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St. Mary's Chapel

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16 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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18 Harry Wilde, Sr. Chair

19 Bob Aloysius

20 Nick Andrews, Sr.

21 Mary Gregory

22 John Hanson

23 Beverly Hoffman

24 Joseph Mike, Sr.

25 Greg Roczicka

26 Lester Wilde, Sr.

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29 Regional Coordinator, Alex Nick

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Good morning. We're on
Proposal 54 this morning. Western Interior.

MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Pete.

MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair. Members of the
Council. Proposal 54 was submitted by the Anvik Tribal
Council who requests that the Federal Subsistence Board
restrict access to Federal public lands in Units 21(E)
for the taking of black bear, brown bear, moose except
for Federally-qualified subsistence users.

Mr. Chair, this proposal's being
presented to you because both black bear and moose, let's
see black bear, all rural residents are eligible to
harvest black bear Unit 21(E), and for moose residents of
Russian Mission from your region are eligible to harvest
moose in Unit 21(E).

The proponent has concerns of hunting
pressure from non-subsistence hunters who harvest black
and brown bear and moose on Federal lands in 21(E).
Local concerns of non-local hunters favor additional
access restrictions for non-Federally-qualified users.
The current regulations for Unit 21(E) restrict access
for fly in moose hunters during the State and Federal
seasons within the Paradise Controlled Use Area. The
proponents request additional restrictions that would
protect the subsistence way of life for Anvik residents
by assuring a rural priority for Federally-qualified
users.

If you turn to Page 170 at the top, Page
170, you'll see the proposed Federal regulations:

21(E) black bear, brown bear and moose.

The proponent request that the language:

Federal public lands, Unit 21(E) are

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1 closed to the taking of bears and moose
2 except by Federally-qualified subsistence
3 users.

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5 The Paradise Controlled Use Area was
6 established in 1978 by the Alaska Board of Game in
7 response to the concerns that hunter success rates
8 favored non-rural users and a total harvest level
9 threatened the resource. The Controlled Use Area access
10 restrictions and the State moose season for Units 21(A)
11 and (E) were adopted by the Federal Subsistence Board in
12 1990. The Proposal 54 was submitted by the proponent to
13 restrict non-subsistence hunting of bear and moose on
14 Federal lands on 21(E) because of the depressed
15 commercial fishing economy in District Y4A. The
16 proponent feels that the legal sale of bear parts, which
17 he also expressed in Proposal 53 along with the proposed
18 access restrictions on lands in Unit 21(E), which is this
19 proposal, would enhance Anvik's cash economy and protect
20 the subsistence way of life.

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22 Black bear are considered relatively
23 abundant within Unit 21(E). The brown bear population in
24 Unit 21(E) exists at low density but it's considered to
25 be relatively stable. The total estimated population for
26 Unit 21(E) brown bear is 90 to 125 bears as delineated by
27 habitat. These estimates are relatively low compared to
28 other interior subunits with more abundant brown bear
29 populations.

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31 Density estimates for moose populations
32 within the proposal area do not reflect the need for
33 additional regulatory restrictions. A moose density
34 estimate was completed for the Paradise Controlled Use
35 Area in the year 2000. This survey includes all of Unit
36 21(E) east of the Yukon River including the Yukon River
37 Drainage except the Bonasila and Anvik Rivers. Total
38 moose observed during the survey was 2,475 moose which
39 included 400 calves. The overall density was one moose
40 per square mile, however, within strata, densities were
41 15 moose per square mile in a high strata area and two
42 moose per square mile in the medium and .31 moose per
43 square mile in the low strata. Although the overall
44 estimated population density for the high density sample
45 units was 15 moose per square, individual sample units
46 had densities exceeding 40 moose per square mile.

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48 The current harvest of black bear in Unit
49 21(E) is well below the harvestable surplus for the
50 population. The communities of Grayling, Anvik and Holy

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1 Cross reported harvesting black bear but as a relatively
2 small percentage of the total harvest of land mammals
3 taken during the seasonal round. The combined harvested
4 of black bear taken by Grayling, Anvik and Holy Cross is
5 2.2 percent of the total pounds harvested of moose by the
6 same communities. It cannot be inferred that this low
7 percentage represent the lack of preference for black
8 bear meat because most hunters invest substantially more
9 effort in pursuing moose than bear which are generally
10 taken in incident harvest and DLP, defense of life and
11 property. The community of Shageluk did not report
12 harvesting black or brown bears.

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14 The total harvest of brown bear in Unit
15 21(E) is estimated to be near the maximum sustainable
16 yield for the population. Annual local harvest of brown
17 bear is estimated at less than five percent of the
18 population. However, the total harvest is most likely
19 near five percent of non-local harvest and defense of
20 life and property numbers are included. The total
21 reported harvest of brown bear for the period of 1971
22 through 2000 was 79 bears. Generally the harvestable
23 surplus for brown bear in most northern Interior areas
24 with higher brown bear densities is five to six percent
25 of the population. Adoption of the proposed regulation
26 could increase harvest rates and cause adverse impacts
27 within the population.

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29 Current harvest rates for moose harvested
30 in the affected area do not reflect the need for
31 additional regulatory restrictions. State and Federal
32 regulations prohibit access via airplane to State,
33 Federal and private lands within the Paradise Controlled
34 Use Area within the moose seasons. Based on the reported
35 harvest records for Unit 21(E) was an overall hunter
36 success rate of 80 percent for the subunit. The average
37 hunter success rate during 1983 to 2000 for Anvik
38 residents was 86 percent. Average hunter success for
39 Grayling, Shageluk and Holy Cross for that same period
40 was 70, 80 and 80 percent respectfully. Average hunter
41 success rate for Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk and Holy Cross
42 during 1983 to 2000 was 79 percent.

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44 Although the Anvik residents are
45 concerned with competition with non-local hunters in Unit
46 21(E) black and brown bear and moose population numbers
47 still appear generally healthy while local hunter success
48 rates for moose remain high. Area wildlife managers
49 believe that bear and moose populations are able to
50 sustain the current level of harvest.

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1 The proposed closure of Federal lands in
2 the affected area to non-Federally-qualified users may
3 not resolve local resident concerns with non-local
4 hunting effort. The proposed closure of Federal lands to
5 non-qualified users could have the undesirable affect of
6 increasing hunter congestion and user conflicts within
7 the adjacent areas for other local hunters of bear and
8 moose -- numbers are substantially lower compared to the
9 proposal area.

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11 Because of this an adoption of the
12 proposal would result in a retribution of non-Federally-
13 qualified hunters within 21(E) and would cause subsequent
14 adverse impacts for the local users of the adjacent
15 areas. Also current levels of local user success rates
16 and the bear/moose population status within the affected
17 area do not warrant the proposed restrictions at this
18 time.

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20 The proponents request does not meet the
21 criteria of Section .815 of ANILCA which allows the
22 restriction of non-subsistence users where wildlife
23 populations are concerned. Also adoption of the proposed
24 regulation or regulatory change would also circumvent the
25 efforts of the Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk and Holy Cross
26 Area Moose Management Planning Committee. This committee
27 is a consensus based planning group charged with finding
28 solutions to user group conflicts in Unit 21(E). The
29 Federal Subsistence Board has provided support to the
30 committee through cooperative agreement with Alaska
31 Department of Fish and Game. The Committee is composed
32 of members of the Western Interior Regional Council,
33 local representatives of the GASH communities, the GASH
34 Fish and Game Advisory Committee, OSM Staff and
35 representatives from State and Federal agencies. User
36 group concerns and other GASH subsistence issues should
37 be channelled through this committee.

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39 Mr. Chair, the preliminary conclusion for
40 this proposal is to oppose the proposal.

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42 Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Agency
45 comments.

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47 MS. KRAUTHOEFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
48 Tracie Krauthoefer, Division of Subsistence, Alaska
49 Department of Fish and Game. The Department is opposed
50 to this proposal.

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1 The Department is unaware of any
2 conservation or competition issue that requires closing
3 Federal public lands in Unit 21(E) to non-Federally-
4 qualified black bear and brown bear hunters. Closing
5 moose hunting on Federal public lands in 21(E) to non-
6 Federally-qualified subsistence users also would be
7 premature at this time. The Department conducted a moose
8 management meeting in Holy Cross in January 2003 to
9 identify issues of concerns and subsequently submitted a
10 funding request to OSM that would initiation of a
11 Cooperative Moose Planning effort in Unit 21(E) in 2004.
12 Issues like those described in this proposal are
13 appropriate topics for discussion in the proposed
14 planning process.

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16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Public
19 comments.

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21 (No comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If none, talking point
24 comments.

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26 MR. JACK: Staff Committee noted the two
27 items that there's no conservation concerns on the
28 species addressed, and, secondly, the request can't meet
29 the Section .815(3) which is a limitation savings clause
30 that talks about authorizing a restriction on the taking
31 of fish and wildlife for non-subsistence uses on the
32 public lands unless for conservation.

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34 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Summary of
37 written comments.

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39 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, there are no
40 summary of written comments.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Regional
43 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.

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45 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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49 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes, based on the fact that
50 it doesn't meet the criteria of Section .815 and it will

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1 circumvent the efforts of GASH Area Moose Management
2 Planning Committee, even though I do understand their
3 concern, I feel that it's best to go through this --
4 support the Moose Management Planning Committee. And I
5 move that we oppose this proposal.

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7 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'll second
8 the motion.

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10 MR. HANSON: Second.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion by
13 Beverly and second by Lester Wilde. More discussion.

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15 MR. HANSON: Question.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, wait, Greg.

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19 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I was going
20 to say same thing, can't add any more to Beverly's
21 motion, and ready for the question as well.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson made
24 question. This proposal.....

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26 REPORTER: Harry.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: This Proposal 54 was
29 rejected during motion, I request for roll call.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Nick Andrews.

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33 MR. ANDREWS: Yes.

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35 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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39 MS. GREGORY: John Hanson.

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41 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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43 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.

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45 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Joseph Mike.

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49 MR. MIKE: Yes.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Mary Gregory, yes. Lester
2 Wilde.

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4 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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6 MS. GREGORY: Bob Aloysius.

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.

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10 MS. GREGORY: Greg Roczicka.

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12 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Nine to zero.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Proposal 54 was
17 rejected. Next on our proposals, 58 combine 59.

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19 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, Proposals 58
20 and 59 were analyzed together. 58 was submitted by the
21 Alaska Department of Fish and Game. This requests the
22 Federal Subsistence Board eliminate the November, January
23 and February moose seasons in all of Unit 19(A).
24 Proposal 59 was submitted also by the Alaska Department
25 of Fish and Game and it requests that the Board change
26 the moose harvest limit for all of Unit 19(A) for one
27 bull to one bull spike-fork for 50-inch antlers or
28 antlers with four or more brow tines on one side, or one
29 bull by State registration permit.

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31 The proponent also requests the Board
32 change the moose season and harvest limit for Unit 19(B)
33 from one antlered bull to one bull, spike-fork or 50-inch
34 antlers or antlers with four or more brow tines on one
35 side, or one bull by State registration permit.

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37 The proposed regulatory change would
38 shorten the Unit 19(B) moose season from September 1
39 through 30, to September 1 through 20. Proposals 58 and
40 59, along with State Proposal 219 address the ongoing
41 moose population concerns by recommending conservative
42 harvest regimes for the affected areas.

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44 Mr. Chair, this proposal is being
45 presented to you because residents of Unit 18 within the
46 Kuskokwim River Drainage up stream from and including the
47 Johnson River have a customary and traditional use
48 determination for moose in Units 19(A) and (B).

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50 Area managers and users of resources are

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1 concerned about ongoing declines in Units 19(A) and (B)
2 moose populations. In response to concerns of declining
3 moose populations voiced by the Central Kuskokwim Fish
4 and Game Advisory Committee, the Alaska Department of
5 Fish and Game convened the Aniak Regional Moose Summit in
6 October of 2002. The Summit endorsed the cooperative
7 management planning approach and the Department of Fish
8 and Game formed a consensus based planning group to help
9 resource managers form a more conservative approach to
10 managing these populations.

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12 The Central Kuskokwim Moose Planning
13 Committee first met in February of 2003 with a membership
14 including representatives from local advisory committees,
15 local and regional subsistence users as well as affected
16 guides, transporters and conservationist organizations.

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18 At the first meeting the planning
19 committee carefully evaluated the moose population and
20 harvest levels for Unit 19(A) and (B) and concluded that
21 reductions in harvests are needed as part of the effort
22 to help the moose population grow.

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24 The planning committee met regularly
25 through the spring, the remainder of the year and
26 circulated primarily ideas for public comment during July
27 and August. In August and October the planning committee
28 reviewed the additional public comments and refined the
29 draft plan that was issued in November 2003. Based on
30 the plan, proposed changes in harvest regulations were
31 submitted both to the Federal Subsistence Board and the
32 Alaska Board Game. Mr. Chair, if you look half way down
33 the page on Page 182, on Page 182, you'll see half way
34 down the page proposed Federal regulations.

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36 For 19(A) and (B), proposed regulations
37 for 19(A) moose would combine the two
38 hunt areas and just have regulations for
39 19(A) and just one hunt area for 19(A)
40 and the new regulations would be; one
41 bull with spike fork or 50-inch antlers
42 or antlers with four or more brow tines
43 on one side, or one bull by State
44 registration permit.

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46 It would also eliminate the November,
47 January and February seasons and leave
48 the September 1 through September 20
49 season for 19(A)

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1 For 19(B), the harvest limit was one
2 antlered bull and that would just be one
3 bull with spike fork or 50-inch antlers
4 or antlers with four or more brow tines
5 on one side, or one bull by State
6 registration permit. And the season
7 would be shortened from September 1st to
8 the 30th to September 1st to the 20th.
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10 And if you look at the following page,
11 Page 183 at the top, you'll see the proposed State
12 regulations as they are stated in State Proposal 219.
13 The State proposes to do something very similar.
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15 The most important concern to area
16 managers regarding Unit 19(A) and (B) moose populations
17 are the total number of moose calves per 100 cows and the
18 total number of bull moose per 100 cows. Analysis of
19 results from 2001 trend count surveys conducted in the
20 Holitna and Hoholitna Rivers showed only eight calves per
21 100 cows and six bulls per 100 cows. These alarmingly
22 low numbers stem from the continued declines of calf and
23 yearling bull survival. Survey conditions and other
24 factors may have influenced survey results. However, the
25 ongoing decline seen in total calves and adult bulls
26 cannot be ignored.
27

28 The Department of Fish and Game conducted
29 late winter surveys in April of 2003 to determine late
30 winter survival in calves. An estimated 7.6 and 8.9
31 percent for the HoHolitna and Holitna Drainage and the
32 Aniak Drainage respectively, of the 2002 calves survived
33 the first winter. These low calf survival levels support
34 the belief that calf survival of Unit 19(A) and (B) moose
35 populations is very low and further declines in the total
36 moose number are likely occurring. A minimum of 10
37 percent calf survival is needed to maintain the total
38 moose population for both subunits whereas 15 percent or
39 higher calf survival is needed to promote population
40 growth.
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42 The proposed reductions in young bull
43 moose and in cow harvest would favor productivity, calf
44 survival and yearling bull recruitment and eventually
45 population growth. Without reductions in harvest the
46 moose population will have greater difficulty increasing
47 or may continue to decline.
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49 Analysis of results from a March 2000
50 population estimate in an area around the Anvik River

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1 indicated a density of .7 moose per square mile.
2 Analysis of results from a March '98 population estimate
3 indicated a density of 1.25 moose per square mile in the
4 Holitna and HoHolitna Drainages in Unit 19(A). A review
5 of results for trend count surveys conducted in '96 and
6 '97 indicated a steady decrease in total numbers of moose
7 observed.

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9 Additional population information will be
10 available during your meeting if it is available.

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12 Mr. Chair, the desired outcome of this
13 proposal in combination with other State proposed
14 reductions in resident and non-resident hunting is an
15 increase in Units 19(A) and (B) moose populations, an
16 assurance of future opportunity for Federally-qualified
17 subsistence users. Even greater reductions in harvest
18 may be necessary in the future if action is not taken to
19 reduce harvest now.

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21 The proposed elimination of the Unit
22 19(A) winter season, the proposed harvest restrictions
23 and shortening the Unit 19(B) fall season would impact
24 Federally-qualified subsistence users, however, continued
25 declines within these populations warrant the necessity
26 for the proposed regulatory changes. Eliminating the
27 winter seasons where cows are taken when necessary to
28 increase the productivity within the moose population.
29 If the program to rebuild the moose population in these
30 two subunits is successful, users of the resource will
31 benefit in the future and opportunities for subsistence
32 harvest of moose will be increased.

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34 Mr. Chair, the preliminary conclusion for
35 this proposal is to support the proposal if similar
36 regulations are adopted by the Alaska Board of Game. And
37 also Mr. Chair, I'd like to recognize that member Greg
38 Roczicka is a member of the Central Kuskokwim Moose
39 Management Planning Committee.

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41 Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Agency
44 comments.

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46 MS. KRAUTHOEFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
47 Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments are on Page
48 190 of your Council meeting book. The Department is
49 neutral to this proposal.

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1 Although the Department submitted these
2 proposals on behalf of the Central Kuskokwim Moose
3 Management Planning Committee, our position will be based
4 on action taken by the Board of Game on similar proposals
5 at its current meeting in Fairbanks. And as of last
6 night the Board had not taken actions on these items.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Public
11 comment.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If none, talking point
16 comments.

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18 MR. JACK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Carl
19 Jack, Staff Committee. Staff Committee notes the
20 viability of the Cooperative Management Planning approach
21 to address the declining of moose in Units 19(A) and (B).

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23 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Carl.
26 Summary of written comments.

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28 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, there are no
29 summary of written comments for both Proposal 58 and 59.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Alex.
32 Regional Council deliberation, recommendation and
33 justification, we will work this 58 and 59 combined.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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39 MR. L. WILDE: At the last GASH meeting I
40 attended, what was last winter, they were -- those people
41 up in the GASH, the board of directors of the GASH
42 committee were all considering closing those extra
43 seasons because they really were concerned about the
44 decline in the moose in that area.

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46 So if this proposal passed then it would
47 ease some of their fears that they have in managing the
48 moose in that area.

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50 So I'm going to move to adopt this

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1 proposal.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
4 floor by Lester to adopt these two proposals. Is there
5 any second.

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7 MR. ANDREWS: I second it.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick Andrews second it.

10 Any more discussion.

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12 Greg.

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14 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
15 Chairman. I would support supporting these proposals.
16 But I would like clear on the record that when the
17 proposal that's in front of you was put into place it was
18 set there as a placeholder. The planning group did hold
19 subsequent meetings to this time, we were just placed
20 with a deadline so we needed to have something in.

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22 The final recommendation that did go in
23 from the planning committee from their meeting on
24 February 3rd and 4th of this year was substantially
25 different than either of the alternatives that are in
26 front of you, and that was a result of finding that
27 through the fall and this winter, people have seen the
28 populations decline even further than they are already
29 and the main recommendation coming out from the planning
30 committee at this time was to pursue a Tier I hunt status
31 for GMU 19(A) which is a State resident only, no non-
32 resident hunting and there's several other changes as
33 well that were included in there, but that's the main
34 point of it.

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36 And I need to make clear as well that I'd
37 really like people from Kuskokwim to understand, and I
38 have mentioned it to you, through the radio and media in
39 Bethel, is that, when this hunt takes place -- if this
40 hunt takes place and goes to a resident hunt only, that
41 it would have a similar requirement on it as in the
42 Togiak area, the Togiak, Dillingham area and GMU 19(D),
43 that it would be a registration hunt, State registration
44 hunt and permits only available within the communities of
45 GMU 19(A) and only available up to five days before the
46 hunt begins. And it was also recommended to do away with
47 the spike-fork 50 provision in there as well.

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49 So anyway, I do support the planning
50 effort that's in front of us.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Any
2 more discussion from Council. Bob.

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4 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, based on the
5 information that I've been receiving from the people in
6 that area, I cannot support this.

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8 For one thing the closure of the
9 Kuskokwim area of the Unit 18 is going to increase the
10 population of hunters in 19(A) and for only 20 days it's
11 going to be very hectic especially for the residents up
12 there. And I cannot and they cannot -- the older people
13 cannot see why we have to keep continuing to appease the
14 regulators on shortening the days of hunting and yet
15 allow the predator with two legs to come in from the
16 outside and continue to take away the meat that we need.
17 And all they do is take out the antlers and leave the
18 meat and personally and culturally I cannot support
19 something like this because there's going to be more and
20 more people going up to the area above Kalskag because
21 Unit 18 is going to be closed on the Kuskokwim River for
22 hunting moose and people are really worried that the
23 people of that area -- they're going to be really having
24 a hard time. It's hard enough as it is right now, but
25 it's going to be worse with a shortened season and an
26 increase of hunters.

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28 So I just cannot support this.

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30 Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Any more
33 discussion.

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35 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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39 MS. HOFFMAN: I support this proposal
40 because of the concern of declining moose. And I
41 understand the pressures that Bob Aloysius speaks of but
42 if we don't make some effort to increase the population
43 then the next step will be a Tier I, is that it, that
44 Greg was talking -- what was it, Greg, the Tier -- I mean
45 go ahead.

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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, the
48 recommendation of the planning committee is to go Tier I
49 at this time.

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1 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes. Right.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: And then the next step
4 after that is Tier II, that is a statewide lottery.

