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YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
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Mountain Village Community Center  
Mountain Village, Alaska

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harry O. Wilde, Sr., Chairman  
David O. David, Vice Chairman  
Paul Manumik, Sr., Secretary  
Paul John, Member  
Antone Anvil, Member  
Steven White, Member  
Zechariah C. Chaliak, Sr., Member  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Last night, or -- yeah, last night  
 when we were recessed for meeting, we were on new business, C.,  
 Proposal to Change Subpart D, Wildlife Regulations. (In  
 Yup'ik)

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8 I don't know who's supposed to handle that. It didn't  
 say in there. Uh-huh. Go ahead, Michael.

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11 MR. COFFING: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, thank you. Dave  
 Fisher and I are going to take turns on these proposals, and  
 then John Andrew is going to provide you with any comments that  
 have come in from the public or anybody else on these  
 proposals. John will be covering that part of it.

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17 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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19 MR. COFFING: Okay. Mr. Chairman, thank you. This  
 proposal is a proposal that originated from Fish & Wildlife  
 Service here and we view this proposal more as a housekeeping  
 proposal than anything. It doesn't change any hunting and  
 fishing seasons or bag limits or things like that. It's more  
 of a housekeeping proposal. How many of you -- do some of you  
 have this booklet in front of you? The regulation booklet?

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Not right now.

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29 MR. COFFING: You don't have. Okay. Paul has one.  
 Those of you that do have it, I wanted to point to page 98 of  
 that, and let me circle the part I want you to look at, and  
 I'll just pass it around to you here, and then I'll get this  
 back from you. Do you want to pass that down?

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35 But the part that I've circled there is the part that  
 this proposal seeks to remedy. Currently .....

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38 And, Alex -- excuse me, Alex, you stop me whenever you  
 want me to stop so you can translate here.

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41 Currently the bag limits for Kilbuck caribou hunting on  
 the Federal hunt are established more or less by the  
 Cooperative Kilbuck Caribou Management Plan that the villages  
 at the Kuskokwim and Togiak area have been working on along  
 with Fish & Wildlife Service and Fish & Game. Each year the  
 bag limit changes depending on what the census shows, and what  
 and any changes that come out of our cooperative planning  
 meetings, but it is based on a formula.

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1           The regulations, however, currently say that it's going  
 2 to close when it's 130 animals, and that's what this regulation  
 3 changes. This proposal I should say would take the 130 out of  
 4 the regulation book and basically say the bag limit -- or the  
 5 total quota is going to be based on the Cooperative Kilbuck  
 6 Caribou Management Plan that we have, which is what we've been  
 7 doing all along. The 130 number was put in I think the first  
 8 year we had the hunt, in 1992, and it's kind of been left in  
 9 there and never changed and never updated, so this proposal  
 10 would basically take care of that problem, and make the  
 11 regulations up to date with the cooperative management plan  
 12 that the villages have with -- along with Fish & Wildlife and  
 13 Fish & Game.

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15           MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Page 98?

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17           MR. COFFING: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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19           MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Kilbuck Management Plan, is  
 20 that what you said?

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22           MR. COFFING: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

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24           MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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26           MR. COFFING: Thank you. This proposal is in your  
 27 booklets. Each of you has this. It's Proposal 36 that we're  
 28 working on here. And in this proposal, in the -- the proposal  
 29 there, the analysis is there. Many of you have probably  
 30 read through that. There's also in the last page of the  
 31 analysis a table that shows what the harvest quota is based on  
 32 the management plan. And as you can see there, for two years,  
 33 1992 and 1993, the quota was 130 caribou. That's what is in  
 34 the regulation book now. But this year the quota was 276,  
 35 which is much more than 130. So what we want to do is we want  
 36 to get that 130 out of the regulation book and just say that  
 37 the quota is going to be based on the management plan, it's not  
 38 going to be 130 every year. It will be based on the management  
 39 plan, and it may be more, depending on the plan.

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41           MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) What part is the most  
 42 highlighted?

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44           MR. COFFING: Pardon me?

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46           MR. NICK: Which part is the most highlighted area of  
 47 your presentation for now?

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49           MR. COFFING: Which part is the most highlighted?

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2 MR. NICK: Where proposed changes at?  
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4 MR. COFFING: Well, it's going to -- what it's going to  
do is just going -- it's going to take this out and put this in  
place of it.  
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8 MR. NICK: Okay. (In Yup'ik)  
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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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12 MR. NICK: Okay.  
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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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16 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Okay. (In Yup'ik) Proposal  
#36, page one. (In Yup'ik)  
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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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21 MR. NICK: Mr. Harry Wilde, Chairperson, would like to  
ask a question regarding this proposed change on the .....

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24 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.  
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26 MR. NICK: ..... this regulation.  
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28 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.  
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30 MR. NICK: His question is why are -- why there are no  
number shown here on the -- in place of the number in the old  
regulation, why there is only a guideline -- guidelines  
mentioned without a number.  
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35 MR. COFFING: Okay. Mr. Chairman, the reason there's  
36 the reason you see no numbering here is because the number  
changes every year depending on how the caribou population  
does. So if the caribou population -- if the survey actually  
shows that the Department and Fish & Wildlife do shows  
that there are -- that the population has increased, then the  
number that's allowed to be harvested goes up. And if the  
population drops, the surveys indicate the population has  
dropped, then the allowable harvest goes down.  
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45 Essentially, the allowable harvest is 5% of what the  
population is, and it's a bulls only hunt. So what we're  
looking at doing is basically fixing this wording so that it  
will allow the harvest guideline to follow the management plan  
and what the caribou herd does. So as the caribou herd  
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increases, and the data shows that, then you wouldn't be stuck with this 130 number or any particular number. Okay?

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4 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any question? (In Yup'ik) Anybody question over there? Yeah, go ahead.

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9 MR. JOHN: Mr. Chair?

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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13 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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15 MR. NICK: All right. Okay. Mr. Paul John wanted to remind you that, you know, he mentioned yesterday regarding the directions that elders gave, you know, in the older days regarding resources, big game resources and small game resources, which is that, you know, people should not fight each other, you know, regarding -- because the fact that, you know, if we fight among each other regarding these resources, then, you know, there would be a notable decline.

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24 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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26 MR. NICK: And what he commented was that even though there may be more harvest, you know, which is allowed, if people do need these animals, there might be less in the future. That's the highlight of what he said.

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31 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh. Okay. Thank you.

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33 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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35 MR. NICK: David O. David commented to state that, you know, people from this area, Y-K Delta area, uses caribou as a subsistence resource, and for that purpose only. But his second question is -- or his question is he know the fact that there are some sport hunting on caribou, and a lot of times when he go to Anchorage he notices that, you know, there are some people who are coming in from our area, or from different parts of the area of Alaska with a lot of antlers, and no notable luggage that might be the meat of the animal. His second question is what does the sport hunter do with the meat fit in the field? He'd like to know, because you do have researchers, and you do know, you know, what's going on with, you know, any active hunting activities out in the field.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before you respond, translator will

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You go over there and let -- I think we'll go faster if you'll go over there and -- (In Yup'ik)

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4 (Transmitter for translator now set up so there will be Simultaneous translation going on)

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. You can respond now.

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9 MR. COFFING: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think before I get to the heart of David's question, I want to basically say that the regulations that are in here are for subsistence hunters. People that live in Anchorage and other urban areas or out of State aren't hunting under these regulations that we're changing today, so there shouldn't be anybody from let's say outside the area coming in and hunting for antlers using these regulations.

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18 I guess maybe to get more to the point of what Mr. David asked about people -- about I think him seeing people with antlers and no meat, I think that's what he was saying, you know, I think the best way I can respond to that is that essentially, you know, there are regulations, State and Federal, that say if you harvest an animal, you have to take the meat out, and you have to use the meat. You can't leave the meat in the field. That's against the law. So it's against the law to transport the antlers out of the field without the meat. That's also against the law.

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29 There are people that come out and hunt and basically 30 when I say "come out," I don't mean come to Bethel, come to the Y-K Delta, but they come to Alaska, or come to rural areas and hunt certainly under State regulations that share meat with friends in villages, or leave the meat in villages with families, because they don't want to take all the meat out with them. And in those instances that might explain why there are 36 why there are some people that have antlers with them and no meat, as one possibility.

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39 I would -- you know, I would hope that for any of you that know of people that are hunting and are not bringing the meat out and only taking antlers to, you know, -- I encourage you to pass it on to the protection people, or to the Fish & Game Department or Fish & Wildlife, because that's something that is not tolerated. People are cited for doing that. And 45 you know of that happening or hear of that happening, I think we'd like to know about it.

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48 MR. DAVID: What about in the areas where they are not close to the village?

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2 MR. COFFING: Let's see, maybe -- could you give me a  
more precise example of an area you want me to -- are you  
thinking of people that are hunting in an area, but they're not  
close to a village?

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7 MR. DAVID: I have -- I'm no guide, but these people  
are the ones that I saw at the Anchorage airport with lots of  
antlers, and I've seen more in one group, .....

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11 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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13 MR. DAVID: ..... because I've been out to the airport  
more than one day. Three or four times I went out there all  
the time when we were having -- during the convention. Antlers  
is all.

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18 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Maybe let him respond. Will you come  
up here in front?

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23 MR. STROM: Yeah. My name is Denny Strom, Fish &  
Wildlife Service. I've seen the same thing that you've seen in  
the Anchorage Airport.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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29 MR. STROM: What has happened, and I know of people who  
have done this, is to transport their antlers back to the Lower  
48, they take them as baggage. Okay. Instead of putting them  
32 they ship their meat. Their meat is shipped in the freezer  
bags, freezer cartons, and that's shipped through air cargo.  
Their antlers go back with them as baggage. That's why you see  
antlers and you don't see the meat. It goes two different --  
they go two different ways. All the stuff goes air cargo, this  
goes back with them as baggage. I think that would basically  
be the reason.

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40 MR. DAVID: Yeah, that's probably what. That is what I  
saw. They were only checking in their baggage with antlers.

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43 MR. STROM: Yes.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Greg?

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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Koyana, Mr. Chairman. For the  
record again, my name is Greg Roczicka. If I understood you,  
that you're asking for public comment a few moments ago. The  
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AVCP supports this proposal.

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3 MR. NICK: Excuse me, Greg, I didn't hear you quite  
well from over here. There's a lot of echo from this end here.

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6 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. I just wanted to state that AVCP  
supports this proposal.

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9 MR. NICK: Okay. (In Yup'ik)

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Antone?

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13 MR. ANVIL: Mr. Chairman. Antone Anvil from Bethel.  
His comment is regarding the sport hunters who go sport hunting  
for antlers. He says that people should watch what they're  
doing. He says that -- he says that sport hunter -- the sport  
hunters, all they're concerned about is bringing back the  
antlers, instead of taking the meat. He says that Fish & Game  
and Fish & Wildlife enforcement officials blames the native who  
don't have anything to do with leaving any carcasses behind out  
in the hunting field. He says that the sport hunters who hunt  
for trophy only at times leaves the carcass behind out in the  
field, and Fish & Game enforcement personnel goes to the  
villages and start asking questions about who leaves all of the  
carcasses behind. He says that there should be something done  
regarding sport hunters so that there will be strict  
enforcement out in the hunting field. And enforcement people  
should go on the area where each and every sport hunter goes  
hunting so that the enforcement people and management people  
will understand that the native peoples do not waste any meat,  
that they utilize all the edible parts of the animal.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Anyone else have a question?

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35 MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chairman?

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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39 MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chuck Chaliak says that it seems like  
there's seem to be nothing wrong with the Proposal #36, because  
the Council were discussing this earlier. During the time when  
they had meeting with Kwethluk Village, they were discussing  
the issue. He says that the proposal seems to be okay for the  
subsistence activity regulation.

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46 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, I just want everyone to know  
in English first, and then (In Yup'ik), I want everyone to know  
that there's a lot of echo from this end. It's hard for me to  
hear, so if you don't understand, or if I misinterpret, please

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1 let me know. (In Yup'ik) Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay. John Andrew?

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5 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. John Andrew says that this  
6 proposal #36 only states that the guidelines should be  
7 increased only by 5%. He says that if there population -- if  
8 the population of the animals are around 1,000, that a harvest  
9 level of the population should be at 5%. But if there's an  
10 increase, then there would be an increase in the harvest  
11 levels.

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13 He says that when the villages started to do something  
14 about the management plan, they said -- that the village  
15 recommended that, you know, if the population level of the  
16 caribou, Kilbuck herd, is around -- or less than 1,000 then  
17 Fish & Wildlife would propose to close the hunting season for  
18 Kilbuck herd.

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20 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman?

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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24 MR. MANUMIK: He's concluded.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay. Go ahead. (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. MANUMIK: My question, Mr. Chairman, I have -- I  
29 think I have a couple. One is that percentage you're talking  
30 about will vary as to how the herd increases in population over  
31 the years? If it -- if the herd should drastically decline,  
32 when the percentage would go right back to 5%?

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34 And the other question I have is this number that you  
35 have here for Federal permits available, that 256. Is that all  
36 local residents or do some of those permits go to outside --  
37 you know, outside people?

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39 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Manumik, your first  
40 question had to do with the percentages, and what John was  
41 alluding to was something that's in the management plan that  
42 the villages have been working on very hard for about the last  
43 three to four years. We have in that management plan basically  
44 a guideline that everybody has agreed to as to when -- what's  
45 the minimum number of animals do we want before we'll allow a  
46 hunt, and then how many caribou we will harvest depending on  
47 how the herd increases, so we've all agreed on that. And  
48 that's part of the plan. It's not part of this proposal  
49 though, but it is part of the larger picture, part of the plan.

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2 In response to your second question, on page three of  
 3 this proposal, you see the total annual harvest quota there,  
 4 and the number of permits available. Those permits available  
 5 are all permits -- all of those permits available go to the  
 6 villages, go to the 18 villages in the region. They don't go  
 7 to villages outside the region, and they don't go to urban  
 8 hunters. They're all local subsistence villages that those  
 9 permits are for. The permits go to the villages and then the  
 10 village administrator basically holds a lottery and people in  
 11 the village decide by lottery who gets those permits in each  
 12 one of the communities.

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14 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. That brings me to my third  
 15 question. Will that number increase over the years if the  
 16 population should ever exceed 7,800 number? The permits?

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18 MR. COFFING: Yes, Mr. Manumik. The guidelines in the  
 19 management plan, part of those are outlined in the explanation  
 20 of the -- kind of the background of the proposal here. As the  
 21 herd increases, of course, you know, -- what we're looking at  
 22 is 5% harvest of the herd, and actually any time the herd is  
 23 over 3,000 animals, we're looking at a harvest of 7.5%. So if  
 24 you had -- in theory if you had 8,000 animals or 10,000  
 25 animals, seven and a half percent of 10,000 animals is 750  
 26 permits. So as the herd goes up, you would see an automatic  
 27 increase in the number of permits available for subsistence  
 28 hunting. Consequently, as -- if something should happen, if  
 29 the herd would decline, then the management plan is there as a  
 30 tool for all of us, the villages and the agencies, to use as a  
 31 guide as to what we're going to do. And the agreement is if  
 32 the animals decline down to 1,000 animals or less, then we're  
 33 going to -- then we're not going to have any hunting. We're  
 34 going to try to maintain a minimum of 1,000 animals, and all  
 35 indications are that over the last three or four years the  
 36 population has been steadily increasing, so that's a real good  
 37 sign.

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39 MR. MANUMIK: I notice you don't have any number  
 40 available for '95 harvest. Is that due to the influx of the  
 41 Mulchatna herd mixing in with the Kilbuck?

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43 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. No, it sure isn't. Before  
 44 we ever decided or before the Kilbuck caribou ever came in, we  
 45 had already -- we already knew how many permits we were going  
 46 to have. We were taking 7.5% of the Kilbuck population.  
 47 That's how we got up to this 276, 256 permits. It was after  
 48 that that the Mulchatna herd came in. And we wanted to protect  
 49 the Kilbuck herd and stay with our plan for permits, you know,

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allocated based on the plan. We all want to agree on that.  
 Since we've agreed on the plan, we wanted to follow that plan.

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 4 One thing, of course, that Denny mentioned that did  
 happen was the State opened up its hunt which that allowed some  
 additional harvest opportunity for people to go out and get  
 caribou as a result of the Mulchatna herd coming in.

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 9 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik) Koyana.

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 11 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, just to follow up a little  
 bit, too, on what Mike said, and your question follow-up, .....

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 14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Will you move up this way? That echo  
 15 really bad back here. You could move up here.

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 17 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. I just wanted to add that there  
 18 a clause within the plan as well, that once the herd reaches  
 19 believe it's 8,000 animals according to the plan, I don't  
 20 call the exact number, but that we may revisit it again to  
 possibly -- you know, all the villages again get together with  
 the management agencies to perhaps revise it to a different  
 percentage, but right now that's what it says. But that option  
 24 built into the plan as well. So add that on.

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 26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Paul. I mean, David. (In  
 Yup'ik)

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 29 MR. DAVID: There are times that I'm sure you've heard  
 30 the meetings with the public that in my area, that we never  
 wanted to do anything to do with permits. So I would like to  
 32 for subsistence only that the permits not be allowed to our  
 people, because that's one of your ways -- it is going to be  
 34 one of your ways to strip us down to nothing. There are too  
 many -- because if it -- for subsistence use, the permits  
 36 should not be allowed for the natives who are hunting for  
 subsistence, because from our -- before our time there never  
 was any permits out for the people, and you lose your .....

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 40 And another thing that you can keep your mind -- keep  
 41 mind, that the wolves and other animals that are killing the  
 herd never need no permits to get their food. So -- and those  
 43 are animals, and we are human beings, so I don't see why we  
 44 should have to have permits if the animals can't have permits.  
 45 We're -- there can be times when we can communicate with you  
 46 and in reporting what we are -- what we have taken, if needed.  
 47 But we won't allow permits to hold -- or permits to use these.  
 48 And even the -- those wolves don't report -- are not going to  
 49 report later what they have killed, and not finish the carcass.

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2 I wouldn't go -- I'm opposing the permit system for our  
3 people if they're getting the -- if they're getting what  
4 they're getting for subsistence and in supporting their  
5 families. Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Michael, you've got a response to this  
8 question?

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10 MR. COFFING: I wasn't sure if it's a question or a  
11 comment.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Comment or something.

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15 MR. COFFING: I guess what I'd -- I don't have an  
16 answer as to why. I understand your concern about having  
17 requirements for permits for subsistence hunting. That's  
18 genuine and I understand that.

