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

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4 VOLUME I

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6 Tuntutuliak, Alaska

7 March 5, 2002

8 7:00 o'clock p.m.

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10 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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12 Mary Gregory, Chair

13 Nick Andrew, Sr.

14 James A. Charles

15 John Hanson, Sr.

16 Billy McCann

17 Philip Moses

18 Robert Nick

19 Raymond Oney

20 Mike Savage

21 John B. Thompson, Sr.

22 Lester Wilde

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24 Ron Sam, Western Interior Chairman

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26 Regional Council Coordinator, Alex Nick

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1 PROCEEDINGS

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3 (Tuntutuliak, Alaska - 3/5/2002)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: This is Mary  
8 Gregory. I'm the vice-Chair of the YK-Delta RAC and I  
9 will now call the meeting to order at 7:20 at Tuntutuliak  
10 High School Library.

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12 INTERPRETER: She's repeating what she  
13 said earlier. She's translating herself. An elder is  
14 going to do the benediction or whatever they call it,  
15 prayer.

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17 Prayer.

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19 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: We will now have a  
20 roll call. Will the secretary please call the roll.

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22 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde. John Hanson.  
23 Mary Gregory.

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25 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Yes.

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27 MR. NICK: Nick Andrew.

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29 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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31 MR. NICK: Raymond Oney.

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33 MR. ONEY: Yes.

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35 MR. NICK: Maybe you can come sit with us  
36 up here.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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40 MR. NICK: Myself, Robert Nick. Billy  
41 McCann.

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43 MR. McCANN: Yes.

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45 MR. NICK: James Charles.  
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47 MR. CHARLES: Here.  
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49 MR. NICK: Mike Savage.  
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1 MR. SAVAGE: Here.

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3 MR. NICK: Philip Moses.

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5 MR. MOSES: Yeah.

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7 MR. NICK: Lester Wilde, coming too?

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9 MR. A. NICK: Yes, he's coming.

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11 MR. NICK: Johnny Thompson.

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13 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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15 MR. NICK: We have one, two, three, four,  
16 five, six, seven, eight -- eight members.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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20 MR. NICK: We have a quorum.

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22 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Quorum, okay. How  
23 about this.....

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25 MR. MATHEWS: Okay, the Chair could  
26 introduce the Council members and then you have a guest  
27 from Western Interior.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay. (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: She appreciates the fact  
32 that you were all -- be able to make it on this first  
33 session of the meeting. She's pointing out from the  
34 Yukon area, Raymond is from Alakanuk.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: James Charles. (In  
37 Yup'ik)

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39 INTERPRETER: James is from here.

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41 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Bill McCann. (In  
42 Yup'ik)

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44 INTERPRETER: Is from Bethel.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Mike Savage. (In  
47 Yup'ik)

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49 INTERPRETER: Mike Savage, Upper  
50 Kuskokwim -- Lower Kalskag, from Lower Kalskag.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Robert Nick. (In  
2 Yup'ik)

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4 INTERPRETER: And Robert Nick from  
5 Nunapitchuk.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER: And she's from Bethel.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) I  
12 forgot your name.

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14 MR. SAM: Ron Sam.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Ron Simon.

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18 MR. SAM: Sam.

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20 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Sam.

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22 INTERPRETER: Ron Sam.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Welcome to our area,  
25 to the Yup'ik country.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Mike, you want to  
30 introduce your workers.

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32 MR. REARDEN: I'm Mike Rearden, manager  
33 Yukon Delta Refuge. I've got them scattered all over.  
34 I'll let them stand up and introduce themselves.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay. (In Yup'ik)  
37 Johnny Thompson. (In Yup'ik) Okay. What about Bethel,  
38 the rest of you Bethel workers.

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40 MR. ISAAC: Jacob Isaac.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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44 MR. MOSES: I'm Leo Moses, translator.

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46           CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Any other guests we  
47 have from the villages? (In Yup'ik)

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49           MR. BEANS Norbert Beans, representative,  
50 Algaaciq Tribal Council.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay. (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. LAKE: My name is Arthur Lake. I'm  
4 the president of AVCP in Bethel. I have Dario Notti, a  
5 natural resource specialist with us.

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7 MR. BEANS: I'm Pat Beans, Jr.,  
8 representing Yupit of Andrefoski.

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10 GERILYN: Native Village of Quinhagak.

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12 MR. BERLIN: (In Yup'ik) My name is Dan  
13 Berlin from Kasigluk. And there's John and Matthew with  
14 me.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Matthew and John (In  
17 Yup'ik). Okay. (In Yup'ik) Welcome to Tuntutuliak.

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19 MR. LAKE: I forgot, Peter Miller is also  
20 on the AVCP Executive Board.

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22 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay, thank you.  
23 (In Yup'ik) Can you get started and let them introduce  
24 themselves?

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26 MR. MATHEWS: Sure. I'm Vince Mathews.  
27 I'm the regional coordinator for Western Interior. I'm  
28 with the Office of Subsistence Management with U.S. Fish  
29 and Wildlife Service. And I think Ron's already been  
30 introduced so we'll go around.

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32 MR. RIVARD: My name is Don Rivard. I'm  
33 with the Office of Subsistence Management. I'm one of  
34 the Division Chiefs in the Office and I cover the Yukon-  
35 Kuskokwim, Western Interior and Eastern Interior regions.

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37 MR. CANNON: I'm Richard Cannon and I  
38 work with the Kuskokwim Fisheries Studies Program,  
39 Information Services, Office of Subsistence Management.

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41 MR. SIMMONS: I'm Rod Simmons with Fish  
42 and Wildlife Service and I serve on the Inter-Agency  
43 Staff Committee for Fish and Wildlife to the Federal  
44 Subsistence Board.

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46           MR. SCHLEUSNER: Cliff Schleusner. I work  
47 on the Yukon River as a fisheries biologist for the  
48 Office of Subsistence Management, Fisheries Information  
49 Service.

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1 MR. BERG: You got a question?

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3 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: No, go ahead.

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5 MR. BERG: Okay. Jerry Berg. I'm a  
6 fishery biologist working in the Kuskokwim area with the  
7 Office of Subsistence Management out of Anchorage.

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9 MR. LUPIE: Henry Lupie from Tuntutuliak.  
10 I'm the tribal administrator.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay.

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14 MR. HANDER: Ray Hander. I'm with the  
15 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I'm an assistant in-  
16 season subsistence fishery manager from Fairbanks.

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18 MR. JENNINGS: Good evening. My name is  
19 Tim Jennings. I'm with the Office of Subsistence  
20 Management in Anchorage.

