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YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA REGIONAL SUBSISTENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

August 2, 1994

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- ~~H~~arry Wilde, Chairman
- ~~D~~avid O. David (arrived late)
- ~~P~~aul Manumik, Sr.
- ~~M~~oses Nicolai
- ~~P~~aul John (arrived late)
- ~~A~~ntone Anvil
- ~~S~~teven White
- ~~J~~ohn Andrew, Regional Coordinator

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Hello. We're ready.

TELEPHONE OPERATOR: Go ahead, sir.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, hello. We would like to have our roll call at this time. Our coordinator, we would like to have our advisory councils available on our -- on this teleconference. Will you give them roll call at this time?

COORDINATOR ANDREW: Yeah, giana. John Andrew, Regional Coordinator out of Emmonak. Harry Wilde.

MR. WILDE: Yeah.

COORDINATOR ANDREW: David O. David. David O. David.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

COORDINATOR ANDREW: Check. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Paul Manumik, Senior.

MR. MANUMIK: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Check. Moses A. Nicolai. Moses Nicolai, Kwethluk.

MR. NICOLAI: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Paul John.

MR. JOHN: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Antone Anvil.

MR. ANVIL: Here. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

COORDINATOR ANDREW: Steven White.

MR. WHITE: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

COORDINATOR ANDREW: Henry Napoleon. Henry Napoleon, Hooper Bay. Chuck Chaliak. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
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4 COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik
5 language spoken)
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7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
8 language spoken)
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10 COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik
11 language spoken)
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13 TELEPHONE OPERATOR: Excuse me. Mountain
14 Village just joined.
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16 COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik
17 language spoken)
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19 MR. LUKE: This is James Luke, from Mountain
20 Village, for (indiscernible) and

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22 MR. SHEPHERD: Stan Shepherd, for
23 (indiscernible) Council.
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25 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Thank you. Any other
26 villages?
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28 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
29 language spoken) Excuse me. Bad connection here.
30 (indiscernible) trouble.
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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We need another line.
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34 TELEPHONE OPERATOR: Please standby. Bethel
35 has dropped off the line. I'm sure they'll be calling right
36 back in. Please standby. (Pause) Bethel is back on line.
37 Thank you.
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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
40 language spoken) 20 village of (indiscernible),
41 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) represent
42 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
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44 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, qiana,
45 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
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47 COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik
48 language spoken)
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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
2 language spoken)

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4 MR. LUKE: This is James Luke, Mountain
5 Village, for Paimiut, and Stan Shepherd for Mountain Village
6 Traditional Council.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We got you on the record.
9 Anyone else who want to speak, participate in the
10 teleconference, give us your name and your village or your
11 organization, whom you represent.

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13 MR. POSPAHALA: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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17 MR. POSPAHALA: This is Dick Pospahala, in
18 Anchorage.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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22 MR. POSPAHALA: Yeah, we're on the line with
23 you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to also introduce or at least for
24 the record indicate our other staff who are present here in
25 Anchorage. May I do that?

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, please.

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29 MR. POSPAHALA: All right, thank you. We have
30 Steven Kovak, Gail Baker, Dave Fisher, Jim Kurth,
31 Gloria Machmeyer, from the US Fish & Wildlife Service, and
32 John Morrison is with us today, he's with the Alaska Department
33 of Fish & Game. And that's the entirety of our audience.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. You are on the
36 record. Later on you will have opportunity to say something.
37 Right now this -- we are getting some people that are coming in
38 and have been to land here. The reason that this
39 teleconference is -- the teleconference will be focused on
40 Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee request of the Federal
41 Subsistence Board to reconsider its April 1994 decision. I
42 think the season for subsistence take in the moose -- moose in
43 Unit 18. The April decision by the Board to change the season
44 in the area known as remainder Unit 18, which enclose the
45 majority of federal public land in the unit from September 1 to
46 October 30, changes to August 25 to September 25, on Lower Yukon Moose
47 Management Committee is asking the Board -- Federal Boards to
48 reconsider to September 1 to 30th season, that we gonna talk
49 about Lower Yukon request -- moose management request.

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2 One thing that we want you to understand, when Kasigluk
3 joined proposal to send it to Kwiguk (ph), then Kwiguk proposal
4 was to send it to regional council. It was our understanding
5 it wasn't intent to include the Lower Yukon River, Unit 18.
6 That was my understanding.

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8 Though right now I think we would like to hear from
9 member of Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee -- if they're
10 on, we would like to hear from you at this time. You are --
11 the floor recognizes you. Go ahead and participate in.

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13 MR. LUKE: Yeah, Harry, this is -- is Kotlik
14 on?

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Kotlik.
17 (Indiscernible)

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19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
20 language spoken)

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Kotlik, Kotlik, (indiscernible
23 Yupik language spoken) Kotlik (indiscernible - Yupik
24 language spoken) member of Lower Yukon Management Committee.

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26 MR. LUKE: Harry, this is James Luke and
27 Stan Shepherd. We are members of Lower Yukon Moose Management
28 Committee, and we agree with the letter that was submitted by
29 Kotlik, a letter to Federal Subsistence Board, addressed to
30 Mr. Ron McCoy -- McKay, dated June 6.

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32 The subsistence user, Yukon, did not request when they
33 submitted Proposal Number 45 to Federal Subsistence Board to
34 open lower end of Yukon (indiscernible) part of Unit 18 for
35 this reason: Most of the villages on the Yukon are still
36 fishing during that period, until end of August, and at times
37 when commercial fishing is still -- it is not open this year
38 but in the future is when the fish increase it will probably
39 open again. During that period, from August 15 to end of
40 August of this (indiscernible) are still fishing.

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42 The other part in that letter is also the during that
43 period of the subsistence users on the Lower Yukon are still
44 subsisting on fish and berry picking and then also the weather
45 seasons are still warm. The moose is in (indiscernible), you
46 know, in normal -- normal weather conditions. (Indiscernible)
47 the letter we agree on the Lower Yukon.

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49 That's the end of my statement for now.
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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, James. Anyone
3 else?

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5 MR. SHEPHERD: Mr. Chairman, this is
6 Stan Shepherd, from Mountain Village, representing the
7 traditional council.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Stan.

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11 MR. SHEPHERD: Yes, you don't happen to have a
12 copy of that Proposal Forty-- with you?

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We do have.

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16 MR. SHEPHERD: Okay, you will see it in there.
17 I think you'll find it in there that we had proposed to open
18 Unit 18 west of Mountain Village from September 5 to September
19 29, and in there not -- and not to interfere with the rest of
20 the unit, September 1 to September 30. You copy?

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we copy you. Go ahead.

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24 MR. SHEPHERD: We all know on the Yukon River
25 that weather situation out here is very important, August 25 to
26 August 30 to September 1, weather climate is still warm -- warm
27 enough to where if the moose is caught it stays out there less
28 than three, four days the moose meat will start spoiling
29 whereas in September -- middle of September, around -- the
30 moose meat stays good until you come back home, and the less
31 chance of flies and bugs getting into it.

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33 (Pause)

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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37 MR. SHEPHERD: Well, I Okay.

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39 (Pause)

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Are you still on, Stan?

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43 MR. SHEPHERD: Yeah, go ahead, Harry.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We're waiting for you. I
46 thought you were still talking.

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48 MR. SHEPHERD: Okay. I strongly feel that the
49 Board of Game should reconsider this letter what Chairman of
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the Moose Management Committee wrote Pie Secaran (ph), Chairman of the Moose Management Committee, General Delivery, Kotlik, that they should reconsider this and change the moose meat back to September 1 to September 30.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Let me respond to your concern. Proposal 46, the Kwethluk (indiscernible) group, the only thing is a request in their proposal is extend one week moose hunting season. In their proposal there's nothing in there say Yukon or Lower Yukon or whatever, only thing is request for the extend one more week. That's what proposal right now it extends from August 25 to September 25. It's only thing that -- my understanding that only thing that what -- the time when they extend this proposal, that's all they want is longer period.

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17 Anyone else?