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6 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair, I support this
7 proposal as is stated to do just what it says, to try to
8 increase the numbers before going to more drastic
9 measures. I prefer to see those timelines like
10 reevaluate in two or three years but it's not there and I
11 support it as it is.

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13 And I make a motion that we.....

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15 MS. GREGORY: There's already a motion.

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17 MS. HOFFMAN: Oh, there's a motion, okay.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.

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21 Greg.

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23 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, one more major item
24 for the record is that although it's not referenced in
25 here, the overall statements supported by all but one
26 member of that planning group, all 13 of them recognized
27 that unless a predator management program goes into place
28 all these efforts are in vein and that we could totally
29 shut down all hunting and it's not going to make a
30 difference, that population will continue to decline to
31 the low density dynamic equilibrium that is the natural
32 state of affairs without any human intervention.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: These two proposals, we
39 going to vote on them combined, 58 and 59, if you support
40 them you'll say yes and if you're not, you say no. I
41 request for roll call.

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43 MS. GREGORY: Joe Mike.

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45 MR. MIKE: Yes.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.

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49 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Mary Gregory, yes. John
2 Hanson.

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4 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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6 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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10 MS. GREGORY: Greg Roczicka.

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12 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Bob Aloysius.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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22 MS. GREGORY: Nick Andrews.

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24 MR. ANDREWS: Yes.

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26 MS. GREGORY: Two, four, six, eight yes,
27 one no.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 58 and 59 yes have it.

30 Next Proposal No. 60.

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32 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, Proposal 60 was
33 also submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
34 This proposal requests that the Federal Subsistence Board
35 reduce the moose harvest quota for the residents of Lime
36 Village from 40 to 28 and change the harvest limit from
37 either sex to one bull moose.

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39 The proposed regulatory changes are also
40 a component of State Proposal 219 that was submitted to
41 the Alaska Board of Game by the proponent of Proposals
42 58, 59 and this proposal, No. 60.

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44 Mr. Chair, this proposal's being
45 presented to you today because there is a no
46 determination for moose for the residents of Lime
47 Village.

48
49 And due to the ongoing declines in Unit
50 19(A) and (B) as discussed previously in Proposals 58 and

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1 59, Federally-qualified users are not meeting their
2 subsistence needs. The proposed reductions in harvest
3 quota will not limit the total village harvest because
4 the proposed quota of 28 moose has not been recorded as a
5 community harvest level in the Federal system since
6 1998/1999 regulatory year. However, there is the
7 possibility that the proposed change to bulls only could
8 affect hunter success because residents of Lime Village
9 would be required to harvest bull moose if the proposal
10 is adopted.

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12 Proposal 60 applies only to the residents
13 of Lime Village and will not affect other users of the
14 affected moose population.

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16 If you look half way down the page on
17 Page 192, proposed regulations on Page 192;

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19 Unit 19, moose, Lime Village, the
20 proposed language would change the
21 village harvest quota from 40 moose to 28
22 bulls and the season would remain the
23 same.

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25 At the top of the following page, Page
26 193, State Proposal 219 that was submitted to the Alaska
27 Board of Game, it says Unit 19(A) that portion within the
28 Lime Village Management Area, it changes it two moose by
29 permit to two bulls per regulatory year up to 28 bulls
30 may be taken by Tier II and up to 14 permits may be
31 issued.

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33 And also the State proposal eliminates
34 the Tier II hunts, TM684 hunts altogether.

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36 Federal regulations for Lime Village
37 Management Area originally adopted from the State in July
38 of 1990. The Federal regulations from 1990/91 regulatory
39 year were residents of Lime Village only, no individual
40 bag limit with a village harvest quota of 30 moose,
41 either sex for the entire year. These regulations remain
42 unchanged in 91/92 regulatory year. In April of '92 the
43 Federal Board increased the harvest quota from 30 to 40
44 moose with an either sex harvest limit. The quota of 40
45 moose included those moose taken under the State II
46 permit.

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48 The Federal Board has made no other
49 changes through the current regulatory year for this
50 area.

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1 The Alaska Board of Game established an
2 individual harvest limit of two bulls for the 1993/94
3 regulatory year and set the number of Tier II permits up
4 to 14 permits will be issued. In '95 the Board of Game
5 removed the up to 14 permits from State regulations for
6 the '95/96 regulatory year. The Alaska Board of Game has
7 made no other changes through the current regulatory year
8 for this area.

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10 Residents of Lime Village report that
11 they cannot harvest the number of moose needed due to the
12 low number of moose in the affected area. The area
13 managers and users of the resource are concerned about
14 ongoing declines in Units 19(A) and (B).

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16 Proposals 58, 59 and 60 are part of a
17 comprehensive package of Federal and State regulatory
18 proposals developed by the Department of Fish and Game
19 and the Central Kuskokwim Planning Committee with the
20 intent of rebuilding the moose population within the two
21 subunits.

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23 The Central Kuskokwim Planning Committee
24 has carefully evaluated the moose populations and harvest
25 levels in Unit 19(A) and (B). The Planning Committee has
26 concluded that reductions in harvest are needed as part
27 of an effort to facilitate population growth.

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29 Reducing harvest of cows is necessary to
30 improve productivity within the moose population.

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32 Mr. Chair, everything that I stated for
33 Proposals 58 and 59 in the analysis as far as the
34 biological concerns holds true for this analysis as well.

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36 Again, the desired outcome of this
37 proposal, along with 58 and 59 in combination with other
38 State proposed reductions in resident and non-resident
39 hunting is an increase in Units 19(A) and 19(B) moose
40 populations and assurance of future opportunity for
41 Federally-qualified subsistence users. Even greater
42 reductions in harvest may be necessary in the future if
43 action is not taken to reduce harvest now.

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45 The proposed elimination of 19(A) winter
46 seasons, the proposed harvest restrictions shortening the
47 19(B) fall season and the harvest restrictions proposed
48 for Lime Village in this proposal would impact Federally-
49 qualified subsistence users, however, continued declines
50 of the moose populations would warrant a necessity for

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1 the proposed regulatory changes.

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3 Mr. Chair, the preliminary conclusion for
4 Proposal 60 is to support the proposal.

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6 Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Agency
9 comments.

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11 MS. KRAUTHOEFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
12 The Department is neutral on this proposal. Fish and
13 Game comments are on Page 196 of the Council meeting book
14 but our final position will be based on action taken by
15 the Board of Game on a similar proposal at its current
16 meeting in Fairbanks.

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18 This is another proposal submitted by the
19 Department on behalf of the Central Kuskokwim Moose
20 Management Planning Committee. And as of last night the
21 Board had not taken action on this proposal yet.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Public
26 comments.

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28 (No comments)

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If none, talking points
31 comments.

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33 MR. JACK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I can't
34 recall any specific talking points on this from the Staff
35 Committee. However, I will note that I think this
36 proposal is more in the purview of the Western Interior
37 than the YK.

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39 Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Summary of
42 written comments.

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44 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, there are no
45 summary of written comments.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Alex.
48 Regional Council deliberation, recommendation and
49 justification.

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1 Greg.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair. Mr. Jack's
4 talking point is well made as far as this being primarily
5 in the purview of the Western Interior and does not
6 affect to that degree down here. But I would still like
7 to go forward though with supporting the planning efforts
8 that was in place. It did involve people from our area.

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10 And again it doesn't matter if there's 28
11 moose or 100 moose as a harvest goal in there. If you
12 talk to people from Lime Village and Stony River, Nick
13 Willis and them guys, that whole drainage is essentially
14 a biological desert. Lime Village didn't even get one
15 moose this year. The only moose they did have to share
16 amongst the village was got by a group of 4-H students
17 that had to travel 40 miles away to a science camp to
18 catch their moose.

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20 Anyway, I would move at this time to
21 support the proposal.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: I was going to ask Greg at
26 their last meeting, the CKMC, it says in here that there
27 would be additional population on the Lime Village
28 Management Area that would be available after the
29 February 2004 meeting. Was there that informational
30 available?

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32 MR. ROCZICKA: Not a great deal, other
33 than the harvest information that I just gave you, that
34 no one was able to get a moose out there.

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36 The Central Kuskokwim Advisory Committee
37 did meet and they had some suggested changes that lowered
38 it down at least to 14 bulls and no -- or 14 moose, no
39 more than four which may be cows, just to allow for some
40 limited opportunity if a moose should happen by within
41 that management area.

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43 But, no, there was essentially no more
44 relevant information.

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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Has there been a motion to

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1 adopt and a second.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Was there a second?

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5 REPORTER: No second yet.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You second the motion?

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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, I'm asking if there
10 was a motion to adopt and if there was a second because
11 you're going into discussion already.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there a second
14 reporter?

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16 REPORTER: No second.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's no second.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Was there a motion to
21 adopt?

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23 REPORTER: Yes.

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25 MR. ROCZICKA: I moved to support this.

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27 MS. GREGORY: Motion was made by Greg
28 Roczicka to support Proposal No. 60, right?

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30 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)

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32 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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36 MS. HOFFMAN: I apologize for jumping the
37 gun. I'll second the motion.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion by Greg
40 and second by Beverly. Any more discussion.

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42 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. Greg, how
43 many population does Lime Village have, how many
44 families?

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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Number of families, two or
47 three. The population varies by season, depending on
48 who's numbers you use and who happens to be there
49 counting at what time of the year, probably as low as 15
50 and as many as 30.

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1 MS. GREGORY: So if we reduce the number
2 of moose from 40 to 28 it's not going to hurt the
3 village. However, you mentioned that Sleetmute is it?

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5 MS. HOFFMAN: Stony River.

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7 MS. GREGORY: Stony River is also
8 included as a Lime Village resident?

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10 MR. ROCZICKA: No, I didn't -- I was
11 talking about observations of people from that area.....

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13 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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15 MR. ROCZICKA:that use that
16 drainage and just their observations on the moose
17 populations. And it's their statements that it's like a
18 biological desert out there, you can hardly find any
19 animals at all.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. (In
22 Yup'ik)

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24 INTERPRETER: I will talk about this in
25 Yup'ik. Our elders have told us, our ancestors have told
26 us that in times of scarcity animals move down river or
27 towards the coast. I've heard in the Lime Village moose
28 -- the area moose are moving -- have been moving down
29 towards the coast and that beavers have been assigned for
30 change and more population. We need to watch those signs
31 and respect them because scarcity or times of low
32 population comes every 100 years.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Call for the question.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called for
39 on Proposal 60, if you support you say yes.

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41 MS. GREGORY: Nick Andrews.

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43 MR. ANDREWS: Yes.

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45 MS. GREGORY: Bob Aloysius.

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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.
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3 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde.
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.
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7 MS. GREGORY: John Hanson.
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9 MR. HANSON: Yes.
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11 MS. GREGORY: Greg Roczicka.
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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.
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15 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.
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17 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.
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19 MS. GREGORY: Joseph Mike.
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21 MR. MIKE: Yes.
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23 MS. GREGORY: And me, yes. (In Yup'ik)
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25 Nine yea's.
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Proposal 60 is supported
28 by Yukon Kuskokwim Advisory Council.
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30 Next proposal is Proposal 61.
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32 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, the analyst for
33 Proposal 61 should be here any minute. I would stop and
34 recommend maybe a five or 10 minute break at this time.
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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think we going
37 to have 10 minutes break.
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39 (Off record)
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41 (On record)
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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's 9:03 and we'll go
44 back to our agenda. While we're waiting for last
45 proposal to work on, they're waiting for someone for
46 analysis, these reports, there's no one really -- no one
47 really to give to the report, no audience. I think it's
48 good if we go through just the highlights of it, these
49 reports.
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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Can I ask the man on the
6 line, I forgot his name.

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8 MR. BERG: Pete.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: Pete. How long will it be
11 before the person that's going to do the analysis on this
12 proposal be?

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14 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, we're expecting
15 to see her any minute now. We do have some bad weather
16 here this morning, I don't know if that slowed her up a
17 little bit but generally she should be popping in here
18 any second now.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Well, would it be possible
21 for you to let us know when she gets in so we could work
22 on these -- suspend the rules and work on some of these
23 other business that we have in hand?

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25 MR. DEMATTEO: Absolutely.

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27 MR. BERG: Okay, that'd be great Pete.

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29 MR. L. WILDE: Thank you, Pete. Mr.

30 Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: In light of that I would
35 like to suspend the rules and go into the subsistence
36 fisheries issues until the person that's going to do the
37 61 gets on line.

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39 MS. GREGORY: Second.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
42 floor to suspend the rule at this time and a second.
43 Motion by Lester and second by Mary. Discussion.

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45 Alex.

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47 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I'd
48 like to make a very important announcement right after
49 the motion is voted on.

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Question.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called
4 for. All who favor to suspend the rules say aye.

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6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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10 (No opposing votes)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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14 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, during the
15 break I was making arrangements for ground
16 transportation. I was able to manage to arrange someone
17 to transport anyone who is going to be going up to
18 airport. You need to sign up on this piece of paper what
19 time you're leaving. And you also need to pay up your
20 bill downstairs, you know, because some of the Council
21 members lodging is already paid for. Lodging is only
22 paid for Council members. But the Council members will
23 have to pay for their meals. And all the rest of us,
24 individually, we have to take care of our bills. So far
25 the young lady told me that only two people paid their
26 bill, so we want to try to do good business with these
27 people they've been good to us.

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29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Now, we go
32 on subsistence fishery issues. Result of Federal
33 Subsistence Board action.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, didn't we
36 cover that issue yesterday?

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Yeah, we covered
39 that.

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41 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Alex.

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45 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, when I read the .805
46 letter yesterday, that was taken care of so you go to the
47 next one.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, okay. Call for
50 fishery proposals 2004/2005, we working on it, we got one

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1 more to go. And next is summary of fishery proposals
2 submitted to date. And we're down in potential Regional
3 Council proposals. Opportunity fishery C&T proposals,
4 Tim Andrew.

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6 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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10 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
11 Were we going to take each of these issues under B one at
12 a time here, a summary of the fishery proposals submitted
13 and then do we get an opportunity to put out potential
14 proposals from the Regional Council? What's your
15 usual.....

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'm just reading over.
18 Then go ahead we can start from -- we could start from
19 summary of fisheries proposals submitted to date.

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21 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, okay, go ahead.

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25 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chairman, sorry to
26 interrupt Council, but you had asked that Staff let you
27 know when the analyst for Proposal 61 was ready, she is
28 here ready to go if it's the Council's wishes we can have
29 her on line at this time.

30

31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we're waiting, go
32 ahead.

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34 MR. DEMATTEO: Okay, stand by please.

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36 MS. GREGORY: That's for Proposal 61.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Last proposal, Proposal
39 61.

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41 MS. PETRIVELLI: Proposal 61 was
42 submitted by the Association of Village Council
43 Presidents. Oh, and my name is Pat Petrivelli and I'm
44 presenting the analysis for this proposal.

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46 This proposal requests a C&T
47 determination for the use of moose in Unit 21(E) for the
48 residents of Unit 18. We realize that the Council
49 considered this issue for the past two cycles and met
50 with Western Interior to discuss this issue and that both

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1 Councils agreed to put this issue aside for a time. But
2 this is a new proposal and it's different from last year.
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4 This proposal deals with all the
5 communities in Unit 18 besides Russian Mission which
6 already has a positive C&T determination and it deals
7 with all of Unit 21(E), not just the smaller portion that
8 was identified last year.
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10 The other things that are different than
11 last year, well, there's no new information in the
12 analysis because there hasn't been time to gather new
13 information. But because the proposal dealt with a
14 larger area, it combined information from Proposal 96, a
15 proposal that was submitted in '96 and the proposal was
16 an analysis of Proposals 45 and 46 and then the
17 information from last year and it just combined it and
18 revised the format a little.
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20 The other thing that's different is it
21 shows the main new information was results of different
22 meetings that have been held in 2003 and then there's a
23 table showing current regulations on Page -- which I'll
24 point out later -- the meetings that were held in 2003
25 was a January 2003 Moose Management Planning Effort for
26 21(E) facilitated by Randy Rogers. And then in May, the
27 Federal Board met and it deferred actions on last years
28 proposal and asked that the two Councils, Yukon Kuskokwim
29 and Western Interior meet to discuss the issue because
30 they had differing recommendations. And then the last
31 meeting was the October 3rd meeting where that joint
32 meeting occurred.
33

34 The result of that joint meeting was that
35 they asked the proponent to withdraw the proponent and
36 the proponent agreed to do so. And the one thing the
37 proponent mentioned was that he would like to have
38 different openings for the season, so just for
39 informational purposes I included a table showing the
40 differing regulations for the two units and that's on
41 Page 203 of the regulation booklet.
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43 There's some things missing about that
44 table, is a footnote, in saying -- and the footnote would
45 have said, the Unit 18 regulations for the State have
46 been changed in the November Board of Game meeting, and,
47 of course, you had the big discussion about that
48 yesterday in Proposal 51. But -- so those regulations
49 aren't -- change effective July 1st as a result of the
50 November Board of Game action.

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1 So in going through the main factors, the
2 main data sources were permits and household surveys and
3 there's not complete information from either source. And
4 in this analysis, generally sometimes a preliminary
5 conclusion is presented and I did not make a preliminary
6 conclusion.

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8 On Page 212 of the meeting book there's a
9 table that summarizes some of the available data. And
10 for comparison purposes, it shows in the communities that
11 have the positive C&T Unit 21(E) communities and Russian
12 Mission and then below the lines are the ones that are
13 requested. And that table shows the shading where any
14 use of Unit 21(E) moose is shown. From that table it's
15 clear that there are some community patterns and then --
16 but there's questions about the clear pattern.

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18 When we have -- when the patterns are
19 unclear we usually turn to the Regional Councils to look
20 for guidance and so -- and of course the Board -- this
21 issue has come up and the two Regional Councils have
22 provided differing guidance about this issue. But -- so
23 what I'm going to do is just leave my analysis there and
24 just say that about the pattern of use on Page 213, I'll
25 just read that one paragraph about, from a review of the
26 data about the use of 21(E) for the harvest of moose by
27 Unit 18 communities it appears that some Unit 18
28 communities have shown a consistent pattern of use of
29 21(E) moose similar to the level shown by Russian
30 Mission. Some communities clearly have not shown this
31 pattern of use and there are a number of communities
32 where the pattern is not clear. The flaws in the
33 documentation process have been raised many times in past
34 discussions related to the lack of household surveys and
35 non-participation in harvest reporting.

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37 And as I said before, when data sources
38 and documentations of past uses of the resources are not
39 clear the Regional Councils are consulted to provide
40 guidance in making traditional use determinations.

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42 When this issue has been considered by
43 the two Regional Councils there has been a lack of
44 consensus, most recently in the past two regulatory
45 cycles. It is hoped that if the Western Interior and
46 Yukon Kuskokwim Councils cannot reach a consensus
47 recommendation they can identify areas where specific
48 information can be gathered that could help the
49 resolution of the proposed modification to the customary
50 and traditional use determination for moose in 21(E).

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1 And that concludes my analysis.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you.

4 Agency's comment.

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6 MS. KRAUTHOEFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

7 The Department does not support this proposal. Our

8 comments are on Page 217 of your meeting books.

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10 We do not believe there is evidence to
11 support a finding that all communities in Unit 18 have a
12 customary and traditional use of moose in 21(E). The
13 evidence presented on the eight factors varies
14 considerably for Unit 18 communities, but some
15 communities showing a long-term consistent pattern of use
16 and others showing no use or hardly any use at all.
17 However, we will review comments made by the Regional
18 Council before developing a final position on this
19 proposal.

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21 We urge the Council to carefully consider
22 the recommendations made by Federal Staff in the
23 preliminary conclusion on Page 213.

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25 Last year the Department supported the
26 approach taken on a similar proposal to focus the C&T
27 analysis on and make a C&T finding for the southern part
28 of Unit 21(E) rather than for the entire subunit. We
29 pointed out that the evidence was not sufficient to
30 support a positive finding for all the communities that
31 were being proposed for inclusion and that the affected
32 Regional Councils should continue to discuss this issue.
33 If the Regional Council believes that further discussions
34 with the Western Interior Regional Council would be
35 beneficial, the Department would support this approach.

36

37 Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Public
40 comments.

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

43 For the record, my name is Timothy Andrew. I'm the
44 director of Natural Resources for AVCP. We are the
45 proponent of this proposal. And this proposal was
46 originally submitted by a resident from Unit 18, I
47 believe it was a gentleman from Mountain Village which
48 presented it and it was considered at the Wasilla Tri-RAC
49 meeting, but due to the large amount of controversy the
50 original proponent decided to drop this issue and that's

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1 when AVCP took up this issue and submitted a separate
2 proposal to consider all of Unit 18 as having customary
3 and traditional use in Unit 21(E).

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5 President Naneng felt that it was
6 extremely important for people, all the people in the
7 villages of Unit 18 to participate in possibly hunting in
8 Unit 21(E) because many people in the area from the far
9 reaches normally hunt in that area during the winter
10 hunt. One of the former RAC members, James Charles from
11 Tuntutuliak, despite the record is not indicating that
12 Tuntutuliak had any specific data reported to be hunted
13 in that area, but, however, James Charles did indicate
14 that he hunted in that area, and while he was there he
15 saw people from Goodnews and Platinum up in that area
16 hunting moose.

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18 So it basically shows you that the data
19 or the lack of data that's reported on Page 212 is not
20 entirely portrayed because -- could potentially be
21 because the hunters did not have the desire to turn in
22 hunting harvest tickets when they hunted in that area or
23 did not have a proper hunting license when they did
24 participate in the area.