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22 MR. KRON: Tom Kron. Office of  
23 Subsistence Management in Anchorage, Interior Team.

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25 MR. ROETTIGER: Tim Roettiger, resource  
26 monitoring biologist stationed in Bethel.

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28 MR. McDOUGALL: I'm Mike McDougall. I'm  
29 with Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association. I'm a  
30 fisheries biologist.

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32 MR. CAMPLAN: Gary Camplan. I'm a school  
33 teacher here.

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35 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: In Tunt?

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37 MR. CAMPLAN: (Nods affirmatively)

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39 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Thank you. You can  
40 introduce yourself. (In Yup'ik)

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42 MR. HANSON: John Hanson, Alakanuk.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: Lester Wilde, Hooper Bay.

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46 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Anybody  
47 else? Alex.

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49 MR. A. NICK: Alex Nick, Bethel.

50 Coordinator for the YK RAC.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Okay.  
2 Alex. Vince. (In Yup'ik)

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4 (Laughter)

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6 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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8 INTERPRETER: So tomorrow will be to  
9 start.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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13 INTERPRETER: The March 2001 meeting last  
14 year, October 2000 meeting.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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18 MR. NICK: October 20, these minutes are  
19 pretty long. So some of us have had these for a few days  
20 so I'm going to make a motion to approve so that we can  
21 discuss them and make corrections on the minutes. So I  
22 move that we approve the minutes of the March 14th and  
23 15th Advisory Council meeting in Kotlik.

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25 MR. L. WILDE: Have you read those  
26 minutes, Mr. Chairman?

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28 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: We need a second  
29 before we talk.

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31 MR. L. WILDE: I'll second the motion  
32 just for discussion.

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34 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Thank you. There's  
35 been a motion and seconded. Now, we're in 2001 March  
36 meeting minutes. Any corrections, discussions?

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38 MR. L. WILDE: Yes. There seems to be  
39 some problems with Chairman Wilde and Lester Wilde in the  
40 minutes.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MR. L. WILDE: They have me as Chairman

45 Wilde and I'm not Chairman yet. Not yet anyway. Let's  
46 see -- how far are we now?

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48 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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50 MR. L. WILDE: On Page 8 I have just a

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1 couple of corrections Madame Chairman.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: On Page 8, down at harvest  
6 of moose, funerary ceremonial purposes. That Chairman --  
7 Chair Wilde, that should be Lester Wilde.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: So noted.

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11 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, instead of Chair  
12 Wilde. I haven't changed my name.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 MR. L. WILDE: On Page 9 also, right down  
17 towards the bottom of the page, Chairman Wilde asked Ms.  
18 Jurgensen if rural determination for Kenai area was --  
19 and I know Laura remembers me asking her that, so that's  
20 supposed to be Lester Wilde instead of Chair.

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22 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: So noted. (In  
23 Yup'ik)

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25 MR. NICK: And also on Page 3.

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27 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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29 MR. NICK: Okay.

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31 MR. L. WILDE: And going on to Page 14, I  
32 think this is just a typo, the very last right -- one,  
33 two, three, four, five, sixth paragraph down, the very  
34 last line, the numbers of salmon were low before the  
35 salmon returned to the river. Naturally.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MR. L. WILDE: And on Page 15, right on  
40 the top of the page another typo, third line down,  
41 sentence reads, essentially in the same downward as the  
42 Yukon drainage stocks. I think there's a word missing  
43 there, it should be downward trend as the Yukon Drainage  
44 stocks.

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And on Page 15.

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CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. THOMPSON: Lester, before this, which

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1 typo were you talking about?

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Prior to that?

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5 MR. THOMPSON: Before this one here.

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7 MR. L. WILDE: The downward trend, that's  
8 one, two, three, four, five, sixth paragraph down on Page  
9 14. The very last line shouldn't even be there.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Strike (In Yup'ik).

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13 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah. The number of  
14 salmon were low before the salmon returned to the river.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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18 MR. L. WILDE: There was just this last  
19 one I had a question on.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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23 MR. L. WILDE: Motion, Mr. Wilde made --  
24 that very last paragraph on Page 15, Mr. Wilde made the  
25 motion for Resolution 02-2002 and 03-2001 that would  
26 direct the Staff to research, comment and to provide an  
27 opinion and the fall Council meeting. Also Staff should  
28 contact ADF&G and the Refuge in establishing an opinion.  
29 I don't know what -- what does that cover?

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31 Anybody remember what Resolution 2001  
32 was? I just had a question on that, what that was? And  
33 that's all the corrections I had that I could remember  
34 from last fall. Alex, do you remember what that was?

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36 MR. A. NICK: Were those ones that were  
37 considered by the Regional Council, rather Western or  
38 Eastern?

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40 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, there was three  
41 resolutions, is that the.....

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43 MR. A. NICK: Instead of two there's  
44 three resolutions.

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46 MR. MATHEWS: Right.

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48 MR. A. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Eastern

49 Interior -- was it Eastern or Western Interior?

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1 MR. NICK: It was all three.

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3 MR. MATHEWS: Right. It was all three.

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5 MR. A. NICK: Yeah.

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7 MR. MATHEWS: It was a resolution that  
8 two Council members, Robert brought up to the Eastern  
9 Interior meeting and then it came back to your meeting.

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11 MR. NICK: Uh-huh.

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13 MR. MATHEWS: And it was addressing a  
14 moratorium, I believe, on the trawl fisheries and I'm  
15 drawing a blank on the other two resolutions.

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17 MR. A. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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19 MR. L. WILDE: The reason why I ask is  
20 because I don't remember making the motion for any  
21 resolutions. I may have but it's been awhile.

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23 MR. A. NICK: It's been a year. (In  
24 Yup'ik) Those two resolutions that were brought to the  
25 attention of the Council, I believe, was by -- was Mr.  
26 Fleener, was he the -- Mr. Fleener?

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28 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, Mr. Fleener was  
29 present.

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31 MR. A. NICK: Craig Fleener was the one  
32 that explained to the Council those two resolutions,  
33 remember, the resolutions that the Council considered.  
34 The third one, I don't think they adopted the third one.

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36 MR. MATHEWS: I didn't bring my notes.

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38 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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40 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, only two resolutions.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Do you  
43 need to have more explanation on that, Mr. Wilde?

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45           MR. L. WILDE: No, I'm just wondering.  
46 I'm just asking if that was -- does anybody remember me  
47 making a motion to that effect because I don't remember.

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49           MR. NICK: I wasn't there.

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1 MR. A. NICK: The minutes that we write  
2 up are based on the transcripts.

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4 MR. L. WILDE: So we'll assume that it was.

