that's just about it.

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11                   One other thing is that I do have  
12 receipts available for Council reimburse if you had  
13 taxi expenses and telephone expenses. And for those  
14 who were here, Greg and Mary, I thank you for trying to  
15 get to St. Mary's. You will be able to be reimbursed  
16 for your taxi expenses between here and airport for --  
17 on your voucher rather.

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19                   That's all. Mr. Chair.

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21                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
22 We're down to election of officers. Mr. Nick.

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24                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. the policy calls  
25 that the DFO takes over when the Council Chair is being  
26 elected. You need to officially turn that chair over  
27 to me to do that, Mr. Chair.

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29                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex, at this time  
30 I think I'll turn the chair over to you for the  
31 election of officers.

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33                   MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
34 Election for Chair, Y-K Chair, is now open. Mary.

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36                   MS. GREGORY: I nominate Lester Wilde.

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38                   MR. NICK: Lester Wilde's been  
39 nominated.

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41                   MR. ONEY: I'll second.

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43                   MR. NICK: You don't need a second for  
44 nominations.

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46                   MR. MIKE: I move that the nominations  
47 be ceased.

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49                   MR. NICK: Mr. Joe Mike made the motion  
50 to cease the nominations for Chair. Do I hear a

1 second.  
2  
3 MS. GREGORY: Second.  
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5 MR. NICK: Mary Gregory seconded.  
6 Discussion.  
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8 (No comments)  
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10 MR. NICK: If there are no discussions,  
11 we need -- since there's people on line, we need to  
12 vote on this.  
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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's no need to vote.  
15 There's only one nomination.  
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17 MS. GREGORY: There's Lester. He  
18 automatically becomes Chair.  
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20 MR. NICK: I'm sorry. Mr. Lester Wilde  
21 is now the new Chair for this year. Re-elected. Thank  
22 you.  
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.  
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: You have to turn the  
27 meeting back to him, Alex.  
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29 MR. NICK: Thank you for reminding me.  
30 Mr. Chair. Now the chair is turned over to you.  
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex,  
33 and than you, Counsel, for your confidence. I'll do  
34 the best I can in the position that you've asked me to  
35 fill, and try to be fair and treat you like I want to  
36 be treated.  
37  
38 Anyway, at this time we're down to Vice  
39 Chair. Do we hear any nominations for Vice Chair.  
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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius.  
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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: I name Greg Roczicka.  
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Greg  
48 Roczicka has been nominated. Do I hear a sec -- oh, we  
49 don't need a second. Any other nominations.  
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1 (No comments)  
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3 MS. GREGORY: I move nominations cease.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's been made  
6 to cease nominations. Do I hear a second?  
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8 MR. MIKE: Second.  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
11 discussion.  
12  
13 (No comments)  
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none,  
16 all in favor signify by saying aye.  
17  
18 IN UNISON: Aye.  
19  
20 (No opposing votes)  
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Greg, you  
23 are now the Vice Chair.  
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25 For secretary. Do I hear any  
26 nominations for secretary?  
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28 MR. ONEY: Secretary, I vote for John  
29 Andrew. Ray Oney here.  
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31 MR. H. WILDE: Bob Aloysius.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: John Andrew's been  
34 nominated, is that what is -- John Andrew's been  
35 nominated for secretary.  
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37 MR. H. WILDE: Robert Aloysius.  
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius. Any  
40 other nominations.  
41  
42 (No comments)  
43  
44 MR. ONEY: I move that nominations be  
45 closed. Ray Oney here.  
46  
47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ray made a motion  
48 to close nominations. Do I hear a second. Do I hear a  
49 second to close nominations for secretary.  
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1 MR. CHARLES: I'll second.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
4 James Charles. Okay. We have two names for secretary.  
5 We have John Andrew and Mr. Aloysius. I guess we'll  
6 have -- the people on the teleconference, would you  
7 suggest -- place your vote on a voice for the record  
8 and the rest of us will do it -- if we're going to do  
9 secret ballot, we're going to have to do secret ballot.  
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11 MR. H. WILDE: Bob Aloysius. Harry  
12 Wilde.  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Harry, go ahead.  
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16 MR. H. WILDE: Bob Aloysius for  
17 secretary.  
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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any other  
20 people on the teleconference vote -- could you call the  
21 roll of the people.....  
22  
23 MR. MIKE: Bob Aloysius.  
24  
25 MR. ONEY: John Andrew for secretary.  
26 Oney.  
27  
28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Two for Bob. Who  
29 else is out there that needs to vote by teleconference.  
30 Do you have list of the people that.....  
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32 MR. ONEY: John Andrew. Ray Oney.  
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: John Andrew. Ray  
35 Oney.  
36  
37 MR. MANUMIK: Bobby Aloysius. Manumik  
38 from Nunam Iqua.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any -- that's all  
41 the rest of them that are Council on the -- okay.  
42  
43 MS. GREGORY: What about that guy from  
44 Kotlik. He's on. Mike.  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, he already  
47 voted.  
48  
49 MS. GREGORY: He already voted?  
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah. And the rest  
2 of us, I guess we'll write by name on a pad. Mr. Nick,  
3 will you please pass your hat. People on the  
4 teleconference, if you'll just stand by a minute, we're  
5 counting the votes at this time.

6  
7 (Pause - voting)

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick, you're  
10 ready to announce the winner?

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12 MR. NICK: Yes, Mr. Chair. John Andrew  
13 have a vote of four. And Bobby Aloysius has a vote of  
14 six. Mr. Aloysius is the secretary.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.  
17 Now we are down to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
18 Coordinating Fishery Committee. Any volunteers. Any  
19 suggestions. Greg.

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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. Correct  
22 me if I'm wrong, but I believe last time we had.....

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ray Oney.

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26 MR. ROCZICKA: .....Ray Oney for the  
27 Yukon and Bob for the Kuskokwim. Or James.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Was it James or  
30 Bob?

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32 MR. ROCZICKA: I thought it was Bob.

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34 MR. NICK: Bob.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.

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38 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Vince could --  
39 Vince, are you on line?

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41 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, I am.

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43 MR. NICK: Listen to this very  
44 carefully and see if you concur with me.

45  
46 My understanding, Mr. Chair, is that in  
47 Yukon River, Ray Oney is CFC member. And I believe  
48 Edgar Hoelscher is the second CFC member for Yukon.  
49 For Kuskokwim, Bob Aloysius is the member and Mary  
50 Gregory is an alternate. That's my understanding. Mr.

1 Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Greg,  
4 go ahead.

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6 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 Then I'd move at this time to retain the existing  
8 members in both of those positions at this time with  
9 their concurrence, and I'd ask unanimous consent if  
10 there's no objection.

11

12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any objections from  
13 the people that are serving. Mary? No. Bob?  
14 Charles.

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16 MR. MANUMIK: No objection from Nunam  
17 Iqua.

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19 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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21 MR. H. WILDE: No objections from  
22 Mountain Village.

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24 MR. CHARLES: I thought Bob was the CFC  
25 member for Kuskokwim, and I was the alternate. I think  
26 after Mary quit.

27

28 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

29

30 MR. NICK: My understanding was that  
31 Mr. James Charles represents the Y-K Council on the  
32 salmon management, fishery management, was that my  
33 understanding. Mr. Chair. For clarification, Mr.  
34 Vince Mathews is the coordinator for CFC members, and  
35 he has a list of those. Mr. Chair, with your  
36 permission, can we have Vince announce what has in his  
37 records?

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Vince, are  
40 you on?

41

42 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, I am. Mr. Chair.  
43 Yes, for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Coordinating Fishery  
44 Committee as of May of 2007, you had James Charles and  
45 Bob Aloysius as your members. But the Council needs to  
46 realize that that coordinating fishery committee is  
47 basically there if needed for the Federal in-season  
48 manager, but presently the Kuskokwim Salmon Working  
49 Group is providing excellent coordination and  
50 communication across the drainage.

1 Thank you.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.  
4 Go ahead, Greg.  
5  
6 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 I guess my motion is still relevant then. It's to  
8 retain the existing members, and that covers that. And  
9 as far as the working group goes, Bob actually has been  
10 serving in that capacity on the working group. And  
11 James is on -- also participates as the lower river  
12 elder, and I'm there as the lower river subsistence  
13 alternate representative. And Charlie Brown is there  
14 for commercial fishermen. So we are well-represented  
15 on that group in the Kuskokwim.  
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And did you ask for  
18 unanimous consent.  
19  
20 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.  
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any objections.  
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24 MS. GREGORY: Without objections.  
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26 MR. CHARLES: No.  
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any objections.  
29  
30 (No comments)  
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No objections,  
33 so.....  
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35 MR. MIKE: Under discussion, I would  
36 like to ask Greg a little question about salmon working  
37 group. How does it work in your area.  
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Could you wait, Mr.  
40 Mike, until we get to that? It's on the agenda.  
41  
42 MR. MIKE: Okay.  
43  
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.  
45 Any objections to the motion to retain the people that  
46 are on there.  
47  
48 (No comments)  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being no

1 objections, so be it.

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3 MR. H. WILDE: No objection.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that -- go

6 ahead.

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8 MR. H. WILDE: No objection.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, no objection.

11 Okay. The lower Kuskokwim is taken care of also with

12 that motion.

13

14 Bob, go ahead.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's an error in

17 number three. There is no lower Kuskokwim Salmon

18 Working Group. The correct title of the working group

19 is the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group.

20 There's no lower in that, and they omitted the word

21 river after Kuskokwim.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for the

24 correction, Bob. We are down to item 3, Kuskokwim

25 Salmon -- what was the title? -- Working Group member.

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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Kuskokwim River Salmon

28 Management Working Group.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any suggestions.

31 Or was that taken care of in the motion. Greg.

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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. Yeah, I

34 believe it was. It's been there all along and just

35 that.....

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that understood

38 by the rest of the Council that it was taken under that

39 motion. Go ahead, Mr. Nick.

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41 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Just a point of

42 clarification. I thought Kuskokwim River Salmon

43 Working Group is different than CFC.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It is.

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47 MR. NICK: It's not included in the CFC

48 membership. We do have -- the Council do have

49 representative and Greg and James is one I think,

50 representing Y-K on that group.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.  
2  
3 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I guess  
4 my understanding was that whoever was appointed to that  
5 fisheries committee for either group would represent  
6 the Council. And that's essentially the way it's --  
7 I'm sure, whether it was formally recognized or not,  
8 that's the way it has occurred for -- to my memory.  
9  
10 MR. NICK: If that's the case, then,  
11 Mr. Chair, if that's the case, then the coordination of  
12 the salmon management group would be included under  
13 Vince's CFC membership  
14  
15 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, it's not.  
16  
17 MR. NICK: That's why I think it's  
18 different than Lower Yukon and Kuskokwim CFC  
19 membership.  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I refuse to be  
22 confused.  
23  
24 (Laughter)  
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: But at this time,  
27 since this is a different topic, I think we should go  
28 ahead and get those people that are on the Kuskokwim  
29 River Salmon Working Group member appointments.  
30  
31 Bob, go ahead.  
32  
33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. Another point of  
34 clarification. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional  
35 Advisory Council appointed me to the Kuskokwim River  
36 Salmon Management Working Group as the primary member.  
37 And Mary Gregory is the alternate.  
38  
39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Greg.  
40  
41 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
42 If it takes a formal motion to do so, then I would move  
43 that for the working group that the primary member on  
44 the CFC would be designated with that position unless  
45 other arrangements need to be made. And for the future  
46 that can serve that purpose.  
47  
48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that in the form  
49 of a motion?  
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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes, it is.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You heard the  
4 motion. Do I hear a second to it.  
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6 MR. CHARLES: Second.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
9 Charles. Any discussion. Any discussion.  
10  
11 (No comments)  
12  
13 MS. GREGORY: Question.  
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's been  
16 called for. All in favor say aye.  
17  
18 IN UNISON: Aye.  
19  
20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed same  
21 sign.  
22  
23 (No opposing votes)  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried.  
26 Is that understood, Mr. Nick.  
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28 MR. NICK: Yes.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. You got  
31 that, Vince. Mr. Mathews.  
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33 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chair, I did  
34 receive that. And again the working group is serving  
35 the full function of the coordinating fishery  
36 committee. So hopefully if there's any questions on  
37 that, there's fishing agency Staff there to explain the  
38 working group process.  
39  
40 Thank you.  
41  
42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Go  
43 ahead, Alex.  
44  
45 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. I don't want to  
46 confuse you further, but Kuskokwim Working Group  
47 membership consists of all the user groups. That's  
48 all.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, confuse

1 me, Greg.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, hopefully it's not  
4 confusing, but I didn't know if that was Paul or Joe  
5 Mike or who that asked for just a brief summary of how  
6 the group does work. And I could -- as Alex says, it  
7 does represent all the user groups of the river, and  
8 people are quite satisfied, those who have been in the  
9 process. It got created back in 1988, and has evolved  
10 over time. It started out basically for commercial  
11 fisheries, but has evolved into more of a direct  
12 representation of subsistence interest. And we have  
13 membership from the headwaters to the upper, middle and  
14 lower river, subsistence representation on there, along  
15 with the processors, along with commercial fishermen.  
16 And as I mentioned before, we've got all those bases  
17 covered by members as well that sit on this Council,  
18 also.

19

20 We've expanded our level. As I said  
21 before, we started primarily for commercial fisheries,  
22 but we've had issues on our plate now regarding  
23 concerns for development, specifically Donlin Creek.  
24 We've started to discuss those and got input into that  
25 process in advance of the formal NEPA and permit  
26 applications, putting those folks on notice of some of  
27 the concerns we have. We actually got the Department  
28 starting to work on it. It wasn't even on their radar  
29 as of last year. So we pretty much I think have really  
30 coverage. And we deal with the drainage as a whole.  
31 We go from Eek all the way to Takotna as far as our  
32 representation.

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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: All the way up to  
35 Nikolai.

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37 MR. ROCZICKA: Oh, Nikolai, okay. And  
38 we meet as needed throughout the summer primarily. On  
39 a weekly basis if necessary, or less if it takes that.  
40 And actually our pre-season annual meeting will be  
41 taking place here a little bit later this month, March  
42 18 -- March 20 I believe it is over in Anchorage in  
43 conjunction with a drainage-wide interagency meeting  
44 for the Kuskokwim as well. And if anybody else has  
45 something to chime in on that, other members.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Just a minute. Let  
48 me recognize. He had his hand up first, Bob. Go  
49 ahead, Charles.

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1 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
2 At our working group meetings a RAC member has been a  
3 member at those meetings, not CFC or RAC salmon  
4 management working group. It has not been called that.  
5 It has been called RAC member. So Bob has been our  
6 member at the working group meetings. Doi.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Bob,  
9 did you have any?

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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. The main thing I  
12 guess I'd like to get across to the rest of the Council  
13 is that we have excellent representation from the  
14 elders all the way up the river and down the river.  
15 But it's important that we tap into their wisdom and  
16 their knowledge and their experience on the fisheries  
17 of the Kuskokwim River.

18  
19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Bob.  
22 Does that answer your question, Mr. Mike.

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24 MR. MIKE: Yes, it does.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Review and  
27 adoption of the draft minutes of October 2nd and 3rd.

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29 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Mike. Go  
32 ahead, Mike.

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34 MR. MIKE: Yeah. I read the minutes,  
35 but I don't see a motion made by anyone to adjourn the  
36 meeting there, so just the meeting was adjourned on  
37 October 3, 2008 at 5:41, but there's no motion to  
38 adjourn the meeting.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. In the  
41 minutes?

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43 MR. MIKE: In the minutes, yeah.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: In the minutes.

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47 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick.

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1 MR. NICK: Yes. There was actual  
2 motion to adjourn the meeting, but it's my oversight,  
3 Mr. Chair.  
4  
5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. That can be  
6 corrected. Anything else. Mr. Andrew.  
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8 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For  
9 the record my name is Timothy Andrew. I'm with AVCP.  
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11 And in my comments on Page 17 there was  
12 just one minor misspelling, and it was in the Yup'ik  
13 word of aviuryaraq. It's spelled A-V-I-U-R-Y-A-R-A-Q  
14 instead of the one -- or how it's spelled on record.  
15  
16 Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
17  
18 MS. KENNER: What page was that?  
19  
20 MR. ANDREW: Aviuryaraq.  
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It's on Page 17.  
23 What paragraph?  
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25 MR. ANDREW: It's on the first  
26 paragraph.  
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: On the first  
29 paragraph.  
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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Line?  
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33 MR. ANDREW: Line?  
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Line 7?  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. It's that  
38 one.  
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40 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, line 7. Yeah.  
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seven.  
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: How do you spell it  
45 again?  
46  
47 MR. ANDREW: It's spelled A-V-I-U-R-Y-  
48 A-R-A-Q.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick.

1 MR. ANDREW: Thank you.  
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3 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.  
6 Andrew.  
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8 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Andrew. I  
9 did the best I can to do that to an older word rather  
10 than the newer version of it. I could change that.  
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
13 discussion on the minutes. Corrections. Mr. Aloysius,  
14 did you have a comment.  
15  
16 (No comments)  
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick.  
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20 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. When the minutes  
21 were written, some of comments or presentations, I felt  
22 it was important to leave the long paragraphs there for  
23 your information when you need to look back and see  
24 what people said during that meeting, so that's how it  
25 was written. Mr. Chair.  
26  
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It's also  
28 understood that the minutes that we have are  
29 abbreviated. If you wanted to check the minutes,  
30 you'll need to get the transcripts from our court  
31 reporter.  
32  
33 Any further discussion on the minutes.  
34 Mr. Charles.  
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36 MR. CHARLES: Who made the motion to  
37 adjourn at that meeting?  
38  
39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick, do you  
40 have an answer to that?  
41  
42 MR. NICK: I can look up in my records  
43 upstairs. I don't have it down here with me. Mr.  
44 Chair.  
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Anaan.  
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48 MR. NICK: And again I apologize for  
49 not putting it there.  
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. That's --  
2 we're human.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I like the  
5 way the people's comments were written down, because it  
6 tells me of who we are, our experiences, like Mr. Ralph  
7 (ph) said that he was -- or somebody said he was a  
8 nomadic person, and we need to keep reminding us that's  
9 who we are. And I think this is good. I like this  
10 one, so people will know we're not just here to rubber  
11 stamp everybody. that we are unique and we are who we  
12 are, not somebody else. And I thank Alex for putting  
13 that in.

14  
15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mary.  
16 Alex.

17  
18 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank  
19 you, Mary. I take notes when I attend the meetings of  
20 when somebody makes presentations, especially in  
21 Yup'ik, and I try to compare the transcripts with my  
22 notes when these minutes are written. Thank you.

23  
24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any other  
25 discussion on the minutes. Greg.

26  
27 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
28 I actually had a point regarding lines, too, on Page 8  
29 where you have my comments regarding Andy Sharp and,  
30 you know, he was talking about having to attend so many  
31 meetings, and sometimes not seeing -- or a lot of times  
32 not seeing results happen, but you've got to keep going  
33 at it, and just keep trying. And I thought the word I  
34 used was cakviuganakluni. That's what he told me. I  
35 don't know about nereng'nagsaraq. Pardon me if my  
36 pronunciations are bum.

37  
38 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Greg. I'll  
39 change that to Cakviuganakluni is what it is. Thank  
40 you.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
43 discussion on the minutes. Pippa.

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45 MS. KENNER: Pippa Kenner, OSM. For  
46 the Council to know that those -- the transcripts of  
47 all of these meetings are available on line and if  
48 anybody has a hard time getting there, if you contact  
49 our office, we'll send you word-for-word transcripts of  
50 meetings.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Pippa.  
2 Any further discussion on the minutes.  
3  
4 (No comments)  
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6 MR. CHARLES: Question.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There's a motion --  
9 we need a motion.  
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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr. Bob  
14 Aloysius.  
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we adopt the  
17 -- I mean approve the minutes as read and modified for  
18 the October 2 and 3, 2008 meeting here in Bethel.  
19  
20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion's been  
21 made to accept the minutes as corrected. Do I hear a  
22 second.  
23  
24 MS. GREGORY: Second.  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mary  
27 Gregory. Any further discussion.  
28  
29 (No comments)  
30  
31 MR. CHARLES: Question.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's been  
34 called for. All in favor say aye.  
35  
36 IN UNISON: Aye.  
37  
38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any opposed.  
39  
40 (No opposing votes)  
41  
42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So be it. Yeah, go  
43 ahead, Alex. Mr. Nick.  
44  
45 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. When these  
46 minutes are revised, including minor revisions of  
47 Yup'ik words, I will add that to the final copy of the  
48 minutes. Mr. Chair.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.

1 Item 9, Regional Council comments. Concerns and  
2 comments. Regional Council. Any comments or concerns.

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4 MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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8 MR. H. WILDE: Harry Wilde. I'd like  
9 to have a comment.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr.  
12 Harry. Did you have comments, did you.....

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14 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.  
15 I'm looking at the Federal Subsistence Management  
16 Program newsletter concerning two proposal supposed to  
17 be worked on on this meeting. But before the main  
18 Advisory Council represent region affected by these  
19 proposal, to Federal recommendation at their meeting in  
20 February or March 2009. But they come to location of  
21 the special Board meeting has been demanded not -- must  
22 not be posted on a Federal Subsistence Management  
23 Program. Website will announce the radio -- it will be  
24 on radio and newspaper. I think that this is very  
25 important that the advisory -- regular Advisory Council  
26 meeting on February or March is supposed to have  
27 wildlife and fisheries on February or March. So by  
28 this time, I don't know, but we the fishermen here in  
29 Mountain Village and in the Yukon, we're really  
30 concerned about these two proposals from upriver that  
31 how we're going to deal with it, because estimate about  
32 700 fishermen, they're going to need to replace their  
33 nets, and with subsistence fishermen down here, from  
34 coastal down to all the way up to Y-3. These things  
35 are -- that's where I think most of us, we try to be on  
36 teleconference. I thought these two proposals will be  
37 included.

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39 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Harry.  
42 Mr. Kron, do you have a comment on those Proposals 12  
43 and 13.

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45 MR. KRON: Yeah. Good morning, Harry.  
46 This is Tom Kron. I assume you're referring to the  
47 Yukon deferred proposals 12 and 13; is that correct,  
48 Harry?

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah.

1 MR. H. WILDE: That's right.  
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3 MR. KRON: Okay The Board, the Federal  
4 Subsistence Board examined those again at their January  
5 Board meeting and decided to defer them for a year.  
6 It's my understanding that the Alaska Board of  
7 Fisheries will be taking up that issue and based on an  
8 ADF&G request and hearing public comments, the Federal  
9 Subsistence Board has deferred a decision on those  
10 proposals for a year.  
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12 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that answer  
15 your question, Harry?  
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17 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah, that answer my  
18 question.  
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr. Nick, do  
21 you have something to add.  
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23 (No comments)  
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any other  
26 Advisory Council comments or concerns. Mr. Bob  
27 Aloysius?  
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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: I was just going to  
30 suggest that you go by the roster of the Board members  
31 and ask them if they have comments. That way you don't  
32 miss anybody.  
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's a good idea.  
35 Thank you, Bob. Okay. Any comments, Mr. James  
36 Charles.  
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38 MR. CHARLES: Yes, I do. Thank you,  
39 Mr. Chairman.  
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41 On Alex Nick's comment earlier for  
42 travel changes, so we need to contact travel agency if  
43 we want to change our travel arrangements, even if we  
44 have personal problems? Just in case we do. Sometimes  
45 people have to travel home on emergency basis.  
46  
47 Thank you.  
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex. Mr. Nick.  
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1 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. The procedure  
2 for that is as long as you contact me, that if you have  
3 to leave for emergencies or other reasons, that is  
4 okay. But what I'm saying is if you need to change  
5 your travel plans, like staying over additional day or  
6 something, or other reasons, you'll need to let me know  
7 so I could contact our travel agency that you plan to  
8 do that.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Weathered out?

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12 MR. NICK: Yeah, weather. I'll deal  
13 with the weather conditions, but for other reasons.  
14 Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Is Mr.  
17 John Andrew on the teleconference.

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19 (No comments)

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No. Okay. Ray  
22 Oney, you have any comments?

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24 MR. ONEY: Yes. Good morning, Mr.  
25 Chairman. For the record, Ray Oney. I have a couple  
26 of concerns that I'd like to address.

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28 First is the -- over the winter we had  
29 a number of teleconference regarding the salmon  
30 bycatch. And as stated in one of the teleconferences  
31 that we may not be able to fish for salmon this coming  
32 summer. And it's just an ongoing. You know, I am  
33 concerned about that. That tells me that's further  
34 erosion of our subsistence way of living if we can't  
35 subsist on the resources that is being managed by  
36 departments and whatnot. That needs to be looked at  
37 really carefully. As I talked to -- I believe it was  
38 at one meeting in Bethel there, if we're going to talk  
39 fish, we need to look at the whole picture, which means  
40 people that -- in the high sea fishing that are  
41 disrupting our way of life, and that needs to be looked  
42 at really carefully. And as one of the commenters  
43 mentioned that when we discard fish here in the Yukon,  
44 we have a really high penalty for it. And yet people  
45 that fishing in the high seas discard thousands and  
46 thousands of pounds and no penalties has been imposed  
47 on them. That's a concern that I see as further  
48 erosion of our subsistence way of living.

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50 Another issue that I'd like to mention

1 is the subsistence regulations that are in draft form  
2 at this time. I would recommend that they be pulled  
3 until the tribes are in -- Qyuana.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Ray.  
6 And the discussion on the -- in your book on Page 111  
7 is titled -- there's an area titled bycatch. You might  
8 find the information you might need in that area.  
9 Okay, Ray?

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11 MR. ONEY: Yeah, I did read my meeting  
12 packet, so.....

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you have any  
15 further comments, Ray. Mr. Oney.

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17 MR. ONEY: I don't. Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr. Brown,  
20 do you have any comments?

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22 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I have no comment,  
23 but I have a concern about wintertime meeting like  
24 we're experiencing since we got here. I would like to  
25 suggest that winter meetings like this here, I just  
26 want to make my comment about the location. I like it  
27 here in Bethel for next winter meetings.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All right.

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31 MR. BROWN: Or maybe the summertime,  
32 because we usually have weather problem. Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.  
35 Wilde. Harry. Mr. Harry Wilde, do you have any  
36 comments?

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38 MR. H. WILDE: What?

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you have any  
41 comments, Mr. Harry Wilde.

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43 MR. H. WILDE: No.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No comments. No  
46 further comments. Mr. Hoelscher is not on.

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48 MR. H. WILDE: No comments.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you,

1 Harry. Anaan Mary Gregory, do you have any comments.  
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3 MS. GREGORY: Not at this time.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Elias Kelly,  
6 do you have any comments. Alex.  
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8 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. There just be  
9 some connection problems with Pilot Station phone  
10 lines. It's been busy all morning and yesterday  
11 afternoon. So maybe he's having problem connecting to  
12 this meeting.  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik.  
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16 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.  
17 Members of the Board.  
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19 CONFERENCE OPERATOR. Excuse me. Ms.  
20 Becca Gisclair has joined.  
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Who?  
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24 MS. ROBBINS-GISCLAIR: This is Becca  
25 with YRDFA.  
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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, okay. Okay.  
28 Becca, thank you.  
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30 MS. ROBBINS-GISCLAIR: Yep. Sorry to  
31 interrupt.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Manumik.  
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35 MR. MANUMIK: Yes. Mr. Chairman. This  
36 is Paul Manumik at Nunam Iqua.  
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38 Our travel arrangements were kind of  
39 messed up down here in the lower Yukon. When the  
40 weather was bad, when we were supposed to travel on the  
41 23rd, I tried to upgrade my travel to St. Mary's with  
42 Hagland Air. And they said they don't come down here,  
43 only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. And I told that  
44 lady at the ticket counter at St. Mary's that it don't  
45 do us any good to travel Wednesday, because by that  
46 time the meeting will be gone. I think that concerning  
47 this travel in the lower Yukon and Grant Air, Grant  
48 Aviation does not go to St. Mary's from -- that's the  
49 only other airline that carries passengers. There are  
50 only two. Hagland Aviation and Grant Aviation that

1 pick up passengers from the lower Yukon. I think that  
2 based on that, we should keep Bethel as a main hub for  
3 our meetings unless the weather permits otherwise.

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5 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Paul.  
8 I'm sure we're going to take that into consideration,  
9 and Alex will probably get the information on those two  
10 airlines and their schedules down that river. I know  
11 that lower end of that river doesn't have the  
12 convenience of airlines as we do in other areas. So  
13 that's one thing we've got to watch.

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15 Mr. Nick.

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17 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. When  
18 we do the travel, we work very closely with the person  
19 who's traveling, and we also work with our government  
20 travel agency. Unfortunately in some cases, you know,  
21 no matter how much we tried, there are some  
22 misunderstanding on the part of the people who are  
23 involved sometime. You know, I submit the travel  
24 request based on what I learn from each, and they're in  
25 black and white. I do have copies of those upstairs on  
26 the files. So the original travel requests that were  
27 submitted to the government travel agency, sometimes  
28 change the -- you know, because the system is not in  
29 the computer -- or rather those travel schedules are  
30 not in the computer system.

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32 Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Does  
35 that take care of you, Paul? Mr. Manumik.

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37 MR. MANUMIK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank  
38 you.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.  
41 Joseph Mike, do you have any comments.

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43 MR. MIKE: Yeah. Sure. Yeah, on  
44 travel. We've been having trouble even going to the  
45 meeting with this kind of weather, and the return home.  
46 On the return home should be open, our return, so we  
47 could go home after the meeting is over. So we have a  
48 right to just -- it should be open.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any further

1 comments.

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3 MR. MIKE: Doi.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr.

6 Roczicka, any comments.

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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I'll  
9 maybe expand a bit on what I'd referenced earlier  
10 regarding the State Board of Game proposals that are in  
11 front of us. And throughout all the documents that we  
12 have -- and we have put this forward before that we  
13 want to see these. And I'm really becoming concerned  
14 with a lot of the work and such, almost as if what we  
15 are supposed to have as meaningful input has become  
16 meaningless to some degree, if you will. Well, let me  
17 back up.

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19 The main frustration that I have for  
20 this point in time I guess is I'm going to back to our  
21 annual report of last year and the response that came  
22 back from the Federal Board regarding the issue of  
23 managing populations to provide for subsistence needs,  
24 and asking them specifically to address how they are  
25 going to have their member agencies manage their  
26 populations to provide for subsistence. And I look at  
27 this memorandum of understanding that just came out  
28 here a month or so ago, and the number 1 mutual  
29 agreement they have is to ensure conservation of fish  
30 and wildlife populations. The populations, not  
31 necessarily the human harvest, but to provide for that  
32 harvest. And as long as these agencies refuse to  
33 address this on managing their populations to provide  
34 for subsistence needs, they're not doing their job  
35 under ANILCA. And that -- what we got back, the  
36 response that came back from OSM completely ignored the  
37 specific issues that we laid out, asking what their  
38 interpretation of the Congressional intent was, that  
39 said -- that specifically did not preclude management  
40 of those populations.

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42 What I'm seeing start to occur here,  
43 subsistence does not get the priority. It's becoming a  
44 deference to an abstract philosophical difference of  
45 Lower 48 nature and saying that you shouldn't manage  
46 your populations and just go with the natural balance.  
47 If you want to take that argument on down the road,  
48 well, then maybe we shouldn't be pursuing any kind of  
49 medical research to help humans have a better way of  
50 life. Should we go back to what we hear from the old

1 folks that the old days were a time of starvation. Is  
2 that what the intent of the current contemporary  
3 management structure should be? I don't believe it is.

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5                   And I believe our concerns were not  
6 even addressed in that letter. It was like they were  
7 just brushed aside. They came -- they gave us a stock  
8 answer that was developed for Fort -- or the upper  
9 Yukon area 15 to 20 years ago and did not take into  
10 consideration any of those concerns that we raised.  
11 Did not even address them. And that bothers me a great  
12 deal. So, I mean, I'm looking to see something come  
13 out of this memorandum of understanding that maybe we  
14 can take that next step now.

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16                   There's not a necessity of a nationwide  
17 environmental impact statement to occur every time  
18 there's a management program to benefit one population  
19 over the other. It can easily be done through the  
20 environmental assessment that we put forward in our  
21 comments last year at the refuge level or the local  
22 regional level. It does not require that level. They  
23 did it for the Chisana caribou herd some years ago, and  
24 it was done very simply. They have specific programs  
25 in place that are provided for throughout the nation,  
26 but somehow don't apply in Alaska through their  
27 Division of Wildlife Services that specifically manage  
28 populations to provide for the human benefit, and  
29 subsistence is supposed to have the priority in Alaska,  
30 but yet it continues to be glossed over or avoided, run  
31 away from in our area. And that is wrong.

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33                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Greg.  
34 Pardon me.

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36                   Mr. Bob Aloysius, do you have any  
37 concerns.

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39                   MR. ALOYSIUS: I have two major  
40 concerns and one of them is beaver, abandoned,  
41 abandoned beaver dams and fish habitat. And I'm  
42 talking -- when I say abandoned beaver dams, I'm  
43 talking about 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 50 years  
44 abandoned beaver dams that have never -- we haven't had  
45 any big spring breakups to clear out those creeks. You  
46 know, I've looked at that big lake behind Kalskag.  
47 That's one of the lakes that used to be a provider for  
48 all the whitefish, pike, sheefish, less -- salmon.  
49 Now, there's hardly any fish up there, because all the  
50 little streams that feed into that lake are dried up

1 and plugged up by beaver dams that have been there for  
2 I know at least 50 years. And it's like you said,  
3 there's always somebody's answer that -- they don't  
4 address the issue that is brought up by the Council  
5 about abandoned beaver dams. They just say, well,  
6 beaver dams are good, beaver dams are good, beaver dams  
7 are good, which is a bunch of crock. You know, so --  
8 you know, and I specifically asked for information on  
9 what we could do to destroy those abandoned beaver  
10 dams, and there's nothing in the papers that I looked  
11 regarding that.

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13                   And the other one that is really,  
14 really affects Lower Kalskag, Kalskag, Aniak,  
15 Chuathbaluk is our inability to harvest moose in 21E  
16 during the winter season. We are restricted. And yet  
17 45 miles downriver from the boundary, Russian Mission  
18 is allowed to go up there and hunt. They don't need  
19 that time to hunt. They have moose coming out of their  
20 ears. They've always had. The only time that Russian  
21 Mission people ever went up to 21E is in the falltime.  
22 And the hunters in the central Kuskokwim area really  
23 getting tired of being restricted, of not being able to  
24 hunt in their traditional and customary area. That is  
25 21E on the south border. It's a matter of just a few  
26 miles, two or three miles from Aniak, maybe five miles  
27 from Chuathbaluk, and five miles from Kalskag/Lower  
28 Kalskag to hunt in 21E. So we're getting really tired  
29 of being restricted from hunting in our customary and  
30 traditional areas. And they want some answers.

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32                   Well, those are two major ones right  
33 now. For right now. And at the end of the meeting,  
34 I'm sure I'm going to have something else to bring up.  
35 Thank you.

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37                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Robert.  
38 Any response from OSM, Mr. Kron, on the two last  
39 subjects. Go ahead.

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41                   MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. The  
42 beaver issue will come up under the wildlife issues,  
43 which is next on your agenda.

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45                   Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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47                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick, do you  
48 have something to say for the record.