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19 MR. NICK: Harry, you're taking -- particular members of the Lower Yukon Moose Committee or just anybody at this point?

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Anybody at this point, but you have to give us your name and where you're from and if you represent someone, we are recording you, your name and your phone, if you represent someone -- people there.

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28 MR. NICK: Okay, Harry. Good morning. This is would as usual. My name is Robert Nick, from the village of Nunapitchuk, and I'm calling on behalf of myself, and

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead. You are on the floor.

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35 MR. NICK: Yeah. Yeah. I -- just very recently in last four days discovered about what was going on, and I've had a chance to think about the proposal that Kwethluk made of having the moose open a week earlier. What I'd like to say at this point is a number of things which I have observed here in my area in the lower end of Johnson River. You know, we're part of Unit 18.

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43 During the last few years around this area, 'cause we go way up the Johnson River to go moose hunting, and then during the last few years -- you know, recent years, we've had earlier freeze-ups before, and in fact two years ago -- not this year but -- not last year but the year before I went up moose hunting and then had to come home without even catching anything because it was freezing, and then I had a -- I was

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Using a wooden boat, and I'm glad I went home the day I did because it froze the next day, and the moose was still open. And then there was -- there was some boat hunters that were up the Johnson River and it froze on them. And their families were concerned, so I had to -- I had to use my airplane with my flight instructor to fly up there to locate those hunters, and flying up the Johnson River we saw seven hunting parties -- seven boats. The furthest boat was just below the Johnson Lake, which is just -- just about at Devil's Elbow up there on the Yukon. And then Yukon Helicopters had to fly over there and fly those hunters back in a helicopter and lift all their -- they left their boat and everything was there at that camp. And moose was still open then, it's not even September 30.

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15 So that's what I've observed in recent years that we've had earlier freezes. For that reason, I myself, you know, favor, you know, Kwethluk's proposal for opening the moose a week early. For this reason looking at the units in the hunting guide -- guidelines, I notice that some units -- some units are divided into sub-units, you know, like Unit 18-A, but 19-A, 19-B. So the Department of Fish & Game has the prerogative to divide Unit 18 into sub-units, like from Mountain Village on down to the mouth and to Kotlik area, be a separate sub-unit from the Johnson River, which is where I hunt. You could probably divide it up in unit A, B, and C, depending on when the lower part of the Yukon would like to do their hunting.

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29 And we understand the reasons that they gave, you know, like the temperature and the other activities, like berry picking, 'cause the berries are ripe later for them than they are for us, you know. So -- and then the other reason why I favor the earlier time for that Kwethluk proposal is in Unit 18 we are allowed to harvest only bulls, you know, we can't harvest cows between September the bulls are -- I guess you know the word is rutting -- or mating, and they don't taste as 37 they do, you know, when they're not rutting, you know, at that time. So, I guess, you know, it's just a matter of taste, you know, there on my part that I favor to catch 'em a little earlier. If I could catch one.

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42 And I understand that the hearing for the Kwethluk proposal was in April, and at that -- if -- it would have been an opportunity, you know, for the Lower Yukon Moose Committee 45 -- it would have been nice if they would have been there to request like a sub-unit and then they would have probably established sub-units for this coming season, which is coming 48 on us very quickly.

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1 Harry, Mr. Chairman, I -- support here is for the
2 Kwethluk proposal, and I would like to suggest that the
3 Committee recommend that sub-units be established for the lower
4 initial, with the other established, you know, dates that
5 they had before of September 1 to September 30.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Anything else? That's all?

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9 MR. NICK: Yeah, I guess that's it, Harry, but
10 just wanted to express that I support from the village of
11 Nunapitchuk where I do my hunting on the Johnson River, that I
12 support the Kwethluk proposal.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you, Robert. I
15 will respond some of it and give this proposal. They got the
16 letter from Kwethluk group to reconsider their proposal.
17 Robert, may I ask you something that we would like to know. If
18 Yakon and Kuskokwim separate moose hunting season, if Kuskokwim
19 area start August 25 to September 25, August season opens State
20 land will be still close. Robert, do you think that people
21 will know that the closed area where it's located and the open
22 area where it's located? I suppose you cannot hunt -- unable
23 to hunt in closed area, state area if the federal land is open.
24 I think that some of us the board -- the committee here were
25 concerned. So far people hunt in the federal land supposed to
26 be only open from federal land all through the state and some
27 lands occur within the many federal land from my unit. When
28 subsistence -- most hunters -- open state land will be still
29 closed. Most hunter responsibility to be aware of a state and
30 closed land, so that are some of our council's -- our concern,
31 because if you hunt in a closed area, I don't know if the state
32 will enforce it or not if you hunt in state lands.

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34 I would like to get a response from the state, someone
35 speak to that.

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37 MR. NICK: Harry.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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41 MR. NICK: This is Robert still. I'd like to
42 comment on that 'cause that was another thing that I was gonna
43 that was on my mind that I was thinking about that I was
44 gonna comment on, but I forgot about it. But I also wanted to
45 suggest to avoid people being, you know, picked up for fishing
46 -- I mean hunting in state lands is that if the federal
47 lands allow the -- if subsistence hunting is allowed in federal
48 lands from 25 to -- August 25 in my area, you know, that's my
49 suggestion, that the state do the same thing, you know, to move

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up their opening by one week. But if that is not possible, you know, I think with a real coordinated plan that problem would be (indiscernible), you know, 'cause we know about the Kilbuck Hunt, you know, in the Kilbuck Mountains for the caribou. We know exactly where to go hunting. You know, we know which areas are closed. You know, they show us on the maps what is opened.

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8 And then earlier in your opening statement, Harry, you made a comment that people will be hunting in your land, so you must know your boundaries pretty well, you know. In fact all the village corporations in the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta, you know, pride themselves in land ownership. We are now land owners, so we know where our boundaries are, we know where our Native allotments are, so we can easily determine the boundaries. So if the state cannot, you know, make the change to follow the federal -- you know, dates, then with a well-coordinated plan, you know, that problem can be lessened or even eliminated, you know. Anybody who has even a moose permit with -- be given a copy of a map, you know, where the -- where they are allowed to hunt, you know, the earlier date. We're only talking about, let's see, September 25. We're only talking about five days here. So it will be a matter of five days, you know, where a person would have to be in the federal land area. And then we have land departments and people with land experts, reading it now in our villages, our corporations could work together with Fish & Game and develop maps and then inform all the moose hunters, you know, where they can hunt for the first five days only. We're talking about five days there.

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30 So that would be my comments here. (Yupik spoken), Harry.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Robert, I would like to get a response from the state. Federal problems might occur if federal locals on August 25 and state will be -- what will happen if subsistence moose hunter accidentally hunt in state land, closed area? We would like to get that response from the state.

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40 MR. MORRISON: This is John Morrison, with the Department of Fish & Game, and I need to point out of course that law enforcement is in the authority of the Department of Public Safety, their Fish and Wildlife Protection Division. They have recently been indicating that they would enforce the state laws to the extent possible on any of these discrepancies between season dates on the adjacent federal and state land, and any possible change in the state season dates would have to be handled, of course, by the Game Board at one of their meetings.

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 2 Now whether or not they could conduct an emergency
 meeting to address this outside the regular schedule of board
 meetings, I can't say. And I could not also say whether they
 would be agreeable to changing the state hunting season dates
 to conform with the August 25 to September 25 date that has
 been approved by the Federal Subsistence Board. The same would
 be true of subdividing Unit 18 into subunits. That again would
 require a board action and it would be fitting for the folks in
 Unit 18 to submit a proposal to the board in request of that.
 They would probably ask that definite boundaries for subunits
 be indicated, plus a justification for making the changes. In
 this case I think there would be a fairly substantial
 justification in regard to the difference in interest in the
 Lower Yukon area as compared to the folks over on the Kuskokwim
 part.

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 18 So those would be the only recommendations or
 suggestions I can make at this point, it would have to be
 explored both with the Department of Law as to how they would
 enforce the regulations and then also with the Board of Game as
 to any change of season date or creation of sub-units in Unit
 18.

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 25 That's all I have to say.