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6 MR. A. NICK: So the transcripts --  
7 whatever the transcript tells us, we say, so and so  
8 person makes a motion and there's a second. And we use  
9 the minutes -- rather we compile the minutes based on the  
10 transcripts of the meeting. So I think that's where it  
11 comes from.

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13 MR. BERG: Alex, do we have copies of  
14 those resolutions from that meeting?

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16 MR. A. NICK: Not in this pamphlet.

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18 MR. BERG: But we have copies?

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20 MR. A. NICK: We do have copies in our  
21 files.

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23 MR. BERG: So we could probably correct  
24 that paragraph.

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26 MR. A. NICK: We can correct that  
27 paragraph with your permission, Madame Chairman.

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29 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Yes, it's so noted.  
30 (In Yup'ik) Any other corrections to our minutes of  
31 March 2001?

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33 MR. L. WILDE: Madame Chairman, if there  
34 are no other corrections, I move that minutes for 2001 be  
35 approved.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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39 MR. L. WILDE: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

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41 MR. A. NICK: Second.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. MATHEWS: Lester seconded it.  
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47 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Lester.  
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49 MR. A. NICK: Who made the motion?  
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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Lester.

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3 MR. NICK: I did.

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5 MR. MATHEWS: Robert made the motion and  
6 Lester seconded to approve the minutes.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay. (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: If there isn't any -- if  
11 there is no other -- no other comments regarding the last  
12 meeting minutes.

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14 IN UNISON: Aye.

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16 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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18 INTERPRETER: The same sign.

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20 (No opposing votes)

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22 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Motion passed.

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24 MR. NICK: Thank you, Madame Chair. Also  
25 on October 9th to the 11th, they're even longer. I make  
26 a motion that we approve the minutes of the joint Western  
27 Interior, Eastern Interior and YK minutes of October 9 to  
28 11.

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30 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: There's been a  
31 motion to approve October 2001 tri-Council meeting. Is  
32 there any second?

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34 MR. MATHEWS: Madame Chair.

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36 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Second. Second.  
37 (In Yup'ik)

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39 MR. CHARLES: Second the motion, Madame  
40 Chair.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay.

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44 MR. MATHEWS: Madame Chair, there are

45 some corrections to the October 9th to the 11th. They  
46 were submitted by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.  
47 I'll just go by memory because the copies didn't make it  
48 over here. One Page 1, under Alaska Department of Fish  
49 and Game under commercial fisheries towards the bottom of  
50 the page you should add in there Tom Bonya. So that's on

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1 Page 17.

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3 MR. NICK: Page 17.

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5 MR. MATHEWS: And then.....

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7 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Tom Bonya (In  
8 Yup'ik).

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10 MR. MATHEWS: I failed to put his name in  
11 there. On Page 22 and I'll need help from other Staff on  
12 this because there wasn't time to research it all. On  
13 Page 22, under No. 3, you'll see the second to the last  
14 sentence says the fall chum salmon agreement portion has  
15 51 to 71 percent, Alaskan harvest of the total allowable  
16 catch, Mr. Bonya requested that be 65 to 71 percent. But  
17 when I went to the transcript it clearly said 51 to 71.  
18 So the corrected minutes that we would hand out here but  
19 are not here right now would have in parenthesis 65 to 71  
20 percent. So maybe someone here can correct that  
21 percentage since it's part of a agreement.

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23 And that was the other change that they  
24 requested. There were some other ones but they were more  
25 editorial and I don't remember them because I don't have  
26 the copy here.

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28 MR. L. WILDE: Well, I have one the very  
29 first page, Madame Chairman.

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31 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: On the -- where the roll  
34 call, establishing a quorum, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta states  
35 that a quorum 11 of 11 members present for a quorum and  
36 it shows in the minutes right above there, absent Mike  
37 Savage and Robert Nick, so there wasn't 11 of 11.

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39 MR. NICK: 9 of 11.

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41 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: 9 of 11, thank you,  
42 Mr. Wilde. (In Yup'ik)

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44 INTERPRETER: Any other comments

45 regarding the October 9 to 11 minutes.

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47 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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49 MR. A. NICK: Madame Chairman.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Alex.

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3 MR. A. NICK: For the record, I did  
4 receive Vince's corrections on the minutes but I might  
5 have failed to pack them in my bag today. I apologize  
6 for that but we do have it in our office. We could use  
7 the corrections sent to me by Vince to correct these  
8 minutes we have if that's okay with you.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: And there's one  
11 explanation I would have, on the second paragraph, one,  
12 two.....

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14 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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16 MR. L. WILDE: I'm sorry, on Page 20. On  
17 the second paragraph, one, two, three, four, five, six --  
18 six lines down at the very end of the last of that  
19 sentence starting, due to the precision of their in-  
20 season tools, surpluses beyond escapement are difficult  
21 to detect. Could somebody explain why that is, even if  
22 their tools are precise?

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24 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Anybody.

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26 MR. KRON: I'll try. I think.....

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28 REPORTER: Could you go up in front,  
29 please. Thank you.

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31 MR. KRON: Tom Kron with the Subsistence  
32 Management Office in Anchorage. I think what that means  
33 is due to the fact that the in-season tools are not very  
34 precise.

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36 MR. L. WILDE: Then there must be a typo  
37 in that.

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39 MR. KRON: It's difficult.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Or not.....

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43 MR. KRON: It should probably say.....

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45 MR. L. WILDE: .....enough words.  
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48 MR. KRON: .....limited precision.  
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50 MR. L. WILDE: Limited precision, okay.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Thank you, Mr. Kron.  
2 (In Yup'ik)

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4 MR. MATHEWS: Madame Chair.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Yes, Vince.

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8 MR. MATHEWS: I just need to know, we did  
9 send these minutes out earlier, if you did receive them?

10 Okay, you did, okay. Just so we know. If you have any  
11 comments, I'm sure Alex would be interested on minutes  
12 format, you know, how you would like to do them. Not  
13 speaking for Alex, just speaking for myself that minutes  
14 are difficult to do, so input from the Council would be  
15 appreciated.

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17 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Yeah, that's what  
18 we're trying right now.

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20 MR. MATHEWS: Okay.

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22 MR. NICK: Madame Chair.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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26 MR. NICK: Not being at the meeting in  
27 October, but when I read them or went through them I  
28 noticed that it was a working meeting, a lot of work done  
29 there.

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31 MR. A. NICK: Madame Chairman, since this  
32 is a tri-Council minutes, the corrections that we make  
33 during this meeting may have to be ratified by the other  
34 Councils, Western and Eastern Interior.