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50                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. The only thing

1 that I could add to Mr. Kron's comment on this is that,  
2 you know, it's been in your annual report for maybe at  
3 least several years, and like Mr. Kron stated there  
4 will be some staff making presentations and the  
5 questions will be answered at the time. Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.  
8 I think there's some -- I guess it's my turn to make a  
9 comment.

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11 In some of those areas where we have  
12 kind of been pushed aside on the subjects that we would  
13 want discussed, I think we need to put a little bit  
14 more effort and a little bit more push into the  
15 requests that we have put forward in our letters, 501  
16 and all the other comments that we make from the  
17 Council. I think we need to stress the importance of  
18 more importance of some of the areas that we're  
19 concerned with, like with the subjects that Greg, Ray  
20 and Bob were talking about. And I think I -- I've  
21 noticed that, too, that the concerns that we put  
22 forward in this council sometimes seems to be totally  
23 ignored, and those concerns are mainly the ones that  
24 affect us in our subsistence way of life in our area.  
25 And I think in the future is something comes up, I  
26 think we need to go in there and to full bore in order  
27 to get something, because just the mention of some of  
28 the programs that -- or some of the things that we  
29 would like to see go into effect are ignored. And  
30 we've got to show the people that we deal with that we  
31 mean what we would like to do as far as this Council is  
32 concerned. And that's my comment.

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34 At this time we'll take a 10-minute  
35 break.

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37 (Off record)

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39 (On record)

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 10:32. We are down  
42 to item 10, subsistence wildlife issues. Item A,  
43 changes to the procedures to comment on proposed rules  
44 and submit proposals. Mr. Tom Kron. Tom Kron. I'm  
45 sorry.

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47 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. The  
48 information on that is included on Page 21 in your  
49 booklet, and I'll just summarize briefly. But again  
50 the requirements when you submit proposals has changed.

1 You can submit them directly to Alex. We had to get  
2 special permission for this to happen, or you can mail  
3 them in. You can mail a hard copy to the office, or  
4 you can submit your proposals via eRulemaking Portal in  
5 the Federal Government. But again this is something  
6 that changed governmentwide, Federal Governmentwide.  
7 It does impact us, and we just wanted to let you know.  
8 A lot of times in the past people have emailed in  
9 proposals and the bottom line is we can't do that any  
10 more. You've got to give them to Alex and he can  
11 submit them, or you have to mail them in to us, or  
12 again you can submit them in the eGovernment Portal.  
13 So there's been a change there.

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15 And at this meeting it's an opportunity  
16 to submit wildlife proposals, new wildlife proposals.  
17 So again if you take those kind of actions at this  
18 meeting, we can just give them to Alex and he can  
19 forward them on for inclusion in the process.

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21 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There's a call for  
24 2010 to 2012 wildlife proposals at this time. Any  
25 proposals that are coming in. Mr. Alex. Alex Nick.

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27 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Give me a  
28 moment, please. I was changing battery on the recorder  
29 here.

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31 Mr. Chair. We do have proposal forms  
32 available for anyone who wants to submit proposal.

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34 And for those on line, my 800 number is  
35 1-800-621-5804, extension 257. If you need proposal  
36 right away, I can make them available to you, or fax  
37 them to you.

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39 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead. Mr.  
42 Charles.

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44 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
45 Doesn't all the RAC get those proposal forms in the  
46 mail? I got mine last week and it's posted at the post  
47 office now at Tuntutuliak.

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49 Thank you.

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1 MR. NICK: Yeah. Mr. Chair. James,  
2 you do get your mail -- your proposal forms in the  
3 mail. However, some people are overlooked even though  
4 they're listed as, you know, RAC members or agencies or  
5 organizations.

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7 MR. CHARLES: And the deadline for  
8 proposals, it's on there, too.

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10 MR. NICK: Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Kron, did you  
13 have anything else to say on that.

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15 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Again  
16 the deadline for submitting wildlife proposals is April  
17 30th, so there is some time. But again you could  
18 submit them now if you choose to.

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20 I guess I just wanted to mention a  
21 couple of issues that are out there that people may  
22 want to think about. Moose seasons, for example. You  
23 know, we made some adjustments through special action  
24 on the lower Yukon. It was extended. I'm not sure  
25 what the wishes of the group are, or the public. That  
26 might be an issue.

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28 Another one is the Kuskokwim moose  
29 situation, lower Kuskokwim. I know that they're trying  
30 to get surveys right now, but if you were to want to  
31 put something in place now for consideration of changes  
32 to the closure situation on the lower Kuskokwim, this  
33 would be the time to do it.

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35 Shortly in the agenda you'll be looking  
36 at the beaver issue. Potentially you may want to  
37 consider liberalizing the ability to shoot beavers.  
38 It's allowed in the spring. It currently is not  
39 allowed in the fall.

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41 It might make sense to look at the  
42 state regs. I understand that Greg has some  
43 information on that, but those are the kinds of issues  
44 maybe you might want to take a look at. And now would  
45 be the time to submit a proposal to get them in the  
46 hopper for the next cycle. And again the Federal  
47 Subsistence Board will be looking at them in January  
48 next year for implementation after that.

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50 But we're getting a lot of special

1 action requests. We're able to extend that lower Yukon  
2 moose season via special action process as well.

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4                   Anyway, just general information, but  
5 now is the time to submit proposals if you'd like to.

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7                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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9                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Did you  
10 have anything else, Mr. Charles? I thought you were  
11 checking it out. Excuse me.

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13                   MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman.

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15                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead. Somebody  
16 requesting on the teleconference? Go ahead.

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18                   MR. MATHEWS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. This  
19 is Vince Mathews, coordinator for Western Interior.

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21                   I don't know when it would be  
22 appropriate to share with you the proposals that  
23 Western Interior are going to be submitting to the  
24 Federal Board as well as to the Board of Game. So let  
25 me know when you would like to be aware of those. They  
26 do affect your area because of communities that qualify  
27 to hunt, plus the species in question is of importance  
28 to Unit 18.

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30                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah. We'll be  
31 discussing some proposals on item C -- I mean D of this  
32 section after the documents related to influence of  
33 beaver on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta.

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35                   Please, could you something on that  
36 thing? I can't hear your whispers. Thank you.

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38                   MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Those  
39 are State proposals, Mr. Chair, not Federal.

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41                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.  
42 Mr. Greg.

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44                   MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
45 I would be certainly interested to hear those right now  
46 as well as far as what might be going in in the  
47 development of proposals. I've got a little summary of  
48 the Western Interior's actions saying that they were  
49 going to be working on some proposals over this week,  
50 and I'd be interested to hear what they are.

1                   As far as this Council coming out with  
2 proposals at this meeting, some of the issues that  
3 we're going to be dealing with are going to be  
4 discussed I think at length when we get to the State  
5 Board of Game proposals that we are specifically tasked  
6 with addressing, even though it wasn't put on the  
7 agenda for us. So maybe as a result of that, farther  
8 on down the agenda we might look at a point before the  
9 meeting's over to specifically identify some proposals  
10 that we may want to put into the Federal process.

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12                   But I'd like to hear from Vince right  
13 now what the Western Interior discussed and what  
14 they're looking at as far as proposals.

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16                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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18                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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20                   MS. GREGORY: I concur with Greg  
21 Roczicka. I'd like to hear for my information.

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23                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: For the record,  
24 could I have a motion to suspend the rules to that  
25 effect.

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27                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I so move.

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29                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary's moved to  
30 suspend the rules to hear the -- to hear Mr. Mathews.  
31 Go ahead.

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33                   MR. CHARLES: Second.

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35                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
36 Charles. Any further discussion.

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38                   (No comments)

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40                   MS. GREGORY: Question.

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42                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's  
43 called for. All in favor say aye.

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45                   IN UNISON: Aye.

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47                   (No opposing votes)

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49                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Mathews, you've  
50 got the chair or table, floor.

1 MR. MATHEWS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
2 will try to -- I will go through the Board of Game  
3 actions first and then we'll get to Federal ones, just  
4 because the Board of Game ones will be a little easier  
5 to explain.

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7 As you may be aware, the State of  
8 Alaska is working on re-introducing the wood bison  
9 into Alaska. That came up on the Western Interior  
10 agenda because the State is looking at re-establishing  
11 the wood bison in the Innoko drainage in Unit 21E. And  
12 the Western Interior Regional Council supported that  
13 re-introduction.

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15 The Western Interior Council during its  
16 Galena meeting was exposed to, and, boy, I hope I get  
17 the right title, it's a real long title, the draft  
18 adaptive plan for intensive management for moose in  
19 Unit 21E. They endorsed the plan because of the  
20 concerns of the moose population in the GASH area, and  
21 that they supported earlier the Yukon Innoko Moose  
22 Management Plan. That was a stakeholders planning  
23 process for Unit 21E. And so that was another issue  
24 that they did with the Board of Game, because the Board  
25 of Game is taking up a draft adaptive plan later this  
26 month.

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28 Also of interest to the -- now I'll  
29 switch over to the Federal proposals. The top on the  
30 list was that the Western Interior is submitting a  
31 proposal to the Federal Subsistence Board to close all  
32 Federal lands within the range of the Mulchatna Caribou  
33 Herd to non-resident hunters. Basically they're  
34 concerned about the condition of the herd. So this  
35 would affect Units 9, 17, 18, and 19. So that proposal  
36 will be submitted.

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38 There were two proposals that are going  
39 to be submitted concerning moose hunting in 21E. And  
40 again these are in rough form. We're having a  
41 subsequent teleconference this Friday to work out some  
42 more of the details on these proposals, so these are  
43 the main issues in those proposals and the details will  
44 be forthcoming. But basically for the moose hunt in  
45 Unit 21D in fall, they're requesting that season be  
46 moved forward five days. The present season is August  
47 20th through September 25th. Their proposal would  
48 change that from August 25th to September 30th. The  
49 reason I share this proposal and the following proposal  
50 is Russian Mission qualifies to hunt in Unit 21E. And

1 the reasons for that shift is the warmer temperatures,  
2 and the moose are moving later in the season.

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4                   Okay. The next proposal is also for  
5 21E, and that concerns the winter hunt, which is  
6 February 1 through the 10th. They're going to submit a  
7 proposal that will be, if I get the wording right, will  
8 be a to-be-announced 10-day hunt during the timeframe  
9 of February 1 through April 15th, and would be based on  
10 the moose population status after consultation with the  
11 State, affected villages and the Chairs of the local  
12 advisory committees and Regional Councils.

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14                   So, Mr. Chair, unless my notes have got  
15 a hole in them, those are the proposals that I'm aware  
16 of that affect your area. They are submitting multiple  
17 proposals for the upper part of their drainage, or  
18 their region, but they don't affect your area.

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20                   Thank you.

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22                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Vince.  
23 Any comments. Mr. Nick.

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25                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. The only  
26 recommendation I have is to be very careful in these  
27 proposals. Using an example of moose moratorium  
28 recommendation to be extended last fall in your meeting  
29 from this RAC. And the State advisory committee's  
30 recommendation to lift the restrictions of moose  
31 moratorium has confused a lot of user groups,  
32 subsistence user groups in the Delta. So my advice  
33 would be to be very cautious, you know, on how you're  
34 dealing with the proposals. And, you know, we should  
35 be making sure that we work closely with the State.  
36 And I don't know, you'll hear more about this during  
37 the Refuge and the State's agency report later. Maybe  
38 later today or sometime tomorrow. Mr. Chair.

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40                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Nick, there was  
41 a comment you made to me that I told you you should  
42 tell the rest of the Council members. Could you go  
43 into that on the -- what you and I were discussing just  
44 a minute ago.

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46                   MR. NICK: Yes. Mr. Chair. The only  
47 advice or -- well, advice to the RAC members both here  
48 present and those on line and future RAC members is  
49 that this meeting deals mainly on the Federal issues.  
50 But on the issues that are dealt with between the State

1 and Federal, this RAC also makes recommendations on  
2 those, too. Does that satisfy your question?

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that -- the  
5 rest of the Council, is that clear? Any questions on  
6 the comments made by Alex.

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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. I've got one.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You have another --  
11 okay. Mr. Greg Roczicka.

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
14 Not for Alex's, but for Vince, if that's okay. Vince,  
15 just a clarification, and I suppose I could go look it  
16 up, too, but is that fall hunt that they're  
17 recommending, is that restricted to Federally-qualified  
18 users only?

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20 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman. To Mr.  
21 Roczicka, yes, it's only -- they use the term non-rural  
22 residents would qualify -- I mean would be eliminated  
23 from hunting on Federal public lands in those units.  
24 So it would be qualified Federal hunters would be  
25 allowed to continue to hunt. The closure would just be  
26 on non-qualified hunters.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Does  
29 that answer your question for you, Greg.

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31 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, it does. And I  
32 guess I didn't -- will say I don't see anything here  
33 that we need to comment on right now. From what he  
34 mentioned, that the proposals will be coming to us next  
35 fall in our completed form.

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37 But one more for Vince is that in that  
38 fax that you has sent to Mr. Kron this morning, which  
39 I'd requested about, what is the other series of  
40 proposals, just subject? It says you've got to work  
41 out the exact wording, but I'm just curious, you say  
42 another series of proposals that are going to be going  
43 to the Board of Game, and if any of those might affect  
44 us.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Vince.

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48 MR. MATHEWS: Mr. Chairman. If I  
49 understood, the question was the exact wording to the  
50 Board of Game. The actions going to the Board of Game

1 will be in a letter format for supporting the wood  
2 bison and also for the adaptive plan.

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4                   The Council had a copy of the relative  
5 -- the related, excuse me, proposals to that adaptive  
6 intensive plan, but they didn't take those up. We had  
7 weather problems at the meeting and we did not have  
8 Fish and Game Staff that were closer to this topic, so  
9 I think the Council did not want to take up those  
10 proposals without Staff present.

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12                   I think that answers your question I  
13 hope.

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15                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.

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17                   MR. ROCZICKA: No, not really. No need  
18 to pursue that further at this time.

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20                   Just to clarify then also that Western  
21 Interior did not address either Proposal Nos. 235 or  
22 236 regarding the intensive management plans in 19A or  
23 19D?

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25                   MR. MATHEWS: No, they didn't look at  
26 those proposals at this meeting. I'd have to go back  
27 and see if they did -- were they available for the fall  
28 meeting? I'd have to check, but they did not take up  
29 those proposals at this meeting last week.

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31                   MR. ROCZICKA: No, they're on the  
32 agenda with the Board of Game proposals that are going  
33 to be addressed starting the day after tomorrow in  
34 Anchorage. And they're a pretty significant issues for  
35 Western Interior folks.

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37                   MR. MATHEWS: Well, I just checked the  
38 minutes from the last meeting that they had in McGrath,  
39 and they didn't take them up at that meeting. So, no,  
40 Mr. Chairman, they did not take up those proposals that  
41 Mr. Roczicka brought up.

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43                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Vince.  
44 If there are no further discussion -- or any further  
45 discussion on this.

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47                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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49                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anaan.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Thank you, Vince, for  
2 enlightening us. It's good to know what other RAC  
3 groups are doing.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Charles.

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7 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
8 I was not at the meeting when you -- when this group  
9 voted to extend the moose moratorium on 18. So A.C.  
10 had the meeting on November 20, and they voted to open  
11 the Game Management Unit 18 moratorium. So there is a  
12 proposal to bring to Board of Game. That's their  
13 meeting starts this week. And that proposal is going  
14 to be on agenda change request for this area. That's  
15 to answer Alex.

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17 Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anybody else.  
20 Greg.

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22 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
23 Maybe just when we get to that issue on the agenda and  
24 Alex just mentioned that the Refuge Staff here did have  
25 some comments and concerns regarding those conflicting  
26 recommendations from the Council and the advisory  
27 committee. And when we get to Proposal No. 247, which  
28 was accepted as an agenda change request, and it is on  
29 there. If we could maybe get that presentation from  
30 the Staff with that information from our folks before  
31 we go into taking a position on the proposal.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg -- Mr. Nick.

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35 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Just a minor  
36 correction, Mr. Roczicka, not necessarily conflicting,  
37 but the confusion for the user groups in the Delta.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anything else on  
40 this subject.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, let's go to  
45 item C, documents related to the influence of beaver on  
46 the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. And who's got -- and who is  
47 going to be taking -- Mr. Kron.

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49 MR. KRON: Yeah, I'll start. I think  
50 Mr. Thomas Doolittle was going to be prepared to

1 provide information.

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3 But there's information in your Council  
4 books starting on Page 22. And if we can -- Tom.  
5 Beavers.

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7 MR. DOOLITTLE: You're through with  
8 moose?

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10 MR. KRON: Again, the beaver  
11 information is starting on Page 22 in your Council  
12 book.

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14 MR. DOOLITTLE: Well, I was going to  
15 have actually Gene Peltola introduce, you know, the  
16 part of our position relative to Beaver management.

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18 MR. PELTOLA: Good morning. Chair.  
19 Members of the Council. Gene Peltola, Refuge manager,  
20 Yukon Delta. A pleasure to be here.

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22 Throughout the years there has been a  
23 lot of discussion about beaver, especially out here on  
24 the Delta and the potential effect on fisheries, mainly  
25 whitefish. From a Refuge standpoint, beaver fall  
26 within our mandate to manage for a natural diversity.  
27 And there are site specific examples where beaver dams  
28 may be detrimental to local fish populations.

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30 We do not have the staff or personnel  
31 nor the funding to go about and do large-scale beaver  
32 dam removal nor control. Things that we've utilized in  
33 other areas of the state where the Refuge could come  
34 into play to assist would be we dealt with beaver  
35 issues when I was the manager up at Selawik, and a  
36 biologist up in Selawik years ago, the Refuge  
37 facilitated trapping clinics and seminars with mainly  
38 -- I wouldn't say youth, but younger individuals who  
39 may not have had the benefit of having an elder go out  
40 to teach or help them with trapping or snaring  
41 techniques. We've done that in the past.

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43 More immediate means of addressing  
44 beaver concerns is that if a particular -- if Bob has a  
45 particular beaver dam, whether it be active or  
46 abandoned, that he and the village strongly feel is  
47 impacting in a negative means a particular fish stock,  
48 at times, depending on the activity, the State of  
49 Alaska may require a Title XVI permit for dam removal.  
50 What the Refuge can do is if we have specific areas of

1 concern, whether it be say out tundra, Kalskag or  
2 something like that, where we could identify particular  
3 streams or sloughs, the Refuge can assist the  
4 traditional council or individuals in the village to go  
5 through the process if a Title XVI permit is required  
6 for the dam removal.

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8                   But I think that, you know, there are  
9 -- Refuge-wide, beaver provide a net benefit to the  
10 Refuge in a sense that at times a lake may be dammed  
11 off. Succession of willow growth provides, you know,  
12 early growth forage for moose. And at times it has a  
13 detrimental effect. But overall, you know, we have to  
14 manage for biological diversity, and it is very hard to  
15 do species-specific work. And we don't have the  
16 personnel nor the funding to go address beaver on a  
17 wide scale basis.

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19                   But we're more than willing to work  
20 with individual villages, councils, whatever it may be,  
21 if they're interested in, say, trapping clinics or  
22 seminars to get people actively involved in that  
23 activity which could bring into, you know, a cottage  
24 industry of making mittens or mulakies (ph), stuff like  
25 that. In addition, too, if there's a particular dam  
26 that is identified by the members of the community or  
27 individuals that they have particular concern about, we  
28 could help them determine (1) if requesting a permit  
29 from the State under Title XVI is required for that dam  
30 removal, and we could help people go through that  
31 process.

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33                   Any questions.

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35                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Charles.

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37                   MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
38 Is it illegal to break the dam when the beaver is  
39 damming your traditional fishing lake? Like myself, I  
40 fish at this lake and it has two creeks or two rivers  
41 going to that same lake. And they dam one of the lakes  
42 [sic] and left the other one open. So after I check  
43 this place, I have to go way around to go back into  
44 that same lake to fish. And it is -- I know it is  
45 illegal to set the net across the river. What about  
46 the beaver putting that on?

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48                   (Laughter)

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50                   MR. CHARLES: Is he doing something

1 wrong? Or do I need to break that dam or what, because  
2 there is not -- this is more than one lake that we  
3 traditionally fish and they dam -- they put dams on a  
4 lot of those lakes that -- and we lose our -- I mean,  
5 we used to catch a lot of fish in those. We don't do  
6 that any more. Fish don't go up those -- to those  
7 lakes any more. And that hurts our people.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MR. PELTOLA: Yeah. Gene Peltola  
12 again.

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14 That's the type of situation where the  
15 Refuge, if you have particular concerns, a particular  
16 dam, that we could work with you and determine if a  
17 permit is required for that from the State of Alaska.  
18 We have a little pamphlet here that was handed to me by  
19 Dan Gillikin, our fisheries biologist, concerning fish  
20 habitat and Title XVI permits. At times removal --  
21 some removal of a beaver dam may require permits.  
22 Other times it may not. And that's a particular  
23 situation where we could work with you or members of  
24 your community to determine whether that's required  
25 and, if so, could help you thought the process.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
28 discussion on documents related to beaver on Yukon-  
29 Kuskokwim.

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31 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anaan.

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35 MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. Yeah. My  
36 name is Harry Wilde. I have a problem with beavers  
37 also. I've got no more fish camp in that slough any  
38 more due to beavers. Both of the mouths of that river,  
39 they're a pile of mud, everything, due to beavers. So  
40 only time that I could be able to be there in my fish  
41 camp is right after breakup. So that's the problem we  
42 have. And I talked to one of the Fish and Games who  
43 said that beavers are open year round, but right now  
44 that slough is dry. Hardly any water in it due to  
45 beavers.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you done,  
48 Harry?

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50 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anaan Mary.  
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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) And I'm  
4 talking -- (In Yup'ik)  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Qyuana, Mary. Are  
7 you going to translate that, Alex?  
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9 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
10 will try to translate it in summary.  
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12 Mary Gregory commented that an elder  
13 before he passed away some time ago told her and her  
14 husband that beavers contribute to decline of the  
15 resources. And she went on to say that the beavers  
16 moved down toward the coast when here is famine coming  
17 to the area. And the refused beaver has adverse effect  
18 on the resources such as fish in the area where there's  
19 beaver. And she said that she missed that elder,  
20 because he gave very good advice to them. That's in  
21 the highlands?  
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23 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)  
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25 MR. NICK: And what's happening now is  
26 also (In Yup'ik).  
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28 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)  
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30 MR. NICK: Okay. What she said is that  
31 the elders do foresee what's in the future while we see  
32 only what's in front of our noses, or under our noses  
33 in terms of predictions. Doi?  
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And we'll have,  
36 let's see, Greg, Tim and then Bob. Greg, did you have  
37 you hand?  
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39 MR. ROCZICKA: No.  
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I thought -- Tim.  
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43 MR. ANDREW: Timothy Andrew with AVCP.  
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If I just may, I'm  
47 sorry to interrupt you, but I forgot to state that  
48 public comments are welcome for each agenda item, and  
49 make sure that you fill out a green form or be  
50 recognized by the chair for public testimony. Time

1 limits may be given to provide opportunity for all to  
2 testify and to keep on schedule. This is just for  
3 information sake. And please note that the meeting  
4 times for each day, the order of business and agendas  
5 are estimated and are subject to change without notice.  
6 The Regional Advisory Council -- well, okay. That's  
7 information, I wanted to make sure that got out.

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9 Okay. Tim.

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11 MR. ANDREW: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
12 Chair. If I can have your permission to speak on this  
13 issue.

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15 Beavers are not only affecting  
16 subsistence food, but they're also altering traditional  
17 travel routes within the community or around the  
18 community of Charlie Brown, around Eek. There used to  
19 be an access river going through between the Eek River  
20 and Eenayarak, but because of the numerous beaver dams  
21 that have built up over the years in the area, they're  
22 not -- that route is no longer available. The other  
23 route was going from the Eek River down to Joegleuk  
24 (ph) which is south of Eek. There used to be an access  
25 river that would allow people, rather than going all  
26 the way around like how James does down in Tuntutuliak,  
27 but people used to be able to take a short cut to get  
28 to the salmonberry picking ground down there south of  
29 Eek. So people are starting to spend a lot more money.  
30 You know, the high energy costs right now, people are  
31 just -- people can't really afford it. People are  
32 having to spend more money going around these Beaver-  
33 dammed areas in order to do their subsistence  
34 activities. And it's not only in the Eek area. It's  
35 also affecting other areas throughout the Y-K Delta.

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37 One of the things that really affected  
38 how people harvest beaver is the market went down the  
39 drain and it's been down the drain for probably a good  
40 20 years now. And we have a prohibition on the sale of  
41 the meat of beaver. We can't sell it. It's prohibited  
42 under the Lacey Act. I don't know if it's at all  
43 possible to seek an exemption from the Lacey Act for  
44 beaver in our area or not. I don't know if that -- if  
45 the Act would allow us to do that. ?But it seems like  
46 if you put a market incentive within -- you know, with  
47 the sale of the meat, that would probably help  
48 alleviate the population of the beaver in the area.  
49 Without that incentive, you know, people don't want to  
50 go out and overharvest beaver as a food source. I

1 don't know of any individuals that eats beaver 365 days  
2 out of the year. It will get quite boring after a  
3 while, but, you know, if you're able to sell the meat  
4 whether to dog mushers or whether to processing plants  
5 or whatever for animal food or for something like that,  
6 it would really help give people the incentive to go  
7 out and harvest the beaver.

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9 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim.

12 Mr. Aloysius.

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: We were at a meeting in  
15 Anchorage last fall regarding whitefish and some of the  
16 problems that whitefish are having going back to their  
17 breeding and egg-laying areas. It really surprised me  
18 that the people in the upper Yukon had the same  
19 problems as we are having down here. The influx of  
20 beaver and their abandoned beaver dams are really  
21 affecting the migratory pass of the whitefish and of  
22 the people who go out harvesting, you know. So it's  
23 not as a local problem we're having with beaver. It's  
24 practically a statewide problem we're having in the  
25 Yukon and the Kuskokwim drainages.

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27 And we need to do something to  
28 alleviate the problem we're having, because, you know,  
29 our Native fishes, the whitefish, pike, they're our  
30 Native fish. They don't go migrating around in the  
31 ocean or anywhere. They stay right in our home areas.  
32 We harvest them year round. And we need to have access  
33 to our thing. And the numbers have dwindled down to  
34 practically nothing.

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36 And I will use that big lake down in  
37 Kaltag as an example. When I was growing up, in the  
38 middle of April the two villages, Kalskag and Lower  
39 Kalskag, you know, 10, 15, 20, 25 families used to go  
40 back there and (In Yup'ik). And each family would  
41 bring home a sleighload just from afternoon jigging  
42 through the ice. Nowadays, you go up there and you set  
43 a net in Hooking Creek, you might catch one or two fish  
44 overnight. So the numbers are really way down. And  
45 you don't see any salmon up there any more. You hardly  
46 don't even see any lush. And you don't see hardly any  
47 whitefish in there. But there's all those things that  
48 feed into the Johnson River are being plugged up. And  
49 there's only one outlet from that big lake and that's  
50 the Johnson River. There's at least five small streams

1 that feed into that lake, but they're all plugged up,  
2 so the water level is dropping down. There's all kinds  
3 of crap laying in the bottom of the lake. And those  
4 streams, the head of those streams are like what Mary  
5 said, you know, totally polluted because of the  
6 inability for the spring flood to wash them out. And  
7 that lake is practically dying, because there's no  
8 fresh water coming through there to flush out the old  
9 crap that's in the bottom and replace that with new  
10 water.

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12 So the beaver are beneficial in some  
13 areas, but in the majority of the Delta, they are a  
14 detriment to our Native fish, the whitefish, the pike,  
15 blackfish, needlefish.

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17 Doi.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Bob.  
20 With that information that was given by Gene this  
21 morning, or just a while ago, could you make sure that  
22 that is put out over the radio in both Yup'ik and  
23 English so that our people out in the village can  
24 understand and get the information that you've given us  
25 this morning. Gene.

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27 MR. PELTOLA: Yeah. Gene Peltola.  
28 Yeah, we can do that. In addition, I think we have  
29 certain positions here on staff, our refuge information  
30 technician program. I know that right now we're down  
31 say three to four slots, but we have RITs that go  
32 through the majority of our villages throughout the  
33 year, and that would be also a great opportunity for  
34 individuals like Bob, if we have -- once we get someone  
35 hired in Kalskag, can come on up, if you could sit down  
36 with them and identify particular areas of your  
37 concern, they could bring that information back to our  
38 office with a point of contact, and we could help  
39 people work through identifying where we need to  
40 immediately address things, where we may have to  
41 consider -- or make a request to have a dam removal.  
42 Or we could that, yes. Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob, go ahead.

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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. I think it's a  
47 KNA-wide concern, too, so when we get up to -- get back  
48 up river, we can get all our ducks liked up and make  
49 sure we have the proper loads for getting those ducks  
50 squared away.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mike, did you have  
2 a comment.

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4 MR. THALHAUSER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
5 I'm Mike Thalhauser with KNA.

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7 Yeah, I definitely agree. I was just  
8 thinking that. And as far as I can definitely work  
9 with Gene on getting the sort of format for doing this  
10 type of work and documenting what they need to have to  
11 go through this process with all the villages and the  
12 community meetings that we do. So that's something  
13 that I'll definitely address. And thanks.

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: This problem has  
16 been bothering -- this has been a problem for a long  
17 time, and I think the more information we can get out  
18 to the public concerning this would be beneficial. And  
19 I would like to request James Charles, the next time  
20 you're talking to Mr. Jacob, as you do, give him that  
21 information, make sure that's well understood in our  
22 language to our people.

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24 Mr. Brown.

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26 MR. BROWN: (In Yup'ik)

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Translator.

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30 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. It's very hard  
31 to try to concentrate on the meeting and I know there's  
32 supposed to be a translator for this meeting. Maybe  
33 he's not available to. Mr. Lou Andrew was -- it was my  
34 understanding that he was supposed to translate for  
35 this meeting.

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37 Anyway, Mr. William Brown would like to  
38 thank Mr. Andrew for bringing up this issue, and that  
39 he said that summertime is okay to deal with the issue,  
40 because of the fact that the local people working with  
41 the younger generation, they can deal with the issue  
42 and deal with the beaver problems, because of the fact  
43 that in summertime people of Eek takes the shortcut  
44 between Eek and Bethel when people need to come to  
45 Bethel for their personal reasons. And especially  
46 elders have hardest time dealing with Beaver issues  
47 when they have to go through the shortcut drainages  
48 between here and Eek, the Village of Eek.

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50 Mr. Brown stated that it appears that

1 the beaver animals has 24 hour, 7-day a week contract  
2 to repair their beaver dams. So even if you did  
3 something with each beaver, it's repaired by the next  
4 day. And this problem do affect local berry picking  
5 activities in summertime, because when they have to go  
6 through other drainages like Kuskokwim and going around  
7 to wherever they want to go, they end up expending a  
8 lot of money for gasoline. Going the shortcut kind of  
9 cuts down the expenses for subsistence users to go to  
10 their destination.

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12 Mr. Brown stated that even though if we  
13 try to do this in black and white such as obtaining  
14 permits and things like that, that's only going to  
15 further delay getting -- dealing with the issue. Mr.  
16 Brown says that the local action works better. If it's  
17 taken care of -- if the issue is taken care of by local  
18 people, they can deal with that and take care of the  
19 issue.

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21 That's the summary of what Mr. Brown  
22 said in Yup'ik. Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
25 Any further discussion on the beaver issue. Mr. Greg.

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27 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. And it  
28 was mentioned earlier that we might want to consider a  
29 proposal to put in to make the beaver harvest more  
30 liberal under Federal regulations, but I just  
31 doublechecked here to see if -- how it measured up to  
32 the State, and there isn't much more we can really do.  
33 Under the State it's no bag limit and no closed season.  
34 Under the Feds it's -- Federal regulation it's no limit  
35 from July 1 through June 30th. So I don't know that  
36 there's much we can do to help out along those lines.

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38 I guess what I would wonder is are  
39 beaver restricted from the sales of meat under the  
40 customary trade that allows or up to the \$1,000, if  
41 that one's there. And the other is if we could maybe  
42 request a report back from Staff, if they could  
43 research it for us, what it would take to get that  
44 exemption to the Lacey Act in regard to this species  
45 for us to bring back to our constituents and let them  
46 pursue it from there.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That sounds  
49 like.....

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1 MS. GREGORY: For beaver meat?  
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3 MR. ROCZICKA: For beaver meat, yes.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If you're going to  
6 make any comments concerning this, could you please get  
7 on record.  
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9 MR. DOOLITTLE: This is Tom Doolittle,  
10 supervisor biologist, Yukon Delta.  
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12 Again, as the group knows, you know,  
13 the changing of Federal law is a slow process and  
14 amendments are a slow process. Also looking at where  
15 the meat -- at the -- where the market would be for the  
16 meat is a consideration also to take into account on  
17 where it would go and what user groups really would  
18 prefer it. So really you need to look into the issue  
19 to see who would want the meat.  
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21 The other thing is, is I've dealt with  
22 beaver control for most of my career. In fact, I still  
23 hold a master blaster permit, and so I used to go  
24 around blowing beaver dams when they were causing  
25 damage to property. And essentially it was only on a  
26 very small area, 125,000 acres, and it took 30 percent  
27 of three people's jobs just to deal with beaver on  
28 125,000 acres. So when you look at the magnitude of  
29 something like Yukon Delta, again the sorts of as Gene  
30 suggested would have to be very targeted and for the  
31 right reasons, and should be incentive-based relative  
32 to where there's market and using this resource both  
33 from a utilitarian point as far as fur, and then also  
34 for its meat.  
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Alex.  
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38 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. I'm wondering if  
39 Pete DeMatteo's on line. DeMatteo?  
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41 (No comments)  
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43 MR. NICK: Anyway, Mr. Chair.....  
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45 MR. DeMATTEO: I'm here.  
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47 MR. NICK: I wanted to respond.....  
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49 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair. I'm here.  
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1 MR. NICK: Okay. Listen to this very  
2 carefully. I want to doublecheck with this, Mr.  
3 DeMatteo.

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5 Mr. Chair. If my understanding is  
6 correct, customary trade only applies to salmon, sale  
7 of salmon on Federal lands. I'm not sure if there is  
8 anything other than artifacts from byproducts of fish  
9 and the animals that's allowed. I think selling any  
10 kind of meat is prohibited. Maybe Mr. DeMatteo could  
11 clarify that.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pete.

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15 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair. I don't know  
16 as I know the exact answer to that. If you give me some  
17 time, I could research it. Let me run it down and I'll  
18 have an answer for you.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Then we'll  
21 give you some time. In the meantime, Mr. Kron.

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23 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Pete.  
24 I'm looking on Page 19 of the Federal fish regs, and  
25 again we've got -- there's wording in there around the  
26 customary trade issue for salmon. And I'd ask that it  
27 be on the OSM briefing section. There are questions  
28 right now about Yukon customary trade. But again  
29 those regulations that were put in place by the Federal  
30 Board about five years ago relate only to salmon. They  
31 do not apply to beaver. And it sounds like Pete's  
32 going to research the issue as it relates to beaver.

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34 The Lacey Act, my understanding is the  
35 exchange for dollars across state lines, and I wish Tim  
36 were here, but it sounds like there's potential to sell  
37 beaver outside the state. Again, I don't know.

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39 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And Tim has just  
42 walked in. Could you state that again, Tom.

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44 MR. KRON: I guess the question, the  
45 Lacey Act is the exchange of fish and wildlife products  
46 across state lines. And the question was -- I guess my  
47 question was, is there a market for beaver meat outside  
48 the State of Alaska that would like -- people would  
49 like to be able to utilize.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tim.