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20 One of the things that I think the agencies and also  
21 the villages that were involved in the management plan were  
22 interested in was providing some protection to the caribou herd  
23 and allowing that caribou herd to grow. To keep it in the  
24 area, to let it grow to provide food for children and  
25 grandchildren, the people that are here now, the people for the  
26 future. And, you know, one -- it's difficult to know, you  
27 know, what's going on with the caribou unless we have  
28 information from all -- kind of all aspects. The biological  
29 information, habitat information, but also what the information  
30 is on -- well, predation is one that you mentioned, and also  
31 human harvest.

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33 And the interest in using permits isn't one of wanting  
34 really stop people from using animals, but it's one tool  
35 that's being used to try to get information from people about  
36 what the harvest is out there on the caribou herd. That's --  
37 it's just a tool that we use. And I think there may be -- you  
38 know, down the road there may be better ways we can do it, and  
39 hopefully if the caribou herd continues to grow as it is, you  
40 know, some day we may not need to have any permits at all, and  
41 we'd just have an open season and not have to require permits  
42 for hunting out there. And I think that's something that the  
43 agencies as well as the villages would sure like to see down  
44 the road.

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46 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? May I comment here?

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: David.

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1 MR. DAVID: If you have already write up the plan,  
 2 Kilbuck Caribou Plan, I don't see why it should not work if --  
 3 why -- the caribou is there, and here in the land. They don't  
 4 migrate nowhere. Maybe they do, but they're still here in the  
 5 State, but -- and if goose management plan can work with the  
 6 birds migrating down south, I don't see why that wouldn't work.  
 7 And if we're -- I'm sure if our people are told not to bother  
 8 with the caribou any more, I'm sure they will listen to you,  
 9 even without giving them permits. I'm sure they will.

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11 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh. Mr. Chairman, one last comment.  
 12 I think for any of you that are on the Council, some of you  
 13 are I think already, and have already been involved in the  
 14 Kilbuck Caribou Management Plan. Steve White and Chuck Chaliak  
 15 have both been involved. John Andrew has been to several  
 16 meetings, and Antone has. I think theories (ph) and ideas that  
 17 any of the Council have, and, Mr. David, also your -- I think  
 18 maybe at a Kilbuck Caribou meeting where we're going to talk  
 19 about the plan and the Kilbuck Caribou plan, that those are --  
 20 those are good comments to bring to the planning meeting and  
 21 share with people and let the people discuss them together  
 22 here, the villages and the agencies. Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. (In Yup'ik) Moving on  
 25 proposals procedures on the agenda. Under new business, A.  
 26 Coordinator John Andrew.

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28 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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32 MR. ANDREW: Mr. John Andrew explains to the Council  
 33 that the staff is supposed to work on the proposals.

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35 MR. NICK: I'm real confused on part of what he says,  
 36 because there's a lot of echoes on this end.

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38 MR. ANDREW: He says that among the staff was supposed  
 39 to deal with proposals, Mike Coffing is one of them, and the  
 40 way they're supposed to prepare the proposals is to deal with  
 41 how there's adverse or how there's an effect on the local  
 42 people of the Y-K Delta. Under the proposals, he explaining A,  
 43 B, and C and D, what it's -- in each category or each subject,  
 44 how it would be dealt with. He says under A, introduction of  
 45 proposal would be handled by John Andrew, biological analysis  
 46 by Dave Fisher, socio-cultural analysis Michael Coffing.  
 47 Summary of written public, if any, John Andrew.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Yeah. I think John Andrew

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indicated introduction on proposal, so we're going to ask Dave Fisher, U.S. Fish & Wildlife biologist, talk about biological analysis. Dave?

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5 MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Get that out of my ear there, so I can .....

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8 As we all know, the Kilbuck caribou herd has really taken off. It's continued to expand, and as an example, in 1989 there were approximately 1400 animals, in December of '93 there was about 2600 animals, and in -- towards the end of 1994, there was approximately 4,000 animals. So the herd has continued to grow. And that is the primary reason why we want you to change the regulation, to do away with that number 130 and allow the management plan to set the number of animals that will be harvested. The herd is increasing in size, so we feel as though we can change that number from the regulation.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Michael?

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21 MR. COFFING: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to step for a minute and kind of let the Council know what direction Dave and I were wanting to lay out for you on these proposals. I was basically summarizing kind of all the information, to lay it out in the best way I could without taking a lot of time, to help you understand what the focus of the proposal was, what the change would mean and so forth. Certainly there is much more detailed information in the analysis that's in the booklet.

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31 If you would like, I guess maybe I'm asking some direction here from the Council and the Chairman. If you would like us to step through and break this analysis down into basically the socio-economic, anthropological part of it, and the biological part of it, we could do that. It would take longer, but if you would like us to do that, we could. If you want us to deal with it. And specifically the way it's laid out in the agenda there, we'll do that on the next proposal if you'd like.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think because we've got quite a few items to work on today, we could do it the way the proposal goes, you know, and main highlights.

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45 MR. COFFING: Okay.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: But before we get into social-culture analysis, we're going to have a five-minute break. That coffee smells good this morning. Five minutes break.

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2 (Off record)

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4 (On record)

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let's go back to our meeting. I think  
7 right now I would like to put on the record and to welcome our  
8 school, high schoolers over here from Mountain Village, and  
9 their teacher, and what we do here is these people that you see  
10 in front of you, they're Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence  
11 Regional Advisory Council. They're Federal Subsistence  
12 Regional Council. So people here that you see, they're Federal  
13 and State representatives.

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15 This Board, they work on -- only on subsistence on  
16 Federal land, so what you hear this morning, it will help you  
17 and there's some things that you're going to hear later on  
18 concerning proposals and all that stuff. This morning mostly  
19 that we're working on is caribou and the moose.

20  
21 This Council here is from all different villages, from  
22 two from Yukon and the rest of them Kuskokwim, and also some  
23 of them Nunapitchuk and that area.

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25 So we are working on right now proposals procedures.  
26 However, I got advised from the Board members that I could  
27 skip these, because we know these already, and it don't really  
28 have to go over, and .....

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30 Before the Council debate and actions, at the same time  
31 that we're going to work on the list of proposal affecting this  
32 region. That's where we're going to go right now, because of a  
33 request from the Council, we shouldn't make too much time on  
34 procedures of proposals, because the Board has known already.  
35 after a brief five minutes break, we're going to take a list  
36 of proposal affecting this region, Yukon and Kuskokwim region.

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38 The first proposal that we're going to work on, I think  
39 I'll ask Michael Coffing and some other people here that -- to  
40 give us more information on Proposal #36, Unit 18, caribou.

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42 MR. COFFING: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This  
43 proposal .....

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Excuse me, Michael. I would like to  
46 hear their teacher introduce your class and who they are and  
47 what grade and all that. We would appreciate it. We will put  
48 on the record.

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1 MR. SORENSON: There's two classes here. The class  
2 that is with me is a biological -- or a biology class. We've  
3 been studying genetics and .....

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5 COURT REPORTER: Sir, could you introduce yourself,  
6 please?

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8 MR. SORENSON: Okay. My name is Rich Sorenson, and I  
9 am the science/shop teacher here at Mountain Village. And the  
10 class that I have brought this hour with me is our biology  
11 class. We have been studying the genetics and how animals  
12 interrelate with each other. Right now we have been talking  
13 about and studying the animals from the sponges clear up to the  
14 chordates, and how that affects us in our lives. So this will  
15 fit right into what affects their lives and what's important to  
16 the animals that they pursue in their lives.

17  
18 And the other class is Ms. Dicktus, and why don't you  
19 tell them what class .....

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21 MS. DICKTUS: Yeah, I brought my students  
22 (indiscernible) teacher here. And the students (indiscernible)  
23 use the term (indiscernible). It's extremely important for  
24 them to learn and understand. (Indiscernible) especially good  
25 that they learn it from somebody other than (indiscernible).  
26 Did you want the students introduced?

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh (affirmative).

29  
30 MS. DICKTUS: Okay. This is Gwen Andrews. Gwen  
31 Andrews. What grade?

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33 MS. ANDREWS: Sophomore.

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35 MS. DICKTUS: Juanita Andrews -- I mean Waskey.

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37 MS. WASKEY: Freshman.

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39 MS. DICKTUS: Grade Wilde.

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41 MS. WILDE: Ninth grade.

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43 MS. DICKTUS: (Indiscernible)

44  
45 UNIDENTIFIED: 12th grade.

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47 MS. DICKTUS: (Indiscernible)

48  
49 MR. SORENSON: This is, stand up, this is Luther

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1 Cagruchuk.

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3 MR. CAGRUCHUK: Ninth grade.

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5 MR. SORENSON: Robert Joe.

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7 MR. JOE: 11th grade.

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9 MR. SORENSON: Jolene Waskey.

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11 MS. WASKEY: 12th grade.

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13 MR. SORENSON: Karen Hess.

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15 MS. HESS: Sophomore.

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17 MR. SORENSON: And Medowa (ph) Queenie.

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19 MS. QUEENIE: (Indiscernible)

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21 MR. SORENSON: And Harold Andrews.

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23 MR. ANDREWS: 12th grade.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We thank you that you are involved in  
 26 this meeting this morning, and we appreciate your coming.

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28 Okay. Michael, will you give the .....

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30 MR. COFFING: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm  
 31 wondering here if I should repeat a lot of what we've already  
 32 said here, or basically start to maybe help give the students  
 33 some background about what we're doing here with this proposal.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Chairman (sic), maybe I could  
 36 start off. Number 36. My understanding right now that from  
 37 the people of Kuskokwim area, they would like to delete the  
 38 numbers of harvesting. I think I would like to get -- hear  
 39 from Chuck what they really mean, and what they want on this  
 40 proposal. Chuck, do you want to speak to it?

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42 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik)

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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46 MR. NICK: Chuck says he did not quite understand what  
 47 the Chairman wanted to do. Chuck is -- or rather Harry Wilde  
 48 asking him to explain why the Kuskokwim working group,  
 49 the Alibuck working group, or management plan came -- wanted to

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make any changes.

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3 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman?

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul.

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7 MR. MANUMIK: All this proposal is saying is that --  
 8 you see the darkened area in your booklet? That's all they're  
 9 asking for. And that language that you see in the darkened  
 10 area is coming from those 18 villages in the Kuskokwim River  
 11 that are affected by the proposal. That's all they're asking  
 12 for is to remove that number of caribou that they can -- they  
 13 can harvest. They want to take that 130 number out of the  
 14 existing guideline and for us to approve this Proposal 36 as  
 15 it's written in the blackened area. That's all they're asking  
 16 for. It's coming from the people in the Kuskokwim River, not  
 17 from the Alaska Department of Fish & Game, but they worked  
 18 together to come out with this management plan that they have  
 19 as they have done before in the past. So there needs to be  
 20 a motion to this effect, to approve this proposed regulation so  
 21 that it will go into effect this coming summer.

22

23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think before we take action on this  
 24 proposal as a Board, we would like to hear comment from Federal  
 25 and State concerning what Kuskokwim requested. Will you come  
 26 up here and give us some response?

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28 MR. STROM: Yes. My name is Denny Strom from the U.S.  
 29 Fish & Wildlife Service.

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31 What this proposal does is remove a bunch of -- well,  
 32 it removes language from the original proposal. When we did  
 33 the Kilbuck Caribou Management Plan, there was some guidelines  
 34 set down in there. And the first proposal that was sent to the  
 35 Federal Subsistence Board had those numbers in there basically.  
 36 What this proposal -- the Kilbuck herd has grown since the  
 37 time that that original proposal was put in there. So what  
 38 this does is removes that number and says the Kilbuck caribou  
 39 harvest will be managed according to the Kilbuck Caribou  
 40 Management Plan, which means when the numbers go up, the  
 41 harvest goes up. When the numbers go down a little bit, the  
 42 harvest goes down a little bit. It removes the -- it removes  
 43 the problem that we have to go back to the Federal Subsistence  
 44 Board every year to change the numbers. We've got an agreed-to  
 45 plan that says how we will manage it. What this will do, it  
 46 will let us manage the Kilbuck caribou without having to bother  
 47 the Federal Subsistence Board. They've agreed to the plan,  
 48 this is just an administrative change to make it easier to do  
 49 what we -- what everybody's agreed to do. Okay. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You don't have any question?  
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4 MR. COFFING: No, I have no question. I think  
~~Mr.~~ Mr. Manumik hit the nail right on the head, and that is all  
~~this~~ this would do, and if you look at the grey area in the  
~~proposal,~~ proposal, that's the new wording. That's the suggested change  
~~in~~ in the wording. What we're doing is talking out the 130, which  
~~right~~ right now is limiting. 130 is really limiting, to allow the  
~~man~~ man to work. We want to get rid of that number 130, .....

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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14 MR. COFFING: ..... and basically put in wording per  
~~the~~ the plan, follow the plan.  
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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think we as a Board -- I mean, as a  
~~Council,~~ Council, that we understand. (In Yup'ik) Mr. Chairman, Harry  
~~Wilde~~ Wilde is suggesting that since there's been enough discussion  
~~this~~ this morning, there should be, you know, a motion on the floor  
~~to~~ to either reject or adopt the proposal. Harry's only  
~~explaining~~ explaining what the existing regulation says, and then he's  
~~explaining~~ explaining what the new proposed changes is.

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25 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, I so move to accept the  
~~proposed~~ proposed regulation and have the existing regulation from  
~~the~~ the .....

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29 MR. CHALIAK: I second the motion.  
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor to  
~~accept~~ accept new wording of this regulation, Number 36, and terminate  
~~number~~ number -- old limited number current, 130 bulls. And it has  
~~been~~ been seconded. Any discussion?

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36 MR. WHITE: Question?  
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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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40 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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44 (No opposing responses)  
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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) The proposal now is rid  
~~of~~ of limit of current 130, new wording is adopted at this time.  
~~In~~ In Yup'ik) The next proposal. We go to the next proposal,  
~~the~~ the. Now, who has -- you could give us what this Unit 18  
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1 proposal mean?

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3 MR. COFFING: Okay. Mr. Chairman, Dave Fisher is going  
4 to take the lead on this one.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay. Dave? Okay.

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8 MR. FISHER: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I'll talk on  
9 Proposal #37. As you know, this proposal was submitted by the  
10 group here, the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional  
11 Council. And what this proposal would do would provide for a  
12 caribou season in Unit 18 north of the Yukon River, and the  
13 season that we're looking at and establishing by this proposal  
14 would be July 1 through June 30, a five caribou per day bag  
15 limit; however, cow caribou could not be taken May 16th through  
16 June 30th.

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18 Basically what this proposal would do, it would allow  
19 residents in Unit 18 to take advantage of the expanding Western  
20 Arctic herd. As you know, that herd migrates down into the  
21 north part of Unit 18 at times.

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23 Current Federal subsistence regulations do not provide  
24 for a caribou hunting season north of the Yukon River in Unit  
25 18. This proposal would change that. State regulations do  
26 provide for a season in Unit 18, and that season is February 1  
27 through March 31, with a harvest limit of one caribou.

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29 About 60% of the lands north of the Yukon River are  
30 under Federal management, the Yukon Delta National Wildlife  
31 Refuge, so this proposal would allow caribou hunting on those  
32 Federal lands north of the Yukon River.

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34 As we know, the Western Arctic herd has increased in  
35 size over the last 25 to 30 years, and the current numbers are  
36 over 500,000.

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38 Residents of 14 communities in this area have customary  
39 and traditional use of caribou in Unit 18 north of the Yukon  
40 River. I'll read those communities that have that customary  
41 and traditional use: Emmonak, Kotlik, Kwethluk, Andreafsky,  
42 Alakanuk, Marshall, Mountain Village, Pitka's Point, Pilot  
43 Station, St. Mary's, St. Michael, Russian Mission, Sheldon's  
44 Point, and Stebbins. Those 14 communities all have customary  
45 and traditional use of caribou of the Yukon River. This  
46 proposal would open a season for caribou north of the Yukon  
47 River.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Let me say something here.

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2 MR. FISHER: Okay.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before it goes too far.

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6 MR. FISHER: Okay.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Because I'm from Mountain Village,  
Yukon River, I support this proposal. However, some of these  
qualifications for outside of the Yukon River, there's some  
villages that I don't agree with. Stebbins and St. Michael is  
not in our jurisdiction of this Council. They're not in  
jurisdiction. They're -- Stebbins and St. Michael, their  
jurisdiction is up north. However, we have also villages that  
we're concerned about that should be going into this proposal,  
and you guys heard yesterday that there used to be some  
caribous and these people maybe we could look at it, customary  
and traditional uses of caribou a long time ago. They used to  
have that. I'm really, really concerned about Scammon Bay,  
Hooper Bay and Chevak. Instead of this qualifications Stebbins  
and St. Michael, I sure would like to see Chevak and Hooper  
Bay, Scammon Bay going into this customary and traditional use  
qualifications for north of Yukon River. I would like to get  
the response for the Federal or State.

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26 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I'll respond to that. I  
think that comment should certainly be included along with your  
actions to the Staff Committee and to the Federal Subsistence  
Board of what your concerns are, both on communities you think  
30 if there are any communities in that you think shouldn't be,  
or any communities as you pointed out that aren't included now  
that you think should be included. I think those comments  
should be -- should go on record and should be passed on.

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35 I also would encourage the Council that if you know of  
people in those communities or anyone that would know what  
historical use pattern or long-term use pattern of people  
caribou hunting in those communities is, specifically their  
activities in hunting caribou north of the Yukon River, I would  
find that very valuable so that I could talk to them and learn  
more about those communities' use, not just of caribou in Unit  
42, but specifically north of the Yukon River caribou.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, they had some people, elders  
down there that -- who are really concerned about mostly I  
think to subsistence use of animals, moose and caribou.  
However, they've been -- people from that area have been coming  
48 here and going up further in hunting and hunting in pursuit  
49. I would like to hear from the rest of the Council, and I  
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need the Council's support, if it's possible, put these three villages. Maybe we could remove St. Michael and Stebbins, because they have already jurisdiction, and also they've got boards up in Peninsula. Replace those with Hooper Bay, Chevak, Scammon Bay. Put it on the record and support this the way it is and include those three villages. We could let the Board know why is the reason and all that, that we want to remove St. Michael and Stebbins, and -- because there really is not on jurisdiction of Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Council.