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36 MR. MATHEWS: Right.

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38 MR. A. NICK: Because this is the joint  
39 minutes that we're talking about.

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41 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Mr. Sam, do you have  
42 any comments regarding that?

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44 MR. SAM: I just figure if it's over it's

45 over.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MR. SAM: If we get what we want it's

50 fine.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 MR. NICK: Well, I think from -- the  
4 gentleman sitting next to me, we both were unable to  
5 attend the meeting there in October but my comment  
6 stands, it was a working meeting. I think you guys did a  
7 lot at that meeting in Anchorage. And having not been  
8 there, I don't know if there's anything wrong with them.  
9 So that -- are we ready to call for a vote?

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11 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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13 INTERPRETER: If there isn't any other  
14 comments regarding the minutes when they had a joint  
15 meeting in Anchorage, since these were minutes, yeah,  
16 Alex has got a copy getting revised in office -- in his  
17 office. If there's no other.....

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19 IN UNISON: Aye.

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21 INTERPRETER: .....other -- further  
22 comments.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Those opposed say  
25 nay.

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27 (No opposing votes)

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29 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: Motion carried. Alex will  
32 check up on those that are in question regarding the  
33 minutes.

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35 MR. NICK: Thank you, Madame Chair. Then  
36 as we noted in the first motion to adopt the minutes of a  
37 year ago, there was uncertainty as to what -- if there's  
38 any changes to -- the next set of minutes are from  
39 October 17th and I'd like to also see that the -- ask the  
40 secretary to see that they're approved. So I make a  
41 motion that the minutes of October 17th be approved.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Motion to approve  
44 October 17 minutes of 2001. (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: Any second.

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48 MR. A. NICK: Madame Chairman.

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50 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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1 MR. A. NICK: Correction on the minutes,  
2 October 11 breakout minutes. October 11 breakout minutes.

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4 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Breakout session,  
5 yeah. Breakout minutes (In Yup'ik).

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7 MR. NICK: Okay.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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11 MR. NICK: Oh, okay.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: She's waiting for  
14 the second on the motion.

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16 MR. NICK: Second that.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: If there isn't any  
19 second to that motion it will die. Somebody better do  
20 it.

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22 MR. NICK: Madame Chair.

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24 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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26 MR. NICK: I just want to point out one  
27 thing, during that October 17th breakout, there's some  
28 discussion -- considerable discussion on customary trade  
29 which is going to be on the agenda for action at this  
30 meeting.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Yeah.

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34 MR. NICK: So I'd like to see that these  
35 minutes.....

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37 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Second (In  
38 Yup'ik).....

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40 MR. McCANN: I second it.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Mr. McCann seconded.  
43 (In Yup'ik) secretary.

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45 INTERPRETER: Billy McCann seconded the  
46 motion. Now for discussion.

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48 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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50 INTERPRETER: Robert was a little worried

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1 about the motion not getting a second so since it's going  
2 to be on the agenda it needs to be approved is his  
3 feeling.

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5 MR. NICK: I'd like to see approval of  
6 these minutes and I'm speaking in favor of my motion.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay. (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: And about -- and people are  
11 -- that are going to be giving testimony or urged to  
12 catch up on the particular item. And since they didn't  
13 want to make any further statements or comments regarding  
14 that particular -- regarding customary and traditional --  
15 needs to be brought up to the public so we can -- the  
16 public that needs to give testimony.

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18 MR. NICK: Madame Chair.

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20 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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22 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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24 INTERPRETER: He's got a question.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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28 MR. NICK: There was some discussion of  
29 wildlife issues. Alex, I guess my question is to you.

30 (In Yup'ik)

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32 MR. A. NICK: What section.....

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34 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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36 MR. A. NICK: Will the interpreter  
37 interpret this, I'm going to do this in Yup'ik, okay.

38 (In Yup'ik)

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40 INTERPRETER: Wildlife issues. The  
41 proposals is going to be on this, too.

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43 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. A. NICK: (In Yup'ik)  
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47 INTERPRETER: Everything on this  
48 particular page. At this time when they had the last  
49 meeting, the proposal that you need to.....  
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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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5 MR. A. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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7 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Any comments,  
8 corrections.

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10 MR. THOMPSON: Madame Chairman.

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12 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Mr. Thompson.

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14 MR. THOMPSON: My name is John Thompson  
15 and I see one area (In Yup'ik), it's on that -- in that --  
16 our (In Yup'ik)

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18 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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20 INTERPRETER: We should approve this.....

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22 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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24 INTERPRETER: No, it wouldn't be that we  
25 -- it would have -- it will discuss -- it will be under  
26 discussion.

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28 MR. THOMPSON: (In Yup'ik)

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30 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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32 INTERPRETER: He needed to know if this  
33 was going to be approved before discussion is done so he  
34 wanted a little.....

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36 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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38 INTERPRETER: They will have to discuss  
39 it in order to make -- find -- make a final approval.

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41 MR. NICK: Madame Chair, maybe someone  
42 from Federal Subsistence can explain. Mr. Thompson made  
43 a very good point here. In the breakout meeting from the  
44 joint meeting, the proposal was adopted by the YK RAC but

45 the Federal Subsistence Board did not adopt the  
46 recommendation of the Customary Trade Task Force. So the  
47 concern by Mr. Thompson was that by approving these  
48 minutes, that the position of our RAC would maintain so  
49 Chairman Gregory indicated that tomorrow, you know,  
50 that's -- you know, approval of these minutes would not

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1 mean that that's our position.

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3           So maybe -- decision of the Federal  
4 Subsistence Board afterwards did not go with this --  
5 maybe -- maybe I want to hear some -- one of the Federal  
6 Subsistence Staff.

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8           MR. THOMPSON: (In Yup'ik) Okay, the  
9 reason why I point this out is if we do approve this with  
10 this section, there might be some little problems. You  
11 guys already approve it and so we don't have to discuss  
12 it so in order to make it clear, if you guys want to  
13 approve this -- the minutes, take this section to -- to  
14 our tomorrow's discussions.

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16           CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Mr. Berg.

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18           MR. BERG: Yeah, I think I can answer  
19 that question for the Council. You would only be  
20 approving that the minutes are correct as far as the last  
21 fall's meeting. So your discussion tomorrow on customary  
22 trade, you can take any action that the Council feels  
23 appropriate, irrelevant -- you're just approving that the  
24 minutes are accurate from last fall by approving these  
25 minutes. It has no bearing on the action you take  
26 tomorrow on customary trade.

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28           MR. THOMPSON: (In Yup'ik)

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30           CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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32           MR. THOMPSON: Okay. I just wanted to  
33 make sure that these words are recorded.