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26 And President Naneng did relate to me
27 that subsistence -- and the organizations and the
28 villages feel that the regulations of subsistence is not
29 -- is not in the -- not how you have used the resource
30 for a number of years, like, for example, in the lower
31 Yukon area, there's -- in the most recent five, 10 -- 10
32 years or so we've had a large increase of moose
33 populations in that area. And as the moose population
34 start coming into the area people have started using this
35 resource more and more within the area. So the
36 subsistence hunt is primarily opportunistic, in that,
37 saying if a resource is not available in one area it will
38 be -- if it's available in another area, if a person
39 desires to subsistence hunt or participate in the hunt in
40 that area that person will go out and hunt in that area
41 to feed his or her family.

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43 During the later part of February, during
44 the Board of Fish meeting and sometime prior to the Board
45 of Fish meeting, I had an opportunity to meet with Mr.
46 Mike Smith who is the Tanana Chief's Conference Director
47 of Wildlife and Parks, he is a person that does basically
48 what I do except he does it for the TCC region, and we
49 did talk about the C&T determinations or potential C&T
50 determinations for 21(E) and see if we could come up with

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1 some kind of compromise language or compromise agreement
2 to try and resolve this issue, however, some of the
3 considerations that were on the table, like taking that
4 lower portion of 21(E), that's in the Refuge and seeing
5 that to Unit 18 -- but he said that, in his communication
6 with the villages in -- with Holy Cross, Grayling, Anvik
7 and Shageluk, that idea was dropped from the deal, so we
8 did not come to any kind -- unfortunately we did not come
9 to any kind of agreement as far as how do we want to
10 proceed with this issue.

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12 That concludes my testimony, Mr.
13 Chairman. I'd be glad to be available for questions if
14 you have any.

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16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Public
19 comments.

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21 (No comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Summary of written
24 comments.

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26 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, we have two
27 public comments. One is in opposition by the Grayling,
28 Anvik, Shageluk, Holy Cross local Fish and Game
29 Committee.

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31 During its December meeting passed a
32 recommendation to oppose Proposal 61. Committee members
33 do not want to see Unit 18 residents hunting 21(E).
34 There are currently too many outside hunters in the area
35 that are not customary and traditional users.

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37 And the other comment is from Ross Boring
38 of Bethel. Mr. Boring supports Proposal 61 because he
39 has hunted in Unit 21(E) for 10 years during the winter
40 season. The group he hunts with splits moose they
41 harvest between several families.

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43 Mr. Chair, that's the extent of the
44 public comments.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Regional
47 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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3 MS. GREGORY: You forgot talking points.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'm sorry, talking
6 points comments.

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8 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Members
9 of the Council. Carl Jack asked me to present the Staff
10 Committee talking points in his stead. My name is Glenn
11 Chen, I'm with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Inter-
12 Agency Staff Committee.

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14 I was not present when the Staff
15 Committee discussed this proposal so I have to rely on
16 Carl's indication of what took place at the Staff
17 Committee meeting. He indicated that the Staff Committee
18 discussed this proposal at length. They reviewed items
19 such as lack of information and highlighted some of the
20 things that Pat Petrivelli mentioned, the need to hear
21 public testimony and so forth at this Council meeting.
22 So based on that, Carl indicated to me that the Staff
23 Committee did not develop talking points to be presented
24 to the Council at this meeting.

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26 Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Regional
29 Council deliberation, recommendation and justification.

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31 Maybe I'll start before Greg. I try to
32 work with up river people as Chairman to Chairman with
33 this proposal. They say no, their Council say no, the
34 village, 21(E) village, they say no, their corporation,
35 Doyon, they say no. What they say is it would be good if
36 they go back to same as before, wide open, let everybody
37 go hunting that has been. And that's what they're
38 saying.

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40 The first one we work on it for almost
41 two years and do all we can but this one here, I really
42 kind of -- I do respect the Association of Village
43 Council Presidents, what they're doing, however, if we
44 cannot accomplish anything with this proposal, with this
45 one and that first one and this one, I don't know really
46 what to do. It's up to -- right now it's up to the
47 Regional Council, I suppose, doing deliberation and
48 recommendation, how they move.

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50 That's all I have.

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1 Greg.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I had a
4 question for Ms. Petrivelli, if she's still on line.

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6 MR. BERG: Are you still there, Pat?

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8 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yes, I am.

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10 MR. BERG: Okay.

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12 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, Pat, is there any
13 kind of a rule of thumb or in the process, timelines,
14 I've had some experience dealing with this at the State
15 level but does the Federal Board or the Inter-Agency
16 Staff, OSM have any kind of a process put in place as far
17 as weighting some of these eight criteria?

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19 For example, under No. 1 is kind of --
20 that's the one that essentially drives the other seven,
21 and under that long-term consistent pattern, have you
22 come up with or is there anything on record that is used
23 as far as saying it's one generation, it's two
24 generations, is it 50 years, is it 100 years, is it 20
25 years or is it 10 years? What, if anything, do you have
26 and what does the Federal Subsistence Board use in
27 applying that criteria?

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29 MS. PETRIVELLI: I know that the State
30 process, I think, defines it as two or three generations,
31 or two generations, the inter-generational aspect. But
32 with the Federal process, what we've done is those eight
33 criteria, the main points of emphasis are that it's a
34 community pattern rather than individuals and that
35 there's no strict guidelines because of the flexibility
36 because of regional variation and resource variation.

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38 Like people indicated that the moose come
39 and the moose go and they're in different areas and the
40 levels of use comes so the Board has looked at the idea
41 of flexibility more so than guidelines. And that
42 flexibility has allowed Council input because they're the
43 resource users and closer to the resource. So there are
44 no numerical guidelines.

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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, no numerical and
47 also nothing in time then as well, in the generational
48 aspect?

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50 MS. PETRIVELLI: Yeah, that's correct.

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1 There's no generational guidelines, I mean that are
2 specifics, that, say, you know, two generations. But I
3 think a point could be made, you know, if there was a
4 generational thing, you could say, yes, there is long-
5 term consistent pattern of use.

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7 But our data goes from -- we have the
8 permit data that goes from 1983 to 2000, so that's 17
9 years of indication.

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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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15 MS. HOFFMAN: In looking at this, I have
16 to support it. My family has traditionally hunted in
17 that area. My brothers in this generation, and my father
18 before them. And, of course, that's on an individual
19 basis but -- and not a community but I do know that there
20 have been other families that have traditionally hunted
21 in this area.

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23 I think the dialogue has been between the
24 Councils and the advisory working groups dealing with
25 this problem. The dialogue will continue, but in the
26 meantime I guess my decision will go with that there is
27 customary and traditional use by other units of this area
28 and I support it.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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32 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson first and
35 then Lester.

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37 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
38 Chairman. Well, we're back to another couple of more
39 years on this again of this.

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41 (Laughter)

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43 MR. HANSON: That first one we had, the
44 two RAC committees, Western and YK, we never got to the
45 concessions where we were okay, they were all -- the
46 Western Interior was always lacking to say yes, and then
47 here we are back again.

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49 But the two Council Chairs, they've been
50 talking to each other ever since our last October meeting

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1 in Wasilla. And I think what Harry said is practically
2 true. If their advisory group, Fish and Game Advisory
3 group says no the Western Council is going to follow.
4 And if we left it alone, right from the start the way it
5 had been going I don't think we would be back to this
6 proposal, 61, we'd be hunting the same as we have been
7 hunting in that area. And I think that's what Western
8 Interior Council aim is, let the hunters go hunt if
9 they've been hunting in a portion of 21(E) and there be
10 no fighting up or down or Kuskokwim people, fighting
11 Kuskokwim people. I think that work real good until
12 Western Interior decides that it should come up on a
13 proposal. Maybe then we wouldn't be the lonely RAC
14 committee voting yes for it.

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16 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Lester.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, we've been
21 through this, I don't know, from whenever it -- from the
22 time it started and we've had a number of meetings with
23 Western Interior and Eastern Interior and we've also
24 gotten in contact with Western Interior, we have a large
25 membership in the YRDFA and we deal and work with these
26 people for a number of years. And one compromise that
27 they were willing to come to, you heard it before, was
28 that, if, because of this agreement that we've had with
29 this customary and traditional use determination of this
30 area for residents of Unit 18, the only conclusion that
31 we were all able to agree with at the time was to leave
32 it as it was in the past and that's to allow anybody who
33 comes into 21(E) to hunt, without having this customary
34 and traditional use determination.

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36 I understand where these people are
37 coming from and we've got to work with them in other
38 issues on the Yukon River and because of that working
39 relationship that we've acquired in the years within the
40 Yukon and Kuskokwim, I would have to move to oppose this
41 proposal.

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43 So I move to oppose.

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45 MR. HANSON: Second.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I didn't quite
48 understand your move -- how you move.

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50 MR. L. WILDE: I move to oppose.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
2 floor by Lester to oppose and second by John Hanson. Any
3 more discussion.

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5 Greg.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I guess I'm
8 not understanding about go back how it used to be and let
9 anybody go over there because that's not the way things
10 are now. There just was the winter hunt that just took
11 place and it was limited to Federally-recognized
12 subsistence users only, which, you know, did only include
13 those residents of 21(E) and Russian Mission, although
14 Bob just pointed out he couldn't find it in the book.
15 But it isn't back to where it is and it's not going to go
16 back there unless there's some kind of move to change it.

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18 And my younger brother is a grandpa and I
19 know he's been going over there since he was a young
20 person and I know several families in Bethel and
21 surrounding villages who have hunted over there since I
22 can remember, as well as people from the GASH communities
23 that live in Bethel and surrounding communities that are
24 residents of those communities and go back to hunt over
25 there. So, to me, I don't -- I agree that you guys have
26 been working with this for a long time and you haven't
27 gotten anywhere and you're not likely to get anywhere it
28 sounds like from, how many has it been, 10 years, and how
29 many years of meetings, 15 years of meetings, ever since
30 McDowell came into effect, I guess I would advocate that
31 we support this proposal. Move it forward to the Federal
32 Board recognizing that as many as attempts and there's
33 been a long and a good faith effort to try to come to
34 some compromise but they have to deal with this according
35 to the regulations that they have to work under, and have
36 them make the determination.

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38 And if it should come out that it's only
39 portion of Unit 21(E), you know, I see that and would
40 support that aspect of it, but I believe that we should
41 support this proposal, and have it go forward to the
42 Board and they make their determination. And if
43 additional needs -- they have information for several
44 communities, it's put right out here in the Staff
45 analysis, yes, there is some communities that definitely
46 show this long-term consistent pattern of use. And if
47 they need more information for the other communities, so
48 be it. But they should adopt and recognize those that
49 already have it under their own regulations and criteria.

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1 And so I would urge everybody to vote no
2 on this motion.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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8 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: I am, myself, am not in
11 support of a opposing this proposal because I have Indian
12 children from Holy Cross and I know of other people from
13 the Kipnuk area and others that have had camps in that
14 area and that do hunt and harvest moose from that area in
15 the winter, and not only from that area, but there's
16 people from our area that travel out to the Yukon. I
17 will not vote in support of opposing this proposal.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion from
20 Council.

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22 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: AVCP.

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26 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
27 Again, Timothy Andrew, director of Natural Resources for
28 AVCP.

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30 One thing that is not discussed within
31 the analysis is what the potential impacts are if we do
32 not have customary and traditional use determination for
33 moose in 21(E).

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35 What that would do is just limit on
36 Federal lands, those people that live in Graying, Holy
37 Cross, Anvik and Shageluk and Russian Mission to hunt in
38 21(E). If anybody from outside those communities were to
39 go up and hunt in an open season, in a Federal open
40 season in that area and do not have a positive C&T, like
41 for example myself, I have a driver's license that
42 indicates that I am from Bethel, if I were to go up and
43 hunt in that area and if a Federal law enforcement
44 officer were to come and check out my licenses and check
45 out my driver's license, my I.D., it would indicate that
46 I am from Bethel and Bethel currently does not have
47 customary and traditional use determination on Federal
48 lands in that area, so I'd be subject to Federal
49 prosecution and so would every one of your constituents
50 as well, with the exception of Russian Mission. And that

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1 includes Kalskag, which is in close proximity to 21(E)
2 and also all the different people that have hunted within
3 the area, both during the fall opening and also
4 subsequent winter openings.

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6 So I encourage you to utilize that
7 information and vote at your discretion.

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9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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11 MS. PETRIVELLI: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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15 MS. PETRIVELLI: During the State season
16 all the remaining Unit 18 communities would be eligible
17 to hunt in Unit 21(e), it is just only what -- what Mr.
18 Andrew said is true, but it's only during the Federal
19 seasons, but during the State fall season any Unit 18
20 resident could go up there.

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22 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you.

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26 Greg.

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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
29 Chairman. Just a follow up note to what Pat just said,
30 however, there are very limited State jurisdiction lands
31 within 21(E), of the area that's hunted. And those that
32 are are private lands that are closed to anyone else
33 using them. There's no permit access provided, there is
34 no other opportunity even though the season is there.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Any more
37 discussion from Council. If is not, this 61 proposal, if
38 you don't want to accept it you'll say no.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: No.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If you don't want to
45 accept it you say yes. And if you want to accept it you
46 say no.

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48 MS. HOFFMAN: I'm confused.

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I was the
2 maker of the motion, I moved to oppose it. If you want
3 to oppose this motion you say yes.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, okay.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: If you choose to support
8 it you say no.

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10 (Laughter)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And I'm going to request
13 for roll call.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Joseph Mike.

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17 MR. MIKE: Abstain.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.

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23 MS. HOFFMAN: No.

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25 MS. GREGORY: Mary Gregory, no. John
26 Hanson.

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28 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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30 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Greg Roczicka.

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36 MR. ROCZICKA: No.

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38 MS. GREGORY: Bob Aloysius.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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42 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Andrew -- Nick Andrews.

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48 MR. ANDREWS: No.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Okay, one, two, three,

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1 four, five -- five no's. One, two, three -- three yes's,
2 one abstention.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And that's -- yes, have
5 it.

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7 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes have it.

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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: No's have it.

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15 MR. A. NICK: The no's have it.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'm sorry, no have it.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, no's have it.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Just for clarification, I
28 would encourage people to make positive motions because
29 it gets confusing so any time anybody makes a motion they
30 should make a positive motion and then if you're against
31 it you would vote no, it would be very clear.

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33 Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Bob.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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41 MS. GREGORY: I move to support Proposal

42 61.

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44 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.

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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.

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48 MS. GREGORY: Who seconded the motion?

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50 REPORTER: Greg.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Greg, okay.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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5 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: I make a motion to support
8 the proposal as Greg said, it will leave it up to the
9 Board to make the final decision to follow our support in
10 some cases and in some cases they do not.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do you want to do roll
13 call again?

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15 MS. GREGORY: Okay, just give me a few
16 minutes.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: We don't have minutes.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 INTERPRETER: They're reversing the vote
23 so vote again for those that support will vote yes and
24 that those do not -- oppose will vote no.

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26 MS. GREGORY: Joseph Mike.

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28 MR. MIKE: Yes.

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30 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.

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32 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Mary Gregory, yes. John
35 Hanson.

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37 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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39 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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43 MS. GREGORY: Greg Roczicka.

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Bob Aloysius.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: No.

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5 MS. GREGORY: Nick Andrews.

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7 MR. ANDREWS: Yes.

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9 MS. GREGORY: Two, four, six, eight

10 yea's, one nay.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Now, the yes have it.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 MS. GREGORY: The yes have it.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 MS. GREGORY: You're right.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. That was good
23 exercise. That's all the proposals we have. And next
24 we're going to subsistence issues, fisheries issues. We
25 go through Federal Subsistence Board action on 2004/2005,
26 we go through that. Call of Federal fisheries
27 subsistence proposals. The last one. And then the only
28 one on the subsistence issues are summary of fisheries
29 proposals submitted to date.

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31 MR. L. WILDE: Harry.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, did you
36 include Item 5, was a Special Action Request that was
37 requested yesterday.

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39 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We're going down right

42 now.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: Okay, I'm sorry.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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48 MR. L. WILDE: I'm thinking ahead.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr. Chairman,
2 I'm sorry.

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4 MR. A. NICK: You could start from here,
5 number 1.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Number 1, summary, we
8 start from there. We'll take a -- yeah, go ahead.

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10 MR. BERG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For
11 the record, Jerry Berg with Office of Subsistence
12 Management.

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14 The open period to submit fishery
15 proposals is right now and we have proposal forms if
16 anybody wants to take them back to their villages or
17 submit a proposal here. It's basically just the one page
18 proposal form that some of you are familiar with. The
19 deadline is March 26th and, of course, our Staff at OSM
20 is always available to help draft proposals, so if
21 there's any ideas from the Council we're more than happy
22 to help draft those proposals.

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24 The only two proposals that I'm aware of
25 so far for the Yukon were submitted by the Eastern
26 Interior Council in Beaver last week, and they submitted
27 one proposal to limit the depth of all gillnets in the
28 Yukon River that are greater than six inches of mesh to
29 no more than 35 meshes deep.

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31 And then they also submitted one more
32 proposal to open a subsistence fishery for Federally-
33 qualified subsistence users on Federal Conservation Units
34 within District 5D of the Yukon River drainage from
35 September 15th to the 20th to ensure that the subsistence
36 opportunity and priority for fall chum salmon in the
37 upper Yukon River drainage.

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39 So those are the only two proposals that
40 I'm aware of to date that have been submitted for the
41 Yukon, and I'm not aware of any proposals that have been
42 submitted for the Kuskokwim. So I think that's the
43 summary of the proposals that I'm aware of to date, Mr.
44 Chairman.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Potential
49 Regional Council proposals.

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1 Greg.

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

4 I would like to request that this Council sponsor a
5 proposal regarding the customary and traditional use of
6 rainbow trout over in Kuskokwim area, the villages of
7 Eek, Quinhagak, Goodnews Bay and Platinum have that
8 recognition already. The villages of Akiachuk, Kwethluk
9 and Tuluksak and I believe Akiak as well also have that
10 recognition. There's a hole right in the middle of a
11 number of villages that also have essentially the same
12 pattern of use and I would like that request that Staff
13 draft up a proposal to be sponsored by this Council for
14 consideration.

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16 MR. UBERUAGA: Aniak.

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18 MR. ROCZICKA: I'm sorry?

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20 MR. UBERUAGA: Aniak's not in our region,
21 I would encourage the Western Interior to do the same
22 thing if it -- but I wouldn't want to stretch our
23 jurisdiction into somebody else's territory if it's not
24 appropriate.

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26 MR. BERG: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Jerry.

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30 MR. BERG: Maybe if I could just get
31 clarification, did you want to list certain communities?
32 I didn't get all the ones you listed, sorry, Greg, I
33 didn't get those quick enough.

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35 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay. I listed the
36 villages that I'm aware of that do have that C&T
37 recognition already, which is Goodnews, Platinum,
38 Quinhagak and Eek and Kwethluk, and I believe it's Akiak,
39 Akiachuk and Tuluksak -- not Tuluksak, I would propose
40 then that they would be included, and then moving down it
41 would be Bethel, Oscarville, Napaskiak, Nupakiak.

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43 MR. BERG: So basically all the other
44 villages along the Kuskokwim -- in the lower Kuskokwim,
45 correct, Greg?

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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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49 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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3 MS. HOFFMAN: And I don't know how this
4 fits in but I would oppose that.

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6 MR. L. WILDE: Well, the proposal would
7 come later and then we'd vote on it.

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9 MS. HOFFMAN: Okay, thank you for the
10 clarification.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, I don't know how to
17 present this but it's a concern that we have in many of
18 the villages that are affected by beaver dams. It
19 affects the subsistence fishing, and I'm not talking
20 about live beaver dams, I'm talking about abandoned
21 beaver dams that have been abandoned for 10, 20 years or
22 more, and they're blocking up the streams that the salmon
23 migrate up, the whitefish migrate up, the sheefish, pike,
24 and in the aftermath of abandoned beaver dams, the water
25 is dying behind there and there's not enough water to go
26 into the major lakes that are fed by these streams.

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28 And so therefore the lake water is dying
29 and there's no way for the migratory fish to go up these
30 streams.

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32 Now, I know this has been brought up many
33 times before but my concern is I've been harping on this
34 for a number of years with different agencies. I'm also
35 a member of the North Native American Fish and Wildlife
36 Society Education Training and Council and I've been to
37 the Society meetings in Anchorage and in Michigan and
38 there have been agencies like the EPA who said that they
39 have expertise in how to destroy beaver dams without any,
40 you know, really bad side effects. And one of the
41 programs they have is stream restoration. Because, you
42 know, that's what we need, we really need to restore some
43 of these streams so that our whitefish, pike, sheefish,
44 lush, and the Native fish can go back up there and, you
45 know, reproduce. And it will also clean out these
46 streams that are dying.

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48 You know, this has been something that
49 many of the older people that I talk to have a major
50 concern about. Because let's face it, you know, the Fish

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1 and Wildlife Service and the Alaska Department of Fish
2 and Game concentrate most of their efforts on money fish
3 and that's salmon. You know that. Every one of you know
4 that. And yet, our Native people depend on fish year-
5 round. We don't depend on only the migratory fish that
6 come up, the salmon, we depend on the Native fish,
7 resident fish in these areas. And we need to bring those
8 stocks back.