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 27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you for responding.
 Anyone else on the line at this time?

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 30 MR. PAXTON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, this is
 (indiscernible - phone break) Paxton (ph)guy, with the Akiak
 Native Committee. Can you hear me?

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 34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead, Akiak.

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 36 MR. PAXTON: Yeah, first of all, let me -- let
 us back-up here for a while to April -- the Subsistence Board
 meeting. There was four proposals for consideration in Unit 18
 relating to moose. The first one was Kwethluk -- the Kwethluk
 proposal; the second one was a state proposal; and the
 Subsistence Board didn't act on the next two. The point I'm
 gonna get across is the second proposal, the state's proposal,
 was proposed for the winter season to be on top with the
 state's opening of December 20 to December 30.

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 46 Now my question is by moving back to September 1 to
 September 30 will we be pulling out something bigger than what
 you guys are trying to do now? I certainly like to spend
 Christmas with my family. That's why I went to testified
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against the state proposal for December 20 to December 30 where they have more leeway into calling an opening. The Federal Subsistence Board does.

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5 Now by doing this, by moving from September 1 to
6 September 30, my belief is that we're just gonna go and
7 (indiscernible) again the federal opening from December 20 to
8 December 30, so we're not just looking at this one. Because
9 when this passed, the Subsistence Board said that if they --
10 after passing this motion of August 25 to September 25 proposal
11 by Kwethluk, they would contradict themselves if they went over
12 and (indiscernible - phone break) when the state in having the
13 moose hunt -- the December moose hunt in December -- from
14 December 20 to December 30.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Do you want to
17 respond to that?

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19 MR. KURTH: Harry, this is Jim Kurth in
20 Anchorage. I'm not sure whether I can respond to it, but I
21 just want to make sure that everyone understands that in
22 addition to this season that we have in August or September
23 there also is in the same part of Unit 18 in the Federal
24 Regulations a 10-day winter season that dates will be
25 announced, and I think that's the season that the previous
26 comment was talking about, and that season will still remain.
27 It will be announced by the Federal Subsistence Board based on
28 input from the local people on when the travel conditions are
29 most appropriate to have that late winter hunt.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I thank you for responding.
32 Akiak, you still there?

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34 MR. PAXTON: Mr. Chairman, just for the record,
35 Akiak will go -- wants to standby the Kwethluk proposal, open
36 moose on Unit 18 from August 25 to September 25. We also agree
37 with Mr. Nick of Nunapitchuk where I think it's only right if
38 the Yukon people know when their best moose hunting season
39 there is, and we on the Kuskokwim know when the time to hunt
40 moose is around here. And I also -- I also feel that, you
41 know, Mr. Nick has a point, but we -- we also want to stand by
42 Kwethluk's proposal. Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, thank you. Anyone else
45 the line?

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47 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Harry.

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2 MR. WHITE: Yeah, this is Steven White, I'm in
Seattle right now. And I'd like to put a comment on September
25 closure beginning from the August 25 opening. Ready to
copy?

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You're on the floor, Steven.

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9 MR. WHITE: Yeah. This is Steven White, member
of the Subsistence Advisory Council for subsistence to the
Board of Federal Subsistence at Eek -- we had a meeting last
week and we have brought this out to the corporate council of
Eek, which is city council to this council and corporation
Board of directors, only one (indiscernible). And we have
findings that we are in favor of August 25 through September
25, being for '94 and '95, and the winter openings to be
announced by emergency order. That's for year '94 and '95,
beginning July to the end of June.

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20 And all these guys have (indiscernible) and understood
the -- what they have -- and they were supposed to be in the
air and participate to this conference at the city office that
was ordered from the mail (indiscernible) with my vote, too.
And we (indiscernible) and protect this Kwethluk proposal
regarding everything that we have learned before -- I mean
learn before August 25 through September 25, and beginning
September 20, all the way ended to end of November, where moose
are tasty, whichever their subsistence users in the areas are
not in favor with the taste of a big moose so when they are
comfortable with their tastes. And they are in -- and I don't
have any comments besides this August 25 and September 25,
which is already in state regulations books distributed in the
area. And I don't have any comments for that reason, I am
pretty well busy at this time, and I am being excused for about
at least to the place where I could get my comments to the
chairman, and I would ask the chairman to let me be excused at
this moment for my other -- the subjects that I have to do.
Thank you. Bye.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Steven White, for
your comments, and also you are excused at this time.

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43 MR. WHITE: Thank you very much. Back to
Bethel then. Bye.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Anyone else on the line who
want to participate?

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49 MR. GUY: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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MR. GUY: Philip Guy, with the Kwethluk (Indiscernible) Group. Mr. Chairman, (Indiscernible) established the -- the Kwethluk (Indiscernible) Group some years back and composed of the IRA council, city council and the (Indiscernible) Board of Directors. The IRA has been our (Indiscernible) in the natural resource (Indiscernible).

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When the group met for the proposal early in the year hunting times were considered. In the earlier years, as we understand it from our elders, we (Indiscernible) used to open about (Indiscernible) 8th of August, around that time. That time was also considered as the -- but the (Indiscernible) that (Indiscernible) time by about a week, and then we set up this September 25, and we (Indiscernible) August 25 at the beginning of the opening for moose hunting -- subsistence hunting. The reason -- the reason that I called to consider it was we have 20 people have to go up through the (Indiscernible) mountains. (Indiscernible) is Yupik name for the Kilbuck Mountains, and the group has learned that when the (Indiscernible) people grew up to the (Indiscernible) mountains in the fall (Indiscernible) they would see (Indiscernible). They wouldn't go after it because -- and the open season -- the moose season hadn't started. By the time they opened the moose, meat had been cooked and then leave, and not be seen again unless another one happened to (Indiscernible).

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And (Indiscernible) for those reasons the August 25 was selected. And at the same time the intention was not to create any hardship for the remainder of Unit 18, such as the -- on the area of the Yukon Delta back in the refuge, this is all Federal. (Indiscernible) conference, we had -- we found out from the -- on (Indiscernible) at -- we (Indiscernible) not want to create any hardships for the other Yupiks on the Kuskokwim side. It was our agreement that we seem to be in some agreement that the sub-units are created with hunting homes there that are different than the Yukon and the Kuskokwim hunters. And for those reasons we put it in our proposal. Perhaps someone from our group would add to what I have just stated.

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I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you, Philip. I think at this time I'm gonna give an opportunity to -- before we let the coordinator say something, we're gonna recognize BCCP Resource at this time.

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2 MR. GRIZISKA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, thank you.
This is Greg Griziska (ph). I work with (indiscernible - phone
break). I was first contacted on this after the Board's action
last April, and, you know, at that time I was sort of concerned
about it 'cause people -- some of the Yukon people were saying
"What's going on? How come our season is being changed?" And,
you know, some of the things that were mentioned earlier about
preferring the hunt later. Also another thing they mentioned
was they preferred the later hunt as though you had a better
chance of catching the meat isn't all that bad until you get
into October. An additional item that aired, why didn't the
people respond, that was talked over at length. The original
proposal put out by Kwethluk did not say August 25 to September
25; it said August 25 to September 30. So there was no change
essentially for the people over there. They added the extra
five days in the front is what the proposal did, but the
Board's action did not accommodate what the original Kwethluk
proposal requested.

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21 We put together a teleconference, we had Kwethluk on
Board with the Yukon Moose Manage Committee members. Probably
over half of the meeting was people telling each other nobody
wanted to impose their own preferences or their own practices
over the other (indiscernible), and so when they asked me to
help draft their request for reconsideration, then that request
for reconsideration, it specifically states that they wanted
their September 1 to 30 season for the Yukon drainage only.
And we talked about it -- a lot of people have talked about it
since, and the subject of sub-units have come up many times.
It does only make sense, of course. It's a fairly long and --
process. I think maybe a lot more people should be involved in
something like that. When you start sitting down at the map
and say where are you gonna draw the boundaries, it gets quite
difficult.