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5 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. Excuse me.  
6 I don't know if there's a market or not. But there's  
7 always a market for something, or things that people  
8 consume and are consumable product. But, you know,  
9 within -- probably within the State of Alaska we  
10 probably have some market that could probably take up  
11 some of the meat that would be derived from more beaver  
12 harvest in the area.

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14 You know, like for me on other issues,  
15 like for wild food, I'm always on the road. I'm  
16 traveling to Anchorage, I'm traveling to wherever my  
17 job takes me and it leaves me very little time to  
18 really go out and do some subsistence activities. At  
19 times I would love to have other wild food than beef,  
20 pork, chicken, and pollock or whatever fish that is  
21 being sold, shrimp and whatnot. I'd like to have some  
22 of my own food, and beaver is one of those that I just  
23 don't have time to go out and set snares. If I do set  
24 snares out there, it would be very hard for me to keep  
25 them up and, you know, be responsible and check on a  
26 daily or several days later basis because I'm traveling  
27 so much. And there's a lot of people in my situation  
28 -- that are in my same situation not only here in  
29 Bethel, but also in the major hub areas and also in the  
30 communities of Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, wherever  
31 people are living at this point.

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33 So I'd say, you know, there's probably  
34 a state market and a market down in the Lower 48 or  
35 international market. You know, it may be there. You  
36 know, you never know.

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38 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.  
41 Kron.

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43 MR. KRON: Yeah. Just to follow up a  
44 little bit again. I was a little bit confused about  
45 the Lacey Act reference considering it's, you know,  
46 trade across state boundaries. But again I know in the  
47 State of Alaska, you know, we have trappers that go out  
48 and trap furbearers, and in some units it's legal to  
49 shoot beaver, in others it's not. And again Unit 18 is  
50 one of the places where you can shoot, but, you know,

1 beaver -- trappers, you know, and I've trapped beaver,  
2 I've eaten beaver meat, it's good. It's not as good as  
3 moose, but it's good. And, you know, trappers sell the  
4 hides. I know of trappers that have sold beaver meat  
5 to mushers. Apparently it's a very good product for  
6 the mushers, so I know there's a market out there for  
7 both the hide and -- but the hides again, like you  
8 said, aren't worth near what they used to be, and I  
9 think that's part of the issue here.

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Tim.

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MR. ANDREW: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.

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Chair. It was my total misunderstanding of the Lacey  
Act, and I was just referring to the Lacey Act, because  
after talking to a trooper about another issue, he  
referred to the Lacey Act where there's a prohibition  
of sale of wild animal parts. And Mr. Kron and Mr.  
Peltola cleared it up for me.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. And  
just for our listening audience, I'd like to let you  
please feel free to share your subsistence concern and  
knowledge during the meeting. Our agenda is an outline  
for the meeting and is open to the areas of subsistence  
concerns whether it's on the agenda or not. So you  
people that are listening out on the phone, please feel  
free to let us know but make sure that you address us  
so that we can recognize you.

Thank you.

We are -- any more discussion on the  
beaver.

MR. ADERMAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Andy  
Aderman with Togiak Refuge.

CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead. Come on  
in, Andy.

MR. ADERMAN: Yes. I was just looking  
at the State regulations, State trapping regulations,  
and it says there on Page 15 that you may sell any part  
of an animal taken under a trapping license.

1                           CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Does that  
2 answer your question, Tim?  
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4                           Thank you very much, Andy.  
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6                           MR. ADERMAN: You're welcome.  
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8                           CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
9 discussion on Beaver. Tim.  
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11                          MR. ANDREW: I was just wondering about  
12 the commercial utilization of beaver, like, for  
13 example, if a restaurant were to desire to buy beaver  
14 meat, would that be allowed.  
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16                          CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Andy, so you have  
17 an answer for that question.  
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19                          MR. ADERMAN: Mr. Chairman. No, I  
20 don't.  
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22                          CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Tom. Thank  
23 you.  
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25                          MR. KRON: I think, and again I'll  
26 qualify it by saying I think, but I think the answer is  
27 yes, you know, trappers sell their hides to buyers,  
28 commercial buyers which then in turn sell them. You  
29 know, as Andy pointed out, the regulations say you can  
30 sell any of the products. The beaver teeth, I've seen  
31 beaver teeth on necklaces and earrings. And I -- my  
32 reading of the regulations is that you could sell as  
33 well. But Rich is over my back here, so maybe he's got  
34 some clarification.  
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36                          CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Rich, do you want  
37 to get on the.....  
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39                          MR. CANNON: I'm really not anxious to  
40 get into this issue.  
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42                          (Laughter)  
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44                          MR. CANNON: Richard Cannon. Office of  
45 Subsistence Management.  
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47                          And we are going to be talking to you  
48 under the customary trade for salmon about some of the  
49 issues regarding the food safety regulations that apply  
50 to the State of Alaska. And I certainly don't have any

1 real specific knowledge about how beaver might be  
2 affected by those laws, but I assume they probably are.  
3 If they're going to be sold through any kind of  
4 domestic market, restaurants, grocery stores, they'd  
5 have to meet some kind of food safety requirements. So  
6 that would be one additional thing people would have to  
7 be aware.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah. Thank you  
10 for that -- making that statement then.

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12 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chairman. This is  
13 Pete DeMatteo.

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Pete.

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17 MR. DeMATTEO: Yeah, Mr. Chair. I did  
18 a little research here and in 2003 the Federal  
19 Subsistence Board adopted regulations to clarify the  
20 limits of customary trade, and they limited the  
21 customary trade specifically to subsistence-caught  
22 fish, the parts of the subsistence-caught fish and the  
23 eggs from subsistence-caught fish. So therefore you  
24 could not sell parts of -- like beaver meat, you could  
25 not sell. Further on it goes on to say that you could  
26 barter fish and wildlife items, but that does not allow  
27 you to trade for cash. You'd have to trade for some  
28 other subsistence good for instance. But you're not  
29 allowed to barter for cash.

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31 Mr. Chair.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Pete.

34 And Pippa.

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36 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
37 think that the fact that furbearers can be commercially  
38 sold, their furs can be commercially sold puts them in  
39 a different category. And I think we need to do a  
40 little -- we need to do further research. What we need  
41 to do is talk to an enforcement officer.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Would you  
44 please.....

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46 MS. KENNER: We'll try to do that  
47 today.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Would you please  
50 get that information, and when you do get that

1 information, let us know.

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3 MS. KENNER: Yes.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Bob.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. They just brought  
8 up a really interesting question for me. How did  
9 George's Market in Anchorage get away with selling seal  
10 meat, bear meat, whatever in his store on Old Seward  
11 Highway. If it's illegal how did he get away with  
12 drying dry fish, and you name any kind of Native food  
13 in his store.

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15 And the other thing that really -- I  
16 want you guys to really understand what I'm saying.  
17 There's no such thing as wild or wilderness in the  
18 Yup'ik language. Everything is natural. You know, our  
19 food is natural, it's not wild food. So you have to be  
20 really careful when you talk about wild food, because  
21 we don't know what that is, you know. Berries, fish,  
22 game are natural foods to us. They're not wild.

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24 But how did George's Market get away  
25 with selling Native food?

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pippa.

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31 MS. KENNER: Bob, through the Chair. I  
32 can't answer that question strictly, because as you  
33 know, fish and wildlife regulations differ depending on  
34 what you're talking about. ut in general the State and  
35 Federal regulations have superseded earlier  
36 definitions. And those definitions had to do with  
37 actually commercializing something or selling and  
38 barter in order to distribute it to people who wanted  
39 to use it. And in large part what George does comes  
40 under that definition. What George is serving is  
41 serving people in their distribution network by having  
42 small amounts of wild-caught fish and game sold to  
43 people who want it in the city.

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45 There's a difference between that and  
46 actually commercializing an operation where you're  
47 going to produce it in large quantities, start a  
48 business and sell it on the commercial market. And  
49 that's kind of where we're stuck right now, between  
50 those two concepts of selling.

1                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that answer  
2 your question, Mr. Aloysius?  
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4                   MR. ALOYSIUS: No. It just makes it  
5 more complicated.  
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7                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anaan Mary Gregory.  
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9                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. Ms. Pippa.  
10 If George can do it, why not somebody else? Why limit  
11 it to one person?  
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13                  MS. KENNER: I don't mean to speak for  
14 the Department of Fish and Game, but because I did work  
15 there for quite a few years, as of, you know, three or  
16 four years ago, the issues of these -- I don't want to  
17 get into the salmon issue about selling salmon and  
18 salmon and customary trade.  
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20                  MS. GREGORY: We're not talking about  
21 salmon.  
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23                  MS. KENNER: I'm talking about  
24 different than that. These distribution networks were  
25 -- are generally monitored by Fish and Game, and as  
26 long as they're small scale and serve the purpose of  
27 helping people distribute what they have to people who  
28 want it, there's generally no intervention.  
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30                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Pippa.  
31 Does that answer your question.  
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33                  MS. GREGORY: How do I get permission  
34 or a license to do that?  
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36                  MS. KENNER: Generally these types of  
37 operations are informal. George's Market is an  
38 exception to that. Generally these relationships  
39 people have are informal and they're not regulated;  
40 however, that doesn't mean they're strictly legal for  
41 that.  
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43                  MS. GREGORY: What do you mean?  
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45                  MS. KENNER: It is illegal to enter  
46 into selling wild-caught fish and game for the purpose  
47 of commercial benefit, starting a commercial business.  
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49                  MS. GREGORY: We understand that.  
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1 MS. KENNER: Well, the question of how  
2 you can get a permit, you can't get a permit for doing  
3 that.

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5 MS. GREGORY: I can't?

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7 MS. KENNER: No.

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

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11 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. And  
12 again I think, you know, Pippa and Peter are exactly  
13 right, that we need to look into this a little bit  
14 more.

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16 But I guess just for some  
17 clarification, on Page 16 of the wildlife regs under  
18 the licenses.....

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20 MS. KENNER: Which regs?

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22 MR. KRON: Federal regs. Subsistence  
23 trappers are required to possess a State trapping  
24 license. And you look under the State trapping  
25 regulations, and what Andy pointed out says you may  
26 sell any part of an animal taken under a trapping  
27 license. It seems like it's pretty clear to me. And I  
28 think it would be good to clarify this with an  
29 enforcement officer, but the intent of the regulations  
30 is to write them in terms that all of us can  
31 understand. And I don't know how you can interpret it  
32 a different way.

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34 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.  
37 Kron. And Pippa.

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39 MS. KENNER: Just a quick clarification  
40 for Mary through the Chair, that we were talking about  
41 the difference between small scale and large scale, but  
42 I think that beaver do not fall into that place,  
43 because of it's commercial value, the commercial value  
44 of its pelt.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Pippa.  
47 Mr. Roczicka.

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: I'll just add a little  
50 bit. Under the State regs as well, with a trapping

1 license you can take beaver with a firearm as well.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: And just to add a little  
6 bit more to this whole mess, but.....

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MR. ROCZICKA: And a whole another  
11 light, this brings up another issue that's going to be  
12 coming farther down the line, and maybe not necessarily  
13 through this Council, but we had it come up here a few  
14 years back about the sale of berries. And we came to  
15 find out after researching that down that, did you know  
16 that plants are not included under Title VIII of ANILCA  
17 as far as being recognized for subsistence. It's only  
18 for fish and wildlife. The Federal subsistence program  
19 does not recognize protection of harvest of plants as  
20 protected under ANILCA Title VIII.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for that  
23 information. Any further discussion on the beaver  
24 issue. If not, we'll go to item D. We've got 20  
25 minutes before lunch time. I think -- oh, yeah, that  
26 -- why don't we just, before we get into item D, if  
27 it's all right, let's go ahead and break for lunch and  
28 come back at 1:00 o'clock. That will give us an hour  
29 and 15 minutes for lunch.

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31 (Off record)

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33 (On record)

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Call the meeting  
36 back to order. The time is now 1:07. We're back to  
37 our meeting now. We're down to item D. Hello, you  
38 people out there in cyber world, can you hear me? We  
39 are trying to conduct our meeting. Will you people out  
40 in cyber world -- they can't understand, they can't  
41 hear me.

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43 (Pause - getting people on line)

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Call the meeting  
46 back to order. Again. The time is now nine after one.  
47 We're down to item D with Proposal 247. Mr. Greg  
48 Roczicka. You've got the.....

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50 MR. MANUMIK: Hello, anybody on line?

1 MR. KRON: Yeah.

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3 MR. MIKE: Yeah, I'm on the line. Joe  
4 Mike.

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6 (Conversation on teleconference)

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Let's go  
9 down to item D.

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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
12 Chairman. The first proposal that we're going to fight  
13 here, folks for our subsistence committee here within  
14 the community of Bethel was Proposal was Proposal No.  
15 230, and it was put in before this Board has taken  
16 position on it, to revise the amounts necessary for  
17 subsistence in GMU 18. And that proposal, as you may  
18 recall was deferred to this meeting coming up for the  
19 Board of Game. And in the interim there was supposed  
20 to be meetings take place between State and Federal  
21 Staff and the affected advisory committees, which in  
22 this case would have been the Lower Yukon, Lower  
23 Kuskokwim, Central Bering Sea, and the Board also said  
24 to include Unit 21E and 19A within those  
25 considerations. None of those meetings have occurred.  
26 This issue has not been addressed in depth that's  
27 needed. There's been no change essentially from  
28 Department Staff either on the State or the Federal  
29 side, or any new information.

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31 I'm informed in researching on this  
32 issue that because those meetings have not occurred and  
33 because the -- since it's been deferred now for a year  
34 and a half, it's coming around in cycle again where the  
35 western region, AYK region will be up this fall, that  
36 the intent or the recommendation at least from the  
37 Department is going to be to defer again to the fall  
38 meeting when they'll be back within the region and all  
39 the Staff will be there. And they -- it is the intent  
40 or expressed intent again that they would like to get  
41 people together to discuss these issues in more depth  
42 as far as recommendations.

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44 We did bring forward a recommendation  
45 to the Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee as far as  
46 these amounts necessary came forward, and it's the only  
47 one that's been thrown out as far as I'm aware, and  
48 that's moving it to 750 to 1500 moose.

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50 And also very strongly within that,

1 regardless of what changes may occur, would be that we  
2 do not want to see GMU 18 broken up in between Kusko  
3 and Yukon, that it be maintained as an ANS for the unit  
4 as a whole.

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6 And so with that, what I've offered  
7 here and the guys on line don't have it, or on the  
8 teleconference was for our subsistence committee here  
9 in Bethel again was that we recommended support of this  
10 with the OSM to provide for the full representation  
11 from this Council, and direct involvement in whatever  
12 process goes forward in further development of these  
13 recommendations for revised number pending that Board  
14 of Game action this coming fall.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And what were you  
17 asking for? What are you asking?

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19 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, I'm throwing these  
20 out for discussion and that.....

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any further  
23 discussion on -- go ahead, Tom.

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25 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. I  
26 guess a question. Pete DeMatteo or Chuck Ardizzone,  
27 are either of you on line?

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29 MR. DeMATTEO: Yeah. This is Pete  
30 DeMatteo. Go ahead.

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32 MR. KRON: Yeah. Pete, do you know  
33 what our comments are to the Board of Game? When I  
34 looked at the draft, we had comments on 230 and a  
35 number of the other proposals. In this case, you know,  
36 the ANS is a State process, amounts necessary for  
37 subsistence. It isn't a Federal issue, but again we  
38 obviously have some interest in it. It might be good  
39 if Chuck is there, if you could loop him in so we could  
40 find out what the final comments were on the various  
41 Board of Game proposals. I know he's going to be at  
42 the meeting, but it would be good to kind of share here  
43 as goes through this.

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45 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair and Mr. Kron.  
46 Chuck Ardizzone, he heads that particular task up as  
47 liaison to the Board of Game. Let me track him down  
48 and see if we can loop him into this, and then you  
49 could talk to Chuck directly.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4 I've got to bring it back forward again. It's going to  
5 be coming -- specifically in this memorandum of  
6 understanding between the State and the Federal  
7 Government, it says, stated in about four to five  
8 different places, not only in the guiding principals,  
9 but under the mutual agreements, that we will -- that  
10 the Regional Advisory Councils will be fulling involved  
11 in reviewing data analysis, discussing proposal on  
12 resource, harvest assessment, monitoring, and so forth.  
13 And over and over again it's repeated along those lines  
14 And we need to be involved in this. This is a matter,  
15 whether it's State or Federal proposal, it does not  
16 matter. We need to be weighing in here, and I would  
17 hope that we would get some kind of analysis or  
18 response from the Federal Staff as to what their  
19 positions, or just say they don't have one. But we are  
20 still bound, and so are the management entities  
21 according to this agreement, to be a part of this  
22 process. Back to meaningful participation.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you done, Greg?

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26 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Tom.

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30 MR. KRON: Maybe I'll start, Greg.  
31 This issue came up several years about at the Emmonak  
32 meeting. A number of you remember there, when there  
33 was a request that the Federal Government recognize ANS  
34 numbers. And the numbers for moose in Unit 18 are very  
35 small. I think they came out of a period when the  
36 harvests were relatively small, because there weren't  
37 very many moose. They've come back on the Yukon, and  
38 there's an effort to bring them back on the Kuskokwim  
39 as well. And, you know, I guess just looking at the  
40 numbers, the ANS numbers for Unit 18 for moose, it was  
41 obvious to me that they're too low. And there's been  
42 an effort to try to get some consideration of that.  
43 So, Pippa.

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45 MS. KENNER: I'm sorry.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Pippa.

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49 MS. KENNER: I agree with you, Tom,

50 that's.....

1 MR. H. WILDE: Can't hear.

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3 MS. KENNER: This is Pippa Kenner with  
4 OSM. I agree with you, Tom. That's exactly what  
5 happened, except for where that number came from was  
6 from the reported harvest and no attempt was made to do  
7 surveys in communities. And at that time, even at that  
8 time, the harvest of moose in Unit 18 was probably much  
9 higher than the number that was used.

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11 I was at -- I've been at the last -- I  
12 was at the last meeting, and one of the things that  
13 Phil Perry, the wildlife biologist, brought up is that  
14 they were having -- the Alaska Department of Fish and  
15 Game had been meeting evidently with themselves and  
16 having discussions about this, which was a surprise to  
17 us. And we appreciate the recommendation from this RAC  
18 that OSM be involved in those discussions; however, we  
19 haven't heard anything from the Alaska Department of  
20 Fish and Game specifically asking for our  
21 participation. We have been working with the Alaska  
22 Department of Fish and Game and have been included in  
23 discussions on other things, but not on this particular  
24 issue.

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26 In general OSM's comments on Board of  
27 Game proposals and ANS in particular are very general  
28 comments that have to do with how those proposed  
29 regulations would affect Federal subsistence users vis-  
30 a-vis our regulations. For instance, we have several  
31 hunts throughout the State that are conducted either  
32 using only an Alaska Department of Fish and Game permit  
33 or both permits, Federal and State. And we have to  
34 very carefully track when State regulations are  
35 changing to make sure that we're adjusting or  
36 regulations or considering adjustments to our  
37 regulations, and also informing the RACs about these  
38 changes that are coming. It's hard to keep track of  
39 them all, and we have missed a couple in the past few  
40 years.

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42 Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
45 comments. Alex.

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47 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. I had an  
48 opportunity to talk to Roger Sevoy who used to be  
49 conservation manager for Y-K Delta region, Fish and  
50 Game. My understanding from talking to him and other

1 people, the State ANS numbers which is 80 to 100 in the  
2 entire Unit 18, to us it's very low. But if, for  
3 example, I'm just going to be using the example of  
4 numbers, if we put it up to 500 animals, then that 500  
5 animal -- it's my understanding that 500 number of  
6 animals will be used to consider Tier II situation if  
7 the population falls way down about that number for the  
8 region.

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10 So there's good things and bad things  
11 about ANS, to keep it high or low. And it's something  
12 that you might want to consider if you want to go ahead  
13 and recommend higher number of animals within the  
14 region when restrictions on harvest of moose should be  
15 considered.

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17 Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.

20 Greg.

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22 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. And,  
23 Alex, you're right on line about what the concern is  
24 here is that this is why we wanted to have those  
25 meetings, and why we've been requesting to have those  
26 meetings, so people can really get a handle on what  
27 those numbers mean. I mean, there's certain folks that  
28 want to have the total available harvest be named as  
29 your amount necessary for subsistence for whatever  
30 reasons they might choose to. At present we're looking  
31 in the range of, if we include the 150 that are on the  
32 Kuskokwim, the amounts taken from the adjacent units  
33 along with what's available on the Yukon for  
34 harvestable surplus, we're probably sitting at about  
35 the 6 to 800 range now, so if those numbers were  
36 adopted, we'd be in a Tier I situation under the State  
37 side.

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39 But these are what people need to  
40 understand, and really get their minds wrapped around  
41 it, and to give it the discussion it deserves. And  
42 that's why we've been pushing to have these meetings  
43 for two years now and they haven't happened. So that's  
44 where the recommendation comes forward here.

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46 MR. ARDIZZONE: Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Who is that.

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50 MR. ARDIZZONE: Yes, this is Chuck

1 Ardizzone from OSM. Mr. DeMatteo said that you would  
2 like to speak to me.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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6 MR. KRON: Hey, Chuck, yeah. This is  
7 Tom Kron.

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9 Greg Roczicka is asking -- well,  
10 there's a discussion going on right now about whether  
11 the Council should take positions on various Board of  
12 Game proposals. And, you know, I had commented that it  
13 would be good to have your input relative to what OSM's  
14 recommendations are going to be at that Board of Game  
15 meeting.

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17 The first one that Greg brought up was  
18 Proposal 230, which is the Unit 18 ANS number issue.  
19 And both Pippa and I recall generally what we said  
20 there, but again we just thought it would be good for  
21 you to participate in this discussions and help.  
22 Thanks.

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24 MR. ARDIZZONE: Okay. Well, I need to  
25 speak up now. I have an appointment in three minutes  
26 for about an hour. I can hope back on afterwards, or I  
27 can answer something really quickly.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there any  
30 questions for the gentleman there.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.

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36 MS. GREGORY: I don't know anything  
37 about this 230 proposal. Can you tell it in layman  
38 terms so I can understand it.

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40 MR. ARDIZZONE: Yeah, my understanding  
41 is the Board wants to re-address ANS amounts for Unit  
42 18 and the surrounding units. That's the Board of  
43 Game. You know, our program doesn't use ANS, but I  
44 guess they need to collect data, but I'm not sure how  
45 it works. We don't use it in our system.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Does anybody know what  
48 ANS means?

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50 MR. KRON: Amounts necessary for

1 subsistence.

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3 MS. GREGORY: I mean, I know that  
4 language, but I don't know what it means.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pippa.

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8 MS. KENNER: ANS or amounts necessary  
9 for subsistence is a number that is put into State  
10 regulations. The number is usually a range of animals  
11 that are -- that need to be provided in order for  
12 subsistence needs to be met. So if a population drops  
13 under that number, for instance, in this case it's 80  
14 to 100 moose, if the population of the moose in that  
15 area drop under that, then subsistence uses can start  
16 to be restricted. And in order to restrict subsistence  
17 users, you have to close the other State hunts, the  
18 nonsubsistence hunts.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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22 MR. ARDIZZONE: Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Just a minute.

25 Mary, you're done?

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27 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pippa, did you have  
30 comment.

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Was that

35 Pete?

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37 MR. ARDIZZONE: This is Chuck. I think  
38 there needs to be a correction. ANS numbers aren't  
39 based on the population, I believe they're based on the  
40 harvestable surplus of the population.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Pippa.

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44 MS. KENNER: We're all partially right.  
45 The ANS is based on the amount necessary for  
46 subsistence. In more modern times, that number is  
47 attained through looking at household surveys done  
48 primarily by the Division of Subsistence. Other ways  
49 of getting an ANS number is to pick a number out of the  
50 air or go by the reported harvest.

1                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any further  
2 discussion on this ANS. Mr. Nick.  
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4                   MR. NICK: I wanted to tell the  
5 Council, especially those on line, there are -- ANS is  
6 a State term and subsistence use amount, SUA, is a  
7 Federal term for that, right?  
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9                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Thank you.  
10 And Mr. Kron.  
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12                  MR. KRON: Chuck, are you still on, or  
13 have you gone?  
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15                  MR. DeMATTEO: This is Pete DeMatteo.  
16 Chuck had to go to a meeting that he couldn't skip on.  
17 So he'll be back in an hour.  
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19                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pippa.  
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21                  MS. KENNER: Alex, I just want to  
22 clarify, because it is such an important point right  
23 now. The Federal program has no equivalent to ANS.  
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25                  MR. NICK: But SUA is the same term  
26 that's used, right? Subsistence use amounts?  
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28                  MS. GREGORY: Can you speak up so we  
29 all can hear?  
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31                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah. We're having  
32 a discussion with the whole table here now. Please  
33 address the whole table when you decide to get on -- go  
34 ahead, Alex.  
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36                  MR. NICK: If you remember, Mr. Chair,  
37 in the past there was a briefing on subsistence use  
38 amount by Federal, and I'm sure that you still have  
39 that in your pile of papers or in your files at home  
40 We do have that -- there was a briefing distributed to  
41 the Council. I'm not sure which meeting it was, but  
42 when we started talking about that, we provided you a  
43 copy of that. Subsistence use amount briefing I  
44 believe it was.  
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46                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anybody else.  
47 Mary?  
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49                  MS. GREGORY: No.  
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. One thing that  
4 was hammered into us at our last area committee meeting  
5 in Aniak was that, you know, if ANS is solely based on  
6 harvestable numbers and not people numbers. And they  
7 have to remember that. That's -- I mean, it can't be  
8 any clearer than that to me.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Robert.  
11 Greg.

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I didn't  
14 want to get off onto this tangent of actual numbers,  
15 just in response I brought it up. But I do feel it's  
16 extremely important that we be involved as the Regional  
17 Subsistence Council for our area in any and all  
18 discussions that take place regarding this matter. As  
19 far as whether subsistence use amounts or amounts  
20 necessary for subsistence drive a management program,  
21 what they're primarily used for is determining when  
22 you're going to have the restricts going into place on  
23 the human harvest.

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25 But also, within all of this whole  
26 argument is this question raised of do you maintain  
27 your populations to provide for subsistence needs.  
28 What is the subsistence priority. What level of  
29 deference or consideration in the actual management  
30 practices does it actually have. And when you have a  
31 long-term history and the traditional knowledge of  
32 people, or whatever term you want to put on that,  
33 stating things like it's been given to me from some old  
34 folks in the villages, that when -- and it all centers  
35 around primarily the predator management issue, that  
36 when the wolves increase, it's time to prepare for  
37 starvation. And is that something that we should  
38 accept with the contemporary methods and means that we  
39 have under management. Do you let the natural  
40 structure go where you have these huge swings and  
41 fluctuations in your populations, or do you try to  
42 level it out as it says in many of these policies and  
43 documents that you're going to maintain the healthy  
44 abundance or the healthy integrity of your populations  
45 and the priority is for -- of management is for  
46 subsistence. Whereas the priority of management now  
47 goes more to, for lack of a better term, the  
48 environmentalist viewpoint of such folks as the  
49 Defenders of Wildlife. And we're here to be the  
50 defenders of our wild food. And that's what we need to

1 get at.

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3                   So back to the basic thing here, the  
4 recommendation, we need to be involved in this and the  
5 Federal Subsistence Board says that it has no authority  
6 to tell its management agencies what to do, but it can  
7 certainly make recommendations to them very strongly.  
8 It can make recommendations to the Secretary of  
9 Interior. Mr. Melius there at the last Federal  
10 Subsistence Council meeting when we brought it forward  
11 had said that they recognize this as something they  
12 need to address. And although we couldn't get an  
13 actual written statement out of the Board directing  
14 their member agencies to do so, they did state very  
15 strongly on record that we do need to start to address  
16 this. And as I mentioned at the beginning of the  
17 meeting, they said they were going to start having  
18 these discussions through last summer and last fall.

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20                   And again this is something where we  
21 get lip service, and it's almost to the point of  
22 patronization where if we just let it slide, then maybe  
23 people will quit harping on it and go away and give up.  
24 And it's not something we should give up on.

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26                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Greg.  
27 Pippa and then Mary. Quit raising your hand if you're  
28 not going to say anything. I'm sorry. Mary. Anaan.  
29 I'm sorry. I have to apologize. For the records sake  
30 I'll be calling you by your name.

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32                   MS. GREGORY: Okay. I tend to agree  
33 with Mr. Roczicka.

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35                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary, your  
36 microphone.

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38                   MS. GREGORY: I'm sorry. I agree with  
39 Mr. Roczicka that the OSM including our coordinator,  
40 you are working for us, for our wants and wishes. Not  
41 so much wishes, but our concerns especially. And then  
42 it wouldn't be -- you wouldn't be doing what you were  
43 supposed to be doing if you didn't convey our concerns  
44 to the Board. And I'm 100 percent, maybe 110 percent  
45 agree with him. So I'd like for you guys to make every  
46 effort to communicate with people who are involved.  
47 Because if you don't scratch something, it doesn't get  
48 attention. And if the wheel doesn't squeak, nobody  
49 oils it. Okay. And you're our oiler.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mary.  
2 Any further comment on this. Greg.

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4 MR. ROCZICKA: I'm kind of going out  
5 loud, but I'll try to start with this. Why is it that  
6 if we're talking about climate change or the Porcupine  
7 Caribou Herd or things of that nature that our local  
8 people in the villages are the best, most knowledgeable  
9 people with the greatest insight of what's going on and  
10 what's happening on the ground and what's happening  
11 with the animals and everything around them. But yet  
12 when it comes to an issue of managing our populations  
13 to provide for subsistence, all of a sudden they become  
14 ignorant villagers that really don't understand the  
15 situation and don't know any better. That's what I'm  
16 saying here.

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18 So again back to the basic  
19 recommendation that we have in front of us. We need to  
20 be involved in these discussions, and the Federal  
21 Subsistence Management Program needs to fully involve  
22 themselves in it as well. And the Federal managers, I  
23 mean, such as the Fish and Wildlife Service and the  
24 Bureau of Land Management and those that -- Division of  
25 Forestry and so forth that have those management on  
26 uses under the Secretary of Interior or under the  
27 Interior Department would start to accommodate some of  
28 these needs rather than avoid them because they happen  
29 to be politically incorrect according to their  
30 administrative entities on the East Coast.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Greg.  
33 Pippa, do you have anything else?

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35 (No comments)

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
38 discussion on Proposal 230. Robert.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. I think  
41 it would be appropriate for the Council to write a  
42 letter to OSM or whoever us going to be working with  
43 the State of Alaska to address this problem, that the  
44 OSM request an answer to why they haven't been invited  
45 by the State to participate in resolution of this issue  
46 here.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
49 discussion. Alex.

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1 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.  
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3 MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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5 MR. NICK: Members of the Council. I  
6 wanted to apologize that sometimes we don't satisfy  
7 your expectations, because we have to abide by the  
8 rules and policies that we have to follow including the  
9 meetings. You know, sometime we just try our best to  
10 bring forward your wishes and your recommendations to  
11 the Federal Board through OSM.  
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13 Thank you.  
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
16 discussion on this 230.  
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18 MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Wilde. Go  
21 ahead, Harry.  
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23 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. I've got a person  
24 here who'll try to say something. His name is Stan  
25 Sheppard. Besides I've got about five people here in  
26 the corporation office. So he will say something for  
27 some of the concerns on agenda. So Stan Sheppard would  
28 like to say something concerning subjects.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, that's fine.  
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32 MR. SHEPPARD: Mr. Chairman. Yes. My  
33 name is Stan Sheppard, Stanislaus Sheppard. I'm on the  
34 tribal council. I'm also on the Lower Yukon Advisory  
35 Council.  
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37 And also good afternoon, Greg Roczicka.  
38 Maybe you could, you know, bring back new memories.  
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40 Back in maybe 1998 the Lower Yukon  
41 Moose Management Association was started. And then not  
42 too long after the Lower Yukon Mayors Association,  
43 after they met, they turned in a proposal to have a  
44 five-year moose moratorium in the lower Yukon River  
45 drainage. And that was for five years. We're happy  
46 that the villages, Mountain Village and the coastal  
47 villages abide by that proposal, and now they're  
48 blessed with a lot of moose from Mountain Village on  
49 down to the coast.  
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1                   The survey, before it was open, the  
2 Fish and Wildlife wanted to continue keeping it closed,  
3 because there wasn't a set number of how much moose  
4 there had to be in order to reopen it. And during the  
5 meeting the number came up to 50 to 100. And an aerial  
6 survey for two or three days was done, and we came back  
7 to the table, and the numbers were more than what we  
8 had agreed upon, and it was open for like a 10-day hunt  
9 in September and closed during the winter hunt. Now  
10 the regulation is changed. We have extended winter  
11 hunts down here. And not only that, it just states one  
12 moose which the hunter could get. Bull, cow or calf.

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14                   But earlier in the discussions the  
15 Department mentions about surveys, subsistence harvest  
16 surveys, and the numbers, they didn't come up with the  
17 numbers.

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19                   Like what I was kind of like wondering  
20 about, I've seen in the past sports hunters coming in,  
21 and there's no mention about how much harvest sports  
22 hunters take from the lower Yukon. And that would very  
23 much hurt harvest for the lower Yukon subsistence.  
24 Plus we've got people from the Kuskokwim coming over,  
25 especially in the wintertime.

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27                   That's all I've got to say, just to  
28 address that sports hunter and how much do they take  
29 out of the lower Yukon.

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31                   Thank you.

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33                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Stanley.  
34 Any other comments out there from Mountain Village.  
35 Any other comments from the teleconference. Harry, did  
36 you have any more people that wanted to comment on  
37 Proposal 230?

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39                   MR. H. WILDE: Not right now. Mr.  
40 Chairman. I think a lot of people and some people,  
41 they never get any moose yet even to extension of  
42 opening due to gas. Here in Mountain Village gas and  
43 gasoline, \$6.85 a gallon, besides 7-something motor  
44 oil. So they're having -- some of them, they're having  
45 a hard time, because they didn't catch any, hardly  
46 nothing fish for the summer. Some of these fishermen,  
47 60 percent of what they get salmon, 60 percent of it  
48 they're using for their own use, for their family and  
49 for stove oil, because stove oil it cost about \$7.02 a  
50 gallon. That's why some of them, they're having kind

1 of hard time.

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3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.

6 Wilde.

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8 Mr. Andrew, did you have any comment.

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10 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

11 For the record Timothy Andrew with AVCP.

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13 We've been making an effort between  
14 Greg Roczicka and I, Greg serving at the ONC, which is  
15 ONC hat on, trying to get the western region together  
16 along with staffers from the Department of Fish and  
17 Game to come up with an amount necessary for  
18 subsistence. I don't know if Greg elaborated on this  
19 issue or not, but we've been trying since last -- I  
20 believe it was last spring. And we were told as soon  
21 at the Department got enough money, or got their money  
22 on June 30th that we would be starting the discussions  
23 on this matter. But as things rolled along, we just  
24 haven't had that meeting yet. I don't know if the  
25 State got their money to address this issue.

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27 One of the concerns that I have with  
28 the amounts necessary for subsistence being so low at  
29 this point is that there is nothing that will stop the  
30 Department of Fish and Game from managing to that  
31 point, 80 to 100 moose, for amounts necessary for  
32 subsistence before they get into a Tier II moose hunt  
33 situation. A lot of the people, including the lowest  
34 part of the Yukon, the lower Yukon area, the lower  
35 Kuskokwim moratorium area, have worked incredibly hard,  
36 sacrificed a whole lot of harvesting in order to build  
37 the population to where it is today. And without an  
38 adequate amounts necessary for subsistence from -- I  
39 mean any higher than 80 to 100 moose for harvest in  
40 Unit 18, it would be a total disgrace if that  
41 population were to be managed to that point.