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10 I'll give you an example of a lake right
11 behind my home. It's a 30-square mile lake. When I was
12 growing up from March to the middle of April, families
13 used to go there and fish pike in one of the major
14 streams there and they get, you know, 10, 15 families
15 there and they get a sled load of fish for like three or
16 four weeks and the fish never depleted. Now days if you
17 go there you'll be lucky if you catch one or two fish
18 with a net.

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20 And so, you know, I don't know where this
21 proposal or whatever you want to call it, or request
22 maybe, I guess, if you -- where it would fit into the
23 scheme of doing something to reclaim the streams that are
24 occupied by our Native fish.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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30 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I would like
31 to have this written into our -- that letter that we
32 usually write to the Board.

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34 MR. A. NICK: Annual report.

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36 MR. L. WILDE: With the concerns that he
37 has.

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39 MR. A. NICK: The annual report.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: That annual report, yes.
42 I'd like to have this included with the statements that
43 he made about these abandoned beaver dams. I think there
44 is some monies out there, I know of a few dollars that
45 we're trying to find projects for and we might be able to
46 come up with something on this, but I don't know. But I
47 think it should be recorded as one of our concerns as
48 stated by my friend here.

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'm looking to the experts

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1 in the Federal and State agencies who are represented
2 here, you know, I'm sure they have some way to deal with
3 the EPA. You must have connections with EPA and they
4 could give you more detailed information on what they
5 told me. Because they said they have the expertise and
6 all they need is for someone to pay their way up here and
7 they'll help us remove these unwanted beaver dams because
8 they've done it in other areas before.

9

10 And in a lot of the Native communities in
11 the Lower 48 said, yeah, all you got to ask EPA, they'll
12 help you.

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14 MR. ANDREWS: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead and then
17 next Nick.

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19 MR. BERG: Yeah, I guess I'll try to
20 respond to that issue a little bit for Bob.

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22 I think for some of you Council members,
23 I think you know that this issue has been in your annual
24 report in past years. It has been an issue for the YK
25 region for quite some time. I'm not aware of any studies
26 that have been done in the YK area, but we do have a
27 study that was done on the Yukon Flats regarding beaver
28 dams and fish interactions, and there were mixed results
29 that came out of that study that showed that there were
30 some positive aspects of beaver dams and some not so
31 positive aspects. That there were high flood events that
32 helped fish move back and forth.

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34 But I think that is a good place to put
35 this issue, is in your annual report. I don't know of
36 any regulatory solution to try to address this issue.

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38 There were some beaver proposals on the
39 wildlife side to try to encourage more harvest of beaver,
40 but I think those are about as liberal as they can go
41 right now.

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43 Another avenue, I think, is to also
44 include this issue on your information needs for the
45 Fishery Information Services, the Fishery Monitoring
46 Program, and if it's not already on your list I would
47 encourage the Council to put that issue on the list so
48 that when people submit research project proposals that
49 that would be one of the priority items on the list.

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1 And I know the Kuskokwim Resource
2 Coalition has taken up this issue in the past and they,
3 at the time, this was about a year, a year and a half
4 ago, at the time, they decided to devote their priority
5 toward salmon issues because that was the real concern
6 during the decline a few years ago and I don't know if
7 some of those priorities have shifted. They're going
8 through the planning process as Steve Klein told you
9 yesterday in the training, and, so, you know, it
10 certainly is an issue that's been discussed a lot and
11 it's still being discussed.

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13 So those are two avenues, I think, that
14 we clearly have, is your annual report and then make sure
15 it's on your information needs list for fisheries
16 monitoring projects.

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18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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20 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, to add on to
25 what I said there. Our people are tired of studies
26 because studies don't do anything, we want action.

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28 Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Bob.

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32 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick. Alex -- Nick
35 Andrews.

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37 MR. ANDREWS: My name is Nick Andrews,
38 Sr. We have two animals, problems in our area,
39 everywhere, beaver. No matter what you do it will -- you
40 may get rid of the beaver dam but they'll build it over
41 night.

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43 What we used to do, when I used to work
44 for Alaska Railroad, when we bombed the beaver dam, they
45 build it overnight.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MR. ANDREWS: That problem will never go
50 away until we get rid of the beavers. I'm sure in

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1 between Federal and State, if they look hard enough they
2 will find enough money to bounty on those beavers.

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4 And then the same way with the wolves.

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6 Quyana.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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10 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
11 Chairman. This beaver dam has been on for how many years
12 now, three or four years?

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14 MR. L. WILDE: No, six.

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16 MR. HANSON: When we first introduced it
17 at our RAC committee meeting, one of the Staff said that
18 the best way we could get rid of dams, he said, finish
19 the beaver first, but there's no money in beaver pelts so
20 nobody's hunting them and that's how come they're just
21 increasing all the time.

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23 So just give us dynamite and we'll teach
24 them how to quit putting beaver dams up.

25

26 (Laughter)

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28 MR. HANSON: Well, they were supposed to
29 do something about it but we haven't heard anything
30 after. And I see on this annual report we have beaver
31 concerns that talks about the dams.

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33 So I don't know, Jerry, maybe you can
34 talk to the rest of the Staff and just give us the
35 dynamite and we'll fix them in the winter.

36

37 (Laughter)

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, just for information
42 to the rest of the Council, there was a study conducted
43 by TCC on beavers up there but the difference of the
44 study that they made and the area that we serve, is that,
45 the study mostly was done in areas where the dams or the
46 portions of the lake -- like unused portion -- I'm not
47 saying it right. Where erosion has closed off those --
48 used to be, parts of the river, which are now lakes, they
49 didn't have any flowing river -- flowing -- free-flowing
50 water through them like our area does where our beavers

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1 are, so there is a lot of difference between that study
2 up there what they've done up there and the study that --
3 and I mean the problems that we are having down here.

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5 So actually I -- when I went over through
6 that study at one of the meetings, I brought this forward
7 and it never came to anything except a presentation.

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9 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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13 MS. HOFFMAN: Is there some kind of
14 regulation against harvesting beaver meat for use for
15 feeding dogs or anything like that?

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17 MR. L. WILDE: No.

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19 MR. ROCZICKA: No.

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21 MS. HOFFMAN: No. Because I mean people
22 feed beaver meat to their dog teams. And it just seems
23 like there's enough dog mushers out there that that could
24 be part of the solution to the problem of not enough fish
25 to feed the dogs and maybe we should start concentrating
26 on beavers. Any time anybody wants to send me some
27 beaver meat I'd be glad to accept.

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29 MR. L. WILDE: If you come and help us
30 break the ice to get the.....

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32 MS. HOFFMAN: Auger, right.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there any more
35 discussion on these.

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37 MR. SNOW: Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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41 MR. SNOW: I am Patrick Snow with the
42 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I talked about this
43 briefly with Mike Rearden before we left and the harvest
44 season for the beaver is about as liberal as it can get.

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46 There's no closed season and there's no
47 limit. In the spring time when the pelts are still good
48 and the water is open, a person can go out and get as
49 many beaver as they possibly can with a firearm, traps,
50 snares, whatever they want or they can do it in the

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1 winter. I know that's a lot more difficult because you
2 have to chop through the ice, or all summer long just for
3 feeding dogs.

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5 So the feeling, at least, that Mike
6 expressed to me was that you can knock out the dams, I
7 don't think that there's -- I think the only restriction
8 that they have is that you can't get into the lodge, and
9 that go out and do it as much as possible. That he is
10 pretty firm on not putting monies toward beaver control.
11 He'd rather see the local residents use those resources
12 in a more traditional fashion before he even thinks about
13 taking any action.

14

15 Thank you.

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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Just a point of
18 clarification, again, I am talking about abandoned beaver
19 dams that have been in those abandon -- there's no beaver
20 living in those areas. They've been there for 10, 20
21 years or more.

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23 MR. SNOW: Yes, Bob, I understood what
24 your point was. I was more addressing the other concerns
25 that were talking about beavers and not necessarily that
26 specific concern.

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28 I know that there is a study with Fish
29 and Wildlife Service on resident fish in that area, at
30 least on the Suksulsak (ph) River or the Kwethluk River
31 by one of the biologist at Fish and Wildlife Service. I
32 don't know where that's going at this point, I can't
33 address that.

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35 But to address the other beaver concerns,
36 that's what I was discussing.

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38 Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Okay, we're
41 still working on fishery proposals or potential
42 proposals.

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44 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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48 MS. GREGORY: How about the one we were
49 talking about, John's concern about (In Yup'ik).

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1 MR. HANSON: No, we'll bring it.....

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We got to finish this
4 number 10.....

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6 REPORTER: Harry. Harry.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE:right now. Next
9 is.....

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11 REPORTER: Harry.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Microphone.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next is number 3,
16 opportunistic fisheries C&T proposal, Tim Andrew.

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

19 I'm Tim Andrew with AVCP Natural Resources. What I was
20 going to talk about was the rainbow trout issue that I
21 had disclosed October, but Council member, Mr. Roczicka,
22 brought it up earlier that he would like to have the
23 Regional Council submit a proposal to address the issue
24 that I was going to address at this time.

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26 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, this fisheries
29 proposal form, you mentioned that, is there any other
30 towards fishery proposal forms -- or we were -- I thought
31 we was going to request to help us or someone to help us.

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33 Go ahead, Nick.

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35 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, for the
36 record my name is Alex Nick, Regional Council
37 coordinator.

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39 I think Jerry covered proposal forms
40 already in his presentation.

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42 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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46 MR. MIKE: On the proposal forms, I'd
47 like to bring proposal forms to the tribal councils and
48 fill out your proposal forms.

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50 MR. BERG: Here I'll give you these to

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1 take home with you.

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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, earlier one of the
6 Council recommended on a potential proposal, fisheries,
7 and he was kind of requesting help from Staff to make
8 proposal.

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10 MR. BERG: Okay.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You guys will do that?

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14 MR. BERG: Yes.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Jerry.

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18 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We'll
19 certainly help draft proposals for the fisheries cycle.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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23 MR. ROCZICKA: Just to be clear, Mr.

24 Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.

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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Do you have sufficient
29 information as to the intent of the proposal that the
30 Staff will draft the proposal and have it submitted in
31 our behalf or is there another step that we have to do?

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33 MR. BERG: Yeah, actually I would
34 recommend that the Council pass a motion to support that
35 proposal on behalf of the Council for the C&T proposal,
36 just to make it formal.

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

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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42 MR. ROCZICKA: For discussion purposes, I
43 would like to have that proposal before the Federal
44 Subsistence Board and I would so move to submit a
45 proposal from this Council for C&T use in the remainder
46 of the Kuskokwim villages that are not currently
47 addressed.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: I'll second the motion,

50 Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, there's a motion
2 and a second. Any discussion.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Can you restate your motion
5 slowly?

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: I don't know.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I move that
12 the YK Regional Subsistence Council sponsor a proposal to
13 the Federal Subsistence Board for the next round.....

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15 MS. GREGORY: Sponsor what?

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17 MR. ROCZICKA: Sponsor a proposal to
18 address customary and traditional use of rainbow trout in
19 Kuskokwim -- in the lower Kuskokwim villages that are not
20 currently recognized.

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22 MS. GREGORY: Sponsor proposal to C&T use
23 of rainbow trout where?

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25 MR. ROCZICKA: In the lower Kuskokwim
26 villages.

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28 MS. GREGORY: In the lower Kuskokwim
29 villages.

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31 MR. ROCZICKA: That are not currently
32 recognized.

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34 MS. GREGORY: That are not currently
35 recognized.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Maybe include lower
38 Yukon.

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40 MS. GREGORY: That are not what,
41 currently?

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43 MR. ROCZICKA: That are not currently
44 recognized.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Not currently recognized.

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48 MR. BERG: And I guess just to clarify,
49 that would just be for C&T for rainbow trout on the
50 Kuskokwim River Drainage?

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Correct. I don't believe
2 -- I think that Kuskokwim is the farthest north that
3 rainbow trout even occur in the North American continent.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, we don't have any.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That was a motion and a
8 second. Any more discussion.

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: All who favor to suspend
13 the rules say aye.

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15 IN UNISON: Aye.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, same sign.

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19 MS. HOFFMAN: No.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: One no. Aye's have it.
22 Special Action Request.

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24 (Pause)

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.

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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
29 Staff just passed out to you a copy of the Special Action
30 Request that was adopted by the Eastern Interior Council.
31 And that action by the Eastern Interior, essentially the
32 same action that was initiated by the Bristol Bay
33 Advisory Council. And I'm requesting that we also sign
34 on to this same request as co-sponsors, and I understand
35 as well that this is going to be taken forward to the
36 Western Interior as well so we will have the entire AYK
37 Regional Advisory Council System will be on board with
38 this.

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40 I don't believe we need to talk about the
41 justification and the concerns we have with the Area M
42 intercept fisheries and the results of the recent Board
43 of Game action. I don't think it's a matter of deep
44 discussion.

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46 But that we would endorse this and
47 consider ourselves as co-sponsors and I would so move.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, before he
4 moves, I would ask him to read the whole proposal for the
5 record.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: I can do that if you.....

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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

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13 For the Record, the Special Action

14 Request is to:

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16 Ask the Federal Subsistence Board to
17 contact the Governor of Alaska to
18 invalidate the recent Alaska Board of
19 Fisheries Action relaxing restrictions in
20 Area M Intercept Fisheries which were put
21 in place three years ago to help protect
22 AYK salmon stocks.

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24 If the Governor of Alaska does not take
25 action to reverse the recent actions of
26 the Alaska Board of Fisheries regarding
27 Area M, then the YK-Delta Regional
28 Council requests that the Federal
29 Subsistence Board request that the
30 Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture
31 take action to exert their extra-
32 territorial jurisdiction over the Area M
33 Intercept Salmon Fisheries to protect AYK
34 salmon stocks.

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36 Justification for this is that the
37 actions taken by the Alaska Board of Fisheries in
38 February 2004 regarding the Area M Intercept Commercial
39 Salmon Fisheries reversed actions taken by the Alaska
40 Board of Fisheries in 2001 to help protect migrating
41 salmon heading for Western Alaska.

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43 Many salmon stocks in Western Alaska are
44 still designated as stocks of concern and there are data
45 that demonstrate that these Western Alaska Stocks are
46 being intercepted in the Area M salmon fisheries.

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48 Area M restrictions put in place by the
49 Alaska Board of Fisheries in 2001 were made to help
50 rebuild these salmon stocks and lifting these

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1 restrictions is not warranted at this time.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you, Greg.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Who make a motion.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: I so moved, but nobody
8 seconded yet.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second to the motion.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
15 floor by Greg and seconded by Bob. Discussion.

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17 (No comments)

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19 MR. ANDREWS: Question.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called
22 for. All who favor say aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Aye's
31 have it. Do you have other comment towards this?

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33 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I guess my
34 only comment would be the second page that was handed out
35 to you behind the Special Action Request was some wording
36 for the justification that one of the Eastern Interior
37 Regional Council members, Virgil Umphenour submitted as
38 some justification for this Special Action Request, that
39 the Eastern Interior Council submitted in Beaver.

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41 So that's all, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. We'll break
44 after we take this one item.

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46 Before we break, number 12. Annual
47 report.

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Let's break first.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex Nick.

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5 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, for the
6 record my name is Alex Nick, Regional Council Coordinator
7 for Council.

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9 There was a draft annual report document
10 that was handed to all of the Council members. As you
11 know in the previous meetings we were directed to come up
12 with topics for the annual report and I've done the best
13 I can. Some of the topics are taken from the previous
14 transcripts of your meetings that you directed us to work
15 on, you know, such as the beaver issues and other issues.

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18 And as you remember you directed me to
19 work with Ida Hildebrand at one time but, you know, she
20 no longer works for BIA. And you also directed me to
21 work with Glenn Chen at one time and we never had chance
22 to work together on that but I think he might have had a
23 chance to look over the document, hopefully, with one of
24 you yesterday. This is only a draft document, you may
25 change it any way you want.

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27 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
28 Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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32 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I would --
33 under beaver concerns, I would like to include the
34 mention of abandoned beaver dams. And that we would like
35 to look for some method or means to deconstruct the
36 construction.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I thought we go
39 over that -- went over that that's why we get into other
40 item on the agenda.

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42 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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46 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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48 INTERPRETER: They want to put this into
49 the annual report, this issue of the beaver dams, we want
50 to convey to the Federal Subsistence Board. We discussed

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1 it but Lester.....

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, okay.

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5 INTERPRETER:he wants to include
6 this in the annual report.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before it more
9 discussion -- discuss the -- before we discuss it we have
10 10 minutes break -- okay, after we discuss it.

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12 MS. GREGORY: Beaver concerns, yeah, one
13 your one, two, three, fourth -- fourth line down, Alex.

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15 MR. A. NICK: Okay.

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17 MS. GREGORY: Your sentence not complete.
18 After small -- including rural people, what we're -- you
19 need to do something with that.

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21 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, the language needs
22 to be cleaned up.

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24 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. And also under
25 subsistence salmon fisheries, when you alluded to the
26 people getting sick with stomach cancer, you should
27 include beaver problems, you should include stomach
28 cancer and the freshwater fish. You should combine those
29 two, talking about the health concerns, stomach cancer in
30 the YK Delta under freshwater fish and beaver problems.

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32 (In Yup'ik)

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34 MS. GREGORY: And you need to under
35 freshwater, you need to be a little bit specific on two
36 to deal with this issue, one, two, three, four -- four
37 (In Yup'ik).

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39 You need an example, like evidence to
40 prove why we're doing that.

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42 INTERPRETER: She said it will be better
43 to combine these two issues. Hi Jerry.

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45 MS. GREGORY: Okay, I think I got those
46 only, one, two, three concerns. And I also want to
47 include the beaver dams as our concern for (In Yup'ik)
48 and the wolf, how could we put the wolf hunting, predator
49 control.

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: If we address the wolf
4 predation problem since they're moving down river it will
5 be good to address that.

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7 MS. GREGORY: They're going down river as
8 far as Bethel and Akiachuk, they've been seen around
9 there.

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11 Okay, those are my concerns for the
12 annual report.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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16 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman. Okay, on this draft here, on the second page
18 you have wolf -- beaver concerns, and then you go to the
19 third page you have beaver problems, and then Jerry talks
20 about the beaver dam that the Regional Councils brought
21 up in 2000. So ever since 2000 this has been a concern
22 for Yukon Kuskokwim.

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24 The wolf problem that Bob talks about, we
25 can put it maybe at the end of -- well, it has to go
26 under predator control.

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28 So that's what I want to bring up.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.

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32 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 I'll go ahead and run mine through here and maybe I'll
34 just read them into the record and I'll give Alex my
35 notes to that effect.

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37 Under Page 2, I guess, under the big game
38 concerns, fourth line down towards the right-hand side
39 where it says residents in Unit 18 and its boundaries
40 between, I would like to strike the word, boundaries
41 between, and put in surrounding areas of customary and
42 traditional use in Game Management Units 21(E), 19(A) and
43 17(A), respectively. At the end of that paragraph I
44 would like to add on there that in Game Management Unit
45 19(A) moose populations have become so decimated
46 primarily due to predation that many villagers have only
47 got a few moose in the last year, that a Tier I
48 classification is being pursued in that area.

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50 That's all I had there.

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1 On the following page under the predator
2 control section, line four, that sentence that starts
3 with should there is a -- strike those four words, and
4 just say with the conservation concerns related to
5 predator control. At the end of that paragraph that's
6 there start an additional stand-alone sentence that will
7 read -- and I'm going to try to read it, I wrote this at
8 about 12:30 or 1:00 o'clock in the morning. Failure of
9 the managers to provide for predator control is highly
10 detrimental to subsistence uses and avoids utilization of
11 recognized wildlife management principles and would not
12 acknowledge substantial evidence that predator control is
13 a management tool that should be utilized to protect and
14 provide for subsistence uses.

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16 And the rest that I had are just minor
17 typo, editing type of things. I'll leave it at that.

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19 That's all I had, Mr. Chair.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, there's
26 quite a bit of typos and language that needs to be
27 straightened out and the draft is supposed to be from the
28 Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council. There's
29 an extra word in there that says subsistence throughout
30 the document.

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32 My main concern is that the language be
33 cleaned up and that all the concerns, like John said
34 there's beaver concerns on one page, there's beaver
35 problems in the other, that they be combined. And then
36 the health issue should be addressed as a separate topic
37 altogether. And the freshwater fish is a repeat of
38 freshwater fish concerns. And it's -- it would make it a
39 lot more presentable if the language was cleaned up and
40 the spelling and there's no such organization called
41 Asa'Carsarmuit Tribal Council, it's ONC, Asa'Carsarmuit
42 Native Council.

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44 And so that's the only concerns I have is
45 that the language is cleaned up and maybe with Mr. Chen
46 to help he can clean it up.

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48 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, with the
2 additions and with anything else that our are concerns,
3 the letter in general covers all the concerns that we
4 have and because of that I would like to move that we
5 accept this annual report with the additions and the
6 language cleaned up and make it a little bit more
7 presentable.

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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
12 floor by Lester and seconded by Bob to accept the annual
13 report. Is there any discussion to the annual report.

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15 MR. ROCZICKA: Question.

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17 MS. HOFFMAN: I just.....

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Wait.....

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21 MS. HOFFMAN: I just wanted to.....

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
26 wondered if there was a deadline that this needs to go to
27 Mitch Demientieff, Alex?

