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October 6, 2006

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- Harry Wilde, Sr., Chairman
- Bob Aloysius
- William Brown
- James Charles
- Edgar Hoelscher
- Beverly Hoffman
- Joseph Mike, Sr.
- Phillip Moses
- Raymond Oney
- Greg Roczicka
- Lester Wilde, Sr.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Bethel, Alaska - 10/6/2006)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Good morning. We will  
8 start out with subsistence wild issue. On your agenda  
9 item A, WP06-30, public education plan update, Yukon-  
10 Kuskokwim Delta, Mike Rearden.

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12 MS. HOFFMAN: As Mike walks up here, he's  
13 corrected me on my math. 42 square miles is the size of  
14 Bethel, not from here to Akiak. Thank you, Mike.

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16 MR. REARDEN: You're welcome, Bev.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 INTERPRETER: Be nice to Mike.

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22 (Laughter)

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24 MR. REARDEN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman  
25 and Council. Thanks for the opportunity to talk to you  
26 again.

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28 This is an issue that you already  
29 discussed at your spring meeting down in Emmonak last  
30 year. It's the proposal that was submitted to open the  
31 portions of Unit 18 along the Yukon to hunters other than  
32 those that reside in Unit 18.

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34 The reason you're seeing it again, even  
35 though you opposed it at the last meeting that you had in  
36 Emmonak, was that it went to the Federal Subsistence  
37 Board, and they deferred it and asked that we at the  
38 refuge have some public meetings along the Yukon to talk  
39 about the issue before they made their final decision.  
40 So we have agreed to have those public meetings. And my  
41 intention right now is to probably have a couple major  
42 meetings. Maybe one in Emmonak and maybe one in St.  
43 Mary's or Mountain Village, somewhere in that area. And  
44 then the RITs will be working along the Yukon and going  
45 to all of the villages and also can have public meetings  
46 in those villages and get the comments from people that  
47 live in those areas as well.

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49 I've worked up with the help of the  
50 subsistence folks in Anchorage a PowerPoint presentation

1 that we're going to use when we go to the villages.

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3                   And one thing to remember is the decision  
4 ultimately is made by the Federal Subsistence Board.  
5 It's not my decision. What I'm going to give you here  
6 are some of the facts of the issue that we're talking  
7 about. Probably no need to tell me all of your concerns  
8 about it, because I know what they are. I've heard them.  
9 In fact I'll give you a little inside information. I was  
10 up at 6:00 drinking coffee with my wife who is from  
11 Kotlik, and got an earful for an hour from the Lower  
12 Yukon perspective. So I've already started out my  
13 morning having these discussions. So I think your  
14 concerns have already been conveyed to the Federal  
15 Subsistence Board, and I think they took them into  
16 consideration, and that's why they just didn't make an  
17 immediate action on this thing. They wanted more public  
18 input and more time to think about it.

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20                   So this is what we are going to provide  
21 to the villages when we go out there. Okay.

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23                   Currently in Unit 18 the Federal public  
24 lands in Unit 18 are closed to the hunting of moose  
25 except by Federally-qualified rural Alaska residents  
26 hunting under these regulations. And so, of course,  
27 along the Kuskokwim right now it's entirely closed.  
28 We've got a moratorium going on just like the Lower Yukon  
29 did. So there's a large area right here that is closed.  
30 But the remainder of the area where moose hunting is open  
31 is only open to people who live in Unit 18.

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33                   This is the area we're talking about,  
34 that's Unit 18, and most of you are familiar with that.  
35 And you can see the boundary up there that Bob Aloysius  
36 likes that goes between Lower Kalskag and Paimiut over  
37 there. And of course, it goes up all the way to the  
38 north there and comes out just near Pastolik, near  
39 Kotlik, and then all the way down to the south just near  
40 Quinhagak, and that area down south of that.

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42                   And so we're only talking about in this  
43 case opening up the area other than what's closed along  
44 Unit 18, along the Kuskokwim.

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46                   Now, the criteria, the rules that the  
47 Federal Subsistence Board has to deal with, this is the  
48 exact quote that comes out of the legislation or the  
49 regulations that they have to use. Where restriction on  
50 the taking of fish and wildlife for non-subsistence uses

1 on the Federal lands is necessary for the conservation of  
2 healthy populations of fish and wildlife, and to provide  
3 opportunity for qualified users. Those are the rules  
4 that they have to go by when they decide if there are  
5 going to be restrictions or not. And currently we have  
6 a restriction.

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8                   In 1991 this Unit 18 closure was  
9 established, because we didn't have very many moose in  
10 the area and we wanted to make sure if there was an open  
11 season that the local people were the ones that were  
12 hunting them. And as most of you know, between the fall  
13 of 1988 and the fall of 1993, there was no moose hunting  
14 on the Lower Yukon River. That was the area of the  
15 moratorium, and that was a cooperative moratorium, and it  
16 was achieved by the local people down there, and it was  
17 broad public cooperation on that. That was a -- it was  
18 a real turn about from the local people down there on the  
19 lower river that closed that area.

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21                   We have three census areas that we count  
22 periodically, where we go in and count the moose. And  
23 the area from Mountain Village to the Yukon mouth, and  
24 I'm going to follow this with a map showing you exactly  
25 where that census area is, this is the area where we had  
26 the moratorium.

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28                   And since 2002, there has been a 27  
29 percent increase every year. That means that if you  
30 started out with 100 moose, that turns into 127 the next  
31 year. So we've got a very rapidly expanding population  
32 of moose. In fact, it is probably the most rapidly  
33 expanding population of moose in the State of Alaska.  
34 And by 2005 the population had grown to 1700. We had 86  
35 calves for every 100 cow moose. That's a lot of calves  
36 for every 100 cow moose. And then in 2005 there were 92  
37 calves. That's a result of almost all those cows having  
38 twins, and the survival was incredible. I mean, in a lot  
39 of areas in the state, by the time we count these, bears,  
40 wolves, and other natural processes would have eliminated  
41 a good portion of the calves. But in this case a lot of  
42 them are surviving. Currently the number on the Lower  
43 Yukon is probably, because we haven't counted them for a  
44 little while, and so we haven't figured in the percentage  
45 of increase every year, we probably have close to 2500  
46 moose in the area below Mountain Village.

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48                   And that census area 1 is that one up in  
49 the corner up there. It goes from near Kotlik down to  
50 Cape Romanzof, and Alakanuk, Emmonak, and NunamIqua, and

1 those areas there, and all the way up to Mountain  
2 Village. That's the area that we suspect right now has  
3 about 2500 moose.

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5 Then we have census area 2, and that's  
6 the Andreadfsky River, and it's a portion of this area  
7 we're considering also, roughly the area from Pilot to  
8 Mountain and it includes the Andreadfsky River drainage.  
9 Increased from 52 moose in 1995 to 418 in 2002, and you  
10 can presume since 2002 that there's been significant  
11 increases in that as well.

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13 This shows the census area 2. It's that  
14 area along the -- you can see where the lines are. It  
15 kind of demarcates between St. Mary's -- or Mountain  
16 Village and Pilot and then up the Andreadfsky River.

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18 Then there's census area 3. That's the  
19 area along the Yukon River from Pilot Station to Paimiut,  
20 and it's also a portion of this area that we're looking  
21 at. And it increased from 994 in 1992 to 2,382 in 2002.  
22 And that's that area you see that kind of remains out of  
23 the boundaries of the area 1 and 2.

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25 This proposal, 06-30 was submitted to the  
26 Federal Subsistence Board in 2005, and it requested  
27 simply elimination of the Federal closure in Unit 18  
28 remainder. Now, just to make it real clear, this is only  
29 for Federal lands. Currently on non-Federal lands, lands  
30 that are managed by the State of Alaska, which includes  
31 all corporation lands, private lands, State lands,  
32 anything that is not Federal lands, currently is open, if  
33 people area allowed to hunt there, is open to anybody.  
34 Even non-residents can hunt there. On Federal land, on  
35 residents of Unit 18 can hunt in there right now. And  
36 this would only affect the September 1 to 30 moose  
37 season. This is not for the winter moose season. It's  
38 just for the fall season.

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40 And his proposal was based on the moose  
41 population size, the data that I just gave you, and his  
42 conjecture is that the current moose population size no  
43 longer supports the need for regulatory closure in the  
44 Yukon River portion of the Unit 18 remainder. What he's  
45 saying is that it doesn't meet the standards that the  
46 Federal Subsistence Board needs in order to implement or  
47 maintain a closure.

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49 The Yukon River portion of Unit 18  
50 remainder can support additional harvest above and beyond

1 what is occurring now, so that's why the Federal Board  
2 deferred the action on the proposal to allow time for  
3 these public meetings that I told you we're going to  
4 have.

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6                   There are, as we talked earlier, a very  
7 high number of calves below Mountain Village, and that's  
8 why we implemented a calf season last winter in an  
9 attempt to try to reduce that population or slow the  
10 population growth a little bit.

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12                   Harvest on the Yukon has increased since  
13 the end of the moratorium on moose hunting, obviously.  
14 I mean, you've got a growing population, the  
15 opportunity's there, and people are hunting. And up  
16 until -- you might want to change this on the handout you  
17 have, because I made some changes, but the harvest was  
18 just over 200 moose a year and stable up until 2005.  
19 However, in 2005 just over 300 moose were killed. And  
20 this is the entire area from the mouth of the Yukon all  
21 the way up to Paimiut. A lot of the increase there was  
22 -- well, probably an increasing moose population was part  
23 of it, but we also had that winter moose season when we  
24 had real good snow conditions and a lot of moose were  
25 killed during that winter season.

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27                   When you look at the total numbers,  
28 minimally we could maintain a harvest of about 500 moose  
29 a year in that area. If you go from the mouth of the  
30 river to Paimiut, we could kill at least 500 and probably  
31 closer to 600 moose every year without decreasing the  
32 current population size.

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34                   The removal of this closure would allow  
35 hunting by other users from outside of Unit 18, such as  
36 residents of St. Michaels, Stebbins, Aniak, Holy Cross  
37 and any other Alaska resident. Any additional harvest  
38 is, you know, based on what we've seen out here, not  
39 expected to decrease the moose population size, because  
40 we've got that harvestable surplus of five to 600, and I  
41 would expect it to be a minor effect the first year at  
42 least until people start to realize that the area is  
43 open, and expected to have minimal effect on subsistence  
44 opportunity. We'll get that part in a minute.

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46                   Regulations are effective for just one  
47 year, so if problems begin to occur, either with the  
48 population or conflicts between users, then there's an  
49 opportunity to change those regulations. You guys meet  
50 twice a year and you have that opportunity to change

1 things.

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3                   And I have -- as the refuge manager here,  
4 I have the authority to restrict transporters and guides  
5 to protect resources and to avoid conflicts between  
6 users. Now, the other thing that maybe wasn't made clear  
7 in the meeting you had in the spring is that there are no  
8 guide use areas between the Kuskokwim and the Yukon.  
9 There are no guides operating in those areas right now.  
10 And I don't have any intention of opening guide areas.  
11 So if this were opened, it would not be open to guided  
12 hunts. It would be open to transporters. We issue  
13 permits to people to transport by boat and by airplane  
14 into areas.

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16                   And the other one is we continue to  
17 monitor the moose population. We'd love to count them  
18 every year, but we don't have the funds or the manpower  
19 to do it, but -- so we rotate these count areas and try  
20 to get to them on a regular basis. We've got to have the  
21 right snow conditions, weather conditions, pilots.  
22 Everything's got to line up. One of our priorities this  
23 year obviously is to count the number of animals that we  
24 have on the Kuskokwim to see what progress we're making  
25 in the moratorium area.

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27                   Just to kind of recap, private lands are  
28 currently open under State regulations on moose hunting.  
29 There are a lot of people that hunt between Russian  
30 Mission and Paimiut that are not from Unit 18, and most  
31 of them are hunting on native lands. Private land  
32 owners, village corporations and private allotment owners  
33 have the right, you guys own the land, can close your  
34 lands to hunting if you desire, or you can decide who you  
35 want to hunt on those lands.

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37                   So this does not -- I guess that's the  
38 end of my show. So this does not affect private lands at  
39 all. This is just looking at the Federal lands that are  
40 out there in Unit 18.

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42                   And I'm open for questions and comments  
43 if you want, or any ways you see that I can improve this  
44 thing, I'd like to know, because I'm going to take this  
45 out to the villages. And so if you see things that need  
46 to be put in there additional, I'd like to add them in  
47 there.

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49                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman Mike. The  
2 census area 3, how far south is the boundary on that? I  
3 noticed you had the boundary up on the northern part of  
4 the boundary itself, but how far south does that census  
5 area go? Is that all the way -- all the remainder of  
6 Unit 18 or.....

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8 MR. REARDEN: No. No, it's the Yukon  
9 portion. So it's only the (indiscernible, mic not on).

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11 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mike, your mic.

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13 MR. REARDEN: Mike's mic. Mr. Chairman.  
14 Bob. That -- I'm trying to find it on here so I have a  
15 picture. I think I see it here. It only -- it's the  
16 Yukon corridor, right, Phillip?

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18 MR. PERRY: That sounds right.

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20 MR. REARDEN: That census Unit 18, how  
21 far south does it go? This is Phillip Perry with Fish &  
22 Game. He conducts a lot of the surveys. And I believe  
23 that survey area is only in the Yukon portion of the --  
24 the count here is only the Yukon portion, correct? In  
25 Unit 3 up here? Bob wants to know how far south it goes.

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27 MR. PERRY: Yeah, it's basically just the  
28 Yukon River to, you know, the -- south to where the  
29 tundra starts. We don't count any moose south of that,  
30 kind of the riparian zone of the Yukon River, in that  
31 area.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: So you're just counting  
34 the moose from Paimiut down along the side of the river  
35 down to St. Mary's?

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37 MR. REARDEN: Yeah.

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39 MR. PERRY: Yeah. That count area goes  
40 from Paimiut, it probably extends about five or six miles  
41 south of the Yukon river.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, it's just kind  
44 of.....

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46 MR. PERRY: And it, yeah, it follows the  
47 Yukon River proper down to just below Marshall is where  
48 that count area stops. It's from just below Marshall up  
49 to the old village of Paimiut.

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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay. Thank you.  
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3 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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7 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
8 Mike, are anybody from your Staff or Rick going to be  
9 having public meetings in Chevak, Hooper, or Scammon?  
10 Because they do go up that area and hunt also.  
11  
12 MR. REARDEN: Yes. We may not get there,  
13 or I may not get there, although it wouldn't be a bad  
14 idea to try to get out in that area also, but where we  
15 don't get on these major meetings, the RITs will get to  
16 the villages and have this same PowerPoint and will be  
17 briefed on all these details as well, so they can bring  
18 back comments from the villages on that.  
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20 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chair.  
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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.  
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24 MR. L. WILDE: Mike, do you have an  
25 overhead on what part of that area that you're discussing  
26 is private land?  
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28 MR. REARDEN: I was hoping somebody would  
29 bring that up, because I saw that as -- what I would like  
30 to have is a map that shows all the Federal lands out  
31 there as well. And it's missing in this, and I apologize  
32 for that. Once I got through it, I realized that it's  
33 hard to know exactly which lands we're talking about  
34 here. But I will make a note of that, and that will be  
35 in the next program. That's one of the reasons I wanted  
36 to show it to you guys.  
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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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40 MS. HOFFMAN: Mike, in the area that  
41 you're talking about, you said that there were 300 moose  
42 killed in that area, and it could support 500? Or what  
43 was that statistic?  
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45 MR. REARDEN: Currently -- well, in 2005  
46 there 314, is that what it -- 314 moose were killed, and  
47 looking at the numbers of moose that are out there, we  
48 could kill minimally 500 moose and still keep the same  
49 level of population, because we'd be knocking the top off  
50 what the production is.

1 MS. HOFFMAN: And this is on the Federal  
2 lands that you're.....

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4 MR. REARDEN: That's on all lands.

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6 MS. HOFFMAN: All lands.

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8 MR. REARDEN: Yeah. And then the harvest  
9 here doesn't differentiate between Federal lands or  
10 private lands.