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37 Another suggestion I've heard talked out over the past
week or two is that we might say something like south and east
of the Kuskokwim, something of that nature could be thrown in
as well.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Greg, I think I will
respond. Some of those -- I work with the hunters back home
and also some other elders in the villages. They were saying
that if there is gonna be the separation between Kuskokwim and
Yukon, and rather to separate all the drainage goes into -- all
the rivers' drainage drain in Yukon River should be closed and
opened September 1, outside of Yukon River. That's what they
commend, all the way up to -- all the rivers drain into Yukon

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River should be closed until September 1, all the way up to the portage, up in Paimiut slough -- 20-mile Paimiut slough. It's gonna be in that case rather to do that. Better to satisfy the both sides, something have to be worked out, but not only that in Yukon area. There's the problem with this case right now -- I mean federal opening August 25. Our people in Yukon, they're not educated on Alaska, sir. They don't know where the state and federal land is located, because they don't hunt looking at the map in time. I think our elders request to make it easier for the possibility of our people to hunt, leave it the way it is. I know that that's what some of our elders request back in Yukon River. In case state enforce to hunt those area during August. So I think it's -- I don't know, I suppose a recommendation will come from the board -- I mean council here.

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16 At this time I would like to give opportunity to our coordinator here to say something.

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19 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Qiana, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity. Just to give you a little bit of a background, I'll do it in Yupik for the benefit of those people listening in the villages. What I have to see and say was pretty well covered by a lot of the other participants in this group.

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26 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We can't hear you.

29 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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31 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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37 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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40 (Pause)

41 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken).

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44 (Pause)

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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49 COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik

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language spoken), Mr. Chairman. (Indiscernible - Yupik
language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
language spoken)

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, (indiscernible) on the
line?

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah.
(Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Anyone else on the line?

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
language spoken) I would like to make some comments, if I can.
Okay, first of all, I'm in favor of subdivide game mana- --
The management Unit 18 into three subdivisions and also support
the comments that these subdivisions are using their
tributaries of the two rivers.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
language spoken)

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: As I was saying, we're
in favor of Robert Nick's suggestion to subdivide the Game
Management Unit 18 into three subdivisions. I'm pretty sure
that the it would be very easy for the Federal Subsistence
Board to establish in Game Management Unit 18.

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The second point I want to make is more of a question.
It is in regards to the state agency's ability to make
proposals for subsistence (indiscernible - break out) since
there's a board council, regional council and the Federal
Subsistence Board. Since the state is the representative
agency, I'm requesting the state agencies or agency's ability
to make a proposal on its own behalf, also on behalf of
government representing more in line with a new process, and if

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anyone from the Department of Law is on the line, they can comment on that. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. I would like to hear from Anchorage, federal side. What is your response, Dick, on unit separation between Yukon and Kuskokwim, we would like to get a response from you.

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MR. POSPAHALA: Yeah, that's fine. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the proposal to do that has some interesting possibilities, but it's obvious to me that this is a proposal or a proposition that should take place as a result of an extensive amount of discussion with people that live in the local area, with the other management agencies that are involved and very specifically with the people that represent the Fish & Wildlife Service from the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge. That means that I know that Mr. Stearns on the refuge is in the process, along with his colleagues in the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, to develop some cooperative moose management plans for Game Management Unit 18, and the type of thing that you're talking about today would fit in very well with those discussions.

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As a practical matter, I don't view it as a possibility to do something like that at this point in time when we are basically trying to take some immediate action to deal with the problem that faces us for this hunting season. So while it's a good idea, I guess my view is that it should be put off so that there's much more opportunity for involvement by people that live in the Yukon Delta and by the management agencies that are involved, and have them work some of these things out, come before the Federal Subsistence Board, and before your council at a later date to try to put this together.

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The opportunity for those proposals to be developed will be at your October Council meeting. We can certainly think about how we might go ahead and do that for subsequent seasons, but I don't think that we have the wherewithal to do that at this point in time. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Translate -- translation, we request for.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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TRANSLATOR: What you just mentioned -- this is the translator -- was stressed by the elders, advisory council member earlier was the second speaker from Alakunuk, I believe

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it was Simon Harper. They stressed the need to involve all parties in this possible change of dates. You mentioned involving all the agencies that involve -- Antone had stressed the need to involve people from both sides -- from both rivers, and also mentioned involving the elders in this deliberation if not -- call it that, since we're aware of old hunting practices that have been used through the years. What he mentioned earlier was the need to not make hasty decisions in this but to, like you said, do some extensive planning in this development, and to consider weather factors and some of the other things that have been talked about earlier.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Also we would like
14 to hear from state -- are you still on the line?

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16 MR. MORRISON: Yes. Mr. Chairman, this is
17 John Morrison again. The state would concur with
18 Mr. Pospahala's statement that it would be very advantageous to
19 look into this more thoroughly before coming to a
20 commendation on it.

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22 MR. NICK: (Indiscernible - Yupik language
23 spoken) Mr. Wilde, Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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27 MR. NICK: Based on what the gentleman from the
28 Federal Fish & Wildlife and from the State just stated -- this
29 Robert Nick again. I have a question. You know, as you
30 know, you know my life and your life in this area and
31 everybody's life is regulated by state and federal laws. We
32 eat and sleep when the law -- time changes, and then, you know,
33 we hunt and fish, you know, when the law says we can. So my
34 understanding is at this point is that the Federal Subsistence
35 Board has established Unit 18, you know, that part of Unit 18
36 for moose season that starts on August 25 and ends September
37 25. So based on -- that is the decision, you know, by the Game
38 Board, and I understand that just now that the next council
39 meeting is gonna be in October. So from my -- it is my
40 understanding at this point that I can -- from the village of
41 Nunapitchuk, I can go up the Johnson River and start hunting on
42 August 25.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you, Robert.
45 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) We need (indiscernible
46 Yupik language spoken). (Indiscernible - Yupik language
47 spoken) subsistence board that regional council, not Yukon
48 Delta (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) council not final
49 decision (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 25

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1 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 1
 2 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) council vote
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TRANSLATOR: What the Chairman just said was directed towards the villages. His recommendation was that the communities meet together -- the advisory councils meet together and submit in writing to this advisory council the recommendation that these dates be changed from -- that the present dates be changed on the Kuskokwim area in Unit 18 from August 25 to September 25; on the Yukon from September 1 through 30. If these are done in writing by the communities in the villages in this area in Unit 18, the advisory council in turn can get those recommendations to the advisory board to the board for the final decision.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) regional council (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) final decision regional council (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) subdivision (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Yukon September 1 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 30 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) August 21, September 1 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Paimiut (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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COORDINATOR ANDREW: Yeah, okay, Harry.
 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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MR. SHEPHERD: Mr. Chairman, (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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MR. SHEPHERD: Mr. Chairman, Stan Shepherd, Mountain Village. I didn't get down what Simon Harper from Aakanuk was saying.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) for your committee. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) August (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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three weeks (indiscernible) proposal -- regulation
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 (recommend (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) federal
 (subsistence (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Robert Nick
 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) good hunting. Good
 luck.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, (indiscernible - Yupik
 (language spoken) translate (indiscernible - Yupik language
 (spoken) Kuskokwim (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
 (translate (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Anchorage
 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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20 MR. LUKE: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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24 MR. LUKE: This is James Luke, member of Lower
 (Yukon Moose Management Planning Committee. For all concerned,
 (I think that that is a good suggestion for Lower Yukon
 (regulations to remain the same and all the (indiscernible) be
 (closed until September 1 through the 30 (indiscernible). And
 (then for the benefit of Kuskokwim I'm in agreement that it
 (would be for their benefit to open from September -- excuse me,
 (from August 25 through September 25. That's all from me.

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33 MR. NICOLAI: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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37 MR. NICOLAI: Mr. Chairman, Frank Nicolai with
 (Bethluk (Indiscernible) Group.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Frank. (Indiscernible - Yupik
 (language spoken)

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43 MR. NICOLAI: (Indiscernible - Yupik language
 (spoken). I would like to -- I would like to bring out the
 (point that the state has provided units like subdivisions. I
 (think the federal government -- hunting in subdivisions could
 (be done, there is no problem with that.