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29 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman. For the
30 record I'm Alex Nick. And as soon as I get it cleaned up
31 and have it reviewed by at least one or two members and
32 I'm fortunate that I have three Council members living in
33 Bethel and we could submit it to Federal Board. And if
34 I'm incorrect, Glenn and -- well, the Staff is here to
35 correct me if I'm wrong.

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37 But this is your FY 2003 annual report
38 and it can be submitted as soon as I got okay from the
39 Council members who review that.

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41 Thank you.

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43 MS. HOFFMAN: That's what I was going to
44 suggest, Mr. Chair, that it be reviewed by at least two
45 of the members and that also that he seek some assistance
46 from the support Staff before it comes to our review with
47 the changes and then submit it.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion from
50 the Council.

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1 (No comments)

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3 MS. GREGORY: Question.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called
6 for. All who favor say aye.

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8 IN UNISON: Aye.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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12 (No opposing votes)

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Now, we
15 have 10 minutes break.

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17 (Off record)

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19 (On record)

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, let's go back to
22 our agenda.

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24 (Pause)

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, before we go into
27 agenda we got announcement.

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29 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For
30 those of you who are leaving this afternoon, I was told
31 by Hagelund Aviation that those of you who don't have
32 reservations today, there's only one space available
33 Bethel to -- rather St. Mary's to Bethel. But be aware
34 that those of you who are traveling to Bethel should
35 expect that there's possibility there will be either a
36 long delay or a cancellation of the flight. And I would
37 encourage you to keep in contact with Hagelund Aviation
38 and for those of us who have reservations to go back
39 tomorrow, I would encourage most of you to keep that
40 reservation because if there's cancellation of flight
41 this evening that there's possibility that the planes
42 will be booked. If you want to rebook tomorrow after you
43 cancel your reservation today you might have a little
44 problem.

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46 (Laughter)

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48 Another reminder I want to give you is
49 that after this places closes down for the day you might
50 have problem with transportation back down from airport

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1 to St. Mary's, so be aware of those before you make your
2 travel planes.

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4 Thank you.

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6 And make sure you pay for your bill.

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8 Quyana.

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10 (Pause)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So down in B, Yukon
13 Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

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15 REPORTER: Harry, your microphone.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We don't have no one to
18 do that.

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20 MR. A. NICK: Where's Patrick?

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'm sorry. We're down
23 on our agenda, down to B, Yukon Delta National Wildlife
24 Refuge, Refuge update supposed to be update by Mike
25 Rearden so he's not here.

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27 MR. A. NICK: Pat Snow is here so I don't
28 know.....

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30 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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34 MS. GREGORY: I think we should go on
35 with Alex while we're waiting.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yukon Delta National
42 Wildlife Refuge update.

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44 MR. SNOW: Mr. Chair. Council members.
45 Thank you. Patrick Snow with the Fish and Wildlife
46 Service.

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48 The only thing that Mr. Rearden wanted me
49 to convey to you that after he last checked with
50 Migratory Birds, the spring subsistence water fowl hunt

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1 is on track as scheduled. The season for 2004 should
2 last between April 1st and August 31st, and beyond that
3 he had no further updates.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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MR. SNOW: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next on our agenda is
10 Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Alex Nick.

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MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. There was a
13 bulletin passed -- rather, a hand out last night from
14 Togiak National Wildlife Refuge that's only an update
15 from the Togiak Refuge. But if you have questions on it
16 we could pass on your questions to them.

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Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. D, Alaska
21 Department of Fish and Game, DOF.

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MR. WHITMORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
24 Council members. I'm coming before you to discuss the
25 action that was taken by the Alaska Board of Fisheries at
26 the Board meeting, and yesterday Mr. Hanson provided
27 you.....

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MS. GREGORY: Excuse me.....

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MR. WHITMORE:a summary.

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MS. GREGORY:can I have your name,
34 please?

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MR. WHITMORE: Oh, yes, pardon me. It's
37 Craig Whitmore with Commercial Fisheries Division.

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And Mr. Hanson ran through a number of
40 the individual proposals so I'd like to bring your
41 attention to your book on Tab A on Page 43 and included
42 there are the news releases for the action taken during
43 the Yukon meeting followed by the Yukon River Fall Chum
44 Salmon Management Plan that was drafted at the meeting,
45 and then the Kuskokwim summary.

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And so I'll just briefly, in regard to
48 the Yukon meeting, they went through the stock of concern
49 issues. They maintained a yield concern for chinook
50 salmon, a management concern for summer chum salmon, and

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1 a yield concern for fall chum salmon. And with fall chum
2 salmon they removed the management concern issue in
3 regard to the Toklat River stock as well as the fishing
4 Branch River stock.

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6 So there were, you know, if you go
7 through and look at the individual proposals, each
8 proposal's laid out and overall there was very few of the
9 new regulations were adopted. And probably the thing of
10 most significance is that there were no changes adopted
11 to the current subsistence fishing schedule, so that
12 subsistence fishing schedule is going to take place as
13 it's been taking place.

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15 I spent a little bit of time with Tracy
16 Lingnow, although they haven't come out with who is your
17 summer season manager on the Yukon and they haven't come
18 out for the 2004 season and pushed them a little bit and
19 told them that you guys would want to know what his
20 expectations were and how he was going to address the
21 fishery, particularly in recognition that you had that
22 late push of kinds last year and kind of fished a little
23 late, and so he did provide me a little bit of
24 information.

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26 And so they expect that the -- you know,
27 that there will be enough fish to meet the escapement
28 goals and enough fish to meet subsistence needs, to meet
29 the amounts necessary for subsistence and then
30 additionally to have some commercial harvest for kings
31 and summer chums, and so they expect the run to be about
32 the same as it was last year or a little better, and
33 probably about the same as the 1991 run when there was a
34 commercial -- about a near average subsistence harvest
35 and a commercial harvest of about 100,000 fish throughout
36 the river.

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38 So that kind of outlays what -- in regard
39 to the fishery management, it will be based upon in-
40 season assessments of the run. If the in-season
41 indicators of run strength suggest suspicion of abundance
42 exists to have a commercial fishery -- commercial harvest
43 from 20 to 40,000 kings. That's kind of where they're
44 sitting right now.

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46 But in talking about the fishery with
47 them, you know, last year when they went into the fishery
48 they didn't have much of an expectation of a very good
49 run so they weren't looking to fish real early. They
50 wanted to get a lot of fish up past Pilot before they

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1 figured out if they could implement a fishery. This year
2 they'll be more prepared a little earlier in the run for
3 a commercial fishery.

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5 So that's pretty much my summary for the
6 Yukon. In regard to the Kuskokwim River, the Board of
7 Fisheries maintained a yield concern for both chinook and
8 chum salmon. They additionally modified the Kuskokwim
9 River Salmon Management Plan to establish a commercial
10 guideline for sockeye salmon from zero to 50,000 fish.
11 They also modified and cleaned up the language of the
12 Rebuilding Management Plan so that we can go off the
13 subsistence schedule without immediately implementing a
14 commercial fishery.

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16 Again, the individual proposals are laid
17 out in the book, and again there wasn't any real
18 significant action taken with the regulations that will
19 change how the fishery's been managed from the past few
20 seasons.

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22 For the Kuskokwim, you know, our outlook
23 is for better returns than the last few years, though,
24 for the Kuskokwim there's no formal forecast for salmon
25 runs, there's just a broad expectation that are developed
26 based on the parent year escapements and recent year
27 trends and so the way I anticipate the Kuskokwim fishery
28 this year is that the schedule will go into effect on
29 June 1 and District 1. There will be subsistence fishing
30 three days, closed for four days a week and then that
31 schedule fishing four days a week, closed three days a
32 week -- excuse me, Greg -- and we'll be meeting with the
33 Working Group which Greg's on and can keep me straight.
34 And I anticipate with our expectation of what the king
35 run is going to be based on, that the age composition of
36 last year that the -- the Department, anyway, will be
37 working with the Refuge and the Working Group members
38 will be more willing to go off the schedule earlier in
39 the run based on -- based on our expectation of run
40 strength.

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42 So that's my summary. Thank you, Mr.
43 Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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47 MS. HOFFMAN: Craig, so your biologists,
48 your folks on the Yukon and folks on the Kuskokwim are
49 expecting better returns based on broad expectations. Is
50 this taken into consideration the recent Board of Fish

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1 and Area M, is that going to have some effect, are you
2 going to be -- scrutinizing things a little more closely
3 because of that?

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5 MR. WHITMORE: Beverly, I think that
6 overall in regard to the -- I can't speak very well to
7 the Yukon and then I'm not as familiar it, that the Yukon
8 is still in a yield, I think, concerned status for summer
9 chums and they're in a situation over there that they do
10 -- you know, when they implement the commercial fishery
11 for king salmon they have kind of an incidental harvest
12 of chum salmon but the market over on the Yukon is
13 similar, I guess, to the Kuskokwim and maybe a little
14 better for summer chums.

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16 But in that we're not going to be on the
17 Kuskokwim, we haven't had a processor come forward that
18 said that they're willing to buy fish in June or July in
19 the Kuskokwim, that, you know, even allowing a seven day
20 a week subsistence fishery, I think that'd we still
21 expect to meet our escapement objectives. So in that
22 context, the Area M fishery won't have much of an impact
23 on us because we're not going to be, you know,
24 implementing a commercial fishery so those fish are going
25 to go to escapement. Because regardless of the amount of
26 time the fisheries open, particularly for summer chums on
27 the Kuskokwim falls in, you know, 70,000, 80,000 so that
28 will probably be all that's taken in the subsistence
29 fishery.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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33 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
34 Chairman. Well, Craig, maybe you can tell me, even if
35 you're not a Yukon person, is the Department planning to
36 hold any kind of meeting on the Yukon before break up, or
37 they didn't mention anything about it?

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39 MR. WHITMORE: Mr. Hanson, they didn't
40 tell me if they were going to be having a meeting but I'm
41 sure that if you requested a meeting and set kind of a
42 general time period you'd like them to come out that
43 they'd make theirself available to have a meeting with
44 you and fishery participants in the area.

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46 I'm sure they'd do that. You can tell
47 them I told you they would so they can.

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49 (Laughter)

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1 MR. HANSON: Yeah, because people are
2 wondering right now after that Area M. So I think the
3 Department should go to a centralized village in the
4 Yukon and hold a meeting so the fishermen know what's
5 going to happen.

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7 A lot of fishermen have been asking me,
8 is it true we're not going to fish and I told them, no,
9 you're going to fish commercial if the Department opens
10 it. But I think it's better for the Department to go --
11 an centralized meeting so the fishermen know and they're
12 not wondering if they're going to fish or if they're not
13 going to fish.

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15 MR. WHITMORE: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Hanson,
16 if you could make a recommendation of the approximate
17 time period you'd like that meeting to take place and the
18 location I can pass that on to the Yukon management
19 staff.

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21 MR. HANSON: I'll get a hold of the Fish
22 and Game Advisor and their Chairman so their Chairman can
23 contact the office in Anchorage.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob Aloysius.

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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: I got a question for him.
28 Who is the BOF representative for this area?

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30 MR. WHITMORE: The BLM representative?

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: BOF, Board of Fisheries.

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34 MR. WHITMORE: Oh, the Board of Fishery,
35 let's see, I think you have right now from Fairbanks --
36 let's see the Board of Fish members right now are Ed
37 Dersham, who's at Anchor Point, he's kind of a sportfish
38 representative, I think. And then Andrews is also a
39 sportfish representative. Mel Morris, who at one time
40 was a Kuskokwim area management biologist back, just
41 right after statehood. He's a -- I think he lives in
42 Kodiak and he runs a processing -- commercial fish
43 processing operation down there or did at one time. And
44 then Jensen, who is -- he's a seiner, I think, or he's a
45 commercial fisherman in Southeast Alaska. And then you
46 have Art Nelson who's in Dillingham, or, no, Art Nelson
47 who is in Anchorage and he's -- I think he buys and sells
48 commercially-caught fish and brokers fish, I think. And
49 then Russ Nelson who's in Dillingham and works for Chog
50 Yung, Limited. And then, I think, Fred Boust, who's a

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1 dentist in Fairbanks that's kind of the Yukon
2 representative now and he has pretty broad interest in
3 Yukon and Copper River fishery issues, and at the meeting
4 in Fairbanks he spent a lot of time, I noticed with
5 Virgil Umphenour talking about issues and stuff.

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7 So those are the current members and I
8 guess as far as your representative, the one that comes
9 closest and lives in your drainage is Fred Boust.

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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. John, when you
12 invite those people for the meeting, I would suggest that
13 you ask the guy from Fairbanks to join you.

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15 MR. HANSON: Virgil Umphenour makes that
16 guy from Fairbanks tough.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.

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22 Greg.

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24 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25 Craig, I read this already so I got to confess my mind
26 was wondering on a tangent until I heard you say that the
27 subsistence schedule had been switched. The four days is
28 a hardship enough for people to comply with the way it
29 is.

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31 The question I did have, though, is that
32 it wasn't clear in here to me and I'd just like your
33 assurance that you're saying that liberalization of the
34 subsistence restriction is no longer dependent on whether
35 or not we have enough to open a commercial fishery; is
36 that what.....

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38 MR. WHITMORE: That's correct. That's
39 correct.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other questions for
42 Craig.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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48 MR. WHITMORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
49 and Council.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim Andrew.

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3 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My
4 name is Timothy Andrew. I'm the director of Natural
5 Resources for AVCP. If I could enlist the help of
6 perhaps either Rich or Jerry, if you could distribute
7 those out to Council members and also to Staff here as
8 well.

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10 I guess I'll probably present my issues
11 chronologically as far as what happened in this last year
12 with the Alaska Board of Fisheries.

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14 During the month of January there was a
15 Board of Fish meeting that covered the AYK region in
16 Fairbanks. And many of you heard about the AYK
17 Coalition, and some of you that are on the YRDFA Board,
18 you probably heard about it more recently at the
19 Allakaket meeting and are probably wondering what is the
20 AYK Coalition. The AYK Coalition is a three member group
21 of regional organizations from three different areas in
22 the AYK region.

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24 Number 1, it's comprised of membership
25 of the Association of Village Council Presidents.

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27 Number 2, the Tanana Chiefs Conference.

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29 Number 3, Kawerak, Kawerak, Inc., the
30 non-profit organization for the Norton Sound area.

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32 And this organization was created in 2001
33 in order to provide intellectual scientific and
34 scientifically sound information to the Board of
35 Fisheries for their consideration for the 2001 Area M
36 regulations that they adopted back then. It placed
37 considerable restrictions on the Area M fisheries to make
38 sure that the Board of Fisheries was able to address some
39 of our escapement issues that we have in the AYK region.

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41 And during the Board of Fisheries meeting
42 in Fairbanks the AYK Coalition together proposed that the
43 biological escapement goals set by the Department of Fish
44 and Game be opened or be opened up or the action be
45 delayed by the Board of Fisheries so that the biological
46 escapement goals can be openly reviewed by an independent
47 scientific review committee to make sure that the
48 biological escapement goals that they set within that
49 document are biologically sound and to make sure that
50 they can carry on the resource -- the salmon resources in

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1 our area for future generations. And not only for this
2 generation but for future generations also.

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4 And if you take a look at the letter that
5 was written by Myron, just yesterday, and it's addressed
6 to Mitch Demientieff, the Federal Subsistence Board
7 Chairman, it indicates in that letter that in the
8 Kanektok River, this is one of the biggest producing
9 rivers in the region and they've had a consistent
10 commercial fishery and a subsistence fishery for a number
11 of years uninterrupted regardless of what's happening on
12 the mainstem Kuskokwim River and regardless of what's
13 happening in the Norton Sound and the Yukon River. This
14 fishery has been able to sustain a commercial fishery and
15 a subsistence fishery for the residents of Quinhagak and
16 those villages around for years and year and years. And
17 the Department of Fish and Game currently wants to take
18 and reduce the biological escapement goals of this system
19 down by 80 percent. And that is a considerable increase
20 for the river that produces that much salmon consistently
21 regardless of our conservation concerns in the different
22 areas.

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24 The other area that they're looking at
25 reducing the biological escapement goals is the Holitna
26 River. And one of our scientists that we hired as part
27 of the AYK Coalition had cautioned the Board of Fisheries
28 that if they had set the escapement goals down by 50
29 percent on the Holitna River it could cause a
30 considerable conservation crises of chum salmon on the
31 Kuskokwim River.

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33 So looking at those two systems, and also
34 the other systems on the Yukon River and the plight of
35 the situation in the Norton Sound, the AYK Coalition
36 asked the Department and also the Board to not act on the
37 biological escapement goals during the January meeting in
38 Fairbanks but to hold and wait for an independent peer
39 review. So in concern for our fisheries resources, Myron
40 had written this letter and is sending it out to our
41 Federal Subsistence Board Chair for their consideration
42 for them to review the biological escapement goals that
43 have been set in January. And we believe an independent
44 Federal review is necessary to protect our escapement and
45 also our subsistence fisheries for today and for the
46 future and also for our commercial fishing interests as
47 well.

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49 And the next area that we would like to
50 address the February Board of Fish meeting that a number

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1 of us had just returned from. It was a grueling two
2 weeks. The Board of Fish met in Anchorage to consider
3 the Area M proposals. There were a number of proposals
4 that would open up the entire June fishery to restore it
5 to how it was prior to 2001.

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7 And during the Board process we had
8 several committee meetings to consider the different
9 fisheries. We had a Committee B which covered the south
10 Peninsula June fishery and also Committee E that covered
11 the post-June -- excuse me -- yeah, the post-June fishery
12 and another committee that covered the North Peninsula
13 fisheries in the Alaska Peninsula. Throughout the Board
14 process as the Board was deliberating on the data that
15 was presented to them and also the public testimony that
16 was provided, they had removed the coho cap from the
17 North Peninsula.

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19 Originally the coho cap was at 60,000 and
20 the reason why this coho cap was in place was to protect
21 the coho that were bound to Bristol Bay and incidentally
22 into the Kuskokwim and the Yukon and AYK areas. Without
23 this vital coho cap the Area M fishery is able to fish
24 unrestricted in the North Peninsula fisheries and
25 intercept as many coho salmon as they may be able to
26 intercept. This puts our last remaining commercial coho
27 fishery on the Kuskokwim River in jeopardy. It puts our
28 coho returns to the Yukon River in jeopardy and also some
29 of the nearly extrapolated stocks in the Nome subdistrict
30 as well.

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32 In Committee B when the Board deliberated
33 in that committee they basically stood on a single
34 proposal and took all the other proposals and kind of
35 blended them together and came up with a Board generated
36 compromised language to open up the Area M Fishery by up
37 to as much as 286 percent. The normally had an opening
38 that started on June 10th and they rolled that start date
39 back to June 7th, which the Area M Fishery is able to
40 fish on our chum stocks which are present in that fishery
41 during that time. And to substantiate that comment that
42 -- substantiated by Dr. Lisa Seib in many of her
43 presentation before the Board that our chum stocks are in
44 that area between June 1st and June 10th. Despite that
45 information the Board acted to roll back the date from
46 the 10th to the 7th and during their deliberations they
47 have removed the chum cap, which historically was 250,000
48 to 900,000 and as of today there is no chum cap available
49 to speak of.

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1 So the Area M Fishery could harvest as
2 much as a million chums next summer and over the next
3 three years, three million chums and that exceeds the
4 escapement goals of the Anvik River and the Aniak River,
5 potentially combined. So they could essentially during
6 the Area M Fishery wipe out the escapement goals into
7 those two primary chum producing systems within our
8 region.

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10 The other thing that the Board did was
11 remove the 8.3 percent allocation of the Bristol Bay
12 sockeye forecast and what that allows the Area M Fishery
13 to do is fish unrestricted, unrestrained of any kind of
14 resource with no conservation measures at all, no 8.3
15 percent cap, there's no coho cap, no chum cap. And this
16 highly efficient fishery could essentially wipe out all
17 of our fisheries within the area.

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19 So, Mr. Chairman, and members of the
20 Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council, the AVCP
21 Executive Board adopted a resolution which addresses what
22 Mr. Roczicka made a motion earlier that the Federal
23 Subsistence Board exert their Federal extraterritorial
24 jurisdiction on the Area M Fishery to protect our
25 subsistence and escapement of our salmon resources within
26 the area. And it's outlined in Resolution No. 04-03-02.

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28 We had also adopted, or the Board had
29 also adopted a Resolution 04-03-01 which basically
30 condemned the Alaska Board of Fisheries for their actions
31 in opening up the Area M Fishery to what it is today.

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33 And it's an extremely, extremely serious
34 situation in our eyes, we are very, very concerned about
35 escapement, number 1, and also subsistence, number 2, and
36 our commercial fisheries, number 3 as prioritized.

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38 During the Board meeting we believe that
39 there was institutional gagging of the Department of Fish
40 and Game Staff from the AYK region and also Bristol Bay.
41 None of those people were present at that meeting to
42 present the conservation concerns that we have in the AYK
43 region and also in the Bristol Bay area.

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45 And as I have indicated earlier, that
46 they are able to fish unconstrained, unrestricted,
47 without any reference to any kind of conservation
48 measures, but us, on both Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers
49 during the start of the next salmon season we are
50 restricted on the Yukon River to two 36-hour openings.

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1 And on the Yukon River, as Craig has outlined, we are
2 restricted to four days per week on our subsistence
3 fisheries and the commercial fishery in the Area M
4 Fishery is able to stay open for up to 88 hours per week
5 with 32-hour closures.

