

1 YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA ALASKA FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE  
2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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7 VOLUME I

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9 Yupiit Piciryarait Cultural Center  
10 Bethel, Alaska

11  
12 February 27, 2013  
13 1:00 p.m.

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17 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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19 Greg Roczicka, Acting Chairman  
20 Robert Aloysius  
21 Noah Andrew  
22 David Bill  
23 William Brown  
24 James Charles  
25 Mary Gregory  
26 Evan Polty  
27 Harry Wilde, Sr.  
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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 - 2/27/2013)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, good afternoon everybody. I'll call the meeting to order here. It's 1:09 in the afternoon on February 27th. And we did get a few more folks made it in, so it looks like we're just barely at a quorum.

With that, I'd ask Staff if you could do a roll call for the record, please.

MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. William Brown.

MR. BROWN: Here.

MR. NICK: James Charles.

MR. CHARLES: Here.

MR. NICK: Noah Andrew.

MR. N. ANDREW: Here.

MR. NICK: Here.

MR. NICK: Evan Polty.

MR. POLTY: Here.

MR. NICK: Lester Wilde said he couldn't make it. Paul Manumik also and Andrew Brown won't be able to make it to this meeting.

Harry Wilde.

MR. H. WILDE: Here.

MR. NICK: Mary Gregory. Mary was -- well, his [sic] family member was contacted this morning, Mr. Chair, so she should be aware of the meeting.

Raymond Oney. Raymond Oney also called and said that he needs to be excused because of work issues.

1 Greg Roczicka.  
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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah, here.  
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5 MR. NICK: Robert Aloysius.  
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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Here.  
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9 MR. NICK: David Bill. David Bill. He  
10 should be on his way, Mr. Chair.  
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12 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: He's up at the  
13 airport.  
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15 MR. NICK: Thank you.  
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17 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)  
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19 MR. NICK: Thank you. Mr. Chair, you  
20 have a quorum. You have seven.  
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22 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Thank you, Alex.  
23 There are seven.  
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25 Then moving on then, Mr. Harry Wilde,  
26 would you give us an invocation, please.  
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28 MR. H. WILDE: Oh, Lord, we come before  
29 Thee again for this hour with the things that we need  
30 to take care of. Lord, we pray Thee this hour those  
31 ones that aren't able to be here tonight. You may help  
32 us and guide us to do what things we do. Oh, Lord, we  
33 pray in Jesus name, amen.  
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35 IN UNISON: Amen.  
36  
37 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Thank you, Harry.  
38 Well, again welcome everybody. I'm glad and double  
39 welcomes, so we at least do have a quorum, and we can  
40 conduct this meeting. It was looking rather doubtful,  
41 and hopefully we'll have a few more folks show up.  
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43 On behalf of our tribal council, I  
44 welcome you to Bethel as well from Orutsararmiut Native  
45 Council.  
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47 And since we are starting late here,  
48 I'm going to try to move along the agenda perhaps a  
49 little quicker if we can. I believe we're going to get  
50 perhaps one more member attending, but it looks like

1 we're pretty much it for this meeting.

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3 So with that, the Council members have  
4 already been introduced. We'll start with anyone on  
5 line with the Federal Staff that are listening in on  
6 line, please identify yourselves.

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8 MR. McKEE: Chris McKee with OSM out of  
9 Anchorage.

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11 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Good morning. Or  
12 afternoon.

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14 MR. SHARP: Good afternoon. This is  
15 Dan Sharp with BLM in Anchorage.

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17 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Dan Sharp.

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19 MS. KENNER: This is Pippa Kenner,  
20 anthropologist at the Office of Subsistence Management  
21 in Anchorage.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Can't hear them.

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25 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Pippa Kenner.

26 Okay.

27 Any other Federal Staff on line.

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29 MR. BUE: Yeah. This is Fred Bue, Fish  
30 and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks.

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32 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Fred Bue. Others.

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34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, are  
37 there any State of Alaska personnel on line.

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39 MR. NEWLAND: This is Eric Newland with  
40 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Anchorage  
41 office, Yukon area management biologist, along with  
42 Rena Avgaard-Hertz.

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44 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Greetings.  
45 Other State representatives?

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, then  
50 we'll go ahead around the room. If you folks could

1 stand up and identify or just give your introduction.  
2  
3 MR. BARTLEY: Mr. Chair. Kevin Bartley  
4 with the University of Alaska.  
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6 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Uh-huh. Okay.  
7 That was Kevin Bartley.  
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9 DR. IKUTA: Hiroko Ikuta with  
10 Department of Fish and Game, Subsistence Division.  
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12 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hiroko Ikuta.  
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14 MR. CRAWFORD: Drew Crawford, Alaska  
15 Department of Fish and Game, Federal Subsistence  
16 Liaison Team.  
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18 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. I didn't  
19 catch your first name again.  
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21 MR. CRAWFORD: Drew, D-R-E-W.  
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23 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Drew Crawford?  
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25 MR. CRAWFORD: Yes.  
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27 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Welcome,  
28 sir. Back.  
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30 MR. MASCHMANN: Gerald Maschmann, U.S.  
31 Fish and Wildlife Service, Fairbanks.  
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33 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Drew [sic]  
34 Maschmann. Back row over there.  
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36 MR. NICHOLAI: James Nicholai,  
37 Atmuatiluk City Council.  
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39 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. James  
40 Nicholai, Atmuatiluk.  
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42 MR. ASULUK: Joe Asuluk, U.S. Fish and  
43 Wildlife Service, information technician.  
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45 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Joe Asuluk.  
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47 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Jackson Williams,  
48 Akiak Council.  
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50 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Jackson

1 Williams.

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3 MR. B. WILLIAMS: Brian Williams for  
4 Alakanuk Native Corporation.

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6 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. That's Brian  
7 Williams, Alakanuk.

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9 DR. CHEN: Good afternoon, Council  
10 members. My name is Glenn Chen. I'm with the Bureau  
11 of Indian Affairs.

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13 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: That was Glenn  
14 Chen, BIA.

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16 DR. JENKINS: David Jenkins. I'm the  
17 acting deputy assistant regional director for the  
18 Office of Subsistence Management.

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20 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. David  
21 Jenkins.

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23 MS. CHAVEZ: Roberta Chavez, ONC, from  
24 Bethel.

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26 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. That's  
27 Robert Chavez, fisheries biologist, ONC.

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29 And the two gentlemen that just came  
30 in, would you introduce yourselves, please.

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32 MR. IALPIN: Nick Ialpin (ph) from  
33 Kwethluk.

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35 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Nick Ialpin,  
36 Kwethluk.

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38 MR. J. ANDREW: Jimmy Andrew, Kwethluk.

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40 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And Jimmy Andrew,  
41 Kwethluk also.

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43 Okay-dokey. And that's it for the  
44 introductions.

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46 Moving on, the next item is  
47 housekeeping.

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49 MR. ELISON: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead. Who's  
2 that?

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4 MR. ELISON: I just wanted to introduce  
5 myself. This is Travis Elison, Fish and Game for  
6 fisheries.

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8 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Yeah. You  
9 must have just come on line then. I had the Federal  
10 and State Staff introductions just prior, so welcome,  
11 Mr. Elison.

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13 Alex, go ahead.

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15 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My  
16 name is Alex Nick. I'm the Council coordinator.

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18 For your information, Mr. Paul Manumik  
19 and Mr. Andrew Brown made decision for personal reasons  
20 not to attend this meeting. And also Raymond Oney, as  
21 I mentioned earlier, made a decision not to attend the  
22 meeting because of some work issues.

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24 There's been some problems with travel  
25 yesterday. Most everyone was trying to make it in, and  
26 just a couple or three maybe made it in last night.

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28 For your information, there was a  
29 reminder, a memo sent to you with two minutes that the  
30 Council wanted me to send on to you before the  
31 materials were sent. Unfortunately I think most of  
32 you, if not all, haven't received your Y-K Delta  
33 workbook which was supposed -- which was mailed from  
34 Anchorage. And we do have a few more extra copies here  
35 if you need one.

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37 And also in your packet there is a new  
38 Council Operations Manual that you need to review and  
39 get familiar with, because there's some changes from  
40 the past.

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42 Lester Wilde also decided not to attend  
43 this meeting because he's not feeling well. He caught  
44 a really bad cold.

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46 And so with that, for those of you who  
47 are new to Bethel, welcome to Bethel. And I think the  
48 closest place to eat lunch is right down the street in  
49 the hospital cafeteria. They have fairly good food  
50 down there.



1 to add an item.

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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead.

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: On Page 2, New Business,  
6 Item E, compensation for local members. And the reason  
7 I am bringing that up again is that it doesn't seem  
8 fair to me and to a lot of people that whenever we have  
9 a meeting in a community that has a RAC member in it,  
10 that RAC member is not eligible for per diem. So, you  
11 know, I'd like to throw that out again for a discussion  
12 when we get to it.

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14 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. We'll add  
15 that as Item E. Any others.

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17 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Alex.

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21 MR. NICK: It was requested by Mary  
22 Gregory who's not here yet that invasive species be  
23 added and discussed at this Council meeting. And I do  
24 have, Mr. Chair, a copy of House Bill 89 that talks a  
25 little bit about invasive species. And it's up to you  
26 if you want to put it to your agenda.

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28 Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, it's up the  
31 Council as a whole. Do you guys want to add that on  
32 and maybe as Item F under new business. Any objection.  
33 Any objection to adding it as an Item F to discuss  
34 invasive species.

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36 (No comments)

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38 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, that  
41 will be added then as Item F under new business.

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43 Anything else.

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45 MR. NICK: I was requested by.....

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47 REPORTER: Your microphone, Alex.

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49 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Referring to old  
50 business, Item B, WCR12-07, caribou, Unit 17A and C,

1 Dr. David Jenkins, would you like to say something  
2 about that?

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4 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Do you want to  
5 remove -- is it relevant to having it remain on the  
6 agenda or not?

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8 DR. JENKINS: I believe it was added in  
9 error to this agenda, so I wanted to inform you of  
10 that. And the biologist called me up and said it was  
11 probably in error for this agenda, so you could remove  
12 it if you so feel fit.

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14 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Is there any  
17 objection to removing Item 12.B. from the agenda.

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19 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. I added that on  
20 the agenda because one or two of your villages do have  
21 C&T in that unit, 17A.

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23 MS. KENNER: Mr. Chair. This is Pippa.

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25 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Pippa.  
26 You've got something to add?

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28 MS. KENNER: Thank you. The C&T for  
29 the communities associated with this hunt is very  
30 complicated. However, upon careful, careful review and  
31 discussion at our offices here, there are no members in  
32 your region that have C&T for this hunt. It's on the  
33 Nushagak Peninsula.

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35 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: So we're talking  
38 about the Southern Peninsula Herd, that would be  
39 correct, and it would be appropriate then to remove  
40 this from the agenda.

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42 Any objection.

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44 MS. KENNER: Mr. Chair. We're talking  
45 about the Nushagak Peninsula.

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47 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Also the Southern  
48 Peninsula Caribou Herd I believe is another name for  
49 it. So hearing that, then if there's no objection we'll  
50 remove Item 12.B.

1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seeing none. Okay.  
4 That one's gone.  
5  
6 Any others, changes, additions to the  
7 agenda. I'm sorry, this is Council members only.  
8  
9 (No comments)  
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11 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I guess the only  
12 other thing that I would toss out would be that since  
13 we are at a bare quorum.....  
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15 Oh, I'm sorry. For the record, David  
16 Bill has just arrived, so we are now at eight. David.  
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18 Whether we would want to keep in as  
19 last -- the last time we were in this situation, the  
20 Council did not want to hold elections until there were  
21 more people present. And so I don't know if you guys  
22 want to continue to just leave that on there for now  
23 and take any further action here or postpone that until  
24 the next meeting.  
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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28 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Bob.  
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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we table the  
31 election of officers until we have more people, more  
32 Board members -- I mean, Council members attending the  
33 meeting.  
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35 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Well, that  
36 tabling motion would be in order just to remove it from  
37 the agenda for this meeting and put it forward to the  
38 next meeting.  
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40 MR. POLTY: I second that.  
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42 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any objection.  
43  
44 (No comments)  
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46 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, any  
47 other changes, additions to, deletions to the agenda.  
48  
49 (No comments)  
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1                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, all  
2 those in favor say aye.  
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4                   IN UNISON: Aye.  
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6                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any opposed, same  
7 sign.  
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9                   (No opposing votes)  
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11                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. The motion  
12 carries. We have the agenda as amended.  
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14                  We'll move on to appointments, Item  
15 8.A.  
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17                  MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. There has  
18 no vote on the approval of the agenda.  
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20                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I just asked --  
21 made that request, and I said all those in favor say  
22 aye and any opposed same sign. And we had no --  
23 everybody said aye.  
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25                  MR. ALOYSIUS: I thought it was just on  
26 the removal of the item.  
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28                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I said the agenda  
29 as amended.  
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31                  MR. ALOYSIUS: Oh, okay. Sorry about  
32 that.  
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34                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Moving on then to  
35 the appointments for the Lower Yukon River Coordinating  
36 Fisheries Committee.  
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38                  MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.  
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40                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Alex.  
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42                  MR. NICK: Yeah, that goes along with  
43 your elections. It's usually done right after the  
44 election of officers.  
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46                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: We didn't remove it  
47 from our agenda, and it's there for now. I believe  
48 that they're kind of two separate issues. And we do  
49 have standing members for that. And it would be in my  
50 mind an appropriate action to continue.

1                   But our two members on that committee  
2 were I believe Raymond Oney and Evan; is that correct?

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4                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Raymond Oney's  
5 term was ended, and then when Raymond Oney's term  
6 ended, I believe he was replaced by Paul Manumik.

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8                   MR. POLTY: Yes.

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10                  MR. NICK: From Nunam Iqua.

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12                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. So I guess  
13 the question would be if there's anybody -- do you want  
14 to nominate anyone one else, or if those folks are  
15 willing to continue serving, we would reappoint them  
16 for the next cycle.

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18                  MR. ALOYSIUS: For?

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20                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: For the Lower Yukon  
21 River Coordinating Fisheries Committee, similar to what  
22 we have on the Kuskokwim, Council representatives.  
23 There are two for fisheries for the Yukon; there are  
24 two for fisheries for the Kuskokwim, which I believe  
25 you are one.

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27                  MR. ALOYSIUS: What was the names of  
28 the Yukon?

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30                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Paul Manumik, and  
31 Evan Polty.

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33                  MR. ALOYSIUS: Is Paul still on the  
34 Council?

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36                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yes, he is. In  
37 absence of any other recommendations, I think a motion  
38 would be in order to reappoint the existing  
39 representatives.

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41                  MR. ALOYSIUS: I so move.

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43                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Moved by Bob. Is  
44 there a second.

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46                  MR. CHARLES: Second the motion. Mr.  
47 Chairman.

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49                  CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seconded by James.  
50 Any further discussion.