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12 MS. HOFFMAN: And what is your thought on  
13 this proposal that had come through. Do you feel that if  
14 it was opened up that -- one, I don't know that it would  
15 be -- it would take a long time for it to be well  
16 received, and because of the problems with say big game  
17 hunters and the problem that people have with that. You  
18 know, and a lot of people have such a hard time getting  
19 moose. Gas prices, whatever. And then you see, of  
20 course, these folks coming in. They sponsor Cabella and  
21 they come in and they hunt. Is there a thought of a  
22 workable solution with the fact that there are families  
23 and people with hardships? Has there been any proposal  
24 that maybe so many permits could be possibly issued, but  
25 the hunters not keep any meat, and the meat be  
26 distributed to villages at the cost of the hunter? I  
27 mean, is that -- you know, I'm just throwing how can this  
28 work to where it benefits people in this land and not  
29 some yahoo from somewhere.

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31 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Bev. You're  
32 exactly right. We need to find a solution that's going  
33 to -- the one that works the best. If the Federal  
34 Subsistence Board passes this, then we need to find how  
35 we're going to make it work.

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37 And one of the authorities that we've  
38 got, which we will use, is before we issue a permit, we  
39 do what we all an .810 determination to determine what  
40 effect this is going to have on subsistence activities.

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42 So my thinking on this and I want to wait  
43 until we get a lot of public input before I make any  
44 final decisions, but things that are going through my  
45 mind are if we allow -- if we give permits to  
46 transporters, it would only be to operate where  
47 subsistence hunters cannot go. So essentially that would  
48 mean they cannot operate on the rivers where people can  
49 get access by boat. It would limit them to lakes, and we  
50 might even close certain areas and make them off -- you

1 know, areas where they cannot go.

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3                   We all know what's going to happen. If  
4 you see a Beaver landing right in the middle of the Yukon  
5 and putting up camp on the shore right where a bunch of  
6 people are trying to hunt with boats, that's not going to  
7 work. It's just going to cause a lot of headaches for  
8 the hunters, all hunters, and me, too. So that's one of  
9 the things I've thought about doing.

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11                   We don't have any regulatory authority to  
12 tell people, well, if you shoot a moose here you have to  
13 leave it in the village. We can't do that. And frankly  
14 a lot of the people that come out to hunt enjoy the meat  
15 and take it home just like everybody else does. So I  
16 don't suspect that that's going to be part of the  
17 solution.

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19                   You know, this moose population is  
20 growing so fast, probably -- Phillip and I have spent a  
21 lot of time talking about this in the last few days.  
22 Probably our greatest concern is what can be done to slow  
23 the growth on this thing. When you see 27 percent growth  
24 on a moose population, you've got to -- it raises some  
25 concerns, because at some point -- just a rough estimate,  
26 we suspect that that Lower Yukon below Mountain Village  
27 can maybe sustain about 3,000 moose. I mean, that could  
28 live year round and it could maintain that kind of a  
29 population all the time. We're probably at about 2500  
30 right now. And with another breeding season, we're going  
31 to be over that. And if that population continues to  
32 increase like that, it's been shown in other areas, and  
33 it could happen here, that they're going to eventually  
34 eat all the food that's there and crash. You could lose  
35 the population. So at some point, the best thing you can  
36 do is start taking more animals, and that will kind of  
37 keep the population down, allow you to have animals for  
38 a lot longer period of time than just a short climb and  
39 then a crash.

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41                   We've been talking about, in the State  
42 process, of finding ways to even provide more opportunity  
43 for Lower Yukon people. One of the thoughts that we've  
44 talked about is a similar like they have up in Kotzebue  
45 area where it opens in the fall, it stays open until the  
46 end of March, and you can shoot one moose during that  
47 time, whether it's a cow, calf or bull. It wouldn't  
48 matter. Those are things we need to talk about, and  
49 obviously we're not going to do it in a vacuum. It's  
50 going to take some public meetings and some consideration

1 by the users out there, too. But we do need to sit and  
2 talk about that.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob, then Beverly.

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. Mike, one  
7 thing that really bothers me about having a guy coming  
8 from outside, and instruct them to take care of their  
9 moose and give it to a family. Well, sometimes not even  
10 the dogs will eat that meat, because of one condition or  
11 another, because most of the time the weather is such  
12 that whoever drops those people off can't pick them up  
13 for week sometimes. By then the meat is spoiled. And it  
14 gets -- it's a waste.

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16 And the other thing that -- you know,  
17 when the moose population was thriving up in Unit 19, we  
18 had almost four seasons. Or at least a cow season in  
19 October, another season in November, another season in  
20 February. And it worked out really well for the people  
21 who really need the meat. Because you don't have access  
22 all the time to one season, and it's very restricting to  
23 have a 20-day season in one year, and then -- and 90  
24 percent of the people don't get the meat that they need.  
25 But if you spread it out and, you know, have -- you know,  
26 figure it out of where you can have access to those moose  
27 on a longer basis and more frequent basis.

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29 And the other solution to the growing  
30 population of moose is to have a cow season. You know,  
31 cows taste just as good or even better than bulls.

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33 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. In response,  
34 Bob, I couldn't agree with you more. And that's why what  
35 we're bouncing around and we'll come to you folks with a  
36 proposal at some point, may just say between September 1  
37 and the end of March, you can shoot a moose. If it's a  
38 cow, a calf, a bull, it doesn't matter. When the  
39 population is at this size, you can do that.

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41 In the Kotzebue area, it's been like that  
42 for a very long time, and when I lived up there, what I  
43 noticed is that it really spread out the harvest. Some  
44 people like to go out on a snow machine and get it. It's  
45 easier and the meat's clean. And some people would get  
46 them in the fall. Shoot a cow a winter. It's just fine.

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49 So I think you're right. And it provides  
50 a longer opportunity period for people so that they can

1 get the meat they need.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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5 MS. HOFFMAN: I kind of agree with that  
6 idea, you know, rather than opening it up to just  
7 anybody.

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9 But the other thought -- to another  
10 thought I had was not only opening it up, but, you know,  
11 allowing villages to maybe get an extra permit for  
12 several hunters to hunt for people in that village, you  
13 know, that can't hunt or don't have the means of getting  
14 out to hunt. And I was going to say that kills two birds  
15 with one stone, but maybe two moose with, you know, one  
16 opportunity.

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18 One, you know, there's the history of  
19 providing, people providing for other people, and I think  
20 that communities in this region, in this unit would jump  
21 at the opportunity, and it would create a good feeling I  
22 would think if people -- I mean, it would have to be  
23 regulated and specified who these people are so just --  
24 it would prevent just anybody from going out and hunting,  
25 but you would be a designated hunter for your.....

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27 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Proxy hunter.

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29 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah. Yeah.

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31 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. In response,  
32 Bev, we have a designated hunter system already that  
33 allows that. And the State also has it. And it's used  
34 on a regular basis. Elderly people and disabled people  
35 can give their permits to another hunt who can to out and  
36 get an animal.

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38 MS. HOFFMAN: But that doesn't take care  
39 of it? I mean.....

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41 MR. REARDEN: It doesn't take care of  
42 which?

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44 MS. HOFFMAN: I mean take care of the too  
45 many moose? Are not enough people doing it?

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47 MR. REARDEN: Well, we're killing about  
48 300 moose right now. I think Lester might have an answer  
49 to that.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah. I think one of the  
2 reasons that that's -- and the villages don't know this,  
3 you know, that you can get a proxy hunter to go out  
4 hunting for you. And I've seen it done in other areas,  
5 and it seems to work real well. I think if -- before we  
6 do anything, that's one thing that -- an idea that we  
7 should go out to our villages within our area and let  
8 them know that there is that probability that people can  
9 go out and do proxy hunting, because there's a lot of  
10 people in my village of Hooper Bay that would be more  
11 than happy to go out and hunt for elderly people, but  
12 they only -- they get that one harvest ticket and that's  
13 all they think that they are allowed to get is just that  
14 one bull moose. But if it was let known that the elders  
15 and people who are unable to go out because of lack of  
16 equipment to do so can do that, then I'm sure that you're  
17 going to see a lot more moose being taken.

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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob, then James.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: One of the (indiscernible,  
24 mic not on) in the regulations for -- oh. One of the  
25 benefits of getting old, one of the regulations is, when  
26 you have a lot of nephews who are always eager to go  
27 hunting, they say, Bob, he -- or Upa (ph), can I go proxy  
28 hunting for you? Have at it. And I tell them, well, we  
29 have to follow all these things. They say, okay, give me  
30 your paper and this, that and the other and then they'll  
31 still it in their pocket and they go. And I think it's  
32 just that they feel a lot better about helping someone  
33 who can't go out. And even though I go out there, and I  
34 go with them, but I don't go, you know, doing the actual  
35 hunting. Just to be there when they get something, and  
36 then help them butcher it and bring it home. But the  
37 actual hunting is something that they really -- you know,  
38 they feel so good that they're able to help somebody, and  
39 they're -- and if you look at the reg in there, it's not  
40 only restricted to old people, you know.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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44 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
45 I did not know of moose management in 21(A) when I first  
46 started hunting up there a long time ago. And I -- when  
47 I first start hunting moose in 21(A), we used to shoot  
48 cows or bulls. That was before bull only season. And  
49 nobody complain about population dropping down, but we  
50 shoot any moose we saw those days. And until recently I

1 start hearing population dropping in 21(A), and that cow  
2 moose season I think can work, too, to keep the  
3 population down. But like I said, I used to shoot cows  
4 only. Even if I see bull next to it, I shoot the cow.  
5 But that was legal those days in 21(A). Maybe 40 years  
6 ago or something like that I was saying though.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'll let him.....

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12 MS. GREGORY: Phillip.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Then Ray and.....

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16 MS. GREGORY: (Indiscernible)

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. (Affirmative).

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20 MR. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
21 thought I would just go over real quick. Under the State  
22 proxy system, and it's used by residents of Unit 18. I  
23 was going to bring up Bob's a person who's used it. Some  
24 villages use it quite often. Other villages, I don't  
25 know if I've ever signed a proxy permit. I know Russian  
26 Mission and Marshall, every year there's individuals that  
27 get proxy permits. Emmonak and St. Mary's.

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29 To qualify as a beneficiary under a proxy  
30 system, that person needs to be 65 years of age, or  
31 legally blind, or 70 percent disabled. So for most of  
32 the time when a proxy permit is requested, it's for an  
33 elder, for someone 65 or older. It allows a proxy  
34 hunter to hunt for that beneficiary, harvest an  
35 additional animal. Or in the case of caribou, it's an  
36 additional bag limit. So it's either -- you know, in  
37 past years it's been an additional five animals with  
38 caribou. So I thought I'd just give you a little bit  
39 more perspective on what's allowed with a proxy.

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41 There have been a few minor changes this  
42 last year that don't affect many Unit 18 residents. One  
43 of them is that a proxy hunter can only hunt for one  
44 beneficiary at a time, and another one is that for most  
45 of the hunts now the proxy has to destroy the trophy  
46 value of the animal that he harvests for the beneficiary.  
47 And that's -- there have been abuses of the proxy system  
48 in other parts of the State, so that's one of the things  
49 they've done. And by destroying trophy value, we  
50 basically mean cut the antlers off of a moose or at least

1 cut them away from the skull plate so that, you know,  
2 it's no longer a trophy. So I thought I'd clarify that.

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4 Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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8 MR. ONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm  
9 concerned about the -- you know, not doing aerial survey  
10 of the moose down in our area. As you know, we had a  
11 major flood this past spring, and it stayed like maybe  
12 three or four days, you know, after the ice break up,  
13 and, you know, I'm concerned about the mortality of the  
14 calves. And from what I've been told, and that the moose  
15 hunt in the Lower Yukon area wasn't as good as last year.  
16 You know, people had to -- you know had to come up into,  
17 you know, Marshall, up Paimiut area to get their moose.  
18 And, you know, I'd like to, you know, see -- you know, to  
19 continue that aerial survey, because, you know, like I  
20 said, you know, flooding, you know, occurs down in the  
21 Yukon area, you know, from time to time, and, you know,  
22 this past spring was, you know, a major flood, and, you  
23 know, it's going to happen again, I'm sure, flooding in  
24 the lower Yukon area, and if you're not out there  
25 counting the moose, then, you know, we don't know how  
26 many calves are being lost, you know, due to he flooding  
27 in the Lower Yukon.

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29 You know, we -- the moratorium, you know,  
30 we sacrificed a lot of time, you know, trying to build up  
31 that moose in our area, you know, in hopes, you know,  
32 that it would population, and we've seen it populate in  
33 he last few years, or last seven, eight years or so.  
34 And, you know, people go a long ways back hen to get  
35 their moose up in Paimiut area. And now that, you know,  
36 the price of gas, the cost of living is coming up, and,  
37 you know, I would like to see that aerial survey  
38 continue, because, you know, from time to time it's going  
39 to -- we'll see flooding in our area again I'm sure. So,  
40 I mean, just to have accurate records of, you know, the  
41 moose in our area, I think that needs to continue.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. In response,  
46 Raymond, I agree. I mean, like I said earlier, I'd love  
47 to do them every year if we could afford to, but we  
48 can't, and we've got other areas we've got to count. But  
49 we also recognize that flooding probably is a major  
50 factor in mortality of calves. I think it kills a bunch

1 of the calves in the spring. But with the number of  
2 calves that are being produced down there, it's probably  
3 not going to have a long term effect immediately. Now if  
4 you had floods every year for several years, then it  
5 certainly would. But before that happens, we're going to  
6 be back down there and count them again. So we certainly  
7 take that under advice, and recognize that is an issue to  
8 think about.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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12 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. Just a  
13 comment off the bat, I know there's a lot of other places  
14 in the State would love to have your problem. And I  
15 appreciate your comment as well on the record on the  
16 survivability, and the reasons other areas of the state  
17 are in the problem that they're in.

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19 Just on Bev's comment there, and other  
20 ways, there's an additional means that a lot of people  
21 aren't aware of as well. Under the State system, if any  
22 tribal council or organization within the village that  
23 would like to take on the administration of a hunt, you  
24 can create what's called a community harvest permit or a  
25 community hunt, and it was developed specifically for  
26 tribal organizations to accommodate one person -- the  
27 fact that one person in a village will often hunt for  
28 many people. He's the main provider, a good hunter, (In  
29 Native) to do that. And for anybody who wants to go  
30 through that process, you've got to put it forward to the  
31 Board and establish what your area is, but then it  
32 becomes the responsibility of a hunt administrator,  
33 whether it's your tribal administrator, or it doesn't  
34 even have to be a tribal organization, you know, your  
35 downtown country club guys could do it if they wanted to,  
36 and get together a group of 10 or 20 people and say that  
37 this is going to be your hunt area. And the people are  
38 not -- the actual hunter is not responsible for sending  
39 in the harvest ticket or anything like that. It all  
40 falls under one person. It can be done through the  
41 tribal organization or village council. And that might  
42 be something we might -- could possibly look at  
43 incorporating into the Federal system as well for a  
44 proposal here on down the line.

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46 A question I did have. You mentioned  
47 that you're anticipating not carrying capacity, but, you  
48 know, the elusive K factor, your optimum population,  
49 whatever it might be, around 3,000 without really  
50 stressing your habitat. And are you seeing any signs as

1 yet beginning there that we're looking at perhaps over-  
2 browsing and getting on the edge of over-population in  
3 some specific areas, grooming on the willows and so  
4 forth? Or excessive grooming?

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6 MR. REARDEN: Right. Mr. Chairman. We  
7 haven't even been down there to look. Phillip and I were  
8 talking yesterday and talking about getting somebody down  
9 there next season to go look at that. This population  
10 has expanded so rapidly that you know, it wasn't even a  
11 consideration. And you're right, I mean, this is an  
12 issue that we all wish for that we're talking about  
13 having so many moose we're trying to decide what to do  
14 with them. You think about 10 years ago, and it was a  
15 dream of everybody to have that kind of a situation. So  
16 anyway, that is something we need to look at and help  
17 determine. But it's kind of a back of the napkin  
18 consideration. We've got about 1100 square miles of  
19 habitat down there, and currently we're looking at  
20 probably two and a half moose per square mile. And so  
21 it's just looking at what you've got in other areas of  
22 the State and what's occurred and what your expectations  
23 are and basing it on that is where we're having some  
24 concerns about population size. But we have not done any  
25 on-the-ground look at that, but hopefully we will in the  
26 next year.