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7 And as far as, I believe it was Mr.
8 Hanson, you had asked a question of Mr. Whitmore if
9 there's going to be any meetings on the Yukon River, yes,
10 we will -- or AVCP will sponsor meetings within the Yukon
11 area and also the Kuskokwim area as we get closer to the
12 arrival of the salmon to address some of these issues
13 that we have in our area. And we will invite the
14 Department of Fish and Game and also the Federal managers
15 to come join us in addressing some of these issues and
16 concerns that we have.

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18 That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman.

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20 Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Tim. Any
23 questions for Tim.

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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: Just a point of
30 clarification, when you were talking about the Yukon
31 openings, you also said that they were restricted to four
32 days of subsistence fishing, maybe you meant the
33 Kuskokwim, yeah.

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35 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, the Kuskokwim River is
36 four days, yes.

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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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42 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
43 Chairman. Yeah, Tim, is AVCP going to get a hold of the
44 Department of Fish and Game and the Federal managers for
45 the Yukon to hold meetings or what?

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47 MR. ANDREW: We don't believe that either
48 the Federal or the State fish managers are going to
49 voluntarily hold meetings. We will hold those meetings
50 and invite them to come and participate. I think that

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1 would be enough of a prod to remove them out of their
2 offices and come out and meet with the people because
3 they'll have to present their reports and also their
4 intentions for the future salmon that arriving.

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6 MR. HANSON: So if AVCP does that, then
7 on the Yukon maybe a centralized village for the
8 fishermen would be a good idea, and Bethel, the Kuskokwim
9 maybe in Bethel.

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11 MR. ANDREW: Yes, we will.....

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13 MR. HANSON: If that doesn't go, if you
14 get Yukon and Kuskokwim and have it in Bethel there's
15 going to be less fishermen going over because of cost of
16 airfare from Alakanuk or Emmonak or Kotlik, it's pretty
17 steep.

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19 MR. ANDREW: Yes. Mr. Hanson, Mr. Chair.
20 We will most likely use the same type of method that we
21 used this past summer when we had meetings on the Yukon
22 River. Go to each individual village first and then have
23 sub-regional areas. We had one in Emmonak, the other one
24 we had was in St. Mary's. However, if the villages want
25 to get together at a convenient central location that
26 would probably be a good thing to do as well.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other question.

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30 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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34 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, boy, that's
35 like a shovel to the face. I hadn't heard that put all
36 in a package as you just explained it, especially with
37 the removal of the coho cap along with getting rid of the
38 8.3 percent allocation that's been in place forever. I
39 just didn't have a full grasp, that's 20 years of work
40 down the drain, or 25.

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42 Was there any kind of -- what was the
43 justification for removing the 8.3?

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45 MR. ANDREW: According to Chairman
46 Dersham when he gave his final justification for his
47 actions was he said that 2001 restrictions that were
48 placed by that Board up to this date had no measurable
49 benefits to any of the streams -- or to the terminal
50 fisheries -- or terminal streams in the AYK regions.

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: But the 8.3 percent dates
2 back to the early '80s, if not the '70s. That's been in
3 place ever since that fishery was in place.

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5 MR. ANDREW: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Mr.
6 Roczicka, the Board was presented with information about
7 the V-check situation with their sockeye concerns. I'm
8 not sure if this is a correct characterization of the
9 Board, but apparently their decision was made long before
10 this meeting had occurred in Anchorage, that they were
11 going to remove all the restrictions that were placed in
12 2001 and also the 8.3 percent allocation.

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14 MR. ROCZICKA: I guess that's why it
15 didn't come into question in my mind because that is not
16 a restriction from the 2001 rebuilding program.

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18 Uh.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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22 MR. L. WILDE: Just a request. Tim, when
23 or in the event that you do get the meeting together,
24 would you make sure that we're invited, we, as being
25 YRDFA so we can alert all our Board members all the way
26 up to Eagle and all the user groups within the Yukon
27 Drainage to attend that meeting.

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29 MR. ANDREW: Certainly, Mr. Wilde.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions to
32 Tim.

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34 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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38 MS. HOFFMAN: Other than yourself or AVCP
39 representatives at this Board of Fish meeting, who else
40 was there representing our areas?

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42 MR. ANDREW: There was a delegation from
43 the Yukon Delta Fishery Development Association, it's the
44 CVQ for the Lower Yukon area. Other than that, we had
45 the Bearing Sea Fishermen's Association which kind of
46 covers the broad area. AVCP. There was anybody else
47 from the area, no, there was nobody else from the area.

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49 And one of the reasons why there was
50 nobody from the area because our advisory -- our fishing

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1 advisory committees, State Fish and Game Advisory
2 Committees from the area, are so restricted in their
3 funding that they could not possibly make it to this
4 meeting and also they could not have more meetings than
5 they could possibly do today, and throughout the year the
6 Legislature had cut the Board Support Position in Bethel
7 to coordinate some of this travel between, you know, our
8 Advisory Committee's Chairs to travel to Anchorage, so
9 this vital network had been cut by cutting that position
10 in Bethel. Right now the Lower Yukon Fish and Game
11 Advisory Committee is managed from Anchorage by a lady by
12 the name of Sherry Wright. The Central Bering Sea and
13 the Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee are
14 managed by Joe Chythlook out of Dillingham. Our Central
15 Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee which is above
16 Kalskag, that group is being managed out of Fairbanks, I
17 believe.

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19 So there's nobody in the area that could
20 possibly set up the travel for our Chairs from our
21 villages into the Anchorage meeting.

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23 So we were gagged in every way possible
24 as far as I can see. Our AYK supervisors, our Bristol
25 Bay area supervisors weren't there at the meeting to
26 present some of these conservation concerns that are
27 present in the area.

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29 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you. Mr. Chair, I
30 guess I would like to ask Craig Whitmore at this time why
31 we weren't represented?

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Craig.

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35 MR. WHITMORE: Mr. Chairman. Council
36 members. From my perspective, as an area management
37 biologist it's typically, in the past, at Alaska
38 Peninsula Board meetings that area staff have
39 participated. But typically some of the regional staff
40 are there, such as my direct supervisor Dan Bergstrom,
41 the management coordinator or the regional supervisor
42 Gene Sandone is the current regional supervisor. And in
43 just speaking briefly with them that meeting conflicted
44 with a YRDFA meeting and they went to the YRDFA meeting.
45 I don't know the history or the details or have any more
46 information of why they weren't at the meeting.

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48 You know, and then the regional staff is
49 supervised by the director and the director of Commercial
50 Fisheries, Doug Meeum and he was at the Alaska Peninsula

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1 meeting but not at the January AYK meeting and Deputy
2 Director was at both meetings.

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4 So that's all I know.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you. Sounds like
9 somebody screwed up in not being there.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 I don't know if it's appropriate at this time -- I didn't
15 have any more questions for either of these individuals
16 but I'd like to recommend some action from this Council
17 regarding some further requests.

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19 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Is this the right time to
22 do it?

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I would like
27 to move that we go in support of AVCP's Resolution 04-03-
28 02.

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30 MR. HANSON: Second.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
33 floor by Lester, second by John to support AVCP
34 Resolution 04-03-02.

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36 Any discussion.

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38 (No comments)

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40 MR. ROCZICKA: Question.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called
43 for. All who favor say aye.

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45 IN UNISON: Aye.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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49 (No opposing votes)

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Thank
2 you, Tim.

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4 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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8 MR. ROCZICKA: In light of the magnitude
9 and full understanding of what's occurred here, I would
10 also like to request as an information need from this
11 Staff, for this Council, that a full Federal impact
12 analysis on the results of this Area M decision, if it
13 takes at the level of a full environmental impact study,
14 if it can go to that degree, both on the changing
15 escapement goal reviews and the total free opening of the
16 Area M Fishery.

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18 This -- I'm going to bring back a little
19 history here and I'll put the disclaimer up front right
20 now, this is only my own speculation, but I watched a
21 Board approximately 15 years ago that knew that they
22 would not be able to politically raise those percentages
23 and I have it on very good authority through ex parte
24 communications from people who are very knowledgeable
25 from inside the Department that since they couldn't raise
26 the percentage and that 8.3 percent was based on the
27 Bristol Bay forecast concern, that the whole formula for
28 forecasting what that return would be was changed so that
29 the forecast came in higher and the catch therefore was
30 increased for that area down there. And I hate to say it
31 or even look at it in such a light but it really concerns
32 me then that perhaps this escapement goal change might be
33 something coming from the other end and we're getting the
34 stick up -- up the back side from all directions.

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36 And so I would like to make that a formal
37 request from this Council to the Staff that OSM go
38 forward and conduct that review.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Is that a motion?

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42 I move it as a formal recommendation,
43 yes.

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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion and a
48 second. Any discussion.

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50 (No comments)

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1 MR. HANSON: Question.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called
4 for. All who favor say aye.

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6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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10 (No opposing votes)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Thank
13 you, Tim.

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15 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
16 members of the Advisory Committee for your support.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let's continue our
19 agenda. village, tribal representative here.

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21 (No comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do we have a village,
24 tribal representative.

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26 (No comments)

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, if not, we'll go
29 to the next one village corporation representative.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Now then we go to
34 resolutions.

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36 Greg.

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38 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I don't have
39 a resolution but we did move forward to address it under
40 this -- under Number 15, was the predator management
41 policy.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, go ahead.

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: And I do have some
46 recommendations for changes to that policy if it would
47 please the Chair I'll proceed.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.

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

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Before you go, Greg, just
4 for your information, it's Page 17 in that subject issue
5 that was given to you by Carl Jack the other day.

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7 MR. ROCZICKA: In here?

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9 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, Pages 14 to 16, I'm
10 sorry.

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12 MR. ROCZICKA: Exactly. The actual
13 policy itself is 17 through 19 and the other one is a
14 preamble and justification of the Board.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.

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18 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I would move
19 and recommend that this Council recommend to the Federal
20 Subsistence Board that they make the following changes in
21 this policy, if it is going to reflect protection of
22 subsistence uses providing for subsistence opportunity
23 and fulfill their requirement for managing for
24 subsistence uses.

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26 I would refer you to Page 18, Section A.
27 The one, two, three, third line down, that sentence that
28 begins with the Board will also take into account. I
29 would strike the words, will also take into account, and
30 insert the Board recognizes that predator control is
31 consistent with and often important for maintaining
32 approved population objectives, management plans,
33 customary and traditional uses and principles of fish and
34 wildlife management. And add an additional sentence that
35 says -- or that would be a semicolon there, I guess,
36 would be the appropriate, and add; and is an appropriate
37 management tool that should be utilized to help provide
38 for subsistence needs.

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40 The following line, under B, Section B,
41 the first line that says direct the Office of Subsistence
42 Management to return to the proponents, I would recommend
43 that we strike the words, return to the proponents so it
44 would read: Direct the Office of Subsistence Management
45 to forward to the appropriate management entity all
46 Federal proposals and then that sentence would then
47 continue. At the end of that sentence, would strike the
48 entire sentence that says proposals returned to the
49 proponents. Strike that entire sentence and replace it
50 with a sentence that says: Where predators are or have

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1 been determined a significant contributing factor in the
2 decline of ungulate populations important for subsistence
3 use, the Board will endorse timely, affirmative and
4 effective action to the maximum extent possible with each
5 respective agency to reduce predator populations to allow
6 affected ungulate populations to recover.

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8 And Mr. Chairman, that's all the changes
9 that I would recommend to the Board at this time. But
10 for the record, I would like to state that this is not in
11 any way counter to what the Federal has said, that it
12 does not have authority. However, I believe that they do
13 have a responsibility to actively support the needs of
14 the people that they're representing and that they should
15 take a more active role rather than essentially toss the
16 proposal back in people's faces when it comes to them.
17 And they do need to accept and move forward more than
18 just the allocation -- and although they don't have the
19 authority, it really behooves them if they're going to
20 fulfill at least the heart and the spirit of what they're
21 there for, to have their staff and themselves as well
22 actively pursue management that helps people out, and
23 especially in light of moose populations across the state
24 that are failing and are so important for subsistence.

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26 And I would also point out that if the
27 Board chooses not to incorporate or adopt these
28 recommendations, the due deference means nothing, because
29 predator management is supported by substantial
30 scientific information, lack of it is highly detrimental
31 to subsistence uses and help me out, what's the other
32 third one, I had it on the other note that I passed you
33 earlier, but the third criteria that speaks to due
34 deference.

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36 MR. UBERUAGA: Recognized principles.

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38 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, sound principles of
39 wildlife management.

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41 Thank you.

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43 And I would also incorporate by reference
44 the AFN Resolution 03-08 that was passed at the Alaska
45 Federation of Natives meeting last fall.

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47 And so if they choose not to incorporate
48 the suggestions that I've just made, that shows that
49 basically their heart's in another place, and they choose
50 not to support the management of our moose populations to

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1 help out subsistence in our region and in many other
2 regions throughout the state.

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4 Mr. Chairman, I would move to adopt that
5 language and I have it here so it can be made available
6 for the record and the recorder.

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion and a
11 second, motion by Greg and second by Bob. Any more
12 discussion.

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14 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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18 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair, I was really
19 trying to keep up with everything that Greg was throwing
20 in there and I don't know why I just have to see a final
21 something in print before I can support these
22 recommendations. I mean I believe in what he is saying,
23 but I just -- wow, I just need to see it in print.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other comment.

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27 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I guess to
28 alleviate -- I don't know there's no way I can have it
29 written in front -- I can pass it over to you and have
30 you glance at it if you want to look it through.

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32 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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36 MS. HOFFMAN: I guess if I had known you
37 were going to be making all of these changes I know there
38 was some computers down there with printers and we've had
39 this in our hands and I just wished I could have helped
40 you present something to the Board that we could, you
41 know, look at. It's hard to support all of those
42 recommendations right now, for me.

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44 I feel like, Mr. Chair, that we've
45 addressed a lot of our concerns and I don't mind
46 addressing it but I just feel strongly that -- that that
47 was a lot for our Council to hear right now, all these
48 changes, but maybe I'm the only one that feels this way.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 That's frustration for me, too, that this Board -- that
3 this Council doesn't really have an avenue to get
4 together through a teleconference or something of that
5 nature to at least for this to be drafted up in a more
6 clear form that we could send out and have Council review
7 and then our coordinator could then do a poll vote of
8 each and every member, and to me that's ordinarily a
9 pretty commonly accepted way of doing business but for
10 some reason this -- the OSM -- or the Federal Subsistence
11 Board or whoever sets -- what administrative creature has
12 come up with process doesn't like that.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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16 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
17 Chairman. Yeah, this one here that Carl gave us is
18 considered as a draft and now, Greg, he made some correct
19 -- deleted some words and put in some better words, I
20 think the Council can go ahead and vote on this and then
21 after they retype it they're still going to send this out
22 to the Council members, and then in our October meeting,
23 I think that's when we really finalize the index here of
24 the policy, and then in December, I think that's when the
25 Regional Board -- Federal Board will act on it. So I
26 think Greg did the right thing in replacing some of the
27 words with better ones.

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29 If I'm wrong then maybe Jerry can correct
30 me.

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32 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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36 MR. ROCZICKA: I specifically asked those
37 questions of Staff yesterday and the intent now, as I
38 understand it, was that this was going forward at the May
39 meeting and it will be acted on and whatever comes out is
40 the final document. If we could have some assurance that
41 they would not pass it and we could allow further
42 language and more review then we could send my language
43 or suggested changes from this Council around to the
44 other Councils for them to take a look at, that would be
45 great and I would presume that we would get a lot of
46 support.

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48 I noted as well in the Staff reports when
49 they put forward at the December meeting there was strong
50 concerns expressed about this but because nobody made a

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1 specific motion saying that, no, we don't support this or
2 no we think this is a bad idea, as a motion, it was never
3 put forward as a final recommendation although many
4 Council members in the Western Interior and other
5 Councils said that they didn't like it and they thought
6 it was a bad idea and they wanted the Federal Subsistence
7 Board to take a more proactive position in predator
8 management. So that was a very skewed representation of
9 the Regional Council. One Council took action to support
10 and that Council was the only one that was given credit --
11 well, it was the only one that took action so it was the
12 only one that was given weight, as I understand it, when
13 the Federal Subsistence Board took the matter up.

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15 So, yeah, it's a mess.

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17 But we are, right now, the Federal
18 Subsistence Board is scheduled to adopt this at their May
19 meeting.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead Glenn.

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23 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Council
24 Members. Mr. Roczicka is correct. It is proposed that
25 the Board adopt the Draft Predator Management Policy at
26 its May public meeting.

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28 The reason why this has been presented to
29 the Council during the winter meeting is to obtain
30 further input and it is specifically designed to obtain
31 input on the corrected -- some of the amendments that
32 were suggested at the December meeting.

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34 I guess one thing that we could bring
35 back to the Federal Board from this meeting is the desire
36 by this Council to ask for a -- or a request for a delay
37 in action by the Federal Board on the policy, a desire
38 for further opportunity for review and comment and input.
39 We could take that message back to the Board.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we just had a
42 motion on this and it has been seconded and we've been
43 discussing it -- disgusting -- discuss -- discussing
44 it.....

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46 (Laughter)

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48 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I did not get
49 the motion.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh?

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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg, your motion, our
6 Secretary didn't write it down what it is -- she wants to
7 know.

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9 MR. ROCZICKA: My motion was to adopt the
10 language as a recommendation for changes to this policy,
11 to the Federal Board, which I read into the record.

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13 MS. GREGORY: Adopt the languages.

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15 MR. ROCZICKA: The language that I have
16 right here.

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18 MS. GREGORY: And.....

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20 MR. ROCZICKA: Absent the ability to
21 write it up and clean it up since we just got it last
22 night and send it out to everyone for their review and
23 then a poll vote or something of that nature for proposed
24 changes to this non-management policy.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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28 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
29 understand Ms. Hoffman's concerns about not being able to
30 actually review the document. So one of the
31 recommendations -- or suggestions that I make that
32 perhaps over the lunch break I could work with Mr.
33 Roczicka to draft up the language, put it in writing and
34 print up a document for the Council to review and then
35 that would, I believe, address your concerns, Ms.
36 Hoffman.

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38 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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42 MS. HOFFMAN: And that sounds good. I
43 think there's time enough to do that. But I also wanted
44 to know when there is a request of the Federal Board to
45 delay any decisions how often is that taken into
46 consideration? I mean is it common practice that they
47 would delay any decision based on concerns in wanting to
48 amend -- make amendments? Is that a common practice?

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50 MR. CHEN: I guess I can site a few

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1 examples, Ms. Hoffman, where the Board has delayed taking
2 action. One has to do with, for example, with the
3 recently adopted regulations of the customary trade.
4 They had heard from a number of Councils that people
5 needed more time to review proposed regulations so the
6 Board delayed consideration and adoption of those
7 regulations.

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9 On this policy, particular, the Board was
10 ready to take some action at the December meeting in
11 2003, but based on some concerns raised by the Council
12 Chairs at the meeting, the Board again decided to
13 withhold or delay adoption of the policy.

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15 So there are examples where the Board has
16 delayed implementation or taking action on policies based
17 on comments from the Council from the public.

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19 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you.

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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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25 MR. ROCZICKA: I mean that certainly
26 would be my preference just coming brand new on the
27 Council and not having access to any of this until just
28 recently. But you're always going to have that problem
29 with new members coming on and so forth and, yeah, that
30 would be preferable from my standpoint that they hold
31 off, however, we did ask for a delay at the December
32 meeting when they were going to pass this, my lord, at
33 all times at a fish meeting, you know, when nobody
34 familiar with game issues were around and to me it was
35 almost an attempt to slide it through without anybody
36 knowing about it -- perhaps not, that comment may be out
37 of line.

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39 But, yeah, that would be my preference,
40 but all the indications I'm getting from those I've
41 spoken to is that there's the intent, they want to get
42 this out of the way and they don't want to deal with the
43 issue. And my lord if they're going to be doing their
44 job they should be dealing with the issue much more
45 assertively than saying send it back, and we'll try to
46 help you out with the -- or work it through the
47 management agencies. They need to take a stronger, more
48 assertive role, management -- if you're going to say that
49 you're managing for subsistence you need to include that
50 as taking a more active role in the management level as

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1 well and although you may not have that authority, you
2 certainly can, as a Board, state your position and assert
3 that those various management entities in order to
4 fulfill their obligations should be taking a more active
5 role as well.

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7 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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11 MS. HOFFMAN: One more comment then I'll
12 shut up. I would like, I guess at this point, with our
13 concern that, you know, the Board would not delay it
14 again, Greg, I would like you to read again your changes,
15 but without your side comments, just the changes that you
16 want to see, the recommended changes and things that you
17 want to see implemented.

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19 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay, one more time for
20 the record.

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22 Under Section A.....

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, can I make a
25 suggestion, please.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Lester.

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29 MR. L. WILDE: I think it might be a good
30 idea to break for lunch and come back after lunch to
31 discuss further on this subject, at that time we'll have
32 all that extra wording that Greg wants to put in before
33 us.

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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: In writing.

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37 MR. L. WILDE: In writing.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Glenn, go ahead.

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41 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Ms.
42 Hoffman, I did want to also clarify that I'm not in a
43 position to speak for the Board with regard to whether or
44 not it can actually delay implementation but I just
45 wanted to point out some of the examples where the Board
46 has opted to hold off on some decisions.

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48 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you.