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35           INTERPRETER: Johnny wanted to make sure  
36 that everything is on tape.

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38           MR. McCANN: Mary.

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40           CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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42           MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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44           INTERPRETER: So this -- he feels that

45 this would not be approved before the public has had a  
46 chance to give any testimony. The people that subsist --  
47 the people that usually are subsistence are just a  
48 handful here so we need to have some more people.....

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50 MR. McCANN: We want really subsistence

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1 people first. (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: .....subsistence users have  
4 a chance to testify on this particular issue.

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6 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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8 INTERPRETER: So just before they left --  
9 I mean just before the meeting she mentioned -- she  
10 stated that this meeting will not be taken up on the  
11 issues that.....

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13 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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15 INTERPRETER: No action items will be  
16 taken up at this meeting tonight.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Hearing none. No  
19 comments. Further comments. (In Yup'ik)

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21 IN UNISON: Aye.

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23 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Those opposed say  
24 nay.

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26 (No opposing votes)

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28 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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30 INTERPRETER: Motion carries.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay, we're going to  
33 Item 11, is it, 11 -- Item (In Yup'ik).

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35 INTERPRETER: We're going to Item 11 now.

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37 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Is it Item 11, am I  
38 right? I think I'm right.

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40 MR. NICK: 11.

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42 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Office of  
43 Subsistence Management, briefing on -- you want to go  
44 into briefing now.

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MR. SAVAGE: What number is it?

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CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Page 3.

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MR. JENNINGS: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 Council members. For the record my name is Tim Jennings  
2 and I'm with the Office of Subsistence Management. The  
3 first briefing is regarding Council membership balance  
4 and this is found under Tab F, Pages 1 through 4. The  
5 purpose of my briefing is for informational purposes and  
6 it does not require any action at this time by the  
7 Council.

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9           Recently a letter was received from  
10 Deputy Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Steven Griles  
11 concerning membership balance on Regional Advisory  
12 Councils. And this is the first letter under Tab F,  
13 Pages 1 and 2. Tab F. And I believe a copy of this  
14 letter, with a transmittal letter from the Chair of the  
15 Federal Subsistence Board, Mitch Demientieff, was sent to  
16 all Council members recently.

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18           Mr. Griles, in his letter, requested that  
19 we review our procedures for recommending Council members  
20 to ensure that we are complying with the Federal Advisory  
21 Committee Act, it's also known as FACA regarding  
22 membership balance and representation of all affected  
23 user groups such as subsistence, sport, commercial,  
24 urban, rural, Native and non-Native on Regional Advisory  
25 Councils. And as I mentioned, a copy of this letter was  
26 sent to all Council members with a transmittal letter  
27 from Mitch Demientieff, the Chair, which is the letter on  
28 Page 3 and 4.

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30           In a larger context, nationwide, there is  
31 a review by the Department of Interior of all Federal  
32 Advisory Committee Acts, or Federal Advisory Committees  
33 nationwide.

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35           We realize that the letter from Mr.  
36 Griles may raise some concerns for you, however, we want  
37 to reassure you that we welcome this opportunity to  
38 review these administrative procedures and the processes  
39 for Council member appointments. As the Chair of the  
40 Federal Subsistence Board, Mr. Demientieff, mentioned in  
41 his transmittal letter to you, we believe we have a solid  
42 record and that we are complying with the spirit and  
43 intent of ANILCA and FACA.

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45           A committee of the Federal Subsistence  
46 Board members or their designees has been established by  
47 the Chair to undertake a review of the nominations  
48 process including the membership selection process. And  
49 the guiding principles of this committee includes the  
50 following. Number 1, the committee wants to keep

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1 subsistence management and the goals of ANILCA, Title  
2 VIII as the primary focus in our procedures to ensure  
3 membership balance on the Councils is in accordance with  
4 the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

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6           Number 2, we want to promote selection of  
7 Council members among those who will work constructively  
8 to uphold the ANILCA Title VIII mandate.

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10           Number 3, we recognize that there are  
11 several interests that are directly affected by the  
12 Federal Subsistence program and that these interests  
13 should be provided an opportunity to be directly involved  
14 in the Subsistence Management program.

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16           The committee will provide  
17 recommendations back to the full Federal Subsistence  
18 Board and, after review by the Board, then  
19 recommendations from the Board will be forwarded back to  
20 the Deputy Secretary Griles. And we will keep you and  
21 all Councils informed of this review process as it  
22 proceeds.

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24           And Madame Chair, that concludes my  
25 briefing.

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27           CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Do you have any  
28 questions of Mr. Jennings? (In Yup'ik)

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30           INTERPRETER: Remember we got a letter  
31 from Mitch Demientieff in -- regarding those that are on  
32 the Board, Subsistence Advisory Council. She's  
33 translating the letter that was by Mr. Jennings from  
34 Mitch.....

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36           CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: So that's where the  
37 letter stands right now?

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39           MR. JENNINGS: Yes, Madame Chair. The  
40 committee is making a review of the process and will make  
41 recommendations to the Federal Subsistence Board in the  
42 near future and then the Board will, in turn, review  
43 those review those recommendations and.....

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45 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: The Subsistence  
46 Board.

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48 MR. JENNINGS: The Federal Subsistence  
49 Board. And then will send any changes that they may  
50 recommend to Deputy Secretary Griles.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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5 MR. A. NICK: Madame Chair.

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7 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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9 MR. A. NICK: What I'd like to say is  
10 that we have two new members, maybe we could advise them  
11 that they could also ask questions or make comments.

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13 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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15 MR. A. NICK: Or ask questions. You're  
16 on board.

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18 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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20 MR. NICK: Madame Chair.

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22 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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24 MR. NICK: I don't want to take up too  
25 much time but when I got the letter from Mitch  
26 Demientieff regarding Deputy Griles letter I could only  
27 think of the State not appealing Katie John and I wonder  
28 if there's -- this was one way that the non-subsistence  
29 users, you know, getting into a subsistence fight in a  
30 different -- from a different direction. And then down  
31 the road we can't -- we can't foresee what the commission  
32 -- or the committee is going to recommend to the Federal  
33 Subsistence Board but if they do follow the letter of Mr.  
34 Griles and allow sportfishing interests, commercial  
35 fishing interests along with all other special interest  
36 fishing groups into our committee of the subsistence  
37 process and it -- you know, things could be different.  
38 To me, it seems like it's -- they're going to be  
39 different down the road. It will become political.

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41 Our efforts for unilateral, you know,  
42 unequivocal efforts for the subsistence priority  
43 following the letter of ANILCA Title VIII will be  
44 compromised if any other formation of a committee system --

45 set up that includes sportfishing, commercial and  
46 others.

