

YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
October 2, 1997
8:00 A.M.
Hooper Bay, Alaska

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harry O. Wilde, Sr., Chairman
Paul John, Vice Chairman
Fritz L. George, Secretary
Paul Manumik, Sr., Member
Ilarion J. Nicolai, Member
Billy McCann, Member
James A. Charles, Member
John B. Thompson, Sr., Member
David O. David, Member
Lester Wilde, Member
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(On record 8:05 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Good morning. (In Yup'ik) this morning.

MR. DAVID: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Good morning, David O. David.

MR. McCANN: Good afternoon.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

(Laughter)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Last night (In Yup'ik). Tab G, that Task Force report, State Memorandum of Agreement. Taylor, you can go.

MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the basic questions before you are really these little dot items at Tab G. And I could put those back up on the overhead if you like.

We left on a question from Paul Manumik. And he had some comments to offer on the last three of those little star items, so maybe that would be a good place to come back to.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum. Go ahead.

MR. BRELSFORD: Paul, do you want to -- I'll put that second set of -- it was the second three, right?

MR. MANUMIK: Uh-hum. The three.

MR. BRELSFORD: The second page, the bottom three starred items. And you mentioned you had some concerns, so maybe you could elaborate a little bit.

MR. MANUMIK: Well, I'd like -- what I had in mind, Mr. Chairman, is that when we make proposals it's basically our own proposals. And I don't know how the Department can get involved in all of them, all of the proposals.

MR. BRELSFORD: I think the suggestion here is that once the Councils or the public make a proposal.....

MR. MANUMIK: Uh-hum.

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1 MR. BRELSFORD:you guys could still have, you
2 know, independent power to make those proposals after that.
3 The next step would be the technical review, technical
4 analysis. And what this one is suggesting is that the State be
5 part of a team making the technical analysis that comes back to
6 the Councils in the winter meetings. So that's the nature of
7 the idea here. It's not a change in who originates proposals.
8 The Councils, the public still -- they start the ball rolling.
9 The change would be in the second step where the biologists and
10 the anthropologists go over a proposal and figure out what are
11 the technical implications. So does that sound okay or?

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13 MR. MANUMIK: Well, in a way, yeah. My concern is the
14 State is in conflict with the Natives at this time. They
15 haven't complied with ANILCA. And that's my concern.

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17 MR. BRELSFORD: I think it's important to say that the
18 Federal Subsistence Program still has the responsibility to
19 implement the ANILCA priority, the rural priority under ANILCA.
20 I don't think they can give that up. We can't give that up.
21 That's the law. So to me these suggestions still have to
22 respect the ANILCA priority. It's more a question of who we
23 bring on the team to do a good job at that, especially in the
24 biology work, the technical work. It's not a change in goals.
25 The goal is still the ANILCA priority. It's more like a change
26 in who contributes to the technical work.

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28 But, I guess maybe a concern we ought to note down,
29 Pat, is that this cooperation should not weaken the ANILCA
30 priority, is that.....

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32 MR. MANUMIK: Uh-hum. Yes, that's my concern.

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34 MR. BRELSFORD:kind of where you're going?

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36 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. Someone from the audience
37 yesterday also stated that we don't want to give up any of our
38 powers any more. They -- one of the (indiscernible, coughing).

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40 MR. BRELSFORD: Maybe we should get that one down, too.

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42 MR. MANUMIK: Uh-hum.

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44 MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman?

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.

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48 MR. GEORGE: Okay. I want to make.....

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: George?

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1 MR. GEORGE:sort of make a comment. It sort of
2 seems to me like right now the hostile attitude that the State
3 of Alaska has got, it seems like pretty soon there's going to
4 be a case in the Supreme Court for the Indian Country question.
5 And should we trust them? Like if we let them get involved
6 with the subsistence thing, then I hope we don't hear that
7 whatever rights we got is extinguished by a solicitor's
8 opinion.

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10 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay. Maybe given the State hostility
11 to Indian Country can we trust them in closer involvement in
12 the subsistence program. Is that.....

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14 MR. GEORGE: Sort of like that, yes.

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16 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, maybe I could ask a
17 question of the Council just to kind of check and be sure I
18 understand. It seems like the local advisory committees in
19 this region working with Ida are pretty strong and pretty
20 valuable. And maybe you guys would support more involvement of
21 local advisory committees with the Regional Council, bringing
22 the chairs of advisory committees to Council meetings, things
23 like that. It's just a question.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Taylor, I think we got some local
26 advisory committee chairmens here, one from -- was before.
27 David, are you on a chair? And someone in the Yukon side,
28 who's the chairman of the local advisory council?

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30 MR. MANUMIK: I'm not sure who it is anymore.

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32 MR. BERGSTROM: I think Robert Moore is.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Huh?

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36 MR. BERGSTROM: I think Robert Moore is now for the
37 Lower Yukon.

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39 MR. BRELSFORD: So you guys work pretty close together
40 anyway. The local committees are pretty familiar to the
41 Regional Council members, huh?

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, they should be familiar with
44 each other because that some of the chair like David there is
45 one of them, but on the Yukon side when they have a meeting
46 like this -- an advisory Council meeting those local chairs
47 should be involved, you know, come and meet like this in a
48 meeting.

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MR. BRELSFORD: So, Pat, maybe support for local

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1 advisory committee chairs attending Regional Council meetings.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum. (In Yup'ik)

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5 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: But you're involved in the
8 meetings.....

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10 MR. DAVID: Yeah. Uh-hum.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE:like this one, that they have one
13 director of board

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15 MR. DAVID: Yeah.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE:the chair from local, the chair
18 from Yukon attend here and they would get more information, you
19 know, what the.....

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21 MR. L. WILDE: Wasn't the Regional Advisory Council
22 advisors weren't they having -- I thought Ida said they were
23 having some kind of financial cutbacks.

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25 MR. DAVID: Uh-hum.

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27 MR. L. WILDE: It won't get any better, you know.

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29 MR. DAVID: No. But they're still available for this
30 -- they have one more meeting to have this year and then
31 probably (indiscernible).....

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33 MR. L. WILDE: Well, if they don't have any funds to
34 meet how can you have funds to send somebody over here to
35 attend the meeting?

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37 MR. DAVID: At the present time we really don't have no
38 other -- all the advisory committees don't even know exactly
39 how much funds are available. But I think Mike would be more
40 -- he'd probably know more about that than I do.

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42 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman?

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Taylor?

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46 MR. BRELSFORD: This proposal for a memorandum of
47 agreement could involve some funding transfers to support the
48 local advisory committee members travel, so there could be some
49 money made available from the Federal program to support that

50 local advisory committee involvement. Some of these will cost

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1 money and sometimes it's going to be Federal money going to the
2 State and sometimes it's going to be joint funding on research
3 projects.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: If you change the C to a W it would give
6 us a little more assurance. Instead of could, would.

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8 MR. BRELSFORD: Oh. Well, let me be more frank. The
9 State wants money.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Taylor, you know, sometime ago when we
12 had a meeting we suggest Federal staff to work with the State,
13 try to work very close because of our people like -- like right
14 now if you look at it this customary and traditional use at
15 these three villages because of a State in doubt it (ph) after
16 it passed through Federal, that kind of problem will it be
17 arise again if we don't work with the State?

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19 MR. BRELSFORD: That's a good example. I think better
20 coordination could avoid problems like the Hooper Bay/Chevak/
21 Scammon RFR, huh?

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23 MS. McCLENAHAN: Okay. We have.....

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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27 MS. McCLENAHAN:better coordination.

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29 MR. BRELSFORD: Avoid problems like the Hooper/Scammon/
30 Chevak RFR, request for reconsideration. And what you're
31 thinking, Harry, is if all the -- if State and Federal work
32 together from the beginning then the State wouldn't come back
33 afterwards and raise doubts.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, I think, I don't know right now
36 that the people that make decisions they have to study and all
37 that, make sure that everything is there, you know. And even
38 though a long time ago these traditional councils they've got
39 no law, State or Federal wasn't around and they just go out
40 there and subsist when they need them.

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42 MR. BRELSFORD: Uh-hum.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: But today is different, you know.
45 It's no matter how you like it or not that there's a law
46 enforcement out there flying (indiscernible - background
47 coughing) go somewhere.

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49 MR. BRELSFORD: I think what you're saying is reduce

50 the burden on local hunters by having too many government --

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1 separate government.....

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I.....

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5 MR. BRELSFORD:programs going on.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE:think that's just like a couple
8 of years ago up there Unit 18 or 19(A), in that area, there's
9 two planes flying. Find out later on those two planes, one is
10 Federal and one is State.

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12 MR. DAVID: One flying on one side of the.....

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. That's.....

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16 MR. DAVID:ridge, the other one was flying on the
17 other side of the ridge.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's a lot of money they're burning,
20 you know.

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22 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And we're down there and try to catch
25 a moose or something and every time when they -- those planes
26 are so slow, every time when they come around people are
27 nyuking (ph) in the meadow, just if they see a moose, but as
28 soon the airplanes comes and they just disappear. So that's
29 the kind of problem we have out there.

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31 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If they coordinate together I think
34 they would receive money and not so much a burden for the
35 hunters.

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37 MR. BRELSFORD: Good example.

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39 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chair?

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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43 MR. DAVID: In the case where he said that there was no
44 law, is that -- if there was our law,.....

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46 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Traditional.

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48 MR. DAVID:our law to get food. And -- but there
49 was no one watching the people in getting their food because

50 those people know when to get food and when not to bother the

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1 species. But that's -- in doing -- in saying that we have got
2 to keep in mind we never had -- there as not one time -- in my
3 personal thinking there was not one time that we have gone out
4 hunting without a law.

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6 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.

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8 MR. DAVID: We do have our law, our traditional laws to
9 go by.

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11 MR. BRELSFORD: Uh-hum.

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13 MR. DAVID: As a human being there has got to be one.
14 So my ancestors, I never thought that at any time that they
15 have living without their own laws and rules.....

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17 MR. BRELSFORD: Right.

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19 MR. DAVID:because they haven't. But there was
20 no one to -- no other race to get -- no other race they knew of
21 in watching the species.

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23 MR. BRELSFORD: Uh-hum.

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25 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chair?

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, John.

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29 MR. THOMPSON (ph): Since you guys are talking about
30 enforcement. Them days during the time when they had no
31 enforcement, people or individual person would go out and get,
32 for instance, moose. And they had no freezers in them days.
33 They split the moose around to the communities. That way they
34 prevent the waste. Today we are enforced in one month of a
35 year to store up enough to go around for year around. And with
36 that case I think there is too many illegal. We are -- 11
37 months out of a year or 10 1/2 months out of a year we are like
38 criminals. We don't get nothing, but sometimes they do when
39 they need it. There's no way around. So we have to
40 concentrate on this in order to legalize the people. So one is
41 you guys opened what, 10 days in wintertime, that helps a
42 little.

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44 MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman?

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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48 MR. GEORGE: One more thing, Taylor, I hope I don't
49 sound like I'm criticizing any of the State Fish & Game

50 Advisory Committee because I'm sitting there, too. Let me give

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1 you an example of what we didn't -- what I heard from one of
2 the hunters that went to the Hoholitna just this fall. Over
3 the winter we worked on the Hoholitna control use area and we
4 presented to the Board of Game when they met in the Sheraton
5 last winter, and I heard they approved our proposal, the joint
6 proposal by the Upper Kusko- -- the Middle Kuskokwim and Lower
7 Kuskokwim. And for some reason I heard Ramona Barnes trashed
8 that proposal. And maybe because she did -- she did, this
9 certain hunter that came back from Hoho reported when he
10 arrived that nothing changed. The sports hunters are
11 continuing to drift down, just horns in his raft.

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13 And I hope that what we're talking about here is going
14 to go through. I hope if we help each other it's going to
15 strengthen our efforts what we made, you know. And we work
16 hard on it, we met at Sleetmute almost all night, all day and
17 all night, you think that it's going to be, you know, if we
18 help each other it's going to strengthen our efforts so people
19 like Ramona won't trash our proposals.

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21 MR. BRELSFORD: Let me be sure I understand the
22 circumstances. Mike, this was the meat on the bone
23 requirement?

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25 MR. COFFING: Yes.

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27 MR. BRELSFORD: And that's a good regulation. That's
28 still standing, right?

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30 MR. COFFING: It's standing, yeah.

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32 MR. BRELSFORD: It's threatened by State Legislators,
33 Ramona Barnes and some others. They said they didn't like it,
34 but so far the Board of Game, it's still there?

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36 MR. COFFING: It's still there. It's a regulation.
37 Yeah.

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39 MR. GEORGE: And he said nothing's changed. It's
40 they're continuing to drift down, you know, with nobody
41 regulating it. And it bothers me because we have to stop by
42 these check stations which these rafters don't have to. And if
43 they say there's a village in the Holitna or the Hoho then
44 that's a lie because there's none. Except what they do is
45 leave the meat for the wolves.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Let me say a little bit.
48 Looking at these two regulations here it states that -- State
49 say that on this regulation, notice for hunters on Federal

50 land, check Federal land regulation to see if you are qualified

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1 to hunt. So you've got to have a -- remember to carry two
2 regulations to go out hunting in order to protect yourself
3 right now. Because it's Unit -- you know where the corridor
4 is, the corridor out there that belongs to State land. And
5 another one is Federal land where this, in order to protect
6 yourself you exactly know where you are. According to State
7 here you have to know Federal regulation and see if you are
8 qualified in that area. See, that's the problem. That's the
9 problem our -- just some our elders cannot read and we never go
10 out hunting with these, I don't, how many years I've been
11 hunting. That's a problem that coordination is very important
12 to making rule and regulations. (In Yup'ik)

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14 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik). Oh. Those
15 of us native who have to hunt, we don't just kill -- we don't
16 just kill for the antlers and the native hunter does not leave
17 the meat for the wolves to hunt around. So there has been -- I
18 think it would -- it's a good idea that people that do hunt for
19 the antlers only should be aware of the rules and regulations
20 so it's saddening to hear an animal to be shot and just for its
21 antlers. It's like horsing around with the values of the land.

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23 And the people who are enforcing the areas are not the
24 same from one area to the other. It's just like be enfor- --
25 for those of us Natives we gather for the meat and to eat. What
26 we need to catch is a lot more than what we have to be enforced
27 for. And the people who hunt for trophies to pay the State so
28 much money for the antlers. It's a shame to see an animal
29 caught for its antlers only and those people need to be asked
30 why their meat has to be left behind to be wasted.