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28 MR. PERRY: And I'd like to add  
29 additionally, one of the other things we look for, Greg,  
30 is twinning rates and at least right now the twinning  
31 rates are still very high. We should see a drastic  
32 decrease in twinning rates before we see, you know, any  
33 sort of big turn around as far as productivity. So that  
34 lends me to think that we shouldn't be going out this  
35 winter and reducing moose numbers on purpose drastically,  
36 but it definitely makes us want to look at that closer.

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38 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you. And  
39 probably.....

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bev.

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43 MS. HOFFMAN: I think Greg was.....

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Greg.

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47 MS. HOFFMAN: .....working on a.....

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Go ahead.

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1 MS. HOFFMAN: You know, I like a lot of  
2 the ideas where it's like more local hunters being able  
3 to go out that expanded season. It seems like it would  
4 take care of a lot of the problem. And those are things  
5 that you can do at any time, is that correct? You can  
6 expand the season to help control numbers?

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8 MR. REARDEN: No. That process to either  
9 go through the Federal Subsistence Board or the Alaska  
10 Board of Game.

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12 MS. HOFFMAN: Also as far as these  
13 proxies and the criteria, in order to add some other  
14 things into that, would that be another proposal that  
15 would have to go forward to the Federal Subsistence  
16 Board, such as, you know, 65 years old, legally blind,  
17 disabled. Maybe include family with hardships, income  
18 levels below.....

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20 MR. REARDEN: Before you get too wound  
21 up, I need to add on to what we talked about, designated  
22 hunters under the Federal system, any qualified Federal  
23 user can give his permit to somebody else to go hunt.  
24 You could even do it. So you don't have to be disabled  
25 or old. It's -- and you can have up to two permits when  
26 you're out there hunting.

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28 MS. HOFFMAN: And I could split the meat  
29 however I want?

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31 MR. REARDEN: Do whatever you want with  
32 it. You could give your -- since you're a Federally-  
33 qualified user, you could give your harvest tag to your  
34 brother and let him kill a moose for you. Or anybody  
35 else.

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37 MS. HOFFMAN: I have too many brothers.

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39 MR. REARDEN: I know you do.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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43 MR. ROCZICKA: Can I add on then just  
44 before -- it might be another subject, but the other  
45 opportunity that's there for -- Bev, you asked about  
46 having the meat being kept within the area. Or was it  
47 Bob that brought that up, too, but you can do that as  
48 well under -- again if the local corporation and the land  
49 holder chooses to allow other people in to hunt on their  
50 grounds, they can put those kind of conditions on there

1 that -- for a non-resident hunter or something to go in.  
2 Yeah, you can come in and shoot an animal, but the meat  
3 stays here. You can do that also.

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. Mike.  
6 Phillip. You guys think about transporting or exporting  
7 moose from Unit 18 to 19(A) and 21(E)?

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: I mean, those guys up  
12 there are hurting. I mean, they're hurting really bad.

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14 I remember what James was talking about,  
15 because I used to be one of the packers for one of my  
16 uncles back in the land and shoot days, you know.  
17 Anybody -- people from all the way down to Platinum were  
18 coming up by boat to Aniak. We'd fly them over to the  
19 Innoko and anywhere between Pike Lake and up through  
20 Grayling there was moose everywhere. They'd land and  
21 shoot, and take whatever you want. Bull, cow. And  
22 everybody like, you know, they were very picky. No, I  
23 want that cow. Okay.

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25 And it was only after the Europeans  
26 started coming over there with their big rifles and their  
27 -- you know, all they were after was the antlers, and  
28 then that just devastated the population of the moose  
29 over there. And the same thing with 19(A) is still going  
30 on.

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32 And, you know, if the State is as  
33 concerned as they say they are, they're going to have to  
34 start realizing the fact that we the people who are the  
35 consumers of this moose have sacrificed and sacrificed  
36 and sacrificed. And yet they still allow these head  
37 hunters to come in here and devastate our herds. How  
38 would those guys like if we went down to Texas or Wyoming  
39 or Montana and started killing off their prize bulls?  
40 Their breeding bulls? And that's exactly what these head  
41 hunters are doing to our moose up here.

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43 You go up into 19(B) where the big bulls  
44 hang out, and there's practically no enforcement on what  
45 those guys can do up there in slaughtering our bulls.  
46 So, I mean, it's time that some of the other people who  
47 don't need the meat start sacrificing, too. Because  
48 we've been doing it here years and years, especially  
49 those poor guys in 21(E). I mean, holy cow, it's time  
50 that somebody else took the burden on their shoulder to

1 help us bring the moose population back up to where it's  
2 needed. And if you look at the sparsity of the villages  
3 in 18 compared to the villages in the Interior, it's  
4 harder to get the moose down, but the numbers are way up.  
5 But up there, the population is pretty condensed together  
6 and the moose population is way down. So we need some  
7 say, some kind of plan to make sure that access to the  
8 abundance of moose down here is available to our people  
9 upriver. And maybe we can get some regulation there  
10 where all these young guys who were always bored in the  
11 wintertime to start going out and being cowboys and start  
12 herding moose to the Interior. Just some ideas.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: Mike, talking about the  
17 short term, what are your plans for this coming winter  
18 for that area below Mountain Village? Are you going to  
19 be going hunting under the same regs as you did last  
20 year? Were you able to get a bull or a calf? And has  
21 the State or has the Federal people redefined the  
22 definition of a calf so that it could be understood out  
23 in the villages? You know, we had quite a number of  
24 discussions on what was a calf and what was not last  
25 year, and there was some citations also given out to  
26 the people that were out hunting, because of that  
27 regulation, of the definition of calf.

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29 MR. REARDEN: Well, first, we'll readily  
30 admit we did a poor job of communicating what a calf was.  
31 That was our fault. You know, some people said, well,  
32 every moose out here at one time in its life was a calf.  
33 So there was some pretty old animals shot. But that's  
34 something we've agreed that we're going to work on and be  
35 able to communicate that to the hunters so that they'll  
36 know that a calf is considered the one that was born in  
37 the previous spring to the time that we're hunting it.  
38 So it's probably a -- well, it comes about a five-month  
39 old animal, or something like that. It was born in May  
40 and harvested in December. And that's what the calf  
41 definition will be, and we'll see what we can come up  
42 with to clarify that. And I know that at least in  
43 another region they had some pictures to kind of show how  
44 you can easily tell the difference even from a distance  
45 on some of that, and so I think we need to work on that.  
46 And you're right, it's something we need to address.

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48 MR. L. WILDE: One more thing on that.  
49 You know, there's a lot of these young hunters that go  
50 out there that never seen a moose before in their lives,

1 and they really don't know what a calf is. Especially  
2 the young people that, you know, we -- every year there's  
3 always somebody out there that's been out there for the  
4 first time, and never seen a moose before. And that  
5 happens in our area a lot. So that's one regulation that  
6 we're going to be -- we'd like to watch pretty closely is  
7 how you define the calf, because you've got to take those  
8 young people into consideration.

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10 MR. REARDEN: We'll work on it. We've  
11 got to do a better job on that. And I agree, a lot of  
12 people, the young ones especially, have never hunted  
13 moose, so this is kind of new to them. So we'll work on  
14 that and see if we can do a better job this year.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, I'm from Mountain  
17 Village. And the first time I ever moose hunting just  
18 below Mountain Village. I have all these years I've been  
19 hunting, 45 years up in the Innoko area. Paimiut. This  
20 year that I take my grandchildren out below Mountain  
21 Village. There is a lot of moose down there, and a lot  
22 of female. I never -- it remind me the first time I ever  
23 go up hunting up in Paimiut. A lot of cows. The same  
24 thing is found there. Down there, don't have very much  
25 feeding, not like up that way. Like what we're doing  
26 right now, people been asking me, where we could get some  
27 kind of license or permission to hut for our elders here,  
28 because their elders have tried to go out, the ones that  
29 have no one to take them out. I think it's very  
30 important to let them know, because I know some elder  
31 were saying that why we have to kill young moose. We've  
32 got a lot of cows. We should some kind of permission or  
33 permit to kill cows. Just like right now, I remember the  
34 time when they close it for five years. Whole village,  
35 all the way down, Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, all the way up  
36 to Kotlik and all the way up to St. Mary's, they all of  
37 them just like in one. I was really surprised that even  
38 the young people there listened when they tried to  
39 increase the moose down there.

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41 Mike, the first thing I want to tell you,  
42 that I invite you to Mountain Village. I will -- can  
43 talk to -- talking to the elders that you are coming, and  
44 we'll make arrangement to where to have a meeting.

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46 MR. REARDEN: Thank you. We will plan on  
47 having one of the big meetings in Mountain Village then.  
48 That would be fine.

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

1                                   CHAIRMAN WILDE:  Bob.  
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3                                   MR. ALOYSIUS:  Could we go back to the  
4 idea of this -- whoever this person is who had the  
5 proposal made, and to lift the restriction on the moose  
6 hunting over there.  For one, I wouldn't back it at all.  
7 I mean, I want to keep it the way it is.  
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9                                   MR. REARDEN:  Mr. Chairman, and I think  
10 that was clearly conveyed to the Federal Subsistence  
11 Board, and they have that record, and recognize that that  
12 is your feeling on it.  They're going to use that in  
13 their deliberations to determine whether or not to accept  
14 this or not.  
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16                                   MR. ALOYSIUS:  My feelings are still the  
17 same as it was in -- when we were in Emmonak.  
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19                                   CHAIRMAN WILDE:  Lester.  
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21                                   MR. L. WILDE:  Mike, would it be too  
22 early or too late to possibly make this winter hunt a  
23 moose hunt?  
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25                                   MR. REARDEN:  Too late for this year,  
26 just because of the cycle that you guys are aware of  
27 making regulations.  I think it's -- the Board is meeting  
28 what, next November, the State Game Board?  Is that  
29 correct?  And so there's an opportunity there to get a  
30 proposal submitted.  Now, that's a good idea, is to start  
31 submitting proposals to allow a longer moose hunt an  
32 maybe make it for any moose.  I would recommend you get  
33 it in the proposal process both to the State and the  
34 Federal system so that when it happens, you've got  
35 Federal lands and State-managed lands all open at the  
36 same time with the same season and the same harvest  
37 requirements and restrictions.  
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39                                   I think, you know, Phillip and I have  
40 talked.  I think it's time to start talking about  
41 liberalizing it and allowing longer opportunity.  
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43                                   MR. ALOYSIUS:  Mr. Chairman.  
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45                                   CHAIRMAN WILDE:  Bob.  
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47                                   MR. ALOYSIUS:  Is there such a thing as  
48 an emergency order for the game, too?  I mean, we have an  
49 emergency order authorization given to the commercial  
50 fishing people, you know, they can say, well, we're going

1 to have an opening or we're not going to have an opening.  
2 Why can't the Department of Fish and Game and the Depart  
3 -- I mean, the Fish and Wildlife Service utilize that  
4 emergency order authorization and say, hey, we have a  
5 problem here, we have too many moose, so we're going to  
6 -- in order to make sure that we have enough feed for  
7 these moose, and that the population continues to thrive  
8 the way it is, we need to have an emergency order where  
9 we're going to open the moose season from September 1 to  
10 March 31, one moose. And, you know, why can't the  
11 Federal and the State do that?

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13 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Bob. We do  
14 have -- we can do a special action request on something  
15 like that, but it kind of has to be an emergency  
16 situation. I don't see it as that. My recommendation is  
17 that we go through the public process. I think we all  
18 here agree that having more season available and being  
19 able to kill more moose is a good thing, but I still  
20 think we have an obligation to go to the villages and vet  
21 it with them, talk about it in the public process. And,  
22 you know, it's only a year from now, or a little more  
23 than a year from now that the State Board can make a  
24 change on the regulation, and the Federal Subsistence  
25 Board isn't much different than that. So I don't see it  
26 as an emergency right now, but I think we do need to do  
27 something pretty soon, and I would recommend we go  
28 through the regular process.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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32 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
33 Mike, there's a lot of ideas being thrown on the table  
34 right now. Is it possible come up with such proposals in  
35 March, at our March meeting, or, you know, proposals and  
36 suggestions so the RAC can review and possibly go with  
37 the best suggestion you can present to the RAC committee.

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39 MR. REARDEN: Maybe we could have Don  
40 Rivard come up and talk about the deadlines for  
41 proposals, and that may be an opportunity. Don, would  
42 you mind going over that?

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44 MR. RIVARD: Good morning, Council. Don  
45 Rivard with the Office of Subsistence Management. Alex  
46 is going to talk -- it's the next topic, basically, is  
47 wildlife proposals, and whether your Council wants to  
48 submit any for this coming cycle. I believe the deadline  
49 is October 20th to get the wildlife proposals in. And  
50 then they would go through an analysis period, and they

1 would be back in front of you at your next meeting in  
2 February or March, and then the Board would decide in May  
3 on those. So you're talking about maybe that special  
4 action, whether you can -- you could get that proposal in  
5 on this cycle right now to maybe open up the -- you're  
6 talking about the winter season to have one moose. So  
7 that's the next topic on your agenda. And Alex will have  
8 a little bit more to speak about that.

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10 MR. MIKE: Mr Chairman.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Joseph.

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14 MR. MIKE: I've got a question for Mike.  
15 Like some of us that have a permanent hunting license,  
16 because if we cannot go out hunting, can we have somebody  
17 from the village hunt moose using our permanent hunting  
18 license?

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20 MR. REARDEN: Yes. You can get a moose  
21 harvest tag just like everybody, just pick that up, and  
22 you can give that to another person. There's a little  
23 bit of paperwork involved, but, yes, you can. You could  
24 give it to one of your sons or anybody in the village  
25 that wants to go hunt for you. You can do that.

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27 MR. MIKE: Okay. Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: William.

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31 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I just want to ask you  
32 who is conducting the aerial survey. To my understanding  
33 that you guys do the survey in the summertime, like in  
34 July and in the early spring. Is that correct?

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36 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Charlie.  
37 No, that's not correct. We -- some areas of the State,  
38 they try to do the survey in November. Typically the  
39 weather around here is so bad in November that we don't  
40 do that, because we oftentimes don't finish. So for the  
41 last few years we've been doing them in February and  
42 early March when the days are long and the snow  
43 conditions are good, and you can see the animals. That's  
44 why it's important to do it at that time, because you've  
45 got good snow underneath and you can see the animals. So  
46 our surveys are done typically in February and early  
47 March.

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49 MR. BROWN: And then another one is how  
50 is the numbers, or how is the survey numbers now on the

1 current since you guys -- I mean, since we quit hunting  
2 the moose in Unit 18? Are they still declining or what?

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4 MR. REARDEN: We don't have those numbers  
5 right now, but if you ask me that same question the end  
6 of March, hopefully we'll have those numbers. But I'm  
7 one of the pilots for the refuge here, and so I fly a  
8 lot, and I can tell you that the number of moose in this  
9 area along the Kuskokwim is steadily increasing. I'm  
10 seeing -- in fact, I flew up to the Innoko this year in  
11 my own airplane, and I saw more bull moose along the  
12 Gweek River that I saw along the Innoko River, down in  
13 this area that's closed just above Bethel. I frequently  
14 see -- we see a lot of moose on the Kwethluk River now.  
15 The Kisaralik. Even along the main Kuskokwim River and  
16 below here. James talks about four moose living within  
17 a couple miles of Tuntutuliak all winter. So I think  
18 everybody from this area who gets out -- Bev spends her  
19 summers on the Kisaralik, and I think you'd agree that  
20 the number of moose is increasing. So I'm hoping we're  
21 going to have the same results here that we had on that  
22 Lower Yukon.

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24 MR. BROWN: My last one is, is there any  
25 possibilities for winter emergency openers for like  
26 subsistence side to hunt?

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28 MR. REARDEN: Are you talking about in  
29 this area here?

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31 MR. BROWN: Yes. Yes.