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48 That's my comment.

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50 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Thank you, Mr. Nick.

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: Any other comments.

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5 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: He's translating what he  
8 said earlier it seems.

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10 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik) Fish Board has  
11 different members, you know, commercial, sports and then  
12 subsistence. Hopefully subsistence priority for  
13 subsistence given people but we know the history of that  
14 Board. So (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: Robert worried a little bit  
17 because the direction of the Katie John decision be  
18 altered the other way.

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20 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: And Mary also is stating  
23 she's allowed to be able to make a recommendation or  
24 statement. She's -- she's talking about the Katie John  
25 lawsuit. The Subsistence Board's committee needs to be  
26 advised from the elders on the Council here what they  
27 feel about having the sporter's groups or commercial  
28 fishermen groups to be sitting on the Subsistence  
29 Advisory Councils.

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31 MR. McCANN: I don't agree with that  
32 letter that you guys read. Because I look at the --  
33 we're talking about subsistence, first priority. We are  
34 subsistence people, we're not sports people. We're not  
35 commercial people. We're looking at what are we going to  
36 eat, what are you going to catch to -- food -- our food.  
37 So I don't think that -- the reason why I don't agree  
38 with -- we'll talk about it tomorrow anyway.

39

40 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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42 MR. McCANN: Strongly. Let's point it  
43 out tomorrow. Take time tomorrow, even if it's longer,  
44 take time to get it correctly. We will get the answer

45 from the people, the subsistence people. But I don't see  
46 it here today. They're out in villages. If we don't get  
47 it tomorrow, we'll give it to AVCP, then there'll be lots  
48 of people there, subsistence people to prove that and we  
49 give it to them. Because I don't agree. The reason why  
50 I don't agree with it, commercial, sports, they don't

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1 meet together, to me, they're different outfits. One is  
2 just playing out -- playing with the fish, one is to sell  
3 the fish, that's why I don't agree with it.

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5 Subsistence people is subsistence people.  
6 To catch to eat -- to eat, not selling it, not sports.  
7 That's why I don't agree with it. We'll talk about it  
8 tomorrow strongly.

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10 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Thank  
11 you.

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13 MR. NICK: The time line, when do you  
14 think the committee is going to approach the Federal --  
15 is there any time lines to meet or.....

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17 MR. JENNINGS: Madame Chair, Mr. Nick,  
18 there's no specific time frames that the Board set for  
19 the committee to accomplish their work. I have been  
20 sitting in on those committee meetings. I think the  
21 committee is nearing some recommendations back to the  
22 Board in the next several weeks. So I think the Board  
23 will have something to evaluate within the next several  
24 weeks.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Do you have any  
27 predictions?

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29 MR. JENNINGS: Not any closer than that.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 MR. JENNINGS: No predictions.

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35 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Mr. Sam.

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37 MR. SAM: I don't really think it will  
38 affect YK-Delta, Western Interior or the northern  
39 districts. It has already affected Eastern Interior,  
40 Southcentral and it will hit all the road systems where  
41 you have all those commercial and sportfishing interests  
42 there with a strong voice. I don't see it really hurting  
43 YK-Delta or Western Interior and the northern districts.  
44 Because it's area specific that they're going to direct

45 it at, your own area and nobody else's, you know. So  
46 we're not with the road system so I don't worry about it  
47 at all at this time.

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49           We did write a letter, I've got a copy of  
50 it, one of our members did and we'll go ahead and -- I'll

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1 go ahead and have it copied for tomorrow's meeting.

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3 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Thank you, Mr. Sam.

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5 MR. SAM: I don't think it will affect

6 us. I'm not that worried about it.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Thank you, Mr.

9 Jennings.

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11 MR. SAVAGE: I don't quite agree with

12 that. The reason why is we have sportfishing around in

13 this area, too, that will also affect the subsistence

14 users and that's something we really got to watch.

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16 MR. SAM: Okay.

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18 MR. SAVAGE: In my area, you know, that's

19 something that I pretty much keep an eye on.

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21 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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23 INTERPRETER: Tomorrow when they -- when

24 they get to agenda they will bring it back up then.

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26 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Statewide rural

27 determination. Thank you. Ron.

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29 MR. RIVARD: Good evening Madame Chair

30 and other Council members, my name is Don Rivard.

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32 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Don.

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34 MR. RIVARD: I am a member of the Staff  
35 of the Office of Subsistence Management in Anchorage. If

36 you'll turn to Tab F, Page 5 you'll see a write up there

37 no the statewide rural determination methodology

38 contract. And I've got an update no what's written in

39 the book that I'll present to you tonight. This is for

40 the Council's information only. There is no action

41 required by the Council at this time.

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43 The current rural determination

44 methodology was developed by the Federal Subsistence

45 Board with public input in 1991. The initial rural and  
46 non-rural determinations implementing the Federal  
47 Subsistence Management program were based on this  
48 methodology. Some concerns regarding this Board approved  
49 methodology was raised initially and continued with the  
50 Board's out of cycle rural determination in 2000 and

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1 their subsequent reconsideration in 2001 for the Kenai  
2 Peninsula.

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4           The Board reviews all rural and non-rural  
5 determinations every 10 years per the implementing  
6 regulations of ANILCA. In anticipation of the next 10-  
7 year statewide review and to evaluate the concerns raised  
8 regarding the current methodology, the Board directed our  
9 office, the Office of Subsistence Management to contract  
10 an independent third party with familiarity of Title VIII  
11 of ANILCA and rural and social economic issues in Alaska.  
12 In September 2001, the Office of Subsistence Management  
13 awarded a competitively bid contract to the University of  
14 Alaska-Anchorage, the Institute of Social and Economic  
15 Research, also known as ISER. The contract is proceeding  
16 according to schedule with completion expected in June  
17 2002.

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19           There's been two phases of this contract  
20 that have already been completed. One of them is a  
21 comprehensive review of the existing literature. And  
22 just recently ISER completed a series of focus groups.  
23 There were eight of them altogether and these focus  
24 groups were used to solicit and record the perceptions of  
25 the participants regarding what distinguishes rural and  
26 non-rural communities for Federal subsistence priority.

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28           The eight meetings took place in Deering  
29 on January 18th. Kotzebue on January 21st. Copper  
30 Center on February 4th. Kenai City on February 7th.  
31 Soldotna on February 8th. Ketchikan on February 11th.  
32 Saxman on February 12th. And Fairbanks on February 15th.