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43 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Tim,  
46 are you and Greg are still going to be persisting on  
47 trying to get the -- to sit down with the people that  
48 are involved with this?

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50 MR. ANDREW: We will try and make that

1 effort. I don't know. Again, money gets spent real  
2 quickly on pressing matters and issues across the  
3 state.

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5 The other thing is we just heard  
6 recently that the subsistence coordinator for this  
7 area, Amy Russell, just resigned and is going to  
8 concentrate on her master's degree program. So we're  
9 at a loss without a subsistence coordinator. And I'm  
10 pretty sure with Dr. Jim Simon being so busy, I don't  
11 now if we can humanly do it without that essential  
12 staff person.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.  
15 James Charles.

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17 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
18 I'm James Charles again.

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20 I have not been concerned too much  
21 about this ANS last few years since we started talking  
22 about it, because part of Unit 18 is still on  
23 moratorium and has not lifted yet. If the Board of  
24 Game accept our proposal, it may be lifted, but the  
25 catch or the harvest is too much different. It's not  
26 going to be same as now or next year it will be  
27 different, and we're still on moratorium. Maybe after  
28 the moratorium is lifted, the harvest is going to be  
29 different than now, because ever since I start hunting  
30 moose, catches are always different, because sometimes,  
31 some years -- I'm from Tuntutuliak, way down at the  
32 mouth of the Kuskokwim. I don't go moose hunt by  
33 myself all the way to Aniak or upriver, up to Holitna.  
34 I always have partners to share the cost of the fuel  
35 and all that to go up, because we don't go up there in  
36 one day and go home the next day. It takes us a week  
37 sometimes. Sometimes we go all the way upriver when we  
38 didn't have moose around here. We still have not  
39 hunted down below yet. Anyways sometimes we catch one  
40 moose and split the moose with my partner. Sometimes  
41 when we're lucky, we catch two. So that harvest is not  
42 same.

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44 And I have not been concerned about ANS  
45 too much. This number we have now, 80 to 100, it looks  
46 good enough for me, because we haven't caught lots of  
47 moose yet.

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49 Thank you.

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1                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah. Just for  
2 your information, this was to cover the whole Unit 18,  
3 and that was the reason why we were getting this  
4 discussion.

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6                   MR. CHARLES: I used upriver for  
7 example. Even there used to be a lot of moose upriver  
8 and now there is not that much moose upriver. I used  
9 that for example, because that was our hunting area,  
10 because there was not much moose down here.

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12                   Thank you.

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14                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
15 discussion on Proposal 230. Mr. Roczicka.

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17                   MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
18 Well, I'll go ahead and make it as a motion then at  
19 this time. I think there's no doubt in every -- it's  
20 been recognized on the record by the Board of Game  
21 certainly, and by many other councils and committees  
22 that these numbers that are there for 80 to 100 are  
23 grossly understated, and throwing into the mix that  
24 there may be a move afoot now to actually look at a re-  
25 application or a re-interpretation of amounts  
26 necessary, and, rather than deal with those, to go to  
27 the actual intensive management numbers that are under  
28 State law. Those numbers were specifically created  
29 through the Board process by using the long-term  
30 average of the local residential hunts. They weren't  
31 picked out of the air as some people might think or  
32 assert that they were. They were based on long-term  
33 averages of, you know, 20 to 30 years of history and  
34 hunting, and the Board at the time I know has tried  
35 very hard not -- well, it came under a great deal of  
36 criticism that we shouldn't -- that those numbers  
37 weren't set higher in many areas, because people wanted  
38 the populations to be management to the, that do they  
39 call it, maximum sustainable yield where you're  
40 pressing the envelope and you're running under a chance  
41 of the population crashing and things of that nature.  
42 So the Board tried to take a conservative approach on  
43 that line.

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45                   And one final, too, is where --  
46 reference as far as the policies and so orth that apply  
47 to this Council, I would hope that the Federal  
48 Subsistence Board would also follow their own policies  
49 in providing for their responsibilities and doing what  
50 they can to protect subsistence..

1                   Back to the original motion, I'd  
2 recommended support that these amounts necessary do  
3 need our participation and do need to be revised.

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5                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Was that a motion?

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7                   MR. ROCZICKA: That was a motion.

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9                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion to what  
10 effect? Could you restate your motion, please.

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12                   MR. ROCZICKA: I move to support the  
13 Proposal No. 230. It calls for revising the amounts  
14 necessary, that this Council -- in GMU 18, and that  
15 this Council has full representation with any kind of  
16 discussions as that process moves forward under the  
17 State system.

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19                   MS. GREGORY: Second.

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21                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's been made  
22 by Greg and seconded by Mary. Any further discussion.

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24                   MR. CHARLES: Question.

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26                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question is  
27 called for. Roll call vote, please. Roll call vote by  
28 somebody, please. Alex, would you please call the  
29 roll.

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31                   MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman.

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33                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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35                   MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, was  
36 the motion a motion in favor of Proposal, what, 230?

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38                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg, could you  
39 explain your motion again, please.

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41                   MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Paul, Proposal  
42 No. 230 just calls for a revisitation and to revise the  
43 amounts necessary for subsistence moose in GMU 18.  
44 It's going to be dealt with by the Board of Game  
45 starting day after tomorrow and going through Mach 9 in  
46 Anchorage. There are no numbers associated with that  
47 at this point in time, and it's an unknown. And I  
48 don't know if you caught it earlier or not, but the  
49 recommendations that I've been -- actually the  
50 Department has gone on record with their

1 recommendations on line, to defer that proposal until  
2 it gets back to region 5, which will take place next  
3 November, this fall, under their regulatory cycle  
4 coming back to this region. But in between we are  
5 hoping that both Subsistence Division and Division of  
6 Wildlife Conservation and the Department as a whole can  
7 live up to their commitment and continuing statements  
8 or promises that they're going to get us together to be  
9 able to hash out these numbers ahead of the Board  
10 meeting and come up with some realistic recommendations  
11 so that people have a full understanding of what they  
12 mean and where they're coming from.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you understand  
15 that now, Mr. Manumik?

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17 MR. MANUMIK: Yes. Yes. Thank you,  
18 Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We have a  
21 roll call vote, please.

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23 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. A roll call  
24 vote. Mr. Charles.

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26 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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28 MR. NICK: Mr. Oney.

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30 MR. ONEY: Yes.

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32 MR. NICK: John Andrew is absent.  
33 William Brown. William Brown.

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35 MR. BROWN: Yes.

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37 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde.

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39 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.

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41 MR. NICK: Edgar Hoelscher's absent.  
42 Mary Gregory.

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44 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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46 MR. NICK: Elias Kelly. Elias Kelly.  
47 Mr. Kelly's not on line I think. Lester Wilde.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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1 MR. NICK: Paul Manumik.  
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3 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.  
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5 MR. NICK: Joseph Mike.  
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7 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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9 MR. NICK: Greg Roczicka.  
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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.  
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13 MR. NICK: Robert Aloysius.  
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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17 MR. NICK: Hold on for a moment. Mr.  
18 Chair. Ten yes.  
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Motion  
21 passed.  
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23 Go to item Proposal 247. Mr. Roczicka.  
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25 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. Proposal  
26 247 is the one that was put in as an agenda change  
27 request by Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee, it was  
28 accepted by the Board, to open a limited hunt this fall  
29 in the former moratorium area, the lower Kuskokwim in  
30 GMU 18, which I was hoping -- I'd mentioned earlier we  
31 were hopefully going to get both Federal and I see the  
32 State area biologist is here as well, to provide their  
33 recommendations regarding this proposal before we take  
34 any action on it.  
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Who's here.  
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38 MR. DOOLITTLE: Where do you want to  
39 start.  
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Where do you want  
42 to start.  
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44 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, since this is a  
45 Federal meeting, let's hear from the Federal  
46 biologist's recommendations first.  
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
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50 MR. DOOLITTLE: Tom Doolittle,

1 supervisory biologist. And we'll give our full report  
2 if you want with moose.

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4 First I have to know whether the group  
5 would want to see a PowerPoint presentation that we  
6 gave to AVCP. This group did not see it in your last  
7 meeting. And essentially it goes over the closer  
8 issues in the moratorium area. And it was a very  
9 short, you know, 10-minute.....

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is it ready?

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13 MR. DOOLITTLE: It would be ready to go  
14 in probably about 10 minutes.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:

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18 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. The only  
19 concern I would have there is that could you give the  
20 same presentation without the PowerPoint since we have  
21 four or five members on teleconference that wouldn't be  
22 able to see it anyway, so we should all be dealing with  
23 the same information.

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25 Thank you.

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27 MR. DOOLITTLE: We can read it off the  
28 script. You can just read it off the -- the basic  
29 information off the screen if you want. Or we can do  
30 it that way.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Let's do it that  
33 way.

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35 MR. DOOLITTLE: Okay. That's what we  
36 can do. No problem. Alrighty.

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38 One of the things and one of the big  
39 questions that always comes up when we look at moose  
40 management and has been an issue, obviously, has been  
41 with the amount of transporters and concerns of  
42 communities along the Yukon about guiding and the  
43 number of moose that have been taken. Number 1, in  
44 2007 there were three aircraft transporters and there  
45 was one boat transporter that were active, and a total  
46 of eight moose were taken in 2007.

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48 In 2008, we had two aircraft  
49 transporters, one boat transporter, and that boat  
50 transporter was inactive, so essentially there was two

1 aircraft transporters that had access permits into  
2 Refuge lands to harvest moose. And there were 53 non-  
3 residents that were out of the state, and then there  
4 were 16 -- and of those 53 hunters, 16 moose were  
5 taken. There were six residents, rural residents of  
6 the unit that were taken also by the transporters, and  
7 out of those six residents, two moose were taken. So  
8 of the 59 hunters, there were 18 moose that have been  
9 taken.

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11                   When we also look at some of the  
12 positions that the manager takes when he's working with  
13 the communities and working with the transporters,  
14 essentially we're not allowing people to be within one  
15 nautical mile of an allotment. And so they are picking  
16 spots where they're going to drop off people. The  
17 manager is sitting down with that transporter and  
18 saying, you can go here, but you can't go here. And  
19 one of those concessions would be if they're too close  
20 to an allotment, then we're not allowing the  
21 transporter to drop off hunters in those locations.  
22 Also we're not -- we're also not -- areas of high  
23 cultural importance again, it might be archaeological  
24 sites, those sorts of things, again we have a buffer  
25 that we've created off those areas. Or within areas  
26 that have high concentrations of allotments. Also  
27 we've tried to preclude people from boat-accessible  
28 areas, too. So again the two user groups wouldn't come  
29 in conflict with each other. So the Refuge has made a  
30 really strong effort to work with the transporters on  
31 the Refuge on Federal land so there's not user  
32 conflicts. So that's one thing that's quite important  
33 to look at.

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35                   There will be two parts that we're  
36 looking at. One, we'll be talking a little bit about  
37 the lower Yukon and the moose surveys that were done  
38 there. Mary.

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40                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. Before you  
41 get off the subject, I want to ask you if my English is  
42 okay and if my ears are not deceiving me, you are  
43 telling me that the guiding hunts took more moose than  
44 the subsistence hunters; is that correct?

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46                   MR. DOOLITTLE: No, that's not correct.  
47 Out of the 59 hunters that transporters brought, they  
48 took a total of 18 moose.

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50                   MS. GREGORY: Are these the subsistence

1 hunters that took 18 moose?  
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3 MR. DOOLITTLE: No, these are sport  
4 hunters.  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.  
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8 MR. DOOLITTLE: I mean, you could look  
9 at the, you know, six residents, they could be  
10 subsistence hunters and that was the only way they  
11 could get in, so they weren't using boats, they were  
12 using somebody, paid them, you know, to get in.  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There were --  
15 you're talking about guided people that were out  
16 hunting?  
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18 MR. DOOLITTLE: Yeah, these are  
19 transporters, so they're not even guided. They're just  
20 flown in. That's correct.  
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. All right.  
23 Continue. Go ahead.  
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25 MR. DOOLITTLE: All right. Eric Wald,  
26 who is our large mammal biologist will be talking a  
27 little bit about the moratorium area and lower  
28 Kuskokwim moose, and I'll turn it over to Eric. And so  
29 he'll give you a briefing of what's going on to date  
30 and what changes has happened since the last time we  
31 briefed the group.  
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33 You should have all had a handout, and  
34 in that handout there should be a brief synopsis, very  
35 similar to what you saw last year.  
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37 MS. GREGORY: I don't have a handout.  
38 I don't have one.  
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40 MR. DOOLITTLE: I can get you one,  
41 Mary.  
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Which handout are  
44 you talking about?  
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46 MR. DOOLITTLE: It would have had a  
47 picture of the Andreafsky on it. Right there. There  
48 it is.  
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50 MR. WALD: Actually, while they get

1 this up and running, the presentation is actually a  
2 little different than this handout. The Council has  
3 seen this presentation in a different format. It was  
4 presented last October in another handout as well as a  
5 poster presentation in the back of the room. So this  
6 handout we can go through verbally.

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8 I'm starting on Page 3. Basically this  
9 is all information that's been given in the past, in  
10 October. We really haven't had a whole lot of new  
11 information on moose since October. So basically we'll  
12 go over the population estimates, the current  
13 population estimates that we've had in the last year.

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15 Back in January of 2008 again we did  
16 the lower Yukon. Or actually in January of 2008 we did  
17 the lower Kuskokwim moose survey. And you guys know  
18 the resulting estimates with our sightability  
19 correction factor was 668 moose. There's figures and  
20 graphs to go with it throughout the handout. This has  
21 increased from the last survey conducted in '04, again  
22 from an estimated 70 animals back in 2004. The moose  
23 hunting moratorium in this area was enacted in that  
24 fall of 2004, so this moratorium has shown an increase  
25 in population within those five years.

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27 Then in February of 2008 we surveyed  
28 the lowest Yukon along the main river corridor, from  
29 Mountain Village down to Kotlik. And that estimate  
30 with the sightability correction factor again was 3,320  
31 moose. And this area is experience that rapid growth  
32 that we've seen in the last six years at an annual  
33 increase of 27 percent. So that population is  
34 increasing rapidly. And that's why you're seeing these  
35 more liberal hunting regulations down in that part of  
36 the lower Yukon right now.

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38 So during February of 2009 as in right  
39 now, we're trying to conduct another moose survey along  
40 the main tributaries of the Kuskokwim. These are the  
41 areas that are in the closed area right now that have  
42 not been surveyed in the past. So we're trying to get  
43 an estimate within those tributary areas.

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45 I believe I have that map on Page 9 of  
46 that handout. And basically that just shows that we're  
47 concentrating on the Tuluksak and the Fog Rivers,  
48 Kisaralik, and the Little Kasigluk, the Kwethluk River  
49 and the Eek Rivers, to incorporate into this new  
50 estimate.

1                   Unfortunately right now we're still  
2 weathered out for that survey. Back a week or so ago  
3 when we had that big rain and windstorm, we lost almost  
4 all the snow that we needed for survey up in those  
5 tributaries. Hopefully with this new storm coming in,  
6 we'll get more snow. but we're just getting hit with  
7 one low system after another, so we can't get out and  
8 fly. It's basically been like that since January.

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10                   So that's the only real new information  
11 for moose densities.

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13                   Going down to the sex ratio  
14 information, again back in November of 2007, we did our  
15 moose composition counts along the mainstem Kuskokwim  
16 River, and, you know, we came up with an estimate of 98  
17 bulls per 100 cows, and 73 calves per 100 cows. So  
18 both those number are indicative of a real healthy and  
19 growing population.

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21                   We tried again this past November, in  
22 2008, we attempted to conduct the composition survey.  
23 We did not finish that. We got one segment of the area  
24 down, but that warm weather melting all our snow again,  
25 making it impossible to see enough moose for a  
26 meaningful sample size. So in November 2008 those  
27 numbers did not get updated.

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29                   Our calving information, we did our  
30 calving surveys in May and June of 2007 and 2008 again.  
31 In 2007 we monitored 39 cows and in 2008 we monitored  
32 52 cows. In both years between 86 and 87 percent of  
33 those cows gave birth, which is typical for moose  
34 basically across all the moose range. The more  
35 important points are the number of calves being born,  
36 twinning rates specifically. And in 2007 our twinning  
37 rates were 47 percent, and in 2008 our twinning rates  
38 went up to 67 percent. So our twinning rates are  
39 indicative of another -- is another parameter that we  
40 use to indicate a healthy population, a growing  
41 population. Anything over 20 percent of twinning rates  
42 in moose is in a growing populations, so we're well  
43 above 20 percent.

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45                   Our calf survival for those is another  
46 indicator. We look at 6 months survival and 12 months  
47 survival. Last year's survival at six months was 67  
48 percent. And at one year that survival was down to 54  
49 percent for calves, basically what's being recruited  
50 into the population. And again that is very high.

1 Anything over 15, 20 percent being recruited is a  
2 growing population.

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4 In 2008, this year, our six-month  
5 calving survival was not estimated because of weather  
6 again, but we're looking forward to the 12-month  
7 calving check in April, and that will give us  
8 indication of a yearly survival for this new crop of  
9 calves that were born in 2008.

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11 In 2009 we'll again monitor calves the  
12 same way we have done the last two years. So we'll  
13 have new information in June on calves.

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15 That's the basic biology of our moose  
16 in this area for now. I see they've got the PowerPoint  
17 up and running.

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19 And just again, this information was  
20 given in October at the last meeting in a different  
21 format. It wasn't in PowerPoint, but it was in a  
22 handout and a poster.

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24 This just reiterates the Unit 18 with  
25 the closed area, of course, outlined, and then also the  
26 survey units are the grid blocks. So we have three  
27 different survey units up on the Yukon River, and we  
28 now have two survey units down here in the Kuskokwim  
29 area, one along the mainstem and one that's the  
30 tributaries there in red.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: A question.

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34 MR. WALD: Yes.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah. Mary. Go  
37 ahead, Mary.

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39 MS. GREGORY: I was just looking at  
40 your figure 5.

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42 MR. WALD: Sure.

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44 MS. GREGORY: And the color codes  
45 doesn't show up really good here. Both low and high  
46 are the same color, and do you have that in that  
47 PowerPoint, too, or not?

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49 MR. WALD: I just have the regular --  
50 just the grids without the colors. The colors are for

1 us when we're actually doing the survey. Those are the  
2 blocks that we actually survey the random samples  
3 within, so those are more for when we're flying to do  
4 the survey.

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6 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. I'd like to know  
7 like if your could tell me right here what these dark  
8 spots indicate.

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10 MR. WALD: Sure. The dark ones that  
11 say high and the kind of little bit lighter one in this  
12 graphs is low. What that means is that the area is  
13 stratified into two groups based on density of moose or  
14 sign of moose. So a high area would be if we flew over  
15 that block and saw lots of moose sign or several moose,  
16 we call that a high block. And then likewise if we fly  
17 over a block and don't see a whole lot of sign or any  
18 moose, we call that a low block. That's just -- that's  
19 before we do the survey, so we can actually stratify it  
20 out into areas that are low density versus high density  
21 so when we do our estimates the mathematics will help  
22 us get more of a precise estimate within each strata  
23 based on that.

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25 MS. GREGORY: Using that mile grid, can  
26 you tell me where the Eek and Kwethluk and Kisaralik  
27 River?

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29 MR. ROCZICKA: Isn't that those red  
30 ones?

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32 MR. WALD: Yeah.

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34 MS. GREGORY: On here.

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36 MR. ROCZICKA: This is Eek River here.

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38 MS. GREGORY: Eek River right here?

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40 MR. WALD: Yeah. The Eek would be on  
41 the bottom of the map, and then the Kwethluk would be  
42 the next section up. Then the next section up would be  
43 the Kisaralik, and then the next section would be the  
44 Tuluksak and part of the Fog River.

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46 MS. GREGORY: The Kasigluk's right  
47 here.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you done, Mary?  
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1 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert. Bob, I'm  
4 sorry.  
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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Robert's fine. A couple  
7 of questions. You talk about Native allotments, and  
8 then what about ANCSA corporate lands?  
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10 MR. WALD: What's your question?  
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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: In that hunting area you  
13 were talking about earlier.  
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15 MR. WALD: Oh, Tom was talking about  
16 that. I'm not sure what he was talking.  
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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay. Well, anyway  
19 these numbers that you've been predicting, how do they  
20 compare with the State Fish and Game numbers?  
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22 MR. WALD: We do this in conjunction.  
23 These surveys are done together, cooperatively, so our  
24 estimate is their estimate, and their estimate is our  
25 estimates. Because these grids, these survey areas  
26 cover both State and Federal lands or controlled lands,  
27 so when we survey, we survey it all together, and the  
28 estimate -- we don't develop an estimate for only  
29 Federal lands and an estimate only for State lands. We  
30 do it combined.  
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert, are you  
33 done?  
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: No. I've got a question  
36 for him. When you talk about hunting over the lowest  
37 Yukon you said something about that you watch out for  
38 Native allotments. What about ANCSA corporate lands?  
39  
40 MR. DOOLITTLE: Yeah. We try to make  
41 sure that we're away from all the allotments and  
42 corporation lands, and any of the trips that may --  
43 oops, excuse me.  
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45 Tom Doolittle again, supervising  
46 biologist, Yukon Delta.  
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48 What we try to do is make sure that we  
49 keep the user groups off any of the -- away from any of  
50 the private lands, the tribal allotments and

1 corporation lands. And especially where there would be  
2 river access where you'd see the largest amount of  
3 pressure in those particular areas, to keep the  
4 aircraft and the boaters separate.

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: I've got another  
7 question. I don't know where I was when it opened up  
8 for non-resident hunting. I thought we opposed that  
9 very stringently and yet how did that happen? I mean,  
10 it doesn't make sense that if you're going to restrict  
11 subsistence users, yet you turn around and you open it  
12 up for the non-residents. It doesn't make a damn bit  
13 of sense to me.

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15 MR. DOOLITTLE: Yeah. And really you  
16 can ask Phillip about that also relative to, you know,  
17 the opening it up and the amount of -- you know, the  
18 population level relative to the amount necessary for  
19 subsistence, and then the area above that, and  
20 essentially that there was an adequate number of moose  
21 in the population that would have allowed for a harvest  
22 of all user groups. And I think you've been discussing  
23 the amount needed for subsistence and how that has use  
24 in two ways.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you done, Mr.  
27 Bob.

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29 (No comments)

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Kron.

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33 MR. KRON: Yeah. Maybe provide some  
34 background. And again the Council has been very  
35 consistent in opposing the non-subsistence uses. Was  
36 it about 18 months ago in Emmonak, you know, two years  
37 ago in Emmonak, there was a proposal from a Bethel  
38 resident to open it up to sport hunting, and at that  
39 meeting the Council opposed doing it. As a result of  
40 that process, the Federal recommendation was to  
41 postpone a decision on it. Mike Rearden and Staff went  
42 out to meet with the villages to talk to them about it.  
43 There was no action taken for a full year. It was  
44 reconsidered again a year ago. And at that meeting  
45 again the Council opposed opening it up so that sport  
46 hunters could participate in the area.

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48 What the Federal Board did would have  
49 been in response to that, you know, a little less than  
50 a year ago. What they felt was, based on the biology,

1 you know, and the recommendations we were getting from  
2 ADF&G and from the Refuge Staff that we couldn't  
3 continue to have it closed. So the Federal Board  
4 basically lifted the closure based on the large number  
5 of moose that were there.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: And the amounts  
8 necessary for subsistence.

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10 MR. DOOLITTLE: Yeah. And you have to  
11 realize also that you're looking at the lowest Yukon  
12 survey which is in the paper in front of you that  
13 you're looking at a population of 2.8 moose per square  
14 mile. And then that was last year. And if the  
15 reproductive rates were continuing, you would expect to  
16 see over three. Also, the amount of harvest out of  
17 that unit right now is insufficient to control the  
18 growing -- that population. So that is a concern.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tom.

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22 MR. KRON: Again, just for historical  
23 information, and this keys into what Tom was talking  
24 about, when the Board was trying to decide what to do,  
25 trying to figure out if they could -- if there was  
26 justification to continue to continue to keep it  
27 closed, and again the Council's recommendation was to  
28 continue to keep it closed, Mike Rearden assured the  
29 Board that they would make special efforts to, you  
30 know, basically keep the hunters away from the areas  
31 that subsistence users would be using along the water,  
32 you know, the corporation lands. And that's what Tom  
33 was talking about. To the extent that hunting was  
34 allowed, the Refuge worked to keep those hunters away  
35 from the areas that the rural users within the lower  
36 Yukon were utilizing. So that was part of it as well,  
37 and that keys into what Tom discussed earlier.

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39 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tom.

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43 Any more further discussion on this.

44 Greg.

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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair. I want to  
47 get more to the specifics on the proposal. Tom, do you  
48 have, or your Staff, as far as the Refuge goes, or OSM,  
49 if you're aware, look at this proposal and come to any  
50 kind of recommendations on it, or if not

1 recommendations, then can you identify any concerns  
2 that you may have or issues that we may need to address  
3 -- or you think need to be addressed in regards to this  
4 proposal going forward?

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Which one of you?  
7 Tom.

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9 MR. DOOLITTLE: This is Tom again.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tom. Tom.

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13 MR. DOOLITTLE: Yeah. Go back and  
14 forth. Tom squared.

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16 I really think that what we're trying  
17 to do with this presentation that we're going to --  
18 that Eric is going to finish is purely advisory, so  
19 you can make an informed decision as a group, is that  
20 you can open seasons early or later, because there is  
21 an available number of moose to be harvested. But you  
22 must think about harvest success. You must also think  
23 about whether that framework will actually put meat on  
24 the table within your communities. And if there was --  
25 and if you decide one way to open it up later, then  
26 there would be likely in a very short period of time a  
27 more rapid growth in this Kuskokwim population that  
28 would provide more animals and likely better harvest  
29 success and more animals actually making it to the  
30 table. So that's one way to look at it.

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32 The other way is to look at it that it  
33 can be opened and also that that population can sustain  
34 some degree of harvest, but whether that harvest  
35 success would also -- would actually get that meat on  
36 the table considering the low population densities.

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38 The other aspect to remember is that  
39 this sort of harvest has to happen across the entire  
40 closed area. People likely are going to concentrate in  
41 the tributaries where there's the least amount of  
42 habitat, that there is a fairly good density of moose.  
43 This is also the migration corridors for these animals  
44 that are moving from the Trail Creek area from the  
45 radioed population that we have that would fill in some  
46 of the voids when some of these areas are shot -- the  
47 areas are hunted closer to the villages. Because just  
48 like any of us, we'd rather go closer to home if it's  
49 easier to get some meat.

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1                   So those are the sorts of balances that  
2 -- and the seriousness of the issues that you're  
3 considering is in the short term, yes, you can harvest.  
4 In the long term you'll -- and with a little more  
5 patience, you'll be able to harvest more and provide  
6 more meat on the table. So it's a juggling act, and I  
7 think that in the presentation that Eric is going to  
8 provide will give you a little bit of the background on  
9 that, too. But also keep in mind where this harvest is  
10 going to be most intense, and those areas could be  
11 depleted the most quickly, because they're very near  
12 zones of habitat and easily traveled.

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14                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tom.

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16                   MR. KRON: I'll just follow up briefly.  
17 Again, I think this was one of the proposals that Chuck  
18 Ardizzone was going to have comments for the Board of  
19 Game on. And as I recall, the general perspective was  
20 that, you know, this needed to be done cooperatively  
21 between the Fish and Wildlife Service and the  
22 Department of Fish and Game working with the Councils  
23 land the villages. And, you know, I know that they've  
24 been trying to do surveys right now, but my assumption  
25 has been that that survey information is going to be  
26 really critical to what direction things go.

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28                   You know, again, currently in Federal  
29 regulations, you know, this lower Kuskokwim area is  
30 closed, and, you know, that was one of the suggestions  
31 I had is a possible proposal to get something in the  
32 works so that when the Board looks at it a year from  
33 January, you know, they can take appropriate actions  
34 based on what the Board of Game has done and the  
35 biological information.

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37                   Thank you.

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39                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.

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41                   MR. BROWN: Yeah. What is done about  
42 them is that Eek area, is it going to be restricted  
43 when we're allowed to hunt this fall. I just want to  
44 make a suggestion about myself, that when we used to  
45 have hunting, before we had this moratorium, we used to  
46 go up out area and sometimes we camp for at least like  
47 two or three weeks, and pretty soon we run out of grubs  
48 and fuel, and we just tried to stay as long as we  
49 could, tried to find our game. It's different than  
50 those popular areas like Kuskokwim, Holitna. Sometimes

1 we just camp for long time in order to get our meat.  
2 And if we have an opener this fall, I just want to go  
3 to my own river in order to save high cost of  
4 everything.

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6 Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: James.

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

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No. Were you going  
13 to respond to.....

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15 MR. DOOLITTLE: Yeah, to Mister.....

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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19 MR. DOOLITTLE: Yeah. This is Tom  
20 Doolittle, Yukon Delta.

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22 To Mr. Brown's response, I think he's  
23 absolutely right. I mean, the people want to hunt on  
24 those areas that are closer to home, and that's most  
25 important. From our reaction, as we said, is it's the  
26 actual data and why we want the survey data completed  
27 so we can say, this is how many moose are no this  
28 particular land base, and this is how many can killed  
29 so not only will we have moose next year, but there  
30 will be moose continuing in the future rather than to  
31 risk over-harvest, but also to make sure we get a good  
32 estimate so the right number of animals can be taken to  
33 supply meat for the communities.

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35 MR. BROWN: I also have one more  
36 comment about myself. Long before you guys came over  
37 to research our areas, we used to rely on our own  
38 elders for guidance, you know, in order to have a  
39 brighter future for everybody in our ground.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: James.

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43 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
44 I am with the Fish and Game Advisory Committee, and so  
45 is a couple of these other members. And we made the  
46 proposal to close this area five years ago. Or six.  
47 It's been six years now. We see that the Yukon River  
48 moratorium worked, so we decided to close this area.  
49 And we see that there is some moose out there now that  
50 we didn't have before, like at Tuntutuliak area. We

1 didn't see that many moose before, but we start seeing  
2 moose now. So back in November when we had the A.C.  
3 meeting here, we talked about this for a long time, and  
4 there was a motion to open the moratorium back. So we  
5 made the proposal to open it again for 10 days. We  
6 didn't even talk about other restrictions. We thought  
7 10 days was good for short-term hunting, because 10  
8 days, not everybody's going to hunt. The people who  
9 didn't hunt moose before, because there's always  
10 problems. Somebody will have motor problems. Somebody  
11 will have -- won't have money to buy gas. Somebody --  
12 there's is always some restrictions to hunters all the  
13 time. So 10 days. We mentioned 10 days. We didn't  
14 put any other restrictions like Tier II or whatever or  
15 permit hunting and all that. We just said 10 days.  
16 Said 10-day fall hunt. Because at that time I was  
17 getting a lot of calls from villages around here in  
18 lower Kuskokwim area. I even got petitions sent to me,  
19 so I gave them to Joe Chythlook, our coordinator. So  
20 we decide to write a proposal, and it is going to go to  
21 Board of Game this weekend. And it's in the change  
22 request.

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24 Doi. Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Andrew.

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28 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

29 Timothy Andrew with AVCP.

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31 On Proposal No. 247, the discussion  
32 once again is going to require some number for the  
33 amounts necessary for subsistence. Right now the 80 to  
34 100 that's on the books, the Yukon River can supply  
35 that, no problem at all, for the entire Unit 18. And  
36 when the Board of Game takes this proposal on, there is  
37 a possibility that it could possibly be challenged.  
38 And as long as these amounts necessary for subsistence  
39 is at 80 to 100, the person that challenges this  
40 proposal, this extremely restricted proposal, you know  
41 that person would -- I mean, we wouldn't have any  
42 grounds to really defend what we've worked so hard to  
43 build up, because it's all tied to that amounts  
44 necessary for subsistence.

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46 And I believe that we have been failed  
47 by the Department of Fish and Game in trying to  
48 establish those numbers before the Board of Game comes  
49 to consider this proposal. And within the Federal  
50 system, there is no amounts necessary for subsistence.

1 The amounts necessary for subsistence.

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3 CONFERENCE OPERATOR: Mark Moore

4 rejoins.

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6 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah. Go ahead.

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10 MR. ANDREW: Yeah.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Welcome, Mark

13 Moore.

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15 MR. ANDREW: The amounts necessary for  
16 subsistence is something that is a brainchild of a  
17 State statute, or a State management system in the  
18 1980s. It hasn't been -- I mean, the amounts necessary  
19 for subsistence have never been revised ever since the  
20 1980s. It's 20-something years old. And what I'm  
21 really afraid of is exactly that, that it is subject to  
22 challenge, and we would not have anything to stand on.

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24 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further

27 discussion on 247. Go ahead, Greg.

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29 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, I just -- I don't  
30 want to go off on a tangent of history, but for what  
31 Tim just mentioned, actually the amounts necessary for  
32 subsistence came about because of the McDowell decision  
33 in '88 where the Board was required to come up with  
34 those numbers in order to establish the priority and  
35 different levels to provide for the subsistence  
36 harvests. Prior to that they were allowed to have  
37 subsistence hunts only in given areas around the State  
38 restricted to the people who had customary and  
39 traditional use, so they didn't need to have that  
40 restrictive number. And after the McDowell decision in  
41 '91 or '92 is where they came up with those amounts  
42 necessary to have those break points between when they  
43 would cut off the non-resident sport hunters, when it  
44 would be a Tier I subsistence hunt only, and when  
45 they'd have to restrict it among subsistence users to  
46 make it only a Tier II hunt. That's where those came  
47 from.

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49 And that was a lead into something  
50 else, but I forget what it was. Maybe we could -- if

1 the Federal guys are done there, we could hear from the  
2 State on what their recommendations are regarding this  
3 hunt.

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5 Oh, I know what I wanted to mention is  
6 regarding the Lower Kusko Advisory Committee and  
7 structuring the permit. I remember the motion  
8 specifically, that it was to be a registration hunt  
9 with the permits to be available only within the  
10 communities of the hunt area, and possibly other  
11 considerations. We didn't go into a lot of detail, but  
12 some that was mentioned would be no airplane access,  
13 that it would -- to keep it subsistence would be the  
14 boat access only were other things that were tossed  
15 out there.

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17 MR. DOOLITTLE: You wanted Eric to  
18 finish?

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Eric, go  
21 ahead.

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23 MR. WALD: Yeah. Thanks, Mr. Chair.  
24 We've only got a couple more slides, and some of this  
25 again will be repetitive. This image here is just  
26 again the survey blocks that we'll be trying to do  
27 right now as we speak, if we get some more weather. Go  
28 ahead. Yeah. So we wanted to try to -- without those  
29 data, we wanted to try to give an idea of what we have  
30 for moose in the entire closed area and try to  
31 extrapolate what that means for harvestable surplus of  
32 bulls. So there's a few assumptions we had to make  
33 without those data. And these tributary areas we are  
34 assuming that those areas would hold roughly half as  
35 many moose as the mainstem Kuskokwim at this time. So  
36 what I did is multiply that mainstem population  
37 estimate by 1.5. So that's basically adding around 300  
38 and some moose to that population.