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33 MR. REARDEN: No, I think, you know, when  
34 we all agreed to this moratorium, we agreed that we'd  
35 have to leave them alone for a five-year period to allow  
36 the population to grow. And so anybody can submit a  
37 proposal, but my recommendation would be to do exactly  
38 what they did on the Lower Yukon and deal without moose  
39 for a little while, and then you're going to have  
40 hopefully the same problem that Lower Yukon people do of  
41 too many moose. We're working at that. So I'd really  
42 recommend abstinence from that for a period of time.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: I don't know if either of  
47 you can answer this question, but who's brainstorm was  
48 that to draw the lines on this new moratorium for the  
49 Lower Kuskokwim? I mean, there's a lot of confusion. If  
50 you go down all the Johnson River drains to the

1 Kuskokwim, so all the drainage of the Johnson River are  
2 closed except you get down to somewhere and people from  
3 upriver don't know where that is. And you've got a  
4 straight line to some place and another line going up to  
5 the -- on the east or west side of the Eek River. I  
6 mean, there's no real definite way that that place is  
7 closed for us up there. we know it's closed up there,  
8 but down -- you have -- I wish you had a map of that  
9 area, but it gets really confusing. But if you go below  
10 that, it's open. And if you go south of that, it's open.  
11 And it's a lot of confusion about that, exactly where  
12 those closures are, and where the -- I mean, where the  
13 boundaries are for where it's closed and where it's  
14 opened. So somebody -- you know, it's creating more  
15 chaos for us.

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17 MR. REARDEN: We realize -- it was a hard  
18 place to outline. I remember the meeting, and frankly it  
19 was the result of a committee process, advisory  
20 committee process. And we sat in the room, in here I  
21 think it was we had the meeting, and had people from all  
22 the villages and the agencies and started drawing lines  
23 on the map, and that's what we came up with. And I  
24 recognize there are areas where it's difficult to see  
25 where the line is, but sometimes that's the results of a  
26 committee process. And generally it's working pretty  
27 well. We get some calls. We've got some -- Alex worked  
28 hard to get some maps out that show it on some -- and we  
29 tried to get them to the villages, especially in the  
30 areas where it's difficult to tell where the line is.  
31 And it hasn't been an enforcement issue of any kind. We  
32 haven't run into it in the field, and we get some phone  
33 calls and we work with folks. It isn't perfect, I'll  
34 agree, but it seems to be working pretty well.

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36 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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40 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
41 I think I can answer part of that question that Bob  
42 asked. We were trying to -- when we create that line, we  
43 were trying to work with the area people, I mean, like --  
44 because I'm down in Tuntutuliak, and I'm the Lower  
45 Kuskokwim, I'm the last village on the lower Kuskokwim,  
46 so I helped Perry, and what's the other guy's name?  
47 Yeah. Anyway I work with those guys to try to make that  
48 line easy to see, or people from my home area know those  
49 points, like from Mystuvik (ph) to Dall Lake and Dall  
50 Lake to Kwethluk, and we made that line straight, because

1 people from my area know that area, and across the other  
2 side, so we were trying to work with the area EC members  
3 that time.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more from the  
6 Council.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MR. REARDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
11 Thank you for your time.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. Was there  
14 any action that we need to take on this proposal here, or  
15 you just brought it for information?

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17 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Bob. I just  
18 brought it in to show you what we're going to go to the  
19 villages with for the meetings we're going to have in  
20 Mountain Village and Emmonak and the other places, just  
21 so you'd be aware of the information we have. And I've  
22 improved it with your recommendation to put the other  
23 maps in there, too.

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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mike, and  
28 we'll have 10 minutes break.

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30 (Off record)

31  
32 (On record)

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Homer Hunter.

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36 MR. HUNTER: Ole.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ole. Ole Hunter. And  
39 who's the next. Christopher Beans here?

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41 MR. BEANS: Yes. (Indiscernible, away  
42 from microphone)

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, will you guys can  
45 go on.

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47 MR. HUNTER: Good morning. Oops. (In  
48 Yup'ik) How do you turn this on?

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: It's on.

1 MR. HUNTER: Good morning. My name is Ole  
2 Hunter, Scammon Bay. (In Yup'ik) I would like to say  
3 good morning to the Chairman and the committee. They  
4 need somebody to go over here so I volunteered to come  
5 over and having to go through (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: I'm volunteering for  
8 someone who cannot be here today.

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10 MR. HUNTER: The first thing, I'd like to  
11 say good morning to our elder.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. Would it be  
14 too hard for you to speak only one language, because  
15 you're -- you know.

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17 MR. HUNTER: Done.

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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.

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21 MR. HUNTER: Then I'll prefer to speak in  
22 English then. Excuse me for that.

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24 I'd like to say respect to our elder,  
25 Philip Moses, I'd like to say good morning to Philip  
26 Moses, our elder. And even if he does not speak in  
27 English, I very well understood him in his Yup'ik  
28 language. It is very important that we recognize him,  
29 because he's our elder.

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31 Anyway, having to -- listening to you all  
32 for two days now, you know, this is my first time here in  
33 Regional Advisory Council meeting. I'm very much  
34 interested learning about this issues that we're going  
35 through. That as I go along, I'd like to be recognized,  
36 you know, having to represent Scammon Bay. And this  
37 morning as I was listening about our Unit 18 regarding  
38 moose hunting, it was interesting. We need to -- any  
39 time we go to meetings like this, we need representatives  
40 to come into our village and educate our younger people.  
41 They need to be heard. I'm sure every interested people  
42 from our home village need to be heard. And otherwise,  
43 you know, it would be nice if we can be heard through  
44 like newspapers or by radio, that people always need to  
45 hear this very important topics of issues of -- under  
46 fish and game.

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48 You know, I'm kind of mixing up my words,  
49 but I hope I'm well understood. And, yes, I like to  
50 learn as much as possible as I can regarding of any

1 meetings under fish and games, because this is very  
2 important to our village members or any other villagers.  
3 Please let us be well heard, as I repeated, through  
4 radios or by news. This is important for all of us. Our  
5 younger generation needs to be heard, you know. They  
6 like to read.

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8                   And I'll make this short briefing, you  
9 know, because I'm glad I'm in the front of you all, and  
10 to be heard. And to answer. Please, as I was listening,  
11 you know, when you all first started here, it was kind of  
12 a little mix here up, but as we go along, you know, we  
13 learn something. Together we will learn. Everybody  
14 learns as we go along. You know, we all learn something  
15 ever day. Through our mistakes, we correct them. And as  
16 Board member, you are like everybody's family, you know.  
17 Everybody gets to know each other.

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19                   And that's -- and on behalf of this  
20 Regional Advisory Council meeting, I'd like to thank  
21 Harry Wilde, the Chairman of the Board, committee of  
22 Advisory Councils. (In Yup'ik) I thank you all one by  
23 one that I'm recognize here at the table, and thank you  
24 very much.

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26                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. Thank you.

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28                   MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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30                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Beverly.

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32                   MS. HOFFMAN: Oly, we have some minutes  
33 from the Scammon Bay tribal center, and they're the ones  
34 that nominated you to come here and represent the Lower  
35 Yukon Fish and Game Advisory Committee. And I noted that  
36 you acted on a lot of these proposals. And is there --  
37 these minutes will also go to the Federal Subsistence  
38 Board, is that correct? Are these -- well, who else were  
39 they submitted to? Yeah, your minutes. We all got  
40 copies here, this Council, and I wanted to make sure they  
41 were included in the packet that -- and I guess that  
42 would be done, it will be included in any packet of this  
43 meeting, right? Is that correct, Alex? Their minutes.  
44 I'm asking you if their minutes would be, and their  
45 action on all of these proposals that are going forward,  
46 if they'll be included in this, our packet.

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48                   MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Bev. Those  
49 minutes were sent to me by their coordinator from  
50 Anchorage so that you'll have them on hand, and that

1 you'll be aware that, you know, the Lower Yukon Fish and  
2 Game Advisory Committee has given their recommendations  
3 on four Federal subsistence regulations that are not on  
4 your agenda. I did explain to her that, you know, those  
5 were not on your agenda, but I told them -- I told Sherry  
6 Wright who sent me those minutes, that, you know, those  
7 minutes would probably help you make better  
8 recommendations on the State proposals that you talked  
9 about yesterday.

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11 MS. HOFFMAN: Okay. I just want to thank  
12 you for providing us with your action by your committee  
13 to the different proposals. Thanks.

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15 MR. HUNTER: Quyana.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you, Ole.

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19 MR. BEANS: Mr. Chairman. Council. Good  
20 morning. Christopher Beans representing Yupiit of  
21 Andreafsky, St. Mary's.

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23 Initially I had two proposals I was going  
24 to bring up, but Mr. Mike Rearden on 06-30, that proposal  
25 we will hold until he is out in the villages doing his  
26 presentation.

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28 And the second proposal brought up by  
29 Yupiit of Andreafsky and also Algaaciq Tribal, both  
30 tribes located in St. Mary's. And this would be the  
31 harvest season of moose, Unit 18. And I have written  
32 here, I had copy just from the proposal form. And the  
33 regulation reads season, the season written out is  
34 September 1st to September 30, and the way we'd like to  
35 see it written is that portion of Unit 18, the Andreafsky  
36 River, be open for tribal members of Yupiit of Andreafsky  
37 and Algaaciq Tribal Council from August 20 through  
38 September 30.

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40 The reason why we have this -- want this  
41 proposal is there's more and more hunters coming up the  
42 river from like maybe people that aren't tribal members  
43 of both tribes. And they are competing for the limited  
44 resource that we have. And this proposal should have no  
45 effect on wildlife population due to heavy foliage or  
46 animals aren't really moving that much. So -- and all  
47 this would be under subsistence use. Currently there's  
48 no sport or commercial hunting in the Andreafsky River.

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50 That's it. And I'd like the Council's

1 part on this proposal.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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5 MS. HOFFMAN: Christopher, your proposal  
6 would be to allow only those people in that tribal areas,  
7 those communities?

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9 MR. BEANS: Yes. Yupiit of Andreadfsky  
10 and also Algaaciq tribe, which are from St. Mary's.

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12 MS. HOFFMAN: But nobody else from any  
13 other of the communities, just.....

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15 MR. BEANS: Yes. Just for that.....

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17 MS. HOFFMAN: 10-day period?

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19 MR. BEANS: .....the 10-day period.

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21 MS. HOFFMAN: There might be some  
22 confusion. Did you think of the -- would there be  
23 problems that you see happening and what kind of problems  
24 would you see happening if it was those communities  
25 allowed and no one else.

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27 MR. BEANS: I believe the tribes would  
28 regulate or take charge of the 10-day opener. Additional  
29 10 days.

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31 MS. HOFFMAN: I was just hearing that  
32 there was quite a bit of moose in that area.

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34 MR. BEANS: That last -- Mr. Chairman.  
35 That last report was in 2002 and now it is 2006.

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37 MS. HOFFMAN: You felt that there is a  
38 limited resource of moose? I was hearing that there are  
39 growing numbers and I worry that if you allow just a  
40 certain population of people to hunt in an area, that it  
41 might cause (1) bad feelings, (2) confusion, and I worry  
42 about that relationships up and down the river. That  
43 would be a big concern for me is how people would feel  
44 about that around you. What do you think?

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46 MR. BEANS: You look to me?

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48 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah.

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50 MR. BEANS: Okay. I would not see any

1 problem with that, or in fact we would not see any  
2 problem with that due to the reports given of surrounding  
3 areas in the Lower Yukon that we should be able to just  
4 by season, 10-day season.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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8 MR. L. WILDE: Chris, could you tell me  
9 again what dates you were talking about? I had August  
10 2nd to September 30th?

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12 MR. BEANS: No, August 20th to September  
13 30th.

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15 MR. L. WILDE: August 20th to September  
16 30th?

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18 MR. BEANS: Yes.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: That's more than 10 days.

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22 MR. BEANS: No, the reg reads right now  
23 September 1st to.....

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25 MR. L. WILDE: Oh, you want the  
26 additional.....

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28 MR. BEANS: Yeah, 10 days.

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30 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. What areas are you  
31 talking about? Are you talking about.....

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33 MR. BEANS: The Andraefsky River.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Just the Andraefsky River?

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37 MR. BEANS: Yes.

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39 MR. L. WILDE: North Fork, South Fork?

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41 MR. BEANS: North and East Fork of  
42 Andraefsky.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: North and East Fork of  
45 Andraefsky River.

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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. The area is  
48 in what they call census area 2 on that map we saw  
49 earlier.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Thank you.  
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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.  
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7 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay. Yeah, Chris, what  
8 you're asking through this proposal I think might be  
9 something that's beyond the limit or the current  
10 regulations the way they've been using, and they're past  
11 the only time that the Federal Board or the Federal  
12 system closes a hunt is when there's a shortage, or  
13 restricts it. Right now under the Federal season, of  
14 course, it's to all the recognized subsistence users from  
15 the community, but to take it that extra step like they  
16 have done in 1980 because of the extremely depleted  
17 population up there and they restricted it to just about  
18 five villages, and the residents of those villages.  
19 You'd have a very difficult time making a case I guess  
20 unless you had that, you know, specific to the  
21 Andrafsky, that the population was falling in that area.  
22 And I'm wondering, has your corporation or the land  
23 owners in that area, have they taken any steps to limit  
24 the competition through closing their private lands to  
25 people who are not from either St. Mary's or Andrafsky?  
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27 MR. BEANS: Mr. Chairman. Greg. No, the  
28 corporations do not allow any type of hunting on their  
29 lands. I mean like fly-in people or -- it does not  
30 happen.  
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32 MR. ROCZICKA: So they're already taken  
33 that step that no hunting except by their own  
34 shareholders or their own members?  
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36 MR. BEANS: It is open for shareholders.  
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38 MR. ROCZICKA: But if you're from  
39 Mountain Village, you're not a shareholder, so you  
40 wouldn't be qualified to hunt up there?  
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42 MR. BEANS: I believe so, even on the  
43 regular season.  
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45 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.  
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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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49 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
50 So in looking at this map, the East and North Fork

1 Andreafsky Rivers, in order to get to Federal land, you  
2 have to go through the private land of the corporation  
3 land?

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5 MR. BEANS: Mr. Chairman. Edgar, yes,  
6 there is corporation lands on both rivers extending up at  
7 least 15, maybe 20 miles on the North fork, and I believe  
8 25 miles on the East Fork, are portions of corporation  
9 land.

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11 MR. HOELSCHER: Follow up, Mr. Chairman.

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13 MR. L. WILDE: Edgar.

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15 MR. HOELSCHER: So you're requesting  
16 extension of 10 day, you know, like in other places,  
17 private land owners do not have other than shareholders  
18 come hunt in their land, is that right?

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20 MR. BEANS: Yeah, there are some areas  
21 that do close their lands to outside hunting.

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23 MR. HOELSCHER: So in -- possibly in your  
24 case, you know, if you're requesting that non-tribal  
25 members or non-shareholders come into the Andreafsky  
26 River, you have a limit of up to 25, 30 miles.

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28 MR. BEANS: Yes.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I would like to ask Mike  
31 if you could come forward here. The area that he's  
32 talking about, maybe you know where it's located.

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34 MR. REARDEN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. And  
35 since the Andreafsky, both forks run through private  
36 corporation lands, those are navigable waters, so under  
37 State law, anybody can access those. So if it were  
38 closed to non-shareholders hunting in that area, then  
39 they could access Federal lands above that by traveling  
40 up the river, and they can legally do that. So the  
41 river's like a road that's open to anybody. And so it  
42 would -- Federal lands above that would be accessible to  
43 other people.

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45 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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49 MS. HOFFMAN: So, Mike, right now, the  
50 way that they're set it up, they don't allow hunters that

1 aren't shareholders in that area, but they can travel --  
2 non-shareholders at this point can go up the river to  
3 Federal lands?

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5 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Bev. That's  
6 correct. And also if you're talking about an extension  
7 on shareholder -- or on corporation lands, then this  
8 organization has no authority over that at all, because  
9 it's not Federal lands. If you wanted an extension or a  
10 different season on corporation lands, then you'd need to  
11 talk to the State of Alaska on that, because this Board,  
12 or this Council, and the Federal Subsistence Board has  
13 nothing to do with management of moose or any other  
14 animals on private lands.

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16 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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20 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
21 Is the proposal already made or are we talking about, are  
22 we discussing the proposal that is not made yet. Or is  
23 the proposal made out already, or where -- who -- where's  
24 the proposal going, to Federal or State?

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26 MR. BEANS: Mr. Chairman. James. I just  
27 wrote a -- we just wrote the proposal and it needs to be  
28 submitted to the Federal Game Board.