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34           The average number of participants in  
35 these focus groups was eight with Regional Advisory  
36 Council members who were nominated by their Chairs  
37 participating in most of these groups. So I'm not sure  
38 if there was -- was there anybody from this Council that  
39 participated -- no, okay.

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41           The representation was diverse in these  
42 focus groups in addition to the Council members. Other  
43 participants included other long-term Alaskan residents,  
44 local business people, tribal officials, dipnetter,

45 recreational hunters, anglers, teachers and former ADF&G  
46 Fish and Game Advisory Committee members all with a lot  
47 of experience with Alaska subsistence and rural issues.

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49           Now, all Regional Advisory Councils will  
50 have the opportunity to review the proposed methodologies

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1 during your next regularly scheduled fall meeting and  
2 you'll be able to provide your comments at that time. So  
3 we'll present that to you and you'll be able to comment  
4 on them.

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6 The Federal Subsistence Board will  
7 consider the methodologies with your Regional Advisory  
8 Council representatives. There are two Council  
9 representatives, Gerald Nicholia and Dan O'Hara that will  
10 be sitting in on these deliberations. And that was  
11 something that the Chairs, they voted to have a couple of  
12 Chairs sit in with the Board whenever this topic comes  
13 up.

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15 The Board is expected to take one of  
16 three actions in late 2002. Either adopt a new  
17 methodology, modify the existing one or reaffirm the  
18 existing methodology. U.S. census 2000 data and other  
19 criteria will then be applied to this methodology,  
20 whichever one the Board approves. Regional Advisory  
21 Council recommendations and Board decision-making for the  
22 statewide rural/non-rural determinations are expected in  
23 2003.

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25 And that concludes my briefing on this  
26 topic.

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28 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Any questions for  
29 Mr. Rivard?

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31 MR. NICK: I have one quick question.  
32 Like I said I don't want to belabor the time of our  
33 meeting but as I recall, the Federal Subsistence Board  
34 made a rural determination for Kenai and then they  
35 changed it again, do you have any brief explanation of  
36 what happened?

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MR. NICK: They said they were rural  
41 first and then they said they were non-rural. Can they  
42 do that, you know, prior to a 10 -- the 10-year process.

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44 MR. JENNINGS: Madame Chair, Mr. Nick.

45 The Federal Subsistence Board took up the Kenai Peninsula  
46 rural determination/non-rural determination in what they  
47 called an out of cycle review. Normally they would  
48 review, as Don mentioned in his briefing, once every 10  
49 years. But there can be requests to the Board to do an  
50 out of cycle review. A petition was made to do it out of

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1 cycle and the Board accepted the petition and indeed in  
2 1999 -- or excuse me, 2000 -- May of 2000 changed the  
3 determination on the Kenai such that they found the  
4 entire Kenai to be rural.

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6 Previously, from 1991 to 1999/2000 there  
7 were three non-rural areas on the Kenai Peninsula. There  
8 was the Kenai/Soldotna area, the Seward area and the  
9 Homer area.

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11 After the Board made the rural  
12 determination in 2000 that the entire Kenai was rural,  
13 there's an administrative appeal process called the  
14 request for reconsideration on a Board action and one was  
15 filed by several entities and the Board reconsidered its  
16 decision on this administrative appeal process, and a  
17 year later -- it was last June of 2001, the Board's vote  
18 switched. In both cases the Board was split. On the  
19 first vote and it was also split on the second vote. But  
20 the vote did change and the rural determinations on the  
21 Kenai went back to the previous arrangement where there  
22 are three non-rural areas again. Kenai/Soldotna, Homer  
23 area, Seward area.

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25 The Kenai will come up again with the  
26 statewide review in 2002/2003.

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28 Does that address your question, Mr. Nick?

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30 MR. NICK: Yes, it does. But there was  
31 some mention on the 2000 census data, by bringing that  
32 into factor then bigger towns like Bethel, Kotzebue could  
33 potentially be non-rural in 2003?

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35 MR. JENNINGS: At this time I don't want  
36 to speculate in terms of what the Board might do with  
37 rural determinations. It will be -- it will depend upon  
38 the methodology, which Don indicated is under review.

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40 MR. NICK: Right. Right.

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42 MR. JENNINGS: That's the first step.  
43 Any revisions to the methodology will be reviewed by the  
44 Councils and you will make recommendations to the Board,

45 first on the methodology. Once the Board approves a  
46 methodology, it could change the methodology or it could  
47 reaffirm the existing methodology. Then in 2003, the  
48 Board will make the rural/non-rural determinations. And  
49 again, before doing that, the Board will look to the  
50 Councils for input on which areas would be rural versus

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1 non-rural.

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3 Does that address your question, Robert?

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5 MR. NICK: Yeah.

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7 MR. JENNINGS: Okay.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Okay, thank you, Mr.

10 Jennings.

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12 MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair, with your  
13 permission, the next topic is the Federal/State  
14 coordination. This is Don Rivard again. And that's also  
15 found under Tab F, starting with Page 7.

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17 This is a briefing that's intended to  
18 update you on the status of the working relations between  
19 the Federal and State agencies relative to Federal  
20 Subsistence management. And again, this briefing is just  
21 for our information only, there is no action that is  
22 required of the Council at this time.

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24 I would like to emphasize the following  
25 points particularly for the benefit of new Council  
26 members. The interim Federal/State Memorandum of  
27 Agreement was signed -- or excuse me, was agreed to in  
28 April 2000 by the Commissioner of the ADF&G, the Chair of  
29 the Alaska Board of Fisheries, the Chair of the Alaska  
30 Board of Game, the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and  
31 Wildlife Service, the Regional Forester of the USDA  
32 Forest Service, the Associate Regional Director for the  
33 National Park Service, the State Director of the Bureau  
34 of Land Management, the Area Director for the Bureau of  
35 Indian Affairs and the Chairman of the Federal  
36 Subsistence Board. These individuals are referred to as  
37 the MOA or Memorandum of Agreement signatories.

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39 The purpose of the memorandum of  
40 agreement is to establish guidelines for coordination  
41 between the Federal agencies and the ADF&G in managing  
42 subsistence use of fish and wildlife resources on Federal  
43 public lands in Alaska.

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45           A MOA working group consisting of  
46 representatives of the five Federal agencies and the  
47 ADF&G Divisions of Sportfish, Commfish, commercial fish,  
48 Subsistence, Board support and Wildlife Conservation have  
49 been meeting to develop a certain number of protocols  
50 which describe how the agencies will work together to

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1 accomplish their common goals. The following is a list  
2 of six protocols and their current status that have been  
3 identified as important for this coordination process.