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11 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I just want to add one thought here, and that is although Stebbins and St. Michael are not within the boundaries of Unit 18, and aren't part of this Council's area, the Unit 18 boundary does go very close to those communities, and if those communities have come into Unit 18 when they've been hunting caribou, if they've come across the line into Unit 18, and have ever hunted caribou up in the Adreafskys or the mountains, Golsovia Mountains or the area south of there in Unit 18, then I guess the information that we have indicates that people from those communities have at some time have harvested and used subsistence caribou in Unit 18. That's why they're included.

23

24 I know that there may be some -- I guess I'm going to offer a word of caution about taking communities out that have demonstrated a use in an area. I just want to caution the Council that residents from those communities and perhaps their Regional Council might be concerned about them losing their customary and traditional uses in Unit 18 when they had activities in Unit 18.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So for that reason, we could just add those three villages into that area?

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35 MR. COFFING: Yeah.

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37 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman?

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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41 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to adopt Proposal 37, and amend the new language to include the three villages that are missing from our region: Chevak, Hooper Bay and Scammon Bay, and leaving Stebbins and St. Michael's in there, because they customarily and traditionally use -- have utilized out moose and caribou in our region, in Unit 18. That is my motion.

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49 MR. DAVID: I second the motion.

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor accept  
3 this proposal wording the way it is, the wording it says.

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5 I think for the school teacher, for your information  
6 right now north of the Yukon River is one caribou you could  
7 hunt. And if this part of -- if this Unit 18 proposed  
8 regulation, it come to be -- come to be law or come to be as a  
9 regulation, Unit 18 north of Yukon River will be start  
10 harvesting five caribou a day. Five caribou a day; however,  
11 July 1 and June 30th -- in July 1 and July 30th. However, cows  
12 caribou may not be taken on May 16 and 30th, June 30th.

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14 So there's a motion on the floor and a second to accept  
15 this amended part. If there's any discussion?

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17 MR. WHITE: Question.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. All  
20 who favor say aye?

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose, say no?

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26 (No opposing responses)

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. The Council's this  
29 wording, also including on the wording and the customary and  
30 additional use, Hooper Bay, Chevak and Scammon Bay.

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32 We'll go to the next proposal.

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34 MR. COFFING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next  
35 proposal before the Council is Proposal 38 in your booklet.  
36 And what I'd like to direct the Council members to, and the  
37 public that are here, is the hand-out that was provided to you  
38 yesterday with a cover letter from the Kwethluk Joint Group, or  
39 actually Kwethluk IRA Council, indicating that in Proposal 38  
40 which they submitted and is in your booklet, they discovered a  
41 mistake with that proposal, and the letter and the attached  
42 proposal to the letter is their requested correction to their  
43 proposal. So I think it would be useful for the Council  
44 perhaps to -- if they have any questions of the Kwethluk Group,  
45 think Oscar Larson's here, might be able to answer any  
46 questions. And then perhaps to make it clear, what the Council  
47 could do is go directly to the I guess corrected proposal, look  
48 at that and act on that, and then finally come back to the  
49 proposal 38 that's in your booklet and act on that, just so  
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that it's clear to the Federal Board what your wishes are on both the original and the corrected proposal.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We've got a person here from Kwethluk.  
5 Will you give us information of what really want on Kwethluk  
6 proposal, IRA Council?

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8 MR. LARSON: Okay, Mr. Chairman. My name is .....

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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12 MR. LARSON: ..... Oscar Larson.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You could do it (In Yup'ik). Yeah, go  
15 ahead.

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17 MR. LARSON: Okay. My name is Oscar Larson. And if  
18 you look at Proposal #38 in your proposal packet, and referring  
19 to this handout as we go along. In the Proposal 38 that's in  
20 the proposal packet, the intention was to include the customary  
21 and traditional use area in Game Management Unit 17(A). There  
22 was an error there. So going back, when I made this proposal  
23 for the Kwethluk Joint Group, under the Kwethluk IRA Council, I  
24 was instructed to -- there wasn't any specific instruction,  
25 meaning that it could have been either 17(A) or 19. But under  
26 there is a need to include the 19(A). We'd like to increase  
27 the one caribou to five caribou. We're looking at the handout.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Will you talk a little bit louder? I  
30 think they're not hearing you back there.

31

32 MR. LARSON: So I think this Proposal Number 38, we  
33 could go back and revise it to be included in a different unit,  
34 what we're dealing with right now is with this handout is  
35 the correction and the intention to increase from one caribou  
36 Unit 19(A) -- or rather four caribou in Unit 19(A) south of  
37 the Kuskokwim River and Unit 19(B), excluding Alaska residents  
38 Lime Village, from four caribou to five caribou, and  
39 changing the open season from August 10/March 31 to August  
40 April 15. And I think it is self-explanatory for the Board,  
41 and I'm sure they can understand why this regulation should be  
42 changed, how will this change affect the wildlife population,  
43 how will this change affect subsistence users, and .....

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45 (High school classes leaving)

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we thank you for your  
48 participation here this morning. Thank you.

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1 MR. LARSON: If there is no further questions or --  
 2 regarding this request to accept the revised proposal, I'll  
 3 leave it up to the Chairman.

4

5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. I'm still -- you know, I'm  
 6 still in a lost of what revise they want. They want to change  
 7 this proposal and revise it? How do they want to do it and all  
 8 that? I'm in a kind of dark, because this is not the first  
 9 time from Kasiluk (ph) or Kwethluk-Kasiluk. We got this  
 10 proposal this time that -- so we wouldn't call for a special  
 11 meeting or whatever, a special meeting. I want to really want  
 12 to understand before we take action what the changes they want  
 13 and what they really want.

14

15 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, if I might for the Council,  
 16 and if Oscar could correct me if I don't say exactly what he  
 17 wants here, what I'd like to direct the Council and the public  
 18 is the back side of the letter. There's two sides. So look  
 19 at the back side of the letter there.

20

21 And what you're going to see there is what the existing  
 22 regulation is now, and there's only one part of this that's  
 23 going to change essentially, and that's -- you see the dates  
 24 now for -- the second item down there under the upon season.  
 25 The dates say August 10 to March 31st. One of the things that  
 26 Kwethluk in its letter wants to change is to align the season  
 27 dates with the State dates, which will be longer, more hunting  
 28 time. And those dates are on the other page you have, and that  
 29 date is August 1 to April 15th. So that's one thing that will  
 30 change. Change the season date from August 10th/March 31st to  
 31 a longer date of August 1 to April 15th. That's what the  
 32 season for the State area is up there now. So it would make it  
 33 easier for hunters to know what the opening is, because the  
 34 hunting opening dates would be the same. They'd be August 1.  
 35 And the closing date would be April 15th. That's one element  
 36 of it. That's for Unit 19(A) and 19(B) south of the Kuskokwim.

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38 The second part that they're asking to change is the  
 39 bag limit. And right now the bag limit under the Federal  
 40 regulations is four caribou. The bag limit under the State  
 41 regulations is five caribou. So Kwethluk essentially is asking  
 42 you to align the bag limit, change that to five caribou as  
 43 well.

44

45 So those are the two parts they're asking you to  
 46 change: The season dates, to align them with the State dates,  
 47 make for a longer hunting time in 19(A) and 19(B); and to  
 48 change the Federal bag limit of four caribou, to make it five  
 49 caribou. That is all that the proposal changing.

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2 I would also just offer this is Unit 19(A) and 19(B)  
3 which is in the Western Interior Regional Council. It's not  
4 covered by the jurisdiction of this Council, but certainly  
5 people from Unit 18 do go up there and hunt, are subsistence  
6 hunters up in that area.

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8 The Western Interior Regional Council when they met in  
9 Huslia basically acted on Kwethluk's revised proposal and  
10 supported it as written.

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12 I'll stop with that and answer any questions.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Let me ask you a question then.  
15 North side of -- is this for north side of the Yukon? I mean  
16 the Kuskokwim? North side of Kuskokwim?

17  
18 MR. COFFING: No, sir, it's not. What is on there are  
19 all the regulations for caribou for Unit 19, and so -- all laid  
20 out there. The only one's that being proposed as changed is  
21 south side of Kuskokwim.

22  
23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh. The reason I ask this, I'm really  
24 concerned about what I hear that north side of Kuskokwim  
25 opening not very long ago and my understanding, the State  
26 passed it, sport hunting season north side of the Kuskokwim  
27 River. I think this caribous are Mulchatna herds. You could  
28 hunt as a sport hunter in that area. First day you get there,  
29 you could kill caribou. And we've got response from all over  
30 up north to make sure that our Council understand, not to open  
31 the sport hunting in our access (ph), that we use the herd for  
32 subsistence in that area. That's the only reason I want to  
33 make sure that .....

34  
35 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So I understand what this proposal  
38 is. I'm opening the floor for motion support this new wording  
39 of proposal or reject it. If there's any motion?

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41 MR. ANVIL: Motion.

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43 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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47 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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49 MR. DAVID: Second the motion.

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Antone Anvil motion. (In  
Yup'ik) Steven White second.  
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5 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)  
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7 MR. ANVIL: (In Yup'ik)  
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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Any discussion?  
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11 MR. WHITE: Yeah, Harry.  
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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven?  
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15 MR. WHITE: Mr. Steven White wanted to comment on the  
proposal proposed by the Kwethluk Council. He says that not  
all of the village residents, but some village residents do go  
spring camping. He says that sometimes there are hardships out  
in the field. He says that sometimes they go up Kwethluk River  
camp and at times they can't return the next day or next  
couple of days. Considering those situations, he says that the  
Kuskokwim Advisory Committee has proposed to come up with a  
proposal such as this proposal in the past. He think that, you  
know, -- he think that considering those proposed -- past  
proposals that the Village of Kwethluk, because they have such  
experiences in their own community has come up with this  
proposal to change regulations in their respective area.  
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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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31 MR. MANUMIK: Question on the motion.  
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33 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chairman. Oscar Larson says he  
appreciate what Steven White commented regarding this proposal,  
regarding proposed changes in 19(A). He says that Proposal 38,  
Unit 19, he'd like to explain why they proposed these changes.  
Although he appreciates Steven White's comments regarding what  
was proposed, what the reasons may be, but, however, there's  
something -- he has something to say about the errors that were  
in the document.  
41  
42 He says that Mike Coffing explained the two differences  
between the two documents. He says that he would like the  
Council to consider, because of the two differences between the  
two documents on the proposal. He says that it's not easy to  
come up with such proposal, you know, especially when there's  
some differences in how it's written. He's referring to the  
proposal packet the Council has. He says during the meeting in  
his village they wanted to change the proposal, but .....

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Wilde would like to ask him a  
question. He'd like to have a better understanding of the  
proposal. Is this what your people want? Would you like to  
increase the harvest level to five caribous per hunter?

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7 MR. LARSON: Yeah. And Oscar's response was yes.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Harry's explaining -- Harry Wilde  
wanted his Council -- I mean, the Council members to understand  
what the motion is. To increase harvest numbers to five  
caribou. He says that he would like the Council to understand  
what the motion is before they vote.

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15 MR. MANUMIK: Question on the motion.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question has been called. (In  
Yup'ik)

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20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no?

23  
24 (No opposing responses)

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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28 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman?

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, before you do, I think we've got  
another people here, another school. You've got another school  
children here?

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34 MS. FRITHE: Yes.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Will you introduce them to us?

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38 MS. FRITHE: Alice Frithe, (indiscernible).

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's okay. Will you -- Alice, will  
you come up further over so we could hear you? (In Yup'ik)

42  
43 MS. FRITHE: Yes. (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. NICK: She's going to interpret her own comments.

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47 MS. FRITHE: (In Yup'ik) So I'm the bi-lingual  
teacher. This is my second group of students, second hour.  
They were -- they showed and expressed interest in coming here

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So I brought them in, and as I teach the language, I express and make them become aware that there are different dialect differences, and that we need to respect all dialects, because in our community we have a mixture of people from every -- different areas.

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7 Mary James. Mary James, tell us what grade you are?

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9 MS. JAMES: Ninth grade.

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11 MS. FRITHE: Minnie Augline:

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13 MS. AUGLINE: Ninth grade.

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15 MS. FRITHE: Robert Joe.

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17 MR. JOE: Ninth grade.

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19 MS. FRITHE: Lavera Jimmy?

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21 MS. JIMMY: 11th grade.

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23 UNIDENTIFIED: Cindy (indiscernible).

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25 MS. FRITHE: And that's Cindy.

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27 CINDY: Ninth grade.

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29 MS. FRITHE: Minnie? That's Minnie Joe.

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31 MS. JOE: Ninth grade.

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33 MS. FRITHE: I've got one more. Karen Hess. (In  
34 Yup'ik)

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36 MS. HESS: 12th grade.

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38 MS. FRITHE: Pauline Kokrine.

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40 MS. KOKRINE: (Indiscernible)

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42 MS. FRITHE: (In Yup'ik) William Joe.

43

44 MR. JOE: Ninth grade.

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46 MS. FRITHE: (In Yup'ik) (Indiscernible) Koyana.

47

48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. We thank you. I think this is  
49 our first time ever since we start, our school students are

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involved with us. (Indiscernible, coughing) Yeah. We thank  
 you.

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4           Yeah. Okay. Michael?

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6           MR. COFFING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman, I  
 think what would be useful here just so that it's clear on the  
 record and clear to the Subsistence Board, since Kwethluk's  
 Proposal 38 was revised, I think it would be useful to get on  
 record just real clear what -- which Kwethluk proposal you  
 dealt with. And I think what I'd maybe ask is that if the --  
 if it's the wishes of the Council and the Chairman here, that  
 it be clear on record that the motion that you adopted and the  
 proposal you just decided to adopt and pass unanimously in  
 favor of was the revised or corrected Kwethluk Proposal 38.

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17           CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Uh-huh.

18

19           MR. COFFING: Okay?

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21           CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. We'll be make sure to put on  
 the record .....

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24           MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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26           CHAIRMAN WILDE: ..... that we adopted revised  
 proposal.

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29           MR. COFFING: Okay. thank you.

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31           CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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33           MR. COFFING: And perhaps another -- before we move on  
 to the next proposal, another bit of real quick housekeeping  
 that the Western Interior Council dealt with as well is the  
 original Proposal 38, it would be I think useful to also make  
 clear on record, it might be useful for the Council to  
 decide what they want to do with the original Proposal 38,  
 whether you want to basically take no action on it, or you want  
 to table it or exactly what you want to do so that the Federal  
 Subsistence Board knows what the Council's desires are on the  
 original Proposal 38.

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44           CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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46           MR. NICK: Harry will let you know what his comments.

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48           MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Chairperson Harry Wilde's  
 2 recommendation to the Regional Council is to that they should  
 3 adopt the new changes on the proposal.

4

5 MR. DAVID: Well, I so move.

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7 MR. CHALIAK: Second.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. There's a motion on the floor  
 10 terminate the date of this proposal, also the numbers of --  
 11 I think that this one if four, that was? Or one? Whatever  
 12 that number, I think is one caribou or something. So we are  
 13 replacing with number five caribou for residents of limit for  
 14 hunt. That's what it is.

15

16 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I think maybe the  
 17 swiftest action and the clearest action might be to simply get  
 18 on record that you're not going to deal with the original  
 19 Proposal 38, because Kwethluk asked you to essentially replace  
 20 with this one, and therefore you don't need to vote either  
 21 yes or no on Proposal 38, but maybe just to take no action on  
 22 it. That would be the swiftest way to deal with it, and leave  
 23 the regulations the way they are.

24

25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Is take no action.

26

27 MR. DAVID: But to replace the .....

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we've got to replace it with  
 30 the .....

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32 MR. DAVID: ..... Kwethluk -- okay.

33

34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Because it's already we vote on  
 35 replace that, and if -- whatever the part of this, take no  
 36 action. So we will request taking no action.

37

38 MR. DAVID: Well, in that case I will withdraw my  
 39 motion.

40

41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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43 MR. CHALIAK: Your second (In Yup'ik).

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) So that's clarified that  
 46 any could be the problem for this 38?

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48 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. We go to the next one.  
 2 Thirty .....

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 4 MR. FISHER: Thirty-nine?

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 6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nine.

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 8 MR. FISHER: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I'll handle Number 39.  
 9 Thirty-nine was included for this Council because part of the  
 Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge goes up into these two  
 units, and also hunters from Game Management Unit 18 hunt moose  
 in these two areas. So that's why we're going to be dealing  
 with it here today.

14  
 15 Mr. Chairman, this proposal was submitted by the  
 Western Interior Regional Advisory Council, and this proposal  
 would in effect change the fall season for moose hunting in  
 Unit 21(A) from September 1st through September 30 -- excuse  
 me, Mr. Chairman. September 5 to September 30 to August 10th  
 to September 10th. So we would have an increase in the moose  
 hunting season there for Unit 21(A).

22  
 23 The proposal would also eliminate the taking of cows  
 during the winter season in 21(E), and change the fall hunting  
 season dates in 21(E) from September 5 to September 25 to  
 August 10th to September 10th.

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 28 MR. NICK: Excuse me. I'm a little confused over here,  
 Dave.

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 31 MR. FISHER: So am I.

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 33 MR. NICK: This -- the document .....

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 35 MR. FISHER: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, .....

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 37 MR. NICK: ..... I got has .....

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 39 MR. FISHER: ..... let me back up here a minute.

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 41 MR. NICK: ..... August 20. That's what I'm confused  
 about. This hand out? The one that .....

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 44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think my .....

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 46 MR. FISHER: Okay.

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 48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: ..... understanding is getting there.

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1 MR. FISHER: Pardon?

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: August 20, that's what they want.  
August 20 .....

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6 MR. FISHER: To September 10.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: ..... to September 10.

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10 MR. FISHER: Right. That's .....

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

13

14 MR. FISHER: ..... what they want.

15

16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay.

17

18 MR. FISHER: Another item the proposal would do would  
allow the harvest of bulls instead of antlered bulls in both  
units, both 21(A) and 21(E). In effect what this proposal  
would do would change the Federal subsistence season dates and  
when you add the existing State regulations, this would  
increase the season for subsistence users by 26 days in 21(A)  
and 21 days in 21(E). So what it's going to do basically is  
increase the season length when you take both the Federal  
season and the State season when you take those and combine  
those.

28

29 The Federal public lands located in both of these units  
include the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge, part of the  
Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge, some BLM land, and a very  
small portion of the Yukon Delta Refuge.

33

34 The moose populations in 21(A) and 21(E) are fairly  
stable with the exception of some animals there in the Nowitna  
River Drainage.

37

38 As far as customary and traditional use goes, the rural  
residents in 21(A) and 21(E) and residents of Takotna, McGrath,  
Aniak and Crooked Creek, these residents have been determined  
to have customary and traditional use of moose in 21(A). The  
rural residents of 21(E) and the residents of Russian Mission,  
they have been determined to have customary and traditional use  
in 21(E).