1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, all  
4 those in favor say aye.  
5  
6 IN UNISON: Aye.  
7  
8 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any opposed same  
9 sign.  
10  
11 (No opposing votes)  
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13 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, Evan,  
14 you and Paul remain the representatives.  
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16 MR. POLTY: Okay.  
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18 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: For the Lower  
19 Kuskokwim Fisheries Committee, I believe it was Bob  
20 Aloysius and was it Mary Gregory?  
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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.  
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24 MR. CHARLES: Me.  
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: James Charles.  
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28 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And James. Okay.  
29 So Bob and James. Are there any other nominations.  
30  
31 (No comments)  
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33 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seeing, hearing  
34 none, a motion would be in order, if they're agreeable  
35 to continue, to reappoint James and Bob as the  
36 Kuskokwim Coordinating Fisheries Committee members.  
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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: I so move.  
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40 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Moved by Bob. Is  
41 there a second. Is there a second.  
42  
43 MR. POLTY: I second that.  
44  
45 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seconded by Evan.  
46 Further discussion.  
47  
48 (No comments)  
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50 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: All those in favor

1 say aye.  
2  
3 IN UNISON: Aye.  
4  
5 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any opposed same  
6 sign.  
7  
8 (No opposing votes)  
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10 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, Bob,  
11 James remain for the next term as the Lower Kuskokwim  
12 representatives of the RAC.  
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14 And then for the Kuskokwim Salmon  
15 Working Group representative, I believe that was Mr.  
16 Aloysius had been appointed to that at the prior  
17 meeting. If there's anybody want any further  
18 discussion on it or any other nominations.  
19  
20 (No comments)  
21  
22 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: If there's none,  
23 and Mr. Aloysius is willing to continue, then a motion  
24 would be in order to reappoint him to that position.  
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26 MR. BROWN: So move.  
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28 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Moved by Charlie.  
29 I forget, what's your really first name?  
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31 MR. BROWN: William.  
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33 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: William Brown. Is  
34 there a second.  
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second.  
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38 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Moved and  
39 second. If there's no further discussion.  
40  
41 (No comments)  
42  
43 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: All those in favor  
44 say aye.  
45  
46 IN UNISON: Aye.  
47  
48 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any opposed.  
49  
50 (No opposing votes)

1 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, Bob  
2 remains the representative for the RAC on the working  
3 group.  
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5 And moving on then, Item 9, to review  
6 and approve the previous meeting minutes. A motion  
7 would be in order for the draft February 23rd, 2012  
8 minutes.  
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10 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.  
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12 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Alex.  
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14 MR. NICK: A copy of both minutes were  
15 sent to all of the Y-K RAC members for review.  
16  
17 MR. N. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. I move  
18 to accept both minutes.  
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20 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Let's take them one  
21 at a time in case people have changes.  
22  
23 MR. N. ANDREW: One at a time?  
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25 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yes.  
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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: What was his motion?  
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29 MR. N. ANDREW: I move to support  
30 February 23, 2012. Mr. Chair.  
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32 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Motion by Noah to  
33 approve the February 23rd, 2012 meeting minutes. Is  
34 there a second.  
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second.  
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38 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seconded by Bob.  
39 Discussion.  
40  
41 (No comments)  
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43 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Everyone's had  
44 their chance to look them over.  
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46 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)  
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48 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: This one here. For

1 the record, Mary Gregory has arrived so we are now at  
2 nine.

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4 And we're reviewing and approving the  
5 minutes. Is there any discussion or changes for the  
6 February 23rd, 2012 minutes.

7

8 (No comments)

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10 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing and seeing  
11 none, all those in favor of approving the February  
12 23rd, 2012 meeting minutes say aye.

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14 IN UNISON: Aye.

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16 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any opposed same  
17 sign.

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19 IN UNISON: Aye.

20

21 (No opposing votes)

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23 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Those  
24 minutes are approved. And then for -- Noah, if you  
25 want to do for Item B then, the October.

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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Bob.

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we approve  
32 the minutes of the October 2012 meeting.

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34 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: A motion. Is there  
35 a second.

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37 MR. BROWN: Second.

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39 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seconded by  
40 Charlie. Any discussion, changes, edits.

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42 (No comments)

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44 MR. N. ANDREW: Question.

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46 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, the  
47 question is heard. All those in favor say aye.

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49 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any opposed, same  
2 sign.  
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4 (No opposing votes)  
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6 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Those minutes are  
7 adopted.  
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9 Moving on then to reports, Item 10,  
10 Council member reports. Do we have any specific  
11 reports from Council members that they'd wish to put  
12 forward here.  
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14 (No comments)  
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16 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seeing none, I  
17 wasn't approached by anyone on anything specific other  
18 than -- on anything that's not on the agenda.  
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20 So we would then move on to the .805(c)  
21 report/summary of Board actions on fisheries proposals.  
22 And is one of the Staff going to cover that?  
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24 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. .805(c) has been  
25 drafted, but it is not signed by the Federal Board  
26 Chair. So once it's signed, it will be sent to all of  
27 the Council members.  
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29 Mr. Chair.  
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31 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: So that rather than  
32 a report, it's more of just an informational item I  
33 would presume.  
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35 MR. NICK: It usually tells you --  
36 .805(c) letter usually tells you what the Board did,  
37 and it shows your recommendations, you know, on a given  
38 proposal and then your justification. And it also has  
39 the Board action in that letter. And once the Board  
40 agrees with that, that the Board Chair signs that and  
41 we make it available to you.  
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43 Mr. Chair.  
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45 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I guess the only  
46 suggestion I might have again glancing through them, is  
47 that I don't have all the numbers memorized, and  
48 without going back to the previous book or going back  
49 to some other previous meeting, maybe when you label  
50 which proposal it is, just a brief one line recounter

1 of what the proposal was meant to do and whether it  
2 passed or failed. That would help for the future for  
3 me anyway.

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5 MR. NICK: It will show on the letter,  
6 Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay.

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10 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chairman. Don Rivard.

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12 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Don Rivard it  
13 sounded like.

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15 MR. RIVARD: Yeah. That's.....

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17 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead.

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19 MR. RIVARD: I can give a real quick  
20 synopsis if you'd like about what the Board did on  
21 those proposals that affect the Yukon, northern area.

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23 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah, I guess that  
24 was the purpose of having it in the report section I  
25 suppose. So, yeah, go ahead, Don. Thank you.

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27 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My  
28 name is Don Rivard. I'm a fish biologist with the  
29 Office of Subsistence Management.

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31 There were approximately a half a dozen  
32 or so proposals that went before you last fall, and  
33 also to the Federal Board in January. The first one  
34 was FP13-01 that was submitted by the Koyukuk National  
35 Wildlife Refuge requesting to rescind the Federal  
36 permit requirement in the drift gillnet fishery in  
37 Yukon River Subdistricts 4B and 4C. Your Council  
38 recommended to support that, as well as the Western  
39 Interior Council. The Eastern Interior Council took no  
40 action on that, and the Federal Board in January  
41 adopted that proposal. So there's no longer a Federal  
42 permit requirement to fish with drift gillnets in Yukon  
43 River Districts 4B and 4C.

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45 The second proposal was FP13-02, and  
46 that was submitted by the Fairbanks Fish and Wildlife  
47 fisheries office. And your recommendation -- this was  
48 to revise marking requirements in Districts 1, 2, and 3  
49 on the Yukon River. And your Council as well as the  
50 Seward Pen, Eastern Interior, and Western Interior

1 recommended to support that. And the Federal  
2 Subsistence Board adopted it.

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4 Okay. And the next one was FP13-03,  
5 submitted by the GASH Advisory Committee. This was to  
6 establish harvest limits for pike on the Yukon River in  
7 the Paimuit Slough area. Your Council, as well as the  
8 Seward Pen, recommended to oppose it. Western Interior  
9 and Eastern Interior recommended to support it. And the  
10 Federal Subsistence Board rejected that proposal.

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12 The other ones that are pertinent to  
13 your Council are regarding customary trade regulations,  
14 and maybe it would be best if David Jenkins would  
15 address those.

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17 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I guess as far as  
20 the proposal goes, yeah, that would -- we also have  
21 that for an agenda item I believe down the line, don't  
22 we? I'm sorry, no, that's C&T.

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24 Go ahead, Mr. Jenkins.

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26 DR. JENKINS: Yes. David Jenkins with  
27 OSM.

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29 Yes, the Federal Subsistence Board  
30 elected to adopt the proposal which limited customary  
31 trade only to those folks in the Yukon River drainage  
32 who had a customary and traditional use determination  
33 for Chinook salmon. So that was an attempt to -- or  
34 what the Board did then is ensure that customary trades  
35 would only occur between Federally-qualified rural  
36 residents who have a customary and traditional use  
37 determination for that fish.

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39 And they took no action on the  
40 remaining customary trade proposals, the proposals that  
41 had to do with setting up dollar amounts, \$750; the  
42 proposals from the Eastern Interior which wanted the  
43 restrictions on customary trade only to occur in times  
44 of restrictions on commercial fisheries, and on  
45 subsistence harvests; and on a deferred proposal from  
46 the prior fishery regulatory cycle. So the Board took  
47 no action on all those and just adopted one as I just  
48 outlined.

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50 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And those were all

1 specific just to Chinook as I recall.

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3 DR. JENKINS: Those were all specific  
4 to Chinook, yes.

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6 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Any  
7 questions, comments on the Staff report on Board  
8 actions.

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10 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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12 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: James.

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14 MR. CHARLES: David, which proposal is  
15 that one now?

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17 DR. JENKINS: I believe it was FP13-06  
18 that the Board adopted, and then tabled 07, 08, 9, 10,  
19 and a prior one from -- I believe it was FP11-08. So  
20 they took no action on all of those proposals and just  
21 adopted 13-06 with slightly modified language, but just  
22 very slightly, to ensure that it referred to those  
23 folks who had a customary and traditional use  
24 determination for Chinook salmon in the Yukon River  
25 drainage.

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27 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any others.

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29 (No comments)

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31 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none, then  
32 we can move on to Item 11 for public and tribal  
33 comments. And I do have four who have signed up, and  
34 anyone that wanted to address the Board -- or the  
35 Council I mean, on any issue that's not on the agenda,  
36 just fill out a blue card and turn it in, and we can  
37 have you come on up and say what you'd like.

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39 And so first I have a Brian Williams  
40 from Alakanuk.

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42 MR. B. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Turn your  
45 microphone on, please.

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47 MR. B. WILLIAMS: Yes. Mr. Chairman.  
48 My name is Brian Williams. I'm representing for the  
49 corporation of Alakanuk.

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1                   Our area would be affected for this  
2 commercial fishing and subsistence lifestyle. I'd like  
3 for the subsistence to continue on for our area, not  
4 only for Area 1 and 2 and 3, to leave it as it to keep  
5 it going for our lifestyle, because we keep it as our  
6 lifestyle, to keep it going for our villages and for  
7 our future people that will want to subsistence fish  
8 and keep it that way, too, for the younger generation  
9 to have it for them. And I'm strongly to let you guys  
10 know that I would like that to continue on, to keep it  
11 for our younger generation so that they may see that  
12 this is strong for them. And this is what I have to  
13 say for all of you, to let you guys know.

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15                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Thank you, Brian.  
16 And rest assured that's what we consider our primary  
17 reason for being here on this side of the table.

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19                   I don't know if anyone else wanted to  
20 offer anything further.

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22                   MR. B. WILLIAMS: I want to let the  
23 Board know that that would be very good for our future  
24 people that are -- our younger generation to continue  
25 on our tradition, what we have, what we've been doing  
26 since -- I was born in 1967, and I had my commercial  
27 fishing since 1980, and that's my given tradition from  
28 my father, and I would like that to continue on with  
29 the future generation to come, for them to help them in  
30 coming years. So that's why I'd like to speak to all  
31 of you.

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33                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana. Thank you,  
34 Brian.

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36                   Next is Jackson Williams from Akiak.

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38                   MR. J. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, RAC.

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40                   (In Yup'ik)

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42                   I'll do this in Yup'ik, because most of  
43 them are Yup'ik, and I'll do my best to translate it.

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45                   (In Yup'ik)

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47                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Jackson, you want  
48 to conclude your statements here and then for the  
49 recorder?

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1 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Okay. You  
2 want me to translate it as much or.....

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4 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yes. And then if  
5 there's questions that are from the Council, we can ask  
6 you.

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8 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Okay. You know, as  
9 we go along these past years and especially this year,  
10 we really had a real hard time. A lot of people from  
11 tundra, Kuskokwim, when I go to these meetings, they  
12 share their really hardship this year, really back  
13 hardship. They tell me there's no king salmon in my  
14 smokehouse, period. Nothing.

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16 And a lot of these are going on, and I  
17 say to them, my growing up in Akiak, my dad was really  
18 looking after animals, conserving them. Some spring  
19 he'd go look for the muskrat, you know, I don't know  
20 how to say that, but during the winter they make a hole  
21 and make, you know, moss on top of the ice for coming  
22 out in the wintertime. He'd go look for those. In  
23 Kisaralik area, if there's more than the Upper Akiak,  
24 we'd go to that area, conserving it. We don't stay in  
25 one spot and hunt.

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27 And also one time in my lifetime in a  
28 big lake above Akiak, whitefish died on that lake. All  
29 of them. You know, it got so stink, I couldn't hunt  
30 any more in that lake. But my dad wanted to tell me  
31 that these do happen. He tell me not to worry, they do  
32 happen as we go along. Some kind of disease I think.  
33 But to my surprise out of those whitefish, there was no  
34 pike dead. Only whitefish.

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36 And, you know, this year I went to a  
37 lot to these meetings. I went to Anchorage and the  
38 outlook for hardship after 60 and older, hopefully this  
39 summer they can subsistence, you know. Older people.  
40 And that will be a relief for a lot of the elders.  
41 What really happened this past summer, our elders, we  
42 had a big meeting in Akiak. Our elders tell us to go  
43 ahead and fish for them, you know. We were craving it  
44 so bad. That's our number 1 food.

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46 But, anyway, the subsistence way of  
47 life is changed so much in these villages, it's  
48 affecting our people.

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50 And when I testimony on the Federal

1 Board, my 10-year-old grandson and 8-year-old boy  
2 helped me this past summer. And when the game wardens  
3 came around to confiscate some of the fishing, we did  
4 not -- we did this, not protest fish; we did it using  
5 our subsistence fishing right. We've been doing this  
6 all our life to feed our family. And my 10-year and 8-  
7 year-old, one of -- the oldest boy told me, why are  
8 they doing this? You know, I had nothing answered,  
9 because I know conservation, they're doing it.

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11 But I know one thing, very high water  
12 like we had last summer, we won't catch king salmon. I  
13 experimented with my 60. One time I hung a 60-mesh,  
14 maybe all as this or taller, that's the only time I  
15 catch king salmon. The rest of the commercial  
16 fishermen, they didn't catch.

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18 But anyways, getting along.

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20 And thanks. Quyana.

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22 (In Yup'ik)

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24 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana, Jackson.

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26 MR. IVAN: Mr. Chairman. I'm speaking  
27 from a phone in a small village.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Can you hold on a  
30 second. I had questions. When Jackson's done, I can  
31 recognize you if you wanted to address the Council.

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33 MR. IVAN: Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Mary.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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39 (In Yup'ik)

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41 MR. J. WILLIAMS: (In Yup'ik)

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43 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Yeah.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Other questions for  
50 Jackson. Harry.

1 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.

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3 (In Yup'ik)

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5 That's where we're going to get the  
6 Yukon River, Y-1, 2, and 3. (In Yup'ik) 100 chums  
7 drift -- or seine. When I was younger, (In Yup'ik),  
8 when the first came Federal subsistence, one old man  
9 told me, Harry, I think these people are going to help  
10 us. You guys should -- young people supporting them,  
11 what they do. Because he's an elder, I try to  
12 understand. I go up there in the area, work with them.

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14 But I tell you today, I am 83 years  
15 old. If I know that time, I would have never touched  
16 them or helped them. I tell you the truth. I've been  
17 doing that. Now that we're going to give us new  
18 subsistence way to get it. Seine, dipnet. We never  
19 done those before. I don't know how it's going to  
20 work. Even commercial, they want us to use that.

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22 That time when I were younger, instead  
23 of supporting the first people that came in, white  
24 people, down in the coast, I would have never  
25 supported. I tell you the truth. But they're not  
26 supporting us. They're not helping us. Go out there  
27 in Yukon -- ocean out there, people are -- white  
28 people, fishermen, they throw away the king salmon,  
29 chum salmon, throw them overboard. But they come to  
30 us, we're having a problem all the time. I hope that  
31 you understand that today we have no choice to do  
32 things. Our ancestors' land where they fish, they're  
33 no longer there. They take over, white people. They  
34 call them fish and game.

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36 So it's very hard for the elders. I  
37 don't know how many times elders tell me, Harry, why  
38 you do this? I'm not -- I never done nothing.