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32 Is it in the regulation such that it's right for the
33 people that pay money that they have a right to collect their
34 antlers only and leave the meat? (In Yup'ik)

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36 MR. CHARLES: (In Yup'ik)

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum. Yeah.

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40 INTERPRETER: I think they're getting off the subject
41 here.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: They need to get back in line with
44 what they're doing according to the agenda. He's recommending
45 that if he would ask directly to the people that can answer the
46 question it would be okay, but for the group to go back to the
47 agenda would be the right thing to do.

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49 MR. WILLIAMS: No, Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, we have

50 (Indiscernible, away from microphone) Memorandum of Agreement

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1 between the Federal and the State and the Advisory Council?

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, there's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 items
4 recommended. I don't know which one.....

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6 MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman?

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ee-ee.

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10 MR. GEORGE: He's -- Fritz is saying that what Roy's
11 concern is it has a relation to what they're doing on the
12 subject. I guess it would be a good idea to answer his
13 question.

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15 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, may I make a statement in
16 the meeting (indiscernible).....

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think, yeah, someone should make a
19 response to his question.

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21 MR. WILLIAMS: The State law for what you call fish and
22 game or whether it's Federal or the State Fish & Game
23 Department have been in the past been showing its enforcement
24 to the Natives and make a big stink that say northwest
25 (Indiscernible -- simultaneous speech) mentioning our wanton
26 waste on the walrus, and it's in the front page of the
27 Anchorage Daily News (indiscernible) masquerade (ph) in an
28 attempt to disgrace the people that cherish and make a good use
29 out of the animal that is caught in the wilderness. And then
30 we have these people that come from all over the world either
31 from the Lower 48 states that pay the State or the Federal
32 Government to hunt and are paying these -- whatever they value,
33 the trophy. And then they want will go home and brag about it,
34 whatever, I have the biggest -- whatever they have, and then
35 they end up leaving a lot of meat because they think -- these
36 people that come around the pay the State and the Federal
37 Government so much money to obtain game -- games on whatever
38 land that they may be.

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40 I feel and think the problem still exists. There is
41 wanton waste that was left behind by the sports hunters. And
42 why is it that the inequality of the enforcement agencies are
43 overlooking or denying that the problem is existing, that they
44 still come around, obtain their trophy, leave the remainder of
45 the meat behind? Is there such a law that we be monitored and
46 observed and make a scene of whenever we do something that is
47 similar to the sports hunters and it's being denied that it's
48 existing with the sports hunters?

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike.

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1 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I'll give it a try here.
2 You know, wanton waste of meat is illegal no matter who does
3 it. The State doesn't condone anybody that wastes meat. It
4 doesn't matter whether you're an Alaskan Native, Alaskan
5 resident, a non-resident or someone from Germany or some other
6 country, waste of meat is illegal. And there's enforcement of
7 all people for that.

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9 The example Fritz gave with the proposal and
10 requirement that the meat be left on the bone, it's still
11 valid. However, a part of that proposal that was adopted
12 required that moose that is harvested in Unit 19(B) on the
13 Holitna Drainage, that that meat -- if the hunter flies in that
14 area and hunts, the meat has to be flown out. That may be one
15 of the reasons that you're seeing people in rafts with just the
16 antlers. They can -- if they want to get the meat out, they
17 can't float it down out of 19(B). It has to be flown out. And
18 I don't know the example that Fritz saw something this year,
19 but the person -- you know, people who are shooting moose have
20 to retrieve all the meat just as you guys do here. That's a
21 requirement. They're required to get the same meat off the
22 animal you are and bring it out of the field. They may decide
23 to transfer it to someone else or give it to someone else and
24 they can do that as you guys can and they need to sign a paper
25 saying they did that. But they can then -- once they ship that
26 meat out in the aircraft, they can continue to float out of
27 19(B) on down and get picked up out of the area. They're not
28 required to have the meat with them all the time. That's what
29 I'm saying, Chris (ph). Once that meat's been flown out and
30 that's the only way they can get it out, legally any more.
31 They can't float it all the way out any more like it used to
32 be. So if you're seeing people in Lower 19(B) or in 19(A) in
33 rafts with no meat, especially 19(A), they're not supposed to
34 have meat with them, moose meat with them if they flew in in
35 19(B) to hunt. So the fact that you're not seeing meat doesn't
36 necessarily mean that meat was wasted and left in the field.
37 I'm not saying that it doesn't happen. I'm not denying that.
38 What I am saying is that they can legally not have the meat
39 with them because it's been flown out by the time that you've
40 seen them.

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42 I guess the point I want to make here is that the State
43 doesn't allow anybody to waste meat. The State doesn't allow
44 someone to come, pay to get a permit to go trophy hunting and
45 waste the meat, leave the meat in the field.

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47 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. In other words.....

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49 MR. COFFING; We don't allow that.

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1 MR. WILLIAMSin other words, you are saying that
2 you have trust -- or place trust on those individuals that come
3 from overseas or from the Lower 48 states and it's to me the
4 convenience and the inconvenience is what I'm looking at. You
5 know, and maybe we can argue all day about this, but to me
6 that's still not right.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me stop this for awhile. Our
9 subject is memorandum of agreement, not regulations right now.
10 I think we're off from our agenda and we're supposed to talking
11 about MOA and not regulations.

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13 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, maybe we could put one
14 comment here to bring this discussion to a focus and say that
15 State and Federal should cooperate in strong enforcement of --
16 against wanton waste. I think what Roy is saying is he doesn't
17 see strong enforcement on wanton waste. And if the two
18 governments worked together, maybe there would be better
19 results.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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23 MR. BRELSFORD: And that way it ties back to the MOA.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before.....

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27 MR. McCANN: I've been ignored for a long time.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, I'm (indiscernible, laughter).

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31 MR. McCANN: What's the matter with you guys? My buddy
32 over here is.....

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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36 MR. McCANN:ignoring me.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy. Billy, let me tell you
39 this.....

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41 MR. McCANN: Let me straighten these guys out first.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. You will. Right now we're
44 working on a memorandum of agreement, not regulations.

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46 MR. McCANN: That memorandum of agreement, that's going
47 to be in the memorandum of agreement at the same time.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.

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1 MR. McCANN: All right. I'm sorry, sir.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I could stop you any time.

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5 MR. McCANN: Okay. We're talking about regulation
6 rules also. This -- what I'm going to say, regulations should
7 be that way wherever this is writing down -- written down. And
8 it should be followed by whoever makes the regulations, no
9 matter if it's Fish & Game or whatever. Regulations should be
10 that way. No change. Like the gentleman here said, sports
11 hunters doing what they want to do. It's not right. Even Fish
12 and Game might hear of something wrong and the Fish & Game --
13 Fish and Wildlife. After the -- what regulations say, you
14 can't do this, you can't waste the animals or birds or moose,
15 caribou, but I've been hearing this rumor they've seen -- some
16 of them, seeing that actually Fish & Game driving the caribou
17 away from the hunters. That's not right. The regulations --
18 see I've been hearing, you can't allow can't harass any game
19 with snow machines. That's the law, right? So the regulation
20 when it puts down everybody to follow no matter even
21 enforcement, because it's there. That's -- that's the problem
22 we got all the time. The -- after the regulation put it in the
23 writing to use somebody's not following it. That's the problem
24 we got, too, you and me. We should follow it. On -- let me
25 give you sample. I've been in the -- some of the villages have
26 some sort of a meter or something like that in the village. By
27 the time I put something in the village rule, I follow it.
28 That's what it should be. This way somebody (indiscernible).
29 The other way that don't make sense at all to me. Everybody
30 should follow it, no matter who. Sports hunter, subsistence
31 hunters, they should use it.

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33 Every time we do it the wrong way we end up in talking
34 like this away from the agenda. All right. There should be
35 regulations written down to the law enforcement, everybody
36 should, even law enforcement. Everybody's got to use that.

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38 I hope some of you will understand what I say. I do
39 the best I can to calm us down now instead (ph) of fighting all
40 the time.

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42 Like I've seen hunters up at the mountain not long ago.
43 Miles and miles I could hear them on the mountains, on top,
44 with lots of caribous right by him and (indiscernible), the
45 hunters -- like I seen one hunter, the caribou towards him and
46 spread out middle of him. And I got some that run away from
47 him. I got one from them about maybe 10 miles away from him.
48 Then they came back. He had only one horn, no meat. I was
49 wondering, what he do with the meat. And I asked him what --

50 how come you didn't shoot those caribous -- one of them

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1 caribous over there that were with you. There were no horns.
2 No horns. And they asked me, what you got? Yeah, I got one.
3 Big horns? No, I'm not hunting for horns, I'm hunting for
4 meat.

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6 That -- that's what he said something about wasting the
7 meat, hunters, the sports hunters wasting the meat, maybe it's
8 been wasted. It should be looked at it. It's being checked.
9 Because one time I asked Fish & Game also, cow moose attacked
10 me on the Holitna one time in a bar, I was ready to shoot it
11 because I was drifting on the river, but moose, caribou was
12 sitting on the bar, the sand bar. Sand bar, not liquor store.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 MR. McCANN: So I was ready to shoot him. And I asked
17 game warden after that what happened if I shoot the cow for
18 protecting myself? He said -- he showed me, yeah, you can
19 shoot it, but you got to skin it and give it to us. And I was
20 thinking, dog gone it, trying to keep my life first (ph) and
21 give it to somebody else. So, okay. That's that. I'm wasting
22 the time.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. You're not wasting time.
25 (In Yup'ik)

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27 MR. McCANN: No, that's all right.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Take (Indiscernible -- simultaneous
30 speech).....

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32 MR. McCANN: (Indiscernible - simultaneous speech).

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE:and second day.

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36 MR. McCANN: Yeah. All right. Yeah?

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38 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, I'm Jack Williams. (In
39 Yup'ik) In memorandum of agreement. It's about time you people
40 that are sitting in front should -- it's about time, you know.
41 Everyone don't agree with some subsistence, that their opinion
42 -- Ray brought up the regulations that are before you just a
43 lot of -- so if the regulation catches up on a question, it
44 would be okay. So whatever the regulations that are applied to
45 the areas can be amended. So like the regulations and laws is
46 not permanently -- do not permanently exist. They can be
47 amended to accommodate for those that don't agree with them,
48 but for those of us and for those of you that are sitting in
49 front should realize that -- I think it would be wise for all

50 of us, the audience and the Council people to agree touching up

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1 on the regulations when they pertain to the subject (ph). So I
2 have just -- I've been listening, but we want to -- we want to
3 go along with everything that's in existence in law. These
4 laws are -- they're not laws that we need here. So we should
5 be talking, conversing and relating to the subsistence law
6 within that subject. So it would be helpful for all of us to
7 understand in more detail, both for the council member and the
8 audience as well.

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10 He's also in support of this peo- -- Council to.....

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead (indiscernible).

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14 MR. DAVID: The Memorandum Agreement is to be between
15 -- the way I understand it, is to be between State and Federal.
16 Where are the people involved? Where are the people that
17 they're going to regulate on? Where are they? We haven't --
18 in that agreement we have got to be involved, too. Keep in
19 mind we are your -- you're working with human beings. You're
20 not working with animals. You're -- you have got to keep --
21 get us involved, too, because we're going to be affected. So
22 if the agreement is written up, let all three parties be
23 involved.

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25 MR. BRELSFORD: Good comment, David. Keep the people
26 in the Councils involved in the agreement.

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28 MR. DAVID: Keep the people in Councils involved, I
29 don't quite agree with that. We are talking for our people.
30 We have got to work with our people, too. So in that case how
31 we -- how we put that in wording, I don't know. because the
32 agreement will be in your language. And you have -- just don't
33 step over us. Keep us in there.

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35 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay. Just -- don't just step over the
36 Councils, huh?

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38 MR. DAVID: Well, Native people, I would like to put
39 that in that.

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41 MR. BRELSFORD: Okay. Don't just step over the Native
42 people.

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

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46 MR. WILLIAMS: I would like to see in the Memorandum of
47 Agreement and the same, the regulations in one specific area.
48 And the one specific area that I would like to see happen
49 instead of being the law -- what do you call it, fish and game

50 enforcement agencies confiscating -- confiscating the meat and

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1 taking it to the -- what you call it, these nonprofit
2 organizations. I would like to see the confiscated meat taken
3 to the communities of those people that have caught the meat.
4 Say for instance, the State or the federal game warden may
5 confiscate some meat because they caught something that it not
6 according to the regulations, say for instance female, instead
7 of them (indiscernible), why not allow -- why not have this
8 individual person that caught this game be taken to their own
9 communities and given to the elders that are unable to hunt for
10 themselves.

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12 I would --- I'd see that -- I would see in a more
13 meaningful distribution than the agencies distributing it in
14 their own, because to me it's like -- taking a game that is
15 caught by the subsistence hunter is kind of like to me, it's --
16 it's traumatic enough that it is taken away from them, but
17 actually taken away from the people that will benefit from it.
18 It's more even of depriving the people that want it for a
19 specific purpose and let subsistence die. I don't know if I
20 make any sense but that's how I feel and think about it.

21
22 Say, for instance, if I caught a cow moose and the game
23 warden takes it away, how do I know for sure that it's being
24 given away, instead of them taking it for their own diet. And
25 then in this case we would be able to see it within our own
26 community that it's distributed to the elders or those people
27 that cannot hunt for themselves.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Paul?

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31 MR. DAVID: On the agenda here, this is only to be the
32 report, Task Force report of Memorandum of Agreement between
33 the State and the Federal, not the argument over the meat. So
34 let's hear the report on what the Task Force have to report.

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

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38 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik) He knows that the -- he
39 understands that why does the law -- does the Native
40 understanding. It is evil and not right for the hunter to
41 leave the meat and waste -- to be wasted. He feels that when
42 something like this occurs, it is saddening for him to learn
43 why the meat had to be wasted, just the antlers taken away. So
44 it is a rule of thumb in the Eskimo life that the meat should
45 be the first to be taken care of, not the antlers. Why? Why
46 is the head so important than the meat?

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48 He was answered -- he asked one individual with the
49 head only but he said he asked him why he left the meat and

50 just took the head and the antlers? His response was that he

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1 had already paid for that animal. So because he understands he
2 knows that it's wrong to do that. He knows that if we waste
3 the meat of the land the Creator will punish that individual
4 some way or the other.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And the point of order has been given
7 to the Chair. So it was just -- it was just a matter of
8 bringing it onto the floor what the Memorandum of Agreement
9 that the Task Force had produced for the Council to work on.