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49 Another reason that we make this proposal was because

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When we go hunting with our boats we don't go on the Yukon side. That's another consideration that we should have. And talking about the regulations that were imposed upon us previously in the years past, if you remember right, we were never (indiscernible) for (indiscernible) about when we were going to be able to hunt, 'cause on this side of the Kuskokwim 7- and I believe it was on the Yukon side, too, that the moose hunting season used to open on the 20th of August, and nobody had any complaints about it. And when it was -- when it was backed up into September 1 through September 30, nobody complained about it. We had our reasons for trying to set this back to August 25, that we have some people that go out around the 20th of August to their respective hunting grounds up in our hills. We took those into consideration before we established the these dates.

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17 And another thing I'm glad Robert Nick brought out the point that a couple years ago when we were up in Unit 19-B, McGrath, we got frozen in up there before we got done hunting, and we had been up there just for a few days. That wasn't right, and I believe there was some of the creeks down here below were frozen over because there was no current in them like back in the -- like in the tundra between their river and our river (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken), and the thing I would like to mention is I am with the rest of the group. We have discussed this at these -- that's Unit B subdivided. The only people that go on the Yukon side are the ones with airplanes, and we don't -- a lot of us don't have airplanes and we are never -- we are not able to go on the other side of the river. We only hunt on this side.

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32 Like I mentioned a while ago, the regulations the previous year were not introduced before they were even set, and for that reason I'm sure -- I'm sure the federal advisory council will take into consideration what if such dates are to be set in this hunting area, people will go along with them after a certain amount of time.

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39 Another thing I would like to mention is that we used to have your state hunting regulations that are not changed, and they're from September 1 to September 30. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) three more weeks (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Anchorage (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken). I thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, qiana, Nick. I would like to ask at this time federal people that standby at Anchorage. I think we understand just about -- we understand what the votes side that Kuskokwim and Yukon would like to

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have. Let me ask you this question now: Is it possible for this short-term before we work on a long-term subdivisions this coming summer for the next meeting, if it's possible to separate the Yukon and Kuskokwim, all the drainage that drains into Yukon River from Cape Romanzof up to Mountain Village, east side of that moose area that opens on September and close on September 30. (Indiscernible) some of these recommendations they're really concerned that Lower Yukon sometime the commercial fishing season its closed the end of August. Not only that, our people over there are hunters. They're not educated where to hunt a closed area, state or federal area. For that reason to protect our hunters or people on both sides, we would like to give them satisfaction to hunt and get what -- get meat what they need. If it's possible, we would like to know right now what will happen if just for short-term if the wording would be that way, before we present it to the advisory boards, we would like to hear from the federal and the state.

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19 MR. KURTH: Harry, this is Jim Kurth. I'll try
and answer your question, and if I don't answer it fully, let
me know and I'll try and expand.

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23 We have to remember, of course, that the Federal
Subsistence Board will make the final decision on this
recommendation, so I can't say for sure what they'll do. If
the council chose to recommend for just this year that the
Yukon and Kuskokwim be treated differently, you can make
whatever recommendation that you think is best. We are very
concerned though that we don't make recommendations for a big
change like that without having a chance for all the villages
in the region to give us their opinion, because we've heard a
lot of different opinions, and so we will be very cautious in
trying to not make a major change like that until we've had a
full opportunity for everybody to comment. That doesn't mean
you can't make that recommendation, and it doesn't mean that
the board won't consider it if that's what you choose today.

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38 Where we are as staff and what we think our position is
right now, Harry, is that the bottom line for us was we were
not in favor of making the moose season longer because we feel
right now there's not enough moose to make the season longer.
And when the council recommended we switch the day from -- you
know, the September 1 to 30 season until the August 25 to
September 25 season, we felt that that would have been fine
because we felt that it would probably result in about the same
number of moose being caught out there, and that the two
seasons were pretty much the same. Where we would be right now
is that we feel that either one of those seasons would be okay,
but we don't think that the state season and the federal season

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should be different, because that might cause some of the confusion and maybe even add days to the season. So we would likely, if we want to keep the September -- or the August 25 to September 25 season, ask the state to align their seasons with us, if the council would really rather keep that season. If you wanted us to go back to the old way, the state and federal would be the same.

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9 So our position as a staff right now is we don't want to add days and we would like to choose between one of those two sets of season dates, but the council makes their own recommendation and the board will consider it.

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14 I want to add one other thing. We do want to hear from the council about that winter 10-day season. Our staff position is that we don't want to change that late winter season framework, that we would still like to have the 10-day season announced by the board, and we'll do our best to coordinate with the state, but we don't want any changes in that.

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22 Did I answer your question, Mr. Chairman?

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You answered my question, but the only thing, that request from the Lower Yukon, request, reinstated September 1 to 30, that's the only problem that we're looking at right now.

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29 MR. KURTH: And I think that, you know, if you wanted to go back to September 1 to September 30 for the Unit 38, that the Board would consider that, but I'm afraid what I hear is not everybody agrees that it should be the same on the Yukon and Kuskokwim, and our concern is to make separate seasons for the Yukon and Kuskokwim without having everybody given the chance to give their comments. It might end up having more confusion down the road because it's gonna be hard to make sure we know where the boundaries are, and lots of people have different concerns. So, you know, that's, I guess, the issue we're struggling with; can we choose a date for both drainages this year that's the same, or is it impossible to reach agreement on having the same season for the Yukon and the Kuskokwim?

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We will ask regional council what kind of decision we'll make later on, but right now we would like to get response from the state.

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48 MR. MORRISON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this is John Morrison, again. The state's position on the seasons has

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been to stick with the September 1 to September 30 season, largely because of our impression that most of the people in Unit 18 prefer to hunt in the latter part of September when the weather conditions are better for keeping meat and leaves are down from the brush so that moose are more easily seen and other reasons of that nature. We've also been involved with the people in the Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee in trying to establish their program and feel that it was their wishes for the September 1 to 30 season, that we should stick to the agreements that had already been achieved in that planning effort.

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13 The current situation in the winter season is that we would prefer that both the state and federal regulations would have the same window of time during which that 10-day season could be set in order that we would try to have them at the same time rather than having one 10-day federal season and then another 10-day state season. It would be far better if all of the folks in the area could agree on when the 10-day season should be set for the best interests of the people in the -- being able to travel around. I know there's concern about having that set over the Christmas holiday. I think with a time frame broad enough that the 10-day period could be set on either side of Christmas that problem could be handled, as long as it would also be agreeable with the transportation needs.

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27 As far as changing the state season from its September 28 to September 30 period to concur with the August 25 to September 25 period, again, that would require action by the Board of Game, and I cannot say when they might be willing to take that question up. As you know, they talk about different species on different years, and I'm not even sure if they plan to talk about moose in their next meeting. And I can't say for sure whether they would be willing to take this up in an emergency session in order to accommodate the needs that have been expressed here.

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38 So basically we would concur with the Federal Subsistence Office here as far as splitting the unit into two parts, a Yukon side and a Kuskokwim side, and having different seasons on either. Again, as far as the state land is concerned, that would require a decision by the Board of Game. And insofar as our feelings about the federal season, we would still rather have at this point in time, we'd rather have them both the same in September and take up the question of split seasons or having two units after being able to talk more broadly with all the people concerned, both the public as well as the resource management agencies and others that might have an interest out there.

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2 Thank you very much.
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4 MR. KURTH: Harry, I just wanted to -- this is
5 Jim Kurth again -- add one point to make sure we're all clear.
6 I think everybody's still in agreement that that one part of
7 the unit below Mountain Village where it's a new season where
8 it was closed in the past years, that's September 5 to
9 September 25 season that the Lower Yukon Moose Group in the
10 state and federal people all agreed to. That's still gonna
11 stay the same, and we're not talking about that. Some people
12 were confused, but I think we still have a complete agreement
13 amongst all parties there, and I wanted to make sure I didn't
14 confuse that.

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16 MR. MORRISON: Yeah, the

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The agreement is the
19 agreement. That's the way that we agree, the state and federal
20 laws, that's the time they'll be open now.