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40 Go ahead, Phillip.

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42 So as you can see there, in 2008 with  
43 that assumption made of those tributaries, we're around  
44 1,000 animals in that closed area. And that's where  
45 you hear that 1,000 animal value right now that people,  
46 you know, say we've met. That's with a little caveat  
47 of assumption right now. For the whole closed area.

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49 So that would project your densities  
50 out to about a half a moose per square mile. In some

1 areas, like say Interior Alaska, that's about where  
2 they're in a lot of places. Not very dense. Real  
3 sparse. So once you get around to the densities of  
4 one, one and a half or two and a half as we see on the  
5 lower Yukon, you're in real good populations where  
6 you're going to be successful when you go hunting.

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8 So what we've done to extrapolate out  
9 the population based on the 2008 information, we  
10 assumed a 30 percent annual growth increase. As I  
11 mentioned, the lower Yukon was growing at 27 percent  
12 per year for the last six years, so this is right in  
13 the ballpark. That would put us up in 2009 at 1300  
14 animals. And then, of course, by 2011 we're at 2200  
15 animals for that same area.

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17 And then looking at the bottom you can  
18 see the density increases as well. Once you get around  
19 that one moose per square mile, you're looking at way  
20 better harvest success.

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22 And this is assuming that we don't --  
23 these populations estimates assume that there's no  
24 hunting until that date. So 2008, basically there's no  
25 hunting, so we're at a 1,000 animals. If we waited to  
26 open until 2009, you're at 1300. If you waited until  
27 2010, you're up to about 1700. If you waited until  
28 2011, you're at 2200 animals.

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30 Go ahead, Phil.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question. Yeah. Did  
33 you ever do a.....

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35 MR. MANUMIK: What is the moose  
36 population in the Yukon at the present time.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Could you hold on  
39 just a minute? We've got somebody on the -- who is  
40 that on the phone?

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42 MS. GREGORY: Manumik.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Manumik, could you  
45 wait? We'll recognize you after we recognize Bob. Go  
46 ahead.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Have you done a  
49 calculation in your words with harvest for those four  
50 years? I mean, three years after next year -- I mean,

1 this year.

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3 MR. WALD: No. This was done to give  
4 an example of the option of waiting. Like some  
5 proposals suggested to wait to hear, others suggested  
6 wait two years. So I just wanted to show what those  
7 populations would look like with those proposals in  
8 mind.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you done, Mr.  
11 Robert.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: The numbers you have  
14 there, only when they -- we're talking about the -- I  
15 don't like to use the word moratorium, but I call it  
16 the Kuskokwim side of Unit 18. That's the only number  
17 that you're looking at right now?

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19 MR. WALD: Yeah. Yeah. Those are the  
20 only numbers.

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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr. Manumik.  
25 Mr. Manumik, did you have a question?

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27 MR. MANUMIK: Yes. I would like to  
28 have the moose population count on the Yukon and also  
29 the Kuskokwim River.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Could you repeat  
32 those numbers again, please.

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34 MR. WALD: Sure. On the lowest part of  
35 the Yukon, the last estimate in 2008 was at 3320 moose.  
36 And on the Kuskokwim River, the mainstem river in the  
37 same year, 2008, was at 668 moose.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you satisfied  
40 with that, Mr. Manumik?

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42 MR. MANUMIK: Yes. Yes, I am. But at  
43 the last Board meeting we had in Bethel last fall, I  
44 asked a question about how many people would be  
45 eligible to hunt with that low number of moose in the  
46 Kuskokwim River. That was the question I had last  
47 fall. And I'm still wondering about that question.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you have an  
50 answer to that, Eric?

1 MR. WALD: I don't have an answer to  
2 the regulation side of how many people are allowed to  
3 hunt, but I do have an example of how many moose could  
4 possibly be harvested, and that's in this next slide.  
5 And again these are based on those previous population  
6 estimates. And we're looking at bulls only, and we're  
7 assuming a harvest of 15 percent of the bull  
8 population. Or, excuse me, of the total population.  
9 So with our sex ratios that we have is basically a one  
10 to one bull/cow ratio from our previous data.

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12 We're estimating in 2009 at that  
13 current population, about 75 bulls in that whole area.  
14 And again extrapolated out for two years, if you waited  
15 that one year or two years, what that number would look  
16 like using those same numbers, you know, for  
17 assumptions. Again it basically almost doubles in two  
18 years for your allowable harvest biologically. Again,  
19 as Tom Doolittle mentioned earlier, these numbers are  
20 biologically in a sense that 75 bulls for only the  
21 closed area, but distributed throughout the closed area  
22 and not concentrated in certain areas. So harvest  
23 would have to be distributed throughout the whole area  
24 as well. We'll most likely see more areas getting  
25 harvested heavier than others. And certainly basically  
26 from Bethel up, you'll have -- since we're starting at  
27 a lower density towards Bethel, you'll have less  
28 opportunity to shoot moose to Bethel sooner, because  
29 you'll have more harvest -- more people out trying to  
30 harvest moose right around Bethel in a lower density  
31 area.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
34 discussion on 247.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. The Central  
41 Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee met a couple  
42 weeks ago, and they're supporting the proposal. But  
43 they want to make sure that ANS is not mentioned at all  
44 in this, because it's going to mess it all up. They  
45 just want it -- they want to support the opening with  
46 no ANS language involved in it.

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48 Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN L.. WILDE: Phillip, are you

1 done with your presentation?

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3 MR. PERRY: That's Eric.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Eric, I'm sorry.

6 Phillip's right there. Go ahead, Eric.

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8 MR. WALD: I think that was our last

9 slide. Yeah.

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11 But I did want to point out that the  
12 population estimates were based on un hunted populations  
13 to begin with. In theory. We have had several illegal  
14 harvests lately of cow moose, so that has been a little  
15 bit of a thorn, preventing the moose population as  
16 well, but overall it's been responding quite well to  
17 the closure, and a lot of folks are respecting that.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Eric, do you have  
20 any suggestions as to the request that Mr. Roczicka had  
21 as to your views on whether -- or your opinion on  
22 whether to open up this moratorium area or to keep it  
23 closed?

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25 MR. WALD: I'll speak biologically and  
26 I'll let our manager discuss on the opinions.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, biologically  
29 then.

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31 MR. WALD: Biologically, what I  
32 presented for those harvestable bulls is what we could  
33 do. There are a lot of caveats to those because of the  
34 assumptions made. One of the assumptions is that we  
35 have that extra 300 and some animals out in the  
36 tributary areas that we have not surveyed yet and are  
37 currently trying to do that now. If that assumption is  
38 met, then we go to the next assumption of our  
39 population growth estimate of 30 percent a year is what  
40 we're using. That would be identified in the next  
41 survey of the whole area and so forth.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert. Mr.  
44 Aloysius, did you have.....

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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: I did. When Mary asked  
47 you, and all the presenters to speak in the layman's  
48 English, you know, I thought that you guys got that  
49 message. And what the heck is a caveat? Is that  
50 something that a moose drops on the tundra or what?

1 (Laughter)  
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3 MR. WALD: That would be an asterisk  
4 or, yeah, a footnote of an exception, given this  
5 assumption, if the assumption is met, then it's going  
6 to go proceed as what we just discussed. But if the  
7 assumptions are not met, which we do not know yet, then  
8 we can't proceed as we just talked.  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Bob?  
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12 (No comments)  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All right. Then go  
15 to James. Please go through the Chair if you've got  
16 any comments. Thank you.  
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18 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
19 Somebody has changed our proposal to close for  
20 moratorium. I happen with that A.C. group when we made  
21 the proposal to close it. The proposal was for five  
22 years. I would have voted no for extension if I was  
23 here last fall, because we made the proposal to close  
24 it for five years or 1,000 moose. I wasn't for bulls.  
25 It was not for five years and 1,000 moose. It was not  
26 like that. I remember the proposal, because we made  
27 it. So five years is up and we've got 1,000 moose. We  
28 got both of them. But the original proposal was for  
29 five years or 1,000 moose. If there is 1,000 moose  
30 before five years, we could have opened it, too.  
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32 Thank you.  
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: James. Okay. Mr.  
35 William.  
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37 MR. BROWN: Yeah. I have a concern  
38 about how you monitor, how many collars you have put on  
39 these moose.  
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41 MR. WALD: Is the question how many  
42 collars we have on moose? Currently we have 52  
43 collared cows.  
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45 MR. BROWN: What species, female or  
46 male? Mostly male or what?  
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48 MR. WALD: Females. Cows. Yeah.  
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50 MR. BROWN: But also I've been hearing

1 about this hidden monitors. Do you guys put like chips  
2 somewhere in the -- is that rumor?

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4 MR. WALD: Yeah, I think that's a  
5 rumor. No microchips.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more questions  
8 for Eric.

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10 (No comments)

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If not, we'll get  
13 Phillip on the chair. Thank you, Eric. Go ahead.

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15 MR. PERRY: Good afternoon. My name is  
16 Phillip Perry. I'm the area wildlife biologist for  
17 Fish and Game here in Bethel.

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19 The proposal you see in front of you,  
20 Proposal 247, a few additional comments that the  
21 Department is going to make, I don't remember if  
22 they're in there or not, basically are going to be  
23 about, you know, the need for -- or to give the Board  
24 the head's up that, you know, this proposal can be very  
25 effected on what happens in the proposal they're going  
26 to look at before in the ANS proposal. And I was  
27 hoping when we met back in November with the Lower  
28 Kuskokwim Advisory Committee that we could hash out a  
29 few additional details so that they would be coming  
30 directly from the Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee.  
31 You know, stuff like boundaries and other restrictions  
32 we could put on the registration permit.

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34 And actually at this point if -- Greg's  
35 done a good job with his handout, laying out a bunch of  
36 recommendations to this Committee -- or Council, I'm  
37 sorry. And if they'd like to discuss those at this  
38 time, you know, those are kind of -- I don't want to  
39 talk about the same things that Greg already has  
40 written down in a handout.

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42 There -- some of these are  
43 discretionary authority sort of things that I can do  
44 through a registration permit. Limiting where we give  
45 permits out, I think that is something the Board of  
46 Game would have to do. That's something we didn't get  
47 to. We kind of ran out of time at the A.C. meeting. I  
48 think that it's appropriate for this Council, if they  
49 think that's a good idea, to look at some of those, and  
50 recommend them or not, because I think they need to be

1 brought up in front of the Board. It's something  
2 they've done in other places. I think you look at a  
3 lot of these, and they mirror what happened, I guess  
4 it's been four years ago in 1980 when there's a  
5 registration permit up there that required that hunters  
6 would get a permit in the unit that they were going to  
7 be hunting in. It would only be ahead of time, and  
8 there's all those requirements that are designed really  
9 to limit the number of hunters. We don't want to limit  
10 it so much that people can't harvest, but we obviously  
11 with a surplus of 75 moose that we could harvest this  
12 year, we're -- I'm predicting we're going to have more  
13 than 75 hunters wanting to hunt moose. So I think a  
14 pretty easy prediction there.

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16 So I don't -- like I guess I don't have  
17 a lot of other comments other than willing to talk  
18 about some of these additional restrictions that we  
19 could put on the -- if it becomes a registration  
20 permit, that we could have on a registration permit.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.

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24 MS. GREGORY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
25 I think Mr. Charles' question and his comments have not  
26 been answered, and he said he -- when they made the  
27 moose into open the hunt for 10 days, there were no  
28 restrictions or any other kind of paraphernalia  
29 attached to it. So I'd like to have somebody answer  
30 those questions, too. Why was all these things put in  
31 there.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg, you got any  
34 comments on that?

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36 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. Yeah,  
37 I'll respond directly to that. It was understood when  
38 we had that Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee meeting  
39 where we originally addressed this back in November  
40 that we were going to have another meeting prior to the  
41 Board of Game meeting to specifically address all of  
42 these concerns and talk about additional restrictions,  
43 because although the vote came out as it did when, you  
44 know, the informal talking to folks around and to  
45 different villages, there were people in villages that  
46 were very strongly against this opening. And it was  
47 actually -- it came out about 50/50, and the villages  
48 as a whole that were represented at the advisory  
49 committee, you know, had their meetings locally and the  
50 majority did want to go ahead.

1                   You know, as James said, it's been five  
2 years, we've got the 1,000 moose. Both conditions are  
3 met, and it's time to hunt. And they felt that the  
4 opening should go ahead, but there -- you know, so it  
5 was really about -- it was very close to half and half,  
6 and including Bethel and surrounding villages also.  
7 And I watched the same people actually that came to  
8 that advisory committee and pounded the table saying,  
9 we need to have this opening right, were some of the  
10 most severe critics in other meetings saying that we  
11 should keep it closed. So it's very close there.

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13                   And we were to have that other meeting  
14 that never happened in February, and so it hasn't been  
15 there. And then with the strong concerns that have  
16 been there about the -- we have what we have. We've  
17 been successful so far. We want to go careful and  
18 slow.

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20                   All those things are still there, and  
21 so we want to be careful we don't go too far overboard  
22 and overharvest here. We watched lower Yukon, what  
23 they did when they put in their 10-hunt and had their  
24 -- and so forth. You know, it worked well for them,  
25 and I'd like to follow that as much as we can.

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27                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:   Anaan Mary.

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29                   MS. GREGORY:   Yeah.   (In Yup'ik)

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31                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:   The villages  
32 decided to add additional two years over that five  
33 years, so we had a total of seven years moratorium.

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35                   MS. GREGORY:   You guys never understand  
36 my concern. Mr. Charles from Tunt wanted to know -- he  
37 said they just made a motion to open it for 10 days  
38 and.....

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40                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:   No, he didn't make  
41 a motion.

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43                   MS. GREGORY:   I mean, they did in their  
44 advisory council meeting.

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46                   MR. CHARLES:   Advisory committee  
47 meeting.

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49                   MS. GREGORY:   Yeah.

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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, they made a  
2 proposal, not a motion, right?  
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4 MR. CHARLES: (In Yup'ik)  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Could you put it on  
7 record right there, press your mic.  
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9 MR. CHARLES: Greg was the guy who made  
10 the motion. It was just a motion. And they saw the  
11 restrictions. We talked about them, but we didn't make  
12 decision, because he mentioned we were going to meet  
13 later on to put these restrictions if we have to.  
14 Yeah. And it didn't -- we didn't have our meeting.  
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16 Thank you.  
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18 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.  
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr. Nick and  
21 then Pippa.  
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23 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
24 Council. I want clarification, Mr. Chair. Does this  
25 mean that the Council, this Advisory Council wants to  
26 change is position on moose moratorium that they voted  
27 on in fall of 2008?  
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That hasn't come up  
30 yet, Mr. Nick. We were just talking about some other  
31 group of people.  
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33 Pippa.  
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35 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
36 wanted to ask the Council, is there any information  
37 that you would like about these seven limitations on  
38 the hunt that Greg has provided us for Proposal 247?  
39 There are a couple of recommendations made in this list  
40 that regulation-wise contradict one another and they're  
41 hard to implement. Do you have any questions on  
42 whether any of these are feasible under our current  
43 regulatory structure?  
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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.  
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47 MS. GREGORY: Because Greg just -- I  
48 was just noticing why these were -- it came as is. I  
49 have no questions. And thank you for clarifying.  
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4 Yeah, Pippa, if you see something in there that you  
5 think is not doable under the regulatory structure.  
6 These were issues that had been brought forward to me.  
7 The people said, we really want to consider, you know  
8 -- I mean, I suspect you might be talking about perhaps  
9 that community harvest option of something like that,  
10 and I understand that there's other places in the State  
11 where you do have a joint State and Federal permit, in  
12 Southeast. Like Alex mentioned, too, we've still got  
13 to consider whether -- if we're just going to respond  
14 to this Board of Game proposal. There's been no  
15 proposal or special action gone forward to the Federal  
16 Subsistence Board as far as I'm aware to have this  
17 opening, we just deal with this Board of Game proposal.  
18 We're talking only State-regulated lands, which is  
19 corporation lands. What, does the State have 500 acres  
20 in the 19, 22 million in GMU 18?

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phil.

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24 MR. PERRY: It's very small and there's  
25 very few places that are accessible to moose hunters.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you.....

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29 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. But it does apply  
30 to all the corporation lands, the State regulations do.

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33 The other thing that we, and before I'd  
34 ask you to address the -- how doable some of these may  
35 be, the other thing we've got to keep in consideration,  
36 and it was up in the presentation that Eric just got  
37 done with, between here and the lower Yukon, is that we  
38 have a much larger population here that's going to want  
39 to go hunting. And if you use the GMU 19 registration  
40 permit as just a measuring stick, if you will, that  
41 took place between 2004 and 2005 I think it was, but  
42 there was in the range of 660 I think if you add the  
43 GMU 18 villages, that traveled up the river to Kalskag  
44 or Aniak just to get that permit that you had to get X  
45 days in advance of the hunt and then go back up again  
46 later. There was like 1200 permits issued altogether,  
47 and it was roughly half and half between 19A residents  
48 and GMU 18 residents. And I've got the actual numbers  
49 of how many people from each village and how many  
50 harvested and all of that, too. Well, it's on the

1 Department's database.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more further  
4 information or discussion on 247 before we go on.  
5 Pippa.

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7 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
8 Pippa Kenner, OSM.

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10 Under here we have a consideration for  
11 a community harvest quota. I offer these comments in  
12 order to further the conversation, but there may be  
13 ways under the Federal system to achieve a community  
14 harvest quota other than what I'm going to mention.  
15 But what I'm most familiar with is that we do that  
16 through what we call Section .804 of ANILCA where we  
17 can limit the number of users of a resource. So we can  
18 restrict the user base from the C&T.

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20 Now, these things have been done very  
21 successfully and in concert with ADF&G in certain  
22 areas. 19A is an example of that where the two, the  
23 Fish and Wildlife Service and ADF&G, worked together.  
24 So there's a Tier II that requires a permit to hunt.  
25 There's an .804 which has a Federal permit to hunt.  
26 The quota is worked out between the two managers, an  
27 agreed upon quota. And through that, we can either --  
28 the Federal system, we can either restrict the hunt to  
29 certain communities, or we can provide a quota for each  
30 community.

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32 The reason why this closed area may not  
33 work right now for this is that the State may not be in  
34 a position where they can go into a Tier II situation,  
35 or may decide not to. And lacking a Tier II, it makes  
36 it a little problematic to start writing up a Section  
37 .804 analysis restricting the C&T. We're not saying it  
38 can't be done. It's done all the time, but it's  
39 something that you would want to consider.

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41 Can you respond to that, Phil?

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43 MR. PERRY: I guess I'm -- the  
44 community harvest quota, where I'm familiar with it in  
45 Interior is an attempt to make it easier for those  
46 communities to harvest a set number -- or, you know, a  
47 number of moose and not have to use, you know, one  
48 hunter, one moose. So it's kind of in some ways a  
49 liberalization of who can harvest, but actually Greg  
50 may be the better person to talk directly about a

1 community harvest quota, because, you know, I've read  
2 through this section a couple times, and since I've  
3 never been somewhere where we had to use that, I don't  
4 remember the particulars all that closely.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pippa.

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8 MS. KENNER: Well, thank you, Phil.  
9 That was very helpful, because under State regulations  
10 the community harvest quota is used in a different  
11 situation and for different purposes than how the  
12 Federal program uses it. However, the Federal program  
13 could institute the equivalent of a community harvest  
14 quota. Could. I don't know if it would or should. It  
15 could. It's possible within an .804 analysis which  
16 restricts the C&T. In the past and where that has done  
17 most successfully is where the State has also entered  
18 into a Tier II so it can restrict the non-subsistence  
19 harvest. Generally, in order for the Federal program  
20 to institute a Section .804 which restricts the C&T,  
21 all other users have to be restricted, the hunt for all  
22 other users is closed.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip.

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26 MR. PERRY: And maybe I'll ask Greg  
27 directly, the point of his seven is not extra  
28 restrictions, but actually a little -- for that  
29 liberalization for a community. Am I off base there,  
30 Greg, or am I interpreting what you wrote down there  
31 right?

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33 MR. ROCZICKA: I wrote down something  
34 that was passed along to me as a suggestion. I don't  
35 have a whole lot of insight into it. But in  
36 discussions of putting this together and moving  
37 carefully, I guess one of the things that we looked at  
38 for a community harvest quota was that, or that's been  
39 thought of is trying to utilize it in such a way that  
40 it would ensure spreading the harvest out throughout  
41 the unit, you know, and everybody's not concentrating  
42 on a specific, you know, in the more easy, accessible  
43 areas. Everybody from Bethel going to go Kisaralik or  
44 Kwethluk, you know. And those types of things.

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46 I was not -- I'm really not up to speed  
47 as far as the more details. You're saying that we  
48 can't do a community harvest under the Federal unless  
49 we go to a Tier II status, and that's something that I  
50 think if there's any kind of overwhelming support is

1 that nobody wants to go there within this area. Given  
2 the amounts necessary currently being 80 to 100,  
3 there's no way we're going to get there in any way,  
4 shape or form at present, and certainly not at this  
5 Board meeting. So that was an option that was thrown  
6 out there, and I don't know if there's changes that  
7 maybe need to be made in the future for a proposal, and  
8 we can start looking at that for the Federal system to  
9 be able to accommodate that. I don't know if there's  
10 something within the discretionary authority of the  
11 managers of putting that together. Maybe Gene might  
12 have something to offer on that if there's any  
13 additional.

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15 Like I say, I know that there's a joint  
16 State/Federal permit, and I guess what we're trying to  
17 look at here is whether we would need to -- that  
18 special action would go forward -- would need to go  
19 forward to the Federal Subsistence Board to even have a  
20 hunt on the Federal lands right now, or if it could be  
21 incorporated within a joint State and Federal permit  
22 under the registration permit.

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24 I don't know if you've got anything  
25 else to add there.

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27 MR. PELTOLA: Gene Peltola, Yukon  
28 Delta.

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30 And I've been involved in some  
31 discussions along the community harvest quota lines.  
32 And the benefit of that would be, as is understand by a  
33 few people I've talked with is, one, you'd get away  
34 from -- not necessarily totally, but you get more away  
35 from the allocation of where the effort would come from  
36 a particular village or community. Two, by going  
37 through that, you could also have an allocation in the  
38 sense of the effort and harvest.

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40 Our particular concern on any harvest  
41 in GMU 18 along the Kusko drainage and the tributaries,  
42 that where the Federal lands occur, we have narrow  
43 bands of appropriate habitat. If we had isolated  
44 pockets of heavy harvest, we can in a sense turn the  
45 population increase around. And that's where the idea  
46 of a community harvest quota came into play. And  
47 there's other areas where it's been utilized, like Greg  
48 was talking about, having a combined permit in other  
49 areas of the State, and that's where those came about  
50 from.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
2 discussion on 247. Mr. Nick.

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4 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. In addition to  
5 what people mentioned, based on my personal experience,  
6 you know, when I participated on the Unit 19A Federal  
7 drawing permit reporting, looking at number 5 of your  
8 write-up, Mr. Roczicka, 24-hour to 48-hour hunt or  
9 harvest reporting. We've required the hunters, .804  
10 hunters, drawing permit hunters to report within three  
11 days. At times that posed some problems in the past.  
12 And there were some hunters based on unforeseeable  
13 reasons, you know, they could not report within their  
14 required time. So, you know, that's another  
15 consideration that needs to be taken when these are  
16 considered. Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.

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20 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
21 Actually, you know, what I'd like to do is maybe just  
22 go down these point-by-point, because I mean, even if I  
23 wasn't going to be at the Board, these are questions  
24 James is going to have to answer and anybody else who's  
25 going to be over there. The Board's going to be asking  
26 these specific. These are the things that they're  
27 going to be dealing with. So if we're able to do it,  
28 since we couldn't get the advisory committee, you know,  
29 on the State side didn't happen, and we're here to try  
30 to get what we can for us guys that are going to be  
31 going in there to be able to -- because if we don't  
32 have a recommendation on it, they're going to do what  
33 they want to. And they might do what they want to  
34 anyway, whether we like it or not. But if we could  
35 just maybe go down these points one-by-one.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, as long as it  
38 don't take too much time. We've got a whole group of  
39 other things that you wanted to discuss prior to this.

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42 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So keep it as short  
45 as you can possible. Go ahead, Pippa, before you  
46 start.

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48 MS. KENNER: Well, in response to you,  
49 Greg, I was going to go down and from a Federal  
50 regulatory point of view, from my knowledge, I was

1 going to go through and just maybe tell you what works  
2 and what doesn't. Maybe we could save some time that  
3 way.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If that's what  
6 you.....

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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. He wants to save  
9 time. Let's save time.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, let's go.

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13 MS. KENNER: Okay. Number 1, fine.  
14 Number 2, the State has the ability to require certain  
15 restrictions on where permits are available and for how  
16 long they're available. Salvaging requirements, I've  
17 never seen a salvage requirement that was quite that  
18 extensive, but I don't have statewide experience.

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20 MR. ROCZICKA: On the Koyukuk River.

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22 MS. KENNER: Great. Okay. I believe  
23 that number 4 has been widely used, a restriction on  
24 aircraft other than the public-managed airport, meaning  
25 no fly-ins. There's restrictions like that currently  
26 in 19A for the moose hunt I believe.

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28 And number 6 is -- oh, number 5, hunt  
29 reporting. You might want to talk about the number of  
30 hours of required and Phil could probably help a lot  
31 there.

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33 Number 6, consider including State,  
34 Federal opportunity under a single registration permit.  
35 That has been done. the quota and the hunt is done  
36 solely under a State registration permit or through  
37 State regulations, including on Federal land. That's  
38 doable.

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40 I think we would need to exclude  
41 comment about a community harvest quota if we are  
42 talking about a Tier I hunt.

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44 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that -- Mr.  
47 Greg.

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. I had one more to  
50 add to number 3 actually, because -- that's the salvage

1 requirement including salvage of the stomach fat, the  
2 head, meat on the bone, and then there was one  
3 additional one that any trophy value of the antlers  
4 would have to be destroyed if the horns were to leave  
5 the hunt area, or leave the game management unit I  
6 believe. That would be one additional one to put in  
7 there.

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9                   And so I don't know if -- as far as the  
10 number 5 with that time for reporting, either have to  
11 report within X amount of days, two to three days after  
12 the hunt is over, you're required to report after you  
13 catch in-season, so that's supposed to be a control  
14 that's in place. That's something that in-season is  
15 actually pretty much unenforceable I think. However,  
16 making sure people do report after the season, and one  
17 thing the State will do is if people don't report and  
18 this applied in 19A, is that you were not eligible for  
19 -- you would not get a permit the following year.

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21                   So I don't know if anybody's -- if  
22 people are okay for us to bring those forward as far as  
23 if that's something that this Council would want to  
24 support as far as bringing it to the Board of Game in  
25 their pending action in less than 7 days, or in the  
26 next 7 to 10 days.

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28                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Charles.

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30                   MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
31 This 24/48 hour harvest report is after 10-day hunt is  
32 closed or what does that mean? Thanks.

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34                   MR. ROCZICKA: Do you want to answer  
35 that, Phil?

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37                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg. Phil.

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39                   MR. PERRY: Yeah, the intention for  
40 that is in many different hunts we have a 24-hour, 48-  
41 hour, a 72-hour reporting requirement if you're  
42 successful. So, you know, if you shoot one on the 1st  
43 of September, you need to by the end of the 3rd of  
44 September report your harvest. And we normally say,  
45 you know, in person, on the internet, phone call, any  
46 of those things. And this is something we did this  
47 past year. There's, you know, the small area of the  
48 Goodnews River, there's a State registration hunt that  
49 is managed -- the registration permit is only a State  
50 registration permit, but it's both on Federal and

1 State-managed lands. And it does have that  
2 requirement. And we had -- let's see, what did it end  
3 up, a 25-day season this year, and i think we ended up  
4 harvesting 11 moose, because we shot -- we had a quota  
5 of 10 and we harvested 12, but the last couple were  
6 shot within the last day of two. You know, if we had  
7 got half-way through the season to 9 or 10 moose, we  
8 would have then closed the season by emergency order.  
9 So that's the reason to have that restriction in there  
10 would be if, you know, by the 5th of September, if we  
11 have 70 moose shot, and we only want to shoot 75, we  
12 would need to at that point close the season by  
13 emergency order. So that's the reason to have that  
14 reporting requirement in there, and how it has worked  
15 in the past in other areas in here.

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. James.

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19 MR. CHARLES: So I would need to call  
20 you if I don't catch a moose?

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22 MR. PERRY: Yeah. And I guess I didn't  
23 finish. I talked about just if you're successful.  
24 Part of the good of a registration permit is then at  
25 the end of the season we know who hunted in that area,  
26 and normally those have a one-week or two-week  
27 requirement that after the end of the season you fill  
28 out your harvest report and send it in, and at that  
29 time, you know, even with those, with other  
30 registration permits and with Tier II permits, you get  
31 15 days or two weeks, and if you don't report by then,  
32 then you kind of get a nicely worded letter from us.  
33 And a couple weeks later, if you don't report by then,  
34 you get a little stronger.....

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36 MR. CHARLES: We get the milder tone.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MR. PERRY: And if you don't report at  
41 all, the next year you're not eligible to get any  
42 registration or drawing or Tier II permit. So that's  
43 the -- kind of what has happened with, you know,  
44 unsuccessful hunters or people that didn't go hunt.

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46 MR. CHARLES: How about number 2.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Please go through  
49 the Chair. Go ahead. Greg.

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. One question I  
2 would have about this one, I don't really know whether  
3 it's 48 hours or 72 hours, whatever it might be in  
4 season, what are you going to do for poor Charlie when  
5 he -- or James, because of the cost of gas and so  
6 forth, and there's going to be people who are going to  
7 go out the day before, you know, on the 30th of  
8 September and stay up wherever they -- go up to  
9 wherever they're going to hunt and stay there until  
10 they catch, and if you did get 60 people reporting in  
11 and you didn't want to go over the 75 and you shut the  
12 hunt down on the 6th of September, are they going to  
13 get ticket on the 9th if they're still out there and  
14 they catch a moose?

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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18 MR. PERRY: Through the Chair. What  
19 they do in many other places is they add an additional  
20 permit -- I guess it's called a condition of the  
21 permit, and one of the conditions would be that, you  
22 know, hunters would need to listen to -- you know, you  
23 could put it on Tundra Drums, and you require that  
24 someone listens to it every day if they're out hunting.  
25 And that's what they've done in other places, and  
26 that's something that, you know, this group can discuss  
27 and comment on if they think that would work or not.

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29 MR. ROCZICKA: Just a follow-up, Mr.  
30 Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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34 MR. ROCZICKA: I don't know about  
35 anybody else, but in all the 30, 40 years I've been  
36 running out in the countryside to go hunting, I don't  
37 bring no radio along. I'm not there to listen to KYAK.

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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: Amen.

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41 MR. ROCZICKA: Amen. Yes.

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43 (Laughter)

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more  
46 discussion. Did you get what you wanted out of 247,  
47 Greg?

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: I'm waiting for a  
50 consensus I guess. If people want to go with these --

1 including what people think about including these  
2 conditions on a permit. I know number 7 is out.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Staff. James.

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6 MR. CHARLES: How about number 2. I  
7 don't understand that one.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phil.

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11 MR. PERRY: Through the Chair. I can  
12 use the example of the hunt that we had this last year  
13 in Goodnews. What we did is the season opens the 25th  
14 of August. The permits are only available to hunters  
15 in the Village of Goodnews, and they're only available  
16 from the 1st of August until the 20th of August. So if  
17 you're going to hunt in the hunt area, you would need  
18 to get them ahead of time, and they'd only be available  
19 there. So when I've discussed it with other people for  
20 say a hunt area like this, and to put it into what  
21 happened in 19A, you know, say if we have a September 1  
22 to September 10 opening, we would have, you know,  
23 August 1st or, you know, pick a date in the front and  
24 at the end of when the permits would be available  
25 within the villages of Unit 18. And what we would do  
26 is make sure that the end of July or the 1st of August,  
27 the license vendors, or a tribal office, or someone in  
28 each village would have a stack of permits. And they  
29 would be able to issue them, each vendor or each tribal  
30 office could issue those to people within their  
31 village. And the same with Bethel, you know. Bethel  
32 might have them and Swanson's or Fish & Wildlife or one  
33 of those. So you could go there, get them, but then  
34 before the season opens, you would need to make sure  
35 you had your permit ahead of time, and then there would  
36 be a time period. And it's varied where they've done  
37 it. It's been a day, it's been 5 days, 10 days that  
38 you may not get a permit before the hunt. And that's  
39 designed a little bit to keep the hunt a little more  
40 local, restrict the number of people, restrict who's  
41 participating in the hunt. So does that clarify what  
42 that's asking for?

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: James.

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46 MR. CHARLES: Yes. Is that the same as  
47 we've been doing for 19E or 19 -- yeah.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: 19B.

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1 MR. CHARLES: No. For upriver anyway.  
2 The last few years we have been going to go get the  
3 permit from Kalskag. Is that right?

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5 MR. PERRY: Yeah, that's what this is  
6 talking about would be doing it the same way as that.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
9 discussion on this, on the points that were raise, 1,  
10 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Any further -- Robert. Bob.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. Number 2,  
13 permits available only within the hunt area up to seven  
14 days prior to a hunt. Do you mean if I lived in Bethel  
15 and I want to hunt in Gweek, I have to apply for a  
16 permit in Gweek. If I lived in Kwethluk, I have to  
17 apply for a permit to hunt in Kwethluk River. If I  
18 lived in Eek, I could only apply for a permit to hunt  
19 in the Eek River? Is that what that means? I mean,  
20 you used a very specific example of Goodnews Bay, that  
21 only Goodnews Bay people are eligible to hunt the  
22 Goodnews River. Is that how restricted this is going  
23 to be, too.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip.

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27 MR. PERRY: You know, it could be made  
28 that way, but I think what all of us have been thinking  
29 about is within the hunt area, within what used to be,  
30 you know, the moratorium area and changing that  
31 terminology to within the hunt area. So meaning  
32 someone from Bethel can get a permit and you can go  
33 hunt on the Eek or up by Kalskag or the Kisaralik. It  
34 would be, the hunt area would be this broad area that's  
35 what's now the moratorium area. At least that's what  
36 I've been using. I mean, we could split up all the  
37 tributaries and have separate permits, but, boy, that's  
38 a headache for hunters and personally for myself, too.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay. Thank you. That  
41 clarifies the concern that a lot of people have about  
42 this permit available only within the hunt area, and  
43 the hunt area is all of the 18 south or 18 Kuskokwim.  
44 Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.

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48 MR. BROWN: Yeah. I have a concern  
49 about my Eek River. I just don't want to see any  
50 restrictions on allowing my people hunt. They used to

1 hunt, you know, anybody could able to hunt, that could  
2 able to go out, but nowadays it's different, a  
3 different story. Everything goes up. The gas, motor  
4 oil, grub and all that. And expenses on the outboard.  
5 It's impossible to go to a long distance like Holitna  
6 nowadays. And some people they try to find partners  
7 and partners sometimes they can't respond to them due  
8 to the money factors. They're going to -- even they  
9 want to go out hunting, they couldn't afford it, to go  
10 a distant ways. So what I'm saying, I just want to  
11 hunt in my own area where it's closer to, able to hunt  
12 even there's not plenty of moose up there.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip.