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46 One of the problems that exists in these two units is  
the identification of Federal land boundaries versus private  
land versus State land, and also another major problem that  
exists is the high water mark, determining where that is in

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certain -- where that Federal/State jurisdiction exists along  
 some of these rivers. That creates problems for hunters.

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4 The preliminary staff conclusions that we discussed by  
 our staff, we feel that there's no real reason to change the  
 existing regulations to provide further protection for the  
 moose in these two areas. We feel that probably the  
 regulations should probably remain the same.

9

10 And if this proposal is adopted, it would -- it could  
 increase the moose harvest in certain areas, and as I explained  
 earlier, it adds more season days to the -- more hunting days  
 to the existing season.

14

15 And that's all I have right now, Mr. Chairman.

16

17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I would like to get some kind of  
 response or question or something from Kuigpagmiut. James, we  
 have talking about this for a while, but we never hear from any  
 of the people that people -- those people that hunts in Unit  
 21(E), that's this 21(E) moose hunting area, does it include  
 Paimuit? Does this 21(E) includes the Paimuit River? Upper --  
 you know, that's 12-Mile and Paimuit, .....

24

25 MR. LUKE: Paimuit Slough?

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: ..... we up here from Lower Yukon,  
 most of the people goes into Paimuit Slough, so this will be --  
 include Paimuit Slough?

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31 MR. COFFING: Well, I might seek Denny's help here, but  
 the boundary is Paimuit, and I'm not real familiar with the  
 Yukon here, but I think that, Denny, correct me if I'm wrong,  
 I'm thinking that Paimuit Slough is in 21?

35

36 MR. STROM: Twenty-one, yes.

37

38 MR. COFFING: Yeah.

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40 MR. STROM: 21(E) I think.

41

42 MR. COFFING: Yeah.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. 21(E).

45

46 MR. COFFING: Yeah.

47

48 MR. STROM: Yeah, for about Paimuit Island on up.

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1 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ee-ee.  
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5 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Lower Kalskag, right?  
6  
7 MR. MANUMIK: Ee-ee.  
8  
9 MR. NICK: That 21(E) boundary is from the old village  
of Paimuit upriver, straight line over to Lower Kalskag is the  
boundary line for 21(E). That's what I was explaining to the  
Council members here.  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) We would like to welcome  
the students that's coming in, their teacher. Will you  
introduce your class here and who they are and what grade? We  
want to put it on record. Thank you.  
18  
19 MR. GRAHAM: This is the eighth grade class of the  
Lower Yukon School District, Mountain Village. Clayton Wilde,  
Keith Andrews, Olga Alexi, Vanessa Peterson, Jamie Prunes,  
Esther Long and Carrie Long, and John Charlie.  
23  
24 COURT REPORTER: And what's your name, sir?  
25  
26 MR. GRAHAM: And I'm Robert Graham.  
27  
28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What grade they are?  
29  
30 MR. GRAHAM: Eighth grade.  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Your name?  
33  
34 MR. GRAHAM: Robert Graham.  
35  
36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Now we'll get into this 38  
proposal. (In Yup'ik) Our translator said that this 21(E)  
start from Paimuit Slough, and I think it would be profitable  
if we get some kind of response from Kuigpagmiut, because  
Kuigpagmiut is representing and working group area. James?  
41  
42 MR. LUKE: Mr. Chairman, we were also wondering about  
the (indiscernible) in 21(E), (indiscernible). That all seems  
to be (indiscernible). The Federal or State work on this  
issue. We would like to be included in 21(E), because our  
people have also been hunting in 21(E) from Lower Yukon area,  
from Lower Yukon area villages, from mouth on to Russian  
Mission. And I would like to you to give me a little  
explanation why Lower Yukon villages are not included in 21(E),  
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in customary and traditional (indiscernible).

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3 MR. COFFING: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I'll be happy to  
 4 respond. The proposal seeks to change the season dates and  
 5 change the bag limits a bit. It does not focus on customary  
 6 and traditional uses, but I understand your concern as we're  
 7 basically talking about moose hunting up in 21, and this  
 8 relates to c&t uses. The current Federal eligibility  
 9 determination that we have were those adopted from the State of  
 10 Alaska. At the time the Federal program took over management,  
 11 the State findings were as they are now: Russian Mission, and  
 12 villages and residents of Unit 21. The Federal program adopted  
 13 those. That's why it's at that point, and that's why it only  
 14 stops at Russian Mission, and doesn't go (indiscernible,  
 15 fudging).

16

17 I think as I described briefly yesterday, as we get  
 18 into the process now of looking at more of the details about  
 19 eligibility, customary and traditional determinations for Unit  
 20 20, but it's that process -- or through that process that we're  
 21 going to begin modifying what those determinations are, to  
 22 include other villages that have demonstrated a customary and  
 23 additional use of an area, and I expect that through the  
 24 proposal process, and through letters from Kuigpagmiut and then  
 25 action by this council, that in time that you're going to see  
 26 changes to those customary and traditional use determinations.  
 27 And I would just encourage -- if the public or the villages or  
 28 the Council are concerned about specific customary and  
 29 additional use findings to, you know, please respond to the  
 30 Federal Subsistence Board with your concerns and that's kind of  
 31 who I get my direction from, and other staff get their  
 32 direction from, and I think that when the Board knows your  
 33 concerns, that staff learns of your concerns, it should, you  
 34 know, hopefully expedite us addressing those concerns and  
 35 remedying those to basically identify what's going on and what  
 36 the area wants and what fits subsistence uses in your region.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What is concern for this area, like  
 39 Barrow, 21(E). We've got Sheldon's Point representative here  
 40 from Lower Yukon. Those people, they go up to that area. Let  
 41 me ask Paul Manumik, what do you think of that -- the new date  
 42 that they were requested in that area, the date and how many  
 43 days and what the comment you would be for your people  
 44 downriver?

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46 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, thank you. There are quite  
 47 few people that do come up from the Lower Yukon, and  
 48 Sheldon's Point included. There's Kotlik, you know, and all  
 49 that are involved in the hunt up there. And with this new

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proposal as I understand it, it would give us more days to hunt in both areas, but 21(E) is mainly where we go to. That's Baimuit area. And that will give us 21 more days to hunt as I understand it.

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6 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay. You got any more?

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10 MR. MANUMIK: No.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Okay. Go ahead.

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14 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, for the record, Greg Roczicka. When you look at it as more days, what they're saying is that over-all you're going to get only one more day hunting. However, the change in the dates that they have in there, you know, I have some concern that -- getting back to the problem that they had with a proposal that was put in here last year to have the moose -- starting the season earlier and ending it earlier. Overall I think you're going to probably get into more problems with that. There was a lot of concern expressed by people last year about starting the season that five days or ten days earlier. It was brought before the Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee, and you're getting right back into the same issue again. People are still busy, they were saying, with commercial fishing at that time, and berry picking and such, the part about potential meat spoilage being greater. You're gaining only one day in the season, but yet you're resurfacing all of the problems that came up in the past.

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32 And in my review of this, I have no comment on Unit 21(A) since that doesn't affect it, but I concur with the staff recommendation in here, or implied recommendation, and I would oppose the (indiscernible). That has to do with Unit 21(E).

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Before Paul give his concern and question, I would like to ask some people here from Mountain Village. (In Yup'ik) Mr. Harry Wilde is going to explain the current regulations which applies to our winter season in 21(E).

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43 He explaining the proposed changes in existing regulations in Yup'ik, and he want Mountain Village residents comment what they think about the proposed changes.

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47 Mr. Wilde is explaining the boundaries, where the boundary begin for 21(E). The new proposed change to allow moose hunting in 21(E) from August 29 to September 10.

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2 Mr. Wilde explains to the residents of Mountain Village  
3 that in case there's coho salmon, commercial fishing in this  
4 area, they won't be able to go hunting in 21(E) during the open  
5 season. He wanted the residents to comment on that.

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7 Make it there, and there's some -- Alexie and Stan  
8 and .....

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10 MR. WALTERS: In the first place .....

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's echo, we can't hear you.

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14 COURT REPORTER: And identify yourself for the record,  
15 please?

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17 MR. WALTERS: Yes, I'm Alexie Walters. In the first  
18 place, why the changes? Who's benefitting by this change from  
19 September to August?

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21 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman?

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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25 MR. WALTERS: The season. What's the reason for the  
26 change from .....

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: They will respond to your question.  
29 ahead.

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31 MR. COFFING: Yeah, this is Mike Coffing, subsistence.  
32 I think the most direct response would be what I heard from  
33 Mr. Henry Deacon from Grayling when I was at the Western  
34 Interior Regional Council meeting. Mr. Deacon spoke about this  
35 proposal as did other Council members, and the real point of  
36 his comments and the reason that the Western Interior Council  
37 supported this proposal is because they felt that Federal  
38 subsistence hunting seasons should reflect traditional times  
39 when people subsistence hunt. And Mr. Deacon felt that people  
40 in his area, especially the elders, wanted to be able to hunt  
41 during August, and that they were not particularly interested  
42 in hunting late in September when the bulls were in rut. So  
43 that -- as I understand Mr. Deacon's comments, that was the  
44 reason for wanting to have the season moved to an earlier date:  
45 one, to reflect more of a traditional moose hunting season by  
46 people up in that area. And the other one, and maybe having a  
47 better quality of meat at that time of year than hunting later  
48 in September. That -- I think that is the best I could sum up  
49 his comments and the reasons for it.

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more comments from audience?

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4 MR. LARSON: Yeah.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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8 MR. LARSON: The reason for changing the regulation. You have this proposal packet, after about September 15th, the moose aren't moving extensively, and become vulnerable to hunters. This excessive vulnerability can result in excessive harvest, which is harmful to the moose population.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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16 MR. HARPAK: Mr. Simeon Harpak from Mountain Village. He'd like to comment regarding the moose hunting proposed changes. He says the elders in the past used to -- he'd like to comment what the elders use to say. If you are able to change hunting season for subsistence, moose hunting, you should also consider changing the open seasons for commercial fishing.

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24 He says that the research people or Fish & Game officials or personnel who does research in the field do whatever they want to do in any location of the Delta. You build -- or you do research, you build whatever you want to build, but you do not know what affects that causes, you know, for fish and wildlife resources.

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31 In the old days people never used to do too many things within these areas where there's reproduction of resources, you know, such as fish, and they never harvest anything -- they never allow any hunting when there isn't enough subsistence food available to them.

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37 But then I do have something else to say. There are some sport hunters which are allowed to do sport hunting in the respective areas where they're allowed to hunt. Sometimes these people do have what's called wanton waste. They only take antlers and leave carcasses behind.

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43 And there's another thing I want to say. I've heard -- there's a hearsay now upriver there are some fish floating down. People harvest salmon roe.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Koyana. Any more -- go ahead, James?

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1 MR. LUKE: Mr. Chairman, I'll come back to my first  
 2 statement was because we're not included in 21(E) and then it  
 3 seems to me that we don't have too much say on proposals, but  
 4- put by upriver people in 21(E), although we hunt in that  
 5 area, people pass anyway, so I would recommend to the Board,  
 6 you know, that they non-support, because they're going to close  
 7 us out anyway.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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11 MR. JOHN: Mr. Paul John from Toksook Bay says that he  
 12 commented yesterday that the elders take example of the face of  
 13 the earth as a plate or a bowl of food.

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15 Now I'd like to ask Advisory Council, because of the  
 16 fact that the land is their resource, you know, subsistence  
 17 resource, the land provides subsistence resource for the  
 18 people, there are some corporation boundaries, and because the  
 19 State Government is managing the corporation lands, there are  
 20 some -- there are some problems. He says one time he went  
 21 upriver to Innoko River for moose hunting. He says that during  
 22 the time those people asked them where they were from. And  
 23 then when those people -- I mean, when Paul John and his son  
 24 explained to those people where they were from, those people  
 25 asked the hunters, "Why are you hunting in Indian country?"  
 26 He'd like to know what can be done about management boundaries  
 27 on private lands, Federal lands and State lands.

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29 He says one time AVCP president -- he attended a joint  
 30 meeting of corporations in Anchorage, and he also heard  
 31 comments about problems with private land management and  
 32 Federal land management, State management. He says he was  
 33 telling those people what he spoke about yesterday about native  
 34 ways of life, that the fact that the corporations are creating  
 35 a lot of problem with, you know, with respect to subsistence  
 36 activities, because of the State managing the sources within  
 37 the private land boundaries.

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39 During that time those people from -- those people were  
 40 representing different agencies from throughout the State of  
 41 Alaska commented that, you know, they heard what their elders  
 42 used to say. What he recommended at the time was that they  
 43 should have a joint meeting regarding these problems with  
 44 management problems on subsistence resources so that they can  
 45 open a working relationship with the different land owners, how  
 46 subsistence fish and wildlife resources should be managed,  
 47 because in the future if nothing is done, people might do  
 48 something to people who go hunting. They might even kill each  
 49 other, because of the land trespasses. He told those people

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that nowadays younger people are not afraid to kill. You know, if they want to kill anyone, they can kill someone, or they could hurt somebody's well being. He says that because, you know, this affects the subsistence resources, he wanted to comment on some of these things so that it could be helped toward decision making. Koyana.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Michael, will you respond to that certain question or someone here? If that is possible for this Advisory Council to include private properties like corporation lands, that we could -- something to see so -- that part. Mike?

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14 MR. COFFING: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you. I'm glad that question came up, because one of the -- one of the items that's in your packet, in your booklet is a request from the Northwest Arctic Regional Council to do specifically that, that would allow Federal jurisdiction on State lands and private lands. And perhaps we could -- I'm a little reluctant to jump into it too deep right now, but perhaps when we get to that part of the agenda where we're talking about the, what's called the NARC, N-A-R-C, Northwest Alaska Regional Council, we could get into another discussion about Federal jurisdiction and Council involvement on -- in developing regulations affecting private land and State lands and waters, if you wish.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay.

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29 MS. SPITKA: Mr. Chairman, I would like to comment on the elder that said .....

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32 COURT REPORTER: Ma'am, could you please come up to where .....

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, will you come up here?

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37 MS. SPITKA: My name is Alice Spitka. I'd like to comment on the statement that you made. I would encourage this group or whoever's involved in this to give that support to him, because it does cause hardship on other people in the Lower Yukon, even down in the Hooper Bay area when they go hunting. When they reach that area, that place he mentioned, Bagluk, I know personally there has been people that have been shot at. I know personally that there have been people that have been pushed away from their village, and they weren't offered any gas at all. I would encourage you all to support the comment and encouraging that the corporation -- I would encourage you guys to support his comment so that more people will be serviced better and this problems.

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2 And I do agree with him that the corporations have  
3 really caused a lot of problems within our communities and in  
4 the surrounding areas. This corporation business has really,  
5 really caused a lot of harm to our people, and something needs  
6 to be done to resolve that, because as people, our job is  
7 supposed to be working together to survive, and not fight among  
8 ourselves. Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Alice. We've got next  
11 person, Vice Chairman David O. David. I give you that  
12 opportunity to speak.

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14 MR. DAVID: In the case many times -- I am going to  
15 have to tell you what I have brought many times to Federal as  
16 well as ADF&G people. I have many times told you that we are  
17 completely different people, and you have never asked our  
18 people, our ancestors if you could come up with your rules to  
19 run our people, so in that case, and in the case where ANCSA  
20 came up, you never -- your people -- Department of Interior has  
21 never informed us about ANCSA, how -- what they want to do.  
22 And for that reason, since we were never told how you want to  
23 that you wanted to come with the corporations, I would say  
24 that we should never have to ask anybody how we can live off  
25 the land as our ancestors have. Too many times we have been  
26 given rules, yet our -- like I said yesterday, yet our people,  
27 our own people who were here before Columbus time have lived  
28 off the land without depleting the resources of the land. So I  
29 don't think it's necessary for me and my people to listen to  
30 anybody else who come in from another country to live here.

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32 And I know and you know that you are more concerned  
33 about money that you will be getting from the Government in  
34 banning your agency.

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36 And like I said yesterday, Russia did not make  
37 agreement with my people to sell what they -- to sell Alaska to  
38 United States for 7.2 million. That's the same thing I said  
39 yesterday. Did not -- Russia did not have right to walk over  
40 my people to make a deal with another agency of the United  
41 States. It makes me sore inside. And I many times have said  
42 my people in the villages that we should never have to  
43 listen to Columbus descendants. The immigrants.

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45 It's not so that the people that work for Fish &  
46 Wildlife Service, ADF&G, they say it's not the human beings  
47 that I -- that I don't like. I like you as human beings.  
48 You're my friends, but there's the people that make rules  
49 behind desks are the people that I can't deal -- well, don't  
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Even want to talk to. Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Steven White. Yeah, go  
4 ahead.

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6 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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8 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, furthermore, we have no  
9 jurisdiction over corporation lands.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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13 MR. MANUMIK: We are Federal regulations at this time.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: However, that we've got response that  
16 if we get to a certain proposal .....

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18 MR. COFFING: Agenda.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Agenda. We will talk about something  
21 about. Okay.

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23 I would like to ask a final question before we start  
24 voting on this proposal 39. Final question is what is your  
25 feeling changing the date -- days, and only the changing the  
26 days in Unit 21(A) and 21(E) from the Federal side and the  
27 State side.

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29 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, help me out a little bit  
30 more. What .....

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. I'll help you. I'll help you a  
33 little bit more. What's your feeling of changing the date from  
34 September 5th to September 30, to August 20 to August (sic)  
35 10th? What's the feeling of State and Federal?

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37 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I think I'm going to defer  
38 Dave here to give you the summary of the Federal staff  
39 analysis. It's not -- I guess what we see ourselves doing is  
40 kind of pulling together information to give to the Council  
41 here to help them decide it. And then I'd like -- if John has  
42 those public comments available, he might want to tell you what  
43 the State's comments were specific to this proposal.

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45 MR. FISHER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, the Staff felt that  
46 increasing the hunting days would possibly increase the  
47 harvest, and the staff also felt that there was no real  
48 biological reason to change the -- to modify this proposal.  
49 You know, we feel that there's no reason to change the season.

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James, go ahead.  
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4 MR. LUKE: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make one last  
5 comment. For those of us that hunt in 21(E), the more I think  
6 about it, you know, we'll still be able to hunt in 21(E) from  
7 August 10th to the September 10th, except that, you know, we  
8 will be able to hunt ten days earlier. That was my comment.  
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10 MS. SHEPARD: I just wanted -- oh. My name is .....