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11 Task Force Memorandum Agreement. What is the
12 Memorandum Agreement of Task Force, that's what we would like
13 to hear instead of going to other directions.

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15 MR. BRELSFORD: Right. The heart of it, the main body
16 of the Task Force report is the seven coordination ideas.
17 These ones, plus these. It's the stars in the paper. That's
18 the draft contents.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's a draft.

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22 MR. BRELSFORD: And so you could make comment. We have
23 lots of comments. I think maybe it's time to say you woke
24 everybody up this morning on Memorandum of Agreement all right.
25 And I think, perhaps, we have the comments and we could move on
26 to another agenda item. It seems like we're.....

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28 MR. MANUMIK: No, not yet.

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30 MR. BRELSFORD:pretty well done on this one.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul said not yet, so I give him.....

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34 (Laughter)

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36 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, quyana. Taylor, I'd
37 like to see, you know, David O. David addressed it in somewhat
38 there, but I think that the Native tribal governments in the
39 villages should be involved in the process.

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41 MR. BRELSFORD: So three part agreement instead of two
42 part?

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44 MR. MANUMIK: Yes. Because.....

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46 MR. BRELSFORD: It's a good comment.

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48 MR. MANUMIK:we're dealing with the Native
49 tribes, our mother's dinner table. That's what we're here for.

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1 MR. BRELSFORD: That's a good comment. I think that is
2 where David was going and we should be sure and write it up.

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4 MR. MANUMIK: Make sure that we have food on the table.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. When we draft (In Yup'ik).
7 This draft here, it's just a draft things, but it's got to be
8 ironed out by the people. So that's what we're working on now
9 how best we can arrive at this subject.

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11 The people who are going to be involved in this are the
12 paid bones (ph) of this -- of which we -- in which direction
13 we're going. When the draft -- if they send the drafts out to
14 the communities in the area, it would be a good thing for them
15 to ponder over before the meetings begin. So send the drafts
16 out to the communities and those organizations like traditional
17 councils, IRA councils, city councils, and then they can ponder
18 over those drafts and then when they come to the meeting they
19 can be aware of what is about to be taking place at the
20 meetings before they become into law.

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22 MR. ATLAUQ: (In Yup'ik) He's from Scammon Bay. (In
23 Yup'ik) Mike Atlauq.

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25 INTERPRETER: I'm asking him for his name?

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27 MR. ATLAUQ: Mike Atlauq (ph). Our ancestor people, it
28 was their law. We all know that. Our ancestral people had
29 laws and he knows it. They were instructed when they go out
30 hunting or if the animal is in the area where they have --
31 people could not walk on, don't ever, ever kill it. That's the
32 -- if you can't take the meat home, don't kill it, don't kill
33 it. It's the law of the Eskimo people, either it be in the
34 ocean or in the land. A Native hunter understands that law
35 through its own heart that they are cautioned never, never to
36 kill an animal and leave the meat. And if you happen to kill
37 an animal, perhaps, the following day you might be able to take
38 that meat. That's the direction, don't completely forget what
39 you have left behind, if you're able to go get that meat,
40 because it's the law that the Eskimo has laid down before the
41 young people.

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43 It is saddening to be -- to be heard that the meat in
44 some areas have been wasted. It's sad. It's never, never to
45 leave the meat to be wasted.

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47 There's law, it's the rules and regulations that the
48 Native elders have applied to the young people years ago before
49 the subsistence regulations started out. The meat, if left

50 behind, in three days in the warm weather you will not be able

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1 to use that meat because it'll stink so bad you can't even use
2 it yourselves. So the rule of thumb of the Eskimo is never to
3 leave the meat or kill an animal if you can't even bring it
4 home.

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6 And our counterparts do have rules and regulations,
7 well, just like the Native hunt.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So I guess we have discussed enough on
10 the subject, but direction into what we are going to be
11 presenting to the Task Force would be the subject that we need
12 to go by.

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14 So that this -- the Memorandum of Agreement from the
15 Task Force is the one that is given to the group here to work
16 on. It states these recommendations -- these recommendations.
17 The Federal Subsistence Board, if you want to catch up on a
18 little bit. He took the proposals out to Anchorage just
19 recently. There were three proposals. And so that's the only
20 two he had. And this -- those people that are working for the
21 Federal Task -- the -- before the proposals were presented to
22 them, so they were really before they were presented out to the
23 people who are -- so the Task Force made a recommendation that
24 this would be the route to go.

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26 This proposal 52 on caribou like when we had a meeting
27 recently when we worked on the proposals, they're going to
28 approve the proposals. And when the opening, the U.S. Fish &
29 Wildlife Service would announce the opening season around the
30 Kuskokwim area and the announcement was to be made that the
31 five caribou harvested that they would be announced. And it
32 was passed. It was approved by the Federal Subsistence Board
33 in the month of 4/3 of -- 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. And
34 we are now using that piece of legislation that came into
35 effect. We can now harvest five caribou a day. Before that
36 the State had in 1996 and '97 one bull and the bag limit two
37 caribou a day. And the Federal side of that and the bag limit
38 was one bull. And then it has changed now at this time up to
39 five because the Federal has on the Federal lands it would be
40 five caribou. The people who are working and appreciate and
41 say thanks to the people who Federal management groups have
42 accepted the proposal in the fashion that was overwhelmingly
43 accepted to the Native hunters. So to all of us hunters we
44 also thank you.

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46 And another proposal was.....

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48 INTERPRETER: Proposal 53, I think he's saying.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: In Unit 18, the group of people who

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1 need to harvest moose for Kalskag -- he's naming the villages,
2 the villages in those areas within the Unit 18. Remember you
3 worked on this and it was a desire for the public to be able to
4 harvest the moose. When the Board approved that proposal on
5 4/9 at 5:30 the exclusion was made and the Paimiut were
6 excluded. Paimiut and Holy Cross. But the others were given
7 approval.

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9 Three, the one that you were pushing for, Proposal 54
10 for Hooper Bay, Chevak, Scammon Bay in the area of Unit 22,
11 that they be able to hunt caribou. That proposal was also
12 approved. And the day 4/9/97 at 4:30 in the afternoon it
13 became into law.

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15 But there was an opposition to that effect. The oil
16 company, some Cusp'ik in the St. Michaels was the one that was
17 in opposition to and he was saying that Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay
18 and Chevak were not customary and traditional users of that
19 area, how can it become into law, that it would be into law
20 while they are not customary and traditional users of that
21 unit, Unit 22(A). That he was -- the State was saying wait a
22 minute, let's hold on this, this review this proposal. The
23 State reviewed the proposals and commented that the State was
24 also in agreement with the opposing people for the decision
25 that was made.

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27 But at the time the State personnel were here but they
28 didn't say anything, so that opposition was made without their
29 knowledge, so Chevak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay. This lady here
30 had have state -- the State wants to know when did these people
31 start using the caribou. Is there any record to back them up?
32 But the people of that region, 22(A), their Council saw the
33 proposal and agreed to -- they had a meeting in the region,
34 their Council, after reviewing the proposal of Chevak, Hooper
35 Bay and Scammon Bay they approved it right away. And there was
36 no opposition at the time.

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38 But on the other hand, but the State has presented to
39 the group that this needs to be reviewed. Trying to pick up
40 for proof of the use of -- so just a report for the group of
41 this area.

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43 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, can I say something?

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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47 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, quyana. Yesterday we
48 heard testimony from our elders here in Hooper Bay along with
49 an elder from Chevak, and I respect the testimony that they

50 presented to the public here. And I hope that, Pat, you have

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1 written down every word that they claimed -- they claimed that
2 happened in the past because they -- they told us that they --
3 their ancestors went up there to hunt moose and caribou with,
4 you know, canoe and using their own power. And those were the
5 days before our elders, Paul John's time and whoever else is
6 sitting in here. And I don't see how a State can oppose -- or
7 someone can oppose these folks here that I've mentioned from
8 Scammon, Hooper and Chevak be excluded from that hunting area.
9 I cannot see that. I hope that in your report you will present
10 all the testimony that they were presenting.

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12 They're talking about the same thing that we are
13 talking about today. They had a subsistence life. They try to
14 put dinner on their mother's table just as we are doing today
15 here. I don't want to hear the State or any agency saying that
16 we don't have any customary and traditional use of all our
17 natural resources that are existing out in our area. We serve
18 what we get. And like the gentleman from Scammon Bay said, if
19 you are not going to be able to bring that animal home don't
20 even kill it. I say that to my children, my boys. If you
21 can't get it, if the ice is too thin, wherever that game is,
22 don't even try. But you'll either end up drowning like he
23 says, or you won't be able to bring that game home, so leave it
24 alone. There'll be another time for that. That's all I have
25 to say. (In Yup'ik)

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27 So it's strongly in his mind. That's why he has to --
28 he had to emphasize things through there. And wherever it was
29 related to the oil wealth, the area is the only one that was
30 opposing this issue of Chevak, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay hunters,
31 but the people who reside there, truly reside there, and live
32 there are in favor of the people harvesting as well along with
33 them.

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35 INTERPRETER: He's now -- he's actually translated what
36 he said in English already.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. Bill?

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40 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik). He's talking about the
41 proposal that was made for the three villages of Chevak,
42 Scammon and Hooper Bay, that the State opposed or wanted
43 further information from. He says that these things are --
44 these things come up without their knowledge and the people
45 can't do anything about it because it's already been taken care
46 of. That it would be better if it's being for the purpose of
47 subsistence practices for Native only. That any time that
48 there are proposals that are made that they should be decided
49 by the Native leaders instead of the Board of Game or Board --

50 Federal Board of Subsistence.

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1 He says that there are problems with the -- They don't
2 -- they don't stay here but they're the ones that are down in
3 the Lower 48 or somewhere that makes the rules and regulations.
4 That if there's going to be anybody managing subsistence, there
5 should be somebody that's from that area. This -- the State is
6 to establish laws, and a lot of these proposals are made and
7 people out in the villages don't have any awareness of the
8 proposal. And that any of those proposals should be taken out
9 to the villages so that they could review those and we could
10 look at them and not be confused and work on them and get them
11 done.

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13 This area is where we do our hunting and fishing and
14 it's our land. They are always coming up with some problems,
15 and if we work together then they wouldn't have too many
16 problems of confusion and trying to understand each other and
17 not argue about these things. The only time that we argue is
18 because there's a proposal that we don't know anything about.
19 I don't know how to read or write, but there are certain things
20 that I worry about because I hear from other people what's
21 going on. Those people that don't know anything about
22 subsistence, they don't know anything about the subsistence way
23 of life. We should straighten out some way. I think this is
24 fare enough. Thank you.

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

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28 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, that really highlights
29 what Mr. McCann was talking about and what the other board meet
30 -- advisory board, or one of the Council members mentioned that
31 the -- that both the Federal and the State Task Force should
32 begin to understand that to them Fish and Game regulations are
33 the law, it's just a game for the Federal and the State Fish &
34 Game, but for us Natives it's above that. It's like what you
35 call the Federal and the State Government may call it the
36 supreme law of the land. To us the real supreme law to us is
37 subsistence law that has been conveyed to us from time
38 immemorial and then it should be a priority for the State and
39 the Federal Government to recognize or begin to recognize that
40 we have a real legitimate reason for them to prioritize our
41 main lifestyle, and that's subsistence.

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43 And if there is going to be any of proposals or law or
44 regulations that will affect our lifestyle, they should first
45 consult the people that have been here before. I think they
46 should begin to respect what has been our lifestyle from time
47 immemorial to now is still existing. It's not going to be
48 changed overnight just because somebody imagined some law to be
49 created to regulate us.

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1 But I am requesting what Mr. McCann has suggested.
2 Between these two Task Forces there definitely has to be in
3 written form that these people, the Advisory Council, people
4 that have knowledge about subsistence lifestyles should
5 definitely be included in that Task Force and those people
6 within each communities and the State of Alaska ask their
7 recommendations be reflected by any proposals that the Federal
8 and the State Government may be entertaining in reference to
9 subsistence lifestyle. They will have to face the people that
10 make those suggestions in reference to subsistence regulations.
11 Because if they make any type of law or regulations that will
12 affect their lifestyle they will have to be facing them anyway,
13 so why waste time and money and deny them the first option to
14 make the statement. Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) We're going to
17 have ten minutes break.

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19 (Off record - 9:30 a.m.)

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21 (On record - 9:50 a.m.)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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25 INTERPRETER: The Era Alaska will be here at 10:35 this
26 morning. Frank is calling all the names who are going to be
27 leaving, if they can be at the airport. They can go start
28 getting down to the airport. And the Alaska run will be here
29 tonight again at 6:00 p.m. The people that are being named
30 out are going to be on that flight.

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32 (Discussion re travel arrangements)

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34 MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik).

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36 MR. L. WILDE: Fritz, could you speak up a little bit.
37 We can't hear you from over here.

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39 MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik).

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41 INTERPRETER: I think he's talking about the board
42 training that he had attended and if so he gives all the report
43 of this booklet. It will take a long, long time to cover, but
44 for the -- he will provide essential information to the new
45 board members for them to have an idea as to expect what to do
46 so long as they serve on this -- on this Council.

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48 He's just specifically stating the information that he
49 had received. It's regarding the board training he attended,

50 what do these board members expect to be able to do or what

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1 their powers are. And a lot of the information will be
2 delivered to them by mail, to the rest of the Council members.
3 And when they had that meeting John Andrew was among those who
4 attended that meeting.

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6 MR. ANDREW: Yeah. Quyana (In Yup'ik). Fritz has
7 covered this in-house orientation training materials workshop
8 we had last summer on July 30, 1997, over in Anchorage. And
9 this one grew out of a desire to have materials that were user
10 friendly that were easy to understand and gave Council members
11 all the information they'd need to know to get started in their
12 role. (In Yup'ik)

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14 INTERPRETER: So Fritz already gave the highlights of
15 the meeting session that they had, but John Andrew is going to
16 be giving it out in the meeting now. I don't think I need to
17 translate that.

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19 MR. ANDREW: And this focus group is made out of
20 regional coordinators and Council members from each of the many
21 Regional Councils gave input on the content of the format of
22 the material they should have, and reviewed the initial draft
23 text. The Council members that were involved, like Fritz said,
24 were Fred Armstrong, Roy Ewan, Frank Fleener, Fritz George and
25 Robert Heyano, Melvin Smith and Bill Thomas.