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16 MR. PERRY: Yeah. You know, as we've  
17 been talking about this, a registration hunt as kind of  
18 laid out here, what that would mean for someone in Eek  
19 would be that before the season started, and this is  
20 where there's kind of a two-edged sword with this  
21 requirement to have it 7 days or 5 days or 10 days or  
22 whatever ahead of time is if you're in Eek and you want  
23 to go hunting, you need to get your license, your  
24 hunting license and your registration permit, which  
25 won't cost you anything. Just it would be the same as  
26 a general season, you know, the green harvest ticket,  
27 but you would have to get it ahead of time. So if  
28 someone in Eek, you know, wanted to go hunting and it's  
29 the second of September, and they did not get a hunting  
30 license or one of these registration permits ahead of  
31 time, it's too late. They can't get them at that  
32 point. So that's kind of the two-edged sword there.  
33 But it would mean that anyone in Eek that wanted to  
34 hunt, you know, we would encourage them to get permits  
35 ahead of time, even if there was a very small  
36 possibility, and then they could hunt in the area, and  
37 they could hunt the Eek River of, you know, any of the  
38 other areas that would be open in this hunt. So it's  
39 wouldn't restrict them, except that they have to get it  
40 ahead of time. That's kind of the restriction for a  
41 hunter from Eek or the hunter from Anchorage or from,  
42 you know, wherever.

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44 MR. CHARLES: Also I have one more  
45 concern about the emergency meeting last fall. We  
46 lifted that five-year moratorium, because everybody's  
47 hoping to hunt this fall. I just don't what pressure  
48 on my people.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pippa.

1 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
2 Within the State regulatory structure, the restriction  
3 of when you can get a permit and where you can get  
4 permit, it does limit subsistence users and it does  
5 limit Federal subsistence users. But from the State  
6 perspective it's a gift. And it's a good thing, and  
7 it's something that the local manager is advocating in  
8 order to help local users. You could go another route  
9 with Federal restrictions, but within the State system,  
10 that is a way of allocating moose that's a good thing.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Phillip, when you say  
15 ahead of time.....

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17 MR. PERRY: I'm sorry.

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19 MS. GREGORY: That means it's wide  
20 open, he could start applying for his permit right now?

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22 MR. PERRY: No. What it means, you  
23 know, we'd have to have at some point that we would  
24 have them available. So we would try to do it, you  
25 know, in this case it might be the 1st of August that  
26 we would try to make sure that every -- all those  
27 vendors would have registration permits available. And  
28 you pointed out to me that, you know, one of the ways  
29 this is designed to help local users is it becomes --  
30 and by doing it ahead of time, by making it only  
31 available here, you know, if someone from Anchorage  
32 wants to hunt, that means they have to come out, get a  
33 permit, you know, go home or stay for another week  
34 before they can go hunting, so it's -- within the State  
35 system, there's really no in between doing something  
36 like this and a Tier II. It's a -- this is something  
37 the Board of Game has used to try to limit hunting, and  
38 it favors people who are living in the area. And  
39 that's the intention of it, even though it does make it  
40 a little harder on local hunters also.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Tim.

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44 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
45 haven't been following this issue very well. I know  
46 there's an attempt to limit people that apply for  
47 registration permit hunts in some of the areas from --  
48 or keeping them from hunting in other areas that are  
49 open. After applying for a registration person, and if  
50 a person is not successful in the hunt, would that

1 person be able to hunt in other areas that are open?

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip.

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5 MR. PERRY: Yeah. And I'll answer this  
6 like if you were a person from Bethel, and assuming  
7 there's a hunt here next year, if you had a  
8 registration hunt, get a registration permit, you  
9 hunted on the Gweek. You didn't harvest a moose. And  
10 then in December you wanted to go up on the Yukon and  
11 hunt moose there, you would need to get a green harvest  
12 ticket and go. But that would be the only difference  
13 than right now.

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15 The registration, you know, the bag  
16 limit would be the same. If they harvested one in the  
17 fall, they can't harvest one somewhere else using a  
18 general season.

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20 But that registration permit is more of  
21 a special hunt area geographically, only for that area  
22 can you hunt. That registration permit doesn't work  
23 anywhere else. Anywhere it's wide open, you'd just  
24 need to get the normal green harvest ticket.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: A couple more questions.  
29 You know, this thing about limited hunted. It's not  
30 limited hunting. It's open to all subsistence hunters.  
31 According to the State, every person in the State of  
32 Alaska is a subsistence user. And what is the  
33 restriction? Are you going to limit the number of  
34 permits for this particular hunt?

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip.

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38 MR. PERRY: I think that number 2  
39 addresses that, trying to restrict, you know, make it a  
40 little more difficult for people to get permits.

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42 The other thing that Greg asked to add  
43 to -- that was number 3, that would be a trophy  
44 destruction. That in most cases, the State uses that  
45 as a tool to limit hunters. You know, if somebody  
46 doesn't -- from Anchorage might not want to come out  
47 and shoot a big moose if they can't keep the antlers  
48 for, you know, trophy. And when we talk about trophy  
49 destruction, most of the time we're talking about  
50 cutting, you know, a chunk of the antler off.

1 MR. ROCZICKA: Through the palm.  
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3 MR. PERRY: The very top -- yeah, right  
4 through the palm. So that is a -- you know, there's  
5 these small tools, kind of maybe added all together,  
6 would lessen the likelihood that someone, a non-local  
7 user would participate in the hunt.  
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9 But you're right. Under the State  
10 system, you know, someone from Juneau or from Ketchikan  
11 or from Barrow is still a hunter, could hunt under a  
12 hunt like this in Bethel.  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Bob.  
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Numbers of permits?  
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob, please could  
19 you turn on your microphone?  
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: I also asked about the  
22 number of permits you're going to issue.  
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24 MR. PERRY: Rarely do we limit the  
25 number of permits we issue for registration hunt,  
26 unless it's an extremely small quota. I say that, you  
27 know, one of the areas we do that is with muskox on  
28 Nelson Island and Nunivak Island. And there's a very  
29 real danger in those hunts to overharvest, so we limit  
30 the number of registration permits we give out. We do  
31 it in a few other areas of the State.  
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33 With this sort of hunt, you know, if  
34 you had hundreds of registration permits we give out,  
35 it kind of ends up being a -- well, I'm trying to think  
36 of a nice way to put it. A mess. You know, you have  
37 people standing in line days ahead of time. Because if  
38 I give out a limited number of permits, I am required  
39 by State law to give them out on a first-come, first-  
40 served basis. That kind of creates it's own set of  
41 problems. Figuring out how many permits we would give  
42 out and if we would do them in different villages and  
43 all that sort of stuff.  
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45 There are other tools to limit hunting  
46 I think that would be less hard on the hunters in the  
47 individual villages, and also just, you know, I think  
48 of the 15 villages and there's myself and an assistant.  
49 I don't know how we'd do that frankly, to issue, you  
50 know, a small number of permits in a bunch of villages.

1 It would be a logistical maybe impossibility or at  
2 least improbability.

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4 Is that kind of what you're asking  
5 about?

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'm sorry. Yeah. It  
8 doesn't make sense to me that you can issue 650,000  
9 permits for a 10-day hunt. That's the way I look at  
10 it.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pip.

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14 MS. KENNER: Just to add to what Phil  
15 said. The way that the -- there would be a quota on  
16 the number of moose that could be harvested, but there  
17 wouldn't be a quota on the number of people who could  
18 get permits. And the way they would know when the  
19 quota was reached is that within a certain amount of  
20 time after you harvest an animal, you call in and you  
21 tell Phil, and when a certain. When the quota is  
22 reached, it might be 75, whatever, then he'll close the  
23 season.

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25 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you done, Bob?

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: For now. Thank you.

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31 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Just a minute.

34 Okay. Go ahead. Teleconference, go ahead.

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36 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.

37 This is Paul Manumik.

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39 Under Tier II, number 2, hunt,  
40 restrictions on that -- per household is pretty stiff.  
41 If more than one or two, maybe three families live in  
42 one home in a community, and only one permit will be  
43 issued to that home, that's another restriction that  
44 Tier II restricts per hunt. That needs to be  
45 understood by the communities.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Pip, you

48 have a comment to make on that.

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50 MS. KENNER: Yes. To the speaker

1 through the Chair. The hunt that's under discussion  
2 right now is a Tier I hunt.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you hear that,  
5 Mr. Manumik? We are not discussing Tier II.

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7 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We are

10 discussing.....

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12 MR. MANUMIK: Go ahead. So.....

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We are discussing a  
15 Tier hunt.

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17 MR. MANUMIK: Tier II. You need to  
18 register when you get a permit and quotas for  
19 community. But that I understand, yeah. Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Let's see  
22 now. Greg.

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24 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Phil, I'm  
25 wondering, too, I mean, because I've had the same  
26 concerns about this, issuing as permits as people want  
27 as far as the registration goes. How much -- what's  
28 your confidence level, if you want to call it that, by  
29 putting in some of these restrictions like no aircraft  
30 so that it would be essentially just the river  
31 corridors, and as far as people want to walk back  
32 whatever it is, quarter mile, half mile, whatever it  
33 might be off the river. Maybe some folks might want to  
34 go a mile or more. But it would essentially be a boat  
35 hunt only.

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37 And as far as maintaining your  
38 pregnancy rates and so forth with a bull/cow ratio,  
39 that taking 15 percent, you'd be looking at what, 50,  
40 60 bulls to 100 cows even after that was taken. Might  
41 we still be looking at the same productivity even if we  
42 did exceed that by, you know, a few animals? Rather  
43 than the 75 that's there at your 15 percent, if we went  
44 over it by as much as 50 animals even? If you could  
45 just give some more insight on that part of it.

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47 MR. PERRY: Through the Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip.

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1 MR. PERRY: Eric and I sat down last  
2 fall before the previous meeting of this Council to  
3 look at that question, to see what, you know, we have  
4 in the model, what different levels of harvest would  
5 do. And, you know, right now we have a very high bull  
6 to cow ratio with a harvest of 75 for a few years, or  
7 75 and then just maybe a few more the next year. That  
8 bull/cow ratio stays very high. Like, if I remember  
9 correctly, it was still in the 50, 60, 70, somewhere in  
10 that neighborhood. As we kept moving that number up in  
11 our model, I think it was somewhere over 100, 110, 120  
12 that pretty drastically changes that within a year or  
13 two, maybe to the point where it would affect  
14 productivity.

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16 We're probably a lot safer keeping it  
17 closer to 75, because one of the things that Tom had  
18 alluded to was, you know, harvest is going to be where  
19 people know where they can find moose, where they're  
20 accessible. And there could be areas that will get hit  
21 really hard and a lot of the bulls are killed there.  
22 And by being pretty conservative, using that 75 number,  
23 even in those areas where there's more harvest,  
24 hopefully we'll still have the -- you know, those  
25 bull/cow ratios such that we're not going to affect  
26 productivity. I think that's one of our -- one of the  
27 breaks we need to keep reminding people is, you know,  
28 we're really on the edge here of having a very good  
29 moose population, but having a short hunt and having  
30 these extra restrictions are hopefully going to keep  
31 that population very productive, and keep it growing  
32 very rapidly. So that, you know, 5, 10 years from now,  
33 we may have a -- we may still have a registration hunt,  
34 or we may have a general season hunt that's a lot more  
35 liberal for seasons.

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37 And, you know, at our earlier meeting,  
38 the date was talked about, the September 1st to the  
39 10th, and I threw that out early on in discussions when  
40 we talked about harvest, because it's pre-rut. There's  
41 still a lot of leaves on trees. You know, we do want  
42 to harvest moose during this hunt, but we don't want to  
43 harvest all the bulls. So that's another reason for,  
44 you know, trying to craft this season so that we get  
45 enough harvest that some people are going to meet their  
46 needs, but we're not going to overharvest so that we're  
47 going to mess up what's happening right now and stop  
48 what's happening as far as growth, and trying to find  
49 that balance. Especially in a hunt now that, you know,  
50 frankly we've never had a moose hunt in Unit 18 on the

1 Kuskokwim where we've had this many moose. We rally  
2 don't know how quickly we'll get to 75. It may take 3  
3 days, and it may take 9 of the 10 days. And it may be  
4 very dependent on what the weather is this year, and  
5 gas prices and all -- you know, there's all those  
6 factors that go into hunger success that, you know, you  
7 can't predict a month ahead of time, let alone six  
8 months.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Bill.  
11 Mr. Brown. You're just on -- don't forget, you're just  
12 on item 2, you've got 2, 3, 4, 5 more. There's a lot  
13 more discussion to go, so let's see if we can get --  
14 close this down pretty soon. Go ahead, Mr. Brown.

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16 MR. BROWN: Yeah. What about when  
17 we're not successful in the first opener like in  
18 September and we don't make the quota during that time.  
19 Could we able to hunt in the same fall? Is that  
20 allowed?

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip.

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24 MR. PERRY: Well, the way the proposal  
25 is at the moment, it would be a 10-day season. to have  
26 an additional season would take either additional Board  
27 action or the Board would have to take action to give  
28 us the discretionary authority to extend that season.  
29 So it's -- yeah, I guess -- I think part of what your  
30 question is, that if the -- if we shoot 40 instead of  
31 75, what's going to happen. Is that kind of the  
32 scenario you're asking? And the way this is crafted  
33 right now, that would mean the season ends and we would  
34 hunt next year. There wouldn't be additional  
35 opportunity.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Brown?

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39 (No comments)

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Anybody else  
42 on State Game Proposal 247.

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44 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead,  
47 teleconference.

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49 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair. Joseph Mike.  
50 I've got a question. Most of us that are over 60 years

1 and older. 62 years and older, we have permanent  
2 hunting license. Do we have to get the permit also?

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I guess if you're  
5 going to hunt this area. Phillip, maybe you could  
6 answer that.

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8 MR. PERRY: Yeah. Through the Chair.  
9 The registration permit is required if you are hunting,  
10 if you're between age 10 and if you're 95 or however  
11 old you are and still able to hunt, you would still  
12 need to get the registration permit. Over 60, you can  
13 use your free hunting license. It doesn't -- yeah, the  
14 hunting license doesn't cost you anything, and a  
15 registration permit doesn't cost you anything, but you  
16 would still need that permit if you were hunting in the  
17 permit area.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that answer  
20 your question, Mr. Mike?

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22 MR. MIKE: Yes.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
25 discussion on State Proposal No. 247. Any suggestions.  
26 Did you get what you wanted out of the whole  
27 discussion, Greg? Two and a half hours, three hours.  
28 You should have gotten something out of it.

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30 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. I've got a lot of  
31 information to use, and, like I say, along with James  
32 is going to be there, too. I mean, he's going to also  
33 -- you know, both of us are going to be over there, but  
34 these were specific questions that we'd hope to have  
35 addressed. Whether or not this Council wants to go on  
36 record with formal support of it, I suppose is not  
37 necessary, but.....

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You know, it's up  
40 to the Council.

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42 MR. ROCZICKA: Right.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If you feel that  
45 you want to. Go ahead, Bob.

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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. I  
48 think the more support they get, the better it's going  
49 to be for them.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Move. Move.  
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: So I move that we  
4 support this position with the six conditions that we  
5 agreed on.  
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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion's been  
8 made by Bob for support of the State Proposal 247 with  
9 six -- what are these. The six -- go ahead, give me  
10 the word, Phillip.  
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12 MR. PERRY: Maybe after this, but I  
13 think Greg has added another one that we haven't  
14 discussed at all, discussing the boundary of, you know,  
15 the hunt area.  
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Point of order. There's  
18 been no second on the motion  
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, we need  
21 second to the motion.  
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23 MR. ROCZICKA: I'll second.  
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded for  
26 discussion. Go ahead, Phillip. Go ahead, Greg.  
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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I was.....  
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30 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman. Could you  
31 repeat the motion, please.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.  
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: The motion was very  
36 simply to support this Proposal 247 with the six  
37 conditions that are -- that we have been discussing all  
38 this time.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Manumik?  
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42 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. Thanks.  
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
45 discussion on this motion. Greg.  
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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. What Phil  
48 was referencing was, it actually wasn't included on the  
49 one that I'd passed out today, but it was a point  
50 that's been brought up, and it was brought up last fall

1 as well, just clarifying the boundary for enforcement  
2 purposes. That it would essentially be the same  
3 description that's in there with the exception to say  
4 the Johnson River drainage would be included as  
5 allowable to hunt. Because the way it's worded right  
6 now, if somebody goes up the Johnson, and they see a  
7 moose on the east bank, they could shoot it. If they  
8 see it on the west bank, they've got to leave it alone.  
9 So by making -- just changing the word to the drainage,  
10 that it would make it very much easier for enforcement.  
11 Maybe I should let you explain it. I just write these  
12 down. don't ask me what they mean all the time.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All right.  
15 Phillip.

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17 MR. PERRY: Yeah. Part of the issue  
18 is, and it is revolving around the Johnson River, right  
19 now the Johnson, basically the way the description is,  
20 anything that flows into the Kuskokwim River is closed.  
21 So it's all of the Johnson drainage. And there are  
22 some areas of the Johnson River that get very close to  
23 -- you know, the portage areas up closer to the Kalskag  
24 and south of Russian Mission and Marshall, that really  
25 if we look at the moose that are there are really part  
26 of the Yukon River population. They're not really part  
27 of the Kuskokwim population, you know. They're a long  
28 ways away.

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30 So what we've run into is hunters in  
31 the fall, and also, and maybe more so hunters in the  
32 winter, that go up there, and they get up into kind of  
33 no man's land, and there's moose. And there's a bull  
34 there, and they look around and say, well, am I in the  
35 Kuskokwim drainage or the Yukon drainage. And they  
36 shoot a moose, and on the ground it may be impossible  
37 to tell.

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39 So what we would like is to be able to  
40 clarify, you know, if it's -- if we include the  
41 drainage in the, say, Johnson River drainage, or what  
42 I've kind of talked about with other people is taking  
43 the Johnson River drainage upriver of where it kind of  
44 goes into the -- I forget the name of the lake, just  
45 north of Nunapitchuk, if we took the drainage upriver  
46 from there and included that area in the Yukon River  
47 regulations and excluded that from this new hunt area  
48 we're talking about. So it would be, you know, if  
49 someone went way up the Johnson, they could hunt later  
50 in September or in that winter hunt. So that's kind of

1 what we've talked about is to try to make that so that  
2 it makes sense when somebody's heading off by snow  
3 machine and they get to that area in the winter, and  
4 you can't tell when you're on the ground there which  
5 way the river flows, one way or another. And we can't  
6 get a map to them and say, here's where the boundary  
7 is, and where they can find where they're going.

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9 So that's part of that issue, or a big  
10 part of that issue in my mind, is for hunters when they  
11 go up by snow machine, it's very difficult for them to  
12 figure out where the area's open and where it's closed.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, you know  
17 if you've ever been upriver between the Yukon and the  
18 Kuskokwim River, you know, there's a definite ridge  
19 that runs from behind the hills in Kalskag all the way  
20 down to Devil's Elbow. Anything that flows south  
21 drains into the Kuskokwim, and anything that flows  
22 north goes into the Yukon River. And it's a landmark  
23 that everybody knows. So you can't tell me that if  
24 people go up there and they don't know where they are,  
25 if they can't see high ground, you know -- if they  
26 can't see high ground when they're traveling up there,  
27 they're on the Kuskokwim drainage. Once you get on the  
28 other, the north side of that ridge, then you're in the  
29 Yukon drainage. It's as simple as that. There's no  
30 ambiguity about that boundary line.

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32 And, you know, we've gone through this  
33 time and time again. It's very definite. There's a  
34 boundary line from Paimute to Lower Kalskag. And all  
35 of those drainages go to the Bering Sea from there.  
36 The ones on the north side of that ridge go into the  
37 Yukon. It's as simple as that. And all the drainages  
38 that go to the southside, go to the Kuskokwim River.  
39 So you can't tell me that people don't know the  
40 difference between Yukon and the Kuskokwim side.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tim.

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44 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
45 guess I should remind everybody that this is a State  
46 proposal.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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50 MR. ANDREW: It would be State

1 jurisdiction land. And if you look on Page 83 of the  
2 Federal regulation book, it's all the white areas that  
3 this regulation would apply on the map. It doesn't  
4 apply to any of the pink areas, because those are  
5 Federal lands. Federal jurisdiction land. And as far  
6 as I know, nobody has submitted a Federal proposal to  
7 this effect at this point.

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9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Pippa.

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13 MS. KENNER: Tim. This is Pippa

14 Kenner, OSM.

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16 I'm thinking very hard about what you  
17 just said, and I think that unless there was a proposal  
18 that was adopted by the Board to close Federal lands,  
19 it does apply to Federal lands.

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21 MR. KRON: Federal lands are closed

22 now.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Could you go

25 through the.....

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27 MS. KENNER: I'm just being corrected.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go through the mic.

30 Don't.....

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32 MS. KENNER: I'm just being corrected.

33 What Tom Kron has just reminded me is that currently  
34 both the State and Federal systems have closed the  
35 moratorium area. And you are correct. I'm sorry. If  
36 -- unless the State -- unless a special action or  
37 proposal comes into the Federal system with an  
38 equivalent opening of the moratorium area, this would  
39 only apply to State lands.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Pippa.

42 Mr. Nick.

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44 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If  
45 you remember, in 2003 when there was a tri-Council  
46 meeting in Wasilla, you agreed and voted on this moose  
47 moratorium. And then Federal Board also voted to close  
48 the Federal lands within the moose moratorium. What  
49 Tim said is that this RAC, if moose moratorium is going  
50 to be lifted up, this RAC also will have to vote and

1 recommend to the Federal Board that it should be  
2 lifted. Simple as that I think. I hope.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
5 discussion. Mr. Greg.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
8 At one point I was about up there as far as one of the  
9 recommendation that it include the State and Federal  
10 hunt under a single -- under this registration permit  
11 as be sufficient. And I'm not sure exactly what the  
12 procedure would be, but since the motion did go on the  
13 floor by Bob and it's here, and if we'd support that,  
14 that would be an endorsement for opening that hunt  
15 under the State registration permit that would apply  
16 both on State and Federal lands. It may take the  
17 Department would have to go through some kind of steps  
18 to contact the Federal Subsistence Board and do the --  
19 you know, jump through whatever paper hoops they put  
20 them through to do it.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Kron.

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24 MR. KRON: I guess I'll talk about  
25 whatever paper hoops issues. Again, the area is  
26 closed. This Kuskokwim area, lower Kuskokwim is closed  
27 right now under Federal regs, under your Federal regs.  
28 If this goes forward on the State side, the way to open  
29 it on the Federal side would be via special action this  
30 fall, and then again -- then you're coming into another  
31 Federal regulatory cycle. Basically the Board, the  
32 Federal Board will meet again in January, and again if  
33 a proposal is submitted between now and the end of  
34 April, it could essentially try to bring the Federal  
35 regs in line so whatever approach is taken here on the  
36 lower Kuskokwim, it would apply on both State and  
37 Federal lands with one registration permit, which is a  
38 really good way to go in terms of, you know,  
39 coordination and communication with the public.

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41 But I think there's a way to get there,  
42 but this is just the first step with the State Board  
43 meeting that's coming up here in a week.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Pippa.

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47 MS. KENNER: I think that this is a  
48 really important point, and we're right along where we  
49 should be. We're drafting Federal proposals now.  
50 That's one of the purposes of this meeting. And where

1 I have to ask Tom to help me is, can we draft a  
2 proposal that asks for an opening contingent on State  
3 action, or what would the Council like to say about  
4 that? What if the Federal Board doesn't act, and Phil  
5 can tell us what if the State Board doesn't act. And  
6 Phil can tell us what the likelihood is on that.

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8 MR. PERRY: I can't.

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10 (Laughter)

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip.

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14 MR. PERRY: So let me get this  
15 straight. I'm being asked to predict what the Board of  
16 Game is going to do?

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18 MS. KENNER: This is Pippa Kenner  
19 again.

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21 Do you -- will you -- are you going to  
22 support this proposal in front of the Board this  
23 weekend.

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25 MR. PERRY: Yes, we are supporting this  
26 proposal in front of the Board.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Mr. Nick,  
29 then Mr. Kron.

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31 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. If the State  
32 Board adopts the proposal to lift the restrictions of  
33 the Kuskokwim moose moratorium, keep in mind that the  
34 majority of the lands within the moose moratorium  
35 boundary are Federal lands. Majority. So in that case  
36 what this RAC would have to do, or Federal would have  
37 to do is to submit a proposed special action request  
38 proposal?

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40 MS. KENNER: Proposal.

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42 MR. NICK: Proposal. Or proposal and  
43 give your recommendations to the Federal Board.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Tom.

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47 MR. KRON: Yeah, I'll just again kind  
48 of follow up on what Alex just said. You know, it  
49 sounds like there's time. Our proposal deadline is the  
50 end of April. You know, you'd need to submit a special

1 action request to open things up this fall consistent  
2 with the State approach. You know, do it this spring  
3 to give time to get it through the process. But again  
4 it seems like the logical thing to do would be to wait  
5 and see what the State Board does and then submit a  
6 special action request, because the Councils can submit  
7 a special action request, and a proposal. So you'd  
8 take care of this fall and, you know, the future  
9 regulations when the Federal Board looks at it in  
10 January. You'd need to do this as a body of the  
11 Council, but it seems like teleconferences would be an  
12 option, or you could just submit a framework at this  
13 meeting. You could just submit a framework proposal,  
14 you know, to say that we want to have a special action  
15 in the mill to basically, you know, try to align State  
16 and Federal regs for this fall and in the future.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg. Could you  
19 keep the subject to the proposal please. I mean, to  
20 the motion.

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22 MR. ROCZICKA: As far as submitting the  
23 special action and so forth and getting this through,  
24 the worst that could happen, if the Board of Game  
25 didn't act, no special act, is that the original  
26 recommendation of this Council would go forward with  
27 one additional year of the moratorium, because  
28 certainly there will be a proposal of one sort or  
29 another by one entity.

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31 The other is that there's actually a  
32 question of whether we want to assert that this should  
33 even take place on Federal lands or not, because even  
34 if the State passed it, and the Federal Subsistence  
35 Board took no action, the river corridors are  
36 surrounded by corporation lands, and State law applies  
37 on corporation lands. It would limit the hunt to the  
38 river corridors only. So I'm not concerned really on  
39 that regard as far as our local subsistence hunters.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are you done.

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43 (No comments)

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tim.

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47 MR. ANDREW: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
48 Chair. I was just wondering if it would be in order if  
49 a person or one of the members would move to amend the  
50 motion to reflect what Tom says to do, to make sure

1 that -- or direct Staff to submit a special action  
2 request on the Y-K RAC behalf to reflect what you are  
3 endorsing under the State regulation. If it were to  
4 help move matters along to make sure that we do have a  
5 Federal regulation opening up Federal land along --  
6 consistent with the State of Alaska so that there  
7 wouldn't be any confusion when it does open up.

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9 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg, you had a  
12 comment.

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14 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. I would tend to  
15 say at this point in time if we were going to request  
16 Staff to put anything together, would be just a  
17 proposal to go forward and in time for next year's  
18 draft -- using this as an outline for starters. I  
19 believe that there's going to be a hunt this fall  
20 regardless, and we'll have the numbers in front of us  
21 as to how that actually turned out and see if there's  
22 some fine-tuning we might want to do or not. And  
23 pending the Board action, if a special action is  
24 something needed, I think that could be a short-order  
25 teleconference item that we can deal with after the  
26 Board.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Tom, you  
29 have your hand up.

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31 MR. KRON: I guess just to follow up,  
32 to confirm what I think I just heard. You know, Greg  
33 is suggesting a Federal proposal proposed by the  
34 Regional Council with these kind of stipulations for a  
35 Kuskokwim hunt, and then again if you submitted it now,  
36 it would come back to you in the fall and you can  
37 adjust things in the fall, adjust the numbers or the  
38 stipulations in the fall. And then the Board wouldn't  
39 vote on it until January, so, you know, as the new  
40 numbers come in, you could provide additional follow up  
41 for the January Board meeting in 10 months. But all I  
42 heard you say now is just get a proposal in the mill.

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44 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. There's a motion  
49 on the floor, and we're talking about writing a  
50 proposal for a totally related area, but let's get with

1 the motion on the floor.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well you have the  
4 motion on the floor. James.

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6 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 I think that motion, it supports the proposal, it will  
8 help a lot, because that's the way we did it when we  
9 closed it. As AC, advisory committee closed it, and  
10 Federal followed up, and we -- I see if the State open  
11 this up again, the Federal will follow up, too, or  
12 follow behind, whatever.

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14 Okay. Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
17 discussion on this motion. Any further discussion.

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19 (No comments)

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21 MR. CHARLES: Question.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's  
24 called for. Could I have a roll call vote, please.

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26 MR. NICK: James Charles.

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28 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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30 MR. NICK: John Andrew is absent. Ray  
31 Oney. Ray Oney.

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33 MR. ONEY: Yes.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: William Brown.

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37 MR. BROWN: Yes.

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39 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde.

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41 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.

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43 MR. NICK: Edgar Hoelscher is absent.  
44 Mary Gregory. Mary Gregory.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: She stepped out  
47 somewhere.

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49 MR. NICK: Elias Kelly. Elias Kelly.

50 Lester Wilde.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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3 MR. NICK: Paul Manumik.  
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5 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.  
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7 MR. NICK: Joe Mike.  
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9 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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11 MR. NICK: Greg Roczicka.  
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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.  
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15 MR. NICK: Robert Aloysius.  
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The results.  
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21 MR. NICK: Is it 11? 11 I have. Ten  
22 yes.  
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ten yes. Motion  
25 carries.  
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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's nine, because  
28 Mary didn't vote.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We had a couple  
31 excused.  
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33 MR. NICK: Excuse me. Nine.  
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Nine?  
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37 MR. NICK: Nine yes and she stepped  
38 out.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion carries.  
41 Okay. We have three more, four more proposals to  
42 discuss. State proposals that were requested to  
43 discuss. We have 10 minutes after four. Somebody's  
44 requesting a 10-minute break, so let's take a 10-minute  
45 break, and don't forget, we've still got these State  
46 proposals that we need to discuss before we get back to  
47 our regular agenda.  
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49 (Off record)  
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1 (On record)  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Call the meeting  
4 back to order. It is now 4:23.  
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6 Before we go into the item 228, what  
7 does the Council feel about coming back this evening  
8 after six. Is everybody willing to come back after six  
9 until nine. That would be okay?  
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11 (No comments)  
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does Staff have any  
14 problems with that.  
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16 MR. KRON: We have to come back. We  
17 don't have a choice.  
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19 MS. KENNER: But thanks for asking.  
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, we'll break  
22 for dinner at five and come back at six.  
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24 MS. GREGORY: Or 6:30.  
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Or 6:30.  
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28 MR. H. WILDE: Hello, Lester.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Hello. Was  
31 somebody calling.  
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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, somebody's calling  
34 you.  
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Hello. This  
37 is.....  
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39 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. Lester, this it's  
40 Harry.  
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, brother.  
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44 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. I'm going to have  
45 a problem if you're going to have a meeting after 5:00  
46 o'clock, because this office close at 5:00 o'clock, and  
47 I don't know. I'm going to have to -- I may have to  
48 stay behind and (indiscernible - interference on phone  
49 line) a telephone from the school. I don't have any  
50 phone.

1 MR. PERRY: I guess he can't make it  
2 after five.  
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So what do you --  
5 are there any suggestions. Or we could excuse him or  
6 -- Harry. Harry.  
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8 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah.  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do you want to be  
11 excused for the evening portion of the meeting until  
12 tomorrow. Did you hear me?  
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14 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah, I'm looking at how  
15 far you going to go. I may have to ask for excuse,  
16 because I don't have any telephone at home.  
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. In the event  
19 that you don't get back, I guess we'll have to excuse  
20 you then. But we'll go as far as we can until five.  
21 Okay.  
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23 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Ray  
24 Oney here.  
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Ray.  
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28 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Thanks, Mr. Chairman.  
29 Today being Ash Wednesday for those that are Catholic,  
30 I won't be able to participate also this evening if  
31 continuation of the meeting if you're going to have it.  
32 To let you know.  
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I didn't  
35 understand. What did he say?  
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37 MS. GREGORY: Ash Wednesday (In  
38 Yup'ik).  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.  
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42 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. There's a  
43 chance that we might lose those, and I'm looking at the  
44 rest of the agenda. As I look at the agenda as a  
45 whole, all the rest of this stuff is pretty much just  
46 informational items. And I'm sure maybe Alex can enter  
47 or not, but I think he's probably got you traveling in  
48 the afternoon. We can do it nine to noon tomorrow, it  
49 would probably be more than sufficient to take care of  
50 the rest of the business on here. There's no other

1 action items.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If that's what you  
4 feel like doing, then we can do that.

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Let him finish. I  
7 didn't hear the rest of it, what he said.

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9 MR. ROCZICKA: That instead of coming  
10 back, since we're probably going to lose these guys on  
11 teleconference, and other folks here, with the Ash  
12 Wednesday and so forth that they wanted to participate  
13 in, that we'd come back from nine to noon tomorrow,  
14 because Staff had just said they don't have guys  
15 traveling from here until afternoon anyway.

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that okay with  
18 the rest of the Council. Mr. Kron. I've known you a  
19 couple years. I just couldn't remember your last name.

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21 MR. KRON: Yeah, just a couple of  
22 years. It's been about, what, 20?

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah.

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26 MR. KRON: You know, we have a lot on  
27 the agenda, and we haven't gotten to most of it here,  
28 and I'm just wondering if nine to noon is really enough  
29 time. It's your call. And I don't know how much we'll  
30 get done between now and five.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We're not going to  
33 get very much done.

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35 MS. GREGORY: We could get through a  
36 lot of these. We don't need to dwell on each subject  
37 for so many minutes.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, we could to  
40 until 5:30.

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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: But we lose Harry at  
43 five.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We could go to  
46 5:30, see how far we get. And then we could make up  
47 our minds at that time before we go to dinner. Is that  
48 okay.

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50 (No comments)

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All right. Let's  
2 continue on down to item 3, 228. Mr. Roczicka.

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4 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
5 Back to the action items for this meeting. Proposal  
6 No. 228 is -- and hopefully the rest of these are going  
7 to be pretty straight forward. We shouldn't have  
8 lengthy discussions on them. But it's reauthorizing  
9 the antlerless moose hunt in GMU 18. And the  
10 recommendation would be for support on that; however,  
11 to include an amendment to present to the Board of Game  
12 that they provide the Department the immediate  
13 emergency order authority to open the hunt for any  
14 moose in that lowest Yukon section below Mountain  
15 Village as was requested in the petition to them  
16 earlier, and as was recommended by the Department for  
17 any moose for -- they could open it for the rest of  
18 March or up to April 15th if they so saw fit. And also  
19 for this fall hunt to be consistent with the Federal  
20 regulations.

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22 I so move.

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24 MS. GREGORY: Second.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion's made  
27 to support Proposal 228 to reauthorize Game Management  
28 Unit 18 antlerless moose hunt. He made a motion to  
29 support that. And it's been seconded. Any further  
30 discussion.

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32 (No comments)

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34 MR. MANUMIK: Question.

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's  
37 called for. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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39 IN UNISON: Aye.

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41 (No opposing votes)

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Sounds like  
44 everybody. Motion's carried.

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46 Item 4, No. 235 and 236, reauthorize  
47 intensive management plans in Game Management Unit 19A  
48 and D. Mr. Roczicka.