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30 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Beans.  
31 If you're going to submit it for corporation lands, then  
32 if it went to the Federal Subsistence Board or even this  
33 Council, they could not take action on it, because it's  
34 private lands. so if you wanted to make that change, you  
35 need to submit it to the State system, so you'd send it  
36 through your -- to the Board of Game. They're the only  
37 ones that could take action on private lands.

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39 MR. BEANS: Mr. Chairman. Thank you,  
40 Mike, for clarifying that. And we'll break that up.

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42 MR. REARDEN: Yes.

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44 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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48 MS. HOFFMAN: And what's the deadline, do  
49 you know, Mike or Phillip, what the deadline is?

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: For the State?

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3 MS. HOFFMAN: For the State.

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: The Board of Game met to  
6 discuss the AYK issues was last fall. And the way that  
7 the State system is set up, they deal with every region  
8 of the State every two years, so your next chance, unless  
9 you wanted to submit an agenda change request or a  
10 petition to take it out of cycle, something of that  
11 nature, for them to take it up, they're next call for  
12 proposal will actually be for the fall of 2007, which  
13 wouldn't give you -- make the change effective until  
14 actually the hunting season in 2008.

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16 MR. BEANS: Thank you.

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18 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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22 MR. ONEY: Yeah. I was just going to say  
23 if we could move on until we see that proposal in front  
24 of us. Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We'll continue on our  
27 agenda. On our agenda, subsistence wildlife issues, now  
28 we're down in B. Alex Nick, you've got lots of parts  
29 here all the way down to C. Alex Nick.

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31 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
32 Members of the Council. The topic we're going to be  
33 talking about is how to change Federal regulations, which  
34 you, you know, discussed several -- at least a couple of  
35 potential proposals. Don Rivard reminded you that the  
36 proposal window will be ending about October 20, so, you  
37 know, if you want to go ahead and submit a regulatory  
38 change proposal, you still have a chance now until  
39 September (sic) 20. I'm sorry, October 20. I'm a little  
40 behind here. Sorry. The proposal form is on page 15 of  
41 your regulatory booklets. I don't know if this was sent  
42 to you out of Anchorage. We do have some proposal --  
43 rather regulatory booklets available, which I failed to  
44 distribute to you earlier.

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46 And if you want to submit a proposal to  
47 Federal Subsistence Board, the window for submitting a  
48 regulatory change proposal for wildlife started August  
49 2006, and then he regulatory change will be for 2007/2008  
50 regulatory year, which is beginning next summer.

1                   If you have any questions, I'll be glad  
2 to answer questions on that.

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4                   MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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6                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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8                   MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 All the RACs should have got notice already and proposal  
10 forms on the back side, so I posted mine at the community  
11 hall. So it shows the deadline and proposal form on the  
12 back that we got in the mail.

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14                   MR. A. NICK: Yeah. And also this  
15 information is posted in the OSM's web site. So the  
16 proposal form is available from my office, from the  
17 regulatory booklets, and also from web site.

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19                   MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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21                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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

24 Given the discussion that we just had and the  
25 presentation that was there, and from what I've heard  
26 around, I'd like to recommend, and actually I would move  
27 at this time that this Council sponsor a proposal to open  
28 the season in the remainder of Unit 18, Lower Yukon for  
29 any moose, and the dates I don't really have yet, but  
30 maybe at least to have it out there for discussion so  
31 that we have people aware and start to -- I don't know  
32 whether we want to put any dates on it, or whether we go  
33 ahead with the one suggestion that was mentioned of  
34 September through March 1 or something like that.

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36                   UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: March 31.

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38                   MR. ROCZICKA: March 31. Just to get it  
39 out there and that -- get the feedback, and then we'd  
40 refine it and make further recommendations from the  
41 comments that are received back at the winter meeting.

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43                   MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, we'll be glad to  
44 draft that proposal for you, but I would need to know who  
45 to work with among the Council members to begin drafting  
46 that, excuse me. And if Greg is willing to assist me in  
47 that, I'll be happy to work with him.

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49                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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1 MS. HOFFMAN: I would agree with this  
2 Council doing that, but in talking with Phillip from the  
3 State and Mike from.....  
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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Point of order. There's  
6 a motion on the floor, there.....  
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8 MS. HOFFMAN: Oh, it's a motion.  
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10 MR. ROCZICKA: .....hasn't been a second,  
11 so we can.....  
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13 MS. HOFFMAN: I didn't realize it was a  
14 motion. I'm sorry.  
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16 MR. ROCZICKA: I did move. And I wanted  
17 to get it out and get feedback for dates and so forth and  
18 we could.....  
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20 MS. HOFFMAN: Second.  
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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. When  
23 somebody makes a motion, please be very specific. I move  
24 this, and, you know, don't say I want to make or I  
25 suggest I make, or you just -- come out and say you're  
26 making a motion so that it's definite, and no wagging  
27 around.  
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29 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay.  
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.  
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33 MR. RIVARD: Don Rivard, OSM. The motion  
34 that I have then is that, Greg, you're asking that Unit  
35 18 remainder on the Yukon, that there be an open season  
36 -- there be a moose hunt for the dates of September 1st  
37 through 31st of March, is that what I'm hearing?  
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39 MR. ROCZICKA: September 1 through March  
40 31, any moose, and it's open for discussion right now if  
41 people want to suggest more specific dates, we can do  
42 that as friendly amendments.  
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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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46 MS. HOFFMAN: For discussion purposes, in  
47 talking with Phillip from the Department and Mike from  
48 the Refuge, we might want to include a date, say by fall  
49 of 2008. That would give the State time, you know, some  
50 state proposals to go through so that they're aligned and

1 there's no confusion between State law and Federal law so  
2 that there'd be that opportunity to avoid confusion and  
3 that would also give time for that power presentation to  
4 go forward to the villages so that the Federal managers  
5 can inform people and get their input to.

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7 The proposal I was -- the wording that I  
8 was looking at, that -- and it might be included in the  
9 motion, to allow Federal managers by fall of 2008 to  
10 provide opportunity and to build in flexibility to expand  
11 moose season to Federally-qualified hunters. That was  
12 just some wording I came up with, and I ran it by Mike  
13 and Phillip that it might be wise to wait until the next  
14 cycle. That would give them time to go to the villages  
15 and get their input and also to allow State proposals  
16 similar to this to go forward. But if we wanted to put  
17 the proposals in, I don't see why we couldn't put by fall  
18 of 2008 to try and align State and Federal management.

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20 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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24 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

25 So if we started with this proposal, then that would  
26 eliminate our 20-day winter -- okay. Thank you.

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28 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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32 MR. L. WILDE: I just want to clarify  
33 something with Edgar. When you said that, when you made  
34 that statement, did you mean that you think that this  
35 proposal should be open a little bit sooner, or what?

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37 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman, right now  
38 we have an open date from September 1 through the 30th,  
39 and then from December 20th to January 10. So if we  
40 start working on this proposal which Greg is proposing,  
41 September 1 to March 31, then that would eliminate that  
42 -- but still, you know, it would the table from December  
43 20th to January 10, because it is included in from  
44 September 1 to March 1.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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48 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Don Rivard. It  
49 depends on how you work the proposal, Edgar, but you're  
50 right in saying that there's two seasons right now, but

1 it could be that you make this proposal for all of the  
2 Unit 18 remainder, and it would just be one season that  
3 would incorporate the two right now. So you'd just have  
4 a lot of additional hunting days, you wouldn't lose  
5 anything.

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7 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. Follow up.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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11 MR. HOELSCHER: So we'd have to watch the  
12 wording on our proposal then in other words. Is that  
13 what you're saying?

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15 MR. RIVARD: Yeah, we just want to make  
16 it as precise as possible. We can work with you on that.

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18 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay. Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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22 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, and I threw that out  
23 there just to get the discussion going and help to focus  
24 or narrow in. You know, we can look at -- there's  
25 certainly different options we can look at as far as if  
26 people think it's too much, too fast, too quick or  
27 something like that, then make it any moose under the  
28 current seasons that are there. You know, a lot of  
29 different options. I wanted to get something out there  
30 so we could start to narrow in on it. To me, I heard a  
31 pretty strong indication that we've got a chance for  
32 substantially increased opportunity, and we should take  
33 advantage of it I guess.

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35 MR. HOELSCHER: Question.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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39 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Just a couple of  
40 things. What Beverly was saying, if you wanted to wait  
41 to 2008 before it's effective, then you would just wait  
42 another year to submit this proposal. But let me finish,  
43 that if -- go ahead. I've got some.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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47 MS. HOFFMAN: I was saying that we might  
48 want to wait, but if we didn't wait, if we didn't want to  
49 wait, we put a date that by fall of 2008. You know, to  
50 put a date in there that gives the time for this -- a

1 State proposal to go forward that aligns the regulation.  
2 And Mike's back there, too.

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4 MR. RIVARD: Well, a couple things. Mr.  
5 Chair. Beverly. The State and the Federal processes go  
6 at different times.

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8 MS. HOFFMAN: Right.

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10 MR. RIVARD: Sometimes we're behind the  
11 State process and we try to catch up and align, and  
12 sometimes the Federal process puts in a proposal and they  
13 change their regulations, and the State may or may not  
14 decide to try to align with us.

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16 MS. HOFFMAN: Right.

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18 MR. RIVARD: This is all about providing  
19 subsistence opportunities to your qualified subsistence  
20 users. So you don't necessarily have to wait until the  
21 State process does whatever they're going to do. You  
22 might think this is a good thing to do now for your  
23 subsistence users out there and go ahead and provide them  
24 more opportunity.

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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 think  
31 that if we could get it in there as soon as we can, as  
32 soon as possible, it would help. Anyway, it would help  
33 my people in my village a lot if we could get it in as  
34 soon as we could get it, to be effective.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike.

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38 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman, Mike Rearden.  
39 One of the things to consider particularly on the Lower  
40 Yukon, a lo of the Federal land is not really accessible.  
41 I mean, it's -- especially from the river. If we have a  
42 season down there where Federal lands are open and State  
43 lands are not open, it is going to be very difficult for  
44 hunters to know where they're at, and it's going to cause  
45 an enforcement nightmare for our guys and the State guys,  
46 because you're going to have people shooting moose on  
47 Sate lands when it's closed. And so that's why I was  
48 encouraging -- here were. That's why I was trying to  
49 encourage getting both systems to work, to end up at the  
50 same place at the same time.

1                   And if we were to wait for the next  
2 cycle, presumably the Federal system could have --  
3 they'll have the spring or the May meeting, and authorize  
4 this more liberal hunt, and then the -- let's see, the  
5 State could look at it next November, and open it. And  
6 it would open 2008. So in that case, we would open it  
7 exactly the same time. So I think there's an advantage  
8 to that.

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10                   The other thing I was going to offer is  
11 that Phillip and Doug and I were talking in the back  
12 there. This is an important enough issue that I think we  
13 need to get updated information, data, from the Lower  
14 Yukon and the entire area out there so that we have  
15 current numbers. So we're going to try to move our  
16 monies around from other projects and see if we can do a  
17 complete survey on the Yukon this next March, and that  
18 way in October when we meet next year, we could come to  
19 you with fresh numbers, things that are current from this  
20 coming spring.

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22                   And one other thing to think of is let's  
23 be careful about how you define the area here. I don't  
24 know if you want to have a complete season open from the  
25 1st of September to March for the entire Yukon on there.  
26 I'm not sure. I mean, that's something that needs to be  
27 talked about in the villages. And do we really want to  
28 open that kind of thing up in the peripheral areas like  
29 along the Kashunuk down towards Scammon and those areas  
30 where the moose populations are increasing, or do you  
31 want to allow those to continue to increase. Anyway,  
32 there's a lot of things to think about on this, and I'd  
33 encourage us to work with the villages, get our survey  
34 data together, and come up with a proposal concurrent  
35 with the State so it covers the whole area. Mr. Chair.

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37                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, what we need down  
38 there, we need to have a map where the location for State  
39 and the Federal, like State control area and the Federal.  
40 Even though you look at the map like this one, you don't  
41 know where they're located.

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43                   MR. REARDEN: I couldn't agree more, and  
44 I apologize for not bringing that. I should have had one  
45 of those today with this presentation I had. And we will  
46 get those together. But as you can look at that, you can  
47 see there's a lot of private lands and federal lands all  
48 intermixed there. It would be a tough thing in the field  
49 until we provide maps. Even then it's going to be hard.  
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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Mike, what I'm  
2 saying is it's more like if you look at it really, open  
3 up a worm before you know where it is. And it's going to  
4 be a lot of trouble if there's no map that you could try  
5 to locate State and Federal. My understanding that land  
6 and corporation land an it's controlled by State. But we  
7 don't have no record of map or anything.

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9 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman, I agree, and  
10 that's another reason why I think if we had State and  
11 Federal regulations exactly the same, then people  
12 wouldn't have to worry about that, especially Lower Yukon  
13 people or people hunting in that area. You wouldn't have  
14 to -- you wouldn't need a map. You'd just say, okay,  
15 this whole area is open if they were both done at the  
16 same time.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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20 MR. HOELSCHER: Than you, Mr. Chairman.  
21 I know earlier we discussed something such as a special  
22 action request to increase the winter moose hunt from 10  
23 possibly to 30 days, and it would be for any moose, and  
24 we'd have to petition the State Board of Game. So can we  
25 use such -- one tool as that in the meantime while we're  
26 looking at another tool?

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28 MR. RIVARD: Don Rivard with OSM. Edgar,  
29 if I understand you correctly, you're saying you would  
30 like to have a special action request in to extend this  
31 coming winter's season from 10 to 30 days?

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33 MR. HOELSCHER: That's one of the options  
34 I think we were looking at when we were discussing things  
35 earlier.

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37 MR. RIVARD: Yes, you can put in a  
38 special action asking the Federal Subsistence Board to do  
39 that, but this is for the winter season coming up.

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41 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg.

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: And I'd add to that on the  
46 State side of that process, what would be a special  
47 action request, but under the State, you would put in a  
48 petition and the criteria that the Board looks at that  
49 under a petition for increased subsistence opportunity  
50 had, of course that it's biologically justified. But I

1 don't have the exact wording, but one of the one of the  
2 main criteria that they look at is that it would be lost  
3 opportunity or otherwise unavailable if you. And then  
4 the other is the emergency factor, and whether it's an  
5 emergency situation or not. And so those are the three,  
6 but one of the main criteria they d look at is if it's  
7 opportunity that's available that would otherwise be  
8 lost, and that's we have here.

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10 And as far as the time limits of how they  
11 can act, certainly a proposal could go into the Board  
12 this next fall. It would -- or, I'm sorry, this next  
13 fall when AYK region, or when our area comes up in cycle.  
14 It doesn't necessarily have to wait for the following  
15 season, until 2008, The Board does have the option of  
16 requesting their staff and the Department to do what's  
17 called an expedited implementation. That means it goes  
18 into effect within 30 days.

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20 Another thing, with the petition when it  
21 goes in, the Board is required to respond within 30 days.  
22 And so actually with their meeting coming up here the  
23 15th of November, if people wanted to go that way.

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: Head of the line things.

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27 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes. So there's ways to  
28 accommodate all of that.

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30 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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34 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
35 You know, during Mike's presentation, you know, there's  
36 problems going to be arising such as, you know, feeding  
37 and overpopulation, and that was one of the issues that  
38 I was looking at.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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42 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Council. I  
43 want to remind you that the opportunity for the Council  
44 and also for the general public is to request regulatory  
45 change on annual basis. Every year. But under State  
46 system, it's, what is it, two years. Every two years.  
47 So you can request a regulatory change for a certain  
48 regulation like this year and then also could request to  
49 change the same regulation next year if you don't like  
50 it. That's the way the Federal regulatory cycle is. And

1 if the regulatory change request for this fall would be  
2 for 2007/2008 regulatory year, next year. Regulatory  
3 change request next year would be for 2008/2009  
4 regulatory year.

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6 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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10 MS. HOFFMAN: Don, could you repeat the  
11 motion on the floor again just to get back to that,  
12 please.

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14 MR. RIVARD: Okay. Thank you. Mr.  
15 Chair. Beverly. It's Unit 18, remainder, on the Yukon,  
16 any moose from 1 September to 31 March.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.

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20 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. I think we're  
25 talking about something that we all need to address, and  
26 it's discussed enough. So I think we -- You know,  
27 personally I would like us to go ahead with it right now  
28 and get it on the Board so they can hash it out. If they  
29 don't like it, they don't like it, tough.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. Pardon me.  
34 Mike stated that the area that could support up to 3,000  
35 moose, is that correct?