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40 Quyana.

41

42 (In Yup'ik)

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44 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Quyana.

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46 (In Yup'ik)

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48 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Noah Andrew.

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50 MR. N. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr.

1 Chairman. I'd like to thank Mr. Williams for speaking  
2 about some of the species that we put into as part of  
3 our supplemental. Kings, cohos are our main diet, but  
4 our supplementals are white fish and pike. Thank you  
5 for bringing your comments over here. It give us the  
6 advisory an encouragement to pursue with what we have  
7 to do. Also, Mr. Williams, you really reiterated on  
8 some of the comments that I will cover later when the  
9 Board comments are due. And I hope you be listening to  
10 this comment, because at that time I'm going to give  
11 out my recommendations to the Department of Fish and  
12 Game, Fish and Wildlife, not mine, but some things that  
13 I have learned from our elders.

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15 (In Yup'ik)

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17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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19 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Quyana.

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21 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Evan.

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23 MR. POLTY: Yeah. William.

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25 (In Yup'ik)

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27 Quyana. Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary. One more and  
30 then maybe we'll move on after this.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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34 (In Yup'ik)

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36 Mr. Williams and Mr. Williams for  
37 coming and enlightening us on what's happening, and I  
38 really appreciate you guys coming up. And don't be  
39 scared to come up and talk to us. We can listen, even  
40 though we have a hard time convincing our workers.  
41 They are our workers. They're not our bosses. I never  
42 considered them my bosses. They're my workers.  
43 They're here to help me maintain my subsistence way of  
44 life, and they shouldn't forget that.

45

46 Quyana

47

48 (In Yup'ik).

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50 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Quyana.

1 (In Yup'ik).

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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana

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5 (In Yup'ik)

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7 There was a gentleman on line that --  
8 from the village. Would you please identify yourself,  
9 and then if you had some comments for the Council, go  
10 ahead.

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12 MR. IVAN: Thank you very much. Ivan  
13 M. Ivan. Yup'ik name is (In Yup'ik), Chief of Akiak  
14 Native Community, just upriver from you.

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16 I agree wholeheartedly with the  
17 statements of Jackson Williams, who's also an Akiak  
18 Native Community member. And my comments to you, we  
19 look to your group, RAC I guess they call you that, I'm  
20 just learning, to protect our subsistence fishing  
21 rights for king salmon. As a Federal agency, you're  
22 carrying the trust responsibility that Secretary of  
23 Interior incorporated us in 1931, and deal with us on  
24 government-to-government basis. And thank you for your  
25 tribal consultation. We look forward to working with  
26 you.

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28 And thank you for allowing us to  
29 comment to your community. I've got two brief --  
30 really three brief.

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32 Our older elders need, critically need  
33 to eat dry fish that's from king salmon for this long  
34 winter. They cannot testify, so I'm trying to speak on  
35 their behalf. They've asked us to speak for them as  
36 much as possible. It's not only our elders, but our  
37 very young grandchildren need the dried king salmon,  
38 because it's more filling than pizza, and it goes a  
39 little longer in our stomach.

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41 There's another one that really bothers  
42 the elders, and that's the net size. I was born to  
43 eight-and-half and eight-and-a-quarter mesh for king  
44 salmon that preserved the kings up to this time. The  
45 four-inch our elders say is not good. It's killing  
46 kings, king jacks that are going to return next year or  
47 years as adults to spawn on the rivers. And some of  
48 them lay as food for young salmon.

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50 And I was happy when I heard about last

1 -- two months ago or a month ago when the governor put  
2 together scientists to take a look at the famine issue  
3 in western Alaska. And they said Kuskokwim had no fish  
4 problem whatsoever, but I can't speak for the Yukon.  
5 I'm sure there's a lot of people that can speak for  
6 that river.

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8                   There's some information that I have  
9 not given to State of Alaska's Fish and Game people.  
10 Comments like, information like (In Yup'ik) in June,  
11 first week of June, two days of wind, rain, waves that  
12 drives those fish to the Kuskokwim. When that doesn't  
13 happen, there's not very many, but there's fish.

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15                   The other one is some years the fish go  
16 through the channel and they're hard to get.

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18                   But as true scientists, our elders used  
19 to drop several year old milk right in the channel of  
20 the river to make them move up, detour around it so  
21 that they can get it.

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23                   The key point is tribal consultation.  
24 And thank you very much for doing this. We cannot  
25 survive without king salmon. That's our hope. That's  
26 our prayer. That's been given to us by the Almighty.  
27 And please protect our rights.

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29                   I can't speak for Alaska Department of  
30 Fish and Game. I'm sorry, I don't trust them any more,  
31 but I do trust you people that will represent us.

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33                   And I will try to answer any questions  
34 that you may have.

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36                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana, Ivan.  
37 Questions for Ivan.

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39                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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41                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary.

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43                   MR. IVAN: Yes. And if you would  
44 permit me, Moses Owen, tribal council member would like  
45 to make a real short comment.

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47                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary had a question  
48 for your, or a comment here, and then Moses can go  
49 after that.

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1 MR. IVAN: All right.  
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3 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. Mr. Ivan.  
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5 (In Yup'ik)  
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7 Because you think like me. I am  
8 sitting here to advocate for my elders, because I want  
9 them to keep doing what they have been doing for years,  
10 is to eat their subsistence food, and not be deprived  
11 of living the lifestyle they know how. (In Yup'ik)  
12 And I'm glad -- I wish more people would think like me  
13 and you, to make sure our elders are taken care of  
14 physically, mentally, and emotionally, because if you  
15 don't eat what you're used to eating, it can affect you  
16 very emotionally and it's bad for your health.  
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18 Quyana  
19  
20 (In Yup'ik).  
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22 MR. IVAN: Thank you very much. I  
23 agree wholeheartedly with you. The fish is a health  
24 food. The oil fights cholesterol and keeps our elders  
25 and young people healthy.  
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27 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. And Bob  
28 Aloysius had something for you, Ivan.  
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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you, sir.  
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32 There's something that's been bugging  
33 me for the last couple of months, and that remark about  
34 jack salmon are returning to the ocean, there is no  
35 such thing that happens. Jack salmon go all the way up  
36 to the spawning grounds, and they don't come back. And  
37 I don't know where that idea came that jack salmon are going  
38 back in the ocean. Jack salmon are going up to the  
39 headwaters like all the other salmon to spawn.  
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41 And one point of clarification I would  
42 like to have everybody understand. When we fish and  
43 dry and preserve our fish, we don't do it for the  
44 wintertime. We do it for the next 11 months. Think  
45 about that.  
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47 MR. IVAN: Thank you.  
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49 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Seeing no  
50 one else, then you said Moses Owen wanted to address

1 the Council. You can have him go ahead.

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3 MR. OWEN: Yes. Good afternoon. Thank  
4 you for this opportunity to speak to you, the Board,  
5 and whoever's there.

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7 You know, we've been discussing this  
8 for how many years now, and somebody within the State  
9 or the Federal government is always putting up  
10 regulations and rules or whatever to keep us from  
11 fishing. This last summer, last year was really bad  
12 for us. We don't want to go through that again,  
13 because it's our livelihood here within all these  
14 communities up and down the river on the Kuskokwim,  
15 Yukon, and, in fact, within the whole state. But, you  
16 know, it's going to come down to us regulating our own  
17 fish and game out here. Otherwise we're not going to  
18 survive at all.

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20 Quyana. Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana. Okay. Are  
23 there any other tribal representatives or public on  
24 line there that wanted to address the Council.

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26 MR. IVAN: Thank you. I think Akiak is  
27 done. Thank you very much.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana, Ivan. The  
30 other gentlemen back here, was there anyone?

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32 MR. B. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Come up to the  
35 mike, please.

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37 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

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39 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Wait. We have  
40 Brian Williams had one more comment to offer here, and  
41 then we'll go to the on-line again.

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43 MR. B. WILLIAMS: I apologize. Excuse  
44 me, Mr. Chairman. Again I'd like to say this to the  
45 future generation, this is going to affect the future  
46 generation that's going to -- if you guys are going to  
47 cut off the fishing. The subsistence way of life is  
48 our way of life. We do subsist on that, you know. We  
49 do like that, you know. We put away fish and we like  
50 that, you know, for 11 months, especially on winter

1 days, you know. And that's what I'd like to advise to  
2 you guys to let you guys know that for our future kids  
3 that are going to be having this, you know, for them.  
4 I want it for them, you know. I want to keep it going  
5 for them. This is to keep striving for them to have  
6 it, because it's getting stronger and stronger to  
7 hardly get subsistence fishing and king salmon for to  
8 put away. And I wanted for the younger generation to  
9 have it for them.

10

Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana, Brian.  
14 There was someone else on line that was trying to get  
15 through. Identify yourself, please and where you're  
16 calling from.

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18 MR. MINTO: I'm calling from  
19 Kwigillingok, Alaska. My name is Joseph Minto (ph).  
20 I'm a tribal member.

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22 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I had a hard time  
23 understanding you. It was a little bit fuzzy Can you  
24 repeat your name and what village you're from?

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26 MR. MINTO: I'm from Kwigillingok,  
27 Alaska. I'm Joseph Minto. I represent -- a tribal  
28 member.

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30 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Oh, Kwigillingok.  
31 Go ahead.

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33 MR. MINTO: (In Yup'ik) Quyana.

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35 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana. Would you  
36 care to summarize (In Yup'ik) for our recorder? Or, if  
37 not, we can have our Staff do it.

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39 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary, go ahead.

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43 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. MINTO: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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47 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Alex.

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49 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Alex Nick. I'll  
50 just summarize a couple of them. One of them is Evan

1 Polty's comment in Yup'ik, and then I'll move on to the  
2 gentleman's comment.

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4                   Evan Polty commented earlier that  
5 regarding Chinook salmon, that it is true Chinook when  
6 they migrate upriver during high water, they do take  
7 shortcuts. They don't go through the usual migration  
8 route, they take shortcuts like through shallow waters,  
9 or through the sloughs. That's my understanding of Mr.  
10 Polty's.

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12                   And also I'll just highlight some of  
13 what the gentleman stated in Yup'ik from Kwigillingok.  
14 He said that he appreciated all this comments, and he  
15 said the fact that he does not commercially fish for  
16 salmon, but he goes on to subsistence fishing. He said  
17 that he do not agree with restrictions, because in the  
18 past there were no restrictions.

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20                   And that's the highlights of what I  
21 captured, Mr. Chair.

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23                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. I have James  
24 Nicholai, Atmautluak.

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26                   MR. NICHOLAI: Good afternoon. James  
27 Nicholai, Atmautluak.

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29                   (In Yup'ik)

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31                   Quyana

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33                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quyana, Jim.

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35                   MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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37                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Harry, do you want  
38 to turn your mic on.

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40                   MR. H. WILDE: Before you.....

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42                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Turn your mic on,  
43 Harry.

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45                   MR. H. WILDE: Before you move from  
46 there, I'll show you something for Yukon River. Yukon  
47 River (In Yup'ik) for this summer, fishermen, order  
48 your gear, five-and-a-half gillnet, dipnet, beach seine  
49 as soon as possible. It's not our fishermen, buyers,  
50 this is not there come from. This is coming from

1 Federal subsistence fishermen.

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3                   You could see and understand down in  
4 the ocean they throw them overboard, king salmon and  
5 chum salmon. In the Yukon here, we will have a hard  
6 time trying to have king salmon. It's going to be lot  
7 of problem this coming summer. It's going to what you  
8 call in Gussack way discriminating the Natives. And  
9 out in the ocean fishermen, they let them throw  
10 overboard king salmon and chum salmon.

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12                   So me myself, I've sit here for I don't  
13 know how many years. I've been getting tired. When  
14 you get to 83 years old, I think before you learn  
15 something to satisfy your people. It's not even worth  
16 it to be sitting here. Quyana.

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18                   MR. NICHOLAI: Quyana.

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20                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Alex, could you  
21 summarize.

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23                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. I'll try to  
24 summarize what Mr. James Nicholai from Atmautluak  
25 stated.

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27                   He stated that from the past Yupiit  
28 subsistence fishermen were told to subsistence fish  
29 salmon as much as they could, but be careful of wanton  
30 waste. He was taking example of muskrat hunting in the  
31 past when muskrat's were abundant. People used to hunt  
32 a lot of muskrat. But they stopped hunting muskrat,  
33 you know, the muskrat declined.

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35                   Subsistence fishermen didn't harvest  
36 much over the past summer, and as a result of that,  
37 they didn't have enough for the winter.

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39                   Excuse me for a minute. I'm trying to  
40 read my shorthand.

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42                   (Laughter)

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44                   MR. NICK: Anyway, what he said was  
45 that subsistence fishermen harvest what they need, and  
46 at the same time they try to be conservative. And he  
47 advised that because the Chinook salmon is declining,  
48 people need to be careful about harvesting too much of  
49 that.

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1                   And he also took example of trawl  
2 fisheries in the Bering Sea. He said that the trawl  
3 fishers, they clean the bottom of the ocean.

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5                   And he also mentioned about the use of  
6 eight-inch gear in Kuskokwim River. He said that at  
7 the time when eight-inch gear was introduced, a certain  
8 elder was saying that Chinook salmon would be bumping  
9 into the eight-inch gear and return back to the ocean.

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11                   And he recommend that there should be a  
12 better management of salmon fishing this upcoming  
13 season. And he said that restrictions in the past  
14 summer did a lot of concern -- rather caused a lot of  
15 concerns, and as a result of that, a lot of people did  
16 not harvest as much Chinook as they need.

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18                   And Mr. Harry Wilde -- I don't have to  
19 translate that, because he was speaking in English.

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21                   Mr. Chair.

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23                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Do we have anybody  
24 else to address the Council before we move on from the  
25 public and comments on non-agenda items.

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27                   Tony. Go ahead.

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29                   MR. ADULOCOB: My name Joe Adulocob  
30 (ph). I'm kind of nervous, because I never testify in  
31 front of groups like this.

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33                   You know, all those years that we've  
34 been talking about the fish going down and down and  
35 down. Not only the king salmon is happening that.  
36 Also the halibut, what we fish down there now from  
37 island, they're getting smaller and smaller. And not  
38 only me know that, also David Bill knows that, because  
39 he's the longline fisherman.

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41                   You know, there is law, it says wanton  
42 waste. And I work for Fish and Wildlife Service, and  
43 I'm a refuge information technician, and here's what we  
44 always presented to the hunters. If you leave a  
45 certain amount of birds or the meat, that's the wanton  
46 waste, and there's a charge on that. What about the  
47 trawlers? They throw abundance, thousands of pounds.  
48 What about those?

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50                   And, Alex, (In Yup'ik). When you throw

1 five meter (ph) apiece, we get citations and we fined.  
2 What about those people out there who are trawling,  
3 throwing the bycatch. (In Yup'ik) I've gone hungry  
4 because my dad was too poor. David Bill knows that,  
5 probably many of you knows him, too. I don't want my  
6 grandchildren to go through that, what I go through.  
7 It's not fun. Somebody should start act and support  
8 our subsistence way of life, not giving us a hard time.  
9 I was there.

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11 And today some people, they laughed  
12 about it, that we eat -- us Eskimo people eat seal  
13 blubber and they laughed about that. It's not funny.  
14 It's not funny. I was there. David Bill knows that.  
15 I was there. It's not good when you're hungry. And I  
16 don't want my grandchildren and their children to go  
17 hungry like I did. I don't want them to go through  
18 what I went through. So do something to those (In  
19 Yup'ik) trawlers. Do something about that, because  
20 they are the one, not us subsistence fishermen or  
21 hunters. The trawler was the one that's causing this  
22 problems.

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24 Quayana

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26 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Quayana, Joe.

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28 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Alex.

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32 MR. NICK: Just a portion of the --  
33 what he didn't say in English, I'll just translate that  
34 portion.

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36 He mentioned about trawl fisheries, who  
37 regulates the fishery. And he also said that, after he  
38 spoke, he said there are -- these are part of hardship  
39 the Yup'ik people face.