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You've got to sit right in front.  
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14 MS. SHEPARD: My name is Theresa Shepard.  
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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Theresa Shepard?  
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18 MS. SHEPARD: Theresa Shepard. I'm from here. And,  
19 you know, all of you guys talk about the men go hunting, but us  
20 women, we put away the meat, and sometimes my dad and my  
21 brothers are gone for a week to ten days, and I don't like this  
22 changing it to earlier to August, because it's still warm, and  
23 the meat -- you know, when they come back and they're gone a  
24 week to ten days, and they come back, some of the meat on the  
25 outside's already spoiled, even if it's colder. But I'm  
26 thinking that it will be warmer in August and more meat will  
27 spoil and we'll have to throw away more meat, because it won't  
28 you know, it will be too warm and it will spoil more. So  
29 with September, you know, it start frosting a little bit, or  
30 going on the ponds, and it keeps the meat cooler in the  
31 evening, or at night, and it's cooler during the day before it  
32 warms up a little when the sun's up, and then it gets cool  
33 again. But -- and just a little bit of meat spoils on the  
34 outside, not a lot. So I don't like that changing. It's too  
35 still too warm.  
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Theresa. So if that's the  
38 last question, then I think we're -- Council, we understand  
39 what the concern are. Now the floor is open for to make  
40 someone from this Council to make a motion to accept the new  
41 version of this or leave it the way it is, Proposal #39.  
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43 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, if I could offer one  
44 comment, I wanted to ask the Chairman and the Council that if  
45 no matter how you vote on the proposal, I think it would be  
46 very helpful to get on record why you take the action you take,  
47 that is, if you are against it, explain or mention specifically  
48 why you are against it. The Regional Council in the Interior  
49 supported it, so it would help the Subsistence Board and staff  
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to know if two Councils have different viewpoints, to explain  
 in support of your action why you take the action that you do.  
 It would be very, very helpful.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think, Michael, you understand and  
 you hear the comments from the audience, also from the Council  
 here. Whatever the reason that the Council take action, the  
 reason will be given to you.

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MR. COFFING: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: So right now that the same as what I  
 say, that whoever that make a motion, he have to give also the  
 reason why we're make a motion against it or with that new  
 date. So I request for the motion on the floor.

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MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik) If I understand, the weather  
 is not cooperating, which it changes out there, there is no --  
 with what you have, you are stuck with it, is that so? If the  
 weather is not cooperating for you to go out hunting during the  
 open season, once it's gone, it's gone forever. There's no --  
 there won't be, you know, any changes because of the weather.  
 I'm scared of moose, and I don't hunt moose, but there are  
 times when I stay home due to weather or that I can't go out  
 hunting.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me make one more request. We  
 opened the floor for vote on -- make a motion, change the new  
 date or leave the new date. Change the date or leave the date  
 the way it is.

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MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. DAVID: Second the motion.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. NICK: There's a motion on the floor to keep the  
 regulation as is.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. WHITE: And the reason for keeping it the same as

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before is because of the fact that the local residents do have some problem in going hunting upriver during commercial fishing season.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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7 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. There's a motion on the floor, the motion to not to change the date, Unit 21(A) and 21(E) for the reason Lower Yukon involved in some fall season, commercial fishing. Other reason is Lower Yukon people travel a long range up to Paimuit Drainage. When the weather's warm, moose spoils before they get to their respective villages. For that reason they're not supporting new version of date to hunt for Unit 21(A) and 21(E). Is there any second?

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18 MR. DAVID: I gave second.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. David O. David seconded. Any discussion? Discussion?

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23 MR. SHEPARD: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Stan Shepard, Mountain Village. Mr. Stan Shepard wanted to comment on when the comments that were made. He has some problems with Lower Yukon only, you know, he would be more comfortable if Kuskokwim area is also included in the reason for .....

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Stan, maybe you could understand, this Council is from Yukon and Kuskokwim, so whatever they agree with, they will agree with certain area. Like the last time that we have to as a Council we have to watch ourself. Last time when we're agree with Kwethluk proposal. We had a problem here in the Yukon River. We cannot take both side when we do this. From that on. Unless the Kuskokwim agree with the Yukon River. And we don't want to take any more problems like that, what we done last time, because it really have a big problem, and also that -- well, it was causing problem.

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41 And in order to let Kuskokwim involved in this, I suppose Kuskokwim go out hunting, we would like to hear from Kwethluk people I think concerning this not changing the date, what's the people want here in Yukon. What do you think what they'll think over there?

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47 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chairman, Oscar Larson of Kwethluk. Mr. Oscar Larson says that this is his own comment. He said he didn't want to hurt anybody's feeling by commenting. He says

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that he don't have any problem with the motion, because the fact that, you know, if anybody can afford to buy supplies from Kuskokwim, they will be able to go up in that area and hunt moose. He says other than this, he doesn't have any other comment. And he says that he won't comment on behalf of this area, but he don't have any problems with the motion.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I think people of Federal/State understand that we make sure that this proposal is supported by Yukon or Kuskokwim, because last time there -- we had a problem when we include Yukon River, or Lower Yukon River on a moose hunting season. So right now that with my understanding, Kuskokwim and Yukon supporting not to move the date, leave the date the way it was before, September 5 to September 30th.

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16 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, a question on the motion. Was the motion then on the proposal to essentially oppose the proposal as written then? Was that the motion?

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20 MR. MANUMIK: The new language.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The new language. Oppose the new date. New date. Oppose the new date, .....

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25 MR. COFFING: Okay.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: ..... leave the way it has been.

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29 MR. COFFING: Okay.

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31 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman?

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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35 MR. ANDREW: John Andrew says that Steven White's motion intended to help the Lower Yukon people because of the fact that they still have some commercial fishing during the August, end month of August, and that it would be too warm to transport meat at the time.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Any more discussion?

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43 MR. LARSON: One more.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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47 MR. LARSON: I've got a question. My name is Oscar Larson. I've got a question on harvest limit. I notice they want to delete one antlered bull and change it to one bull

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moose. I want that clarification from the Board.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is that possible that you guys could  
 4 clarify that? What's really mean, get rid of antlers and to  
 5 one bull moose? What that mean? You mean you have to catch a  
 6 moose even if they're without no horn?

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8 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, if I could respond, the  
 9 current regulation for both Unit 21(A) and Unit 21(E), but the  
 10 ones that are in effect now, say that if you shoot a bull in  
 11 September or November up in 21(A), it has to have antlers.  
 12 That's what the current regulations say.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, it's for the winter hunt.

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16 MR. COFFING: And then for Unit 21(E), the one that's  
 17 more locally I think of concern and has been discussed at more  
 18 length here, during the September 5 to 25 season, if a person  
 19 wants to shoot a moose, it has to be a bull moose with antlers.  
 20 It can't be a young bull moose. It has to have antlers.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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24 MR. COFFING: The regulation changes and the wording  
 25 they're proposing would basically say it could be a bull moose,  
 26 doesn't have to have antlers, and then I guess maybe more  
 27 significantly, during the winter season, in 21(E) currently you  
 28 can take a cow. The proposed regulation would say essentially  
 29 no cows, it must be a bull moose during the winter season.  
 30 That would be the change, if adopted.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Mr. Hess.

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34 MR. HESS: (In Yup'ik) I'd like to add one more reason  
 35 that .....

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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39 MR. HESS: ..... for the moose hunting. You know, we  
 40 forget that August is the rainy season, and during the rainy  
 41 season when you go moose hunting, that meat will spoil pretty  
 42 fast (indiscernible, coughing). And I think that would be one  
 43 good reason why we oppose that -- moving that moose hunting  
 44 season to earlier.

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46 MS. FOGARTY: What was your name again?

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Final .....

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1 MS. FOGARTY: Excuse me, what was your name again?  
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3 MR. HESS: John Hess, Senior.  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hess, Senior.  
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7 MS. FOGARTY: Thank you.  
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9 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)  
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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. (In Yup'ik) Go ahead, James?  
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13 MR. LUKE: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make sure, you  
14 know, the difference between nonsupport and oppose. (In  
15 Yup'ik) nonsupport or oppose. (In Yup'ik)  
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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) I think I'm going  
18 to ask one more time if there's any more discussion on this  
19 Proposal 39?  
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21 MR. DAVID: Question.  
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23 MR. MANUMIK: Question on the motion.  
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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question has been called for. (In  
26 Yup'ik)  
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28 MR. NICK: They're going to vote on the motion not to  
29 change the regulations, to leave the regulations as is.  
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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33 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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35 (No opposing responses)  
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Now the motion, the  
38 action is now that we're supporting September 5 to September  
39 30th. That's the action, with those stipulations (ph) that  
40 we'll give you earlier what the reasons that we're supporting  
41 this date. (In Yup'ik)  
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43 MR. NICK: Moving on to Proposal #40.  
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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Proposal is Number 40, 21(E) moose.  
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47 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Proposal 40 is  
48 a proposal for Unit 21(E) moose, and more specifically it's for  
49 that portion of 21(E) along the Innoko River. Proposal 40 is a  
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proposal that was -- that originated with and proposed by your neighbors upriver in the Western Interior Regional Advisory Council.

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5 Proposal 40 would ask, or would make the change, or proposes the change that within a half -- on Federal public lands, within a half-mile either side of the Innoko River, that hunting would be closed during the February season. So if adopted, this proposal would then close half a mile on Federal public lands either side of the Innoko River during the February season.

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13 There is a map that is in your packet that shows -- it's this figure right here that's in your packet at the end of proposal 40. It shows where the Federal Public lands are along the Innoko River. You might want to refer to that. That is the area that would be affected by this proposal if the proposal was adopted.

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20 Federal lands within one-half mile corridor of the Innoko River consist of scattered BLM lands and Bureau of Land Management lands, and some lands that are under the Innoko National Wildlife Refuge.

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25 Population surveys haven't been conducted recently in Unit 21(E), but the local managers of BLM and Fish & Wildlife Service believe that the moose population in the area is high, and as high as it's probably ever been in the region. Biological trend survey data suggests that the populations are also stable. The moose cow to calf ratios remain high, at least based on the most recent information available to staff at 46 cows -- excuse me, 46 calves per 100 cows. And the bull/cow ratios have increased from 19 bulls to 100 cows in 1987 up to 28 bulls per 100 cows in 1990.

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36 Studies that are now under way in the upper Innoko River within the Innoko River National Wildlife Refuge indicate that the moose population in that area may be at or have exceeded the limits of the winter carrying capacity for those moose.

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42 Currently rural residents of 21(E), that includes Avik, Grayling, Shageluk and Holy Cross as well anyone else living within Unit 21(E), and residents in Russian Mission are eligible for hunting on Federal public lands under subsistence regulations in Unit 21(E).

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48 Let's see. During the period of 1985 through 1993, only the residents of Bethel, Holy Cross and Shageluk reported

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Harvesting moose along the Innoko River above the mouth of the Yukon River during February. So -- that data is based on harvest ticket reports that come into the State of Alaska. We have obtained some of that information from the State Department of Fish and Game. And published reports indicate again that Bethel, Holy Cross, Shageluk are the only ones reporting any harvesting up there in February.

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9 There's just very, very little Federal public lands close to Shageluk and Holy Cross, and if -- I think we're anticipating that a very small percentage of any winter harvest area in February is occurring on Federal lands, that probably much of it is occurring on village corporation lands or other State managed lands, private lands.

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16 Let's see here. Once again, the moose population in Unit 21(E) appears to be healthy. The reported harvest of ten moose taken within the Innoko River corridor in the last 11 years does not indicate that it is necessary to prohibit or restrict moose hunting within a half mile of the river during the February season in order to protect the moose.

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23 Adoption -- based on the information to the staff, adopting this proposal would unnecessarily restrict subsistence opportunities in that region.

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27 Once again, this regulation if adopted would affect only a very small portion of the Innoko River corridor, that is, only the Federal public lands in that area, and it would not restrict the harvest in the high density winter areas near the mouth of the Yukon -- or near the mouth of the Innoko River at the Yukon, because there are no Federal public lands in that area at this time.

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35 Mr. Chairman, that essentially is the staff analysis and the conclusions of the information to the Council.

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38 The Western Interior Council, your neighbors upriver, did support this proposal. It is their proposal. They did support it. There is a similar proposal, in fact maybe the exact same proposal, has been passed on to the Alaska Board of Game in the State proposal booklets that the Board of Game will also be looking at this spring. And that part would affect State lands, for your information.

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46 That concludes our comments, and I'll answer any questions you might have on it.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Harry says that during one of their

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meetings they were dealing with this proposal in Bethel meeting  
 some time ago. He says that people, representatives from  
 Kuskokwim area and representatives from lower Yukon at that  
 meeting did not like the proposal and did not support how it  
 was written.

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7 But he'd like to see this Council take action. Do you  
 want to support proposal by Western Interior Federal  
 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, or do you want to oppose  
 it? Or do you want to keep the regulations as is?

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12 He's asking the Council what they think about the  
 proposal.

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15 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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17 MR. ANVIL: I second.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor by -- a  
 motion on the floor to not to change the concept of 21(E) that  
 we -- with the new version. Leave it the way it is, like  
 before. Also that motion has been second. Now we come to  
 discussion?

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25 MR. NICK: The motion on the floor is to leave the  
 current regulation as is.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there any discussion over there?  
 Or here?

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31 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman?

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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35 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Paul John  
 make a motion to leave it the way it is, the way it is like  
 before, and second by Antone Anvil. Now is discussion. Any  
 discussion?

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42 MR. JOHN: Question.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. (In  
 Yup'ik). All who favor not to change the moose hunting season  
 district, the sides of the Innoko River, all who -- all who  
 favor it, say aye?

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49 IN UNISON: Aye.

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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, same sign?  
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4 (No opposing responses)  
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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. So we vote not to  
change it or not to put the new version limited at the mouth.  
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9 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I will start out by asking  
you to please forgive me, Harry, as I ask for more  
clarification. Again, we're at a situation where we have two  
councils with different views .....

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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16 MR. COFFING: ..... on a proposal. It would be very  
helpful if the Council or the members could briefly state on  
record their thoughts or ideas about why they are wanting to  
leave the regulations as they are, or in other words, why they  
don't want to adopt this proposal.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. We have been handle this  
similar in Bethel, a lot of you guys remember that.  
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25 MR. COFFING: In the Yukon.  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Yeah. We handled this same  
regulation.  
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30 MR. COFFING: No. Mr. Chairman, the regulation that  
the Council looked at last October I believe was very similar,  
but it was different. The one that you dealt with before was  
for a half-mile closure along the Yukon.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, Yukon. Okay.  
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37 MR. COFFING: And this one is for the Innoko.  
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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, .....

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41 MR. COFFING: Very similar though.  
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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul John was saying that it don't  
have to be restricted half a mile in that area, because no  
matter even if you kill a moose in the river or side of the  
river, there will be always some other moose that comes back to  
that area.

48  
49 MR. COFFING: Okay. Uh-huh.  
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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's a comment from Paul John that --  
when he make that motion. Not only that, I think it shouldn't  
be really restricted, part of it why, the reason would because  
people don't know really how far is a half a mile from the  
river in wintertime? Okay?

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8 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: They're moving on to their next agenda  
item, Item B, any other new business. We are going to break  
for lunch and then come back and take care of the rest of the  
agenda items after lunch. Breaking -- we're taking a recess  
for lunch at this time. 1:00 o'clock. Yeah. 12:30. 12:30  
we'll come back.

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17 (Off record)

18  
19 (On record)

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21 (Interpreter not present)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) I think right now what --  
the business (In Yup'ik). Michael Coffing (In Yup'ik).  
Federal -- I mean State (In Yup'ik). I think there are four  
proposals that we should look at from the State side, what they  
are, and maybe we could vote it and support them, or reject  
them. Michael, will you give us those certain .....

29  
30 MR. COFFING: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
There are a few State proposals in the State proposal booklet  
that are identical to the proposals that you've dealt with now.  
31 They're proposals -- a couple specifically are exactly just  
like the ones you worked now -- that you were working on before  
lunch from the Western Interior Council, and it essentially is  
the same proposal as Proposal 39 and Proposal 40.

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38 The State proposal -- I see Chuck with a booklet there.  
39 Chuck, it's Proposal 121. You might want to turn to that, on  
page 148. State Proposal 121 is the same as the Federal  
proposal 39.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think if we take it one-by-one we  
could do that faster.

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46 MR. COFFING: Okay.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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1 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. There's a motion on the floor  
by David O. David.

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6 MR. JOHN: (Second)

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And motion second by Paul John. To  
leave the moose hunting dates September 5 to September 30th in  
Unit 21(A) and also -- 21(A), also moose Unit 21(E) September 5  
to 25. Those motions that -- there's a motion on the floor  
now. The same date as what we passed in the Federal side.  
They want us to do it in the same wording as State. Is there  
any discussion? (In Yup'ik)

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16 MR. WHITE: Question.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. All  
who favor it say aye.

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21 IN UNISON: Aye.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, same sign, no?

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25 (No opposing responses)

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. (In Yup'ik) Number  
40. Forty (In Yup'ik).

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30 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik)

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor to .....

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34 MR. WHITE: Second.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: A motion by Chuck and second by who?

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38 MR. DAVID: Steven.

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40 MR. ANDREW: Steven White.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven. On the State proposal dealing  
with the same proposal as Proposal 40 in our proposal, what we  
passed this morning. No restriction on the side of the Innoko  
ever.

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47 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, just for the record, that  
was State Proposal 122.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. 122 State Proposal? Yeah.  
 2 Okay. 122 State Proposal. (In Yup'ik)

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 4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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 6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 8 (No opposing responses)

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 10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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 12 MR. COFFING: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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 14 There's another proposal in the State proposal booklet  
 15 that I believe was submitted actually by this Council, and it's  
 16 identical to the Proposal 37. So Proposal 37 is your proposal.  
 17 In the State proposal booklet, Proposal 125 there is exactly  
 18 the same as Proposal 37, and it is from this group. So you  
 19 might also want to entertain a motion on supporting that, or  
 20 taking the same action as you did.

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 22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 24 MR. CHALIAK: I move.

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 26 MR. DAVID: Second.

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 28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Chuck made a motion, and second by  
 29 David O. David. Discussion?

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 31 MR. WHITE: Question.

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 33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called for. (In  
 34 Yup'ik)

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 36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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 38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 40 (No opposing responses)

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 42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carries.

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 44 MR. COFFING: Okay Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
 45 Chairman, that is all of the Federal Regional Council  
 46 proposals that are in the State booklet that essentially effect  
 47 our Council's area here.