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50 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 Proposal 235/236, as you said, they're just  
2 reauthorizations for those plans. I believe this  
3 Council is on record last time as well supporting the  
4 Kuskokwim Moose Management Plan that was developed over  
5 the course of two years with significant OSM monies and  
6 support back in 2002 to 2004 I believe it was. And  
7 it's up for its five-year reauthorization right now.  
8 And I'd recommend support of that with just one  
9 amendment that they maintain the full region to  
10 specifically allow the Federal managers to take  
11 advantage, and the State as well, under their  
12 memorandum of understanding, specifically section IV,  
13 paragraph 11, that says that regarding these type of  
14 plans that they would -- the Federal Government agrees  
15 to consider State fish and wildlife management plans as  
16 the initial basis for any management actions as long as  
17 they provide for subsistence priorities under State and  
18 Federal law.

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20 And I'd so move support.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion's been  
23 made to support 235 and 236. Do I hear a second.

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25 MR. CHARLES: Second.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
28 James Charles. I'll get your name right. Any further  
29 discussion. Any further discussion.

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31 (No comments)

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33 MR. H. WILDE: Question.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's been  
36 called for. Roll call vote, please.

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38 MR. NICK: Roll call vote. James  
39 Charles.

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41 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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43 MR. NICK: John Andrew is absent. Ray  
44 Oney.

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46 MR. ONEY: Yes.

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48 MR. NICK: William Brown.

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50 MR. BROWN: Yes.

1 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde.  
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3 MR. H. WILDE: Yes.  
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5 MR. NICK: Edgar Hoelscher is absent.  
6 Mary Gregory.  
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8 MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
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10 MR. NICK: Elias Kelly. Elias Kelly.  
11 Lester Wilde.  
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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15 MR. NICK: Paul Manumik.  
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17 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.  
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19 MR. NICK: Joe Mike.  
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21 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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23 MR. NICK: Greg Roczicka.  
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25 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.  
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27 MR. NICK: Robert Aloysius.  
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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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31 MR. NICK: I show -- let's see. Hold  
32 on for a moment. Ten yes.  
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ten yes. Motion  
35 carries.  
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37 Item number 235, item 5, implement  
38 adoptive management plan in Game Management Unit 21E.  
39 The same as number 4. Greg.  
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41 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
42 The only difference with 21E is that it's the initial  
43 plan. It's just being put into place. And perhaps a  
44 bit of difference on this that's worth mentioning is  
45 for 21E, and again this is a response to the advisory  
46 committees, the Western Interior, local folks and I  
47 believe supported by OSM dollars in putting this plan  
48 together is that this is one of the first that's being  
49 put into place before the moose population has gone  
50 down the tubes as it did in 19A and other areas of the

1 State. So this one's more of a proactive measure that  
2 has been requested by subsistence users across the  
3 state to management entities for years.

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5 And so I would so move to support this  
6 as well.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's been  
9 made to support.

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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Robert.  
14 Any discussion. Any further discussion..

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16 (No comments)

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18 MR. CHARLES: Question.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's been  
21 called for. All in favor of the motion to support  
22 number 238 signify by saying aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. All  
27 opposed.

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29 (No opposing votes)

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The motion's  
32 carried.

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34 And number 244, ban use of full metal  
35 jacket .223 ammo statewide. Robert. Bob. Greg, I'm  
36 sorry.

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38 MR. ROCZICKA: You can let somebody  
39 else take this one. Yeah. Mr. Chairman. I don't have  
40 a recommendation for this one. It is one that was  
41 suggested that we have in front of us however, and that  
42 we should weigh in on banning the use of that full  
43 metal jacket for .223 ammo. It was put to the Board of  
44 Game last fall to apply only to the Southeast region in  
45 deer hunting. And the Board said if something like  
46 this is going to go into place, that they should  
47 consider it on a statewide basis. And it was pointed  
48 out recently that it would also include all ammo, not  
49 just .223. And the justification given on it was that  
50 the full metal jacket ammo was developed for war

1 purposes, that those are the tumbling bullets for the  
2 M-16s that go in your ankle and come out your shoulder.  
3 It was one -- I'm not real versed in ballistics and  
4 don't know rifles well. I've got two rifles, a .22 and  
5 a .30-06, and that's all I own.

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7 But the other was that full metal  
8 jackets also don't have the killing power if you're not  
9 a good, accurate shot, and there's a lot of wounding  
10 loss and things of that nature. What I have been given  
11 to understand from reading the Department  
12 recommendations and other folks that I've talked about  
13 it briefly is that it's something that people need to  
14 be concerned about it, but putting it in as a statewide  
15 proposal may be too broad at this time.

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17 So anyway, whether we want to -- I  
18 don't have a recommendation on this one, I'm sorry.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob, go ahead, and  
21 then Anaan.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. Thank you. The  
24 Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee supported this in  
25 its original presentation, that it applies only to  
26 Units 1 through 4, and the .223 caliber. And at the  
27 bottom of Page 217 there's a note, this proposal was  
28 deferred by the Board of Game from the fall 2008  
29 meeting. It was previously listed as Proposal 48. The  
30 author's intent for Proposal 48 was that it only apply  
31 to Units 1 through 4. The Board amended the proposal  
32 at the fall meeting to apply statewide for all  
33 calibers, which really raised the hackles of the people  
34 upriver, because there's a lot of ammunition that they  
35 can buy pretty cheap for 30-06, .308 and 7.62 by 54R.  
36 These are all military types of ammo. And they said  
37 that if you restrict it statewide for all calibers,  
38 that it's going to really be a detriment for hunters,  
39 because, you know, the hunters that hunt know where to  
40 place their shots, and that, you know, this thing of,  
41 you know, wild shooting should not be taken into  
42 consideration for the whole state. So they're only  
43 supporting it, and agreed with them, that it only  
44 applies to Units 1 through 4 and the .223 caliber, or  
45 5.658, or whatever you want to call it.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, the proposal  
48 we're talking about right now states statewide, so  
49 that's the motion that we're going to be voting on.  
50 Anaan, you had a comment?

1 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. If I understand,  
2 too, correctly what this means, is it's a destructive  
3 way to kill an animal? Is it? That it makes -- (In  
4 Yup'ik) It's not?

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It's not  
7 destructive.

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9 MS. GREGORY: I mean, somebody told me  
10 it goes in one thing and out the.....

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It's fast moving.  
13 Go ahead, Phillip.

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15 MR. PERRY: I think in the original  
16 arguments and I know our hunter education and hunter  
17 information guys have looked into it and talked about  
18 it. You know, really the issue is not only a full  
19 metal jacket but a non-expanding bullet. And their  
20 argument is that a bullet that doesn't expand  
21 especially a smaller caliber bullet, would go directly  
22 through an animal and is ineffective as far as killing  
23 an animal. So you could have -- and the original  
24 author pointed out that he thought that, you know,  
25 wounding loss where someone shot an animal, did not  
26 realize it had been hit, and it did later die, but it  
27 was lost to that person, they weren't able to find it.  
28 And that was his concern, was you could shoot an  
29 animal, it would leave two small holes and you wouldn't  
30 know, you wouldn't be able to follow a blood trail.  
31 You wouldn't be able to tell if this animal wa hit or  
32 not. So their concern was more with wounding loss and  
33 those sorts of things with a small caliber and a bullet  
34 itself that didn't expand and didn't do the same damage  
35 that an expanding bullet would do.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, this 1, 2, 3 units  
38 are where?

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40 MR. PERRY: Basically -- I'm sorry.  
41 That's basically Southeast Alaska.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Charles.

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45 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
46 It might have been use around here, too, because when I  
47 used to go to Cinnabar, there was a lot of shells in  
48 one little area or one little area about 100 or more.  
49 Somebody has been shooting those maybe surplus army  
50 shells and that they might have been metal jacket,

1 because I can tell those are army shells, and there may  
2 have been some people from around here using those. So  
3 I go along with that, too, not to use those metal  
4 jacket for game.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
7 discussion on this.

8  
9 (No comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I've got some  
12 discussion. I'd like to turn my chair over to Greg for  
13 the discussion I'm going to have on this. Greg.

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15 VICE CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, Lester,  
16 you've got the floor.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: This .223 that we've --  
19 all my kids that gone out to get a moose, that was  
20 their first rifle, the .223 automatic. And the reason  
21 why we chose that is because of its lack of recoil. It  
22 doesn't kick back like the regular .223. And if you  
23 can instruct your child exactly where to place those  
24 bullets, those kids are pretty good at it. If they've  
25 had any practice shooting prior to the time that they  
26 went out to the hunting grounds, they're pretty good at  
27 shooting where you tell them to shoot. So I feel that  
28 there's still a need for this .223 ammo. And as far as  
29 our kids are concerned. Now, the kids that we go out  
30 and train to hunt, and all the kids that I've taken out  
31 to hunt moose with that have got their moose, have  
32 gotten them with a .223 automatic.

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34 VICE CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Bob.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes. I've got a  
37 question. .223 full metal jacket or .223 hunting  
38 bullets?

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40 MR. L. WILDE: .223 full metal jacket.  
41 It was used in the mini 14. And the reason why we used  
42 the mini 14 is because it's a gas-loading operation and  
43 it doesn't kick as much as a regular rifle. So I'm  
44 going to be voting against this.

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46 VICE CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, as of  
47 yet I've not heard any motion to support or not support  
48 or whether have no recommendation as far as any kind of  
49 motion.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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3 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Ray  
4 Oney here.  
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6 VICE CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Ray, go ahead.  
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8 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
9 Chairman. Yeah. I've known some people that still  
10 continue to use that rifle today for moose hunting, and  
11 they are -- and that's the only rifle that they use to  
12 moose hunt. You know, common sense tells you that, you  
13 know, with that kind of bullet, you have to, you know,  
14 shoot toward the head or in the neck where you'd, you  
15 know, knock it down right away rather than, you know,  
16 shoot to wound. And I would oppose this also. Thank  
17 you.  
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19 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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21 VICE CHAIR ROCZICKA: Okay. Lester.  
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23 MR. L. WILDE: I move that we oppose  
24 number.....  
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26 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) and then vote  
27 it down.  
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29 MR. L. WILDE: Oh, okay. Mr. Chairman.  
30 I move that we support number 244, ban the use of full  
31 metal jacket .223 for voting purposes.  
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33 MS. GREGORY: Second.  
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35 VICE CHAIR ROCZICKA: Motion and  
36 seconded. Any further discussion on the motion.  
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38 (No comments)  
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40 MS. GREGORY: Roll call. Roll call  
41 vote, Mr. Chair.  
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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: No one has asked for the  
44 question yet.  
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46 VICE CHAIR ROCZICKA: It's the  
47 prerogative of the Chair to call the question. He  
48 doesn't have to hear it until somebody calls it.  
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50 MR. CHARLES: Question.

1 VICE CHAIR ROCZICKA: Hearing no  
2 further discussion, Alex, would you call the roll,  
3 please. Roll call vote.  
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5 MR. NICK: James Charles.  
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7 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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9 MR. NICK: John Andrew, absent. Ray  
10 Oney. Raymond Oney.  
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12 MR. ONEY: No.  
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14 MR. NICK: William Brown.  
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16 MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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18 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde.  
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20 MR. H. WILDE: No.  
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22 MR. NICK: Edgar Hoelscher, absent.  
23 Mary Gregory.  
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25 MS. GREGORY: No.  
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27 MR. NICK: Elias Kelly. Elias Kelly.  
28 Lester Wilde.  
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30 MR. L. WILDE: No.  
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32 MR. NICK: Paul Manumik.  
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34 MR. MANUMIK: No.  
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36 MR. NICK: Joseph Mike.  
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38 MR. MIKE: No.  
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40 MR. NICK: Greg Roczicka.  
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42 VICE CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: No.  
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44 MR. NICK: Robert Aloysius.  
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.  
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48 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. We have two yes,  
49 eight no.  
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1 VICE CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Motion fails.  
2 So with that discussion done, I'll turn it back over to  
3 the actual Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah. Thank you,  
6 Greg. Good exercise for you.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We are down  
11 to item 12, subsistence fisheries issues. FRMP  
12 partners presentation. Item A.

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14 MR. CANNON: Richard Cannon, OSM.

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16 Mr. Chairman. Regional Counsel  
17 Members. We'd like to use this time to give the  
18 Council an informational update and briefing on some of  
19 the fisheries partners activities that are going on in  
20 your region. As you probably are aware both ONC as  
21 well as KNA both have fisheries partners at the present  
22 time. And this afternoon Mike Thalhauser with KNA is  
23 going to give you a little talk on some of the  
24 activities that KNA has been involved in.

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26 And following that, if there's time,  
27 may give you a little more information on some of the  
28 whitefish studies that are being done on the Kuskokwim  
29 River.

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31 So I will turn it over to Mike. Thank  
32 you.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mike.

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36 MR. THALHAUSER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
37 Mike Thalhauser with KNA.

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39 I guess I'm going to try to make this  
40 as short and sweet as possible. I really won't go into  
41 quite as much detail as I usually do with the specific  
42 fisheries projects that we're conducting. I'll kind of  
43 go through a list of what we have, the projects that  
44 we're involved in and the future projects that we plan  
45 on being involved with.

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47 But what I most importantly wanted to  
48 get to today was talking a little bit about our  
49 education and outreach program, and that being because  
50 we have -- on March 2nd we'll be submitting a proposal

1 to OSM to continue funding for that portion of our  
2 fisheries program.

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4                   Again, our mission statement, and we  
5 try to get this out pretty much at every meeting, is to  
6 actively participate in managing and conserving  
7 Kuskokwim area fisheries resources to insure a long-  
8 term, sustainability for the subsistence way of life.

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10                   Just a couple of quick administrative  
11 updates, sort of things that are going on at KNA since  
12 we last met. The fisheries director, David Orabutt has  
13 resigned and he's moved on. And I've replaced him  
14 there. And just a special thanks to David for all the  
15 work that he's done with the fisheries department and  
16 building it to where it is today, and all the things  
17 he's done for us.

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19                   But up here I've just got a list of the  
20 2008 projects, and as you can see, we've got -- as we  
21 have in the past, our role has been to cooperate with  
22 other agencies, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Department of  
23 Fish and Game, and other Native organizations to work  
24 on fisheries monitoring and management projects  
25 throughout the region. And so I won't go into these in  
26 too much detail. If there are any questions on any of  
27 these, I do have some slides, and I'll just kind of  
28 list them really quick as far as just to get it into  
29 the record.

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31                   Right now we're working with ADF&G on a  
32 coho salmon run reconstruction and radio telemetry  
33 project which is similar to the chinook project that I  
34 presented on, and so we'll be doing that. Last year  
35 was the first year and 2009 will be the last year for  
36 that project.

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38                   The Kuskokwim River whitefish project  
39 that Ken will be talking about. We have a sockeye  
40 project that's going on up the Holitna looking at  
41 different characteristics of the sockeye population in  
42 that drainage, in the rivers and in the lakes to sort  
43 of get an idea of how stable that population is,  
44 especially with more interest in a commercial fishery  
45 for sockeye. I guess I have whitefish twice here.

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47                   Sheefish migratory timing and spawning  
48 distribution. That's a project that we're working on  
49 with Lisa Stuby of the Department of Fish and Game  
50 Sport Fish.

1                   Also this was the first year, 2008 was  
2 the first year, for our Aniak radio telemetry project.  
3 And that's looking at -- we basically put out 125 radio  
4 tags in the Aniak drainage in rainbow trout at the  
5 beginning of this last summer. Or actually right  
6 around the middle of the summer. And we're trying to  
7 get an idea of where these fish are moving throughout  
8 the year, and hopefully with that try to find out if  
9 the sport fishers that are fishing in the Aniak  
10 throughout the summer are fishing for the same fish  
11 that the subsistence fishers take, use during the  
12 winter rainbow fishing.

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14                   Also we're continuing our work with the  
15 George and the Tatlawiksuk River weirs with Fish and  
16 Game. Our post-season subsistence surveys, which this  
17 was the first year that we've worked with ADF&G  
18 Commercial Fisheries as opposed to the Subsistence  
19 Division.

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21                   And, of course, our outreach and  
22 education projects that I'll go into a little bit more  
23 now. As I think I've tried to get this across to the  
24 group and all the other groups that I present this  
25 information to, one of our main goals, aside from  
26 working on these monitoring projects and trying to take  
27 care of the fisheries in the region is to get this  
28 information that we gather from this out to the  
29 communities, and try to get information and questions  
30 that come from the communities to our cooperators, and  
31 to be a medium in that relationship. That includes  
32 regional meetings, community meetings, visiting  
33 schools, our in-class education program that I'll talk  
34 about, our college internship program and our high  
35 school internship program.

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37                   First I'll talk just a little bit about  
38 our high school internship program. This started in  
39 '98. Every year we have about 20 high school interns  
40 that submit an essay and answer some questions. And we  
41 try to pick -- and it's worked out really well as far  
42 as us having about 20 each year. And this year we had  
43 students from Bethel all the way up to Stony River  
44 participate in this. We've had 144 internships thus  
45 far with this program, and 9 of those interns have  
46 later moved on to be technicians with either KNA or  
47 Department of Fish and Game. And it's funded by OSM.

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49                   These are the two weirs that we use to  
50 run these projects, the George and the Tatlawiksuk

1 River Weir. Daily activities and basically kind of  
2 what goes on there is the interns that work up there go  
3 through a curriculum that our -- sometimes it's a  
4 college intern, and this year it was our partners  
5 educator implemented curriculum, looking at different  
6 fisheries concepts that I'll talk about in a minute.  
7 But basically aside from their curriculum, they're  
8 really out there in the field working with the  
9 technicians and with the biologists, and being mentored  
10 and really getting an idea of what a career in  
11 fisheries is like, and hopefully realizing that the  
12 opportunity is really available to them. And they  
13 really -- everything that goes on at the weir, they're  
14 a part of. There are several other projects that sort  
15 of piggyback on our weir projects on the Kuskokwim, and  
16 so they help with -- this year they helped from  
17 everything as far as counting salmon going past the  
18 weir to sampling to those salmon to collecting otoliths  
19 in juvenile salmon for projects from UAF and other  
20 agencies.

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22 This is just kind of a curriculum  
23 overview as far as what they go through there. They're  
24 at the weirs for a week. And the first day they just  
25 sort of get an intro to the weirs and why they're there  
26 and what we're doing there and how they work.

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28 I think this year they had Carrie  
29 Hackett, our partners educator, had them build a weir  
30 and then give a little presentation to her on what they  
31 learned about that.

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33 And then they talk about salmon life  
34 cycles, the biology of salmon, and they go through a --  
35 they do a dissection on the third day and learn a  
36 little bit more about the actual biology of the fish  
37 itself.

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39 Day four they go through watersheds.  
40 And you can see in the bottom right picture, they sort  
41 of created their own little watershed by digging it out  
42 in the rocks and then they sort of dam up a spot and  
43 see what happens when different things happen to a  
44 watershed. And they'll put like dirty water in it at  
45 one spot and realize that everything that happens  
46 upriver affects everything downriver. And so it's a  
47 basic introduction to that.

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49 Day five is a history of Alaska salmon.  
50 How subsistence users have used salmon and managed

1 salmon in the past, and just sort of gives them the  
2 background on what's led up to today.

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4                   The sixth day they go through a little  
5 data analysis which is sort of a nitty-gritty of the  
6 things that are going on, and they use the same sort of  
7 ways to look at the number of fish going past the weir  
8 that the managers actually use. So they get an idea of  
9 what's going on there.

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11                   And on the seventh day they work on a  
12 final project. This year they had an option to either  
13 write an article about their experiences that could be  
14 submitted to a local newspaper, or they could put  
15 together a PowerPoint presentation. Kind of similar to  
16 something that we would do on the weirs, and showing  
17 bar graphs of fish passage and age, sex and length  
18 data.

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20                   MR. CHARLES: What was that lady doing  
21 in the middle of the picture there?

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23                   MR. THALHAUSER: Oh, yeah. Go back  
24 one.

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26                   MR. CHARLES: That one.

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28                   MR. THALHAUSER: The one on the right  
29 there in the middle?

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31                   MR. CHARLES: On the right, yeah.

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33                   MR. THALHAUSER: Yeah. She's doing  
34 water quality testing. Our watershed coordinator came  
35 up and visited for a day for a few of the groups and  
36 they did dissolved oxygen and pH testing and just  
37 looked at the water quality. And on the bottom left  
38 there, it's a picture of -- she set up a little sort of  
39 obstacle course and put scents on different trees to  
40 try to show the kids how the salmon follow scents and  
41 use different thing to find their natal streams. So  
42 you can see the kids sniffing trees in that picture,  
43 trying to get where they need to go.

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45                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Can you go back a couple  
46 of slides?

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48                   MR. THALHAUSER: Yeah.

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50                   MR. ALOYSIUS: One more. The one on

1 the bottom right. Is she holding a club, or what is  
2 it?

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4 MR. THALHAUSER: That's an old chinook  
5 that washed up on the weir, and she's cleaning off the  
6 weir. It's just part of the sort of daily activities.  
7 You can see the fungus on the back there. It's a king  
8 salmon. Yeah, a big.

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: So that was a big one.  
11 I thought the king salmon up there were so big that  
12 they have to use a big club to protect themselves.

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14 MR. THALHAUSER: That's right.

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16 (Laughter)

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18 MR. THALHAUSER: And the picture there  
19 in the middle is someone looking at a scale and  
20 learning how we age salmon. And the one on the left is  
21 a really good picture, too, because it really shows the  
22 support we've got from the Department of Fish and Game  
23 as far as their biologists and technicians really  
24 working with the students and mentoring them.

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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: Qyuana.

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28 MR. THALHAUSER: And this is just kind  
29 of -- I just have one slide, you can go to the next  
30 one. This is a presentation, or part of a presentation  
31 that a couple of students chose to do for their  
32 project. And it just -- I mean, this is a graph that,  
33 you know, you would see, and I've definitely seen worse  
34 at scientific, you know, conferences and interagency  
35 meetings. You see worse slides than this. And this is  
36 something that the kids from one week made from the  
37 passage of the salmon during their week where they're  
38 kind of -- they learn how to take what they saw and put  
39 that into something that they can convey to others.

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41 Next I'll talk a little bit about our  
42 college internship program. In 2008 we had a little  
43 extra money in our personnel budgets so were lucky  
44 enough to be able to hire six college interns. And  
45 basically what these interns do is we try to rotate  
46 them through all of our projects. They worked on the  
47 sheefish project, on our Holitna sockeye project. I  
48 think they worked with Ken in the past. And we try to  
49 -- and they work at the weirs and at the fishwheels,  
50 and we try to basically get them working closely with

1 the biologists on all these other projects. And we  
2 have them ask the biologists questions about why  
3 they're doing what they're doing. And just sort of  
4 encourage them to make up their own questions about the  
5 studies that are going on, and then to write a report  
6 on that after they're finished with each of the  
7 projects they were on. And it's really -- I mean, it's  
8 an amazing experience. Some of these college interns  
9 that are first and second year college students are  
10 coming away with the understanding of how to run a  
11 fishwheel, how to set up and run a weir, how to -- some  
12 of them even did surgeries on rainbow trout, inserting  
13 radio tags in them, which is experience that if you put  
14 it on a resume will get you a technician job in most  
15 places. It's definitely more than I had even coming  
16 out of college.

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18 They actually make an hourly wage and  
19 can make some decent money just in the college  
20 internship program. I talked a little bit about the  
21 reports. They also give a presentation about what they  
22 did over the summer for the OSM partners intern day in  
23 Anchorage, which is another good experience as far as  
24 doing some public speaking in front of audiences in the  
25 scientific community. We offer them scholarships and  
26 the money that came from our scholarships this year was  
27 from Donlin Creek and AYKSSI.

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29 And we worked really closely with ANSEP  
30 and we had two students involved with ANSEP this year.  
31 And so it's kind of a way to support that program and  
32 just to utilize that program and to get that out there  
33 so that these students can talk to other students and  
34 talk about that program and really try to propagate  
35 that and get the ANSEP really out there. And it's --  
36 the scientific part of it is really growing.

37  
38 Another thing, and this kind of leads  
39 into the in-class education program. The reason I have  
40 this up here is it's part of our outreach program and  
41 something that we do. It's similar to kind of the  
42 things you've seen me present here at this meeting, is  
43 we try to make it to each village every year and talk a  
44 little more in length. And it usually ends up being  
45 like a anywhere from one to four-hour meeting where we  
46 go much more in depth into the data that we collected  
47 in the past year, and what's going on in the region.

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49 And something that we got from this,  
50 like I said, it's a two-way street with these meetings,

1 is that there was a real need to get into the schools,  
2 because when we were in these villages, David and I  
3 would go to the schools and spend about a day to two  
4 days, however long we were there, and talk about  
5 fisheries concepts, do a dissection for some of the  
6 classes, and talk about fisheries careers. And in  
7 talking about that at the community meetings, we  
8 realized that there was a real need and there was real  
9 support for being more involved in the schools and  
10 making it I guess more productive and really spending  
11 more time in the schools and making it more valuable  
12 for the students and for our cooperators, too, because  
13 we learn a lot from this.

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15                   So our school visits, like I said,  
16 started off kind of loose in that Dave and I were just,  
17 you know, going to the schools and asking the teaches  
18 what the kids were interested in and trying to make it  
19 a fun thing. But in talking with the teachers and with  
20 the Kuspuk School District Staff, we realized that  
21 there was a lot more potential there in spending more  
22 time with the students, and at the same time that we're  
23 teaching these concepts and trying to create I guess a  
24 more involved and active community so that we have  
25 people like you guys that are here that are active and  
26 that understand what's going on and can make good  
27 decisions and good recommendations to boards, that --  
28 sorry, I sort of got off track there. But we realized  
29 that we could take what we're doing there and align it  
30 to some of the standards that the school teachers have  
31 to meet. The Kuspuk School District -- oh, Mary, go  
32 ahead. Sorry. I'm cruising here.

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34                   MS. GREGORY: I saw that scientific  
35 name and you are checking it in the dead fish skeletons  
36 or something like that?

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38                   MR. THALHAUSER: The what?

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40                   MR. PERRY: Otoliths.

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42                   MR. THALHAUSER: Oh, yeah, the otoliths  
43 that they were looking at is basically sort of a bony  
44 substance that's inside the fish's, what would be their  
45 inner ear, that you can use like a scale and determine  
46 the age of the fish. So they were helping, you know,  
47 cut the fish, cut it in half and finding the little  
48 cavity where that little piece of sort of bone is  
49 sitting, and taking those out and looking at them.  
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1 MS. GREGORY: I thought they did it by  
2 the scales.

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4 MR. THALHAUSER: They do it with both.  
5 And there's a few other things that you can learn from  
6 the otolith that you can't tell from the scales as far  
7 as where the fish has actually been. Like you can  
8 actually look and compare that to other things.

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10 But like I said, we realized that David  
11 and I weren't teachers, and so we probably weren't  
12 doing as great of a job as we could, and we definitely  
13 could do more as far as doing this work and at the same  
14 time helping the teachers cross off standards and get  
15 these kids to higher levels in the projects that they  
16 were doing.

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18 Next. And so we developed a proposals  
19 for the in-class education program. And what this --  
20 this program, I guess as far as the partners that we  
21 work with, was the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies,  
22 that's in Homer, us, the Kuspuk School District, OSM,  
23 the Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program, the  
24 scientific community, all of our cooperators, and the  
25 villages and the communities that we represent.

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27 And basically the plan of this was to  
28 hire an educator or someone that has real teaching  
29 experience and to have them sort of take this smaller  
30 idea that we had and what we were doing, and make it  
31 more professional and more valuable and to spend more  
32 time in the schools, and to make it into a real solid  
33 plan so that other people could look at something and  
34 say, this is exactly what they did, and have a real --  
35 you know, an actual sort of map on how another program  
36 could do something like this in another area. And so  
37 with that, we hired Carrie Hackett, who is a graduate  
38 student from the Alaska Pacific University, and we  
39 worked with the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies to  
40 develop a curriculum that addressed these needs.

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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mike. That curriculum  
43 has been used in the schools?

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45 MR. THALHAUSER: Yes. And it started  
46 in -- this last school year was our first, in the fall,  
47 was our first. This was the first year we actually  
48 implemented it, and we had Carrie, the graduate  
49 student, actually working. She was the one that was  
50 teaching the curriculum at the high school internships

1 at the weirs, so that was a really good experience for  
2 her as far as really getting into the community and  
3 meeting some of the kids, so that when she actually  
4 went to the schools she was -- you know, she already  
5 knew probably a kid or two in each class. And that  
6 really definitely helped her out.

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8                   So she went to each of our villages.  
9 You can go to the next one. Excuse me. And she -- you  
10 can go down about four I think. One more. Okay.

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12                   And basically the goals of this program  
13 was to, like I said, help increase community support  
14 and involvement on fisheries monitoring and management,  
15 and to teach them sort of the processes of what goes on  
16 in fisheries management and what goes on in fisheries  
17 research. And to use the projects that KNA is already  
18 working on, whether it's the weir projects or any of  
19 the projects, and to give them -- to be able to teach  
20 them math and science, whether it's biological or  
21 social science, and to do it in a way that uses the  
22 river that's right there. Instead of looking at a math  
23 problem that's talking about, you know, McDonald's or  
24 Walmart or something like that, they can look at  
25 something that's talking about fish and something that  
26 they understand a little more, to teach students about  
27 biology and watershed science, and to incorporate  
28 traditional indigenous knowledge into all parts of the  
29 curriculum, and to use hands on activities while doing  
30 that.

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32                   Yeah, Mary.

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34                   MS. GREGORY: How do you reach that,  
35 incorporating traditional indigenous knowledge? How do  
36 you arrive at that?

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38                   MR. THALHAUSER: One of the parts of  
39 the -- it depends on how long's she there for the  
40 school, whether it's one to three weeks. It's probably  
41 anywhere from one to two days that she talks about what  
42 happened here and how people fished before modern day  
43 fishing techniques came along. Yeah.

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45                   MS. GREGORY: Are any of the elders  
46 involved in this or is this from research?

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48                   MR. THALHAUSER: She's worked with a  
49 couple elders while she was at the weir camps, and she  
50 did incorporate some of that, the things that she

1 learned and that she got from talking with elders. But  
2 we haven't had elders to go into the school with her  
3 yet, and that's something that we're trying to figure  
4 out how to get in there as well.

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6 MR. CHARLES: I like that little pop-  
7 up.

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9 MR. THALHAUSER: Yeah, James.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, James.

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13 MR. CHARLES: Mike, has these  
14 educational projects or whatever that you call them,  
15 has been introduced to other school areas, school  
16 districts like Bethel or Yukon schools? Because I've  
17 seen these Kuspuk kids all the time at your reports or  
18 David or other people's reports at interagency meeting.  
19 I'd like to see some other young kids learn about  
20 fisheries education, something like that, because kids  
21 in my area, if you showed them chum fish, they wouldn't  
22 know what kind of fish it is. To them, fish is fish.

23  
24 MR. THALHAUSER: Yeah. Well, I think  
25 that's where my job really comes in as far as  
26 networking with other people that are working in  
27 similar fisheries programs. And that's definitely a  
28 need. And I think more will come with -- after we get  
29 another year of this under our belt and do some  
30 evaluating on what's worked and what hasn't, and then  
31 try to get that message out.

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33 Bob, you look like you have a question.  
34 It's about the indigenous thing, isn't it? I've  
35 changed it just because it was traditional ecological  
36 knowledge for you.

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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Well, you're still using  
39 that word traditional.

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41 MR. THALHAUSER: Oh, that's the one.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: That's the one.

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45 MR. THALHAUSER: Okay. I made an  
46 effort.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Bob.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: I've got a question for  
2 James. Why doesn't your own people teach your children  
3 about the different kinds of fish you have? I mean,  
4 upriver, growing up in the fish camp, you know, we  
5 learned all about it. We didn't have to go to school  
6 to learn about all the different salmon we get, the  
7 whitefish, the pike, the sheefish, you know. It's  
8 something that, you know, I always harp on this. We  
9 are forgetting to be our children's first teachers. It  
10 is our responsibility as Yup'ik people to teach our  
11 young people who they are, where they come from and how  
12 to take care of the land, the water, the animals. And  
13 like I always say, our sisters and brothers that fly,  
14 cruise, climb, walk, hop, crawl, slither, burrow, swim  
15 and grow on mother earth. It's our responsibility to  
16 teach our young people about those things, not the  
17 schools, because the schools doesn't have the time.

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19 MR. CHARLES: Yeah, my kids know pike  
20 and whitefish and salmon, but there are a lot of kids  
21 who doesn't know difference of fish in different areas,  
22 not my home only. But I take my kids out fishing.  
23 Friends of my grandkids, they're in the way in the boat  
24 when I'm fishing.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mike.

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28 MR. THALHAUSER: Well, and I think the  
29 take-home message from that is that, you know, there --  
30 people do try to teach those lessons, and the kids that  
31 don't get the lessons shouldn't be left out, and that  
32 this is one way to help sort of add to someone who  
33 might not have gotten that knowledge. And I think  
34 getting this, you know, if this really works out well,  
35 and it definitely worked out well in its first year,  
36 and I think after we evaluate it and sort of -- and try  
37 to make it better, and have a better road map for other  
38 places to do that, it will hopefully spread around.

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40 So that's the.....

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg. Just a  
43 minute, there's a question here. Greg.

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, sort of just to  
46 follow up a little bit for James here a little bit  
47 about the education portion. You know, Rich had  
48 mentioned that, you know, through ONC we have the  
49 partners program, too. Unfortunately we got funding  
50 only for -- enough for a four-month position out of the

1 year, and hopefully under this new current call for  
2 proposals that's going in the expanded education  
3 component that they're looking to incorporate, that we  
4 can pick up some of that slack for the lower river  
5 villages as well. But that remains to be seen.

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7 MR. THALHAUSER: Yeah. And to pay you  
8 back on that, Eva helped us a lot in the beginning of  
9 the summer with ONC and their partners program with our  
10 college interns. So that sort of cross, you know,  
11 relationship and working together definitely helps.  
12 Thanks, Greg.

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14 And with that, I just kind of wanted to  
15 go through some of our -- well, I guess before I go on,  
16 I guess something I definitely wanted to do with this  
17 meeting is to ask for a letter of support for the  
18 proposal that we're putting in to continue our high  
19 school internship and in-class education program.  
20 Previously the high school internships were half funded  
21 by the George and half funded by the Tatlawiksuk River  
22 weirs, and OSM's expressed a wish for us to sort of put  
23 that into its own proposal through KNA. So with that,  
24 on the 2nd of March will be, and at the same time  
25 they're submitting their partners' proposal, we'll also  
26 be submitting a proposal to continue the high school  
27 internship program and the education in-class program.  
28 And I did make one of these out to everyone, so I just  
29 kind of drafted up a quick letter sort of hitting some  
30 of the points that I thought the study addresses. I'm  
31 not sure of the avenue to do that, but would like to  
32 request a letter of support from this Council.

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34 Just a few proposed projects that we  
35 have going on, and this one was actually approved, this  
36 proposal, when I put it in there, but that's sort of  
37 continuing along the run reconstruction and working  
38 with sockeye salmon from 2010 to 2012. And that's  
39 basically doing the same thing that we did with the  
40 chinook and what we're doing with the coho project now,  
41 and trying to fine out riverwide abundance numbers of  
42 how many of these different types of fish are in the  
43 rivers, and then applying that to past years to look at  
44 relationships with those numbers and what's happened in  
45 the right. And like I said that -- and hiring someone  
46 to help me to fill in for Dave.

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48 And I think that's -- the next one.  
49 Yep. That's all I've got. I definitely thank you guys  
50 for keeping on inviting me here. I have a bunch of

1 other slides from the other projects that we have, but  
2 with the time constraints, I won't go into our  
3 projects. And I'll try to do a little more in-depth on  
4 those for the next meeting.