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22 At this time I think we understand enough that we --
23 I'm gonna request from the advisory council listening right now
24 to give some kind of response to this before we vote.

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26 David O. David, if you're on the line, and Paul
27 Manumik, Moses Nicolai, Paul John, Antone is here, and Henry
28 Napoleon (sic), will you please respond to some of these
29 problems at this time?

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31 MR. NICOLAI: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
34 language spoken)

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36 MR. NICOLAI: This is Moses Nicolai.
37 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, (indiscernible - Yupik
40 language spoken)

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42 MR. NICOLAI: (Indiscernible - Yupik language
43 spoken) August 25 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
44 September 25, (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September
45 25 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) August 25 to
46 September 1 to 30 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
47 August 25 to September 25. (Indiscernible - Yupik language
48 spoken) September 1 to September 20 (indiscernible - Yupik
49 language spoken) September 20 (indiscernible - Yupik language
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spoken) September 1 to 25. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 1 to December 13 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 1 to (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Unit 21-A (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken), moose season September 5 to 25. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 5 to 25 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 25 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken). Qiana.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, qiana. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Lower Yukon (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Lower Yukon (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Unit 18 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Paimiut though (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken).

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16 I think right now -- I think it's -- we understand. Translate (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) council (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 1 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) August 25 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) translation (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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23 TRANSLATOR: What advisory council member Moses Nicolai is outlining is some of the openings that in the different unit -- in the unit and their unit segments. Under this Kwethluk proposal, one proposal, they're recommending that the Kuskokwim area of Unit 18 be open from August 25 to September 25. He also mentioned the openings from -- in Unit 19, the Lower Yukon area, from August 5 -- or I'm sorry, September 5 through September 25 and then Unit 19, the Kuskokwim area, which is open -- scheduled to be open from September 1 through the 20, and then Unit 19-D which will be open September 1 through the 25. And above Aniak in Unit 19 there's open from the 1st of September until the 30th.

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36 Moses also mentioned when Unit 19 closes a lot of the hunters from the Kuskokwim area move onto the Yukon area of Unit 18 which is open until the end of the month.

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40 One of his concerns was the opening in Unit 21-E, where the Yukon -- because he knows that Yukon people hunt in that area, that's open from September 5 through the 25th, and his concern with that is that some of the hunters in that area may be cited for not -- for hunting outside of the area. He also expressed the need for federal as well as state board decision makers for these openings and the need for them to listen to the concerns of the people who subsist on this moose which is one of which openings we're talking about today.

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1 The position of the council -- advisory council right
 2 now is to divide Unit 8 (sic) -- the openings in Unit 18 in the
 3 Kuskokwim area from August 25 through the 25th of September,
 4 and on the Yukon and on the tributaries of the Yukon from
 5 September 1 to the 30th, and instead of dealing with
 6 subdividing the unit at this point, they're concerned -- the
 7 recommendation is that these dates be divided at this point.

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9 MR. NICOLAI: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, what
 10 the (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) board that needs a
 11 little (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) advisory council
 12 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) advisory council
 13 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken).

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think the floor is open now
 16 to vote yes or no to separate Yukon and Kuskokwim subsistence
 17 moose hunting season.

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19 MR. NICOLAI: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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23 MR. NICOLAI: I'd like to make a correction on
 24 that translator what he said a while ago that -- about people
 25 going over to the Yukon. He made the wrong translation. We
 26 never go on the Yukon side and the up river area is closed. We
 27 just move down to the Unit 18.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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31 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Who was that?

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33 MR. NICOLAI: Moses Nicolai.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Gavin Frost, federal lawyer, I
 36 would like to get a response from you what will happen that --
 37 with this recommendation by the advisory boards go through
 38 right now for this coming summer before we make a long -- if we
 39 make a lot -- before we make a long (indiscernible) just a
 40 short-term opening, separate Yukon and Kuskokwim moose season.

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42 MR. KURTH: Mr. Chairman, if that's the way the
 43 council votes, that will be the position that is presented to
 44 the Board when it meets to make the final decision. I believe
 45 that would be scheduled for August 17, and we would ask you as
 46 the chair or your designee, if you're not available, would come
 47 and give that position to the Board. The staff, I would think,
 48 would probably pass on some of the concerns that I've shared
 49 with you about acting to make a major change without having a

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pretty wide-spread opportunity to comment, and the Board will consider that and the council's recommendation, and it will vote and make a decision, and I can't tell you what the Board's decision will be, but it will, you know, listen and consider the input of this council and weigh that against other considerations.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Right now we gonna turn our meeting over to our coordinator. Coordinator, take a vote for the floor is now open if Yukon and Kuskokwim separate the moose seasons for short-term before we work on a long-term. The floor is now open for advisory council's, which way you want to vote?

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COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) September 1 to 30, 1994 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken).

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MR. NICOLAI: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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MR. NICOLAI: Moses Nicolai. The motion was August 25 to September 25 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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MR. NICOLAI: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) discussion (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) discussion (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken). Any more discussion?

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COORDINATOR ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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1 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Yeah, okay.
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3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
4 This is
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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
7 language spoken)
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9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Anchorage office.
10 He was Fish & Wildlife. The first question is is there any
11 chance of emergency order signed just for 1994 by the Federal
12 Subsistence Board to subdivide the Kuskokwim and the Yukon?
13
14 MR. KURTH: Mr. Chairman, this is Jim Kurth.
15 The Board, when it considers this request for reconsideration
16 has the authority to do that if they feel it's the right thing
17 to do. Whether or not they'll be in favor of it, I don't know.
18 That's what they'll discuss at the meeting, but they do have
19 the authority to take that action.
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21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Mr. Chairman, my
22 second question is also directed to Anchorage. What will their
23 recommendation be?
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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ah, come on!
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27 MR. KURTH: I really didn't hear that. You're
28 kind of breaking up a little bit. Would you repeat that
29 question, please?
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31 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. What will your
32 recommendation be to the Federal Subsistence Board?
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34 MR. KURTH: Well, that's something that I guess
35 can't really tell you right now. Let me explain a little bit
36 where we'll go from here as a staff. Right now, you know,
37 you're hearing from the Fish & Wildlife Service Staff. What
38 we'll do after the council makes its recommendation is we'll
39 consider that and then we convene what's called the Interagency
40 Staff Committee where there's a representative from each of the
41 federal agencies that are represented on the Board, and we'll
42 discuss the biological situation out there, we'll discuss what
43 we know and what we've heard from you about your traditional
44 practices, and then we'll consider the recommendation of the
45 regional council, and then that group as a committee will make
46 the official recommendation to the Board. So I can't tell you
47 what that recommendation will be because I can't speak for
48 those other people.
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1 But I can give you some insights as to what they'll
 2 discuss. And one is they'll be very much interested in what
 3 the council has to say on that. They give great weight to the
 4 council recommendation. They'll weigh that against whether or
 5 not we feel that all the people in the region have been given
 6 an opportunity to comment on it, if it's such a major change
 7 from the action the Board has taken in the past, and there is
 8 some obligation to make sure everybody has had an opportunity
 9 to comment. And, of course, we'll always look at the health of
 10 the moose resource and what impact that may have. That's the
 11 first charge.

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13 So I think that the council is struggling with a
 14 difficult question and the Staff Committee, likewise, will
 15 struggle with it, it's a very difficult call, and I can't tell
 16 you for sure what their recommendation will be. But they will
 17 be very concerned about making a major change without having
 18 all the parties involved in some discussions.

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20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you,
 21 Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think that we should
 24 understand that moose season is only concerned on the Yukon.

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26 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Kuskokwim area. We have to
 29 understand that, not the whole rural areas that comes in Unit
 30, it's concern from the Lower Yukon area only, it's 14
 31 villages in Lower Yukon.

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33 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: At this time we discuss any
 36 more discussion on this, or we will be ready to vote.

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38 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Huh?

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42 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One more little question
 43 before you vote. (Indiscernible), Kwethluk. I have a question
 44 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Federal Subsistence
 45 Board (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) would the
 46 affected villages be allowed to have any input before they make
 47 their decision, either in Bethel or in Anchorage?