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41 Mr. Chair.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Bob.

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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: One thing he emphasized  
48 was that if we are guilty of wanton waste, why not the  
49 trawlers. Why not the trawlers. That's what he kept  
50 emphasizing. Can't we do something about that.

1 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, that came  
2 pretty loud and clear to me, too.

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4 MR. BILL: Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: David

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8 MR. BILL: (In Yup'ik)

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10 There's some Native's there that talk  
11 Native, and I don't have very good English. (In  
12 Yup'ik) There's two kinds of trawlers. One is the mid  
13 water trawler, and the other one's a bottom trawler.  
14 We started talking about trawlers, bycatch back in  
15 2009. 2009 (In Yup'ik). But we as a Native people  
16 never talk with one language. (In Yup'ik) We talk  
17 different languages.

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19 You know why the -- I'm going to say  
20 it, but I have to say it. You know why the industry  
21 and some citizen groups won that year? (In Yup'ik)  
22 They talk one language. One word. One number. We  
23 were talking three languages. Yukon was talking a  
24 different language, a different number. Kuskokwim was  
25 talking a different language. And we as a coastal  
26 people didn't talk the same language. That's why we  
27 lost. If we could talk one number (In Yup'ik) we would  
28 have stand neck-to-neck with them. (In Yup'ik) What I  
29 said was if we talk the same language and go to the  
30 Council, the people from Yukon, people from Kuskokwim,  
31 people from the coastal area, go to the Council and sit  
32 before them and talk one language, I think we will  
33 stand neck-and-neck with them. We have to learn how to  
34 talk one language if we want something.

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36 Nowadays we're talking about salmon,  
37 king salmon and all over the place. One of the elders  
38 a long time ago, they were passed away, they were one  
39 of the Nathans (ph) down on Nelson Island, they past  
40 away. He said, a long time ago when there used to be a  
41 lot of reindeer in this area, even Hooper Bay and  
42 Nelson Island, in this area. There were a lot of  
43 reindeer. But people started fighting over them. And  
44 we got to fighting over those -- because they were  
45 fighting over the reindeer, the Maker up there just had  
46 to say, oh, you kill a thing to do with them, and  
47 they're gone. They ain't no more reindeer now in the  
48 area.

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50 He said, the same thing with fish. If

1 you talk different languages about the fish, it will  
2 get fewer and fewer. It's up to us Native people to  
3 stand up before the officials and talk one language to  
4 them. We will -- we might be standing neck-and-neck  
5 with them.

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7 Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: (In Yup'ik) Okay.

10 I have one more here and then after that then we will  
11 take a break and go into the business here. I've got  
12 Kevin Bartley, and wrap up this section of the agenda.

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14 MR. BARTLEY: Mr. Chairman. Kevin

15 Bartley with the University of Alaska. And the  
16 comments that I would like to say today are in  
17 reference to my project, examining collaborative  
18 management between subsistence users and agency  
19 managers.

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21 But first I would like to recognize the  
22 contributions and the time that the many elders have  
23 shared with me while visiting in their communities.  
24 And these men and women work extremely hard in and  
25 outside their communities for the people of their  
26 communities, and the region of the Yukon-Kuskokwim  
27 Delta. There is seriously no end to the number of jobs  
28 that the many leaders of these communities participate  
29 in. The scopes of their duties oftentimes include  
30 involvement in tribal village councils, the community  
31 schools and the school boards, the airports, the health  
32 centers, and beyond these duties they are the educators  
33 who spend time instructing with and talking with the  
34 people in their communities and around the delta at  
35 meetings and conferences on a variety of topics.

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37 Also at this time I would also like to  
38 thank one young man who's here with me today, and his  
39 brother who could not make it. This is Mr. Kendrick  
40 Kousela (ph) Apuk. These two men volunteer for the  
41 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and they are students at  
42 the University of Alaska, enrolled in the Alaska Native  
43 Science and Engineering Program. Both Apuk and his  
44 brother also participate in a number of science camps  
45 over the years and have worked in fisheries at a number  
46 of field camps during fishery seasons.

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48 This man is my dear friend, and I'll  
49 refer to him as my brother. I regularly visit his  
50 family on weekends in Kwethluk, and I owe these men and

1 their parents many thanks for all that they've shared  
2 with me. More than once I can say that the knowledge  
3 that they have shared with me has saved my life during  
4 situations that were unfamiliar to me that are part of  
5 everyday life for Yup'ik people while traveling in  
6 remote areas of the delta. Quyana, Brother.

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8 Finally I would like to thank the  
9 Office of Subsistence Management for funding this  
10 project. Their support for this project I believe  
11 demonstrates their commitment to continue to strengthen  
12 the shared management between subsistence users and the  
13 agency managers by supporting the review of these  
14 participatory processes. The local and regional U.S.  
15 Fish and Wildlife office Staff under the direction of  
16 local manager Gene Peltola, Jr. has also went to great  
17 lengths to support this project by both participating  
18 in this project and providing me with lodging while  
19 I've been here in Bethel.

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21 At this time, I would like to provide  
22 you with a short update that will identify what has  
23 been accomplished so far working together with  
24 subsistence users of the Delta. Since June of last  
25 year, I have prepared over 150 typed pages of notes  
26 while observing more than two dozen fisheries  
27 management meetings and two Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional  
28 Advisory Council meetings. In the last seven weeks I  
29 have visited six communities in the Delta. I've  
30 interviewed 16 people during 15 different interviews,  
31 and the interviews ranged between 19 minutes and 3  
32 hours and 45 minutes, averaging almost 2 hours.

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34 As I explained at the fall Council  
35 meeting in 2012, the objectives of this research were  
36 to identify factors that affect the Yukon-Kuskokwim  
37 Delta subsistence users' ability to participate in the  
38 management of fish and wildlife. Also, I wanted to  
39 learn from subsistence users how they define their  
40 meaningful involvement with Federal and State agency  
41 managers in the management of fish and wildlife.  
42 Finally, this project sought to identify factors that  
43 have been contributing to the observed decline in  
44 applications for Council membership.

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46 Although I'm not yet prepared to  
47 provide you with the findings and recommendations of  
48 our work together, I can report that the wealth of  
49 information that has been provided to me by the  
50 participants engaged in this project will enable me to

1 provide both the subsistence users of the Delta and  
2 agency managers with a quality report that will  
3 successfully address these objectives.

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5 I have had the opportunity to  
6 experience and participate in many new things forme,  
7 including riding on a snowmachine, learning to set  
8 counterbears (ph) and other traps for beaver, otter,  
9 lynx, wolverine, learning to skin animals. I've had  
10 the pleasure of eating many wonderful new foods that I  
11 possibly couldn't list all, but among them bear -- or,  
12 excuse me, beaver, caribou, smelt, ptarmigan, other  
13 birds, whitefish, pike lushfish, seal oil.

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15 My favorite new experience by far has  
16 been steaming in the mukiwukf (ph). I will never  
17 forget the first time I did this in Russian Mission.  
18 Once inside the mukiwukf, the Gussack's mind says,  
19 escape now. The Yup'ik mind says, remain calm and let  
20 the medicinal steam enter your pores for (In Yup'ik) is  
21 tundra medicine. Since this experience, I've looked  
22 forward to steaming every weekend with my friends in  
23 Kwethluk.

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25 Looking back on my time spent here in  
26 the Delta, I know realize that the greatest knowledge  
27 that I have received during my time here has come from  
28 the experiences that I have shared with the Yup'ik  
29 people. Engaging in subsistence activities with the  
30 Yup'ik people out on the land has raised my awareness  
31 and understanding of what the Yup'ik way of life is  
32 about. The Yup'ik way of life cannot be defined by  
33 such a simplistic term as subsistence. It is about  
34 caring for one another and animals and the land. It is  
35 about sharing with one another. It is the anticipation  
36 for the changing of the seasons and the excitement and  
37 thanks that is shared for the return of the animals.

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39 It is showing and practicing respect  
40 for the animals of this land. Respect for animals  
41 begins with one's awareness while out on the land, and  
42 it continues all the way to the dinner plate. Kokuk  
43 (ph) means to clean the bone. By cleaning the bone,  
44 one shows respect for the gifts that the animal has  
45 given to you. Animals are not to be wasted. It is the  
46 spiritual connection between the people, the animals  
47 and the land.

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49 The Yup'ik way of life is also many  
50 more things that truly could only be meaningful

1 described by the Yup'ik people themselves and not  
2 within the minimalist description of subsistence found  
3 in a copy of the Merriam Webster dictionary.

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5                   Yup'ik peoples are knowledgeable and  
6 qualified scientists, too. What is science really?  
7 And I would argue that science is nothing more than a  
8 conceptual framework of the mind for processing,  
9 understanding and acting upon information or knowledge.  
10 Furthermore, various conceptual frameworks for  
11 processing knowledge exist globally among all of  
12 earth's cultures.

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14                   At our last Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional  
15 Advisory Council meeting, Mr. Noah Andrew offered the  
16 following conceptual framework that he has been using  
17 for many years: Observe. Comprehend. Acknowledge.  
18 And execute.

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20                   Rather than in a classroom, Yup'ik  
21 peoples receive their training and knowledge through  
22 their experiences engaging with the land, and from the  
23 instruction of their elders. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
24 has been their classroom for thousands of years. Not to  
25 belabor this point, or discredit any of the many  
26 knowledgeable western scientists who have worked in the  
27 Delta, but I would like to offer you a short testimony  
28 that was shared with me from one person that I  
29 interviewed. In reference to the qualified knowledge of  
30 the subsistence users of the Delta, one person said,  
31 quite often when we get these different projects and  
32 studies and so forth, it takes a five-year study  
33 project to essentially prove scientifically what  
34 someone in our village will tell you in five minutes.

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36                   Knowledgeable is not only obtained in a  
37 classroom. It also comes from one's experiences while  
38 engaging on the land with the animals.

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40                   Lastly I would just like to say quyana  
41 to the people of the Delta for warmly receiving me and  
42 sharing with me their culture, their food and their  
43 hears. I continue to be humbled by my experiences with  
44 the Yup'ik people. I have learned many valuable  
45 spiritual lessons for living that have impacted and  
46 changed my life for the better. These experiences have  
47 brought laughter, joy, and even tears. It is my  
48 greatest hope that I will have the opportunity to be  
49 able to continue in the future to share many more  
50 wonderful experiences with the Yup'ik people of the

1 Delta, and continue working with them to identify  
2 practical solutions to social, cultural, and economic  
3 challenges that have been shared with me along the way.

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5           Elders often shared with me that their  
6 elders always instructed them not to try, but to do  
7 their best. And I'll say to you now, I will do my best  
8 in everything that I do, and I will give to you a  
9 report that accurately represents the true concerns of  
10 the people of the Delta while providing positive and  
11 achievable recommendations for effective management and  
12 communication between subsistence users of the Delta  
13 and Federal and State regulatory agencies.

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15           I would like to request at this time  
16 that I be allowed to move my presentation to the Yukon-  
17 Kuskokwim RAC from the upcoming fall meeting of 2013 to  
18 the winter meeting of 2014 due to the delay in the  
19 anticipated start time for this project because of  
20 regulatory hurdles involved in the processing of the  
21 grant for this project. I feel that it is necessary to  
22 move this presentation to the winter of 2014 to allow  
23 for the Council members to review a copy of the draft  
24 report and provide their feedback before I present the  
25 findings and recommendations to this Council.

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27           Mr. Chairman and members of the  
28 esteemed Council, quyana.

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30           (Applause)

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32           MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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34           CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I have Charlie,  
35 then Mary, then Bob.

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37           MR. BROWN: (In Yup'ik)

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39           CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: For the record,  
40 Alex.

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42           MR. NICK: For the record, Mr. Chair.  
43 Just the highlights of Mr. Brown's comments.

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45           He said that he understands U.S. Fish  
46 and Wildlife Service and Alaska Department of Fish and  
47 Game are to assist the people on their needs. And he  
48 asked, is this true. Why then are they working against  
49 us, he says.

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1 He said he is a member of multiple  
2 organizations and he is also a leader in his community,  
3 and he makes hard decisions to try to keep peaceful  
4 environment in his community. And he's taking an  
5 example of use of drugs in his community. When there's  
6 such cases, people come to him and ask for advice, and  
7 he try to deal with those issues.

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9 And those are the -- what I captured.

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11 Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Mary.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. Mr. Bartley,  
16 in your introductory comments, you failed to let me  
17 know who you are and what you're working for, and how  
18 you get to be doing the study of whatever it is you're  
19 talking about. Can you enlighten me?

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21 MR. BARTLEY: Mr. Chair. Ms. Gregory.  
22 I apologize. I am with the University of Alaska. I  
23 developed this project about eight months ago when we  
24 started to listen to the Kuskokwim River Salmon  
25 Management Working Group and the Yukon River Drainage  
26 Fisheries Association. And it was through listening to  
27 these meetings for many months that I came up with this  
28 project to try to address some of these issues. Does  
29 that help?

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31 MS. GREGORY: To what purpose are you  
32 working for? What are your objectives, and whom do you  
33 give the final report to? Those three.

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35 MR. BARTLEY: Okay. I work for the  
36 University of Alaska. The objectives for this proposal  
37 were to identify.....

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39 MS. GREGORY: What department are you  
40 working for?

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42 MR. BARTLEY: Oh, I work for the  
43 Department of Anthropology at the University of Alaska.

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45 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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47 MR. BARTLEY: Not a problem. And the  
48 objectives of this research were to identify factors  
49 that were affecting rural subsistence users  
50 participation in the management of fish and wildlife.

1 It was also the second objective was to identify from  
2 subsistence users how they defined their meaningful  
3 involvement in this management of fish and wildlife.  
4 And the third was to identify some factors that may be  
5 leading to the observed decline in the number of  
6 applications for Council membership.

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8 MS. GREGORY: And what benefits are you  
9 hoping to acquire?

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11 MR. BARTLEY: I'm hoping to be able to  
12 provide practical and achievable recommendations to the  
13 agency managers, the Office of Subsistence Management  
14 who funded this project, for strategies for effective  
15 management between subsistence users and agency  
16 managers.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And I think maybe  
21 you might have missed the meeting, but he has presented  
22 to the Council before and laid out requests for our  
23 support in carrying forward with this project. So it's  
24 not like it's brand new.

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26 Bob.

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: Needless to say I was  
29 overwhelmed by this young man. How many times have we  
30 heard compliments of our people, for our people? How  
31 many times have we heard acknowledgements of our  
32 people? How many times have we heard encouragement to  
33 continue?

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35 This young man really touched me.  
36 That's why I couldn't help it, I had to applaud when he  
37 was done, because I felt so connected to him.

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39 You know, our education system is not  
40 the Western way. Sit down, be quiet, listen, observe,  
41 absorb. Learn from what you hear, and especially what  
42 you see. And most of all by what you do.

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44 And it's just heartwarming for me to  
45 have a young man from a different part of the United  
46 States come up here and acknowledge the people in this  
47 area. And I keep hearing the word elders, and it makes  
48 my heart really warm to see a young man acknowledge the  
49 true teachers of this area with the mind, heart, and  
50 especially the spirit of the Yup'ik people, and their

1 generosity to help this young man.

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3                   How many times have we heard that from  
4 other people? Not many. Even from our own people.  
5 And a lot of times when he was talking, I felt ashamed.  
6 Why didn't I acknowledge my people? Why didn't I  
7 appreciate what they're giving me publicly? And this  
8 young man has really touched me, and I really applaud  
9 you, and the people who are helping you. Those are the  
10 ones that are the most important to me. They're not  
11 stingy of their knowledge and their wisdom, their  
12 education and their experiences, so that you can help  
13 us, the rest of the lay people understand exactly what  
14 it's all about. And I thank you from the bottom of my  
15 heart. It's way down here, but I just point to here.

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17                   Quyana.

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19                   MR. BARTLEY: (In Yup'ik)

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21                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any other.