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50 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Although we do have a
4 motion on the floor with a second on it, I don't think a
5 delay on the vote of this particular item would be out of
6 order.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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10 MR. HANSON: Yeah, Glenn, this one here,
11 the Board will take it up in May?

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13 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.

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15 MR. CHEN: That's my understanding of the
16 intent, the Board would like to formalize its decision on
17 this predator management policy in May, correct.

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19 MR. HANSON: So we can't -- the Council
20 here can't delay it, it has to go now and I think what
21 Lester just mentioned would -- is better than delaying
22 it, if we could just maybe.....

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Just until after lunch.
25 We'll come back and discuss it after lunch and vote on
26 the motion then.

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28 MR. HANSON: Can the motioner pull his
29 motion out.

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31 MR. L. WILDE: We could just table the
32 motion.

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34 MR. HANSON: Oh, table the motion.

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36 MR. L. WILDE: Just table the motion and
37 then bring it back after lunch.

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39 MR. HANSON: Okay.

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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, may we
42 recess for lunch?

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We'll recess for lunch.

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46 (Off record)

47

48 (On record)

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50 (Interpreters Not Present)

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think we'll start with
2 (In Yup'ik).

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, I move we
7 come out of recess.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Come back from recess
10 and you got a paper in front of you, you could go right
11 and look at it, but it's on the record already and all we
12 have to do is just vote on it.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Greg, you made a motion to
19 adopt the language -- changes made to that predator
20 control policy and you had extra stuff added in there, do
21 you want to take those out?

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23 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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27 MR. ROCZICKA: The document in front of
28 you has exactly what I did read into the record with the
29 portions struck out that I did say strike out and replace
30 with and that language is highlighted in bold. And this
31 is exactly what I read into the record with the exception
32 of the word also in the last sentence in Section B.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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38 MR. L. WILDE: I call for the question on
39 the motion.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a question on
42 the motion. I request for a roll call.

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44 MS. GREGORY: Roll call.

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46 (In Yup'ik)

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48 REPORTER: Mary.

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50 MR. L. WILDE: Mike.

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1 REPORTER: Mary.
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mike.
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5 REPORTER: Thank you.
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7 MS. GREGORY: Okay, predator policy.
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9 MS. HOFFMAN: Just one comment, this on
10 the bottom -- Mr. Chair, while we're waiting for Mary,
11 can I just ask if.....
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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Microphone.
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15 MS. HOFFMAN: That the bottom, should the
16 Board choose not to incorporate these recommendations at
17 this time, would strongly urge that action on this
18 Council, again, be deferred to allow further review by
19 all affected Regional Advisory Councils and subsistence
20 users, that's an addition also or was that.....
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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.
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24 MR. ROCZICKA: That is correct, yes.
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26 MS. HOFFMAN: Okay, thanks.
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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Thanks for catching that
29 Bev.
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Roll call.
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33 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)
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35 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, while we're
36 waiting for Mary just to fill up the time here a little
37 bit, I was going to wait until the vote and on the event
38 that it does pass, that I would request that Staff take
39 this forward to the Western Interior Regional Council
40 which is taking place next week and ask for their support
41 as well.
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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, okay.
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45 MS. GREGORY: Roll call.
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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Roll call.
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49 MS. GREGORY: Joseph Mike.
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1 MR. MIKE: Yes.
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3 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.
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5 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.
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7 MS. GREGORY: Mary Gregory, yes. John
8 Hanson.
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10 MR. HANSON: Yes.
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12 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde.
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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.
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16 MS. GREGORY: Greg Roczicka.
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18 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.
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20 MS. GREGORY: Bob Aloysius.
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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.
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24 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde.
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26 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.
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28 MS. GREGORY: Nick Andrews.
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30 MR. ANDREWS: Yes.
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32 MS. GREGORY: Unanimous, two, four, six,
33 eight, nine -- nine yea's.
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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, one final
38 item, and touched on it with a letter of appreciation to
39 the KUC and I just had something we can just direct Staff
40 to do and ask that they go ahead and put that together
41 and send it on the normal way that that's done.
42
43 And I'd also request that a letter of
44 appreciation, that one goes to Governor Murkowski
45 thanking him for his stance in standing up to the animal
46 welfare organizations of the Lower 48 and allowing
47 predator management programs to go forward at the State
48 level and hopefully our body can do the same as well and
49 the management agencies that we deal with.
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1 So I don't know if that's something we
2 can just put forward in a statement of intent, that we
3 can trust Staff to take care of that.

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5 And there's one final item that we have
6 as far as appointments to committees.

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8 MR. UBERUAGA: Who's that first letter
9 to, Greg?

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11 MR. ROCZICKA: The first letter is to
12 Kuskokwim Campus thanking them for the use of their
13 facilities down here.

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15 MR. A. NICK: It's St. Mary's.

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17 MR. ROCZICKA: Oh, St. Mary's, oh, I'm
18 sorry.

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20 MR. A. NICK: St. Mary's Council.

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22 MS. HOFFMAN: No, no, it isn't.
23 Kuskokwim Campus is up here doing an intensive and all of
24 those computers in that room that -- so -- and also they
25 used some van to escort some of our folks in, just a
26 courtesy thing to thank them.

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28 MR. UBERUAGA: So Kuskokwim?

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: It's UAF/Kuskokwim Campus.

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32 MR. UBERUAGA: Thank you.

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34 MS. HOFFMAN: Bob Medinger, M-E-D-I-N-G-
35 E-R, Director.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: This is just a
38 directive?

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40 MR. ROCZICKA: Correct, yes, just asking
41 Staff to write letters of appreciation for those two
42 issues.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. We'll go to the
45 next -- go ahead.

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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, perhaps
48 maybe next meeting we can have a miscellaneous business
49 section so we can deal with, things like this that come
50 up during the course of the meeting. But as you recall

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1 we were told that we need to appoint someone to be a
2 member of the Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working
3 Group as a representative from this Council.

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5 And at this time I'd like to nominate Bob
6 Aloysius to fill that role.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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10 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, for the record, I'm
11 Alex Nick, Council coordinator. Greg, is correct, by
12 stating that Kuskokwim -- rather Coordinating Fisheries
13 Committee members have a vacancy on YK.

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15 I would like to take this opportunity to
16 let the new Council members know that we have current
17 Council members who are sitting on the Kuskokwim
18 Coordinating Fisheries Committee, which we call CFC for
19 short, and those members are John Hanson from Alakanuk,
20 and Ray Oney, he's an alternate, he is not present at
21 this meeting, and Robert Nick was still a current member
22 but I'm not sure if he's going to be applying for
23 membership again.

24

25 But this, I believe this is the
26 appropriate time to take care of that.

27

28 We usually have two CFC members, correct
29 me if I'm wrong, Jerry, we usually have two CFC members
30 from the Yukon and two CFC members from Kuskokwim on YK
31 Council. This is your information.

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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, if I could
34 ask for clarification from Staff.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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39 MR. ROCZICKA: Now, you're saying the
40 Coordinating Fishing Committee, is that what Robert and
41 James Charles were members of and, as such, part of their
42 duties was to attend the Kuskokwim Fisheries Working
43 Group or do we -- it was my understanding that they were
44 specifically designated, both of those from the Kuskokwim
45 to take part in that Kuskokwim Fisheries Working Group.
46 Can you clarify that for me.

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That was my understanding.

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50 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chair. I think I can
help clarify. There are two CFC members, as Alex said

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1 for each, for the Yukon and for the Kuskokwim. And then
2 for the Kuskokwim the two CFC members, one of them was
3 appointed as the main -- the primary Council
4 representative on the Kuskokwim Working Group, and the
5 second member was the alternate. Because there's only
6 one seat representing the Council on the working group.
7 So it would probably be good to identify who your CFC
8 members are, and then who the primary person would be to
9 sit on the Working Group and who would be the alternate.

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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Clarification again,
12 please. Are you saying that we need to select two
13 individuals, two from the Yukon and two from the
14 Kuskokwim to serve on the CFC?

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16 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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20 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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22 Yeah, we had Robert Nick and James
23 Charles, one of them was a RAC member and I believe the
24 other one is a CFC member.

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26 MR. HANSON: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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30 MR. HANSON: Yeah, Thank you, Mr.
31 Chairman. Yeah, on the CFC members there was me and from
32 the coast there was Lester Wilde, so there's two and then
33 an alternate which was Ray Oney. And then from Kuskokwim
34 there was two, Robert Nick and James Charles, but only
35 one always attended.

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37 (Interpreters Return)

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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, can I make a
40 very, very clarification. It's the Kuskokwim River
41 Salmon Management Working Group that has a vacancy and
42 that's what we're talking about. We're not talking about
43 the other, your CFC or whatever you -- what do you call
44 it.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Robert

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1 is correct. We were talking about Kuskokwim Salmon
2 Fishery Working Group, that's the one that meets when the
3 fish are running and to determine whether to have a
4 fishery, a commercial fishery or not. And James Charley
5 [sic] and Robert Nick were always there, and I just go on
6 my own because I'm nosey.

7

8 (Laughter)

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me ask Bob sat on
11 the working group in Kuskokwim, they couldn't appoint one
12 or.....

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14 MS. GREGORY: We have to appoint one, Mr.
15 Chairman.

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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, yesterday,
22 though, the statement saying that there was a vacancy
23 that had to be filled from this group to sit on the
24 Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: As a representative of
27 this Council.

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: As a representative of
30 this Council.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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34 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, thank you. Let me
35 try to further help toward further clarification of the
36 confusion here.

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38 James Charles and Robert Nick was a
39 member of Regional Advisory Council, and then the members
40 of the Regional Advisory Councils appointed those two
41 members to sit on the Kuskokwim River Coordinating
42 Fisheries Committee.

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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: No. No.

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46 MS. HOFFMAN: No. No.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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50 MR. A. NICK: No, let me finish and Jerry

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1 will clarify this more.

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4 Now, it's up to the Council, after those
5 two Kuskokwim vacant Coordinating Fisheries Committee
6 members are appointed, to appoint them to other committee
7 members if you want to. Because this -- you are Yukon
8 Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council who is a
9 Federal agency, not State agency, not from other
10 organization, this is the YK Council, and the Council
11 has, you know, from time to time to come up with
12 subcommittees and you have two vacancies in Kuskokwim
13 River, two vacancies. First those two vacancies need to
14 be filled and then if you want to give them additional
15 responsibilities then you will do so after you appoint
16 those two.

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MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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22 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah, it was my
23 understanding from the conversation that it was the
24 Kuskokwim Management Working Group, and all of us are
25 hearing that except for our coordinator. But I'm hoping
26 that maybe somebody here can clarify that, Craig or
27 Jerry.

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29 MR. A. NICK: Well, there's two things
30 here. And Alex is talking about the Coordinating
31 Fisheries Committee, it's a subcommittee from this
32 Council, there's two members on the Yukon, there's two
33 members from the YK Council, there's two members from
34 Western Interior and two from Eastern Interior. And
35 during the season when the in-season manager has to make
36 critical decisions he contacts those committee members,
37 CFC members on critical decisions. He may also contact
38 other Council members, but he especially tries to contact
39 those members.

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41 For the Kuskokwim there would be two
42 members from YK and two members from Western Interior.
43 They're a subcommittee of this Council, and that's what
44 Alex was referring to.

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46 And as part of their duties as the
47 Kuskokwim CFC members they were also appointed to
48 represent the Council on the Working Group. But there's
49 only one seat on the Working Group so one was the primary
50 and one was the alternate.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Understood.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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9 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, in light of
10 that then we still don't know about Robert Nick, his term
11 is completed as of this meeting?

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13 MR. A. NICK: Yes.

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15 MR. ROCZICKA: Well, my nomination would
16 still stand then for Bob Aloysius to be appointed as a
17 CFC member for the Kuskokwim.

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19 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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23 MR. L. WILDE: I would like to ask Bev if
24 she would have time to serve as alternate for Bob.

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26 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly, yeah, go ahead.

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: I'm already an alternate on
31 that group and because of my summer business, you know,
32 in June, July and part of August I'm not available
33 because I'm not there, but I try to be there when I am
34 there as alternate. I represent a different group.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me correct my
37 confusion.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We never appoint person
42 to fishery -- what you call those fisheries over there?

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44 MS. HOFFMAN: Working Group.

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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Kuskokwim Working Group.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Working Group, we never
49 appoint no out of Council. I never say that.

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1 MR. WHITMORE: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead, Craig.

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5 MR. WHITMORE: Mr. Chairman. Council
6 members. It's the Kuskokwim River Salmon Working Group,
7 it's made up of representatives from the entire Kuskokwim
8 drainage and different levels of participation. We have
9 up river and down river elders, subsistence users from up
10 river and down river, commercial fishers from up river
11 and down river and then they -- the Working Group went
12 ahead and established seats for members from your
13 committee. And I would assume that whoever ends up being
14 on the Kuskokwim, you know, from the communities on the
15 Kuskokwim would become the new Regional Advisory
16 Committee members to the Working Group, so you don't
17 necessarily have to appoint them. They'll just end up
18 being part of the Working Group and hopefully they'll
19 come to all our meetings and participate and then go to
20 the Regional Advisory Committee meetings and then come
21 back to the Working Group and help provide information to
22 all the participants and the public that comes in and
23 participates in the meeting.

24

25 And right now your Regional Advisory
26 Committee has good representation on the Working Group.
27 Greg's a member through ONC, and Bev's an alternate on
28 the Working Group. And then we did have James Charles
29 and Robert Nick, who were on your committee as well but
30 aren't now.

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32 So it could -- you know, I would prefer
33 that the new participants wouldn't be Greg and Bev, in
34 that, we already have their participation and whoever the
35 new appointments are will fill that role. But that's
36 different from the Coordinating Fisheries Committee, so
37 those are two different things completely.

38

39 Thank you.

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41 MR. ROCZICKA: Point of order, Mr.
42 Chairman. There's a motion on the floor where I
43 nominated Bob Aloysius to be appointed to the CFC for the
44 Kuskokwim area and there hasn't been a second yet.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
47 floor, is there any second to the motion.....

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49 MS. GREGORY: I'm confused.....

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE:to appoint Bob
2 Aloysius to.....

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4 MS. GREGORY:because we were
5 talking about Working Group and now we're talking about
6 CFC.

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8 MR. HANSON: We're not talking about the
9 Working Group, we're talking about CFC.

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11 MS. HOFFMAN: No.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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15 MS. HOFFMAN: No.

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17 MS. GREGORY: No, Greg just made a motion
18 to do something.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: CFC. Appoint Bob
21 Aloysius to -- nominate Aloysius to CFC.

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23 MS. GREGORY: I thought it was the
24 Working Group.

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26 MR. HANSON: No.

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28 MR. L. WILDE: CFC.

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30 INTERPRETER: The CFC member is the
31 working group member.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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37 MR. HANSON: I second the motion.

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39 MR. L. WILDE: If the maker of the motion
40 doesn't mind I'd like to throw in a friendly amendment to
41 make Mary Gregory the alternate for Bob Aloysius.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: I accept.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So the -- let me see
46 here. Greg make a motion to appoint.....

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48 MR. L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE:Bob Aloysius and

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1 second by John Hanson, and then now we're having a
2 discussion.

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4 MR. L. WILDE: Amendment, I proposed.....

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Wait.

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8 REPORTER: Lester.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, my name
11 Lester Wilde for the record. I made an amendment to his
12 motion to include Mary Gregory as alternate to Bob from
13 this Council to the CFC.

14

15 MR. ROCZICKA: And I accepted that as a
16 friendly amendment which doesn't require any vote.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Right. Mr. Chairman, I
19 call for the question on the motion.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called
22 for. All who favor say aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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28 (No opposing votes)

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

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33 (Laughter)

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, for the
40 record, to clean up some -- a few things. As you
41 remember in October 16 meeting in Anchorage, Mike Savage
42 was nominated as the Secretary of Yukon Delta Council.
43 That person also, his term also ended at the end of 2003
44 so you need to consider either nominated for someone for
45 the Secretary's position at this time or confirm Mary's
46 temporary appointment to the Secretary position.

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48 MR. L. WILDE: Do you have any objection?

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50 MS. GREGORY: No, I don't have

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1 objections.

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MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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MR. L. WILDE: Bob and I move.....

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(Laughter)

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MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I move to
appoint Mary Gregory as Secretary.

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MR. HANSON: Second.

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MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

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(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion by
Lester to appoint Mary Gregory as the Secretary and
second by John Hanson. Discussion.

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MR. A. NICK: Bob Aloysius.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, I don't know John

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MR. ROCZICKA: He's the second, second.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, Bob Aloysius. And

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MR. ROCZICKA: Question.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called

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IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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(No opposing votes)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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1 MS. GREGORY: So now if I go through the
2 minutes and type them up I'm going to call every one of
3 you for clarification and stuff.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Wonderful.

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7 MS. GREGORY: Make you work.

8

9 (Laughter)

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11 MR. A. NICK: It will make my job easier.

12

13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, other business.

14 Another business we were holding back here some place,
15 you said that the last -- this one right here, Council
16 topics to discuss at the May 2004 FSB meeting, what's
17 that?

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19 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, as Don Rivard
20 stated yesterday, you needed to take care of this topic
21 as one of your last items. It's something that you need
22 to bring forward to the Federal Subsistence Board meeting
23 in May. Some things that your Council wishes for you to
24 bring to the attention of the Federal Subsistence Board.

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26 That's the way I understand it.

27

28 Do you have any addition to that Jerry?

29

30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Jerry.

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32 MR. BERG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I guess
33 the only that I would like is for Council members that aren't
34 aware, when Harry goes to represent your Council at the
35 Federal Board meeting, they go through all the proposals,
36 deliberate and make their actions, but then there's also,
37 they have a meeting with all the Chairs of the Councils
38 and the Federal Board, and it's a chance for their to be
39 a dialogue between the Chairs and the Boards on issues
40 outside of the regulatory process.

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42 And so I guess if there's concerns that
43 this Council would like to have Harry carry forward to
44 the Federal Board, that's basically what this agenda item
45 is for, is for the Council to make sure Harry is aware of
46 those and what the position is of the Council.

47

48 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: If you bring this
6 resolution from AVCP it would be -- I think it would be
7 important to present the Area M concern.

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9 MS. GREGORY: I'm asking him to carry the
10 resolution by AVCP 04-03-02 [sic], talking about the Area
11 M commercial salmon fisheries. I think if we let him
12 carry this it will make sure the Board gets to see it
13 instead of just putting our stuff together here and.....

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15 (In Yup'ik)

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17 Support AVCP.

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19 INTERPRETER: She wants.....

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21 MS. GREGORY: And in light of.....

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23 INTERPRETER:Harry to bring the
24 resolution from AVCP to the May meeting.

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26 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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28 INTERPRETER: Because it is a part of
29 this and it's there.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Because I mean we're all
32 concerned about the Area M fisheries being all out for
33 everybody right now and not having no consideration for
34 the river salmon users, both YK, Yukon and Kuskokwim
35 Rivers and also the Bristol Bay might be affected.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes, I would also like
42 included in that and delivered to the Board all the
43 information that we got from Tim regarding what happened
44 without the knowledge of the people of this area. The
45 lifting of that 8., whatever.....

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47 MR. L. WILDE: Lifting the restrictions.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS:the restrictions, and
50 also lifting of the 60,000 coho.....

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Cap.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS:yeah, the cap.
4 Because, you know, I worked on the Kuskokwim River Salmon
5 Management Working Group for six years and we fought
6 those people down there tooth and nail, and we got some
7 satisfaction of getting that cap lowered from when it was
8 unlimited to what it is today, and then now they
9 eliminated the cap and it's just going to be detrimental
10 to the coho fishery on the Kuskokwim.

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12 Last summer starting middle July until
13 freeze up, that river was chocked with silver salmon
14 every day, every day, even -- even the lakes behind
15 Kalskag and even to the south and to the north were
16 really chocked with silver salmon. You set a whitefish
17 net, next morning you go out and you get nothing but a
18 boat load of silvers and this was up until break up -- I
19 mean freeze up, I'm sorry, so that cap, in my estimation,
20 has worked very, very well to bring back the coho salmon
21 in the Kuskokwim River.

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23 And you don't have to take my word for
24 it, you can go to every village on the Kuskokwim and
25 they'll tell you the same thing, that for the first time
26 in many, many years the silver salmon run has been
27 normal.

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29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do we have other
32 concerns.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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38 MR. L. WILDE: In our meeting cycle, is
39 the next cycle to be designated for a Kuskokwim village?

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41 MR. A. NICK: (Nods affirmatively)

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43 MR. L. WILDE: In that case, Mr.
44 Chairman, I'd like to move that the next meeting be held
45 at Kalskag.....

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MR. L. WILDE:since.....

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We never really get to
2 -- we still have a couple more items to work on.

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4 MR. L. WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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8 MR. L. WILDE: Okay, well, anyway, I'll
9 move later on in the meeting.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 MR. HANSON: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John.

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17 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
18 Chairman. Since we have voted on this resolution of
19 AVCP, wouldn't it be better to just go ahead and send it
20 to the Federal Board in Anchorage so that they'll have
21 it. If we wait until May, maybe that's too late. I
22 think the other two Regional Councils from the Yukon have
23 already sent theirs in, and the one from Kawerak, they're
24 already in, Bristol Bay's, and we're the only ones that
25 haven't sent ours. So this one that we just passed,
26 maybe it's better to just send it into the Federal Board
27 in Anchorage.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, John, I think our
30 coordinator could take care of that and send it over.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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36 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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38 INTERPRETER: You can bring it yourself.