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27 The revised material was approved by the Board and will
28 take place of the operations manual and the Federal Subsistence
29 Regional Advisory Council reference material notebook, which in
30 the past have been their training materials. And their revised
31 materials will be in two parts. (In Yup'ik), a booklet that
32 will give a rough overview of the Federal Subsistence
33 Management Program. This booklet will contain general
34 information as well as references to sections and pages of the
35 manual where the reader can find more specific information.

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37 (In Yup'ik) The second part, the manual will give
38 information that will be in a binder format for easy updating.
39 The manual will contain five sections, each one covering the
40 following subjects (In Yup'ik) subsistence laws, Council
41 responsibilities, Council meetings, regulation processes, and
42 the groups the Councils will work with. And they'll have
43 copies of ANILCA and these regulations in the manual. And
44 we'll also lists of important contacts including regional team
45 members and staff committee, and a map showing different land
46 uses in Alaska similar to what you see on the wall over there.
47 And a glossary and an index will be included. And they also
48 will make us region specific contact lists. (In Yup'ik).

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And this one, the primary audience for the materials is

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1 to -- targeted at new Council members that are just being
2 included in our council, and this year we've got three of them.
3 From now on I think every three years? Every three years --
4 no, once a year three of their terms will be up and the other
5 -- then the following year another three will go out and then
6 we'd have three new members.

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8 What the Council members see at the fall meeting (In
9 Yup'ik) is supposed to be a draft versions only. And they were
10 asking for feedback from the Council members, each Council
11 member how they like to revise their training materials. (In
12 Yup'ik) Finished materials should be ready in the winter
13 meeting, more likely ours will be by the first week of March.
14 (In Yup'ik) Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) It's just a brief
17 report about the training that took place in Anchorage. David
18 O. David before he gets anywhere else he's going to talk about
19 relating to the proposals.

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21 MR. DAVID: He wanted each one to ask management to --
22 Since yesterday morning we have been talking about subsistence.
23 And this only -- the meeting is only dealing with our people,
24 my people, the Alaska Natives. And the papers that we've seen
25 are coming from Federal as well as State. And what I -- the
26 question I want to ask is, and I would very like to be
27 answered, to get the answer from -- if there is any one of you
28 have an answer to my question. What is white man's
29 subsistence? What is your subsistence? Because my subsistence
30 is getting food from the land and what is -- and since you are
31 a human being like me I'm sure you do have subsistence, too?
32 So what is your subsistence? How do you define your
33 subsistence? You have got to have subsistence. You're a human
34 being like me.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom?

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38 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman, I don't see people jumping up
39 to respond to this. I have three sons and I have -- you know,
40 I go hunting with them. I go fishing with them. And we -- at
41 home we eat caribou and moose and salmon and halibut. That's
42 95 percent of the meat that we eat is food that I've gotten
43 with my sons. But I -- basically the food that I get I get
44 with a sport hunting and sport fishing license. I don't -- I
45 don't consider it subsistence. You know, I go out to get food
46 to feed my family, but I don't consider it subsistence. And I
47 like that food better than what I can get in the stores. I
48 think it's a lot healthier for my family. But that's my
49 perspective.

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1 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, I think David likes to
2 ask questions that have no answers.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. DAVID: No, that's not so because my subsistence is
7 already defined and you know about it. And since you know some
8 of it, you're given a choice.

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10 MR. BRELSFORD: Yes. This legal system, ANILCA Title
11 VIII is one effort to protect rural subsistence users. That's
12 not what you're asking about. It's not a legal question you
13 asked. I think it's more of a personal question. And Tom has
14 answered about his family. I'll say real quick for me, when I
15 spent 10 years living in villages in Western Alaska, in
16 Sleetmute and Aniak and Dillingham I felt like I was a guest in
17 the Yup'ik homeland. And I made some friends and my friends
18 took me hunting and teach me a little bit, try to show me about
19 the land, about the river, about the stories of their
20 ancestors. I always felt that was a very special opportunity
21 for me to bring home some food, for my kids to learn about the
22 world, the natural world the way you people did. I think that
23 was a very great gift for me.

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25 Now I live in Anchorage. If I get a chance to go
26 visiting and go hunting, I think it's real great, but I don't
27 think I have a subsistence life once I live in town. When I
28 lived in the village I shared in the subsistence life of that
29 village and I really treasure that, but now that I live in
30 Anchorage I go shopping at the grocery store and Costco. I
31 always see all you guys in Costco anyway. So.....

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33 (Laughter)

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think I'll cut that off. That's
36 good enough.

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38 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's good enough. It's not on the
41 agenda, okay? I think you appreciate your question is answered
42 anyway. We're through with that one. Okay. Next, this is the
43 most important part that we're in now. (In Yup'ik)

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45 Call for proposal. On your booklet, Council, your Tab
46 H you can see the first from the public. (In Yup'ik) Yes, go
47 ahead.

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49 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, I'm Jackson Williams from

50 Akiak. (In Yup'ik) What Billy McCann had brought up he would

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1 like to draft up a proposal to what Billy McCann had pointed
2 out about developing a new committee of some sort among the
3 subsistence users to -- addressing the State and Federal with
4 the proposal, if the proposals and regulations are to be
5 drafted. The proposals they develop -- if they both need
6 proposals both State and Federal so advisory group. Those
7 proposals would then be transferred and sent to all the tribes,
8 traditional councils, IRAs or the city councils, for them to
9 review before the meeting takes place on certain proposals. So
10 in that way the subsistence issue wouldn't take forever and
11 ever to be put away, so I guess if they had -- he's asking the
12 Council to make a proposal. If the proposals are by Federal
13 and State, if these people receive their proposal and then mail
14 it out to the villages within the region so that way they will
15 work hand in hand a great deal more that way.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think some time ago that we suggest
18 this Board -- this Council suggest any proposal that need to be
19 comment it should be going to all the villages in our area
20 here. I think that was our recommendation one time to go to
21 traditional council or city, whichever. That's what they are
22 saying right now. I thought we give that recommendation to you
23 guys from body -- Council.

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25 MS. McCLENAHAN: Mr. Chairman, I'm still fairly new,
26 but I don't remember any proposal like that. What -- How
27 exactly would you propose that we do this? When we receive a
28 proposal, to let each community know that the proposal was made
29 by, for example, Kwethluk Joint Group has a proposal. Then you
30 would want us to let each community know that Kwethluk Joint
31 Group proposed for a particular thing?

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any proposal that are proposed by --
34 in Delta, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. All of those proposals right
35 now we recommend they should to go IRA council, traditional
36 council or village councils, whichever.

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38 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, we actually make that --
39 we do that. When the proposal deadline comes and it's October
40 24th this year, we put all of those proposals together. It's a
41 little booklet. It was a blue booklet last year. It was
42 mailed out to you in about December. This year we hope to have
43 it about mid-November. It had 60 or 70 proposals last year,
44 all of them from beginning to end, all the regions of the
45 state. It tells you who proposed it and what their reasons
46 were. We have to do that. That's part of notifying the public
47 about the regulation questions before the Board. So we send
48 out that proposal booklet every year to about 2,500 mailing
49 list -- a mailing list of 2,500 organizations and individuals.

50 The traditional councils, the regional corporations, the tribal

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1 associations, the city councils in the Bush, those are all on
2 that mailing list. So we can make a commitment to follow this
3 recommendation and send out all of the proposals like you're
4 asking.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, it's my understanding that
7 there's some of these villages, they didn't receive that. I
8 mean the people of the village. They must go to the
9 traditional council, what the traditional councils do with
10 them, I don't know. If the village council received them, I
11 don't know what they do with them. But some of -- people in
12 the village, my understanding they don't even see no proposal.
13 They would like to comment on some of the things before it's
14 approved by the Board or even come to be considered by this
15 organization here. Yeah, Billy?

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17 MR. McCANN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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19 MR. BRELSFORD: Mr. Chairman, I think, perhaps, the
20 problem we're looking at is publicity and maybe there's some
21 other ways. We do mail out faithfully, and I know that. I
22 watch the stamp machine go by. But maybe we need to think
23 about some things like an interview on KYUK, to mention over
24 the radio the proposals in the Yukon Delta. More people might
25 hear about it. And maybe we should put something in Tundra
26 Drums so more people might hear about it. I think what I take
27 from your comments is we're not doing enough. We need to do a
28 little bit better job at publicizing those proposals in the
29 individual villages.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's not for me, I want you to
32 understand. It's for the people here. Okay.

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34 MR. BRELSFORD: Yes. Yes. I understand.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes? Bill?

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38 MR. McCANN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think from my
39 experience on the meetings like AFN proposals comes out before
40 they go out to the villages. And it's pretty hard for them to
41 understand the proposals, what the proposals mean. But some of
42 the proposals are not fit like Southeast and here, there's a
43 little different way to do it. And their way. That's why
44 sometimes the proposals are mixed up. And the others want to
45 -- don't want to do it because they're not fit them. So I
46 think it would be a better way to do it, making the proposals
47 before it's passed out to the villages. Let the boards check
48 it first because the proposal is going to be there, that's
49 approved by somebody, if it comes to the approve. That before

50 they approve it, they should -- somebody should check it before

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1 they send it out also. Sometimes like he said some of the
2 papers not coming to the village sometimes. I think that this
3 is really important to understand, the people understand what
4 the proposals -- what they want. I think it would be better
5 for somebody to check it like us maybe before it goes out and
6 it goes into approved. I think checking it is important before
7 it's approved. Sometimes the village will have time to look at
8 it and understand it, see. Some way to fix it so it'll be fit
9 to them.

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11 Like I said, Southeast is a different way. Sometimes
12 we do that in the AFN proposals is common in one, including
13 Southeastern way. Sometimes I see the Southeastern people
14 don't like our proposals sometimes including them, see.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester, go ahead.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I know for a fact that
19 Taylor is right because I've seen those proposal books sitting
20 in the city offices and in offices where I've visited. I know
21 they come out to the village. Just it's the problem is not
22 just theirs. The problem is within our people, too. They
23 don't take time out to read what comes. You know that as well
24 as I do that when papers come to you sometimes you decide
25 you're going to put it over there and read it tomorrow and
26 tomorrow never comes. So it's partly our fault. So we have to
27 -- in order for us to keep up with it, we, ourselves, have to
28 train ourselves to sit down and go over those proposals and
29 remind the people that we're involved with it. There's some
30 proposals in there that affect our area, so it's not totally
31 their fault. Some of it belongs to us, too.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) I want to get proposal
34 from the public. Next I want to get proposals from agencies.
35 Next I want to get -- I want to see proposals from Regional
36 Council. So if there's anyone here who has -- yeah, (In
37 Yup'ik).

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39 MR. SLATS: Mr. Chairman, I'm Richard Slats, Chevak
40 Tribal Courts. (In Yup'ik) Are these proposals to be
41 presented to you have to be in a written form?

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Yes.

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45 MR. SLATS: They don't have a written drafted proposal
46 when you -- he appreciates the fact that proposal 54 had been
47 acted upon and that for those issues that have approved it
48 would like to be extended appreciation from Kasunamuit (ph)
49 District.

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1 And the one thing that he doesn't feel comfortable
2 about is the fact that there was an opposition by the State and
3 one individual from St. Michaels about the passage of that
4 proposal. So if the State and Federal should address the
5 subsistence issues -- During the Subsistence Summit there was
6 guiding principles established and for them also to be able to
7 follow the guiding principles that were established at the
8 Subsistence Summit meeting in Anchorage.

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10 And so a lot of things are done without our knowledge.
11 It's unacceptable that the State -- but if the State and
12 Federal Government should draft a proposal, the guiding
13 principles would be their, mistake proof guideline. And for
14 those of you also we do see what your work is like and it's
15 appreciated that you're able to do things, although it's been
16 approved, that whoever made the opposition to this fact is --
17 it makes us feel bad for some agency or some group had to
18 oppose that, something that was nice to the area.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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22 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, whoever that's speaking, he
23 says that whatever the booklet or whatever he's reading must be
24 just a guiding guideline for drafting a proposal. So he feels
25 that like when a proposal is drafted it should touch on certain
26 areas of the region because some of the proposals that are
27 drafted does not have any effect on other areas of the state,
28 so when the proposal is drafted it should touch on certain
29 areas of that and acted upon accordingly. So it's not too
30 different from what the advisory committee would do. So the
31 proposals would be sent to the Fish Board, Game Board,
32 whatever, sometimes proposals are rejected and some do have a
33 lane (ph) to go into the regulations. A proposal is somewhat
34 like a probing (ph) method into what they can do to better the
35 needs of the people in different regions.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a couple of information that
38 he has on him. The request, the idea of getting proposals from
39 the public, he now is asking if they do have a proposal.

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41 (Discussion re travel arrangements)

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I would like to have or see -- if
44 there's no proposal from the public, I would like to see
45 proposal from agencies. If there's any proposal from agencies
46 here?

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48 MR. McCANN: There's one. There's one.

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MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman?

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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3 MR. WILLIAMS: (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: What he's going to do is he's going to
6 draft a formal proposal to give to the Council here.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum. Okay. (In Yup'ik) If
9 there's any proposal from agencies? Do we have proposal from
10 Regional Council? We do have. You know, that one we were
11 talking about yesterday, those six villages. How are we going
12 to deal with that?

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14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, no, it's not finished yet. How we
17 deal with that proposal that we had moved on yesterday for
18 consideration for six villages if they have customary and
19 traditional use. How are we going to deal with that?

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21 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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25 MR. L. WILDE: Proposal 54 came from the Tribal Council
26 of Hooper Bay and we did it in ten minutes using this form. I
27 think if you take a ten-minute break, you and the secretary can
28 handwrite on this form and have it to the Council within 15
29 minutes.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. We'll have 15 minutes break.

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33 (Off record - 10:25 a.m.)

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35 (On record - 10:40 a.m.)

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Six villages are going to
38 be drafting a proposal for customary and traditional use, and
39 the direction from the Chair for the named villages now, for
40 them to draft a proposal to be able to say that the caribou
41 hunting would be named as a customary and traditional use for
42 their area. So at the next Council meeting, their proposals
43 will be then reviewed by the Council.

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45 So at this time we're not going to be able to vote for
46 any of the proposals, because they have to be presented to the
47 public and discussed. So this -- so a couple of proposals that
48 are forthcoming should be given to the Council and then they
49 will be reviewed next Council meeting. And the agencies, they

50 don't have any proposals as of this date, and regional

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1 councils, their elder member of Toksook, he has signed his name
2 and thereby requesting that these three -- six villages be
3 included for them to be able to harvest caribou.