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23                   (No comments)

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25                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Obviously I look  
26 forward to seeing your report. You're going to -- you  
27 obviously have taken it to a much deeper level of  
28 insight than many I have seen over the years, and I've  
29 seen a lot. So I look forward to seeing what you come  
30 out with.

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32                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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34                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary.

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36                   MS. GREGORY: I'd like to get a copy of  
37 your presentation.

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39                   MR. BARTLEY: Absolutely. Mr. Chair.  
40 Ms. Gregory. Absolutely. I can provide you with it.

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42                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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44                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Thank you, Kevin.

45 Bob.

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47                   MR. ALOYSIUS: May we take a 15-minute  
48 break.

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50                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I was just going to

1 say we're going to step down. We're done with that  
2 part. And we'll come back and we can start in the  
3 business section of the meeting with the old business.  
4 We'll be back at 3:30.

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6 (Off record)

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8 (On record)

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10 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. We're back  
11 on record. 3:35 p.m. afternoon of the 27th, and we're  
12 up to Item 12 on old business, which is to approve the  
13 draft annual report for FY 2012.

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15 Alex.

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17 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Your annual  
18 report is in your workbook, Page 35. If you never had  
19 a chance to review that, I would recommend that you  
20 take a few minutes to review that.

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22 And in addition to that, if Mr. Dan  
23 Gillikin is not here, I've advised him that he would  
24 also be able to conference in and listen in on this.  
25 He had some few comments. And I also left him a  
26 message earlier through the Refuge desk that the next  
27 item is you annual report.

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29 Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yes. Thank you.  
32 Dan, are you on line.

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34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Evidently not at  
37 this point.

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39 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead.

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43 MR. NICK: I think one of things that  
44 he wanted to mention to the Council is that he  
45 indicated that there may be some misunderstanding by  
46 the Council on issue 1 and issue 2 in your annual  
47 report. So you might want to take a few minutes and  
48 review those two.

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50 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Well, I've

1 got a couple comments on number 1 issue since I brought  
2 it up last time. And it's actually -- it's not the  
3 Federal Subsistence Board that I was concerned about at  
4 this point; it would be the secretary that would have  
5 to take action in that it's the member agencies of that  
6 Board that do not hold the same accountability as the  
7 Board to the recommendations of the Regional Councils.  
8 When they have a discretionary action to take and they  
9 base their final decision and recommended action comes  
10 from, I hate to use these kind of words, but  
11 existential value systems of the Lower 48 based on an  
12 urban mentality of people that have no familiarity  
13 whatsoever, and these decisions come down from  
14 Washington D.C. or from farther up the administration  
15 from the Interior, specifically the main ones are the  
16 National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife  
17 Service, and they are not -- they are independent of  
18 the level of accountability that the Federal  
19 Subsistence Board is supposed to show to the Council.

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21                   And that's been reflected in  
22 determinations that have come out from the Secretary  
23 that when he has a matter of choice, he has come down  
24 on the side of animal welfare groups and political  
25 correctness at the national level that have been to the  
26 detriment of subsistence users, and it couldn't have  
27 been said more clear or better than by their spokesman  
28 when they were talking about the Unimak Caribou Herd.  
29 It was people are going to have to find something else  
30 to eat. And management actions are not taken that  
31 could be productive, they are proven scientific, but  
32 they are politically incorrect. And that is wrong.

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34                   And whether or not this Council can  
35 carry that level with this report, it's supposed to go  
36 to the Secretary. I wonder if the Secretary even sees  
37 it, and those responses are generated by Staff. I  
38 would imagine that's probably the way the process  
39 works, given that that fellow has to deal with the  
40 whole country, and if it's not polar bears or diseased  
41 seals or something of that nature, that it's not going  
42 to get his attention.

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44                   So that's the issue that I wanted to  
45 get at. It is not the Federal Subsistence Board. The  
46 Federal Subsistence Board does have that due deference.  
47 Or they say they have, and we could go in -- I could go  
48 into that and what's considered due deference or not  
49 perhaps by them in different issues, but the member  
50 agencies of that Board do not hold the same

1 accountability to the Council's recommendations, or  
2 evidently providing for managing their populations to  
3 provide for subsistence needs. And the Board by just  
4 having an opening or closure, or saying we're going to  
5 open it, but we're not going to do anything -- or their  
6 agencies will not do anything to make sure that there's  
7 anything there to catch is counter to what I believe  
8 their responsibility is.

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10 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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12 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Mary.

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14 MS. GREGORY: I agree with you, because  
15 I didn't read this, and whatever you say, I will back  
16 you up. And if you speak to number 2, I have comments  
17 there, too, as well.

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19 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: You go ahead,  
20 because I haven't gone through these in a lot of detail  
21 or done any rewriting myself. I did see some what I'd  
22 consider inaccuracies in the way things were put.

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24 MS. GREGORY: We need to correct them.

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26 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Alex.

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30 MR. NICK: Just one minor correction on  
31 what I stated on record. Mr. Gillikin I think wanted to  
32 comment on issue 2 and 3, not issue 1 and 2.

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34 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. Well, one  
35 thing that does jump out at me in number 2, there is a  
36 sentence in there that says, while subsistence fishing  
37 for salmon harvest is restricted and the Kuskokwim  
38 sport fishermen in the Kuskokwim River tributaries and  
39 spawning streams were allowed to harvest salmon for  
40 sport throughout the subsistence salmon fisheries  
41 closures, that is absolutely not true. And that  
42 sentence doesn't belong there, because it's entirely --  
43 it's inaccurate, and that's probably one of the things  
44 that he would -- Mr. Gillikin was probably wanting to  
45 point out.

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47 MS. KENNER: Mr. Chair. This is Pippa  
48 Kenner.

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50 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Pippa.

1 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 Before you moved on to number 2, I had  
4 a question for the Council.

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6 This is Pippa Kenner, anthropologist at  
7 OSM in Anchorage.

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9 From what I heard from you, it sounds  
10 like item 1 should be removed from the annual letter to  
11 the Board.

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13 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I don't know about  
14 removed, but rewritten.

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16 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And if the response  
19 comes back that says that we don't have authority or we  
20 don't have jurisdiction or we don't have standing in  
21 that realm, well, so be it, but what does meaningful  
22 participation -- that brings up that whole question on  
23 what is actually meaningful if you're talking about  
24 management of the populations to provide for  
25 subsistence, not just opening or closing seasons, and  
26 managing the human harvest, and saying that that is  
27 providing for subsistence.

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29 Alex.

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31 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Just a point of  
32 clarification on issue 1. So the revisions that we  
33 made when we were working on this need to be changed  
34 then?

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36 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yes. Again, it's  
37 not the Board. It is their member agencies. The Board  
38 has a pretty clear mandate I feel, even though I don't  
39 always agree with their decisions certainly, but they  
40 have a much stronger one. But it just appears to me  
41 that in the management arena that they should be  
42 subject to much of the same criteria actually.

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44 I guess I'd just add, as far as issue 2  
45 goes, again the sport fishing was closed when the  
46 subsistence restrictions went into effect, and so that  
47 -- if anything -- if any one was going to be removed,  
48 it would seem to me that one. I can see us bringing it  
49 up as a concern to say that they should continue to be  
50 closed or be sure that they are closed, but to say that

1 they were not, that's inaccurate for us to say that.

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MS. GREGORY: Greg.

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CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary, go ahead.

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MS. GREGORY: I'm going to say this.

8 If people are offended, I'm sorry. But if Fish and  
9 Game, when they take out the -- in protection of the  
10 fish, they take out fishermen's nets, and that to me is  
11 grand larceny, because nets cost a lot of money. When  
12 they take out the nets without the owner's permit,  
13 that's grand larceny. They're stealing the net from  
14 the person.

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And also with wildlife protection  
17 personnel, they are committing crimes by protecting the  
18 food instead of making sure the people they are  
19 supposed to help, and for which they are hired, to  
20 maintain our subsistence way of life. They're not  
21 working for us.

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And along the lines, some purposes made  
24 were not generated for people's understanding or mutual  
25 understanding. If you protect us, we will work with  
26 you, but if you keep going against our will, our way of  
27 life, you're creating enemies, not us. And I want that  
28 to be -- I'm sorry. I want that to be put in the  
29 report. That's my comment and I make it with clear  
30 conscience, because that happened before.

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CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: So you're looking  
33 to make an additional issue that would be not to  
34 confiscate the people's fish nets.

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MS. GREGORY: Not to confiscate them  
37 until they have -- you know, when you do something  
38 wrong according to the law, at first they don't.....

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CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Your microphone.

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MS. GREGORY: When you do something  
43 according to the law, they don't put you in jail for  
44 the first offense. They warn you. And that should  
45 work with us Native people as long as these people are  
46 supposed to help us, supposed to work with us. We get  
47 mutual understanding of each other. You are there to  
48 protect my subsistence way of life whether you like it  
49 or not. If you don't like it, go find some other place  
50 to work, because when you work for me, you're going to

1 do it my way.

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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: So we'll put that  
4 down as an additional issue. Although it's kind of  
5 a.....

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7 MS. GREGORY: It's a real concern  
8 though.

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10 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: It's a separate one  
11 from any of the ones that we have down right now.

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13 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. It's a concern  
14 though.

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16 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Other  
17 comments on the annual report then. James.

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19 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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21 When I look at this annual report, I  
22 thought of something that we accepted last year or the  
23 year before, that tribal consultation. That should be  
24 included in the management, or is it for proposals  
25 only. I've had a question mark in my mind about that  
26 tribal consultation. Tribal should have -- or should  
27 be asked for management or like I agree with Mary,  
28 because the managers of State and Federal should be  
29 assisted by the tribal, too. And how they should -- I  
30 mean, if they're going to take away the net or fish  
31 from people, if it's going to hurt them or whatever,  
32 that tribal consultation I think should be in there if  
33 the Subsistence Board accepted the tool like us, like  
34 the RAC did before.

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36 Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. I think that  
39 was one of the subjects from our previous annual  
40 report. And there was some response to that. That's  
41 also coming up though on our agenda on Item C under the  
42 next section for new business under tribal  
43 consultation. But let's see if we want to develop  
44 anything further from there.

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46 Noah.

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48 MR. N. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. Noah.

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50 Some of the responsibilities we

1 forwarded to the Federal and State Department of Fish  
2 and Wildlife are not concentrately worked upon. I've  
3 been arguing about several issues here that I very much  
4 like to see at least doing something to prevent or work  
5 to pursue to gain our concerns, mainly fish species  
6 population, and looking into -- I have put this into a  
7 comment since I became an Advisory Council two years  
8 ago.

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10                   It's for them to try to concentrate on  
11 the Kuskokwim River itself. Kuskokwim River is one of  
12 the major producers in the world. And the tributaries  
13 are very much needed to gain the population we're  
14 losing here. Some of the oversea activities that we  
15 have tried to correct, due to some of the very concerns  
16 that we have here when they hit the Kuskokwim and Yukon  
17 River, there are already hundred thousand less than the  
18 population that came in supposed to be. If you were  
19 doing some kind of preventative clause into the law  
20 itself at the overseas, we may have not worry too much  
21 about conservative.

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23                   Conservation is very strong in our  
24 Yup'ik communities. We even risk -- I'll give you one  
25 example I'm not happy about now. And I don't see  
26 achievement the way I hope to see. 2012/ 2013, my  
27 catch didn't even make it this year. I fish for four  
28 families. And we had each other to conserve. In the  
29 name of conservation and escapement I risk some of my  
30 grandchildren's lives, because king is the major diet  
31 in my family.

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33                   I put some I guess two cents worth of  
34 comment would probably not cover what I try to speak  
35 here. My first language is Yup'ik. My second language  
36 is English. Sometimes if I try to speak, I lost an  
37 alphabet in the word. And on that purpose I follow my  
38 colleague Mary's concern. I don't know how to put this  
39 in a common, most understandable, most  
40 excessive/successful words.

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42                   I have some comments I want to make at  
43 the comment period that would cover some of this, what  
44 I'm talking about here. As an advisor, those are my  
45 recommendations. And in language Mary and James here.

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47                   I may have another piece or two in this  
48 comment, but I'll make it that long at this time.

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50                   Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Other comments.  
2 Bob.

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4 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. One thing  
5 that we never seem to emphasize over and over is the  
6 simple fact that we are a Subsistence Regional Advisory  
7 Council. And I will say it again, that subsistence  
8 foods are not only salmon. We have our native fish  
9 that reside in our areas year round, and yet we never  
10 place enough emphasis on protecting them. And those are  
11 the sheefish, lush, pike, whitefish, rainbow trout,  
12 Dolly Varden, grayling, blackfish, needlefish. And  
13 every year I have -- I may sound like a broken record,  
14 but that's okay. Nothing again in this annual report  
15 referring to the elimination of abandoned, and I say  
16 that again, abandoned beaver dams that are chocking up  
17 streams that our native fish travel on. And I will  
18 never quit talking about protecting our native fish and  
19 trying our best to eliminate those abandoned beaver  
20 dams that are restricting the migration of our native  
21 fish.

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23 Quyana.

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25 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Are you saying you  
26 want to reinsert it? I mean, in their response last  
27 year, they're essentially saying that they don't --  
28 that the Federal managers do not hold any  
29 responsibility in that category, that it's the State's  
30 responsibility, and anybody concerned should contact  
31 the Division of Habitat.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: What use of having a  
34 Federal Subsistence Board if they're not going to  
35 address this issue? Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: So are you  
38 recommending to reinsert it as an issue again this  
39 time, and basically assert that the Federal managers  
40 need to step up in this area to take some action?

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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: You said it much clearer  
43 than I could, so use your words. Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: You got that one,  
46 Alex?

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48 MR. NICK: Yeah.

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50 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. Noah, do you

1 want to add one?

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3 MR. N. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr.

4 Chairman.

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6 I'd like to add this -- I'd like for  
7 them to balance this out. If I can risk in the name of  
8 conservation, I'd like for them to exercise a little of  
9 the Constitution of the State, Article XII, Section 12.

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11 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I'm not familiar  
12 with that one off the top of my head, but since you did  
13 mention the State constitution, that doesn't hold  
14 bearing with the Federal management structure. We'd  
15 have to couch it under something with the -- of Federal  
16 administrative authorities.

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18 MR. N. ANDREW: Yes, thank you, Mr.

19 Chairman.

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21 If we in the same boat and paddling in  
22 the same boat, we work together whether we are Federal,  
23 State or other agencies.

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25 Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Well, I  
28 don't see where we're ready to approve the report at  
29 this time, at least for my part, not for what's there.

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32 Alex.

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34 MR. NICK: Yeah. Mr. Chair. You need  
35 to identify, besides me, who is going to help me put  
36 those into right words. Maybe two or three like we did  
37 in the past. We need to have someone who will be  
38 revising or editing what I've written in addition to  
39 what was drafted based on the topics that you came up  
40 with during the fall meeting.

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42 Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. And I  
45 recognize this is the first draft, that's why you call  
46 them a draft. That's why we work on it.

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48 Mary.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. I will

1 volunteer to help or to proofread them.

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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. And I would  
4 be willing to work with you on that as well.

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6 Pleasure of the Council. Bob.

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: If I lived in Bethel, I  
9 would be more than willing to volunteer, but I don't  
10 even have a working speaker phone.

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12 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Are we ready  
13 to move on here then, because again I don't think we're  
14 ready to -- the agenda item is to approve the draft  
15 annual report, and I think we've had good discussion as  
16 far as some of the changes and additional items to  
17 insert.

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19 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary.

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23 MS. GREGORY: I would like some members  
24 of the Council to volunteer their comments and call  
25 them in to Alex, because I think this report needs to  
26 be thorough, and not halfway there, so that it have to  
27 -- I have to be satisfied with it before I can approve  
28 it.

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30 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I guess this is due  
31 to be sent in I believe in April; is that correct?