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40 MS. GREGORY: I'd rather you take a copy
41 of it.....

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43 INTERPRETER: Have Harry take it
44 along.....

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46 MS. GREGORY:even though we send it
47 already including.....

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49 INTERPRETER: It would be better for
50 Harry to hand carry it and take it along.....

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1 MS. GREGORY:the remarks made by
2 the AVCP representative.

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4 INTERPRETER:to the Board, rather
5 than sending it by mail -- by.....

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7 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER:hard copy because it
10 would be distributed to the Board members at the meeting.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I could do it, yeah.

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14 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: I don't know what the
19 Board would think about this, but I think we should draft
20 our own resolution to go along with this resolution
21 adopted -- that we adopted supporting AVCP. It might be
22 a good idea to forward our own resolution with the same
23 points that are in that coming from this Council as our
24 own resolution.

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26 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: I worry. You know, I think
31 we pretty strongly endorsed it. And that, to me, says a
32 lot very simply stated, we endorse what AVCP has put
33 together.

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35 I worry that if we put too many
36 resolutions, it's just, you know, I don't know, because I
37 don't often go to these meetings but I worry that they
38 might get, what do you call it, too many resolutions.
39 But if we had that strong endorsement that we put on
40 this, I would think that that sends a very strong
41 message.

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43 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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47 MR. L. WILDE: It also works the other
48 way, where you might have a resolution coming from one
49 area, or from one organization to the other, but the more
50 we are the more it works in some cases.

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1 So I feel that this might be one of those
2 cases where more is not too much.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)
5 Lester.

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7 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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9 MS. GREGORY: I second the motion Lester
10 Wilde made.

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12 MR. L. WILDE: My motion was to direct
13 Staff to -- I don't know how I'm going to -- like Bev
14 said, the thing is -- my problem is probably with the
15 same thing that Bev said, not having the paper in front
16 of me. But I think it would be a good idea for us to
17 send one in but I don't know how it can be done with the
18 full support of this Council, without paper in front of
19 us.

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21 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: I guess that's kind of
26 where I was headed, you know, I didn't know the timing
27 factor, and I just felt like a strong statement of
28 endorsement if it's in the form of a letter would be just
29 as strong, but -- you know, a letter stating our
30 position.

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32 I know that our Chair, Harry, will carry
33 that message.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Okay, I'm -- I don't --
36 did I make a motion?

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38 REPORTER: Yes.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: Okay, she said yes. I
43 agree with Bev, I think a strong letter of endorsement
44 would work in this case.

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46 MS. GREGORY: So we can direct the Staff
47 to write a letter and have Harry sign it.

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49 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: I would withdraw my motion
2 and go along with the suggestion put forth by Bev, that
3 we direct Staff to write a letter to the Board of Fish
4 opposing the same points used in the AVCP resolution with
5 the letter.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Not the Board of.....

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9 MR. L. WILDE: Or putting forth the same
10 points that AVCP resolution had put forward.

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12 MS. GREGORY: Did the Staff here that?

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14 MR. BERG: Just for clarification, you
15 said you wanted a letter to go to the Board of
16 Fisheries, Alaska Board of Fisheries?

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18 MR. L. WILDE: No, I'm sorry, I meant the
19 Board of -- our Board, Subsistence Board.

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21 MR. BERG: Okay.

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23 MR. HANSON: Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John.

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27 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
28 Chairman. I don't think it would do any good even if we
29 send a letter to the Board of Fish because they already
30 said in the newspaper that I read this morning; the
31 Governor wanted them to come back and redo Area M and the
32 Chairman said they're done with Area M, they're not
33 coming back.

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35 So it's us guys, AVCP, the Regional
36 Councils from Western Interior, Eastern, Nome area, it's
37 up to us now to do something that will get that back and
38 this resolution that AVCP sent or made, I think it went
39 to the Federal Board.

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41 MR. ANDREW: (Nods affirmatively)

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43 MR. HANSON: Correct me on this, because
44 it just says AVCP Resolution.

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46 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, right on top
47 of the resolution it's stating requesting the Federal
48 Subsistence Board.

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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3 MS. HOFFMAN: I actually think John might
4 have heard your first statement, Lester, and got
5 confused, but it is going to the Federal Board and not
6 the Board of Fish.

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8 MR. HANSON: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, this
13 AVCP resolution goes to the Federal Board because it's
14 complaining about the Board of Fisheries.

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16 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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20 MS. HOFFMAN: I think he just got
21 confused because you had mistakenly said Board of Fish
22 and then it was corrected, but John didn't hear.

23

24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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26 MR. ROCZICKA: Do we need a question?

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28 MR. L. WILDE: What?

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30 MR. ROCZICKA: Do we need a question?

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32 MS. GREGORY: There's no motion.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: No directed.

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36 MS. GREGORY: A directive.

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38 REPORTER: Harry. Harry.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Maybe a directive to
41 coordinator.

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43 REPORTER: Harry.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Last up, I'll give you
46 guys an opportunity -- the Council opportunity for
47 closing comments, but before you do I got something
48 really very important.

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50 I think we have to start working with

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1 AVCP, looking at our new Council members before they even
2 show up their face, the appointed Council members, where
3 they are, where's the rest of our Council? Something
4 really has to be done. If AVCP's really careful, the
5 subsistence of Yukon Kuskokwim, we would have at least
6 our Council here to say what they want. And I think we
7 should start working with AVCP, make sure that meetings
8 are off each others so we could have more ways of doing
9 things instead of losing our Council on certain days, in
10 certain meetings, like this.

11

12 That's really my concern. Because I have
13 been talk with Chairman of AVCP twice, I think, and seems
14 to me nothing respond. It's very important because those
15 people are appointed, they promise in their -- when they
16 run for Council they will attend the meetings. I think
17 we have to make aware that even if they couldn't be in
18 our meetings, we could, not excuse anymore.

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20 There's only two times miss meetings, the
21 second time the Council would be terminated.

22

23 But right now, I think next meeting,
24 before we have a meeting we should work with -- sit down
25 with AVCP President and Chairman, I think that would be a
26 help.

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28 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chairman, I know.....

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, comment.

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32 MR. MIKE:AVCP cannot get out of
33 Council meeting in Bethel, but I had faxed to the AVCP
34 President Myron Naneng that I want to be excused to
35 attend this Lower Yukon Advisory Subsistence meeting,
36 because to me subsistence is very important.

37 Thank you.

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39 MR. HANSON: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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43 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
44 Chairman. This isn't closing comment. I was just
45 wondering, we had voted on the Special Action Request
46 that was written by Eastern Interior. It's one of our
47 Staff or maybe Alex would rewrite this with the name of
48 Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council with the
49 same wording and probably signed by the Chairman.

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1 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, if that's the
2 Council's wishes we can do that. There's something that
3 I want to point out, especially to the new Council
4 members. When it comes to correspondences, you know, I
5 mean writing letters, you are allowed to write letters as
6 a Council member to the Federal Subsistence Board, but
7 when it's going to be to other agencies like maybe ADF&G
8 and others, then it will be subject for review before
9 it's sent out from the Regional Council, you know,
10 because we have policies to follow, policies and
11 procedures to follow on the correspondence.

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13 But changing that -- the name requested
14 by Hanson could be done if it's from the Regional Council
15 to Federal Subsistence Board, and if you need more
16 clarification we got a couple of other OSM Staff members
17 here that -- or three Staff members that could explain
18 further.

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20 Qu yana.

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22 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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26 MS. GREGORY: On my closing comments.

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28 (In Yup'ik)

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30 The owners of this place for our meeting
31 and our rooms, however, I noticed that nobody from St.
32 Mary's came to our meetings. We had no audience from the
33 village. The only person that came was from Mountain
34 Village and I asked him if he had anything to present to
35 the Council and he said no.

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37 So maybe before we make our next meeting
38 we should make sure that we are advertised well
39 beforehand and ask people to come forward with their
40 concerns. I know we represent them but sometimes we
41 don't think for them either.

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43 And I want to thank the Federal
44 Subsistence Board for always supporting us, most of our
45 recommendations are always -- they follow them, the
46 Federal Subsistence Board follows them because I read the
47 Board actions whenever they come out after their meeting
48 and I am really glad that they are doing that for the YK-
49 Delta people. Because when we make recommendations they
50 usually follow it, so I commend them for working with us.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other Council to
2 comment.

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4 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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8 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you. Being this is
9 my first meeting, I just wanted to thank you, Mr. Chair,
10 and the rest of the Council for being patient with a lot
11 of my questions. I really appreciated the time spent
12 here and I've learned a lot from your folks and I thank
13 the OSM for their assistance.

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15 I agree with our Chair that AVCP comes
16 for our support and that I felt that this was very
17 important, it was well planned way, way in advance and
18 the summit, the Economic Summit was not nearly planned as
19 in advance as this and I do concur with you, Mr. Chair,
20 that we should look at our calendars. I know our next
21 meeting is scheduled for October, I believe, 14 -- or
22 sometime in October, which is AFN, which is also AVCP
23 Convention and I want to make sure it's at a time where
24 we could have all of our folks here and maybe theirs too.

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26 Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick.

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30 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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32 INTERPRETER: I wanted to first mention,
33 although, I'm taking time when we have one Board member
34 that has not been here for awhile, I want an answer to
35 this question, how many times can we be absent at this
36 point before we are removed from membership?

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Who is that, repeat, so
39 many times?

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41 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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43 INTERPRETER: It's Robert Nick.

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45 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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47 INTERPRETER: Because I have not seen him
48 at the last couple of meetings. Because in our other
49 memberships and committees, we have policies if we miss
50 like three meetings we are removed.

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1 Is that clear?

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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5 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: I want to welcome the new
8 Board members. I am very happy that you're on board.

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10 MR. ANDREWS: Quyana.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex Nick.

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14 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In
15 your charter you will notice that there's a section for
16 removal of members. In your charter it states that if a
17 member has two unexcused absences, he or she might be
18 considered for removal. That's how I understand the
19 charter.

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21 As for your question, Mr. Andrews, Robert
22 Nick's term has ended and I understand that he may not be
23 reapplying for new membership, that much I know.

24

25 Quyana.

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27 MR. ANDREWS: (In Yup'ik)

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, I was going to say
34 all this in my first language, but it's very hard for me
35 to translate what is in my heart.

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37 But first of all, I do thank all of you
38 guys for my being here and in our way I thank the Creator
39 first. The ancestors, my grandparents, my parents, but
40 most of all I thank my youth and when I say, my youth, I
41 mean all the young people who are out there that give me
42 the energy and I also thank the children who give me a
43 vision, and infants who give me spirit, because it is for
44 them that we are here. And whatever we do today is going
45 to have an impact on our lives, and most of all on the
46 lives of our children and our infants because whatever we
47 do here will reflect on their future.

48

49 One of the things that -- as Yup'ik
50 people, I as a Yup'ik person, I learn life in this way,

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1 live, love, learn, and understand my role in life with
2 respect, responsibility and harmony towards all of
3 creation, especially our Creator, our land and water and
4 our sisters and brothers that fly, roost, climb, walk,
5 crawl, slither, burrow and swim on our Mother Earth. We
6 must love, honor and respect all of creation, ourselves,
7 our family, our lands and all its resources.

8

9 And these are the teachings of the old
10 people, always put the Creator first, because without the
11 Creator we would not have nothing here. We would not be
12 here.

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14 So I like to remind people that without
15 our Creator, God, as you might call him or her, we would
16 have nothing. So every day, as a child, I was reminded
17 to give honor and respect and especially gratitude for
18 all that we have. And by remembering that Mother Earth
19 needs our care as well as the care of all the animals
20 that walk on the earth and swim in the water, that
21 without our help they would perish.

22

23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Bob. Next --
26 last date and place of next meeting.

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28 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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32 MR. A. NICK: Last October in Wasilla,
33 the Council, I believe, either during that time or the
34 winter the Council selected fall meetings dates and those
35 meetings dates, if I remember correctly were October 14
36 and 15, but the location needs to be selected by the
37 Council and I believe Lester was trying to do that
38 earlier, so this is appropriate time.

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40 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, with the
41 concurrence of my brother Bob, I would like to move that
42 the next meeting be held in Kalskag.

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44 MS. GREGORY: Which Kalskag?

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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's only one Kalskag.

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48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. L. WILDE: In Kalskag.

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1 MR. ANDREWS: I second the motion.
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3 MS. GREGORY: So the 14th through the
4 16th?
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6 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.
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8 MS. GREGORY: October 14, 15 and 16.
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10 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.
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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.
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14 MR. L. WILDE: And the dates would be 14,
15 15, 16, 16th would be a travel date, right?
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17 MR. A. NICK: Yeah.
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19 MR. L. WILDE: So the regular meeting
20 would be 14 and 15 -- or the 15 and 16.
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22 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chairman, I think it would
23 be better for us to find out when the AVCP Convention
24 will be held. They usually have Convention in October.
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26 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.
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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.
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30 MS. HOFFMAN: Also, after our experiences
31 here with support, you know, support system, you know,
32 like with computers and that type of thing, we were
33 finding the need for -- these computers that we were
34 accessing here aren't normally here so we need to make
35 sure that, you know, Kalskag.....
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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: (Nods affirmatively)
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39 MS. HOFFMAN:Bob says, thumbs up,
40 can handle all of us. And where do you stay in Kalskag,
41 are there -- at the school, where do you stay?
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43 MS. GREGORY: Who seconded the motion?
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45 MR. ANDREWS: I did.
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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: As to Bev's concern.....
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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Discussion. Go ahead.
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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: To answer Bev's concern,
2 there aren't no hotels or bed and breakfast's in Kalskag
3 but families are always open to invitations for hosting
4 people that come in so there'll be no problem.

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6 And I'm really happy about the request
7 for Kalskag because from being up river we were always
8 left out from so many things and Kalskag has a lot of
9 modern conveniences, there's flushing -- or running
10 water, flush toilets and.....

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12 (Laughter)

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS:and there's a school
15 that we could meet in and there's also the -- the
16 traditional council will be very, very supportive of
17 this and they have computer, printers and fax machines or
18 whatever. And they're always willing to help out in any
19 way so as soon as I get back I'm going to start talking
20 about this and promoting it and getting people to sign up
21 to be hosts.

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23 And in October would be the perfect time,
24 just make sure that the Staff is sensitive to the AFN and
25 AVCP Conventions.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Bob, Joseph Mike,
28 we are limited windows to choose the meetings. I'm going
29 to turn over to Alex here, go ahead Alex.

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31 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
32 In response to the concerns about AFN Convention. One of
33 the things that we have to comply with all 10 Regional
34 Advisory Councils have to schedule their meetings for,
35 fall meeting between these dates, between September 5 and
36 October 19th. We have to schedule our meeting between
37 those dates no matter what's happening, you know, in our
38 region or wherever the meeting is going to be held. This
39 is one of the policies that we got that we have to try to
40 comply with this requirement. The Regional Councils
41 could possibly not change this, I think, until it's
42 changed.

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44 So last year you preselected meeting date
45 for fall of 2004, that is October 14 and 15. Now, you
46 know, after you're done with this you will probably need
47 to also consider your winter meeting date for this year,
48 that's another thing we have to decide, maybe this
49 meeting would be a good time to do that, too.

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1 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chairman, I didn't mention
2 AFN, I mentioned AVCP. Okay.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, is this October 14
11 and 15 cast in stone or can you have a meeting in
12 September?

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14 MS. GREGORY: There's Barrow -- September
15 12, too is open, the 19th it is open, but 21, but the
16 rest are taken by other RACs.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me ask when AVCP
19 usually have a meeting?

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21 MS. GREGORY: A week before AFN.

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23 INTERPRETER: First week.

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25 MS. GREGORY: A week before -- two weeks?

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27 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes, first week of
28 October.

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30 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim.

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34 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, Tim Andrew
35 with AVCP, Natural Resources. The AVCP Convention is
36 normally the second week of October so that would place
37 it October 5th through the 7th.

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39 Mr. Chairman.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: We're okay.

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43 MS. GREGORY: We're okay.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we were okay.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MS. GREGORY: Call for the question on
50 the motion.

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Call for the question.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion.....

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7 REPORTER: Harry.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE:and seconded.

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11 REPORTER: Harry.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And the question's been
14 called.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Microphone.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Mike.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And the question's been
21 called for to have a meeting on October 14 and 15 in
22 Kalskag. All who favor say aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. We
31 going to have a meeting at Kalskag. Winter meeting --
32 now the winter meeting.

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34 Greg.

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36 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I would
37 recommend sometime during the week of the 14th. If you
38 need to pick exact dates, perhaps the 15th and the 16th
39 of March. Generally the State Board of meetings, as far
40 as Board of Game goes, takes place during March 1 to 10,
41 during that range and a lot of the proposals that we
42 have, like in front of us this time, were pending action
43 at the Board of Game and by that point we would have the
44 results of the actions from that Board meeting. So
45 holding it a little later in the month would be a useful
46 thing to do there, I think.

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48 So I'm recommending the 15th and 16th and
49 I'll make a motion if.....

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
2 floor to have a winter meeting of 14 and.....

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4 MS. HOFFMAN: I second it.

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6 MR. ROCZICKA: The 15th and 16th.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The 15th and 16th,
9 motion has been made and is there a second?

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11 MS. HOFFMAN: There's a second because --
12 for discussion.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly seconded it.
15 Discussion.

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17 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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21 MS. HOFFMAN: For myself and I'm being a
22 little selfish here. I have a daughter that's a junior
23 in high school and she's playing basketball and involved
24 with activities, I know that's spring break, and that
25 usually is a problem for me, just for me. I don't know
26 if it's a problem for anyone else, but that might make it
27 difficult for me to come to that meeting, but I'd be
28 available the last week of March.

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30 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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34 MS. GREGORY: This is a problem for me,
35 too, I won't be able to make it on the teens numbers.

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37 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, this meeting, it
42 works both ways. There are times when we need to advance
43 something to the Board of Game even at the last minute.
44 And I think the dates that we had for this meeting 3 and
45 4 would probably work.

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47 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes, that's.....

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49 MR. L. WILDE: So in the event that we do
50 have some last minute proposals or last minute business

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1 that concerns us that the Board is going to work on, is
2 before us so I think it might be a good idea to work in
3 front of the Board so we could get our last minute
4 concerns in.

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6 MS. GREGORY: I agree.

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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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12 MR. ROCZICKA: If that's the case then,
13 if I could interject, I think you would want to move back
14 because they usually start around the first and you'd
15 want to be the 24th and 25th, during that last week of
16 February.

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18 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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22 MS. HOFFMAN: That will work for me, end
23 of February.

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25 MS. GREGORY: February what?

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: February.....

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29 MR. ROCZICKA: 24 and 25.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE:24 and 25. That's
32 what you said?

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34 MR. ROCZICKA: (Nods affirmatively)

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36 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah. I don't have a
37 calendar.

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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: It's right there at the
40 back of your.....

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42 MS. HOFFMAN: Oh, I thought that was
43 March, I'm sorry.

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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: The next page.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Right here, yeah, yeah.

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49 MS. HOFFMAN: Right here.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Call for the question on
2 the motion. Did you move the dates to February 24 and
3 25?

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's what it is.
6 There was a motion and a second.

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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, I would
9 amend my motion to reflect February 24 and 25, rather
10 than March 15 and 16 as originally made.

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12 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, seconded.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Discussion.

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16 MS. GREGORY: Question.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Discussion.

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20 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question. Question has
23 been made, all who favor say aye.

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25 IN UNISON: Aye.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, say no.

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29 (No opposing votes)

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Okay,
32 one other.....

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34 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, one other thing if
35 you want to go ahead and consider location of your
36 meeting or.....

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38 MS. GREGORY: No, wait until the.....

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40 MR. A. NICK:wait until your fall
41 meeting, that's fine.

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43 MS. GREGORY:fall meeting.

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45 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, for the
46 record I'd like to move that the next place of the
47 meeting be discussed at the fall meeting.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next meeting will be
2 discussed at the fall meeting. So the final -- before we
3 adjourn.....

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.

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7 MS. GREGORY: The question.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called
10 for. All who favor say aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, same sign.

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16 (No opposing votes)

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Yeah,
19 before we adjourn I never usually -- this is the funniest
20 meeting run I ever had. The reason is I just came back
21 from Anchorage for heart test two days after I come up,
22 not only that I had -- my wife was sick and I left my
23 daughter to watching that's why you notice that I give
24 this meeting to John for awhile and I was expecting a
25 call so I could, right there I could let things go and go
26 back to my wife and take care of my wife. Because we had
27 three little -- three children that we adopt, that's the
28 reason. What I do and all I do is only our coordinator
29 knows that. I care for my family, that's why that I was
30 ready to go and I was talking to our coordinator, you
31 don't really have to use that -- tell the Council, but
32 because of -- I thank you guys that you take whatever I
33 give to you but some things that I don't really mean it
34 because my -- part of my heart is somewhere else.

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36 I want you guys to excuse what I did.

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38 And right now before we adjourn, I'd like
39 to ask Peter Mike [sic] close us with invocation.

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41 MR. MIKE: (In Yup'ik)

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you.

44 Someone make a motion to adjourn.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I move we

47 adjourn.

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49 MR. ANDREWS: Second.

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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second it -- third it.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion and a
4 second to adjourn.

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called
9 for. All who favor say aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed, same sign.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

18 Adjourn.

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(END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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5 STATE OF ALASKA)

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