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37 MR. REARDEN: (Nods affirmative)

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39 MR. L. WILDE: And you also stated there  
40 is a population of about 2500 right now. And you also  
41 stated there's approximately a growth of approximately  
42 500 moose a year. So that would be -- just give us a  
43 year before the population reaches the number that we  
44 would like to use to control the feed in that area. And  
45 I think to me that would seem like an emergency type of  
46 situation, because once you get 3,000 moose, if you're  
47 going to wait up until you get to the point of the limit  
48 of the browse that's available in that area, you're going  
49 to have that population go up twice as fast the next  
50 time. So I think the best time to take care of that

1 situation is now before we reach the point of no return.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion from  
4 Council.  
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6 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chair.  
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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.  
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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's.....  
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12 MR. RIVARD: Okay. Let me write down  
13 people's names here first.  
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15 (Pause)  
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17 MR. RIVARD: Yes, the date on the motion  
18 is the season would be from the 1st of September to the  
19 31st of March.  
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21 MR. L. WILDE: What year.  
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23 MR. RIVARD: If this goes through the  
24 system, it would be for next season, so effective July  
25 1st, 2007.  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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29 (Microphones not on)  
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31 MR. L. WILDE: Could we make an addendum  
32 or.....  
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34 MS. HOFFMAN: A friendly amendment.  
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36 MR. L. WILDE: A friendly amendment to  
37 that motion to include this coming winter season for a  
38 moose for the amount of time that's -- the 20 days or  
39 whatever it is.  
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41 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Lester. That  
42 would have to be a special action all on its own for this  
43 coming winter season.  
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45 MR. L. WILDE: Well, the special action,  
46 then that's what we could request.  
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48 MR. RIVARD: So it would be two separate  
49 things. It would be -- the proposal you're going to vote  
50 on here soon would be to put in this regulatory cycle.

1 MR. L. WILDE: And the special action?  
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3 MR. RIVARD: And the special action would  
4 be something that we would deal with right away.  
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6 MR. L. WILDE: For this coming season for  
7 a moose.  
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9 MR. RIVARD: For this winter within --  
10 it's starting December.....  
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12 MR. L. WILDE: Within the time limit of  
13 20 days instead of 30.  
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15 MR. RIVARD: Or whatever dates you want  
16 to set for that.  
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18 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.  
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20 MR. RIVARD: Okay.  
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22 MR. L. WILDE: If that's okay with the  
23 Council.  
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25 MR. RIVARD: I would suggest you finish  
26 his business and then we can decide what the wording  
27 might be on that special action, and we'll write it down.  
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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, I've already  
30 called for the question.  
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32 MR. RIVARD: Okay. We'll do a roll call  
33 vote here. The motion is to have a -- to change the  
34 season for moose in Unit 18, remainder, to 1 September to  
35 31st of March. James Charles.  
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37 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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39 MR. RIVARD: Raymond Oney.  
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41 MR. ONEY: Yes.  
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43 MR. RIVARD: William Brown.  
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45 MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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47 MR. RIVARD: That's a yes. Harry Wilde.  
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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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1 MR. RIVARD: Edgar.  
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3 MR. HOELSCHER: Yes.  
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5 MR. RIVARD: Philip Moses.  
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7 MR. MOSES: Yes.  
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9 MR. RIVARD: Yes. Lester Wilde.  
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11 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.  
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13 MR. RIVARD: Joseph Mike.  
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15 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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17 MR. RIVARD: Greg.  
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19 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.  
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21 MR. RIVARD: Bob Aloysius.  
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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25 MR. RIVARD: And Beverly.  
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27 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.  
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29 MR. RIVARD: The motion passes. How many  
30 of you are there. 11 to nothing. Thank you.  
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32 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.  
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36 MR. L. WILDE: Could we also then make --  
37 ask for a proposal be drafted for this coming season as  
38 a special action request from both the State and the  
39 Feds.  
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41 MR. RIVARD: Well, we can draft them both  
42 up and submit one to the State. I think it would  
43 probably be, what, an agenda change item?  
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45 MR. ROCZICKA: Petition.  
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47 MR. RIVARD: Petition. Petition to the  
48 State. Okay. I just.....  
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50 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. I would

1 like to move that -- I'm sorry, Bob. I'd like to move  
2 that a petition -- or that a proposal be drafted for this  
3 coming season as a petition to the State and a special  
4 action request for the Feds.

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6 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. I would suggest  
7 you open up your regulation books to Page 88 and that way  
8 we've got the current moose regulation in front of us.  
9 We're talking I believe about the season now that start  
10 December 20th, and so you want to work off of that and  
11 decide how you want to change that onto this special  
12 action. And remember that this special action would only  
13 be effective for this one time, 60 days, and then it  
14 would revert back to the current regulation.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: Yes, the date would be  
17 December 20th to January 10th.

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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: I've got a question for  
24 Lester. Are you saying that you want to change one  
25 antlered bull to one moose?

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27 MR. L. WILDE: That's correct, Bob.

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
32 floor and second and discussion. Edgar.

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34 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
35 Around December 20th through January at times the weather  
36 is mean and at times it's too cold to go out, and so is  
37 it possible to do a 30-day instead of a 20-day?

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39 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I could take  
40 that friendly amendment and go with it.

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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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46 MR. RIVARD: Well, Mr. Chair, I would  
47 just ask that you would -- Lester and Edgar, that you  
48 would give the specific dates then. If you want it to  
49 start still at December 20th and go to whatever date that  
50 would be for 30 days.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: That was what I was going  
2 to suggest, that you have a specific date of December 20  
3 through January 20, the 30 days.  
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5 MR. L. WILDE: That sounds about right.  
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7 MR. RIVARD: Okay. You've got a friendly  
8 amendment on the floor now. You need a second for that.  
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11 MR. ROCZICKA: The second would have to  
12 accept it as well as the maker, and the maker's already  
13 accepted it.  
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: The easiest way is just to  
16 rescind my motion. Rescind the motion. Just say, I  
17 withdraw my motion, and I'll withdraw my second. Then  
18 you make another motion to address this new time line.  
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20 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. For the sake of  
21 extra wording we'll change the date from December 10th to  
22 January 10th in my -- I move -- I'm sorry, Bob. You give  
23 me that look, I know just exactly what you're thinking.  
24 I move that the.....  
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: First you have to withdraw  
27 your first motion.  
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29 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. I'm sorry. I  
30 withdraw my motion then.  
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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: I withdraw my second.  
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34 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. Now, am I okay now?  
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: You're open.  
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38 MR. L. WILDE: I'd like to move that a  
39 proposal be drafted to include this year's season of  
40 December 20th to extend it to January 20th, 2007.  
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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: For one moose?  
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44 MR. L. WILDE: For one moose, correct.  
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.  
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48 MR. RIVARD: And that was for Unit 18  
49 remainder.  
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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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3 MS. HOFFMAN: Discussion.  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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7 MS. HOFFMAN: For discussion purposes, I  
8 just want to clarify. The moratorium area, that still  
9 would be in effect.  
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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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13 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah?  
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15 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Yes. Beverly,  
16 the moratorium is in the Kuskokwim drainage area. And  
17 that's on the other part of the regulation. This is just  
18 for Unit 18 remainder we're talking about that currently  
19 has two seasons, a fall and a winter.  
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21 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chair.  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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25 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.  
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29 MR. L. WILDE: Yes, I think it would be  
30 good a good idea to try it this one year as a special  
31 action request for this one year, to see how enforcement  
32 and everybody that's going to be involved with it, how it  
33 turns out this one year. And if it seems that's it's  
34 going to be something that we'd like to continue on, and  
35 it's working, then we could put in a regular proposal at  
36 the next go around.  
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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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40 MR. RIVARD: You mean Don? Mr. Chair.  
41 Lester. That's one option. You could also go ahead and  
42 put this in as a regular proposal this cycle, and then  
43 when it comes up in front of you, a year from March -- or  
44 it would be this March actually. Never mind, I think I  
45 -- you could put it in as a regular proposal again.  
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47 MR. L. WILDE: We just want to try it  
48 out, see how it works.  
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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, I thought the  
4 intention of this motion was to, you know, make it before  
5 this October 20th deadline.  
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7 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Bob. A special  
8 action can be put in at any time. All throughout the  
9 year you can -- anybody can put in a special action  
10 request to the Federal subsistence program.  
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12 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.  
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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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16 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
17 In the regulation, you have two regulations, one, the  
18 bigger wording right up there north and west of Cape  
19 Romanzof, and et cetera, December 20th through January  
20 10th. And then right down there also, Unit 18,  
21 remainder. So is the person that made the motion just  
22 making a motion just like Don said, Unit 18, remainder,  
23 or are you going to keep it as the way the regulation  
24 says.  
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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.  
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28 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Edgar. Right  
29 now both of the proposals, the one you just passed that  
30 we're going to develop, and this special action are  
31 dealing just with Unit 18, remainder, that little box  
32 there where there's not a lot of wording. All it just  
33 says is Unit 18, remainder, one antlered bull. That's  
34 the only area we talked about for the proposal and for  
35 this special action.  
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.  
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39 MR. ROCZICKA: Question.  
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41 MR. L. WILDE: Question.  
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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The Question's been  
44 called. We'll do again roll call.  
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46 MR. RIVARD: Okay. The special action  
47 request and the petition to the State, the proposal is  
48 having a season of December 20th through January 20th,  
49 one moose. James Charles.  
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1 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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3 MR. RIVARD: Raymond Oney.  
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5 MR. ONEY: Yes.  
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7 MR. RIVARD: William Brown.  
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9 MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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11 MR. RIVARD: Harry Wilde.  
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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.  
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15 MR. RIVARD: Edgar Hoelscher.  
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17 MR. HOELSCHER: Yes.  
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19 MR. RIVARD: Philip Moses.  
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21 MR. MOSES: Yes.  
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23 MR. RIVARD: Lester Wilde.  
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25 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.  
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27 MR. RIVARD: Joseph Mike.  
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29 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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31 MR. RIVARD: Greg Roczicka.  
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.  
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35 MR. RIVARD: Bob Aloysius.  
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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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39 MR. RIVARD: Beverly Hoffman.  
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41 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.  
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43 MR. RIVARD: Motion passes, 11 to zero.  
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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Your name for the  
46 record.  
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48 MR. PERRY: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. I'm  
49 Phillip Perry, the area management biologist for Fish and  
50 Game. I think we may have kind of diverted here from the

1 intention. The remainder that was being talked about is  
2 the remainder that goes from the old village of Paimiut  
3 down to Mountain Village. There's a portion of this that  
4 included the calf hunt in the winter that's Mountain  
5 Village and below. I think probably the intention was to  
6 -- I don't know if the intention was to include just that  
7 area, or just the entire Yukon drainage.

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9 MR. L. WILDE: Just that area.

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11 MR. PERRY: Yeah. So I think what we  
12 were just talking about, we flip-flopped geographical  
13 areas, because I think what was just passed was from  
14 Mountain Village up to Paimiut, and that's a totally  
15 different situation moose population-wise and dynamics  
16 than what's below Mountain Village.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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22 MR. L. WILDE: My motion was intended for  
23 that area below Mountain Village.

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25 MR. PERRY: Okay. That's what I was  
26 assuming, but I don't know if it was recorded that way.

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28 MR. RIVARD: Okay. So that's for both  
29 the special action and for the other proposal was it's  
30 for -- we'll get to the intent of it here, is it's for  
31 Mountain village and below. Okay.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: Correct.

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35 MR. ROCZICKA: Correct. And that was the  
36 intent I had as well before.

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38 MR. PERRY: Thank you. I just wanted to  
39 make sure we got that clarified and had the right area.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Thank you. You got it  
42 clarified just in time.

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44 MR. PERRY: thank you.

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46 MR. RIVARD: So again the clarification,  
47 it includes Mountain Village and then the communities  
48 below that on the river. Okay.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

1 MR. RIVARD: I just wanted to let you  
2 know that this WP06-30 that Mike talked about, this is  
3 the follow up to that, that will also be put back into  
4 this proposal cycle, so you will see that again in March  
5 when you meet again. And you'll have a chance to decide  
6 on that, give recommendations to the Federal Subsistence  
7 Board again. Okay. When the Board defers one year, we  
8 automatically put that back into the next regulatory  
9 cycle.

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11 Thank you.

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13 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. On behalf of  
14 Mr. Moses and maybe one or two other members, I would  
15 like to explain what Don said in Yup'ik if I may. (In  
16 Yup'ik) I wanted to explain that. I'm sorry. What I  
17 said in Yup'ik was that -- what Mike Rearden mentioned,  
18 that WP06-30 will be back on the books again this winter  
19 during the your wildlife meeting in Hooper Bay. And it  
20 will also be among the proposals the Federal Board take  
21 up during its May meeting next spring. I wanted to  
22 explain that.

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24 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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28 MS. HOFFMAN: Alex, I thought that we had  
29 a translator for these type of things. So.....

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31 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, he is.

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33 MS. HOFFMAN: Okay.

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35 MR. A. NICK: But I wanted to make sure.

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37 MS. HOFFMAN: Oh, okay, because in the  
38 essence of time, I think we need to move on and know that  
39 he is the translator. Oh, any other wildlife proposals.  
40 I think we're still at Alex.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other wildlife.  
43 Alex.

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45 MR. A. NICK: For the proposals, that's  
46 all we have for the proposals at this point, Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you.

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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3 MS. HOFFMAN: I just want to make sure  
4 there's opportunity just in case there's any other  
5 proposals to be brought forth by any Council members.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Now we go to the next on  
8 agenda, number C, customary trade for subsistence foods.  
9 Greg.

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11 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
12 I asked that this be put on the agenda for this Council  
13 to address as the result of some concerns that were  
14 brought to me as a Council member this last summer where  
15 people who were advertising selling their berries, you  
16 know, extra five-gallon bucket of berries here and there,  
17 received, for lack of a better word, nastygrams through  
18 e-mail that they should cease and desist doing so over  
19 the local college Distance Delivery Consortium stating  
20 that it was a commercial activity. And they could --  
21 telling them to basically stop doing that, because it's  
22 -- because of that, they're not allowed anything for a  
23 profit on that -- through that means or through that  
24 internet opportunity.

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26 And what really got me right away was in  
27 any way when you see something as far as that people have  
28 done forever, you know, selling a little bit of extra  
29 berries, or trading their fish or whatever it might be,  
30 it's certainly not a commercial activity in my mind. And  
31 to have it labelled as much as -- something like that,  
32 labelled as a commercial activity, it raised quite a  
33 concern in my mind, because once it starts at one little  
34 spot, then the next thing you know, somebody else picks  
35 up on it, and before you know it, people are -- it can  
36 spread out. And it really worried me.

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38 And I wanted to get a clarification on  
39 that, and it was my understanding that the Board's  
40 actions that they've taken in the past did allow for that  
41 up to \$1,000 for customary trade and barter. However,  
42 when I went to look into a little further, I found then  
43 that action by the Federal Board addressed only fish,  
44 nothing else. And it was made very clear along those  
45 lines.

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47 However, taking it one step further, what  
48 came to light here is that somehow now the Federal Board  
49 has also said -- in essence has said that they don't  
50 recognize any kind of authority that plants are part of

1 subsistence. And I really wanted to get a clarification  
2 on this. And what it is, it's part of their whole  
3 interpretation of ANILCA which is sadly lacking in very  
4 many ways, or actually looking for ways to avoid  
5 responsibility I think in many ways, we've expressed in  
6 concerns before. And they have options to change that.  
7 Whether they ever will or not, I don't know. I could  
8 hope they might.

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10 But I wanted to get this clarified for  
11 what the rules, and what the official classification is.  
12 And I was told that actually it falls under the area land  
13 manager to make that determination. And I just wanted it  
14 brought up for discussion, and hopefully get that  
15 clarification here. And I understand that they are  
16 working now on a policy to address that from the refuge.

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19 Anyway, that's why I asked it to be put  
20 on the agenda. At the time I couldn't get anybody to  
21 give me any kind of clear answer about anything.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: I'd like to ask Mike  
26 Rearden to come up again to provide us with information.

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28 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Bev. You  
29 just like to hear me talk I think.