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33 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Here's the past  
34 annual reports work. You come up with issues in the  
35 fall meeting, and then you review, revise and approve  
36 your annual report for that fiscal year like during  
37 your winter meeting. That's the way it usually works.  
38 But since your Council decided to add at least three  
39 issues, we need to sit down and write those issues,  
40 including recommendations.

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42 Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. And then we  
45 could send a revised draft out to the Council members  
46 for their approval or non-objection; would that work?

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48 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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50 That would work.

1 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. So again I  
2 don't see an action coming out of this one. And so if  
3 that's -- is that good for the Council members. Any  
4 comments on pursuing that. Bob.

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Is it appropriate for to  
7 direct the coordinator to work with concerned Council  
8 members to -- I don't know what the correct word would  
9 be -- to fix our annual report? If that's possible, I  
10 move that we direct the coordinator to work with  
11 concerned Council members to do whatever is necessary  
12 to make the annual report correct.

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14 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: To request.....

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16 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: .....discussion  
19 here. Is there a second.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Second the motion.

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23 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seconded by Mary.

24 Okay. Alex.

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26 MR. NICK: Yeah. Mr. Chair. That  
27 would be my preference so that we can get right  
28 language and recommendation into the annual report.

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30 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Do we need any  
31 further discussion.

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33 (No comments)

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35 MS. GREGORY: Question.

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37 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Not seeing anyone  
38 else. Okay. Question's called. Question's heard.

39 All those in favor say aye.

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any opposed same  
44 sign.

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46 (No opposing votes)

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48 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing none,  
49 that's our action for the annual report.

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1                   And on to new business then is item 13.  
2 First is the request for comment on rural  
3 determinations. David, you're going to cover this?

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5                   DR. JENKINS: Yeah. Mr. Chair.  
6 Council members. I'm David Jenkins with the Office of  
7 Subsistence Management.

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9                   We're going to shift gears a little bit  
10 here and talk about rural issues. And as you know, the  
11 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act,  
12 ANILCA, mandates that rural Alaskans be given a  
13 priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife on  
14 Federal public lands. Only residents of communities or  
15 areas that are found to be rural are eligible for the  
16 subsistence priority until ANILCA.

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18                   Now, the Secretaries of the Interior  
19 and Agriculture asked the Federal Subsistence Board to  
20 review the rural determination process and recommend  
21 changes if any are needed. The Board decided to start  
22 the review of the rural determination process with  
23 public input, and the public comment period will end  
24 November 1st of this year after the fall Regional  
25 Advisory Council meetings.

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27                   At your fall meeting, the rural review  
28 will be a topic on your agenda, and we anticipate that  
29 this RAC will provide guidance to the Federal  
30 Subsistence Board, and that there will be significant  
31 public input during your fall meeting on this issue of  
32 what's rural and what isn't.

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34                   The Board has asked the public for  
35 information about how to specify rural areas in order  
36 to provide the subsistence priority. The Board has  
37 specifically asked for public input on a variety of  
38 issues. And these are population thresholds, rural  
39 characteristics, aggregation of communities, timelines  
40 and information sources. And I'm going to go through  
41 each of those in some detail in a moment. Comments on  
42 these will be used by the Board to assist in making  
43 decisions regarding the scope and nature of possible  
44 changes to improve the rural determination process.  
45 Okay. So I'm going to go through each of those and you  
46 can follow along. Page 54 in your Council book has a  
47 news release from our office about this issue.

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49                   We have a five-year window in which to  
50 rework and review the rural determination process, and

1 we're already a year into that window, so we've got  
2 four years to think about how best to characterize  
3 rural areas of Alaska so that the subsistence priority  
4 is given to those areas. Okay.

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6 So start on Page 54, if you want to  
7 follow along, population thresholds is the first issue.  
8 Right now a community or an area with a population  
9 below 2,500 people is considered to be rural. A  
10 community or area with a population between 2,500 and  
11 7,000 will be considered rural or non-rural based on a  
12 variety of characteristics, and criteria used to group  
13 those communities or areas together. So communities  
14 with populations more than 7,000 will be considered  
15 non-rural unless those communities have significant  
16 characteristics of a rural nature.

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18 So the question the Board has asked is,  
19 are these population threshold guidelines useful for  
20 determining whether a specific area of Alaska is rural.  
21 If not, can you provide population sizes to distinguish  
22 between rural and non-rural areas, and the reasons that  
23 you think these population sizes more accurately  
24 reflect rural and non-rural areas in Alaska.

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26 Let me point out that the 2,500  
27 threshold, below which an area is considered to be  
28 rural, that figure first came out of the 1910 U.S.  
29 Census, and this program adopted that figure as a  
30 baseline for what is rural and what isn't. So the  
31 Board is asking this RAC and rural peoples, is that an  
32 accurate figure for thinking about rural or not. And  
33 if not, tell us what are better population figures for  
34 distinguishing rural from non-rural communities.

35  
36 Okay. The next issue, rural  
37 characteristics. The Board recognizes that population  
38 is not the only indicator of rural or non-rural status.  
39 Other characteristics the Board considers include the  
40 following: Use of fish and wildlife, development and  
41 diversity of the economy, community infrastructure,  
42 transportation and educational institutions. So the  
43 Board is asking this RAC and community members, are  
44 these characteristics useful for determining whether an  
45 area of Alaska is rural, and if not, could you provide  
46 other characteristics that better reflect what a rural  
47 community is in your opinion.

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49 The next issue is aggregation of  
50 communities. The Board recognizes that communities and

1 areas of Alaska are connected in a variety of ways.  
2 Communities at this point that are economically,  
3 socially and communally integrated are considered  
4 together in determining rural and non-rural status. So  
5 the aggregation criteria, so-called, are these. There  
6 are three of them. Do 30 percent or more of the  
7 working people commute from one community to another?  
8 Do they share a common high school attendance area?  
9 And are the communities in proximity and road  
10 accessible to one another? So these are the  
11 characteristics that the Board has used to group  
12 communities together in determining whether they're  
13 rural or non-rural. And again the question the Board  
14 is asking this RAC and communities, are these  
15 characteristics of grouping communities together, do  
16 they make any sense? Are they useful? If they don't  
17 make sense and if they're not useful, can you give us  
18 better ways of thinking about how communities are  
19 integrated economically, socially and culturally.

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21                   The next issue has to do with  
22 timelines. As it stands, the Board reviews rural  
23 determinations on a 10-year cycle based on the U.S.  
24 Census and out of cycle in special circumstances. Part  
25 of the issue, and this is going to go to the next  
26 question of information sources, part of our difficulty  
27 is that the U.S. Census Bureau no longer uses the long  
28 form to collect information, and it was the long form  
29 that we used to develop a lot of the information to  
30 determining rural characteristics. So one of the  
31 information sources that we've used is simply gone.  
32 The U.S. Census doesn't collect that kind of  
33 information on a 10-year cycle. So is it useful to  
34 have a 10-year review or not? Should we just make a  
35 determination that rural areas are rural, and then in  
36 special circumstances re-evaluate them, so that there  
37 is no ambiguity, that everybody knows which areas are  
38 rural? So this is the question the Board is asking  
39 you, should there be a 10-year review or not. If so,  
40 why? If not, why not?

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42                   And the final one is information  
43 sources, and as I mentioned, there are some issues with  
44 the U.S. Census information, and can you think of other  
45 informational sources that could be more useful?

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47                   And, finally, do you have any other  
48 suggestions to determine rural communities that I  
49 haven't mentioned, or the Board hasn't asked  
50 specifically about?

1                   So these kinds of questions are right  
2 now being asked of the public. Comment period opened  
3 at the end of 2012, and it will go through to the very  
4 end of your next RAC meeting, so November 1st of this  
5 year. So we're hoping to get as much public comment as  
6 possible. And if you all can go to our communities and  
7 ask your community members what makes a rural area  
8 rural, this would help the Board in determining how  
9 best to think about this issue.

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11                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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13                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Thank you.

14 Questions.

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16                   (No comments)

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18                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I have one, or one  
19 to start with anyway. But to what level is the Board  
20 going to take -- can the Board or can the Office of  
21 Subsistence Management take into consideration  
22 protecting the people what the subsistence priority was  
23 created for, what the whole Office of Subsistence  
24 Management was created for, and throughout the State  
25 where they may be placed in a situation of being  
26 essentially equalized out of existence, even though  
27 subsistence harvest and use is still just as important,  
28 even though they happen to live in a community of 10 to  
29 20,000 people?

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31                   DR. JENKINS: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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33                   This is the open question that the  
34 Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture through the  
35 Subsistence Board is asking for public input about.  
36 These kinds of issues. So if you can -- you mentioned  
37 10 or 20,000 people. If you think a population  
38 threshold should be different than the one that we  
39 already have, then it's important for you to express  
40 what a population threshold should be in your opinion,  
41 and why. So my answer is, yes, the Board will take  
42 very seriously into consideration those kinds of  
43 responses.

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45                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, actually  
46 where I was going with it is where it should have been  
47 in the first place, is that it should have been Native  
48 or Native plus preference and priority rather than the  
49 rural that was used. And initially, the initial  
50 language in ANILCA that went forward actually said Bush

1 Alaska, and that the road system would be considered on  
2 a case-by-case basis, and if that might be revisited in  
3 some way through this process. I recognize that we're  
4 probably looking at Congressional action, they'd have  
5 to address it at that level, but if we can pursue that  
6 and maybe not address it in its entirety, but along  
7 those lines would be a way to go.

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9 Mary.

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11 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. Mr. Jenkins.  
12 Me, I come from a village along the coast. Whether I  
13 move from one place to another, my primary residence is  
14 me. It stays with me. I'm a Kipnuk woman, and a  
15 Yup'ik, and very proud of it. And wherever I go, I  
16 make people know that I am that person. Even though I  
17 live in Bethel for over 60 years now, I am still a  
18 Kipnuk woman. So I'd like to be considered Kipnukamu  
19 (ph) instead of Momphalalakamu (ph). I adopted the  
20 Village of Bethel.

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22 And me and my husband have helped the  
23 Village of Bethel in times that it couldn't have been  
24 -- be eligible for other activities that include the  
25 regional corporations. My husband testified before the  
26 Bureau of Land Management in order to get Bethel to be  
27 identified as a Native community.

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29 And for that, I'd like maybe a 10-year,  
30 check people, how many people are still eating their  
31 foods, still hunting their food, by real practicing our  
32 way of life, that should determine us to be Native or  
33 rural people in a non-rural community.

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35 DR. JENKINS: Thank you. I appreciate  
36 your comments.

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38 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I guess I want to  
39 do one follow-up real quick here before I forget. And  
40 that's on your second one on this aggregation of  
41 communities. Where did that concept come from? Was  
42 that something to try to address the Kenai Peninsula?  
43 I mean, I'm just trying to figure out where you're  
44 going with -- or what the end result might be if we try  
45 to support this side or that side, and what's going to  
46 be the downside that's going to be starting to knock  
47 people out.

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49 DR. JENKINS: The aggregation of  
50 community idea actually came out in 1992 when the

1 Federal Board was trying to figure out how after Alaska  
2 lost its ability to work under ANILCA, and the Board  
3 was coming up with criteria to try to figure out what a  
4 rural area was in order to provide the subsistence  
5 priority. So the aggregation of community idea first  
6 came up in 1992, and it has gone through a couple of  
7 changes since then. And the three criteria I read to  
8 you are the ones that are currently in regulation.

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10 So your other question was, was this  
11 associated with the Kenai Peninsula, and the short  
12 answer is yes.

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14 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. I mean, the  
15 only thing I have to equate it to when I look at it at  
16 face value is the non-subsistence use areas on the  
17 State side. And I couldn't see how that -- I mean even  
18 if people were -- for example, Bethel being the largest  
19 community on the Kuskokwim, and there is a proposal  
20 actually in at the State level at this time to make  
21 Bethel a non-subsistence use area under the Joint Board  
22 that's going to be taking place this coming October.  
23 But how in the world do you make a non-subsistence use  
24 area for Bethel itself that would -- you couldn't do it  
25 under State. It just wouldn't apply. And again what  
26 you have is a structure versus what's reality in Bush  
27 Alaska. They just don't match right at the present  
28 time. Anyway.

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30 Bob, go ahead.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. One thing  
33 that always concerns me is where in the heck did they  
34 come up with the idea of rural when 90 percent of  
35 Alaska is remote?

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37 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Ted Sevens.

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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: You know? And I just  
40 want to bring that out again, because we're remote. We  
41 have no connection to Washington, D.C. by land. You  
42 know, whereas rural Alaska has a direct connection to  
43 Washington, D.C. by the road system. Because if you  
44 look at the definition of rural, it means you're  
45 connected to a suburban or an urban community. Whereas  
46 in remote Alaska, we don't have that.

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48 And the other thing that scares the  
49 heck out of me is when you talk about this fancy word  
50 here that says aggregation of communities. You know,

1 Anchorage is huge. And you go to -- and yet Anchorage  
2 is connected to some of the smallest rural communities  
3 in Alaska. And the thing that scares me is it's easy  
4 for anybody from Anchorage to drive to one of those,  
5 like, not Eagle, but Chitina and dip red salmon. What  
6 is that doing to the residents of Chitina and the areas  
7 around there? The people from Anchorage are taking  
8 away the fish from those villagers.

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10 There's so much confusion in my mind  
11 about, you know, defining a rural community. And to me  
12 it's clear that if you're on the road system, you're a  
13 rural community, but outside of that, we're remote.  
14 How do we protect our remoteness more is what I want to  
15 know.

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17 Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Did you want to  
20 respond to that, David?

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22 DR. JENKINS: Just indirectly. Part of  
23 the difficulty is that Congress when it passed ANILCA  
24 did not define what rural means. So when the  
25 subsistence priority was given to rural residents, it  
26 left undefined what it meant by that. The consequence  
27 of that is that there have been a series of court  
28 cases, one from 1988, that set the scene for defining  
29 what rural means, and so we have to deal with this  
30 Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling as part of the  
31 definition.

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33 But the definitional problem, as Mr.  
34 Aloysius pointed out, and you suggested that there's  
35 some confusion about what it is, is it rural, is it  
36 remote, how do we think about it, this is exactly what  
37 the Board is asking the public to help the Board figure  
38 out. What is it that you think are the best criteria,  
39 the best ways to think about what is rural and what  
40 isn't in order to provide the subsistence priority.

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42 So as I said, this will be an item on  
43 your agenda in the fall, and we're hoping that you'll  
44 go back to your communities and ask people this  
45 question and get them to start providing comments to us  
46 so we can better inform the Board about your position  
47 on this issue.

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49 Thank you.

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1                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And maybe just to  
2 follow up a little bit on Bob's, and you can put it in  
3 your pocket or down in your notes, would be that, if  
4 I'm following this up correctly, would be that the Bush  
5 or the remote communities would be presumptive to  
6 qualify for the rural priority unless proved otherwise,  
7 and have that blanket approval, and then the others  
8 connected to the large industrial, if you will,  
9 population centers would be subject -- I don't know if  
10 that gets to where you're going, Bob.

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12                   MR. ALOYSIUS: And also, you know,  
13 don't limit the population of a community. Bethel is a  
14 remote Bush village. Let's face it. And yet that  
15 population in Bethel is restricted to becoming one of  
16 these communities that should be included as, you know,  
17 the main economic function or whatever it is. The  
18 ability to earn a living is very, very restricted, and  
19 so therefore they should not be restricted to hunt,  
20 fish, trap and gather like any other remote community.  
21 You know, I don't -- and even if Bethel becomes, you  
22 know, 50,000 people, it's still remote. And the people  
23 in that community depend on the land for their  
24 livelihood.

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26                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Alex.

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28                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Jenkins. I  
29 was wondering if the Council have full understanding of  
30 what rural and non-rural is. I understand it. Several  
31 members understand. But I'm wondering if those who  
32 have limited English understanding has an understanding  
33 of what they will be asking their communities about.

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35                   DR. JENKINS: If you think there's a  
36 problem of translation, perhaps you could provide that,  
37 Mr. Nick.