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5           The first one is entitled subsistence  
6 management information sharing and there's been a final  
7 draft completed that's ready for signatures. There's  
8 also a Yukon River protocol and there's a final draft  
9 that's been completed and also ready for signatures. And  
10 Rod Simmons, who's here from the Inter-Agency Staff  
11 Committee will give you more of an update and more of an  
12 in-depth briefing on that tomorrow as part of some of the  
13 in-season fisheries management briefings that go on  
14 tomorrow. There's also a regulatory coordination  
15 protocol being established. The committees have been  
16 established for that and this one is scheduled for  
17 completion in late 2003. The fisheries regulatory  
18 management planning and the MOA working group is in the  
19 process of drafting the charge for that one. In other  
20 words, just what are they going to plan on doing with  
21 that. And then there's also a statewide in-season  
22 subsistence fisheries management protocol and the MOA  
23 working group is in the process of drafting the charge  
24 for that as well. And the sixth protocol is subsistence  
25 use amounts. There was a first meeting that was held on  
26 February 7th, 2002.

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28           Council members.....

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30           MR. JENNINGS: I've got a summary of  
31 that.

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33           MR. RIVARD: You got a summary of that,  
34 okay.

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36           MR. JENNINGS: Of that meeting.

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38           MR. RIVARD: Okay, there's a summary.

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40           CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: All right.

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42           MR. RIVARD: Council members are an  
43 important part of this protocol development process and  
44 continued Council participation is encouraged. I believe

45 there is at least one Council member that's in on each  
46 one of these protocols here.

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48           The Office of Subsistence Management has  
49 provided additional funds to the State in 2002 for  
50 liaison and Staff support to enhance coordination and

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1 cooperation between the State and Federal agencies.

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3 Madame Chairman, that concludes this  
4 briefing and I have not been a party to these. I'm  
5 presenting this -- I'll try to answer any questions you  
6 may have or may call on somebody else for help. Thank  
7 you.

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9 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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11 INTERPRETER: She's just saying what the  
12 Board needs to do. She's explaining how the Federal and  
13 State will work together.

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15 MR. NICK: Last year, correct me if I'm  
16 incorrect, sometime about March or April there was a  
17 meeting, kind of planning for the summer, especially for  
18 the coordinating protocols which gave kind of a forecast  
19 of what the run was going to be, give some parameters for  
20 the working groups -- for the coordinating committees.

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22 MR. RIVARD: Coordinating Fisheries  
23 Committee.

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25 MR. NICK: Coordinating Fisheries  
26 Committees, the Kuskokwim salmon management working group  
27 on the Kuskokwim and then the Yukon group, we met -- John  
28 (In Yup'ik), we met in April last year?

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30 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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32 MR. NICK: It was helpful for me during  
33 the summer, you know because I had an idea of what the  
34 train of thoughts of what the Federal managers was as far  
35 as the special actions and possible special actions that  
36 we could request and then the emergency orders by the  
37 State managers. Are they going to be planning any pre-  
38 season plan -- pre-season -- those two protocols?

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40 MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair, Mr. Nick,  
41 there are a couple of meetings in the work right now to  
42 go over some of that. Besides the briefings that you'll  
43 get at this meeting within the next couple of days by  
44 both the State and Federal in-season managers on their

45 outlook and what they see coming up, talking with Mr. Art  
46 Lake today, before the meeting there, AVCP is calling for  
47 a meeting on March 15th, getting the in-season managers  
48 together and I imagine Mr. Lake will address that at some  
49 point. And then the YRDFFA annual meeting is being held  
50 the last week of March in Nenana. And it's also the

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1 Coordinating Fisheries Committee members are going to be  
2 attending that. And I know that the Federal in-season  
3 managers on the Yukon would like to meet with the CFC  
4 members at that time as well to get their input and to  
5 talk with them about other issues as well.

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7 Does that.....

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9 MR. NICK: Thank you. Madame Chair.

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11 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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13 MR. NICK: Last October, the State  
14 managers, Charley Burkey gave a -- kind of a wrap-up of  
15 the summer and then they provided that -- he provided that  
16 information to the Kuskokwim working group which is part  
17 of one of the protocols of in-season management. But  
18 that was October, you know, that he gave numbers. But we  
19 know that they've been fishing out there in the Bering  
20 Sea all winter and around Kodiak and I presume the salmon  
21 that were on the Kuskokwim and Yukon last summer. So I  
22 assume that that dialogue is from time to time exchanged  
23 between the Federal managers and State managers and  
24 what's happening this winter as far as harvest?

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26 MR. RIVARD: I would have to defer to  
27 some of the in-season managers on that question. I'm not  
28 sure how often they're speaking. Maybe Mike Rearden  
29 could -- for the Kuskokwim could address that.

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31 MR. NICK: Or they could probably.....

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33 MR. RIVARD: Or Ray Hander.

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35 MR. NICK: .....discuss that at that  
36 March 15th meeting which we could attend, some of us  
37 could attend.

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39 MR. RIVARD: And the in-season managers  
40 will be here to give a briefing within the next couple  
41 days here for this Council as well.

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43 MR. NICK: So my question may be  
44 premature.

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CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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INTERPRETER: Thank you.

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MR. RIVARD: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Quarter to 10:00 --  
2 to 9:00 (In Yup'ik)

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4 INTERPRETER: It's a quarter to 9:00 now,  
5 her target was to have this meeting go on until 9:00  
6 o'clock.

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8 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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10 MR. THOMPSON: Yeah.

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12 MR. NICK: Tomorrow morning.

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14 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: Tomorrow morning.  
15 (In Yup'ik)

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17 It'd like to thank everybody for coming.  
18 We will conclude our meeting for this evening now and  
19 tomorrow we're not meeting at 8:00 o'clock because they  
20 serve children breakfast here in the school in the gym  
21 until 8:30. So we figure that having to set up first  
22 that a 9:00 o'clock meeting would be more appropriate.

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24 (In Yup'ik)

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26 INTERPRETER: She's translating herself  
27 now. Action items will be taken up tomorrow morning.  
28 Mr. Thompson.

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30 MR. THOMPSON: Just before I left I saw  
31 Harry, he came up from.....

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33 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: The hospital.

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35 MR. THOMPSON: .....from the clinic and  
36 he sure wanted to come over tonight but, you know, he's  
37 been using so much chemical and I told him you better  
38 stay there where there's doctors, come tomorrow.

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40 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Mr.  
41 Andrew.

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43 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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45 INTERPRETER: Come morning we would be  
46 better to function -- better -- better in the functioning  
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49 CHAIRWOMAN GREGORY: We will now recess  
50 until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning and we'll meet at the

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3 (PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONTINUED)

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