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31 You know, I share Greg's concerns. And,  
32 you know, we've seen probably more berries sold this fall  
33 than I've seen in my time here. And I think it's a  
34 result of the fact that people are really hurting. I  
35 mean, the electrical prices, and fuel and all that stuff.  
36 And people are trying to get whatever they can.

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38 And frankly it's one of those things, I  
39 don't know if they're picking them on the refuge, or  
40 whether they're picking them on private lands. And it's  
41 one of those thing that I just don't worry about. And I  
42 think it's more of a refuge issue if there were to be a  
43 lot of commercial picking on refuge lands. It's a Refuge  
44 issue, not a RAC issue or a Federal Subsistence Board  
45 issue. I think they only deal with fish and wildlife.  
46 But we do need to address it.

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48 And my first inclination was to just say,  
49 you know, we don't really care about it, and it's not an  
50 issue to deal with, until I got a letter from a large --

1 it's associated with a large company that wants to  
2 extract a lot of plant material from refuge lands to use  
3 in making cosmetics. So then I got thinking. You know,  
4 there is a commercial angle to this that I hadn't  
5 expected to ever see. So I think I've got to be careful.  
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8                   However, I would certainly intend to  
9 write policy that would allow the typical customary and  
10 traditional sale of berries and whatever people have  
11 always done out here, which we all know occurs, and it  
12 has for a long, long time. So I wouldn't worry about it  
13 all of a sudden becoming illegal. But I'm going to take  
14 a little more care with it than my original intent was  
15 once I recognized that there are those with serious  
16 commercial intent. So I'll promise you that we're  
17 working on it.  
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19                   And I noticed somebody from the State  
20 came in and left some documents on my desk when I wasn't  
21 there, and they're dealing with the same issue.  
22 Apparently plant extraction in some other areas of the  
23 State is becoming quite an issue.  
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25                   So I will address it and do whatever we  
26 can to protect the local subsistence traditional uses.  
27 However, I'm going to be careful in how we do it.  
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29                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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31                   MS. HOFFMAN: Mike, so you're going to be  
32 putting wording together for the sale or barter of?  
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34                   MR. REARDEN: That's correct. And I'd  
35 say plant materials. I mean, you could be talking about  
36 people gathering punk to gathering berries, plants,  
37 chaethluk (ph), thinks like that.  
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39                   MS. HOFFMAN: And so also I know that  
40 they monitor these local, for those of you not in Bethel,  
41 first class emails, because I've been told I can't put  
42 some things on there. And they monitor quite closely.  
43 But it might be good to get with I believe it's Jerry  
44 Dominic who oversees a lot of that when you get that  
45 wording drafted so he understands, too, that this is not  
46 for profit, that there's a difference, and that that's  
47 the difference you're talking about. Somebody's sending  
48 out gallons and gallons of blueberries and cranberries,  
49 and somebody might be starting up a winery, you know,  
50 that's different from what we're talking about. It would

1 be good for Jerry Dominic to get that information.

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3 MR. REARDEN: Okay, Bev. I will talk to  
4 Jerry.

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6 MR. ROCZICKA: And that was my main  
7 concern. I was just worried about it being automatically  
8 given -- you know, the customary trade activity being  
9 classified into, you know, a commercial designation. And  
10 just it's -- as you say, it rubbed us all the wrong way.

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13 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. We have no  
14 intent to do that.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: He has had his hand up.

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

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20 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik).

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22 INTERPRETER: I'd like to talk about  
23 having to do with the gathering of plants of berries,  
24 black berries and other. And we measure ourselves. We  
25 don't get great amounts of money either. And so we get  
26 by with what we've got, and sometimes we gather enough  
27 and sometimes we have an excess. And that excess we  
28 either barter or trade, and so -- so to get by. The ones  
29 we gathered are for our use, and whatever we trade or  
30 barter or sell, such things we use to purchase other  
31 things that we dearly need.

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33 And then I don't know, you know, exactly  
34 who sells, but it has been done before. So however  
35 someone picks berries for my family, for me especially,  
36 or pick other -- or harvest other natural resources when  
37 they are available.

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39 He's in support of those people who do  
40 that, because it is a help and I cheer them, and not for  
41 great company or other entities.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana.

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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. That's a concern a  
50 lot of people have at home is that, you know, if we start

1 being regulated and we can't even pick berries for our  
2 family member who can't go out there, and that's the  
3 concern that he's having. It's a concern that a lot of  
4 people have at home.

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6 We used to just trade for anything,  
7 everything. And you could trade berries for fish or  
8 berries for meat, and fish for meat and things like that.  
9 But nowadays that's pretty hard to do, so what's the  
10 easiest commodity to trade? Money. So we're very  
11 adaptive people, so we adopted the use of money for meat  
12 and other products that we have so we can secure the  
13 things that we don't have right away.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The next on our agenda,  
16 we're going to have a break. We're going to start again  
17 1:00 o'clock.

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19 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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23 MR. ROCZICKA: Before we do go, I'd like  
24 to ask to be excused after lunch. I have to get to  
25 another meeting. And maybe just as an informational  
26 thing real quick, again the counterpart on the State  
27 side, the Board of Game, is going to be meeting starting  
28 tomorrow. And the issues they're taking up, although  
29 it's specific to one area of the State, the Copper River  
30 Valley at this time, are looking at proposals to create  
31 exclusive subsistence management areas modeled after the  
32 -- like the herring fisheries and so forth, saying that  
33 they'll create a subsistence harvest area, that their  
34 plan would be to perhaps have, you know, expanded  
35 seasons, more liberal bag limits and things of that  
36 nature, for those people, and to accommodate -- to  
37 address the all Alaskans requirement that's there under  
38 the State system, anybody in the State would be eligible  
39 to hunt within these areas, but if they do so, they would  
40 give up their right to hunt any place else in the State.  
41 And although it doesn't affect our area directly at this  
42 time. it may be setting quite a precedent to be applied  
43 in other areas in the future if they do pass it.

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45 So, anyway, that's something that's in  
46 the works, and then I'll be gone this afternoon to go  
47 attend that meeting along with dealing with the reserve  
48 proposal, the fishery reserve. The Board of Game  
49 actually did pass that last spring for the hunting and  
50 trapping portion, the proposal that we acted on

1 yesterday, to support at the Fish Board level, and we'll  
2 be working on the actual statutory language on how what  
3 might be incorporated into State law.

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5 So anyhow I wanted to ask you to please  
6 excuse me for that, and sorry I can't be here for the  
7 whole thing.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you. We go  
10 to lunch.

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12 (Off record)

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14 (On record)

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Looking at our agenda,  
17 agenda 10. 805 Federal Subsistence Board action report,  
18 annual report reply, 2006 annual report topics. Alex  
19 Nick.

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21 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
22 Before we start, before we begin, I'd like to let the  
23 Council know about what Don just told me, that he  
24 happened to be sitting out in the lobby when he overheard  
25 that, you know, the cleaning ladies ask the front desk I  
26 think if you're all supposed to check out, but he  
27 reconfirmed your rooms again this evening. Even though  
28 it was reconfirmed yesterday, they didn't have it out  
29 there for some reason. But now you're okay with the  
30 hotel rooms for tonight. You're okay. Okay.

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32 Well, now for the business. In your  
33 booklet on Page 72. On Page 72 -- excuse me for a  
34 moment. There's a copy of the letter to Harry Wilde from  
35 Mitch Demientieff. I won't go into details. This tells  
36 you that, you know, how the Federal Board acted on the  
37 proposals that you took up last fall, in October. And I  
38 assume that all of the Council members received their  
39 booklets and had ample time to review the response, or  
40 the information on what action was taken by the Federal  
41 Board. So if you have any questions, we'll be glad to  
42 answer those on this. Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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46 MR. A. NICK: The next topic. Do you  
47 have -- does the Council have any questions on that? 805  
48 -- I'm sorry. 805(c) letter is what I'm talking about,  
49 under 10.A.

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1 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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5 MS. HOFFMAN: If there are no questions,  
6 can we move on to the other, to B and C?  
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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any questions.  
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10 (No comments)  
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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If it's not, yeah, go  
13 ahead.  
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15 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The  
16 annual report reply is on Page 82 of your booklets. As  
17 you remember, you submitted topics to -- for us to draft  
18 your annual report last year, and we've submitted that to  
19 the Federal Board, and the reply is on Page 82. I won't  
20 go into details again, but if you have any question on  
21 any certain topics on the reply, either myself or Don  
22 will be happy to answer those questions.  
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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, the response to the  
29 issue number 3, restoration of non-salmon streams is the  
30 same response we've been getting for years. And it's  
31 evident to me that whoever wrote this response has no  
32 knowledge of what these abandoned beaver dams are doing  
33 to our fish. And I keep emphasizing that it's abandoned  
34 beaver dams. I know beaver dams are a natural process of  
35 what goes on, but it's the abandoned ones that have been  
36 there for over 10 years that are causing the problems  
37 with our non-salmon species, and also with the salmon  
38 species, of not being able to go up to their spawning  
39 grounds. And it's just evident to me that whoever writes  
40 these responses has absolutely no knowledge of what we're  
41 going through here. They just have a textbook knowledge  
42 of what these abandoned beaver dams are doing. And I  
43 think it's time we started doing some -- instead of just  
44 listening to them and saying, yeah, okay, and start doing  
45 some action about getting rid of these beaver dams that  
46 are causing the problem we have for our subsistence  
47 fishing of these non-salmon species.  
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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.  
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1 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Bob. Basically  
2 I wrote all these responses with the help of some  
3 reviewing by the Staff. And I'm a fisheries biologist by  
4 trade, and I have over 25 years of experience in that  
5 area. And I've seen what beaver dams do. I don't know  
6 specifically the beaver dams you're talking about. So it  
7 wasn't drafted by somebody who has no knowledge at all.

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10 The thing is, as this response kind of  
11 points out, and I also called up Mike Rearden and we  
12 talked a little bit about this, because it is an ongoing  
13 issue, and it's something that also is something that  
14 could be done by the Refuge. There's very liberal  
15 hunting regulations on beaver. Actually going out and  
16 taking beaver dams out is not something that the Federal  
17 Subsistence Board does, nor can they mandate anybody to  
18 go do. So it's really working with the Refuge, and they  
19 have their own policies on what they're going to do or  
20 not do on refuge lands. And most of the Refuges are set  
21 up to allow natural process to occur. And so beavers and  
22 beaver dams are part of the natural process that occurs  
23 out there. And so I know this is a tough one, that  
24 people would like to see some of these old beaver dams  
25 removed, but it's real hard for an agency to do anything  
26 about it in general.

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28 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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32 MS. HOFFMAN: Is there a legal problem  
33 with communities that have concerns about beaver dams in  
34 their area taking care of the matter themselves?

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36 MR. RIVARD: I don't know how to answer  
37 that one. Mike Rearden's -- we'll put Mike on the hot  
38 spot I guess.

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40 MS. HOFFMAN: As long as we don't tell  
41 Mike Rearden?

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43 (Laughter)

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45 MR. REARDEN: Well, it's pretty much the  
46 same answer as last year. I'm not going to send my staff  
47 out to remove beaver dams. If you're in the community  
48 and you know where there's an old beaver dam that's  
49 blocking fish, go remove it. That's the response I'm  
50 going to give every year. If you don't like it, I don't

1 know what to do about it, because I'm not going to go out  
2 and do it myself, and I don't have the staff to do it.  
3 I mean, think about it. It's surely -- and if it's  
4 beavers are causing a problem building dams, go trap the  
5 beaver. It's open all day, all year, all the time, no  
6 limit. Why are you expecting the Federal government to  
7 do something about it? I don't get it.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: My concern is that every  
12 time we go to where it's illegal to destroy beaver dam.  
13 And we're not -- you know, we're not concerned about live  
14 beaver dams. We're talking about dead beaver dams.  
15 There's four streams that feed to the big lake behind  
16 Kalskag, and that lake is dying, because there's no  
17 fresh water coming down like there used to be. There's  
18 only one stream that drains it. And years ago we used to  
19 get, you know, thousands of pike in that lake, whitefish,  
20 sheefish, lush, silvers. You know, you name it. And  
21 nowadays it's practically dying because there are no fish  
22 up there. And the simple reason's because those four  
23 stream that are feeding that lake are blocked, and  
24 they've been blocked for years. And every time we want  
25 to do something, well, you can't do this, you can't do  
26 that. And, you know, we're getting to a point of what  
27 can we do? And you say go do it yourself.

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29 MR. REARDEN: Well, I know of no.....

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: And yet there's one  
32 solution to that, and they've done it in the Lower 48, is  
33 using dynamite in the wintertime, and we're told, you  
34 can't do that. So.....

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36 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. I know of  
37 no regulation that says you can't remove an old beaver  
38 dam from a stream. And if I lived there and I thought it  
39 was blocking passage, that's exactly what I would use.  
40 Using dynamite isn't a great idea, because any fish that  
41 happens to be in the water there is dead from the.....

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's no fish.

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45 MR. REARDEN: Well, and I don't have a  
46 license for handling dynamite myself. You can maybe get  
47 one. But you can remove an old dam, and it will wash  
48 out, you know that. You know, one that's active you  
49 can't because the beavers will build it just as fast as  
50 you tear it up, but an old dam, you can get the water

1 moving, it will flush right out. I've done it myself out  
2 here at Hangar Lake.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: William.

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6 MR. BROWN: Yeah. I have a concern about  
7 beaver dam. In my village they're reserving my pathway  
8 between Inerak (ph) and Eek. The sloughs have two small  
9 dams, and they're reserving the water from doing down in  
10 outgoing tide. And after we have a south wind, we have  
11 (In Yup'ik) water line. This is our pathway between  
12 checking our nets in Inerak and Eek. We're just  
13 reserving those dams, small dams.

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15 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Charlie.  
16 The season is open year round. There's no limit. If you  
17 want to go out there and shoot every beaver out there, or  
18 trap them in the winter, whichever you want to do, and  
19 then remove the dam, then that's not a problem. You can  
20 do that.

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22 MR. BROWN: Yeah. I just tell my friends  
23 not to shoot them, because they're reserving the water  
24 line for trapping.

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26 MR. REARDEN: Oh, okay. Well, if you  
27 want them to, then let.....

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29 MR. BROWN: They're doing good to us.

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31 MR. REARDEN: That's a good thing. All  
32 right. Well, somebody said something good about beavers.

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34 MR. MOSES: Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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38 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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40 INTERPRETER: When he's -- yeah, they're  
41 speaking about a beaver. And in my home area, on Nelson  
42 Island, back then there was not -- here was no creature  
43 called by the name of a beaver. And up the Toksook Bay  
44 River and its creeks and there is nothing called beaver.  
45 But not too many years ago they start coming out about 20  
46 years ago. Back then they used to have fish traps out  
47 there and they used to catch quite a bit of fish of all  
48 kinds, whitefish, blackfish, and pike, and then now  
49 because of the dams -- or many beaver dams up the creeks  
50 we don't see that much returns of those fish that are

1 natural to that area. And then to kill them off, you  
2 know, it's hard. There are too many. And it creates a  
3 hardship if we were to kill all of them, you know, like  
4 what's occurred. And sometimes they go out to they  
5 saltwater area, and they travel around like they were  
6 born in that area -- or born in the saltwater. And there  
7 are too many of them. So you know we -- it creates a  
8 hardship for us and also, you know, for the things that  
9 we depend on, or the fish that we depend on in those  
10 creeks. And in spring, and when they come out of their  
11 beaver lodges to scout around, there are plenty of them  
12 around. And we don't know how to deal with those things.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: And then the Chairman is  
17 saying that the refuge manager says that, you know, the  
18 beavers are open year round, and we can take as many as  
19 we want or need or however many we want to take of it.

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21 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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23 INTERPRETER: You know, maybe it would  
24 make maybe some hunters happy that they're able to take  
25 a whole lot. They want to take the whole area. I mean,  
26 it would be difficult anyway to care for the -- or take  
27 care of the fur and so forth. And so it does create a  
28 hardship even though they're available.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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32 (Laughter)

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34 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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36 INTERPRETER: What -- I mean, these  
37 beaver houses, these beaver lodges and beaver dams, you  
38 know, once you take care of that area and have no more  
39 beavers, you can destroy the lodges, you can destroy the  
40 beaver dams as well.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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44 INTERPRETER: And in summer I have a  
45 fish camp below Mountain Village, one of a series in one  
46 of the creeks. And there's a lake back there, a small  
47 lake. And there's a small lodge in that pond or lake.  
48 And then they try to take care of their lodge -- I mean,  
49 the beaver itself, you know, beaver dam by shoveling it  
50 to make the water run, but by next morning the beaver dam

1 is already fixed up again.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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5 (Laughter)

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7 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Peter.