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39                   MR. NICK: Thank you. Mr. Chair. Mr.  
40 Jenkins.

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42                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Alex.

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44                   MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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46                   What I explained, Mr. Jenkins, is that  
47 I was explaining the rural and non-rural status. If we  
48 are determined rural as residents of Bethel, and the  
49 vicinity of Bethel, we will be able to exercise our  
50 hunting and fishing, subsistence fishing activities.

1 But it it's determined non-rural, then it will be a  
2 different story; we won't be able to do that as  
3 residents of Bethel and the vicinity, because of the  
4 fact that, you know, we would have to be hunting and  
5 fishing under sport hunting and fishing regulations.  
6 Is that my correct understanding, Mr. Jenkins?

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8 DR. JENKINS: Yes, Alex, that's fairly  
9 clear. Does that help?

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11 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Actually you should  
12 clarify in there that it means you would not qualify  
13 for the Federal subsistence priority where all other  
14 users who did not have that standing would qualify.  
15 You would still be able to subsistence hunt and fish  
16 under State regulations.

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18 DR. JENKINS: That's right. This is  
19 just about the Federal subsistence priority, and that's  
20 where the rural definition needs to be clarified.

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22 Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. I think  
25 we've run this around. Like you say, you're just  
26 putting it out for the public comment here, and there's  
27 no action on it until November.

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29 Mary, do you have one final?

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31 MS. GREGORY: I think you should go  
32 back and tell those people that whenever a person lives  
33 off the land, that's a rural happening.

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35 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. On to item  
36 B.

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38 MS. GREGORY: Whether they're Yup'ik or  
39 not.

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41 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Well, let's  
42 go on to Item B here for the call for proposals.

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44 DR. JENKINS: Mr. Chair. I don't know  
45 if we have a wildlife biologist on line, but I can go  
46 through this. It's on Page 57 of your book. And this  
47 is the period of time in which we're asking for  
48 regulatory proposals to change Federal subsistence  
49 hunting and trapping regulations. So the Federal  
50 Subsistence Board is accepting proposals through March

1 29th of 2013 to change Federal regulations for the  
2 subsistence harvest of wildlife on Federal public lands  
3 for the 2014 to 2016 regulatory years. So this is just  
4 an informational piece, so you recognize that these  
5 proposals need to be submitted by March 29th of this  
6 year.

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8 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. And if the  
11 Council wants to sponsor one, we have to come up with  
12 them here at this meeting.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Can you give me an  
19 instance for what you were just telling us about  
20 hunting and trapping regulations.

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22 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead. Or,  
23 Mary, it's just like under the State when there -- if  
24 anybody wants to change the regulations, we can put in  
25 a proposal to have regulations changed.

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27 The last time around there were several  
28 concerning moose hunting on the Lower Yukon. We  
29 recommended changes in the boundary. We recommended  
30 changes in the bag limits and the dates.

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32 And if the Council wants to sponsor a  
33 proposal, we'd have to do it at this meeting, because  
34 the deadline to submit them is at the end of March.

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36 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. Mr. Chair. My  
37 beef is that deprivation of living my way of life by  
38 not letting us hunt for our fish this last summer.

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40 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. This one is  
41 just for the wildlife for hunting and trapping.

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43 Has anybody got any in mind.

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45 (No comments)

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47 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I actually do have  
48 one, but since I'm chair I can't make it, but it has  
49 been recommended to me, or brought forward that at  
50 least for that Lower Yukon portion below Mountain, and

1 just to put it in as a place holder, but there's --  
2 that population again needs additional harvest, and  
3 people aren't really making it down there as much as  
4 they could. A lot of the effort's being concentrated  
5 around Marshall and the Devil's Elbow area. And if we  
6 want to focus more effort onto that, we might want to  
7 put in a proposal to have that section of the lowest  
8 river from Mountain Village down, have that hunt  
9 continue through the end of March. That could help  
10 moose some. Because there are people that, you know,  
11 wait to go hunting until later on in the season when --  
12 later on in the winter when travel conditions are a  
13 little more comfortable. You've got more daylight to  
14 be able to be out and work.

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16 So that would be one that I'd toss out  
17 there, but I can't make the motion.

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19 MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Harry.

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23 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. You know, talking  
24 about a lot of moose in the Yukon area. They are.  
25 When I was mayor in Mountain Village, we put out and  
26 helping our grandchildren and our childrens to expand  
27 and let them work. Try to be -- work with us and try  
28 to expand the moose hunting season. We give them five  
29 years. After five years, if the fish -- moose are  
30 increased, they're going to go out and hunt with them.  
31 That's why they expand still today, because of their  
32 elders in school helping them in the villages. As long  
33 as they keep away the moose and let them expand for  
34 five years or six years, you will go out hunting. Now  
35 today there are a lot of moose down in west side, east  
36 side. We give our opportunity our children to go out  
37 and hunt. We hunt with them. And make sure that  
38 follow the law and hunting license and all that. So  
39 they're doing today still there are a lot of moose down  
40 there. Last year right on my fish camp down there, we  
41 saw seven young moose. Expand. The children listen to  
42 us and today now we're even talking about we should  
43 invite the Bethel elders so they could come over and  
44 hunt.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Good.

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48 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. There are a lot  
49 of moose down there. And people down there, they like  
50 to see the people have something to eat. That's the

1 time that Fish and Game come over, you cannot kill no  
2 king salmon or nothing. We'll see you come over and  
3 hunt. What you think?

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5 MS. GREGORY: Very good.

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7 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Evan. Or were you  
8 done, Harry?

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10 MR. POLTY: Yeah. Mr. Chair. If  
11 they're planning on extending the harvest season to the  
12 end of March, I'd like to see them start around the  
13 border of where they usually have it, at that old  
14 settlement across Pilot around Chuathbaluk on down. So  
15 that will give the lower area an opportunity to hunt in  
16 that area, too.

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18 Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. One of the  
21 things they had tossed out is rather than have that GPS  
22 line across from Kuzilvak over to Mountain, some people  
23 were saying just use the Kashunuk River all the way up  
24 to the boundary. And so if we want to draft up a  
25 proposal and have that season start from August 1 until  
26 March 31, two moose.

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28 MR. BROWN: Unit 19.

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30 MR. POLTY: Yeah, it would easier  
31 especially for the people that didn't have the  
32 opportunity to hunt due to the obstruction of the  
33 weather and colder weather. Some areas.....

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35 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Your mic. I'm  
36 sorry, your microphone.

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38 MR. POLTY: Yeah, that will be easier  
39 for those people that didn't catch any moose, so give  
40 them opportunity around that area. Extend the border  
41 to that area for those people that the weather been  
42 pretty bad, and cold, so that will give them an  
43 opportunity when they extend that.

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45 So thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. The  
48 extension they've got right now is only for caribou.  
49 There's not anything in the works I believe for  
50 extending the moose hunt at this point. But, anyway.

1                               Go ahead, Bob.  
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3                               MR. ALOYSIUS: What is the present  
4 timeline for that area? I mean, hunting. From what  
5 date to what date?  
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7                               CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Right now it's open  
8 from August 1 -- or is it August 10? It's either  
9 August 1 or August 10 until the end of February, but  
10 it's restricted to bulls only in the fall I believe,  
11 and then it's a two-moose bag limit, and if you don't  
12 catch in the fall, you can get two moose of any kind in  
13 the winter hunt. Or after the end of.....  
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15                               MR. ALOYSIUS: And the boundary for the  
16 Lowest Yukon is what?  
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18                               CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Right now it's.....  
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20                               MR. ALOYSIUS: A straight line from  
21 some place.....  
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23                               CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: It's Kashunuk River  
24 up until you hit close to Kuzilvak, and then you go up  
25 to the top of Kuzilvak, and it's a GPS straight line  
26 across to Mountain Village.  
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28                               MR. ALOYSIUS: I think what -- somebody  
29 mentioned something that using the Kashunuk River as a  
30 boundary line, which would be ideal, because people  
31 will know where they are, and use that as the southern  
32 boundary line for that Lowest Yukon area, and what  
33 about the -- if you're going to do that, include the  
34 Andreafsky River drainage as a boundary instead of a  
35 straight line again. Is that possible to propose, and  
36 keep the numbers and the limitations in the same, like  
37 two moose and one bull only between such and such a  
38 date to another date. Would that be possible?  
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40                               CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, we can  
41 propose anything we want to. And actually I was  
42 thinking that even people that have talked to me, that  
43 even falltime shouldn't even be restricted to bulls any  
44 more, because that population is growing so fast,  
45 they're starting to worry about it getting too many,  
46 and tipping over and crashing so that it could handle a  
47 lot more cow harvest than it's getting. And so just  
48 make it any moose, two moose from August 1 through  
49 March 31, and those boundaries that you mentioned. And  
50 let them catch cow in the fall if they want to, too.

1 MR. H. WILDE: But I'm sorry that we've  
2 got no king salmon down there.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: And, you know, talk  
7 about using a drainage as a boundary line, that is more  
8 ideal than going from one point to another, because 98  
9 percent of our people don't have a GPS, and the ones  
10 who do have it, don't know how to use them. And  
11 landmarks are ideal for creating boundaries, because  
12 you can see where you are. If you're on the right side  
13 of this line, you're in this unit, and if you're on the  
14 right side of this line, you're in that unit. So I  
15 think we need somebody to look at a map and propose a  
16 change in the regulation to accommodate the concerns we  
17 have about moose overpopulating the area, and make it  
18 easier for anyone to harvest two moose from August 1st  
19 to May -- I mean, March 31 of the following year in  
20 this particular area, and make it clear.

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. David, then  
25 Charlie and then.....

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27 MR. BILL: Yeah. Mr. Chair. Thank  
28 you.

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30 Three years ago I was talking to Fish  
31 and Game before hunting in Kashunuk River for moose,  
32 just how many moose are there in Kashunuk. He said too  
33 many. There was moose in every point all the way up to  
34 Pilot Station. And just last year they extended the  
35 hunt -- they made a new regulation for moose hunting  
36 from August 1 to February 28th or something like that.  
37 And I asked the people that are controlling this  
38 organization, I said, why are you extending it that  
39 much and why are we getting two moose while the rest of  
40 the guys are not. And the answer I got from him was  
41 that he told me, the moose is out of control in  
42 Kashunuk. That is why you're hunting two moose.  
43 That's what he told me last year, 2012.

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45 So hunting every year, a long time, I  
46 go back to 1980s, there was no moose at all. When I  
47 was a kid, when my uncle came and got me from St.  
48 Mary's, my boat, we took it out -- I took the boat all  
49 the way down to Pilot Station, to Hooper Bay. Never  
50 saw a single moose. And back in 1980s, we went up

1 there, me and Paul Gunn, we went up there by boat to  
2 Innoko, and we never saw any moose in Kashunuk River.  
3 Now there's tracks all over the place when you go to  
4 Kashunuk. There's just too many moose in Kashunuk area  
5 right now. I don't know where they came from, they're  
6 there.

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8 But I used to hear a long time ago that  
9 when our elders talked about this back in 1960s, in  
10 later times, if you live that long, you'll be able to  
11 see some moose in this area. Now we're seeing it. I  
12 don't know how they know the future, and they were  
13 telling -- they were talking to us about that.

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15 And there's some even moose on Nelson  
16 Island. Last couple weeks I go, there was a person  
17 lost close by my village. I control the search and  
18 rescue team down in Nelson Island area. We saw one  
19 moose right across the big river, I mean, big lake down  
20 above west fork, going down the beach. I just looked  
21 at it, because it wasn't our -- we weren't looking for  
22 that person, I mean that moose. We were looking for a  
23 person. So if you go that way there, sometimes you'll  
24 be running into some moose maybe all the way from  
25 Nelson Island all the way to Scammon Bay.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Charlie Brown.

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31 MR. BROWN: (In Yup'ik)

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33 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Evan, did you have  
34 your hand up a while ago?

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36 MR. POLTY: Pardon?

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38 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Or, I'm sorry,  
39 James.

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41 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. For the record I  
42 should summarize what Mr. Charlie said.

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44 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Yeah.

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46 MR. NICK: Charlie William Charlie.  
47 Brown.

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49 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Willy Brown.

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1 MR. NICK: Excuse me. Mr. Brown said  
2 that game management units are very difficult to  
3 understand, because these are done by GPS, latitudes  
4 and longitudes, and for those who don't have any GPS or  
5 have any understanding of exact boundary lines, it's  
6 very difficult. And he's -- I think what he had in  
7 mind, he will tell me if I'm wrong, what he had in mind  
8 was that maybe landmarks would be used for indicating  
9 where the boundaries are.

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11 (In Yup'ik), Charlie?

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13 Okay.

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15 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: So geographic  
16 instead of -- James.

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18 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.  
19 How's the.....

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21 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Your microphone,  
22 Harry.

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24 MR. H. WILDE: How's the moose  
25 expansion around here? I thought they had so many  
26 years for try to expand the moose some area in  
27 Kuskokwim area.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. The  
30 Kuskokwim had a moratorium. They went five years. The  
31 Lower Yukon guys went seven actually. They extended it  
32 a couple more years. But the population is responding  
33 here. There's a registration hunt that takes place in  
34 the fall. I would say that the Kuskokwim right now is  
35 about where Lower Yukon was in 1995/1996, so we're  
36 about 15 years behind you.

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38 James.

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40 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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42 Game Management Unit 18 is big. It's  
43 from Yukon to Kuskokwim. It's a big game management  
44 unit. So last hunting season, moose hunting season,  
45 Federal allowed us to catch only seven. I think it was  
46 seven on Federal lands. And State, there's no State  
47 land in this area. It's only corporation lands. We  
48 were allowed to catch maybe 80 bulls that time, and  
49 it's mostly Federal land. But why are we allowed to  
50 catch that many on -- it's not -- the corporation land

1 is not State's land. And Federal -- it's mostly  
2 Federal Land around here on Kuskokwim side. We're only  
3 allowed to catch less than 10 where State said we can  
4 catch almost 100. Why are the managers playing with  
5 us. It's not good for the corporation land owners.  
6 Corporation land people should say you catch so many  
7 moose in our land. There's no tribal consultation  
8 right there. I have been talking about tribal  
9 consultation. And that's not right to me. Even I'm a  
10 moose hunter. I've hunted moose all over. Unit -- or  
11 on the Yukon side, 21E, and on the other side. It's  
12 work to get moose. So it's not easy. So that make me  
13 think and get frustrated when we, our people, hunt on  
14 corporation land and State manage it. Or Federal  
15 manage it, that you're allowed to catch only seven.  
16 That's not right. So this proposal should change that  
17 and let the corporation people tell you how many moose  
18 to catch on corporation land.

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20 Thank you.

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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Bob.

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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: Before we get way off  
27 track, I'd like to bring us back to the question about  
28 the proposed proposal we're trying to fashion, about  
29 extending the moose season from September -- I mean,  
30 August 1 to March 31 for what they call the Lowest  
31 Yukon. And so I'd like to bring us back to that and  
32 work on that.

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34 Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, I guess what  
37 I'd heard coming out of it, you actually did a pretty  
38 good synopsis of it right there, but if you'd want to  
39 just put it in the form of a motion that this Council  
40 sponsor a proposal to change the season in the Lowest  
41 Yukon from August 1 to February 28th to August 1 to  
42 March 31 for any two moose bag limit, any moose, and  
43 that the boundary would change to be the Kashunuk River  
44 and the Andreaafsky. That's what I've heard. That's a  
45 lot to put in one proposal, but it's all there, and it  
46 gets it down as a placeholder and we continue to, you  
47 know, it's pretty straight forward I guess. If you  
48 want to make a motion to that effect.

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: And to modify my thought

1 is that the north fork of the Andraefsky River over to  
2 wherever that other.....

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4 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: To 22, GMU 22?

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. And I don't know  
7 how to make that motion that we direct our coordinator  
8 to select people to help him to write a proposal, or do  
9 we have to do it on our own, or, you know, these are  
10 things that are on my mind, you know. How can we get  
11 the people involved. I mean, the Council involved in  
12 this proposal with the help of our coordinator.