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5 So if you do have a proposal -- what is the closing
6 days for receiving proposal from any agencies or public or.....

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8 MS. McCLENAHAN: October 24th.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: October 24. So any of you that need
11 to draft a proposal need to turn your proposals in before the
12 October 24th. October 24th is the deadline for presenting your
13 proposals to the agencies.

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15 MR. NICOLAI: (In Yup'ik)

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay. There's two proposal
18 here we'd like to -- yeah, (In Yup'ik).

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20 MR. NICOLAI: Quyana.

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22 INTERPRETER: There's a couple of proposals that need
23 to be presented.

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25 MR. NICOLAI: There's two proposals from AVCP were
26 supposed to -- regarding caribou in the Unit 18. (In Yup'ik)
27 that represent 50 some odd villages. So much for that anyway.
28 Requesting the 50 some odd villages. And there's another
29 proposal regarding the bear in the Unit 18, trying to establish
30 a hunting opening for bear, to advance the date. That he would
31 like to recommend to the Council, and also for the Brown Bear
32 Management Group to accept these proposals. The one that's
33 regarding the caribou, to attempting to harvest caribou for
34 natives and non natives alike, August 10 -- to have the opening
35 from August 10, and the recommendation to the management, so
36 they would then have to review and study the effects of that
37 proposal.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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41 MR. NICOLAI: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) There's only two,
44 so they cannot act upon these two proposals at this time, but
45 next Council meeting we'll then act upon these two proposals.

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47 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible, away from
48 microphone)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) So there's no

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1 proposals at this time. And there's a proposal just came up.
2 It will be worked on and next meeting these proposals will be
3 presented to the Council.

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5 I think right now on our agenda (In Yup'ik), c&t
6 backlog update.

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8 INTERPRETER: C&T update on the agenda.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: McClenahan, will you take this?

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12 MS. McCLENAHAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm Pat
13 McClenahan, staff anthropologist, and I have a report to give
14 you on the backlogged customary and traditional use proposals.
15 The backlog is proposals that were proposed as far back as
16 1990, and have not been acted on, but we are taking them as
17 quickly as we can and doing analyses on them as quickly as
18 possible.

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20 The first one is moose, Unit 19, for Akiak and
21 Akiachak. We have a proposal for caribou, Unit 17A and 17B for
22 the residents of Unit 18. We have a proposal for caribou Unit
23 19A and 19B for the residents of Unit 18. And a proposal for
24 caribou, Unit 17A and 17B for residents of Akiak and Akiachak.
25 A proposal for caribou, Unit 19, for the residents of Akiak and
26 Akiachak. A proposal for caribou, Unit 21E for residents of
27 Akiak and Akiachak. For brown bear, we have a proposal for
28 brown bear in Unit 17A, 17B for Akiak and Akiachak. Brown bear
29 for Unit 19 for Akiak and Akiachak. Unit 21E for Akiak and
30 Akiachak.

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32 We also have a request from Kwethluk Joint Group to --
33 for a global Board global review of Unit 18 for fur bearers for
34 Units 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 for the residents of Unit 18, and
35 for black bear the same, a global Board review of c&t for Units
36 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 for the residents of Unit 18. And I've
37 been requested to, by my office, to ask about these last two,
38 Mr. Chairman. Because they are multiple unit, they present a
39 considerable difficulty in dealing at -- all at one time. What
40 I've been proposing is to try to deal with this unit by unit,
41 and I'm going to be talking to Phillip Guy about this issue,
42 because he was the proposer, or he was the representative of
43 the proposer. But does the Council have any particular wishes
44 in this regard?

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Council's -- question to the Council,
47 that particular proposal.

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49 INTERPRETER: Quyana. He's translating himself.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'm just asking a question. If you
2 have a difficulty with the proposal, you should go back to that
3 person who wrote or responsibility for that proposal and work
4 with that person.....

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6 MS. McCLENAHAN: Okay.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE:before you present it to us or
9 out to the public.

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11 MS. McCLENAHAN: Okay. I'll do that. May I also move
12 on to deferred proposals, since I'm up here? We have one
13 deferred proposal and that is moose, Unit 17B for Akiak and
14 Akiachak, and it was deferred so that we could get more
15 information on the proposal before it goes forward.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So you have to go over there to those
18 people?

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20 MS. McCLENAHAN: They need to -- somehow we need to get
21 more information.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum.

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25 MS. McCLENAHAN: And that's the extent of it. Does
26 anybody have any questions?

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28 Oh, one more thing, regarding proposals for fish, there
29 are some proposals for fish, but we're unable to do anything
30 about them until the end of the moratorium.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's the region that we were request
33 not to even consider the fish. (In Yup'ik) So they couldn't
34 act upon -- they can't even want to act upon a proposal, not
35 knowing the background of that proposal at this time. I guess
36 it's okay to set aside the proposal regarding fish.

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38 We're on D on our agenda, Regional Council charter.
39 Tab I.

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41 MR. ANDREW: I?

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I. (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. ANDREW: In the charter, every two years they
46 review the changes. So their charter, direction of the
47 Regional Council.

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49 INTERPRETER: They are looking at a charter for the

50 Federal Advisory Committee, advisory guidelines for the

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1 regional structure of the council and proceedings.

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3 MR. ANDREW: The charter expires every two years, and
4 the current charter expires on December 2, 1998. The Secretary
5 of Interior, with the concurrence of the Secretary of
6 Agriculture, must renew the charters by that date. The
7 regional councils have a role in recommending changes to the
8 charters.

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10 Some items in the charters are a result of specific
11 regulation and so cannot be changed through the renewal
12 process. However, on other items, the regional councils can
13 recommend changes which the Board will evaluate in developing
14 its advice to the Secretaries.

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16 Since the last charter renewal, the regional councils
17 have been discussing two charter items with the Board. The
18 results of earlier consultations and staff work will be
19 included in Board deliberations on these items during the
20 current round of charter renewal. They are: (1) alternate
21 members to serve in the absence of a regular member; (2)
22 compensation for regional council members. At the present time
23 there is no compensation for the Regional Council members.

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25 Other items on which the regional councils could
26 provide a recommendation with justification include: a name
27 change; a boundary change; size of the regional council
28 membership; role in specific subsistence resource commission
29 appointments; and criteria for removing a member.

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31 Among the items set in regulation are: the objectives
32 and the scope of activity; (2) duration of the charter; (3) the
33 individual to whom the regional council reports; (3) the duties
34 of the regional council; (4) the advance approval of the
35 regional coordinator for calling meetings and/or establishing
36 agendas; and lastly the terms of office for members.

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38 For the timeline: September/October 1997, during the
39 fall meetings, regional council will review their charters and
40 identify areas for revision.

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42 And February 1998, during the winter meetings, regional
43 councils review any staff work regarding proposed charter
44 changes and finalize recommendations.

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46 In June 1998, Board reviews regional council
47 recommendations on charter renewal, provides recommendations to
48 the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture.

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And then September 1998, the Secretary of Interior

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1 signs the new charters. The last charter was signed by the
2 Secretary of Interior on September 5, 1996.

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4 The Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Council.
5 The charter reads as follows:

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7 The official designation is the Yukon/Kuskokwim Delta
8 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

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10 The objective of the Council is to provide an
11 administrative structure that enables rural residents who have
12 personal knowledge of local conditions and requirements to have
13 a meaningful role in the management of fish and wildlife and of
14 subsistence uses of those resources on public lands in the
15 region.

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17 The Council is expected to exist into the foreseeable
18 future. Its continuation is, however, subject to rechartering
19 every biennial anniversary of the Alaska National Interest
20 Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1998 -- 1980. The
21 Council shall take no action unless the requirements of the
22 Federal Advisory Committee Act have been complied with.

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24 The Council reports to the Federal Subsistence Board
25 Chair who is appointed by the Secretary of the Interior with
26 the concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture.

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28 Administrative support for the activities of the
29 Council will be provided by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service,
30 Department of the Interior.

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32 The Council possesses the authority to perform the
33 following duties:

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35 (1) Initiate, review and evaluate proposals for
36 regulations, policies, management areas -- or management plans,
37 and other matters relating to subsistence uses of fish and
38 wildlife on public lands within the region;

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40 (2) Provide a forum for the expression of opinions and
41 recommendations by persons interested in any matter related to
42 the subsistence uses of fish and wildlife on public lands
43 within the region;

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45 (3) Encourage local and regional participation in the
46 decision making process affecting the taking of fish and
47 wildlife on the public lands within the region for subsistence
48 uses;

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(4) Prepare an annual report to the Secretary

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1 containing the following: A. an identification of current and
2 anticipated subsistence uses of fish and wildlife populations
3 within the region; B. an evaluation of current and anticipated
4 subsistence needs for fish and wildlife populations within the
5 region; C. a recommended strategy for the management of fish
6 and wildlife populations within the region to accommodate such
7 subsistence uses and needs; D. recommendations concerning
8 policies, standards, guidelines and regulations to implement
9 the strategy;

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11 (5) Make recommendations on determinations of
12 customary and traditional uses of subsistence resources;

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14 (6) Make recommendations on determinations of rural
15 status; and

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17 (7) provide recommendations on the establishment and
18 membership of federal local advisory committees.

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20 The Council shall perform its duties in conformity with
21 the Operating Manual for Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory
22 Councils.

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24 The annual cost, operating costs of the Council are
25 estimated at \$100,000, which includes one person-year of staff
26 support.

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28 Meetings: The Council shall meet at least twice each
29 year at the call of the Council, Council chair, Federal
30 Subsistence Board Chair, or designated federal official, with
31 the advance approval of the Federal Subsistence Board Chair or
32 the designated federal officer, who shall also approve the
33 agenda.

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35 Membership shall be as follows: Eleven members who
36 shall be knowledgeable and experienced in matters relating to
37 subsistence uses of fish and wildlife and are residents of the
38 region represented by the council. Members shall be appointed
39 by the Secretary of the Interior with the concurrence of the
40 Secretary of Agriculture, based upon the recommendations of the
41 Federal Subsistence Board.

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43 Vacancy: Whenever a vacancy occurs among Council
44 members appointed under paragraph 9, the Secretary shall
45 appoint an individual in accordance with paragraph 9 to find
46 that -- fill that vacancy for the remainder of the applicable
47 term.

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49 Vacancy: Whenever a vacancy occurs among Council

50 members appointed under paragraph 9, the Secretary shall

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1 appoint an individual in accordance with paragraph 9 to fill
2 that vacancy for the remainder of the applicable year.

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4 Terms of Office: Except as provided herein, each
5 member of the Council shall serve a three-year term unless a
6 member of the Council resigns prior to the expiration of the
7 three-year term or he or she is removed for cause by the
8 Secretary upon recommendation of the Federal Subsistence Board.
9 Members shall be notified of their appointment in writing. If
10 resigning prior to the expiration of a term, members shall
11 provide a written resignation.

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13 Chair: Council members shall elect the chair for a
14 one-year term; the first elected chair may serve a term of less
15 than one year.

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17 Removal of members: If a Council member appointed
18 under Paragraph 9 misses two consecutive regularly scheduled
19 meetings, the Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board may
20 recommend that the Secretary of the Interior with the
21 concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture remove that
22 individual.

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24 Compensation: Members of the Council shall receive no
25 compensation as members. Members shall, however, be allowed
26 travel expenses, including per diem, in the same manner as
27 persons employed intermittently in Government service are
28 allowed such expenses under 5 USC 5703.

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30 The designated federal officer, pursuant to Section
31 10(e) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, shall be the
32 federal regional coordinator, or his or her designee.

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34 11. Authority: The Council is established by virtue
35 of the authority set out in the Alaska National Interest Lands
36 Conservation Act (16 USC 3115 (1988)).

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38 And this charter was signed by Secretary Babbitt
39 September 5, 1996.

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41 He's asking the Council to take a look at this charter
42 and to see if there might be any changes that they would like
43 to have, but if they want to accept it the way it is, to make a
44 motion to go ahead and accept it the way the charter is.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: He's wondering how the other Council
47 members think but the material that are for Council including
48 this charter an how we are going to use, and that these then
49 are responsible -- or responsibilities of the duties and the

50 manual, procedures manuals. We don't know too much about those

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1 procedures. And what we would like to have is to have the
2 coordinator or somebody in the staff teach us all of these
3 things. We need to have some type of workshop or training so
4 that we have better understanding of these manuals and
5 procedures that we would use. And he's wondering whether the
6 council members have a better understanding of the charter that
7 was just read. And it's kind of difficult for them to make any
8 changes or accept it without having clearer knowledge of the
9 charter which was just read. And there should be a workshop
10 and explaining all of this, such things as the charter or the
11 manuals of procedures and the operating. And I would like to
12 have the coordinator and/or the staff of subsistence to explain
13 these, and have a workshop session to train us, have better
14 understanding of these procedures and manuals and charters and
15 anything else that the council has responsibilities and duties
16 on.

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18 MR. DAVID: And David O. David says that they would
19 like to have this workshop of training or explanation of these
20 duties and responsibilities before the next Council meeting.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And the motion is being explained by
23 Harry at this time is to have a workshop to have all these
24 procedures and processes and responsibilities and duties of the
25 Regional Council prior to the next Regional Council meeting.

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27 Has there been a second?

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29 MR. McCANN: I second the motion.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Billy. Discussion?

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33 MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman?

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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37 MR. GEORGE: And he's recommending that they have these
38 procedures and duties and responsibilities of the Council, that
39 these also be written in Yup'ik so that people that can read
40 Yup'ik will be able to read those duties and responsibilities
41 in Yup'ik.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any person over there that
44 could write Yup'ik?

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46 MR. GEORGE: There was during one -- the discussion
47 during the work -- the focus group meeting, they came up with a
48 request for the agency to translate the manual and whatever is
49 in there into Yup'ik, because in my region there's some people,

50 my elders, who cannot speak and read the English language. And

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1 one of the ladies was going to look for some funding to see if
2 we can get -- make that happen.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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6 MR. BERG: Yeah, Mr. Chair, there are no plans at this
7 time to have those materials translated, but that is certainly
8 a very good suggestion and comment that I'll take back to our
9 office and make sure that we get a response back to the
10 Council.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: When we could be able to have a
13 workshop with the charters and all that stuff?