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 49 There are two other proposals, State Proposal 126 and  
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State Proposal 127. State Proposal 126 was submitted by the Department of Fish & Game. State Proposal 127 was submitted by the Lower Yukon Advisory Committee. And those proposals essentially also ask for the season north of the Yukon with the dates and provisions as in the Proposal 125.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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9 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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13 MR. MANUMIK: I don't know how to work this thing. Are you hearing me? (In Yup'ik, translating)

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Will you give us those and other proposals you're talking about now?

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19 MR. COFFING: Yes, sir. The proposal numbers are Proposal 126 and Proposal 127 in the State booklet. There is no proposal the same as them in the Federal booklet though. So these are only in the State booklet.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What those proposals are?

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26 MR. COFFING: Proposal 127 is almost identical to this Council's proposal for caribou north of the Yukon.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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31 MR. COFFING: Same season dates, same bag limit and so forth. So that one is very similar, almost identical in fact. So that one -- you know, maybe I'll stop with that and let -- maybe the Council will want to take action on that proposal, and then we can move on to the other one?

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, my understanding, because of similar and same principle proposals, even though some maybe wording are a little bit different?

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41 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Request for us why we don't vote these two proposals together as one block?

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46 MR. COFFING: Okay.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If it's -- if we're able to do that.

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1 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, you could do that, yes,  
 2 Sir.  
 3  
 4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah. Okay. Will you give  
 5 me those two proposals, two State proposals now, numbers?  
 6  
 7 MR. COFFING: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. Proposal 126 and  
 8 Proposal .....  
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 10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 126?  
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 12 MR. COFFING: Yes. 126 and Proposal 127.  
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 14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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 16 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
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 18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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 20 MR. WHITE: Move. (In Yup'ik)  
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 22 MR. ANVIL: Second.  
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 24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven White (In Yup'ik). Antone  
 25 Anvil second. (In Yup'ik) Discussion?  
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 27 MR. WHITE: Question.  
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 29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called for. (In  
 30 Yup'ik)  
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 32 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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 34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
 35  
 36 (No opposing responses)  
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 38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Any more proposals?  
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 40 MR. COFFING: Yes, sir, there's one last proposal.  
 41 This is State Proposal 129. And this proposal was proposed by  
 42 Andrew Stepenof, and this is a proposal for changing the State  
 43 Moose season so it would open August 20th, and be open from  
 44 August 20th through September 30th upriver of Mountain Village  
 45 Unit 18.  
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 47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: August the 30th?  
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 49 MR. COFFING: August 20.  
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2 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 20.  
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4 MR. COFFING: Through September 30.  
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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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8 MR. COFFING: The current State regulations are  
9 September 1 to September 30 now.  
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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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13 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik) oppose 129.  
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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose?  
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17 MR. WHITE: Oppose.  
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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Steven White (In Yup'ik).  
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21 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik) (Second.)  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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25 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman? Discussion?  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Discussion. Discussion.  
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29 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)  
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There he is. There.  
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33 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)  
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35 (Interpreter now present)  
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I think to clarify and let you  
understand, our translator just came in. There's a motion on  
the floor to not supporting State Proposal 129 for the reasons  
that we have passed one the Federal, the same -- similar one  
with -- why this Council are not in favor of for the reason  
that we have same reasons, similar one, due to if it's open too  
early in August lower Yukon people will not involve or if they  
could not able to go out and hunt because of if there's a fall  
season available for them to fish in lower Yukon. And also  
other reason, the same reason that we have similar one at the  
Federal proposal for the weather in case there's that people  
that hunt up there in -- if it's rainy weather, someone said  
that earlier it was rainy weather before you try to bring the  
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fish (sic) home -- I mean the moose home, meat home, it might be spoiled, because -- as myself, I want to add that every year I go moose hunting. Every year I try to go moose hunting, bring my grandchildren and children. When it's bad weather, moose won't last long, about three days, and now the moose is ready to spoil. Rainy weather. For that reason also that I'm not supporting this.

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9 However, there's a motion on the floor not supporting  
10. That's -- I want you to understand why the reason that we're not supporting it.

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13 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh. Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: But before we vote, there's any more discussion on this State proposal?

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18 MR. WHITE: Question.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. (In Yup'ik) All who against, say aye. (In Yup'ik)

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23 IN UNISON: Aye.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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27 (No opposing responses)

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So State Proposal 129 is failed by this Council. (In Yup'ik)

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32 Any more proposals?

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34 MR. COFFING: Yes, sir, one more dealing with moose in Unit 18. This is a proposal, it's Proposal #128, a proposal by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game. And this proposal is to basically allow the winter moose season in Unit 18 to occur within the same window of time as the Federal window for moose hunting. So this essentially would want to align the possible beginning date and possible ending date with the Federal hunt.

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42 Currently there is allowed a ten-day hunt, winter hunt, in Unit 18. Under the State regulations currently, the time period that can occur is December 20 to January 20. Under the Federal regulations that hunt could occur for ten days sometime between December 1 and the end of February, so this proposal would essentially give the State more latitude to do what the Federal regulations do, and the is allow for a larger window of time to fit that 10-day season in. That could be useful,

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especially considering bad weather that might caused problems for hunters, and it would allow the State to provide for a hunt at times it's more -- when the hunting area is more accessible and so forth to subsistence hunters. But that's what this proposal is for.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) You've got to put your earphone on. In the Yukon River, make it the same as in the Kuskokwim area. Harry Wilde is explaining to the Regional Council members that when the winter season was first proposed, State and Federal moose season was not open at the same time. The State would open and then Federal would open a little later, and then the State would close a little earlier, and then the Federal close a little later. He's explaining that portion of the winter moose hunting season history to the Regional Council members. Mr. Wilde says that the reason why they had two separate seasons approved by the Advisory Councils I believe was because the fact of some village residents could not go out hunting because of the fact that, you know, some weeks would be open in earlier season. And those people who couldn't go hunting at the time when State closed the season and Federal opens in later date, they would be able to go out, you know, when those open mountain (ph) creeks or open spots freeze over. And sometimes there would be a weather factor, you know, factor would be weather. For that reason, they were supporting -- at the time they were supporting two separate seasons.

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29 MR. JOHN: Mr. Paul John says that it looks like that's the way Advisory Councils and people involved were dealing with the winter season.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more motion? (In Yup'ik)

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35 MR. DAVID: I so move.

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37 MR. ANVIL: Second.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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41 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. NICK: Two separate seasons?

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Two separate seasons.

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49 MR. NICK: Motion by David O. David is to go ahead and

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continue having two separate moose winter seasons as before,  
with no changes. (In Yup'ik) Mr. Chairman?

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Who seconded?

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6 MR. ANVIL: Second (In Yup'ik)

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8 MR. NICK: Antone Anvil seconded the motion.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Antone Anvil second. Any more  
discussion?

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13 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman?

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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17 MR. COFFING: If I might offer a comment just so that  
the Council's clear on what the proposal is, the proposal isn't  
to keep two separate seasons. By the proposal by the State is  
to say that the State season could begin as early as December  
21st, if the State wanted to have a season that early. They  
could have it as early as December 1st, and as late as February  
28th. Currently the regulations only allow the State to open a  
season beginning December 20th. So it would allow for  
potentially an earlier season or potentially even a later  
season date. So it would offer not more hunting time, but  
more time in which to put the season.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We were talking about a discussion and  
when we first -- when we started voting on the first year, or  
first year of Federal, we separate the dates of State and  
Federal. When they're together on December, month of December,  
we had a problem. Weather and hunting season or danger. And  
because of hunting ten days, that's not time to go out and hunt  
and get the subsistence folks. That's why I think that we  
understand what you're saying. You want to move it similar to  
same days, but my understanding from the motion right now,  
separate the dates and one of them earlier, one of them later.  
Like a joint dates. Like if the State opens maybe on December  
20 and close after how many days, ten days?

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42 MR. COFFING: (Nods affirmative)

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And then Federal open from there, open  
ten days and close. Do you understand?

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47 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I understand that. I think  
that -- I think that could happen even if the proposal was  
adopted. That could still happen. You could still potentially

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have two concurrent seasons, the State season and the Federal season. What this proposal would do is allow you to have -- it would allow the State to have more time to place that season, either earlier or later. Right now there's only about .....

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The same date.

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8 MR. COFFING: ..... 30 days .....

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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12 MR. COFFING: ..... that the State can have that season. If this is adopted, the State could put that season within a 90-day season. It could place that season, ten days, within the 90-day period. So it would give you more time to have that ten-day hunt where you wanted it, where it fit better for you. Right now they can only put it within a 30-day period.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So I think I'm beginning to understand. Right now their proposal is similar with the State, that they want to put -- the State want Federal to open the same day, for same day hunting for ten days? Or different?

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25 MR. COFFING: No.

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27 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik) Opening day is as early as December 8th, right, Mike?

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30 MR. COFFING: December 20 right now .....

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32 MR. MANUMIK: Oh, December 20.

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34 MR. COFFING: ..... under the State regs.

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36 MR. MANUMIK: And ending as late as February .....?

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38 MR. COFFING: Well, I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman. Under the State regs the season can be for ten days. Now where it happens, where those ten days are depends on -- depends on when the area biologist and people want it to be placed. It could open the 20th and close on the 31st. It could open January 1 and close on January 10th, but it has to occur sometime between December 20 and January 20. What this proposal is doing is it wants to be able to put that season sometime between December 1 and February 28th, sometime within there, as it depends.

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48 MR. MANUMIK: Okay. Harry? (In Yup'ik)

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Go ahead.

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3 MR. STROM: Yeah. My name is Denny Strom with U.S.  
Fish & Wildlife Service. One of the things that we've tried  
over the last couple of years is to make regulations when we're  
dealing with wildlife as simple as possible so people can  
understand them. When you start splitting the seasons here,  
Federal and State, we have different jurisdictions out here.  
The land, the corporation land is under State jurisdiction, and  
we've got Federal land outside the corporation land. And when  
you have separate seasons like this, what happens is people  
don't know where they can hunt and where they can't hunt. And  
what's the State's trying to do is get themselves in a similar  
situation.

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16 We deal with the villages. We have the opportunity to  
talk with villages when they want the seasons. After talking  
to all the people, we come up with a season somewhere within,  
you know, the whole gambit of everybody that we talk to, and  
come up with a season that everybody can agree with.

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22 Now, if you have the State having another season off to  
the side there, see, what -- and they don't have it when the  
Federal open, you can't hunt on the State land. That's --  
there's some confusions on jurisdiction where people cannot  
hunt on it.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. If that is the problem, you  
give us 20 days hunting with the State and Federal, same day  
open and same day end. But 20 days.

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32 MR. STROM: Then you should make that proposal to the  
Federal Board. That would be you guys' action.

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35 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Oscar Larson from  
Kwethluk says that this proposal is asking whether or not the  
Council would reject or approve the proposal which is being  
submitted through the State. Under the State laws everyone is  
given a ten-day moose hunting season. Sometimes during that  
ten-day, it's not possible to always go out there, because of  
the weather, you know, sometimes weather is really bad. What  
was that second dates? From proposal? That proposed those  
proposed dates from?

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45 MR. COFFING: You wanted to know what those proposed  
dates are?

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48 MR. LARSON: Yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me see the .....

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3 MR. COFFING: Sure.

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5 MR. LARSON: Yeah. He says that this proposal is to  
 6 extend the time period when it would be possible to open the  
 7 moose winter season, instead of giving ten days within the 30  
 8 or more days, you know, it will give a possibility of opening  
 9 the moose season. He says that that's the proposal.

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11 MR. NICK: It's submitted by State, right? State of  
 12 Alaska?

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14 MR. LARSON: He says that councils who met over in  
 15 Kuskokwim did not have any problem with the proposal.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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19 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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21 MR. LARSON: Yeah. Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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23 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. LARSON: That would be ten days (In Yup'ik)

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James?

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29 MR. LUKE: Mr. Luke, James Luke, says that, you know,  
 30 we don't have any problem with the proposal if people are  
 31 allowed to hunt between December and January. He said it would  
 32 be favorable if a time period would select for State to open  
 33 season between December and February, that would be good for  
 34 the communities.

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36 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, Greg Roczicka with AVCP.  
 37 The way it stands now, there is still nothing in regulation  
 38 that guarantees that there's going to be two separate seasons.  
 39 Again, it's at the call of the managers, whether it be the  
 40 refuge manager, Mr. Strom, or whether it's Randy Kacyon for  
 41 Fish & Game. That call is up to them, and they -- when they  
 42 come out with their dates this year, and correct me if I'm  
 43 wrong, but I believe the State brought a proposal to the  
 44 Federal Subsistence Board last year asking them to require that  
 45 they have the same season, and that was rejected. So -- but  
 46 anyway, so it could go either way right now. There's nothing  
 47 that require that they do have separate ones, there's nothing to  
 48 require that they do have the same one. It's all at the call  
 49 of the -- and again if this proposal lengthens the amount of

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time that the State has available to it for setting this ten-day season whenever.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion?

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6 MR. SHEPARD: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Stan Shepard, Mountain Village. Stan Shepard from Mountain Village commented that if the current proposal is adopted, it would work out better, because sometimes, you know, like this past season -- last season, which was open on December 20 and close at he says 29th of December.

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13 MR. NICK: Let me listen to him a little bit first and then I'll put it together.

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16 MR. SHEPARD: Okay. What he says was, you know, that this proposal is good, you know, because it would give managers more time to make a decision whether or not a hunting will be open for a ten-day period between December and February.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion? (In Yup'ik) David?

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24 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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26 (Laughter)

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Harry Wilde says that, you know, ten-day period moose hunting period won't change, but the time frame to make decision for them to open it would change. No matter what we do with that proposal, it cannot -- they don't separate the State and Federal, there's no guarantee that they will be separate?

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35 MR. COFFING: That's correct.

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37 MS. FOGARTY: That's right.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, that's my understanding. They can be same ten-days hunt. Both?

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42 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, if I may, there's no guarantee in the proposal, because the proposal does not say when that ten-day season is going to be. It doesn't say they're going to be the same, and it doesn't say they're going to be added on or overlap. All it says is it may start December 1st, that early, or it may end as late as February 28th, but the season's still going to be 10 days. It just gives you a larger table to place those ten days, rather than

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Having to stick it in only in between December 20 and January 20th. It gives you kind of a longer table to lay it on.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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6 MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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10 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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14 MR. NICK: Mr. Chuck Chaliak asked the Chairperson  
Whether or not it would be okay to go ahead and adopt Proposal  
#28.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) I think (In Yup'ik).

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20 MR. DAVID: Question. (In Yup'ik)

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, motion (In Yup'ik)

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24 MR. DAVID: I thought there was a motion on the floor.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. DAVID: I think we're on -- we're accepting the  
motion.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question (In Yup'ik).

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33 MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik) Motion.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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37 MR. NICK: There is a motion on the floor to .....

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor by Chuck  
Chaliak and seconded by David O. David to favor that proposal  
in State proposal book. Discussion?

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43 MR. DAVID: Question.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. All  
who favor it and supporting say ayes.

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48 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, same sign?

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3 (No opposing responses)

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried supporting that  
6 proposal.

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8 Any more proposals?

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10 MR. COFFING: Doy. (Finished)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Doy. Yeah. Okay. New other  
13 business. We've got I don't know how many business is in that  
14 new other business. And also recommendations in that new other  
15 business. Our Vice Chairman got recommendation, and Paul  
16 Manumik had one, and I think we start out, Michael, with you.  
17 There's some things in there maybe we talk about?

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19 MR. COFFING: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. One of  
20 the things that we touched on briefly before is in your packet,  
21 and it's listed under this, NARC petition. It should look like  
22 this. Towards the back of your packet there.

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24 This is a petition that was submitted by the Northwest  
25 Alaska Regional Advisory Council, Stevens Village, Kawerak,  
26 Copper River Native Association, AFN, Alaska Inter-tribal  
27 Council, Rural CAP, and Dinyee Corporation. This is a petition  
28 that has been put in here, because the Staff Committee and the  
29 Federal Subsistence Board wanted to lay it in front of the  
30 Councils and let them look at it and discuss it, and for the  
31 Councils to be able to comment on it and provide comments to  
32 the Federal Subsistence Board.

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34 This petition asks that essentially the Department of  
35 Interior and Department of Agriculture, Secretaries of those  
36 agencies, reverse a decision that was -- had been made earlier,  
37 and if adopted this would allow Federal jurisdiction on  
38 non-Federal land. Essentially it would allow for Federal  
39 jurisdiction on private lands or, you know, be they corporation  
40 lands or private individual lands or State lands, but it would  
41 allow for private jurisdiction -- or for Federal jurisdiction,  
42 Federal authority to restrict hunting and fishing on  
43 non-Federal lands if it was necessary to protect subsistence on  
44 the Federal lands. That is one part of it.

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46 Another part of it essentially says that Federal  
47 regulations should apply on lands that the State has selected,  
48 that have been selected perhaps by corporations as part of  
49 their over-selections, but have not yet been fully conveyed to

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those land owners. Currently on lands that have been selected but not conveyed to the State or to village corporations, State Regulations apply on those lands. And as I mentioned, the second element of this petition asks that in fact if adopted that Federal subsistence regulations would apply on selected lands that have not been yet fully conveyed. Okay.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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10 MR. NICK: Chairman Harry Wilde is explaining what you presented to him. What Mike Coffing presented to the Council.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Wilde asked the Council members, because he feel they may be understanding what the proposal is, he want to know whether they support or reject.

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17 MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chairman?

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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21 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Chuck Chaliak moved that we'll support this petition. Who's second it?

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26 MR. ANVIL: (In Yup'ik)

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Antone Anvil. Discussion.

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30 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman?

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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34 MR. ANDREW: John Andrew is explaining to the Council members that, you know, there's been some problems with incorporate -- with respect to corporation lands, management of fish and game resources, and for that reason the up north people, and other regions, they supported this petition. Nine other regions supported this petition.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay Any more discussion?