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik

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language spoken) Anchorage (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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4 MR. NICOLAI: Okay, thank you. Mr. Chairman,
5 Jim, can you hear me okay?

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7 MR. KURTH: Yeah, I can hear you.

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9 MR. NICOLAI: This is Frank Nicolai, from
10 Kothluk. I was just asking if we might be able to have an
11 opportunity to air (ph) before the advisory council or the main
12 board -- Federal Subsistence Board to air out our concerns
13 regarding this proposal before they make their final decision.

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15 MR. KURTH: Yeah, Frank, my understanding right
16 now, and I will get back and confirm this with you if it's
17 different, but my understanding is the Federal Board is
18 scheduled to meet on August the 17th, and you would have the
19 opportunity, you know, if you wanted to come in and testify
20 before the Board like you've done many times before, if you lay
21 out your concerns to them, or if for some reason, you know, you
22 wouldn't be there if you wanted to send a letter and have it
23 read into the record before the Board, you would have the
24 opportunity to participate in that way, but the short answer,
25 Frank, is, yes, you'll have opportunity to directly give input
26 to the Board.

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28 MR. NICOLAI: Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That includes to everyone that
31 is concerned?

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33 MR. KURTH: Yes, sir.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion?

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37 MR. GRIZISKA: Yeah. Jim, this is Greg with
38 ASCP. I guess what pops to my mind is as I've been listening
39 through this is that I believe you were the Subsistence
40 Division representative out in Emmonak in February when we kind
41 of drafted our -- the interim plan was put together for action
42 for this -- both the State Board of Game and Federal
43 Subsistence Board, and at that time I remember several dates
44 were bounced around for the above Mountain Village to Paimiut,
45 and people were very adamant that they did not want to mess
46 with those dates at all; they wanted that season to remain the
47 same. So with that being part of the Cooperative Management
48 Plan, wouldn't your department then still want to back that up
49 which way do you go now on that?

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 2 MR. KURTH: Well, I think, Greg, the Board when
 3 it made the decision to change the seasons to August 25
 4 basically listened to the recommendation from this regional
 5 advisory council, and, you know, felt that the council had
 6 recommended something that would be acceptable for across the
 7 region. Well, I think we've learned since that time that maybe
 8 not everybody was real happy about that, and so the Board is
 9 going to be very interested in how this regional council now
 10 provides its input to solve the differences of opinion about
 11 when the season should be. So there wasn't any intention of
 12 the Board not to go along with the spirit of the Cooperative
 13 Management Plan that's so important but rather was an interest
 14 in listening to the recommendation from the regional council.

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 16 I hope that answers your question, and we certainly
 17 want to, you know, continue to work with these Cooperative
 18 Management Plans. We think that they're really the key to
 19 having long-term solutions to many of these resource management
 20 concerns.

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 22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Any more
 23 discussion?

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 25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Question.

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 27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called for.
 28 Ready to vote.

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 30 COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik
 31 language spoken) September 1 to 30 (indiscernible - Yupik
 32 language spoken) Anton Anvil (indiscernible - Yupik language
 33 spoken)

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 35 Motion was made by Moses Nicolai to retain the current
 36 season in the books, with the amendment to read have Yukon go
 37 from September 1 to 30, and it was seconded by Antone Anvil.
 38 After discussion the question was called for by Antone Anvil.
 39 Now I will read the advisory council -- are gonna vote on this
 40 one by roll call vote: First one, Harry Wilde.

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 42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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 44 COORDINATOR ANDREW: David O. David.
 45 David O. David. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
 46 Paul Manumik, Senior. Paul Manumik, Senior.

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 48 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

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1 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Moses Nicolai.
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3 MR. NICOLAI: Yes.
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5 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Paul John. Paul John.
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7 Paul John, (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
8 Antone Anvil.
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10 MR. ANVIL: Yes.
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12 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Steven (indiscernible -
13 Yupik language spoken)
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15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
16 language spoken)
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18 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Henry Napoleon.
19 Henry Napoleon. Chuck Chaliak. Chuck Chaliak.
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21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
22 language spoken)
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24 COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik
25 language spoken) quorum (indiscernible - Yupik language
26 spoken). The voting results is four yes and five absent, and
27 we have a quorum of five and (indiscernible - breaks out).
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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
30 language spoken) board that (indiscernible - Yupik language
31 spoken) advisory board -- advisory council that vote
32 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) state, federal
33 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) regulation
34 (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
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36 TRANSLATOR: The Regional Advisory Council just
37 voted on this motion to divide the dates in the two areas of
38 Unit 18, whereas the Yukon River would be August 25 --
39 September 1 to the 30th; and then the Kuskokwim area from
40 August 25 to September 25. This motion has failed by a vote of
41 because five members are absent at this time and five votes
42 are needed for this motion to pass.
43
44 This proposal and dates that are set for this moose
45 hunting for this fall is going to be retained as written,
46 currently scheduled to open on August 25 and closing September
47 25 in Unit 18, under the Federal Regulations and under the
48 State -- or that State Regulations will be open from September
49 through the 30th.
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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
3 language spoken) If there's any more questions, answers

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5 MR. KURTH: Mr. Chairman, this is Jim Kurth in
6 Anchorage. I have a couple of things. One is before we leave
7 I do want to get a opinion from the council about that late
8 80-day season, but the other one, I'm not sure we have an
9 answer to. My understanding of parliamentary procedure, and I
10 may be wrong, I don't claim to be an expert, is that once you
11 established a quorum, and I believe you had a quorum when
12 Mr. Steven White was with us, that regardless of who leaves,
13 until that meeting is adjourned there is considered to be a
14 quorum present, and that a motion would pass or fail based on a
15 majority of that quorum's vote. So I think we have a question,
16 and I'm not so sure I can answer, but I think that by having a
17 quorum of five, you just had a four votes -- four votes for and
18 one absent, and the motion carried. I think the way I
19 understood the translation is that the council felt that the
20 motion failed because of lack of a quorum, and to be perfectly
21 honest, I don't know what the correct procedural answer is.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
24 language spoken)

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26 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, I
27 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Steven White excused
28 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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30 TRANSLATOR: Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, (indiscernible - Yupik
33 language spoken) absent (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
34 four (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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36 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman,
37 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken), Mr. Chairman.

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39 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, contact
40 (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Moses, (indiscernible - Yupik
43 language spoken) split the hairs (indiscernible - Yupik
44 language spoken) August 25 to September 25 (indiscernible -
45 Yupik language spoken)

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47 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman.
48 Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.
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3 MR. GUY: Phil Guy, Kwethluk. (Indiscernible -
4 Yupik language spoken) subsistence council (indiscernible -
5 Yupik language spoken) majority have (indiscernible - Yupik
6 language spoken) majority (indiscernible - Yupik language
7 spoken) establish a quorum (indiscernible - Yupik language
8 spoken)
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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
11 language spoken) council (indiscernible - Yupik language
12 spoken)
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14 MR. GUY: Okay, qiana.
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16 MR. SHEPHERD: Mr. Chairman.
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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.
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20 MR. SHEPHERD: Stan Shepherd from Mountain
21 Village. I clearly understand that it takes five to pass a
22 vote, you have only four.
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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's right.
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26 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Perhaps you could put
27 the question to Gavin Frost, who is the Federal Subsistence
28 Board legal counsel earlier. Is he still there?
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30 MR. KURTH: Greg, this is Jim. I'm trying to
31 get some answers here, you know, if you can just give me a
32 minute, let me see what I can find out.
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34 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, to follow-up on my
35 question, since Steven White was involved in the meeting,
36 didn't hear the public opinion and public discussion, I
37 wondered if perhaps if the regional coordinator could get in
38 touch with him later and ask him if he concurred with the
39 remainder of the council members -- with the other four council
40 members, if that would be sufficient for their needs.
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42 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Steven White's vote was
43 counted. He was not here.
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45 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And the other one was
46 Chuck Chaliak who wasn't there?
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48 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Paul Manumik and David O.
49 David, but they don't count at -- on the vote. (Indiscernible
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1 breaks out)

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3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So (indiscernible -
4 simultaneous speech and breaks out) five absent.