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15 MR. BERG: I don't know. I can't really tell you right
16 now when we could set up that workshop. I would have to go
17 back to the office and we would have to look at that and see
18 when we could probably get together with all the council
19 members and go through these new orientation materials.

20
21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We could -- we need to have a workshop
22 to understand these here. There's some of us, we've got broken
23 English, we can't read, and some of us, our elders, so we've
24 got one here that -- John Paul -- Paul John, need to understand
25 what kind of material and what kind of things that we need.
26 Right now there's a motion on the floor, we are on discussing
27 it, request for workshop, but what date, we're going to need to
28 work -- need that workshop, I don't know what date.

29
30 MR. BERG: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I think I would imagine
31 that we would be allowed to have an extra day on your next
32 meeting, the day before you meet in your next meeting, and have
33 a whole day workshop for the Council members?

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, they would like to have it before
36 next day meeting -- next time meeting. Before next time
37 meeting.

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39 MR. MANUMIK: The next -- the day.....

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41 MR. BERG: Yeah. I'm not -- I will.....

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43 MR. MANUMIK:before the next meeting.

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45 MR. BERG:certainly take that suggestion
46 back,.....

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Huh?

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MR. MANUMIK: An extra day before the next

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1 meeting,.....

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3 MR. BERG:and we will work on what we can.....

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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7 MR. MANUMIK:is what he's saying. (In Yup'ik)

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. How about give us one day or a
10 couple days before next meeting?

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12 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: One day.

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14 MR. BERG: Yes, I think that the -- that that would be
15 very possible. I think that's a very good idea.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Only the workshop, only the council
18 members.

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20 MR. BERG: Yes.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: With the materials they have, manual
23 and charter.

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25 MR. BERG: Yes, that would be a very good idea, a
26 very.....

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And make sure that there would be
29 translators so everyone will understand.

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31 MR. BERG: Yes. Yeah, I think that's a very good idea.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion's still on discussion. If
34 there's any more discussion?

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36 MR. GEORGE: Question.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called for. All who
39 favor it, say aye?

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, same sign?

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45 (No opposing votes.)

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. So that
48 recommendation is now that at our next meetings, two days ahead
49 or one day before or whatever. Okay.

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1 It look like right now that no changes approved. Yeah?

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3 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, a couple of years ago
4 we discussed an alternate board member for the Regional Council
5 members sitting here?

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum.

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9 MR. MANUMIK: I don't see it in here as we've discussed
10 it. Would be sent to the Secretary of Interior, but I don't
11 know what happened. I don't see it in our charter anywhere.

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13 MR. ANDREW: Second page.

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15 MR. MANUMIK: Okay. (In Yup'ik) Yeah. Good.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's there? Right here it says in
18 our.....

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20 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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22 MR. MANUMIK: Sorry, I overlooked it.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Yukon-Kuskokwim recommend
25 alternates for every RAC member or two alternates at large.

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27 MR. MANUMIK: Okay. Quyana.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) In your tab.....

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31 MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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35 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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39 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) Is that what we do every
40 years, we need the charter? That's what I was asking for.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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44 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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48 INTERPRETER: They want to have a short discussion.

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MR. MANUMIK: It's already in.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion. Who's second?

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3 MR. DAVID: I second the motion.

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5 MR. MANUMIK: I don't know who moved?

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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9 MR. MANUMIK: Oh, yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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11 INTERPRETER: There's a motion by the Council so that
12 they can accept the regional council charter with no changes
13 and as it is.

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15 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: David seconded it.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: David O. David second. Discussion?

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19 MR. NICOLAI: Question.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. Roll
22 call.

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24 MR. GEORGE: Harry Wilde?

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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28 MR. GEORGE: Paul Manumik?

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30 MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

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32 MR. GEORGE: Ilarion Nicolai?

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34 MR. NICOLAI: Yes.

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36 MR. GEORGE: Felix George, yes. Steven White excused.
37 David O. David?

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39 MR. DAVID: Yes.

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41 MR. GEORGE: Billy McCann?

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43 MR. McCANN: Yes.

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45 MR. GEORGE: James Charlie (sic)?

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47 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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49 MR. GEORGE: James Charles. Johnny Thompson?

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1 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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3 MR. GEORGE: Paul John.

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5 MR. ANDREW: Excused.

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7 MR. GEORGE: Excused.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Excused, yeah.

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11 MR. GEORGE: Lester Wilde?

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13 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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15 MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman, nine yes, two excused.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana.

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19 INTERPRETER: The Regional Council Charter has been
20 approved as is with no changes.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) regulatory year (In
23 Yup'ik). We are now on agenda item number E, regulatory year
24 schedule. It's in Tab J of the handbook.

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26 MR. ANDREW: Jerry. Jerry Berg.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. (In Yup'ik) Kodiak area will
29 have their meeting in Anchorage February 24 to 25. And in the
30 month of February and to the end of March, March 3, Barrow in
31 North Slope will be happening. When will your meeting be
32 scheduled. Yeah, go ahead. You could do it handily.

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34 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chair. My name is Jerry Berg. I'm
35 with the Fish & Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence
36 Management Anchorage, and I'll present this next issue to you.
37 It's under tab.....

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: J.

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41 MR. BERG:J here. I assume you're already there.
42 And the Board -- the Federal Subsistence Board is considering
43 moving the regulatory process in the wintertime back one month,
44 and they would like to get comments from all the councils on
45 how this fits with their schedule of subsistence activities,
46 and other meetings that they're involved with.

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48 And really what has started this was that the --
49 there's biologists and anthropologists, staff people that do

50 the analysis for the proposals, and it's difficult at times for

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1 them to get the data and to get the -- to get contact with
2 people who have the data for them to do the analysis during the
3 winter months. During the holidays it's hard to get ahold of
4 people, and it's hard to get ahold of some of the data, so
5 they've tried to -- they've made a request to try to lengthen
6 the analysis period by one month, and that will allow them to
7 get a better analysis to present to the Regional Council in
8 their winter meetings. And so they're proposing to set the
9 window for the winter meetings back one month. And they have
10 not done it yet, but they would like to get comments from the
11 Council, and then also have the Council select two dates within
12 the different windows that are before you, and that way if they
13 decide to go ahead and go forward, depending on the comments
14 from the Councils, then they'll have a date, you guys will
15 already have a date picked out under either scenario.

16
17 And then they also -- well, also the other comment that
18 they would like to get are in regards to the Council Chair
19 would have to attend a Federal Subsistence Board meeting, and
20 that meeting will also be postponed by a month. And so it has
21 traditionally been in early April, and now that meeting will be
22 pushed back to early May. And so whether the chair of the
23 Council would be able to attend that portion within May rather
24 than April.

25
26 So we're really looking for comments from the Council
27 on the proposed changes.

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29 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Let's do it in April.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: When April -- when they -- to let you
32 know, there's a recommendation and also there's an invitation
33 February 3 and 4, scheduled day looking at right now, if it's
34 okay with the Council, and also invitation from Kwigilingok,
35 David O. David, he said that he's going to buy us all knee
36 boots to get there, so.....

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38 MR. DAVID: No, no. An old native (indiscernible,
39 laughter).

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, yeah. I forgot. You've got to
42 come with knee boots.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MR. DAVID: No, that's not so far. Everything's going
47 to be frozen then.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay.

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1 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik) John Andrew
2 would like to put in addition to what -- there was a question,
3 this -- the dates of the -- it usually stretches from February
4 and March. Refer it back one month, and refer the April
5 meeting to May, but there was some people that opposed to that,
6 because at that time the herring fishery is going on at that
7 time, and preparations for that fishing season. It's occurring
8 at that month. So that was the reason why there was an
9 opposition that was stated, so.....

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So you're asking us what date all
12 that.....

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14 MR. BERG: Right.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE:what date, you're asking move it
17 back another month or what?

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19 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik) David O. David,
20 there is also that deferring back -- referring the meeting back
21 one month would be unacceptable for them also, so that because
22 during that time the subsistence users are actively in pursuit
23 of probably seal hunting and migratory bird hunting and all
24 that stuff. Involved in that month.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James?

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28 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. What would happen if two
29 regionals make that the same date, like North Slope is meeting
30 on February 3rd and 4. How about if we meet on the same day?
31 Would that be a problem for the staff or.....

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think we have to look at what kind
34 of activities they have in AVCP or Chalista or whatever, you
35 know, or otherwise we're not going to be quorum. We have to
36 work with AVCP and those other organizations like (In Yup'ik).

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38 MR. CHARLES: I'm talking about other regional
39 councils,.....

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum.

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43 MR. CHARLES:different area, like North Slope.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. So some of the board members
46 here do belong to YKC board and AVCP board, so in that respect
47 I guess it would be wise for this agency to look into the other
48 agency schedules at this.

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MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman?

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah? Go ahead.

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3 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I want the board to
4 know that we have an alternate system in our charter now.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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8 MR. MANUMIK: It's in our charter, so you could send
9 alternates to take our place if we have a conflicting date.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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13 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik) The board members that are
14 sitting on this council also do have -- are also sitting on
15 other boards as well. So other agencies such as YKC, AVCP,
16 schedule have to be.....

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18 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik) So he
19 recommend that almost every village in the region do have free
20 time in the month of October during the freezing up, freezing
21 season. So during the freezing time, the people tend to stay
22 in their villages with hardly any place to go to, so I guess he
23 -- I think he's recommending to consider the month of October
24 for their schedule, so most people in the villages do stay home
25 during the freezing up.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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29 MR. THOMPSON: October is a busy month.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Busy month. October is busy month.
32 AFN, AVCP, and all other agencies too have a lot of scheduling
33 on the month of October. We're going to go to one month, the
34 same month. (In Yup'ik)

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36 INTERPRETER: So he's recommending that these already
37 established months stay the same.

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39 MR. CHARLES: (In Yup'ik) in February?

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41 MR. THOMPSON: February.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: February.

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45 MR. THOMPSON: (In Yup'ik) from 22 to 28 (In Yup'ik).

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 28. (In Yup'ik)

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49 MR. THOMPSON: In between 22 and 28th, in that area.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. THOMPSON: 3 and 4.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 3 and 4. (In Yup'ik) There's a
6 recommendation from one of the Council 3 and 4 would be fine.

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8 MR. L. WILDE: To speed things up, Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that the Council recommend that the meeting times be left as
10 are, as they are now.

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12 MR. DAVID: Second the motion.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor and
15 seconded. We will have a meeting in the same time that we have
16 been meeting before. What was that?

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18 MR. BERG: I'm not sure when you met last winter.

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20 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman?

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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24 MR. ANDREW: Ever since we got started, our regulatory
25 cycle, meeting cycles has been every year, the first week of
26 October and the first week of March, because the second week is
27 always reserved for native associations and entities. And the
28 third week is for -- is reserved for AFN. Because the first
29 week of every Wednesday is -- the first week of every month is
30 usually fairly much open for our Council. And the fourth week
31 is mostly the state people meet on the fourth week. That's how
32 it's been in our region. And that's one of the reasons why our
33 Council would like to keep their own regulatory cycle. Thank
34 you.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) First week of October.
37 If there's any more discussion to the motion?

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39 MR. THOMPSON: Question.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question has been called for. All
42 who favor it say aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no?

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48 (No opposing votes.)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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1 MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Huh?

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5 MR. GEORGE: Yeah, seconded?

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7 MR. NICOLAI: David.

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9 MR. GEORGE: David?

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. David (In Yup'ik). We're going
12 to go to the next on agenda, that F on agenda?

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14 MR. NICOLAI: (In Yup'ik) April to go one month?

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, (In Yup'ik)

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18 MR. NICOLAI: (In Yup'ik)

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh.

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22 MR. NICOLAI: April.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You want to know if the Board would
25 move forward or back or.....?

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27 MR. BERG: Well, Mr. Chair, we need to know -- I don't
28 know if you meant October or February. We were trying to set
29 dates for your winter meeting coming up this coming February.

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31 MR. ANDREW: February 2 and 3.

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33 MR. BERG: Last year you met February 5 and 6, the
34 first week in February.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You have a problem February 6 and 7
37 then? If there's a problem?

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39 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

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41 MR. L. WILDE: That's the way I made the motion, Mr.
42 Chairman.

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44 MR. CHARLES: First part of February, first part of
45 October.

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47 MR. L. WILDE: That should take care of the meeting,
48 the.....

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MR. ANDREW: Yeah, February.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: That should take -- that motion should
2 take care of the.....

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4 MR. DAVID: The future meeting.

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6 MR. L. WILDE: As far as the proposal dates are
7 concerned, that should take care of that, too. That all the
8 meetings remain the same. That was my motion. I hope that's
9 the way it was recorded.

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11 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman?

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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15 MR. J. WILLIAMS: Jackson Williams. My question is (In
16 Yup'ik). What he want to know, when they are going to meet, is
17 that date, meeting's going to be an overview or just going to
18 be from elevated?

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The next meeting will be held in
21 Kwigilingok, because little (ph) David O. David has invited the
22 Council to have their meeting in Kwigilingok next time.

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24 MR. DAVID: He make me do it.

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26 (Laughter)

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I don't do it, you do it. Yeah.

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30 MR. McCANN: We're going to learn how he's efficient I
31 guess.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Yeah?

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35 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman?

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37 MR. R. WILLIAMS: I may be out of order, but you talked
38 about proposals from the public? (In Yup'ik)

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Okay. (In Yup'ik)

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42 MR. R. WILLIAMS: Yeah.

43
44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Yeah?

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46 INTERPRETER: Roy Williams asked to have a little time
47 to present his drafted proposal from the public. If he could
48 be given a little time, and the Chair has told -- assured him
49 that he will be given it when they come to item G and any other

50 new business.

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1 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik) That, what you're asking is
2 for the April -- February meeting in Anchorage or.....

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4 MR. BERG: Now, that's for your Council meeting.

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6 MR. MANUMIK: For the regional.....

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's what.....

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10 MR. MANUMIK: The question he had was to move that
11 meeting date one month back?

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13 MR. BERG: Yeah, if you would like to, and then to pick
14 two different dates, one from each calendar.

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16 MR. MANUMIK: Uh-hum. So that you could have more
17 comments, more input from the communities. Is that the
18 objective plan?

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Didn't we vote on it?

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22 MR. DAVID: Yeah.

23
24 MR. BERG: Yeah, that.....

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26 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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30 MR. L. WILDE: There was a motion that was -- there was
31 a motion made, seconded and voted on already. Why are we still
32 discussing this?

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I don't know if you understand, the
35 motion was to keep the meetings that same days.