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43 MR. CHALIAK: Question.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. (In Yup'ik)

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48 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose side to say no?  
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3 (No opposing responses)  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.  
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7 Before we go to next one, there's some -- those are new  
8 other one, school children there?  
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10 MR. SORENSON: Some of them are.  
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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Will you introduce the ones that  
13 wasn't introduced this morning?  
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15 MR. SORENSON: Okay. Let's start here. Stanley  
16 Chicklok. What grade are you in, Stan?  
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18 MR. CHICKLOK: Ninth.  
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20 MR. SORENSON: Ninth grade. (Indiscernible) I'll just  
21 go through the whole list. I don't know who was here earlier.  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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25 MR. SORENSON: This is Juanita Walski. (Indiscernible)  
26 Walski. And back here is William Joe, Grace Wilde, Ralph (ph)  
27 Beans, Jr., Ollie Cochrine, Estelle Dentinier (ph), and Minnie  
28 Oswald.  
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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. What group they are?  
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32 MR. SORENSON: Okay. This is general science.  
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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: General science?  
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36 MR. SORENSON: Right.  
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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah. Thank you. We thank  
39 you for participating.  
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41 Next?  
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43 MR. COFFING: Doy, Mr. Chairman. That's all I have.  
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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's all you have. Okay. (In  
46 Yup'ik) David O. David is going to present to you what he  
47 wanted to present to you yesterday.  
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49 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik) Did I give the paper I wrote  
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to anybody? Oh, it's -- what I was asking for was to have a meeting with the other Regional Advisory Committees so they -- Oh, here it is. If possible, to have the staff inform all the other Regional Subsistence Advisory Councils to have joint meeting in future, and include the corporation lead people, since we do our subsistence hunting and fishing in those lands, and have the corporation people be present at the meeting, if the joint meeting is done so with all other -- with the other Advisory Councils.

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11 MR. NICK: Do you understand what he's saying?

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Wilde supports the joint meeting with other Regional Council members as well as other interested land owners such as native corporation land owners to discuss some land -- some concerns that the Councils have. And he'd like for someone to entertain a motion.

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19 MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chuck Chaliak made a motion to go ahead and call for a joint meeting with the other Regional Councils.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Who seconded it?

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29 MR. CHALIAK: Second.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Seconded by Chuck, motion by Paul John to have a joint meeting with the others, mostly Upriver and north peninsula and people over in the south side, to take care of some of our problems that are of concern. Make sure, try to let our elders involve, customary and traditional use, looking at that, and also some other problems that need to be taken care of with other Regions. The motion was there and seconded. Discussion?

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40 MR. CHALIAK: Question.

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42 MR. ROCZICKA: David, you talked to that earlier this morning, and one other group that you had in there that I didn't hear you mention just now in your motion is that you thought it would be a good idea, too, to specifically invite members of the affected corporations as well.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah.

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: The corporate members, not only  
 2 (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech).

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 4 MR. DAVID: The corporation people are also included in  
 5 here as well as the elders.

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 7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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 9 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. I think (indiscernible).

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 11 MR. DAVID: I didn't have the elders here. I just put  
 12 it on.

13  
 14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Include invite corporation  
 15 members and also some elders during this meeting whenever -- I  
 16 don't know when. So any more questions?

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 18 MR. CHALIAK: Question.

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 20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I mean -- ee-ee. (In Yup'ik)

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 22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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 24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 26 (No opposing responses)

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 28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion passed. Down to -- let me call  
 29 upon our secretary, also he got something. I don't know what  
 30 he's got, need to be taken care of.

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 32 MR. MANUMIK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Earlier I  
 33 passed out this paper that relates back to the Federal resident  
 34 definition. Yesterday there in our meeting Mike Coffing had  
 35 asked for some recommendation from this Regional Advisory  
 36 Council to pass on to Federal Subsistence Board for them to  
 37 consider. And the recommendation from this Regional Advisory  
 38 Council here is "Regarding the concerns raised by the residency  
 39 and license requirements issue, the Y-K Delta Subsistence  
 40 Regional Advisory Council entirely agrees that this is a  
 41 loophole which should be closed. Consideration of the matter,  
 42 however, finds that it needs to be addressed at more than face  
 43 value. It opens the lines of thought to much deeper and longer  
 44 term concerns while --" There's a line -- oh, "which lie at  
 45 the true heart of the problem, which will not go away, and will  
 46 only get worse unless and until they are properly addressed."  
 47 What should be corrected there. It's addressed, is it?

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 49 MS. FOGARTY: Uh-huh (affirmative).

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2 MR. COFFING: Uh-huh (affirmative).  
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4 MR. MANUMIK: "One of the most immediately apparent to  
5 the Y-K Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and its  
6 constituents is that this may devolve in the future into  
7 another layer of bureaucracy that will be imposed on those who  
8 have the greatest involvement and dependence upon subsistence  
9 harvest activities; those who are essentially the only reason  
10 and purpose that Title VIII of ANILCA even exists at all.  
11 Given this most basic and immutable fact, the Y-K Delta  
12 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council recommends that:

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14 "All individuals of Alaska native heritage shall be  
15 considered to hold lifetime subsistence use permits/licenses  
16 applicable to any and all species harvested for subsistence use  
17 as established by the centuries of customary and traditional  
18 practice. To eliminate creation and imposition of yet another  
19 permit system, a holder of a certificate of native blood as  
20 issued under the Bureau of Indian Affairs enrollment process  
21 will be recognized as a legal participant for all subsistence  
22 harvest activities.

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24 "For the face of the problem addressed under this  
25 issue, we suggest a more straightforward approach than is found  
26 within the options presented. Simply adopt appropriate  
27 regulatory language which states clearly that: 'A person who  
28 has not resided within the State of Alaska for a period of at  
29 least one year may not be issued a license which allows the  
30 taking of an animal under subsistence hunting or fishing  
31 laws.'"

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33 That is the recommendation from this Regional Advisory  
34 Council, Mr. Coffing. Mr. Chairman?

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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38 MR. MANUMIK: There needs to be a motion to forward  
39 this to the Federal Subsistence Board from this Regional  
40 Advisory Council for their consideration.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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44 MR. ANVIL: Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Anvil (In Yup'ik).  
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48 MR. WHITE: (Second)  
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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven White. Discussion?  
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3 MR. CHALIAK: Question.  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. (In  
6 Yup'ik) All say aye?  
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8 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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12 (No opposing responses)  
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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Recommendation to  
15 commendation of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Council  
16 Subsistence Council's, it will be forwarded to the Board of  
17 Directors of Subsistence Board, Federal Subsistence Board.  
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19 Any more on other business?  
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21 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chairman?  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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25 MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik)  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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29 MR. LARSON: Mr. Oscar Larson from Kwethluk IRA  
30 Council. He said that in one of the joint meetings there was  
31 some problems.  
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33 MR. NICK: I'm going to ask the Chairman to let him  
34 interpret on this one so that we'll know, we'll understand what  
35 he really is talking about.  
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37 MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik)  
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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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41 MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik)  
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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)  
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45 MR. LARSON: Okay. The Kwethluk Joint Group has run  
46 across some difficulties regarding the directives that was  
47 given to the Refuge Manager by the Board of -- or the Federal  
48 Subsistence Board regarding the Kwethluk River rafting, which  
49 includes the Kisaralik and Kashegelok (ph) Rivers. And what  
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they were asking for to the Regional Subsistence Advisory Council here, that they present to the Federal Subsistence Board that they -- should they have any more plans, that they have a memorandum of agreement and further studies on any other plans they might come up with with the affected parties. Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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10 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik) (Moves)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor by Chuck Chaliak supporting the recommendation as given to us by Kwethluk. If there's any second?

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16 MR. DAVID: (Second)

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: David O. David seconded. Discussion?

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20 MR. DAVID: On things like that for rafting as well as sports fishing the rivers that are used by the people in the area, and the rivers where fish spawn, should be carefully studied before anything is done, because the people from down south have already done enough damage to our spawning areas in the rivers, which includes Kuskokwim, Yukon and the other rivers further north of here. And that's gone too far without the original people that have lived here before their time. If those people are so darned interested in rafting, let them raft what's that big river down in the Lower 48?

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31 MR. LARSON: Columbia.

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33 MR. DAVID: Yeah. Let them raft down there, not up here.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion?

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38 MR. ANVIL: Question.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. (In Yup'ik) All who favor it, say aye?

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43 IN UNISON: Aye.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no?

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47 (No opposing responses)

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried supporting that

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recommendation.

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3 (In Yup'ik) Administrative matters. I think -- I  
4 don't know who's supposed to handle this administrative  
5 matters. Maybe our coordinator. We want to know.

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7 Thanks for coming.

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9 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman?

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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13 MR. ANDREW: He said that there's been some problems  
14 with administrative matters. He says that there's been some  
15 administrative problems which caused some problems in dealing  
16 with the administrative issues. He said that, you know,  
17 there's been some meetings that were -- it seems like I  
18 understand him to say that there's been some scheduled meetings  
19 and they were cancelled or referred to some other days. What  
20 we want to see done is that there should be a policy made when  
21 and where next meeting will be held for the Council. He says  
22 that, you know, there should be some options considered for  
23 someone before the meeting (indiscernible). He says that, you  
24 know, in the policy he says if they decide to hold a meeting in  
25 the month of October, they should always -- they should also  
26 indicate which village they will hold that meeting at.

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28 He also mentioned the advance forms. He says that if  
29 any members of the Council need any travel advances they would  
30 have to fill in travel vouchers or travel advance paperwork.  
31 He's giving directions how -- or what is his goals with respect  
32 to their travel paperwork when they return at their village.  
33 They should complete all their travel vouchers and then send  
34 them to appropriate address at the back of the travel voucher.

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36 But he would like to -- he would like for the Council  
37 to encompass a date of October meeting.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Only the problem we have is we've got  
40 paper to go by. It's already written, and we pass it when we  
41 were working on our charter and those other ones. What you  
42 call those?

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44 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Policies. We had already in policy  
47 written what date that we're supposed to have a meeting. It's  
48 not only Lower Yukon or Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta problem. I think  
49 that the whole -- all the Subsistence Councils supposed to meet

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in the same part of the month and say what month and close to that thing. That's the way our policy written.

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4 The only thing, the problem we have here is getting quorum on that meeting, you know, depending -- we have to set and set aside if we think that subsistence is very important to us and to our people, we should try to attend those meetings and other meetings that we have. If it need to be moved ahead or back, it should be done.

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11 I think because it's not -- that this don't have no deadline, I think we should recommend put it on agenda for next meeting and make a decision wherever we have a meeting next meeting. That line item.

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16 MR. ANDREW: Ee-ee.

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18 MR. CHALIAK: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chuck Chaliak would like to add to what John Andrew says. He'd like to see that any proposals for administrative matters should be written in black and white and then presented to the Council members for their decision making purposes. He said that, you know, each and every organization, whether it's a large organization or a village, like churches or corporations or what have in the villages, they prepare anything that have anything to do with administrative matters and then present it to their respective board members for decision making. He's recommending that, you know, the staff should come up with a proposal or written recommendations so that Council -- that the Advisory Council can consider that. And in those black and white it would be written, you know, what would be expected of each council member when he or she is attending meetings.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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36 MR. CHALIAK: Yes.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Wilde says that they should consult with Association of Village Council Presidents first, you know, so that there aren't any meetings won't be in conflict with other agencies like AVCP.

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43 MR. DAVID: Mr. David O. David is recommending that, you know, if there are no important issues which need to be dealt with immediately you should not have meetings too close together, you know, we should consider getting all of the issues that need to be dealt with put together first and then all a meeting.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. John Andrew explained  
4 to the Council members that in October it's before the Federal  
5 Subsistence Board meets. They try to deal with the issues and  
6 also towards the end of January or early February they try to  
7 hold the meetings so that they could deal with any issues that  
8 need to be considered by that Council. And between the  
9 meetings and between the other meetings, these meetings will be  
10 put out. Agendas. Proposals for agenda -- rather, proposals  
11 and minutes will be put together so they will be presented to  
12 other folks for dates.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Chairperson Harry says that,  
15 you know, this will be referred to next agenda.

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17 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Now to Regional Council members  
20 commitment. Regional Council members commitment will also be  
21 referred to by the meeting at -- They're going to discuss item  
22 B2 unexcused absence. Yesterday the Council expressed concerns  
23 about weather factors, even though they want to attend  
24 meetings, you know, there are also some other problems like  
25 weather, you know. And they wanted to discuss this further, so  
26 they're going to discuss this, because, you know, no one can  
27 control the weather. Mr. Harry Wilde advised the Council  
28 members that if any of them -- if any of the members cannot  
29 attend for any reason, they should call the chairperson, the  
30 vice chairperson, the secretary, or any staff member, the fact  
31 is and give the facts or excuses why he or she can't attend the  
32 Council meetings, so that during the appropriate time at the  
33 opening of the meeting or any meetings then appropriate excuse  
34 would be given for that member. But if a person misses any two  
35 consecutive meetings without any reason, then the members of  
36 the Council will consider what they should do either to remove  
37 or continue membership from that respective Council member.  
38 And if any member want to go ahead and have Council report any  
39 unexcused members, they should also -- they should also advise  
40 the staff or the chairperson.

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42 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? David O. David commented  
43 that, you know, these Regional Council meetings he think are  
44 very important, because it has to do with subsistence ways of  
45 life.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Because of the importance of the  
48 attendance of each Regional Council member, the chairperson  
49 commended to the Council that in the next Regional Council

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meeting alternate membership should be discussed then, placed  
on the agenda for discussion.

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4 General public comment. We would like to hear from you  
as general public, your comment. Go ahead.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. This should  
probably be on the other business portion. I would have raised  
my hand there, but in this .....

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You mean you've got papers?

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: I have papers.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thick one.

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17 MR. ROCZICKA: I gave a copy to the science teacher  
here as well, to the school.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Will you make your comments as  
sweet and short, so understandable, not to use the whole  
booklet here, we would appreciate it.

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24 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I'm  
Greg Roczicka from AVCP.

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27 This is kind of just an update, informational item for  
the Council, and to address the brown bear issues which you're  
quite familiar with. This group made recommendations on it  
last year's meeting, and we've been carrying forward with  
that, looking for alternative management measures and working  
with both State and Federal management agencies.

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34 And on February 28th there was the latest meeting held  
Bethel at which a draft study plan was presented that has  
looked to actually taking some steps to incorporating the  
traditional environmental knowledge into the, quote/unquote,  
accepted scientific methods. It's kind of a first step in that  
direction as far as having something that people can actually  
work with.

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42 At that meeting myself, Michael Coffing, Denny Strom  
from Fish & Wildlife, and Randy Kacyon from Fish & Game were  
directed to act as a subcommittee of sorts to put together a  
complete draft management plan and bring it back to the group  
for further review.

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48 And also maybe just another item for general interest,  
Mr. Stan Shepard of Mountain Village here was also selected as

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co-chair of that committee. Or the co-management planning group.

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4 And I guess the main reason for bringing it before this Council as well as that we'd like to ask for your continued support and endorsement that, you know, further -- any further research and management studies that do take place kind of remain on hold at this time while this plan is being developed.

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10 And to keep it short and sweet, I'll leave it at that.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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14 MR. NICK: Harry? Excuse me, Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. You understand what he was saying, that while they're working on this thing that no other projects shouldn't be started. That's what you're saying?

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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Essentially, yeah, that the status quo is that .....

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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26 MR. ROCZICKA: ..... things stay as they are for the moment without any .....

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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31 MR. CHALIAK: Support the motion. (In Yup'ik)

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Chuck is supporting this commendation. Who second it?

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36 MR. DAVID: I did.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: David O. David. Discussion? Question?

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41 MR. COFFING: Yeah, I have a question of Greg.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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45 MR. COFFING: I was wondering, Greg, in the last paragraph there, I'm wondering, "And request that research/management decisions and activities surrounding ... be on hold" until negotiation of the plan are developed. Does that include activities to go out and gather -- as part of our cooperative

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agreement, to go out and gather through AVCP and folks there,  
gather harvest information? Is that something that you're  
suggesting that we put on hold?

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: That's something that's kind of on-going  
within the process, so that's -- I said that no further -- no  
additional activities take place other than what the current  
level is. If you follow me?

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Does that mean that they could go out  
and count how many bears are killed and all that stuff?

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Continuing with their surveillance  
flights .....

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: On-going.

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18 MR. ROCZICKA: ..... and things of that nature,  
monitoring the collars that are there; however, no additional  
collars would be -- would go out and take place. And what you  
mentioned as far as the harvest survey and so forth, that is  
also -- it's .....

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24 MR. COFFING: That's (Indiscernible, simultaneous  
speech).

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27 MR. ROCZICKA: ..... on-going process. It's part of  
current activities that people are already working with. It's  
one of the tools that's in place and that we're working on.

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31 MR. COFFING: Okay. Sure. Yeah, that's what I needed  
some clarification on. We're not suggesting holding off on  
this cooperative agreement with AVCP, and work through AVCP to  
gather information about traditional knowledge of brown bears  
and so forth, and some harvest information. That would -- that  
could continue, and that would go on.

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38 MR. ROCZICKA: Exactly. Yeah, and that's spelled out  
within the study plan there.

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41 MR. COFFING: Okay.

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43 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion? If there's not,  
(In Yup'ik)

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48 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman is asking for further question  
from any Council members.

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2 MR. ANVIL: Question.  
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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. (In  
5 Yup'ik) All who favor it say aye.  
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7 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no?  
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11 (No opposing responses)  
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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Motion carried supported  
14 by Council Yukon Delta.  
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16 MR. ROCZICKA: Koyana.  
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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Any more public comment? Go  
19 ahead.  
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21 MR. LARSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to start  
22 receiving from your scribed (ph) transcripts of meetings  
23 starting today, you know, whenever it ends, until I'm finished  
24 guess. Any transcripts of meetings that I can use for  
25 reference.  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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29 MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik) And you can forward them to  
30 my mailing address.  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You give us your mailing address and  
33 your name?  
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35 MR. LARSON: Oscar Larson, care of Kwethluk IRA  
36 Council, P.O. Box 129, Kwethluk, Alaska, 99621. Thank you.  
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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Charlie -- James?  
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40 MR. LUKE: The same thing. I would like to subscribe  
41 to your meetings.  
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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Also, James, Kuigpagmiut, want to have  
44 same thing?  
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46 MR. LUKE: Yes.  
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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Will you give us your address and  
49 maybe your phone number or something?  
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2 MR. LUKE: Yes, I'll give it to your secretary. I will  
write it down.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Secretary?

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7 MS. MASON: Sure, I'll take that.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay.

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11 MS. MASON: I'm the secretary of this.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Anyone else want same thing?

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15 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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19 MR. DAVID: Mr. David O. David recommend to the Council  
that not only two people who are interested here present, the  
minutes of the meeting of the Council should be sent to all the  
affected or village leaders' offices, such as city councils or  
traditional councils or corporations council for their  
information.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There is a recommendation now that if  
it's possible that all the minutes, some of the minutes should  
go to village entities like maybe right now the Federal is  
dealing with not the State, but the traditional council. Maybe  
some of those minutes could go to traditional council. Also  
the agenda of our meeting should be going to also the -- maybe  
traditional council, city council, or corporation or one of  
them.