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6 But did anyone have any questions.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions for  
9 Mike. Greg.

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11 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman. Ray here.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, Ray. Go  
14 ahead.

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16 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
17 Chairman. You know, what I'd like to see happen is  
18 that on this internship between the high schools on  
19 fisheries, and I'd like to see them, you know, do a  
20 little presentation to the Council. I think it will be  
21 good for them, at least they know that they have a  
22 Board that's advocating for them. So maybe on your  
23 next meeting if we could get those young interns in  
24 there to at least, you know, give a report. I think  
25 that will be good.

26  
27 Thank you.

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29 MR. THALHAUSER: You know, I think  
30 that's a really good idea. And part of the -- I'm  
31 sorry you missed the slide on the presentations that  
32 the interns do work on, we are trying to get them to  
33 the level where they can start doing presentations.  
34 And I think sometimes it's a bit of a logistical thing  
35 as far as, you know, funding to get them to meetings  
36 and stuff. You know, it's definitely not cheap to get  
37 someone to these meetings. But I think something --  
38 starting out with something like having them  
39 participate in our community meetings and giving  
40 presentations at those, and then eventually trying to  
41 work that into something like this would be great. Or  
42 even, you know, videotaping, something like that, and  
43 just giving out copies.

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45 Thanks.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mike.  
48 Any other questions for Mike.

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50 MR. THALHAUSER: I think Greg had

1 something.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: No, it wasn't a  
4 question. Just so that we didn't lose sight of it  
5 however, that, you know, you requested a letter of  
6 support. So just as -- I'd just move that we do so,  
7 and hopefully it can undergo the review process of any  
8 correspondence that comes from this that it needs to go  
9 through, the approval of all the various OSM staff on  
10 up to the Regional Director and wherever else it has to  
11 go in order to -- whether it needs to be rewritten to  
12 satisfy their standards or not, but that letter go  
13 forward, and hopefully they can do it before next  
14 Monday.

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16 MR. THALHAUSER: Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We are down to item  
19 B. Greg.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Should I make a motion?

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23 MR. ROCZICKA: I did.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, there was a  
26 motion?

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28 MR. ROCZICKA: It was a motion to  
29 prepare the letter of support.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, okay.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second the motion.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Why don't you talk  
36 in Yup'ik and I can understand.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Bob.

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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. A motion's  
45 been made to support the letter by the Kuskokwim Delta  
46 -- KNA, I'm sorry to proposal review committee. Is  
47 that the one that you were wanting support for?

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49 MR. THALHAUSER: Yeah.

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. To  
2 restate my motion, that this Council support KNA's  
3 request for a letter of support on their Kuskokwim  
4 Native Association fisheries K to 12 internship and --  
5 intern and education program.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You've heard the  
8 motion. Do I hear a second.

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: I already seconded it.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Seconded.  
13 Any further discussion.

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15 (No comments)

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17 MR. MANUMIK: Question.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's  
20 called 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 (No opposing votes)

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried.

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30 MR. THALHAUSER: Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We're down  
33 to item B, whitefish strategic research plan update.

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35 MR. CANNON: Mr. Chairman. Regional  
36 Council members. We have -- it's about a quarter after  
37 five. We can take.....

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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: It's 25 after.

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41 MR. CANNON: 25 after. I stand  
42 corrected. We have a short presentation on some of the  
43 whitefish research that Ken Harper has been doing on  
44 the Kuskokwim. And it was supposed to be something  
45 that would follow Mike's presentation.

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47 In addition to that, I've got a real  
48 short update for you on the strategic plan which just  
49 would take a few minutes. So it's up to the Council.  
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1                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Let's go ahead with  
2 that, and then after that we'll stop for dinner.

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4                   MR. CANNON: All right. Mr. Chairman.  
5 Would you like to hear Ken's presentation? It will be  
6 fairly short.

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8                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Let's go ahead with  
9 whatever needs to be done.

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11                  MR. CANNON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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13                  MR. HARPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
14 Ken Harper with the Kenai Fish and Wildlife field  
15 office. And I'm going to have to skip through a bunch  
16 of slides here because we're on a short time frame or  
17 my leash is fairly short. So go ahead.

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19                   We're looking at the Kuskokwim River  
20 here, and it's about 1386 miles long, as you know. And  
21 that sort of sets the framework for what we're doing  
22 here with whitefish work. Go ahead.

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24                   So when we first started the whitefish  
25 work, we knew very little about them. we had the  
26 issues that were raised in the Kalskag area for  
27 Whitefish Lake. They had lots of numbers of large  
28 sized fish and the large fish that they were concerned  
29 about. So I've got a bunch of things there I can talk  
30 about. Go ahead, keep on skipping down.

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32                   So late 60s, Ray Baxter was assigned  
33 here in Bethel, and he was actually to investigate the  
34 potential for whitefish commercial harvest here.  
35 That's why he was brought into the area. And by the  
36 70s Johnson, Eek, Kiniak Rivers showed signs of over-  
37 fishing. That was in some of his reports. Beginning  
38 in the 70s Whitefish Lake and Johnson River were  
39 protected from commercial harvesting. Early 90s, local  
40 concerns over decrease in size and numbers of whitefish  
41 in Whitefish Lake. And then, of course, all through  
42 this time we have very sketchy numbers of harvest  
43 throughout the whole village. We know very little  
44 about the harvest.

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46                   60 to 70s there were commercial permits  
47 issued in the Kuskokwim River. And between '67 and  
48 '70, that's when there's some fairly good records  
49 there, there was about 18,000 or 55,000 pounds of  
50 commercially harvested whitefish. In '77 to 2007,

1 there's only been 1 to 14 permits issued each year for  
2 commercially harvesting whitefish. Okay. And there's  
3 our commercial harvest since '77 that's been reported  
4 to Fish and Game.

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6 Keep going. So in 1992 the first  
7 subsistence harvest regulations were brought in on the  
8 Kuskokwim River, and those were on Whitefish Lake. And  
9 those were established by the -- I guess the working  
10 group out of Kalskag brought those to the Board. Those  
11 were established for regulation of the fisheries in  
12 Whitefish Lake.

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14 In 1997 there were some issues with the  
15 tundra villages about over-exploitation of whitefish  
16 stock in some of the tundra lakes. And in 2001,  
17 because of those issues, the Fish and Wildlife Service  
18 and KNA, we began these studies. These were funded by  
19 OSM to look at the issues of whitefish in the Kuskokwim  
20 River. And even today we still have no idea of what  
21 the drainagewide harvest numbers are for subsistence.  
22 And we do know what the commercial permit is. There  
23 was one fish permit issued for 500 fish on the  
24 Kuskokwim this last year. And I don't know what the  
25 harvest was on that. I'm not sure it's been reported  
26 yet.

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28 Do you want to hear about the Whitefish  
29 Lake issue or do you want to just get into some radio  
30 telemetry work where we've tracked some fish? I can  
31 skip forward to that. So close your eyes for just a  
32 second and just skip forward here. Yeah, keep going.  
33 Faster.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MR. PERRY: Got speed readers.

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39 MR. HARPER: Yeah. Okay. Right there.  
40 Let's stop right here for a little bit.

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42 We looked at lengths of ages of  
43 whitefish in Whitefish Lake. As you can see up there  
44 on the left-hand side, those are humpback whitefish.  
45 And what's been circled there are the oldest aged fish  
46 we have. So we have some that are 20 to almost 30  
47 years of age in that lake. So they're very old-lived  
48 fish.

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50 And the other thing I'd like to point

1 out is if you look -- if you draw a line up between  
2 right above 450 on the whitefish, humpback whitefish,  
3 that fish can be anywhere from 10 to 20 years of age.  
4 So the same sized fish is 10 or 20. They don't grow  
5 much after they mature.

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7 The least cisco is the same way. Our  
8 oldest fish is 14 there. Our broad whitefish, 20 years  
9 of age. Go ahead.

10  
11 Okay. and here's a question that Mary  
12 had about otoliths, about why we use otoliths for doing  
13 certain things with fish. With most fish with a scale,  
14 you can get a good age out to about age eight. But  
15 when you get into these very old fish that go up to age  
16 30, you can't tell how old they are unless you use an  
17 otolith. And by cutting that otolith and counting the  
18 -- it's like counting tree rings. You get something  
19 like this picture here of an otolith on the lower  
20 right. And I believe that one is -- it's either 28 or  
21 30 years of age, that otolith.

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23 The other thing as David -- as Mike  
24 pointed out, we can look at anadromy of fish, and we  
25 can tell by the chemistry of the otolith whether those  
26 fish have gone into anadromous -- or into brackish or  
27 salt water. And if they have a very high peak in their  
28 strontium level, that's a chemical in the otolith, it  
29 will show the very high peaks like up there on the  
30 upper scales. Those are all known anadromous fish.  
31 Whereas these freshwater fish down at the bottom, we  
32 know that they grew in just fresh water. The amount of  
33 -- there we go.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary's got a  
36 question back here.

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38 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary's got a  
41 question.

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43 MS. GREGORY: That broad whitefish up  
44 there.....

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46 MR. HARPER: Where is my -- okay.

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48 MS. GREGORY: I believe it's the middle  
49 one. That's a broad whitefish? What does that mean?  
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1 MR. HARPER: What that means is it  
2 started out in fresh water here, and somewhere in its  
3 early part of its life, it went out into very salty  
4 water. So it may have gone as -- you know, swam down  
5 there towards Quinagak out there where there's  
6 brackish waters. So then -- and then it came back into  
7 the fresh water and it pretty much stayed in fresh  
8 water here. These are freshwater areas. It may have  
9 gone back into brackish water here. So it's fresh  
10 water, out to brackish, back into fresh, out to  
11 brackish.

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13 MS. GREGORY: How long is that  
14 adventure to the salt water?

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16 MR. HARPER: This is probably in the  
17 first four years of its life.

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19 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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21 MR. HARPER: Okay. So Whitefish Lake,  
22 we had quite a few fish in Whitefish Lake that were  
23 actually anadromous. This term here means the same  
24 thing. It's anadromous. So they're going out into  
25 brackish water. Least ciscos were primarily  
26 anadromous. Humpbacks primarily anadromous. And broad  
27 whitefish, we had one that looked like it was  
28 freshwater here, it never went out to salt water,  
29 brackish water. But the others in the early part of  
30 their life, they spent some time out in that brackish  
31 water. Okay.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Oh, I wish I had that.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MR. HARPER: You can go ahead to the  
38 next one. So the subsistence users have been concerned  
39 about the reduced numbers of large fish in Whitefish  
40 Lake. And that's where we started our studies. Of  
41 course, this is the broad whitefish that I think  
42 everybody was concerned, because the numbers of those  
43 have been reduced so far. Okay. Go ahead.

44  
45 And the subsistence there primarily  
46 occurs in the fall when people go out and collect  
47 berries, so they're out fishing with nets there towards  
48 by the outlet of the lake. The outlet's right here.  
49 And that lake is only six to eight feet deep is the  
50 deepest that it's in the deepest part.

1                   Go ahead. Keep going. This shows  
2 number of fish coming out of the lake, so most of the  
3 fish, if we look at humpback whitefish, they come out  
4 of the lake here in the first part of July, so there's  
5 a lot of fish coming out in July. In 2003 here, the  
6 same thing. There's a big pulse of fish coming out in  
7 July, and then there's -- it trails off here towards  
8 October. And with broad whitefish, we just didn't have  
9 hardly any fish at all. This is the total number we  
10 had going out, 147 in that two-week time period.

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12                   Next. Next. So our subsistence  
13 harvest occurs here at the back end, and most of that  
14 harvest is occurring when these broad whitefish come  
15 out of the lake. It looks like they're missing most of  
16 these fish here, which is why there's probably more of  
17 those fish left in the lake.

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19                   MS. GREGORY: I fished here. My boy  
20 fishes for here, so I catch those.

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22                   MR. HARPER: Okay, Mary. You can go  
23 ahead.

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25                   MR. PERRY: Okay.

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27                   MR. HARPER: So we'd tagged fish in  
28 that lake and we found out that they were harvested in  
29 different areas throughout the drainage. We had one  
30 that was harvested up here at Medfra that we had tagged  
31 in Whitefish Lake.

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33                   So our -- go ahead. So our next area  
34 that we went into was radio tagging. But here's just a  
35 picture of what's being caught in Whitefish Lake. Less  
36 than one percent of all the fish going in and out of  
37 the lake are broad whitefish. Okay. So very few fish  
38 in that lake are broad whitefish. But 11 percent of  
39 all the harvest are broad whitefish. So there's a very  
40 directed fishery there for those larger fish, so they  
41 keep getting caught year after year.

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43                   Go ahead. Next. So our radio  
44 telemetry studies, we wanted to track fish through  
45 their season migration patterns in the Kuskokwim River.  
46 We wanted to locate their spawning areas and determine  
47 if fish were from one or multiple spawning stocks. Go  
48 ahead. So over 2004 through 2008, these are the  
49 different areas that we've tagged fish. We've tagged  
50 them in Whitefish Lake, at the fishwheels, in a small

1 lake here by Kalskag. This last year in October we  
2 tagged some up by McGrath. We've been down in the  
3 Kialik River and also in the, excuse my language, but  
4 the Piss-Me-Off Lake, Eek Lake area.

5  
6 (Laughter)

7  
8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Everybody knows that  
9 one.

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11 MR. HARPER: You know where that one  
12 is?

13  
14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, I know where it  
15 is. I know it too well.

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17 MR. HARPER: Okay. Go ahead. So in  
18 tracking some of these fish, we found them moving up  
19 into the Holitna River. They've gone into the Swift  
20 River to a spawning area there. And another one into  
21 the area in the Big River. Keep going.

22  
23 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Ken, you're too  
24 fancy with your.....

25  
26 MR. HARPER: I know.

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28 MR. CHARLES: So a lot of my fish go up  
29 there from Kialik.

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31 MR. HARPER: So back up just one little  
32 bit there. So we have these spawning areas here. It  
33 looks like we have a little bit of a spawning area in  
34 the mouth or the inlet of Whitefish Lake. We had a few  
35 fish go into the Aniak River. This was with humpback  
36 whitefish. The Holitna has a spawning area. The Swift  
37 River has a spawning area. And the Big River. And the  
38 biggest spawning area is probably the Swift River.

39  
40 Next. And here's distribution of fish  
41 that were tagged in 2004 and 2005, where they went and  
42 where we tracked them to. So we had fish going up to  
43 Big River, Swift River here, and they were kind of  
44 distributed throughout the river after that.

45  
46 Go ahead. Now, here's distribution of  
47 fish that were tagged in the Piss-Me-Off Lake area. In  
48 2007 we tagged 18 in that area. And then throughout  
49 2007 and 2008, this is where we found those fish. So  
50 they went both downstream, probably into this brackish

1 water area here possibly, and then also all the way up  
2 through around Bethel, Aniak and on up the river into  
3 -- we found them in the spawning area there on the  
4 Swift River, and then also spawning fish in the Holitna  
5 River.

6  
7 Okay. Next. Now here's fish tagged in  
8 the Kialik River. So those fish distributed all the  
9 way up. We had fish going into the Holitna River, the  
10 Swift River and Big River. So these fish down here are  
11 pretty worldwide travelers, too, in the Kuskokwim  
12 River.

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14 Next. Fish that were tagged in the  
15 small lake near Kalskag, those fish distributed both  
16 upriver into the spawning areas in the fall, Swift  
17 River and then also Holitna. We had one fish going  
18 into the Aniak River and then others distributed  
19 downstream, whether it was 2008 or 7 or 2006, there  
20 were fish that went downstream after that. So  
21 wintertime distribution in the lower river.

22  
23 Next. So where we're tagging fish is  
24 these low tundra lakes that are, well, no more than  
25 three or four feet deep in most of the areas, putting  
26 radio tags in there, and they're ending up in these  
27 upriver areas like in the Swift River here where we  
28 have good gravel substrate on the river.

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30 Next. Another Swift River picture.

31  
32 Okay. So we had tagged a couple fish.  
33 When we went in and looked at our spawning population  
34 on the Swift River, those fish ended up and were caught  
35 or harvested down here in the Johnson River. So we  
36 know that Johnson River fish are going up here also to  
37 spawn. We did not tag any fish in the Johnson River.

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39 And the spawning time for these fish is  
40 right when the ice starts forming on the river, so  
41 there's ice starting to come down the river generally  
42 when they're up there spawning.

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44 And here's our age classes for fish in  
45 the Swift River. And here we got up to 32 years of age  
46 was our oldest fish, so a pretty old population of  
47 fish. Most of them are maturing at age five, so age  
48 five they mature, and then after that there's mortality  
49 occurs here, and that's why it's decreasing numbers by  
50 age. And for anything past about age eight, you need

1 to use otoliths to get a good age class.

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3 Go ahead. So broad whitefish. Where  
4 do those fish go. There we go, fast swimmers. Go  
5 ahead. And again. So we have a spawning area up here  
6 by McGrath, above, between McGrath and Medfra, and then  
7 another possible spawning area here by the Swift River  
8 -- well, it's in the mainstem of the Kuskokwim River  
9 near the Swift River.

10

11 Next. So we have some fish that we  
12 tagged in Whitefish Lake. Again we had kind of trouble  
13 finding fish there on those years to get tags in them.  
14 Those fish distributed both downriver, upriver and up  
15 into this spawning -- where we suspect the fish are  
16 spawning up there above McGrath.

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18 Next. And this is an example of one  
19 fish that we had we tracked over two years. You'll see  
20 the dates appear here on the fish. So 9/17/2004 it was  
21 right here at Whitefish Lake. 9/11. 9/15 it was up by  
22 Red Devil, and then at 10/18. And 10/13 it was past  
23 McGrath. In November it was starting to head  
24 downriver. And so it stayed kind of in this upper  
25 river here during the wintertime. May 3rd it was down  
26 here, and then June 5th it was back in Whitefish Lake.  
27 And then the next year, 9/8, so there's like one day  
28 difference here, which is kind of interesting. He's  
29 swimming on the same calendar it looks like. And  
30 that's where we lost him. The tag just ran out of  
31 power.

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33 Piss-Me-Off Lake area, we tagged -- we  
34 had a real hard time finding any broad whitefish down  
35 there, so we got four tags in. Two of those fish ended  
36 up here above McGrath. So those would be Charlie  
37 Brown's fish.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MR. HARPER: And here's James' fish.  
42 They're taking off from Kialik River, the broad  
43 whitefish. They're going up. We had one that went  
44 into the Hoholitna, and I don't know that -- we've  
45 never had any other fish go in there, so we don't know  
46 if that's an actual spawning area or what's going on,  
47 or whether he just went up there to hang out. But  
48 other fish from there distributed up and down the  
49 river.

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1                   Next. And here's fish that were tagged  
2 near Kalskag. Those fish went both upstream and down  
3 stream, which surprised me, that they went as far down.  
4 Most of these are I think winter and falltime fish down  
5 here.

6  
7                   So I guess the take-home message here  
8 is if you're living in Aniak, you may be fishing on  
9 Johnson River fish or Kialik River fish or Piss-Me-Off  
10 Lake fish, or, you know, somebody up here that could be  
11 harvesting fish up in the upper area, they're doing the  
12 same thing. So it's one big wide population that's  
13 going back forth in the river. Very long-lived. And  
14 everybody's fishing on that same population.

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16                   Okay. Well, this is the same area down  
17 here, Piss-Me-Off Lake, and these fish are the same. I  
18 think this is just a duplicate slide.

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20                   Go ahead. And this is what the river  
21 looks like while the fish are traveling upriver above  
22 McGrath. The ice is starting to form, and I think  
23 right after this it got -- I think it almost froze over  
24 after that, but that's about the time those fish are  
25 starting to spawn, a little bit after that time period.

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27                   Least cisco. We have very poor luck  
28 putting radio tags in those. And we tracked one up on  
29 the Holitna River. So we don't know much about the  
30 least ciscos.

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32                   Next. Bering Ciscos. There's one  
33 spawning area way up on the south fork of the Kuskokwim  
34 River. And those fish are anadromous. They're coming  
35 out here from the coastal area and traveling up here to  
36 spawn.

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38                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Looks like there's one  
39 out of Hooper Bay. The coastal bounds.

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41                   MS. GREGORY: They go across my area,  
42 too. I grew up on cisco.

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44                   MR. HARPER: Did you?

45  
46                   MS. GREGORY: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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48                   MR. HARPER: So there's a population --  
49 there's a spawning in the Yukon and one in the  
50 Kuskokwim. So when they come out of here, the fry come

1 out, they may distribute themselves up and down the  
2 coast here, and then they're going to come back and go  
3 up to the spawning area.

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5 Are you going forward or backwards?

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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9 MR. CANNON: This is really  
10 interesting. One of the things that Randy Brown talked  
11 to us about at this meeting we had on whitefish is that  
12 the fish that spawn in this one place in the Kuskokwim  
13 and one place in the Yukon may seed all of the bays and  
14 inlets all over Western Alaska. From two spawning  
15 areas.

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's a lot of  
18 fish.

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20 MR. CANNON: It is. And it's really  
21 amazing. And they've got a research proposal now that  
22 will go in and actually evaluate, to test to see if  
23 that's actually true, and it looks like it may be.

24

25 MR. HARPER: Just to clarify that, we  
26 did not do any work at all on Bering cisco. This is  
27 some older work by Ken Ault back I think in the 70s is  
28 when he found those fish up there.

29

30 And this is the south fork of the  
31 Kuskokwim. Those fish are spawning somewhere down  
32 below where the river's really braided coming out of  
33 the glaciers, and then it goes down into one channel,  
34 so they're probably spawning down in this area here.

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36 So the distribution of the whitefish  
37 looks like it's throughout most of the Kuskokwim River  
38 here during the summertime in the fall. And then  
39 during the wintertime they're kind of pulling back, so  
40 you have the majority of the fish down here. And  
41 that's -- so people fishing around Bethel are fishing  
42 on probably that winter distribution of fish.

43

44 And so what we've learned from this is  
45 the generalized life history. Go ahead. We have the  
46 fall spawning runs, fish moving up to the spawning  
47 area. They deposit their eggs and then they're moved  
48 back down. In the springtime the fry distribute  
49 themselves back down into these tundra ponds in the  
50 lower area here, so a lot of these areas here, the Eek

1 Lake area is a good place for them to go, the Kialik  
2 River, probably the Johnson River. They're moving into  
3 those areas. It's just very small fry. So they rear  
4 in these summer ponds during the summertime, and then  
5 based on our otolith microchemistry, go ahead, they  
6 move back and forth, go ahead, into these brackish  
7 waters here, and then back into the lakes every year.  
8 And the reason they move in and out is because a lot of  
9 those -- there's no oxygen left in them in the  
10 wintertime. And that's something I'd like to talk to  
11 some of the elders and fishermen about is are they  
12 catching any fish in some of these lakes during the  
13 winter, or all of them without oxygen, and all the fish  
14 leave. So there's some interesting information there  
15 we can gather.

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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's no beaver then.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 MR. HARPER: Go ahead. So they -- and  
22 then they mature over four to five years. We saw that  
23 from our Swift River fish. Age five is when the  
24 majority of them matured. And then after that they  
25 make their spawning run up to the spawning areas and  
26 they come back down. And they generally select -- I  
27 think what's happening with like Whitefish Lake, a lot  
28 of those fish had that anadromous signature on them, so  
29 they were down in the brackish water in the early part  
30 of their life, but after they had spawned once, it  
31 looks like what they're doing is they're coming back  
32 down the river and then they're slipping into Whitefish  
33 Lake here. And they're not going back down that lower  
34 river. So the age of the fish that James and Charlie  
35 Brown are catching down there are younger fish than the  
36 ones that are up river. They're probably just in that  
37 early mature fish. So you're fishing on those fish  
38 that may spawn -- haven't spawned once or they're just  
39 beginning to spawn, and Bob here's fishing on those  
40 older fish that are in Whitefish Lake.

41

42 Okay. Some of our radio tags were  
43 harvested by subsistence fishermen. We lost 11 percent  
44 of our tags in 2006 were pulled out by subsistence  
45 fishermen. 2007 six percent of the humpback whitefish  
46 radio tags were harvested, and then one percent of our  
47 humpback that we tagged up there in the Swift River  
48 with just Floy tags were -- we found those harvested  
49 down in the Johnson River. So we're kind of piecing  
50 all of this together as we go, and it's taken a little

1 bit of time here with radio tags and tagging in  
2 different locations to find out what all of these  
3 different movements are.

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5           Go ahead. And now one of the studies  
6 we'd like to look at is try to get a handle on what the  
7 winter fishery is like. This is all the winter nets  
8 here set by Akiachak. Try to get a handle on what the  
9 harvest is there.

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11           Go ahead. I just wanted to -- I drew a  
12 matrix here to look at -- and this is kind of  
13 complicated, so bear with me. I looked at the  
14 assessment status and whether it's current and  
15 adequate, current and inadequate, basinwide, what's  
16 going on there, and is there any assessment that's been  
17 done on any of the fish. So if we looked at Whitefish  
18 Lake, that's our only place we've really done any very  
19 in-depth work. That one I'd say we've done some work  
20 there, and it's current and adequate.

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22           Chum salmon, chinook, sockeye and coho,  
23 these are all probably current and adequate. We've got  
24 weirs up and down the river. We're monitoring the  
25 harvest. Well, that's assessments. And there's a test  
26 fishery going on. So there's a lot of information  
27 being collected on salmon. And so we have the salmon  
28 weirs, test fishery, harvest monitoring.

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30           But if you look at whitefish, there's  
31 hardly anything going on. We've got some radio  
32 tracking data, but we don't have any total population  
33 assessment work that's being done.

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35           Biological status, self-sustaining,  
36 depleted, extirpated, unknown. We can put salmon over  
37 here in self-sustaining, because there's a lot of  
38 information going on there. And there's regulations,  
39 things like that to make sure that populations stay at  
40 a certain level.

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42           For depleted, I guess it's been kind of  
43 anecdotal that the broad whitefish have been depleted.  
44 That's what I've kind of picked up from certain people.  
45 This is for Kuskokwim, this is not for Yukon.

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47           And there's certain lakes down here  
48 below Bethel that people have had some issues with that  
49 they think the populations have been knocked way down.  
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1                   We don't have anything that we think is  
2 extirpated.

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4                   Unknown is Bering cisco. We just don't  
5 know anything at all about that population.

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7                   Okay. Next. And then population  
8 trends, anecdotal again plus what we've been able to in  
9 our netting program -- it's been very hard to ever find  
10 whitefish to put radio tags in, so it looks like they  
11 may have declined or they're starting to come back as  
12 James is saying. They're starting to see more and more  
13 now down in the lower area.

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15                   We have fairly stable for some of the  
16 salmon species, but we're kind of unknown here for  
17 sheefish, humpback, lease cisco and Bering cisco.  
18 We're kind of in this unknown area.

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20                   And harvest monitoring. Commercial  
21 whitefish, we know what's going on, because there's a  
22 permit that have to be issued and they have to report.  
23 Commercial salmon, we know what's going on there.  
24 Subsistence salmon, we have fairly good data there with  
25 the post-season subsistence harvest. But I guess a  
26 long-term data set, because they were reported as big  
27 fish -- big salmon, small salmon earlier on, we're kind  
28 of lacking there in the long-term data set. But then  
29 we have no harvest monitoring here at all on the  
30 whitefish species.

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32                   So managers, whoever those might be,  
33 have got in their toolbox population monitoring,  
34 harvest monitoring, time and area closures, where and  
35 when, methods and means and limits, mesh size, net  
36 lengths. And in Whitefish Lake, that's one example of  
37 where there is a methods and means regulation, and it's  
38 a 15-fathom net only. And it has to be checked every  
39 24 hours, so that regulation's in the subsistence  
40 regulation.

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42                   And some of the threats to whitefish.  
43 Mining activity that might go on in the upper rivers,  
44 gravel removal from rivers. We've got these critical  
45 areas where they're spawning, so we want to try to  
46 protect those areas. Hydrocarbon spills, that would be  
47 a big barge might run aground, spill all its gas going  
48 up to McGrath or something. Over-fishing,  
49 hydroelectric, and, of course, climate change. As  
50 everybody knows, there's a lot of coastal erosion going

1 on and changes of things in that area.

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3 Oh, gee, I wasn't going to show this.

4 There we go.

5

6 (Laughter)

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8 MR. HARPER: Any questions, Mr.

9 Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions. Mr.

12 Charles.

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14 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

15 Ken, where does tundra villages get their whitefish?

16 They catch a lot of whitefish up at Nunap, Kasigluk,

17 Old Kasigluk, Atmautluak (ph). They put up a lot more

18 whitefish than us. Where do they -- where does their

19 whitefish come from?

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21 MR. HARPER: It looks like they're part

22 of that whole -- well, we had two fish that we tagged

23 up in the Swift River that went back into that area and

24 were harvested by Nunapitchuk. So we know that their

25 fish that they're fishing on in those lakes are going

26 up the river to spawn. And we do know that some of

27 those go to the Swift River. Now, whether some of the

28 rest of them go on up to the Big River to spawn or the

29 Holitna, we don't have any information on that yet, but

30 they're part of those fish that move out of those

31 tundra ponds and go up the Kuskokwim River to spawn.

32 And then those fry move back down and go into those

33 lakes.

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35 MR. CHARLES: They put up a lot of fish

36 over there. A lot more than us.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more questions

39 for -- Alex.

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41 MR. NICK: Just a comment, Mr. Chair.

42 Ken. When I was a child and teenager I used to be out

43 in the fall camp in the Johnson River way up around

44 across Old Village of Ohogamiut and up just near

45 Russian Mission in the Johnson River drainage. Those

46 people, many used to catch a lot of whitefish migrating

47 out of the Johnson River. So I would assume some of

48 those fish might be Bob Aloysius's fish right behind

49 Kalskag maybe.

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1 MR. HARPER: Yes, they probably are.  
2 They probably go into those lakes, and they -- and I  
3 don't know whether they would be the older aged fish or  
4 the very young fish that are up there. I'm sure when  
5 they first wash down the river, they can't swim very  
6 far up some of these drainages, so they go into the  
7 lowest tundra lakes that they can that are probably  
8 flushing in and out with the tidal influence. But then  
9 after that, they're probably swimming up the -- up  
10 towards that lake there behind Kalskag. But whether  
11 they spawn up in that upper area, don't know. Bob  
12 might know that.

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: The numbers are so low,  
15 you know, compared to years ago. Yeah. I know what  
16 he's talking about, that area where falltime people  
17 went to the fall camp to harvest whitefish. But it  
18 doesn't happen any more, because of the dam. The  
19 beaver dam are causing all this stopping of the  
20 migration of the whitefish.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ken, are you done  
23 with your presentation?

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25 MR. HARPER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am.  
26 Thank you. Counsel.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Rich,  
29 do you have anything else.

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31 MR. CANNON: Mr. Chairman. Regional  
32 Council members. I have one more thing, and it will  
33 just take a minute. On page 90.....

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Excuse me. Before  
36 you go, I think Mr. Brown had a question for Ken.

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38 MR. BROWN: I've been wondering, last  
39 summer there were too many, I don't know what you call  
40 those big -- they call them big Native fish. They were  
41 every in the Kuskokwim. Even Eek River. What are  
42 those species? Where they came from?

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Profit?

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46 MR. HARPER: What were they, the smelt?  
47 I'm not sure what.

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49 MR. BROWN: (Indiscernible, away from  
50 microphone)

1 MR. HARPER: Oh, Nielsen?

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3 MR. BROWN: They were big  
4 (indiscernible, away from microphone).

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6 MS. GREGORY: Those are lake needle  
7 fish. Lake gar. That big ones that started showing up  
8 about a couple years ago, and they have like an  
9 armadillo skin. And they're big. (In Yup'ik) I ask  
10 Fish and Wildlife. I brought one from (indiscernible)  
11 and asked them, and they told me that it was a lake --  
12 (In Yup'ik). But they're out in the ocean.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr. Brown?

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16 (No comments)

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Rich.

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20 MR. CANNON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. On  
21 Page 93 of your books, the Council books, there is an  
22 update that's been prepared by Randy Brown and Caroline  
23 Brown, who were the co-investigators of the Yukon-  
24 Kuskokwim whitefish strategic plan. And they wanted to  
25 provide the Councils with an update of the work that  
26 they're doing. That's for you to read for your  
27 information. They're on schedule with the plan.

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29 And if you go to Page 97, you will see  
30 the participants that they brought together as their  
31 expert panel. And you'll notice at the top of the list  
32 that your Council delegate and I attended as an  
33 observer and very interesting discussion I think was  
34 had, and a lot of good input from the people doing the  
35 western science as well as the users, the traditional  
36 knowledge that was coming from the users of the  
37 resource. So that was a really good opportunity to  
38 talk about what people know about whitefish.

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40 The next phase of this will occur in  
41 April, this coming April where they'll get together  
42 again. And they'll talk about setting some priorities  
43 for what are the next kinds of research we need to do  
44 to fill in some of those unknowns that Ken was talking  
45 about. And that's the purpose of this strategic plan  
46 is to use our money the best that we can to try to help  
47 these resources.

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49 So that concludes my report. Excuse  
50 me.

1 Yes, Mary.  
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3 MS. GREGORY: 82. Page 82. what's  
4 that?  
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6 MS. KENNER: 82?  
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8 MS. GREGORY: 92, I'm sorry. 92. What  
9 are those beetles doing there?  
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11 MS. KENNER: Where's Tom Doolittle.  
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13 MR. CANNON: This is somebody else's  
14 report, but, yeah, these are some benthic samples it  
15 looks like.  
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17 MR. GILLIKIN: Yeah, that's part of the  
18 whitefish study that was done in '85.  
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20 MS. GREGORY: What's that?  
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22 MR. GILLIKIN: That's some of the  
23 beaver activity related information that was put in  
24 that workbook.  
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26 MR. CANNON: Why don't you get on the  
27 record.  
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29 MS. GREGORY: The beaver?  
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31 MR. GILLIKIN: Yeah. This is Dan  
32 Gillikin, fisheries biologist. So what was your  
33 question, Mary?  
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35 MS. GREGORY: There's beetles and  
36 snails. What are they doing here?  
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38 MR. GILLIKIN: And you have a question  
39 about what they are?  
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41 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.  
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43 MR. GILLIKIN: That was part of the  
44 study that was done related to whitefish passage done  
45 back in 1985 looking at whether beaver dams did inhibit  
46 whitefish passage. And it's a very interesting study,  
47 and I'd recommend you guys, if you find the time, that  
48 you read that study. But they also did a side study  
49 looking at the macro invertebrate, the benthic  
50 population, the bugs, the water bugs that are in --

1 make up the ecology of those ponds, because these are  
2 the food sources the prey items for the whitefish. So  
3 it's important for them to understand what's in there  
4 also.

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6 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further --  
9 Rich, anything further.

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.

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15 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes. Rich, as I look at  
16 your timeline for the strategic plan you've got at 96,  
17 so we're not looking at any RFPs or anything like that  
18 coming out until essentially the spring of 2010? Or  
19 the following season.

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21 MR. CANNON: Mr. Chairman. Greg  
22 Roczicka. There are some proposals that are coming in.  
23 We didn't close that possibility out in our call for  
24 2010. But in order to get those studies funded, they  
25 have to make a compelling case, if there's more of an  
26 immediate need to do the research prior to completing  
27 the plan.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that conclude  
30 your report.

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32 MR. CANNON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We will recess  
35 until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning. Let's go home and  
36 have something to eat, get some rest.

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38 (Off record)

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