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37 MR. MANUMIK: Same dates.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That was the motion and it was already
40 passed.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: That's the advice to the Board, too,
43 that all the meetings.

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45 MR. BERG: Okay. And then do you not want to make an
46 alternative selection on the second page. Your comment is to
47 not make a selection on that?

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49 MR. L. WILDE: My motion didn't say that.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You want me to talk to you in Yup'ik,
2 that way you will understand?

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. DAVID: Did you -- Mr. Chairman?

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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10 MR. DAVID: Didn't you hear the motion pass, and his
11 motion that I seconded, that the dates be the same for the --
12 if I understand it right, for the future meetings. For the
13 meetings to come,.....

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15 MR. BERG: Yeah.

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17 MR. DAVID:that we will have in the future.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And you request for alternate or
20 something? There's no alternate. Only those date.

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22 MR. BERG: Okay. Very good.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. (In Yup'ik)

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26 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. DAVID: Yeah, but what if the weather is bad?

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30 MR. CHARLES: Yeah, that's what he wants, if we can't
31 meet, alternate if we can't meet.....

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33 MR. L. WILDE: You can tell it not to, Dave.

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35 (Indiscernible -- simultaneous speech in Yup'ik)

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37 MR. DAVID: Well, I don't know how to do that.

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39 MR. McCANN: We don't understand each other no more.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: They can understand English no more.

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43 MR. McCANN: No more. Not even Eskimo.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Forward or after? Maybe after? It
46 would have to be after that date.

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48 MR. MANUMIK: Alternate dates.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: A couple days after if the weather is

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1 bad?

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3 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) I don't know. At one time
4 when we were trying to meet up in Nunap,.....

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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8 MR. ANDREW:the weather was so terrible, we ended
9 up in meeting in Bethel. That might be another option.

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11 MR. THOMPSON: We can do that.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, it can.

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15 MR. McCANN: Bethel would be good.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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19 MR. McCANN: Cheaper.

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21 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, on your agenda, there's
22 item 11, time and place of next meeting. And this agenda's
23 been approved. I think your agenda states task force,
24 Governor's Task Force, AFN. Get you off regulatory schedule.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's what I'm trying to -- I'm
27 trying to get there.

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29 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, I think there should be
30 another motion to put alternate date.

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32 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, I think we should wait until
33 we get there, since the agenda has already been approved. I
34 think we should wait until we get to that item.

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36 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Oh, yeah. Just give me the
39 date, alternate date for the meeting, and we'll put it on a
40 motion and voted on what date and -- if you guys.....

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42 MR. McCANN: I think I had -- excuse me. I think it
43 would be good alternate date would be open, that we considered
44 which is available. Open. I think that would be a good one.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum. (In Yup'ik)

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48 MR. ANDREW: Is that possible?

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MR. FISHER: Leave an open date?

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1 MR. ANDREW: Leave it open, and we could call -- I
2 don't know how much time we'll need to get ready though.

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4 MR. FISHER: No, that would fine. Need to kind of
5 coordinate that.....

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7 MR. ANDREW: Okay. We'll give it a try. (In Yup'ik)
8 We'll leave it open.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-hum. Yeah. (In Yup'ik) If that
11 day is bad weather. (In Yup'ik) We would leave it open if the
12 weather is bad, or no meeting or no place.

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14 MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman?

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah? Oh, excuse me.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chair?

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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22 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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28 MR. L. WILDE: On our agenda, we were discussing
29 regulatory year schedule, proposal for alternate regulatory
30 schedule. My proposal took care of -- my amendment took care
31 -- I mean, my motion took care of that. On item -- further
32 down on the line you have item 10, time and place of next
33 meeting. That's going to be taking care of our meeting. But
34 my motion covered this proposal for alternate regulatory
35 schedule. Okay?

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Well, we're getting on an approved
42 agenda. We approved this.....

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Yeah.

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46 MR. L. WILDE:agenda yesterday.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let's go to other item. Item F,
2 Governor's Task Force. All the information is over on the
3 table. You guys could go over there and pick one and bring it
4 home. We won't discuss nothing about it, but it's over there.
5 So that's the way -- that's what they told me.

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7 And then next is any other business. We give my friend
8 over there an opportunity to read his -- or give us information
9 on his proposal, but we cannot work on it until next meeting.
10 Yeah. But you give to us what it is.

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12 INTERPRETER: Any other business under G. Roy Williams
13 is given a little time to present his drafted proposal, but he
14 assured him that this particular proposal will not be acted
15 upon.

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17 MR. R. WILLIAMS: (In Yup'ik) He has drafted a
18 proposal, here in what is needed.

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20 This is to Federal Subsistence Board Task Force, or
21 State Subsistence Task Force, from the Subsistence Users
22 Proposal, submitted during Yukon-Kuskokwim Subsistence Regional
23 Advisory Council meeting. The subject being recognize the
24 reality and existence of the natives supreme law of the land,
25 and that is subsistence law.

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27 Be advised and informed that the subsistence issue is
28 not just a game to the natives affected, but a daily life of a
29 native involved in living and feeding their families since time
30 immemorial. Federal and state officials involved in the due
31 process of the laws and regulations need to recognize and
32 adhere to the natives voice concerning their own livelihood and
33 lifestyle in reference to subsistence issues. It's time that
34 the Federal and State executive, judicial and legislative
35 branches attempting to create laws and regulations that will
36 have an affect on the natives subsistence way of life recognize
37 the need for equal voice and representation on the Board of
38 Fish and Game.

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40 Federal and State subsistence task force are requested
41 to:

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43 1. Recognize and consult each tribes in Alaska prior
44 to drafting and implementation of the subsistence regulations.
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46 2. Each proposed amendments to the regulations need to
47 go through the due process of getting feed back from the
48 natives concerned.

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3. Attempting to create laws and regulations prior to

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1 consultation and affirmation will not have an affect on the
2 control and monitoring of the natives' livelihood and
3 lifestyle.

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5 4. Recognize the need for uniformed representation,
6 consultation and decision making process, goal being that the
7 laws and regulations on subsistence issues the same both in the
8 federal regulations and the state regulations.

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10 5. Subsistence regulations created without the input
11 of the natives who make it their way of life since time
12 immemorial is not considered law and regulatory to their
13 livelihood and lifestyle.

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15 6. Now therefore be it recognized and implemented by
16 the Federal and State Government that any proposals submitted
17 to the federal and state agencies from the Alaska Native Tribal
18 Governments be given equal consideration and process and deemed
19 valid as any law existing. Excluding native processes is
20 prejudicious and contrary to existing federal and state laws.
21 Omitting our native proposals and not included to the process
22 constitutes institutional racism and therefore illegal.
23 Excluding the very people who make subsistence their livelihood
24 and lifestyle must cease and desist.

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26 Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana, for information only.
29 (In Yup'ik) So he's saying that the information -- he
30 interpret it as sort of an informational item. So at this
31 time. At next meeting -- that what they concern with next
32 meeting, that will be reviewed and acted upon.

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34 I'm going to ask Tom Kron and Dan to give us highlights
35 of Governor's Task Force.

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37 MR. BERGSTROM: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, just recently,
38 well, since July, we've had the Governor's Task Force
39 (indiscernible) to the public, and just recently there's been
40 some changes made, and I haven't really looked through those,
41 and it's important that some changes be made. That was the
42 whole reason for the Governor's trip. He went out to the Lower
43 Yukon, I believe he was out in Bethel, and all over the State
44 trying to get information on the package. And then said there
45 were going to be some changes made. The most recent text for
46 the package would be on the internet, so I think the schools --
47 most of the villages generally have access to internet, and you
48 can get it off the State of Alaska, and it would be under new
49 important news or something like that. And it's like 56 pages

50 long.

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1 But the main thing of the package, (indiscernible,
2 coughing) in brief, key elements. And the first one being to
3 change the -- to amend the constitution to allow a rural
4 preference, and then there's some changes to -- which would be
5 amendments to ANILCA, and I believe Senator Stevens has put in
6 some of those, and I don't think anybody's seen what he exactly
7 put in, but his understanding -- our understanding would be
8 that using the task force package to put those in before
9 Congress. So that was the second thing. And then the third
10 thing is change the State statutes, and that would be changing
11 to a rural priority in the laws of the State, and so this
12 package can move forward.

13
14 Now, the way it works is that none of it goes unless
15 there's a constitutional amendment. All three things have to
16 work together and be accepted and passed for it to go, so it
17 won't be like just ANILCA gets changed and nothing else. Then
18 it's not going to happen.

19
20 I think this will probably be mentioned at the AFN
21 convention, another update on this, and you'll be talking over
22 that again. And it's an important thing to get management into
23 one unified management system where all the state lands are
24 under one system of the State.

25
26 And one of the key things is the Department looked at,
27 when we were looking at the package, was the regional council,
28 advisory councils. And there -- in the package it's to keep
29 those, and them pretty similar to how they are now, that the
30 regional councils would look at any subsistence proposals, and
31 any subsistence proposals that the regional advisory councils
32 come up with, that the Board of Fisheries, or Board of Game
33 would have to give it substantial deference. They've got to
34 look at them, and really look at them closely. And, you know,
35 if there isn't anything that's wrong with -- a problem with
36 conservation or something, then they should go along with those
37 proposals. So that's one of the things that we saw, would be
38 the regional advisory councils will continue right on through a
39 State management system, and continue to be very important.

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41 Another thing added in the package, too, along with the
42 regional councils is to make sure that tribal councils, each
43 village would have input that they could input to the regional
44 advisory councils.

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46 And one of the other things was for the Department of
47 Fish & Game to be able to develop total projects, which we've
48 been starting to do these last few years, more comanagement
49 type of things. And I think that we've seen with the

50 Department of Fish & Game that like the working group in the

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1 Kuskokwim, it's -- you know, it's working well, and it's
2 beginning to work more and more in the Yukon with the Yukon
3 River Drainage Fishers Association. That thing is going to be
4 a good thing for the future with fishermen and Fish & Game
5 working together to solve problems and work on issues. And so
6 that is part of the package, is to be able to do these
7 comanagement type of projects.

8
9 And I guess if anybody wanted to get these most recent
10 one, you can -- been trying to send them out. I'm sure we
11 could get them in Bethel and -- but it's real recent. I think
12 Mike was saying just real recently that it just changed this
13 last Saturday, there was a new.....

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15 MR. COFFING: In the last week, yeah.

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17 MR. BERGSTROM: So if there's any questions. I think
18 it's real important on that regional advisory council deal.
19 Under the State system earlier, before the 1990, it wasn't
20 really set up to work as well as it does now, and I think that
21 people have seen that it's a good system for the subsistence,
22 for people to be involved, as we've heard here. It's the
23 people that live the subsistence life style that have to be
24 involved with the decision making and management.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. Other new business? We're on
27 that. One regional council travel concern. Not only travel
28 and other concerns concerning the regional council.

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30 We has been representing our people five years now.
31 We've been taking our time and do all the things to help our
32 people, our villages. Take our time and everything from our
33 work or from our subsistence, taken out, and we try to do the
34 way we were appointed for. However, that in five years we try
35 to correct the traveling procedures. Still we have a problem
36 with sometime that me myself, I get request to travel thing, a
37 request. And they said you'll travel through this and through
38 that. But when I ask them airlines where is my ticket? You
39 got my ticket? No, we don't have it. Like in Bethel when I
40 come over, I have to hunt around with -- to my ticket. I look
41 for it wherever it is, and I don't know much of some of the
42 airlines. They told me that your ticket's in Alaska Airline.
43 I went over to Alaska Airline, and I pick it up, and I go back
44 to Hagland, I pay for the trip that I make from Mountain
45 Village to Bethel, and then I ask taxi cab where is the airline
46 that I'm going to travel with? Pen Air. Okay. I'll bring you
47 to Pen Air, and they brought me all the way back to Alaska
48 Airline. I didn't know that Alaska -- that Pen Air is in
49 Alaska Airline.

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1 This kind of problem we've been having it in five
2 years. It have to be somehow and some way better care for the
3 regional council. All the ticket, it should be -- maybe it
4 would be better if they send it to right to the office in
5 Bethel. Right to the office. That way that we don't have to
6 run all over spending money, \$3 here, and \$5 there, and all
7 that, looking for our ticket. That's the problem what I hear
8 also from the council here.

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10 Not only that -- I'm going to give this other council a
11 chance to talk. Not only that, if I invite this Council to
12 meet in Mountain Village, I wouldn't get a penny out it,
13 nothing. And I'll do all the work over there. Take care of
14 anything, because I'm a member of -- a board member. Those
15 boards (ph) should get per diem or something like the way that
16 we people are, because they don't all work, and in their
17 village preparing things and all that stuff for you to come
18 over and go in and take care of your thing. That thing has to
19 be taken care of some way. Because you spend more time to --
20 as a -- if I invite you to Mountain Village, I will spend more
21 time to pack you up from airport to here, and move you around
22 in the village in my time with nothing, and I have to pay for
23 gasoline or something after you go, out of my pocket. Those
24 things, it need to be taken care of for you. That's what I'm
25 thinking.

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27 I don't know what the rest of the Council feel about
28 it. I'm going to ask them. I'm going to give them a chance to
29 talk. David?

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31 MR. DAVID: David O. David is commenting that what
32 Harry Wilde has stated is very, very true. And there's no new
33 -- or the repetition of that statement, because it's a fact.
34 What he said is a problem in traveling for him and me. There
35 are times when I have to wait for Alaska Airlines when they go
36 through their computer looking for my ticket. And still have
37 to go back to the other airlines to give them what Alaska has
38 made.

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40 Another thing, that Yute Air and the others won't take
41 Alaska Airlines printed tickets. They won't take them. They
42 won't take Alaska Airlines printed tickets. Kusko Air won't
43 take them, because Alaska -- the name Alaska Airlines is there.
44 So there were times, more than once, that I had to pay out of
45 my pocket to get home, even with a ticket. I did get
46 reimbursed for that, but it's a problem. So that has got to be
47 improved for the people who takes care of the travel. I don't
48 know who that is, but that's a problem.

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And in coming in this -- on this trip, they -- Pen Air

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1 sent word out according to have me on the airplane, and they
2 didn't come. And that 15 minutes -- it was only 15, ten
3 minutes between time when Alaska Airlines -- Era came, that I
4 was going to get on to. And because Alaska will take Pen Air
5 tickets. Those are the things that you probably don't know
6 about. So that has got to -- you people have got to improve
7 that.