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6 MR. STEARNS: Hey, Jim, this is Dave Stearns.
7 You hear me?

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9 MS. MACHMEYER: This is Gloria, Dave. Jim's on
10 the phone right now trying to get an answer to our question.
11 Did you have an answer there?

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13 MR. STEARNS: It seems to me if you establish a
14 quorum for the purposes of holding a legal meeting, after you
15 do that you have to have five positive votes to pass board
16 action, otherwise if you didn't do that you could have four
17 abstentions and pass it -- an action with only one vote, and I
18 know that that's not reasonable. I think that Harry is
19 correct.

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21 MS. MACHMEYER: Okay. Jim's on the phone right
22 now and we're checking just one more source.

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24 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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28 MR. HAYNES: This is Terry Haynes with Fish &
29 Come in Fairbanks. I'm looking at Robert's Rules of Order
30 right now, and one of the problems that you face here is since
31 you're having a teleconference you were unable to determine
32 when you no longer had a quorum present, and that complicates
33 things because you had a quorum to begin the meeting, but at
34 some point during the meeting you no longer had a quorum, but
35 you didn't know when that occurred, and so I'm just thumbing
36 through Robert's Rules of Order and it's not very clear how you
37 go from here, but I do believe that you may have a problem, and
38 believe the council may have taken the proper action,
39 determining that you could not pass -- you did not have enough
40 positive votes to pass your action.

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42 MS. MACHMEYER: Mr. Chairman, this is Gloria
43 with US Fish & Wildlife Service in Anchorage. We have a court
44 reporter on hand here taking notes, and she advises that if a
45 member of the quorum is excused then that vote is like an
46 abstention or a a negative vote, so if it is based on that then
47 the four votes could pass it, but Jim's still on the phone
48 right now and we'll get verification on this matter.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm gonna run for
2 governor.

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4 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)
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6 MS. MACHMEYER: Hey, what's so funny? (Pause)
7 Okay, hold on there. This is Gloria with Fish & Wildlife in
8 Anchorage, and we're going to have to rescind that decision
9 that we just thought we had. Jim is on the phone with some
10 legal counsel and he'll be with you in just a minute.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is it possible to contact --
13 to recontact our (indiscernible) and request of him if he could
14 vote yes or no?

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16 MS. MACHMEYER: We don't know.
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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Time out, please.
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20 MS. MACHMEYER: We will.
21

22 (Pause)
23

24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
25 language spoken) For the information of the people at
26 Anchorage, one of the board's cry didn't respond, he was away
27 from the phone on emergency basis and he's coming back.

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29 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Paul John is trying to get
30 a leg race now, he's out on a search and rescue mission.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Some of these board's are --
33 from the teleconference is -- one of them is sent out for a
34 search and rescue mission, so that's the reason, one is trying
35 to get him on a line. He's been cut off earlier during the
36 teleconference.

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38 MR. KURTH: Harry, this is Jim Kurth in
39 Anchorage again. I apologize for being off there. I couldn't
40 talk with Gavin and I did talk with another attorney who
41 usually deals with BIA matters in the Solicitor's Office, and
42 he was not in a position to give me a definitive answer. His
43 feeling though is that without five votes that the motion would
44 fail, but he is going to do some further checking.

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46 TELEPHONE OPERATOR: Excuse me. Toksook Bay
47 just joined.

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49 MR. JOHN: Hello.
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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
3 language spoken)
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5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
6 language spoken)
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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
9 language spoken) translator (indiscernible - Yupik language
10 spoken)
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12 TRANSLATOR: Mr. Chairman, those of you in
13 Anchorage, council members, advisory council member Paul John
14 from Toksook Bay is back on the line, and he's voting in favor
15 of this motion to split the dates of the moose hunting in Unit
16 16. The question right now would be would the vote be valid
17 including Paul John or do they need to make another motion to
18 pass this?
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20 MR. KURTH: I think that, you know,

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik
23 language spoken) where's Nicolai (indiscernible - Yupik
24 language spoken).
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26 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
27 language spoken)
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29 (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech)
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31 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
32 language spoken)
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34 TRANSLATOR: Jim, are you still there?
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36 MR. KURTH: Yes, I am.
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38 TRANSLATOR: The question that the council
39 members have now is whether they will need to rescind the
40 original motion and then vote on it again or if they could just
41 add on the votes of the new council members. We have Paul John
42 from Toksook Bay on the line, and he voted in favor of going
43 with the other members.
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45 MR. KURTH: Can I get you to hold just one
46 minute? I've got our council back on the phone. One second.
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48 MR. DAVID: This is David O. David. May I cast
49 my vote so I can go?
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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, David O. David's back
3 on. You're on the VHF radio?
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5 MR. DAVID: What are you voting on?
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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We were voting on separate the
8 Kuskokwim subsistence moose season.
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10 MR. DAVID: I vote for that, too.
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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before we make it long-term
13 for this coming fall.
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15 MR. DAVID: Yeah, I cast my vote; I vote yes.
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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: But only thing now, you see
18 \$x votes. We would like to get five votes. We're waiting for
19 a response from the law office on the federal side.
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21 MR. KURTH: This is Jim Kurth in Anchorage.
22 Let me give you a little bit of clarification that I received
23 from our legal counsel. Once you have your quorum established
24 it's presumed that that quorum continues to exist even if
25 somebody might have temporarily been gone, but once you
26 discover that your quorum is not there, then you can't
27 continue along with your action, and when we made the roll call
28 vote for the motion then it would have been discovered that you
29 didn't have a quorum, so you couldn't pass that motion.
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31 Now if you've got council members back on the line here
32 where you have quorum re-established, then I think procedurally
33 the best thing to do would be to make the motion again, have it
34 seconded, and do another roll call vote for the council members
35 present.
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, we're gonna take that
38 effort then. We gonna let our coordinator do all the work.
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40 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Mr. Chairman.
41 Mr. Chairman.
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43 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik
44 language spoken)
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46 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I so move.
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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do it.
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1 MR. DAVID: David O. David.
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, (indiscernible - Yupik
4 language spoken)
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6 MR. JOHN: Second.
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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do it.
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10 MR. JOHN: Paul John.
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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul John. Discussion.
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14 MR. JOHN: Question.
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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called for.
17 Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)
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19 COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik
20 language spoken) roll call (indiscernible - Yupik language
21 spoken). Harry Wilde.
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23 MR. WILDE: Yeah.
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25 COORDINATOR ANDREW: David O. David.
26 David O. David.
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28 MR. DAVID: Yeah, yes.
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30 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Paul Manumik. Absent.
31 Moses Nicolai.
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33 MR. NICOLAI: Yes.
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35 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Paul John.
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37 MR. JOHN: Yes.
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39 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Antone Anvil.
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41 MR. ANVIL: Yes.
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43 COORDINATOR ANDREW: Steven White.
44 Henry Napoleon. Chuck Chaliak.
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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I would like (indiscernible -
47 Yupik language spoken)
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49 TRANSLATOR: Advisory council just took a vote
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On this motion to divide the dates of the moose hunting on Unit 28. The Yukon River will be open from September 1 to the 30th, and the Kuskokwim side from August 25 to September 25. Advisory council voted 5 in favor of this motion, and we have four council members absent. Back to the chair.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: So motion carries. The only thing that I think some kind of wording has to be worked on with Department of Federal Department what kind of wording should we put down there -- temporary wording? 'Cause next meeting we gonna work on the long-term. Put it on a proposal and make sure everybody that hunts in Unit 18 has comment on it.

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That's it. Our teleconference is (indiscernible) right now until a certain time when we call for the meeting. Our coordinator will have something to say.

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COORDINATOR ANDREW: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) special meeting (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) adjourn (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman. (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Kwethluk.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) advisory council (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken) Anchorage (indiscernible - Yupik language spoken). Qiana.

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UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible - Yupik language spoken)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Moses Nicolai. All in favor, aye aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye.

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