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35 Here in Mountain Village, what we do is we try to let  
everyone involved, when we receive something for benefit of our  
Mountain Village, we make sure that everyone knows that --  
what's going to be happening. That's what I myself, even  
though I am corporation, and I work very close with  
Kigpagmiut, I work with James very close. Also I do notify  
traditional council and city council. I think here our Council  
has responsibility. What you do in your village. You should  
let other entities know in your village what's going to happen,  
and if the agenda is there and shared, that's sent with them,  
and all that, I think that would be less problem.

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47 So -- also that I would like to tell you, because I  
appreciate high school and children of Mountain Village  
involved this morning and we would like to let you know that  
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minutes should be sent to them, and make sure that appreciation  
or something.

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4 And I think if there's any more public comment?

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6 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman?

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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10 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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14 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) What I'd like to -- what I said  
15 Yup'ik was that I'm going to put myself aside as -- you  
16 know, I'm going to put my uniform on the side and speak as a  
17 resident of Russian Mission.

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19 Just before I left in Russian Mission, I spoke to  
20 council leaders who did not even know there was going to be  
21 such meeting as Regional Council meeting in Mountain Village,  
22 because of the fact that they did not receive any notification  
23 of agenda items for these meetings. And for that, you know,  
24 because -- and probably because they weren't prepared, that,  
25 you know, to attend meeting or they did not set money aside for  
26 someone to come here and attend this meetings, those people did  
27 not show up.

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29 One other thing that I noticed yesterday when I take  
30 these materials from your distribution table over there, I  
31 noticed that a lot of these materials were sent to someone who  
32 are not involved in council or village leadership in a  
33 community such as Russian Mission.

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35 So my recommendation was next meeting before -- you  
36 must understand that I'm speaking only as resident of Russian  
37 Mission, not as employee of the Federal Government. My concern  
38 as a local resident is that the distribution of paper that you  
39 got, a list of your papers which are made available to us here,  
40 those people are not even council members. Those people are  
41 not involved in the community issues. They're not involved in  
42 anything in the village, and those -- for -- probably for that  
43 reason they did not attend this meeting. And my recommendation  
44 the Council is that, you know, you do have staff here. The  
45 Council have staff. Their staff should contact these villages  
46 and find out who the village leaders are. They should let  
47 those people know that there's such meeting and send them  
48 agendas, appropriate agenda items so that they will be prepared  
49 to attend these meetings, and bring their concerns to you.

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2 I'm speaking this as -- not as interpreter, not as a  
3 Fish & Wildlife employee. I'm only speaking on behalf of the  
4 villages that I represent and work with upriver. Thank you  
5 very much.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Maybe I could respond to your request  
8 there. I did request make sure to send the agenda to all the  
9 villages for Lower Yukon. Also out -- me myself, I sent out  
10 agenda through fax to some villages, using the money out of my  
11 pocket, and never been replaced. Even though I have collect  
12 call numbers from Federal, I've never used that, because I  
13 don't want to start something that I never have been before.  
14 I've still got that phone number that I could use from Federal.  
15 And I think I could do -- use our coordinator and also I let  
16 the office in Anchorage know to make sure that the agenda  
17 should be -- goes to the 13 villages, the 13 villages that I  
18 request from Holy Cross down to Chevak. So we should not -- I  
19 should not repeat this for next meeting. We've heard enough I  
20 think. People have -- we have to notify people if they're  
21 coming or not, and we should invite them, their representative  
22 to our meeting, wherever the meeting is going to be. (In  
23 Yup'ik)

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25 MR. NICK: Mr. Wilde is repeating what he said in  
26 English in Yup'ik.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Mr. Wilde would like to  
29 see that all the -- all of the next meeting agendas is sent to  
30 all affected villages so that those people won't have any  
31 problem in attending these.

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33 MR. NICK: They're moving on to agenda item number 12,  
34 Council/staff/agency comments.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead. (In Yup'ik)

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38 MR. SHEPARD: Mr. Chairman, Stan Shepard, Mountain  
39 Village. Under the Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee.  
40 (In Yup'ik) Last year before September season, Unit 18, the  
41 Lower Yukon, lower Y-K Delta.

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43 Mr. Shepard says that last year during the meeting  
44 which was held to deal with the Lower Yukon moose moratorium,  
45 he says that there's been two boundaries established at that  
46 time, one in Yukon and one in Kuskokwim. He's referring to  
47 Federal regulations. 19(A), 19(B), 19(C), by Unit 18. (In  
48 Yup'ik) Different dates, September 5 through September 25.  
49 Unit 18, west of Mountain Village, Kuzilvak to Cape Romanzof,  
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not including .....

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3 MR. NICK: He says there are different seasons, open  
4 seasons in Unit 18. He's reading the rest of Unit I believe.

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6 MR. SHEPARD: ..... Andraefsky. Also, Unit 18 east of  
7 Mountain Village or remaining of the -- remaining Yukon River  
8 (In Yup'ik) September 1 to September 30. (In Yup'ik) August  
9 25 to September 25.

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11 He said -- he says that, you know, although there's  
12 three different seasons, open seasons for Unit 18, and in the  
13 administrative map, the Federal regulations map, it's not  
14 indicated there. It's only shown as Unit 18. There's no  
15 administrative subunits or units, you know, in Unit 18.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) You write it down. Yeah.  
18 Koyana. (In Yup'ik) Harry suggested that, you know, there  
19 could be a proposal if they want to go ahead and make it a  
20 change. Eric?

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22 MR. LAURENCE: Eric Laurence says that, you know,  
23 Council were discussing moose and caribou yesterday.  
24 Laurence is commenting that at one time there was a  
25 proposal that there would be increased numbers of caribou or  
26 reindeer in the area, but then there are some restrictions made  
27 by -- which is made by the regulations that does not allow any  
28 subsistence hunter or user to go out and hunt anytime. You do  
29 not have any money sometimes, and even though during open  
30 season, during the big game or small game seasons, you cannot  
31 go out and hunt. Taking example of commercial fishing season.  
32 Even though there's abundance of fish in the river, you cannot  
33 go out commercial fishing at that time. What's been done in  
34 the past is money's been used as a bait that, you know, in the  
35 especially during the management or in planning of  
36 management of fish and wildlife resources. And the highlights  
37 of his comment is that, you know, that these type of things  
38 should be done. There should be -- something should be done  
39 about it.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Koyana, Eric.

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43 MR. JIMMY: Mr. Chairman?

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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47 MR. JIMMY: (In Yup'ik)

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49 (Laughter)

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 2 MR. JIMMY: My name is Raphael Jimmy, Mountain Village.  
 3 Raphael Jimmy from Mountain Village comment to state that --  
 4 He says that he always attend fish and game meetings, and  
 5 there's non-native people in attendance, which he points out,  
 6 you know, not necessarily you, but other people. He says that  
 7 when they were young, in their younger days, they lived among  
 8 the fish and wildlife resources which were available to  
 9 everyone who needed. But now there's management issues which  
 10 are presented by people who work in fish and wildlife  
 11 management team.

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 13 Every time when we comment something, they are written  
 14 down in a piece of paper. But then after they write them down  
 15 and they go away, we never see what's going to be done about  
 16 those proposals or comments or suggestions. We never even see  
 17 them in the news, even though it isn't (ph) news. And in any  
 18 documents. It's never written down. It's never written down  
 19 how it's going to be dealt with. What's usually done is you  
 20 just write down anything that people say, you write it down and  
 21 then you bring it away from the village and then, you know, it  
 22 never shows to us again. And a lot of times the native  
 23 comments are overlooked. What's usually referred to is the  
 24 regulations, which are written down and passed by other people.

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 26 Non-native people do not regard what the elders  
 27 recommend how fish and wildlife resources should be -- should  
 28 be managed. If wildlife managers listen to what elders say,  
 29 that then there won't be any problem.

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 31 Your role as the Council members, you should always  
 32 remember to take a good consideration of what the issues you  
 33 are going to take actions on, and you should always pray for  
 34 giving you good decisions on behalf of your people.

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 36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 38 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman? As a Council member?

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 40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Council member. Your name?

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 42 MR. WHITE: Steven White.

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 44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven White.

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 46 MR. WHITE: Steven White from Eek. He said he's going  
 47 to be speaking on behalf of his Village of Eek.

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 49 When a person is speaking regarding subsistence

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resources, which native people depends on in the village level, those people live by subsistence way of life. They know what they're talking about. Even though they're not educated, they can tell you what exactly how -- what the subsistence lifestyle is.

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7 If we fight amongst each other with respect to our fish and wildlife resources which they use for subsistence way of life, nothing will be resolved. There will be more problems created. We argue with each other, because fish and wildlife managers, or those people who deal with the issues did not create these resources. There is a Great Being who creates these resources.

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15 Mr. White says that in 19-- in the early 70s there was a proposal for villages to consider selecting lands on behalf of the corporations. And at the time they were promised that, you know, you will manage your own resources, or your own land, and what's on your land at the time. At the time it was explained to the villages that, you know, if you do select these lands, fish and wildlife resources will be managed by you. You will decide how to manage these resources. And if you select these land, if you select these lands, all the native people will be eligible to use the fish and wildlife resources they use for subsistence resources on those lands that you select on behalf of your corporation.

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28 At this time there are a lot of problems with respect to corporation land ownership, because in some areas you can't even overnight in some areas without permission. Exactly reversed from what was promised to native people by people who advised those villages at the time when ANCSA was proposed.

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34 He remembers that the Regional Council wanted to plan a meeting with these village landowners and also other landowners so that they could deal with these problems relating to fish and wildlife land issues or resource issues.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Koyana, Steven White. (In Yup'ik) Antone Anvil.

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42 MR. ANVIL: Antone Anvil, Bethel. Mr. Antone Anvil agrees with a lot of what Raphael Jimmy commented earlier. He said that the Regional Council should consider these advices that they receive from respective elders and other people who share this Yup'ik knowledge.

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48 Mr. Anvil also remember that there was a meeting attended by Mike Coffing, and also John Andrew and himself.

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He'd like to share some of the information that he gathered at the time. He said that he understand that non-native representatives at the time during that meeting or workshop indicated that they want to work with native people to resolve some of the issues that are problem, and other issues that arise. Instead of doing what managers want to do, you know, it was indicated during that meeting by his understanding that, you know, those people will listen to native people of the rural areas, and put everything together and come up with tools to resolve any problems that arise. That's how he understood that meeting that was held in Anchorage.

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13 Other than that, there's another issue that they talked about, which is the subsistence issues. He's remembering a person by the name of Sheldon. He says that it seems like that a young man by the name of Sheldon really was concerned about native ways of life. Subsistence ways of life. He want to -- he wanted to continue all of the knowledge that elders passed on with respect to fish and wildlife, hunting and fishing.

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21 He said that native people usually go out and go hunting even though you've got no money, even if you can't go to any other places like markets and all of that with the money. You can go out and get food on the table from the resources.

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27 He just wanted to share this with the others here.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Koyana, Anvil -- Antone Anvil.  
30 In Yup'ik)

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32 MR. JOHN: Mr. Paul John says that he do understand the word subsistence, but he seems to understand that non-native cannot define the word subsistence. They don't know what it means. He says that the definition for subsistence is the native way of life, utilizing the subsistence resources which is made available to them on the face of the earth. He said that, you know, if there's a good definition of subsistence, then non-native people who work with wildlife management would better understand the word subsistence.

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42 Mr. Paul John also remembers one of the young people who attended one of the meetings. At the time he was really fighting for subsistence way of life, but then when meeting accessed, those people who were in attendance and came to him and asked him this question: Why are you always fighting for subsistence way of life?

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49 Mr. Paul John says that he recommended -- he proposed

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for someone to fully explain what subsistence way of life of the native indigenous people of Alaska mean when they say subsistence. He said there would be better understanding if somebody explained what it means during the convention. But that recommendation wasn't honored by people who were (ph) native.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Staff? Agencies? Do you have a comment?

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11 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ee-ee. Okay. The agencies, staff, do you guys have any comment towards Councils or audience or whatever?

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17 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I just want to be sure that the Council members and the residents here at Mountain Village know how much we appreciate the chance to come to Mountain Village to have a meeting. It means a lot to me to come here, to be in the community and outside of Bethel for a change, to listen to concerns and see some new faces and meet some new people and get out here. So I just want to extend my thanks both to the community here for their hospitality, and also the Chairman for having us out to the meeting here. Thanks.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more comments from staff?

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29 MS. MASON: Yes, I would also like to thank the Village of Mountain Village, and also our Chairman, and thank you very much for your hospitality. This is my first time on the Lower Yukon, and I've really enjoyed it.

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34 MR. FISHER: I think you did a real good job, Harry, and I enjoyed coming to Mountain Village. This is my second time here. I'm looking forward to coming back. Thank you again.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more from Staff? State?

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41 MS. FOGARTY: This is also my first time on the Lower Yukon, first time in Mountain Village. I think it's a wonderful place, and I'm looking forward to working with all of you again in the future Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. Now we get -- I give our Vice Chairman opportunity.

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49 MR. DAVID: I already have -- when I attended in the  
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place of our Chair at meeting with -- at the meeting in Anchorage with Federal Subsistence Board, who didn't know what they're talking about, and so-called subsistence director, Dick Pospahala, couldn't even explain the word subsistence to me. I also have told State subsistence director to explain it to me in writing so I can explain it to my people when I go back, but they didn't have -- they didn't know what subsistence is.

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9 But I told them what their subsistence was. I told Dick Pospahala as well as Makai (ph) from the State that his subsistence was his paycheck. No work, no money, no food. But to me, no hunting, no time to go hunting, no food. That's the way I understand what subsistence is. But Makai himself didn't want his paycheck to be his -- to be called subsistence. But when I asked him, I'd like to see you without getting paid and not doing your work and not -- and be able to get your food. That's when I guess that when he realized that what I said was true.

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20 With all the agencies or -- that I'm involved with, of all of them, the subsistence is most important thing. Because why? Because we both benefit. Immigrants benefit from it by getting money from the Government and getting paid for doing their work. And in helping our people, being granted from the Government for -- so they get paid. So it's doing good on both sides. The word subsistence. And it's doing good for my people in able to go get their food.

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29 But it hurts me very much when people say that -- when I hear people say that so and so has been caught and has been ticketed for -- because he was out to get his food out of the season. But my father and my grandfather did nothing to do with the seasons. Food is food year round.

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35 And my father was -- I never have seen him kill a moose. But I have heard other people talk about moose, that the moose is not -- the meat is not any good in the wintertime, and since I'm scared of moose, I really don't -- can't talk too much about it. But there are some certain animals in my area that I know that are good during some seasons. And which Department of Fish & Games as well as F.W.S. say that the seasons close at the time.

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44 And in my village, which I'm sure the -- I'm sure Denny knows that we -- they have been told not to come into my village and tell us what -- how to do our subsistence hunting. But I have to convince our people, my people in my village, if we are to work with the Government, we can't lock those people out. We have got to let them know what -- how we want to live,

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2- so that they themselves will know how the people live and how  
2- and not be bothered.

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4 And the main thing at that -- that we're concerned  
5 about right now is the migratory birds in my area. And we are  
6 going to have a meeting this month, and I hope -- I'm sure that  
7 most of the Fish & Wildlife Service people will be there. But  
8 I would very much like to see Dick Pospahala at the meeting,  
9 too, but I doubt very much that he will come though, because he  
10 knows, and the others that knows how him and I get along. We  
11 get along very well. I don't have anything on him personally,  
12 but his work, when it comes to his work, I don't like him.

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14 And another thing that I -- let the people -- Fish &  
15 Wildlife people know is I like to work with Federal people  
16 rather than State people. State people, when it comes to State  
17 people, I may like the person. I like the person, but when it  
18 comes to his work, that -- there I can't -- I never even want  
19 to talk to them, but I do personally, because I know that what  
20 they're doing is something that doing for -- is -- they're  
21 doing it for subsistence. For paycheck. (In Yup'ik)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Koyana, Paul (sic).

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25 What I'm going to say before I get into next -- last  
26 one on our agenda, to put this out on the record, but I forgot  
27 to tell our .....

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29 UNIDENTIFIED: (In Yup'ik)

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I forgot to tell our Vice  
32 Chairman, I forgot to say this: David, make it short and  
33 sweet.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MR. DAVID: But it's too late now.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Chuck?

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41 MR. NICK: Establish place of next meeting.

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43 MR. CHALIAK: Chuck is inviting the Council to hold  
44 their next meeting in Nunapitchuk. He said that any meetings  
45 have not been held over in the Village of Nunapitchuk, and with  
46 that in mind, he'd like to invite the Subsistence Council to  
47 hold their next meeting in Nunapitchuk.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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2 MR. CHALIAK: (In Yup'ik)  
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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. We are invited to Nunapitchuk,  
5 our next meeting. It's a few minutes from Bethel, so you could  
6 go up there with a snow-go or walk up there if it's bad  
7 weather. (In Yup'ik) Yeah. (In Yup'ik) With the unanimous  
8 consent, they're going to plan on holding their next meeting at  
9 the Village of Nunapitchuk. Raphael Jimmy will give  
10 benediction, after Paul John comment.  
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12 MR. JOHN: Mr. Paul John would like to bring up a  
13 problem he encountered, a minor problem he encountered, because  
14 this is the second time that, you know, he didn't have any  
15 travel authorization to travel to Council meeting. He'd like  
16 to recommend that all of the travel arrangements should be made  
17 prior to meetings so that any members won't have any problems.  
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19 MR. NICK: Did you understand that, Dave?  
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21 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman?  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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25 MR. ANDREW: Mr. John Andrew would like to comment, a  
26 short comment, stating that, you know, thanking the Village of  
27 Mountain Village for their hospitality.  
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29 He said that regarding the notices that were sent, he  
30 said some notices were sent out of Anchorage office, and also  
31 repeat messages were sent to villages by his -- I think himself  
32 out of Bethel, but he found out that some villages have not  
33 even received those notices.  
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35 Koyana, Mr. Chairman.  
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Koyana. Now he's going to ask  
38 Raphael Jimmy to give benediction.  
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40 MR. JIMMY: (In Yup'ik)  
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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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44 MR. ANVIL: I so move.  
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46 MR. JOHN: Second.  
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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Antone. Second by Paul John. All who  
49 want to adjourn say aye?  
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IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) say no.

(No opposing responses)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carries. We're adjourned.

(Off record)

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