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14 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I think just a  
15 motion that the Council wishes to sponsor that  
16 proposal, and we can get it drafted up with Staff.

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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay. I move that we  
19 create -- well, not create, but write a proposal to  
20 extend the moose season for the Lowest Yukon from  
21 August 1 to March 31, and use the Kashunuk drainage and  
22 the Andraefsky River through it's North Fork, as the  
23 boundary for that proposal.

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25 MS. GREGORY: Second the motion. And  
26 Mr. Jenkins is already writing it, so he's going to  
27 draft it.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And the bag limit  
30 would remain two moose, but there would be no  
31 restriction in the fall, it would be any two moose, any  
32 sex, throughout the season.

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34 MR. H. WILDE: Well, I suppose if  
35 there's too many hunters that we wouldn't like it  
36 anyway down there.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MR. H. WILDE: It's just like this  
41 year.

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43 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. We have a  
44 motion on the floor. Is there a second.

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46 MS. GREGORY: I seconded it and I.....

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48 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Mary seconded it,  
49 okay.

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1 MS. GREGORY: And I volunteered Mr.  
2 Jenkins to write the proposal.  
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4 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any further  
5 discussion.  
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7 (No comments)  
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9 MR. CHARLES: Question.  
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11 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Seeing none, the  
12 question's been called. All those in favor say aye.  
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14 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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16 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any opposed same  
17 sign.  
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19 (No opposing votes)  
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21 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: The motion passes.  
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23 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.  
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25 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Harry, go ahead.  
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27 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. I just got these  
28 papers. It says North Pacific Update on Salmon Bycatch  
29 Management Council. Those people that are fish out  
30 there.....  
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32 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, Harry, we can  
33 bring that up later. We're on the possible proposals  
34 right now.  
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36 MR. H. WILDE: Yeah. Okay. Go ahead.  
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38 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And if there's any  
39 other proposals. for hunting or trapping that we want  
40 to think about sponsoring.  
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42 Alex.  
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44 MS. KENNER: Mr. Chair. This is Pippa.  
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46 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Pippa, go ahead.  
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48 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm  
49 just looking for clarification on the previous  
50 proposal. Currently the regulation boundary shows the

1 Kashunuk River to the Village of Chakaktolik, and then  
2 north to Mountain Village. Now I think in the proposal  
3 what we would like to do -- what you would like to do  
4 is have that boundary rather than going to Mountain  
5 Village now go to St. Mary's and run up the northern  
6 Andraefsky River, but would exclude land south of the  
7 Andraefsky River and St. Mary's.

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9 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: That's the way I  
10 understood it, yeah, from.....

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12 MS. KENNER: Okay. Because the other  
13 option.....

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15 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Get rid of those  
16 GPS options and use the geographic on the ground  
17 boundaries.

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19 MS. KENNER: But the other option is to  
20 go to Chakaktolik up to Mountain Village and up the  
21 river to St. Mary's and then up the Andraefsky. But  
22 you choose the first.

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24 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Well, Board  
25 members, do you want to weight in on that for  
26 clarification.

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28 MS. KENNER: It leaves a triangle of  
29 land either in or out of the new proposed area.

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31 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, why don't we  
32 put it -- let's get the proposal as it is, and when we  
33 look at it in the fall meeting, prior to the Board, we  
34 can see where it's on the ground, we can make  
35 amendments or changes the way that it makes a little  
36 more sense when we have a map in front of and we're all  
37 looking at the same things.

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39 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any other proposals  
42 that people want to discuss. Bob.

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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Here we go. I would  
45 propose that we write a proposal to open beaver season  
46 from January 1st to December 31st, year round with no  
47 limit.

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49 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: I believe that is  
50 already in regulation.

1 MS. GREGORY: I think it's already.  
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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Although there may  
4 be -- I don't know, I don't have it in front of me, but  
5 there may be a short period in June maybe when they're  
6 having their kits or something, and again in deference  
7 to people who worry about killing animals that might  
8 have babies.  
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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Is there a second to my  
11 motion?  
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13 MS. KENNER: Mr. Chair. This is Pippa  
14 Kenner with OSM in Anchorage, and the current season is  
15 July 1st to June 30th. It is all year round. No  
16 limit.  
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18 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: All year round and  
19 no limit hunting, trapping -- or hunting actually.  
20 Correct?  
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22 MS. KENNER: Right.  
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24 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.  
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26 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yeah. That was  
27 under the State. I wasn't sure if the Feds had done  
28 that or not.  
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30 Mary, go ahead.  
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32 MS. GREGORY: Bob, it's already on.  
33 It's already open year round. Beaver hunting.  
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: For Federal regs?  
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37 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yes, for Federal  
38 regs as well. That's what the Staff just read us off  
39 there.  
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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: I never heard of it.  
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43 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: It's there.  
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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: Well, being that's the  
46 case, I rescind my proposal to propose.  
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48 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: You didn't have a  
49 second anyway. It dies.  
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1 Any other proposals. Alex.

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3 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. For Council's  
4 information, I was hoping Ms. Paula -- is it Hardsell?  
5 Would be here, but she is out sick right now. She was  
6 working for Bob's area, Bob, to avoid confusion in the  
7 regulations, like regulations for moose hunt for  
8 Kuskokwim River area or for the remainder.

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10 What's been done over the past two  
11 months is with the help of Lower Kalskag there's been a  
12 proposal to change one drainage name, because the two  
13 drainages upriver behind Bob's village, the Johnson and  
14 Crooked Creek were switched. In the regulations for  
15 moose hunt, those two drainages were mentioned. So  
16 with the help of Lower Kalskag and Paula at Fish and  
17 Wildlife Service office, there was a proposal to change  
18 the drainage names the way the community, local  
19 community people see it, you know, because there's been  
20 some -- like, for example, that Crooked Creek that goes  
21 toward Russian Mission, almost half-way over to Russian  
22 Mission, it's been called Johnson River all along. And  
23 from the confluence of that drainage up to the lake  
24 behind Kalskag villages, it's been called Crooked Creek  
25 on the maps. So after we talked to elders in Upper and  
26 Lower Kalskag, we've -- they submitted a proposal to  
27 change it, just switch those two names so that local  
28 people will know where they're hunting, you know,  
29 exactly which drainages they're talking about in the  
30 regulations.

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32 Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, has that  
35 proposal already been put in to the Federal Board as  
36 well as the State or a companion?

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38 MR. NICK: Well, actually try to go  
39 through what.....

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41 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: What do you need as  
42 far as action here? Is it a proposal that we need to  
43 do?

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45 MR. NICK: No, this is for your  
46 information.

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48 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Oh, we'll see it in  
49 the fall then.

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1 MR. NICK: Yeah.  
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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5 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Right now we're  
6 looking at proposals that we want to sponsor here.  
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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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10 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Bob, go ahead.  
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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. I find very  
13 confusing for me, because I'm the representative of the  
14 RAC and I live in Kalskag, and now why the hell didn't  
15 I get informed about this happening? It doesn't make a  
16 damn bit of sense to me that I'm a representative of  
17 the RAC in Kalskag. I live there most of my life. And  
18 yet no one from Lower Kalskag, Kalskag or even from  
19 your office had notified me about what was going on.  
20 If I had been there, I would have been adamantly  
21 supportive of that, because it's too damn confusing  
22 just because somebody decided that, well, this is  
23 Crooked Creek from the travway to the lake. And that's  
24 not Crooked Creek; it's Johnson River. It's always  
25 been Johnson River.  
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27 And I'm really offended that no one  
28 notified me as a RAC representative to be involved in  
29 that process.  
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31 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. We apologize for  
32 not contacting you, but your village, Upper Kalskag and  
33 Lower Kalskag is supposed to be working with the  
34 elders, including yourself.  
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36 Mr. Chair.  
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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'm also an elder with  
39 the Village of Kalskag. Now, why the hell wasn't I  
40 invited?  
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42 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: All that aside, I  
43 find that moot for this meeting. The proposal has been  
44 put in. If we're not going to be sponsoring a  
45 proposal, I don't think it's appropriate for discussion  
46 under this agenda item.  
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48 MS. KENNER: Mr. Chair. This is Pippa.  
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50 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Do you have a new

1 item or you were going to continue on this same  
2 conversation?

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4 MS. KENNER: I have a new item. I  
5 would like to go back to go back to a past issue that  
6 Mr. Aloysius had.

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8 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: If it's regarding a  
9 possible proposal.

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11 MS. KENNER: In fear of making him even  
12 less happy, I do want to say I have made a mistake.  
13 And this is Pippa at OSM in Anchorage.

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15 And I had forgotten that Mr. Aloysius  
16 does not live in Unit 18, he lives in Unit 19. In the  
17 Federal regulations, I do not see any open season for  
18 beaver in Unit 19. And in the State regulations, the  
19 season is limited from September 15th to June 10th. So  
20 I would like to correct my earlier assertion that the  
21 season was already year round and no proposal was  
22 necessary. Is that clear?

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24 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Yes, it is. I  
25 guess then, Bob, do you want to pursue for the Y-K RAC  
26 to put in a proposal for.....

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: I can't hear the  
29 speakers being over there.

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31 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. What Pippa  
32 had mentioned earlier when we had the.....

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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: Putting the speaker on  
35 that table would be.....

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37 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: What Pippa had just  
38 mentioned was that earlier when we were discussing the  
39 beaver season as a possible proposal, that year round  
40 with no bag limit applies only to Unit 18. It does not  
41 apply to Unit 19. And so I guess you're bringing it up  
42 if you would think it appropriate, or if you would to  
43 have this RAC sponsor a proposal for Unit 19.

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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, that was not my  
46 intention. Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Okay. Dan  
49 Gillikin, you had something here from the Refuge. Is  
50 it regarding proposals, hunting and trapping proposals.

1                   Okay, that's what we're on.

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3                   MR. GILLIKIN: It is, Mr. Chair. Thank  
4 you.

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6                   I apologize. I just spoke with Tom  
7 Doolittle to get a little bit more clarification on the  
8 proposal for the proposal as I understand it, which is  
9 changing the boundaries and the names. He advised me  
10 that that's very much still in draft form. So if you  
11 want to contact the Refuge, or we can have the Refuge  
12 contact you, Mr. Aloysius, and we can make sure that we  
13 get proper place names into that proposal so that we  
14 can then have it very clear to the public as far as  
15 what those unit boundaries are. So I just wanted to  
16 pass that along.

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18                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.

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20                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Any other  
21 discussion on any proposals, hunting or trapping that  
22 this Council might want to consider putting in.

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24                   (No comments)

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26                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Hearing and seeing  
27 none, I think we're at a break point right now. We've  
28 got not a real heavy agenda left. It's pretty much all  
29 reports tomorrow. There are a few business items, but  
30 those also are just kind of review and comment, but I'm  
31 ready to break for tonight if you want to.

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33                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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35                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Go ahead, Mary.  
36 You want to.....

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38                   MS. GREGORY: I move that we recess  
39 until 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

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41                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Well, I was just  
42 going to toss it out there for feedback from folks, if  
43 they want to sit here and go later. We don't have a  
44 real heavy agenda, so I don't see having to go in the  
45 evening myself.

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47                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. I move  
48 that we recess until 7:00 o'clock and come back. And  
49 while we're at it, continue this meeting, because  
50 effective at 12:00 tomorrow, noon, I have to excuse

1 myself, because I have to be at another function, and I  
2 have to leave, and I have to check in at noon. I don't  
3 want to miss anything. It would be -- we're here.  
4 We're here. Let's meet from 7:00 until whenever this  
5 evening. And maybe we can even cover everything.

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7 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: A point of order.  
8 There was a previous motion.

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: There was no second on  
11 the motion.

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13 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: There was no  
14 second, but it hadn't been called. But I was just  
15 going to toss it out there for discussion. I wanted to  
16 get some feedback from people. And so I've heard  
17 essentially three so far. What's your pleasure, guys.  
18 Do you want to come back this evening or come back in  
19 the morning.

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21 SEVERAL: Tomorrow.

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23 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Again I don't.....

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25 MR. BILL: Mr. Chair.

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27 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: David. I'm pretty  
30 much hearing a consensus that. I've got six. Who is  
31 this.

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33 Alex, go ahead.

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35 MR. NICK: I would like to remind the  
36 Council that you received per diem for three days. And  
37 your hotel is being paid by the government through  
38 tomorrow. If you make some travel changes, if you plan  
39 to travel, you need to write me a note, either me or  
40 Mr. Jenkins, and then we'll forward it on to OSM, and  
41 then your travel plans will be changed.

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43 If other organizations are going to be  
44 taking over your travel, we need to know, because, you  
45 know, from time to time in the past we've reminded the  
46 Council that every time when you're going to make  
47 travel changes or if you have extended or if you have  
48 extended travel plans or other plans, you need to let  
49 me know or let one of the OSM Staff know so that we  
50 will make proper changes for your travel.

1                   There's been some situations in the  
2 past which we have hard time resolving, For that  
3 reason we need to know.

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5                   And there's another thing, another  
6 reminder I want to make, and David could correct me in  
7 this one. If you travel on -- like for some of you  
8 were here from that day of travel or the next day, and  
9 then some of you maybe you will return earlier, like  
10 tomorrow for example, your next per diem check will be  
11 smaller than it is today, because we will deduct that  
12 amount if we know that you traveled earlier, we'll  
13 deduct that amount from the next per diem check that  
14 you will receive when you attend the meeting.

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16                   I just wanted to let you know we do  
17 have travel policies that we have to follow. So please  
18 let me know your travel plans so that we could make  
19 proper changes.

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21                   Thank you.

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23                   MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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25                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Thank you, Alex.

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27                   MR. H. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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29                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Harry.

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31                   MR. H. WILDE: I think some of us, we  
32 have no choice, like me. I'm taking care of one of my  
33 grandson, have to take him to the school. After my  
34 wife pass away a couple months ago, or a month ago, I  
35 lost very much things to do what I want to do. I think  
36 I have no choice if I am able to go home tomorrow or  
37 next day to take care of my grandson in school, because  
38 usually her grandmother always taking care of her all  
39 the time.

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41                   That's a problem I would like to see to  
42 go home a little bit earlier.

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44                   CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Alex.

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46                   MR. NICK: Yeah. Mr. Chair. Mr.  
47 Wilde. We can't tell you not to go home if you want to  
48 go home earlier. But we need to know if you want to go  
49 back earlier, because you are not supposed to make your  
50 own travel changes. We make the travel changes.

1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: What's that? I'm  
4 ready to recess. David.

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6 MR. BILL: Mr. Chairman, I have to find  
7 out what's going to happen to my other travel  
8 appointment, which is tomorrow from Nelson Island. If  
9 we have to stay half a day or a full day tomorrow, and  
10 if the plane is available for me to catch about 3:30 in  
11 the afternoon, then I can do that. Or I can try to  
12 catch the Saturday morning flight out of Bethel to my  
13 home, because in order to catch my travel, I travel on  
14 to the village that I have.

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16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: Noah.

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20 MR. N. ANDREW: My concern, Mr.  
21 Chairman, is are we going to have majority here to  
22 finish up our agenda items. I know -- I don't know if  
23 we have quorum on making some of these decisions, I  
24 think we need quorum here. If we are going to lose the  
25 quorum, I was going to suggest to continue on. But if  
26 we're going to finish, and we probably would need the  
27 majority consideration here on these discussion.

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29 CHAIRMAN ROCZICKA: And as I look at  
30 the agenda, there wasn't any -- there's a few more  
31 action items, but actually they're more in the forms of  
32 reports for review and comment. It's not a formal  
33 position that requires that.

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35 And earlier when I asked for the  
36 informal poll, I got about six people that said, let's  
37 come back tomorrow morning. That's what I saw. And so  
38 with that, I'm going to call us in recess until 9:00  
39 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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41 (Off record)

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43 (PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONTINUED)

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