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9 But I do have something else after we're done with this
10 travel thing to present to Fish & Wildlife people. Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy?

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14 MR. McCANN: I make a motion to that purpose to make
15 sure that it's being looked at, if we -- I make a motion to
16 let's have a vote on it and then they can look at it, correct
17 it. The way the chairman says. I think it, because.....

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think it's understandable what they
20 were saying, that problem, it have to be fixed. We cannot
21 continuously doing this, because that's why that sometime a lot
22 of time that this Council, they don't come over to the meeting,
23 because of not taking care of the way it's supposed to be.

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25 And not only that, we come to Bethel for meeting,
26 there's a lot of transportation and a lot of trucks and cars
27 outside of that office, but what we do? We travel on a taxi.

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29 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. Chairman?

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31 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Let's take
32 Ilarion Nicolai for instance. He was only given a ticket to
33 come to Hooper Bay, no return. The problem is there is a
34 communication problem somewhere.

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36 MR. NICOLAI: And Yute was supposed to pick me up at
37 9:30 and they picked me up after 11. And then I went over
38 to.....

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40 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman?

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: I agree with you on informing the people
45 who are -- I don't know who we're talking to over here. Are
46 we.....

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48 MS. McCLENAHAN: Well, we're.....

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MR. L. WILDE:Are we talking to Pat or.....

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1 MS. McCLENAHAN: We're all taking notes.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Okay.

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5 MS. McCLENAHAN: Also, it's going on the record.

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7 MR. L. WILDE: All right. I think it might be a good
8 idea to send our tickets to our coordinator over there, because
9 the last time I travelled, my ticket was still in Anchorage.
10 And we looked all over for my ticket. In fact, I had to get a
11 TR from either Chuck Hunt or John. And when John's not there,
12 I got it from the refuge manager, you know. It -- we've got to
13 somehow get this travel situation down pat so we don't -- one
14 of these days we're going to be forced to -- one of us is going
15 to be forced to stay in Bethel with no money, and then what
16 happens?

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18 MR. McCANN: That's why I made a motion to be sure to
19 put it on the record, that way we wouldn't talk about it no
20 more. Check on it.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Who second?

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24 MR. CHARLES: I'll second.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Who seconded?

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28 (Indiscernible -- simultaneous speech)

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30 MR. NICOLAI: James.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. James (In Yup'ik). Discussion
33 now. (In Yup'ik)

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35 MR. CHARLES: What has worked for advisory committee in
36 the past, maybe council can use the same method, too. ADF&G
37 have charters set up to pick up advisory members and take them
38 to the village where they're meeting, and not go through
39 Bethel. And maybe the Council can do the same, have the same
40 contract with a couple of the airlines, or one airline to pick
41 up council members and take them to the village where they're
42 going to have the meeting and not have to go through Bethel.
43 It may be cheaper or save time, or better. That's my
44 suggestion.

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46 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman. The Fish & Game people and
47 the federal people, they don't have to worry about who -- which
48 is cheaper. They're not spending their money. It's federal
49 money that's being used. So why worry about it?

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1 MR. CHARLES: My suggestion is that Fish & Wildlife go
2 to the State Department and see how Fish & Game does it,
3 especially Tom Kron. He always gets us to where we're going on
4 time and in the right airplane.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before it's too far out, spread out or
7 get into other, outside of motion, the motion is to from now on
8 we would like to have it taken care of better, better than what
9 we've been doing. You guys would understand what we're saying.
10 And also that what we suggest, make sure that our flight is --
11 ticket, especially ticket is available for us, and make sure
12 that whoever that council -- any council village's meeting,
13 that council should get some kind of per diem like the rest of
14 the Council. Right now that two, three times -- or a couple of
15 times I invite the people at Mountain Village, I never get
16 nothing out of it. I just do all the work, a lot of work, and
17 I spent -- after they gone, I spent gas and stuff out of my
18 pocket. It's not right. It's not right to other council.
19 They should be treated equally. So you guys would understand
20 that. So that's the motion right now to do all those things
21 and correct our meetings and all that.

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23 Is there any more discussion?

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25 MR. NICOLAI: Question.

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

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30 IN UNISON: Aye.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose, say no?

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34 (No opposing votes.)

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. (In Yup'ik)

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38 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr. Chairman?

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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42 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Before I leave, we'd appreciate if
43 you guys kind of finish the concession before you leave.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Quyana.

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49 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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3 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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7 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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11 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik) Is Mike? I want you to hear
12 and hear me good and understand me well on the comment that I
13 am going to make.

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15 For some years, ever since you people -- even since the
16 Middle CC (ph) has been in existence -- well, not ever since,
17 but the last four or five years or so, there has been people
18 from west of us, east of us, and we're in the middle. And I
19 know it wasn't -- I know it's not Fish & Wildlife people who is
20 doing it. They -- we were told many times that there have been
21 airplanes who chase birds, geese, and to keep them away from
22 the hunters, subsistence hunters. And that happens in spring
23 time on the east side, Quinhagak area. And now in August I
24 have been told that there was another plane flying in Kipnuk
25 area that is scaring off the geese from hunters in Chefornak
26 side. And you -- they -- I'm sure they have called you about
27 this. But he admits -- he denies he did -- Mike Rearden denied
28 that this was his airplane. And if we approach this issue,
29 ADF&G people, they say the same thing.

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31 But the only solution I see in that case is I'm going
32 to tell my boys in my area shoot the airplane in the tail with
33 a high-powered rifle, so it can have a good sized hole, and
34 that way whoever is flying that airplane, they wouldn't have no
35 way to deny that they were over there flying chasing birds.
36 That's hurting our subsistence food, too. And we are
37 Subsistence Regional Council, and I think that should be looked
38 into a little bit harder than it has been looked into before,
39 because you ADF&G people, Fish & Wildlife people deny that you
40 don't -- that you're not doing it, and I believe you. And I
41 don't know if I should do the same thing to the State, but what
42 I can tell my boys in Kipnuk, our boys in Kipnuk and in Kwig
43 area is to shoot the airplane in the tail with a high-power
44 rifle so it can have a good sized hole, and land in Bethel, and
45 you people can identify whose airplane that is.

46
47 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chair, I think it's very
48 inappropriate for anybody on this board or anybody in here to
49 even suggest to be shooting at people in airplanes.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No.

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3 MR. DAVID: Not the airplane -- people. The airplane.

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5 MR. REARDEN: David, I don't care. You don't shoot at
6 airplanes. People are in those airplanes. We don't talk about
7 that. What I need to know when these things occur is color of
8 the airplane, where it was, and numbers. And I always get
9 these -- and what time it was. And then I can get the
10 information and we can do something about it.

11

12 I get worried when you start talking about shooting at
13 people. Some of these young guys might believe that you mean
14 it. I sure hope you don't.

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16 MR. DAVID: Our people have their ways, not.....

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18 MR. REARDEN: That's very inappropriate. And I wanted
19 to (Indiscernible, away from microphone).

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21 (Indiscernible -- simultaneous speech)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's not our agenda, it's not our
24 duties, responsibilities shooting of people. If that's the way
25 you're going to suggest, we're going to pick another place to
26 meet next time.

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28 Right now on our agenda is time and place for next
29 meeting.

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31 MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman?

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

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35 MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik) the report on subsistence
36 developments in D.C. (In Yup'ik)

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38 MR. L. WILDE: Before we go any further, Mr. Chairman,
39 the statements that Mr. David made kind of bothers me. And I
40 think the board, or this advisory council as a whole should go
41 on record opposing the idea that was put forward by Mr. David,
42 that any shots of any kind be directed towards any damage of
43 life or limb of anybody.

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45 MR. DAVID: That has been going on for the last five
46 years.

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48 MR. L. WILDE: Whether it's going on or not, I think,
49 Mr. Chairman, that this Council should go on record opposing

50 the idea.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think it's right, it's bad for our
2 people, young people. We cannot recommend like that. Besides
3 it's not our duty and responsibility to do that. We're not sit
4 here to make -- so we could make trouble for other people.
5 We're here to try to help the people. So it's not fair to do
6 this from now on. Hopefully no one to speak about any
7 threatening or anything to other organization or other people.
8 Go ahead.

9
10 MR. McCANN: Billy McCann is stating that the meeting
11 is going the wrong direction now. What the statements were
12 made is just wrong direction. Those of us regarded as over
13 (ph) the persons we're talking about, we should not even
14 thought of taking a rifle to harm another, whether it be
15 airplane or some -- the life of a human life is more important
16 than the game of any sort. Sometimes when someone gets lost in
17 the villages, it seems that the whole community is saddened and
18 they set out for search the -- search and rescue parties go
19 out, even the volunteers go out into the extreme storms to look
20 for a lost one, regardless of whether they be alive or dead.
21 They go out risking their lives to retrieve that individual.
22 We do not threaten another human life. This threatening of
23 shooting someone else or an airplane, it is not the way, the
24 customary thing. It should not even be thought of. It is not
25 our job or duty to even thought of that. Thank you.

26
27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quynana. We've got another --
28 one more business to take care of. Report on subsistence
29 development in Washington, D.C. Who's going to take this?

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31 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mr.....

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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35 MR. CHIMERALREA: Carl Chimeralrea, Chevak Traditional
36 Council.

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38 INTERPRETER: This is derived from AVCP, come out from
39 such things for proposing for subsistence. Carl Chimeralrea.
40 They're looking for ways to change the wording.

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42 MR. CHIMERALREA: This portion of a letter, the
43 portions have had -- portion of it have been taken from -- the
44 wording from Governor's Task force. They're looking for ways
45 to -- for something. And Senator Stevens, he's the chairman,
46 and also work for the Federal Government and State.

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48 Report on subsistence developments in D.C. All the
49 information contained in this report is based on what is

50 happening as of Monday afternoon, September 29. Senator

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1 Stevens is considering amending Title VIII of ANILCA in ways
2 that will weaken several current protections. The exact
3 language of the proposed ANILCA amendments are not known, but
4 it appears that several of the amendments come from the
5 Governor's package. It also appears that the Governor is
6 working with the Senator to get these amendments passed.

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8 There will not be any way for the tribes or others in
9 the Native community to be heard before these amendments will
10 be passed. Senator Stevens is considering putting the
11 amendments in the Department of the Interior appropriation
12 bill. This is the bill that provides the DIO with its money
13 for the year. The current bill will have to go to a conference
14 committee composed of members of the House and Senate
15 appropriations committee. Senator Stevens is the chairman of
16 the committee and appears to have the power to get the
17 amendments he wants. The ANILCA amendments will come in during
18 this closed meeting as part of a huge bill with hundreds of
19 other provisions. Few if any Senators or House members will
20 even know what is going on. This could happen as early as
21 tomorrow. The Secretary of the Interior knows what is going
22 on, but there has been no serious veto threat from the
23 Secretary or the president.

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25 Fax messages to the President, Secretary Babbitt and
26 Debra Williams at 202-208-4561 urging them to; there's a place
27 for making an x here in three places or four places. One is
28 fulfill their trust responsibility to Alaska natives; second is
29 that ANILCA must not be amended without the full participation
30 and consent of Alaska Natives; three, stand ready to veto the
31 bill. Qu yana.

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33 INTERPRETER: Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Qu yana. (In Yup'ik) Next on
36 our agenda is time and place for next meeting.

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38 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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42 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik) So it has already been
43 discussed the time and place of next meeting since the motion
44 has not been made, he's moving -- David O. David's invitation
45 be put in a motion.

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47 INTERPRETER: I guess the motion has been made.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor to have

50 a meeting at Kwigilingok, next meeting.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to amend that
2 motion to read that if in the event that weather prevents us
3 from going to Kwigilingok that the secondary place of meeting
4 be in Bethel.

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6 MR. MANUMIK: I second that amendment.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second that amendment. If there's any
9 discussion to second amendment?

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11 MR. NICOLAI: Question.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. Vote
14 for first amendment first, the amendment -- vote for amendment
15 first, for those of you that want to have a meeting in
16 Kwigilingok, if the weather is bad, have a meeting in Bethel.
17 The one who say want to have meeting in Bethel if the weather
18 is bad, say aye.

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20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed?

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24 (No opposing votes.)

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. And the motion, main
27 motion is all those of you that want to have a meeting at
28 Kwigilingok this coming next meeting, all who favor it, say
29 aye?

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31 IN UNISON: Aye.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose?

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35 (No opposing votes.)

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. We will have a
38 meeting at Kwigilingok.

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40 At this time that -- is James Gump here? (In Yup'ik)

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42 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No, I've not seen him.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) I'm going to ask the one
45 from Hooper Bay -- I mean Scammon Bay (In Yup'ik). He'd like
46 to express their appreciation for Hooper Bay people for having
47 a good place for the meeting, and also not only that, that our
48 stomachs have been well taken care, and the weather has been
49 rather kind of nice for the people who walk to the meetings and

50 back. And also thank the mayor, Niles Smith, for accepting the

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1 Regional Council and the staff and the rest of the people that
2 came here.

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4 INTERPRETER: So he's asking the.....

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6 MAYOR SMITH: He, Mayor Niles Smith, is saying that all
7 those who have attended, whenever they are talking, when they
8 talk addressing the Council, we give them something to work
9 with. These people here have been given work to do, and also
10 the staff and members and Fish & Game, these people that are
11 sitting in front are the ones that do all the work, so we
12 should give them all the support that they need so they could
13 work affectively for those of us that affect us, because their
14 work will affect us all in a good way. And those testimony --
15 those people have, that have given testimony also gave them the
16 tools to work with, so those of us in Hooper Bay, we -- so they
17 -- he felt rather kind of hurt that the State and some other
18 individual have opposed the invitation to hunt in the region
19 22A, but he felt sad that someone had to oppose that decision
20 that was made in region 22 area, so it is -- he has encouraged
21 the rest of his community members to be sure to respect the
22 people that are gathered here and be nice to them.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: He says thank you. He's the mayor of
25 Hooper Bay. Let's all stand and invocation (In Yup'ik)

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27 MAYOR SMITH: (In Yup'ik - benediction)

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. (In Yup'ik) We want to
30 thank interpreters, Leo Moses and Chuck Hunt, we thank you for
31 your patiently and interpret and let our elders understand.

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33 At this time, if someone make a motion to adjourn?

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35 MR. DAVID: I so move.

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37 MR. NICOLAI: Second.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: David O. David make a motion and
40 second by Ilarion. All who favor it say aye.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose?

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46 (No opposing votes.)

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. We're adjourned.

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