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11 MR. MIKE: Yeah. I do a lot of traveling  
12 in the month of April, the first part of April or latter  
13 part of April. In some places where I see Beaver house,  
14 and when I get to the beaver house, the beavers come out  
15 of the house and try to cut willows from that area. I've  
16 seen quite a few beaver houses that are being - there's  
17 a hole on the side or on top, and the beavers go out and  
18 try to cut willows and drag them to their beaver house.  
19 I know the beavers are slowly declining in some lakes or  
20 where there's shallow water in the winter time.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more on annual  
23 report.

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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29 MS. HOFFMAN: I just wanted to talk about  
30 issue 1 and Donlin Creek, and the response was that once  
31 the permitting process is started, the environmental  
32 impact statement is put forward, that the wildlife  
33 refuge, OSM and Innoko National Wildlife Refuge will take  
34 part in the review. Has there ever been a situation on  
35 Federal lands in the United States that when there's been  
36 a development that the Federal wildlife refuge has shut  
37 down a mining operation? What history is.....

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39 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Beverly. I  
40 don't know of any particular case like that. I mean,  
41 it's possible, but -- and as you kind of mentioned there,  
42 there's a whole process that goes on first. And there's  
43 going to be a lot of reviews that are going to take  
44 place.

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46 One potential outcome is that the project  
47 never gets done, depending on what the environmental  
48 impact statement says. That's one of the option. More  
49 than likely it's going to be that there will be certain  
50 conditions that will be put on the -- what is it, Baric

1 Mining Company now, is that what they call themselves?  
2 They would have to show that they're going to do certain  
3 types of work. You know, I don't want to try to guess  
4 what the outcome's going to be.

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6 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah. Mr. Chair. I guess  
7 I was just curious, as I'll keep bringing it up, because  
8 I want us all to be vigilant. Anyway, thanks for your  
9 response.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more comments or  
12 questions to 2005 annual report

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14 (No comments)

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's no more  
17 question or comment, I'll go to the next one, C, 2006  
18 annual report topics.

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20 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
21 Again we are asking for annual report topics if you want  
22 to submit your annual report to the Federal Subsistence  
23 Board. You can give us your topics now and then we will  
24 draft the annual report for 2006. Fiscal year 2006.

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26 MR. RIVARD: Calendar year.

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28 MR. A. NICK: 2006 calendar year. Mr.  
29 Chair. How it's going to look like is we just looked at  
30 the annual report reply, It has topic 1, 2, 3, and then  
31 there's response. What we need right now is topics that,  
32 you know, that you might want to submit to Federal  
33 Subsistence Board as topics of your annual report along  
34 with the action recommendation.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: When is the deadline for  
41 submitting topics.

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43 MR. A. NICK: We also hope that we get  
44 the topics at -- you know, during the meeting, but, you  
45 know, in the past we've taken annual report topics from  
46 the Council. They're submitted to me and then I with the  
47 help of the OSM Staff, we draft topics for you. And just  
48 one little concern I have is that last year the Council  
49 wanted to submit their topics later to me. I did not  
50 receive very many. Maybe one or two, and then I worked

1 with a couple of Council members to come up with the  
2 topics that the Council discussed during their meeting.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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6 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. One  
7 area that I would like to see collaboration between State  
8 and Federal is more education on no trace camping. I'm  
9 out three weeks on the Kisaralik. I'm out most of May  
10 and part of June up the Gweek. And I spend some time on  
11 the Kwethluk. And what always breaks my heart is to see  
12 garbage and oil cans and pop cans and crap, toilet paper,  
13 crap, on some of these most pristine areas. Not just in  
14 the summer, but, you know, I spend a lot of time dog  
15 mushing in the winter. So I would just like maybe the  
16 refuge and the Department to work on some public service  
17 announcements. I mean, it's easy for me to say to  
18 somebody, if I know they were camping there, get after  
19 them myself, and believe me I have. And I have called  
20 Mike before when I thought it was out of the area people  
21 responsible for it. But, you know, any time, not just  
22 the refuge and the Department of Fish and Game, but our  
23 tribal entities, our local organizations, need to create  
24 more awareness of this problem. We're getting bigger and  
25 bigger, more people coming into this area, and it just  
26 bothers me to see Pampers and toilet paper and just  
27 garbage. And so I would like -- that's a big issue for  
28 me. I spend a lot of time just as most of us do at this  
29 table. Anything that can help us create more awareness,  
30 education pamphlets, working with the schools, tribal  
31 organizations.

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MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Bev. Would you  
34 like us to draft something for the Council's annual  
35 report on this?

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MS. HOFFMAN: Draft an issue statement  
38 you mean?

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MR. A. NICK: Yes. An issue. Give us an  
41 issue. That's an issue, but I'm not sure if it's a solid  
42 enough issue for us to work from. I think we might need  
43 a little more information on how it affects the resources  
44 out there.

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MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. If Council  
47 agrees that there is environmental impact of waste,  
48 debris being left behind, I wouldn't mind working up an  
49 issue statement that I'd like -- and maybe I'm way out of  
50 line. Maybe you folks are already doing something to

1 work with people on that. Oh, good, I knew somebody  
2 would jump up.

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4 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Beverly. The  
5 way these topics work is it's an issue as Alex is kind of  
6 prompting you to be specific with, and then it's what you  
7 would like to see the Board do. So in other words,  
8 here's the issue and here's what we would like to see the  
9 Board do. So these are usually topics that are handled  
10 outside of the regulatory process.....

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12 MS. HOFFMAN: Right.

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14 MR. RIVARD: .....that are still  
15 subsistence related. so you need to have, as Alex was  
16 trying to point out there, that there's got to be a  
17 subsistence connection to this in order for the Board to  
18 do something about it. And so if it's basically cleaning  
19 up litter, I'm not sure that this is the place to go.

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21 MS. HOFFMAN: Well, it's.....

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23 MR. RIVARD: But, yeah, I mean, I think  
24 it's a good idea to have public education and get people  
25 -- I don't know if it's something that the Federal Board  
26 would necessarily do. They would probably see it -- I'm  
27 just presuming this, but they would probably take it back  
28 to the Refuge and see if there's some role the refuge  
29 could play in it, because it's more local. Just  
30 something to think about.

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32 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair, I guess I was  
33 just coming from an environmental impact, and anything  
34 that has a negative environmental impact does affect our  
35 resources and our subsistence way of, you know, gathering  
36 food. So maybe I'll just work with the refuge and -- but  
37 I just thought it would be -- statewide it would be to  
38 create more awareness of the impact of garbage on our  
39 land, you know, the negative impacts it has.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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43 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Bev. I think  
44 something that you brought up is something that we can  
45 start from, environmental impact on -- for example, maybe  
46 something eating the trash, like plastic or something  
47 that would affect that resource, or something that would  
48 probably hurt subsistence resources by maybe eating oil  
49 or whatever is out there. But we have to come up with an  
50 issue that will get the Federal Board concerned about,

1 you know, this issue.

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3 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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9 MR. L. WILDE: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The  
10 other day we had a presentation from YRDFA on the by-  
11 catch of our subsistence salmon resource out in the high  
12 seas. I think that has a big impact on our subsistence  
13 way of -- subsistence fisheries. I think there should be  
14 something done, to see if there can be some kind of help  
15 to try and get some regulation into place where the  
16 rolling hot spots or there areas where there's salmon  
17 saving areas where there be a cap placed in those areas  
18 where most of the by-catch is being caught of salmon that  
19 are going into our northern areas, namely the Yukon  
20 River, the Kuskokwim River, because the salmon that goes  
21 up -- that are being caught out there also has an impact  
22 on salmon coming into the Kuskokwim.

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24 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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28 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
29 Chairman. About a year ago right here in this room Roger  
30 Savoy made a presentation on the mainland muskox. I  
31 don't know where we stand on that issue today. We're in  
32 hopes of populating that species, you know, to basically  
33 hunt muskox probably not in my time maybe my children's  
34 time. It seemed like that issue is dead unless, you  
35 know, Phillip Perry has any information, or Mike might  
36 have any information regarding the mainland muskox.

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38 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, I think Mike  
39 Rearden would be able to answer that, or maybe Phil.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Phillip.

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43 MR. PERRY: Harry. Ray. Right now our  
44 efforts with mainland muskox have been pretty minimal.  
45 A little bit of education, talking about them at  
46 meetings, intend to put maybe a newspaper article or two  
47 a year into one of the local papers talking about it.  
48 Right now, you know, we hear of and occasionally we see  
49 muskox off of Nelson Island. There's been several  
50 reports in various different places out on the Y-K Delta

1 in the last year, which is not unusual. You know, it  
2 seems like there's always a few groups that come off the  
3 island and wander around. As far as them becoming  
4 established anywhere, that's a long term goal and project  
5 and at this stage really it's the beginning stages of  
6 some public education about -- basically the same sort of  
7 information we've talked about with moratoriums on moose  
8 in the Lower Kuskokwim now. If we have a lengthy amount  
9 of time that muskox aren't harvested on the mainland, I  
10 think we'll have a population that establishes itself and  
11 eventually we could have a legal hunting season.

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13 So that's -- it's not much of an update,  
14 but that's where we are at least right now in our  
15 thinking and the actions we've taken.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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19 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Raymond. Does  
20 that answer your question, or do you want keep this as a  
21 top for the annual report?

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23 MR. ONEY: Yeah, I'd like to have this as  
24 a topic, as an annual report, because I think there are  
25 some muskox that are still out there and, you know, I  
26 think public education is probably the way to get that  
27 message across to villages, you know, that we'd like to  
28 see that species of animal populate in the long run, I  
29 think if it's not too late now, you know, to get that  
30 message across, you know, I'd like to see that as part of  
31 an educational information to the villages.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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35 MR. RIVARD: Okay. Mr. Chair. So, Ray,  
36 is what you're asking the Federal Board to do is you're  
37 encouraging them, or you want them to encourage this  
38 effort of repopulating on the mainland, is that what  
39 you're asking them to do?

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41 MR. ONEY: Yes. I think there was a  
42 pretty good number that were seen down toward that --  
43 some place down in that area, and then, you know, there  
44 could -- you know, the sighting is to date, but I'm sure  
45 there's muskox out there that are, you know, surviving.  
46 And, you know, like I said earlier, you know, it may not  
47 happen in my time, but through public education and  
48 through, you know, trying to get that population up to  
49 where we could be able to hunt those muskox. You know,  
50 that's one species that we could look at, you know, for

1 our children.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions or  
4 answers on 2006 annual report.

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6 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: William.

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10 MR. BROWN: I have a concern about those  
11 hunters when they're camping in moose season time. You  
12 know, last season we heard incident that happen up river  
13 by Stoney, Stone River. I wonder if we have any kind of  
14 a frequency to communication when those kind of  
15 violations or -- I'm talking about the safety of the  
16 travelers. Some traveled from distant, from long ways  
17 from home and they need some kind of protection to  
18 contact help, you know, in case if they have equipment  
19 problem, if they have some kind of communication with  
20 your agencies on those kind of -- like on VHF.

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22 One time I was experience myself that I  
23 had a motor problem up there and I couldn't get help  
24 close by. That's what I was talking about. I hope you  
25 understand that I'm trying to say. Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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29 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. If I may,  
30 William, I want to make sure I'm understanding what  
31 you're saying here. When hunters go out to hunt, you  
32 want them to be able to have some kind of means to  
33 communicate to a village or whatever in case of an  
34 emergency? If I may ask -- is that correct? I'm sorry.

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36 MR. BROWN: I mean, when you're out in  
37 the field, you know, out in somewhere, to have some kind  
38 of agency that can come around and assist you.

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40 MR. RIVARD: Okay. I don't know if this  
41 really is an issue that would go before the Board in an  
42 annual report. It sounds like -- it's my understanding  
43 that when -- anytime if you're being transported out  
44 somewhere, or you're going somewhere, you usually file  
45 some kind of itinerary, or you let somebody know where  
46 you're going and when you're expected to be back, is that  
47 correct?

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49 MR. BROWN: (Nods affirmatively)

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1 MR. RIVARD: So if for some reason you  
2 don't return when you're supposed to, then there would be  
3 somebody going to look for you. I mean, I don't know,  
4 if you have an emergency out in the field, I'm not sure  
5 what the Federal Subsistence Board could do about it. I  
6 think that's up to an individual to make sure that  
7 they're taking a means to communicate whether that be a  
8 radio, two-way radios that they can call back. That's  
9 just the responsibility of the hunter to be -- to take  
10 care of their own safety. Does that sound logical? I  
11 don't want to discourage you, but I just wanted to  
12 clarify what you're asking for.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Council, if you have a  
15 comment.

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17 (No comments)

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19 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. One more,  
20 please.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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24 MR. A. NICK: I want to remind the  
25 Council that, you know, at times I sense that the happy  
26 with the response. If that's the case, then, you know,  
27 Don could correct me if I'm wrong, but if that's the  
28 case, if Council is not happy with the response, they  
29 could resubmit that in their -- I mean that topic in  
30 their next annual report. They can do that.

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32 Doy. Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Agencies, organizations  
35 report. A. Office of Subsistence Management, 1, call for  
36 comment on Proposed rule for rural determination, action  
37 item. You find it on your booklet Page 86.

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39 MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair. Don Rivard  
40 again with OSM.

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42 This was to give you an update on where  
43 we're at with the rural determination process. I'm going  
44 to assume that folks have read this, and if they have any  
45 questions, I'll try to -- if they have any specific  
46 questions, I'll try to answer. The Federal Subsistence  
47 Board has been doing public hearings on this topic.  
48 They've already held public meetings in Kodiak a couple  
49 weeks ago, and they've also been to Ketchikan and Saxman  
50 to hear local people's views on the rural determinations

1 that they're proposing. And then next week they're in  
2 Sitka. So this doesn't affect your region per se.  
3 There's nothing being proposed to be changed in the  
4 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region, so it's kind of more for  
5 your information, but your Council is certainly free to  
6 and encouraged if you so want to provide your own  
7 comments on what the Board's proposing as far as possible  
8 changes to some communities as far as changing their  
9 status as either rural or non-rural.

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11 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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13 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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17 MS. HOFFMAN: It says an action item, but  
18 we don't need -- since it doesn't pertain to any of our  
19 communities here, do we need to have it as an action  
20 item, or are they wanting our comments or response.

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22 MR. RIVARD: Well, I think the Federal --  
23 you know, the Board listens to what the Councils have to  
24 say, and if you had some views on the changes that are  
25 being proposed, like the -- Adak, for example, would  
26 change from non-rural to rural, because of the population  
27 they've had now, and there's a couple other ones there on  
28 Page 88. Again you have the option to weigh in and  
29 provide your comments and even recommendations to the  
30 Board. All these places are outside your region, so  
31 that's a consideration as well.

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33 Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do you have comment or  
36 recommendation item 1, that Page 86.

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38 (No comments)

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If it's not, we will go  
41 to the next item 2, update on Council composition.  
42 Council, you'll find it on Page 97.

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44 MR. RIVARD: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.  
45 Don Rivard again.

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47 You're right, it's on Page 97. And  
48 what's happened here is that, as you know, what, about  
49 three years ago we went to a policy of having a 70/30  
50 composition. The Councils were -- 70 percent of the

1 Council members would designated as subsistence users,  
2 and then 30 would be sport/commercial users. that was  
3 challenged in court and recently in an August 2006, the  
4 court kind of put a hold on that and said that the Board  
5 hadn't provided enough or sufficient enough  
6 administrative record as to why there going to that  
7 particular split. So we're in the process now of  
8 providing more reasoning for that. It may or may not  
9 change in the future. So it's more just for your  
10 information that this is going on, there's a court  
11 challenge to this, and what the status is.

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13 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: I've got a question  
20 regarding this 60 -- I mean 70/30 split. What does that  
21 really mean, that there needs to be at least 30 percent  
22 of the Board and the Councils made up of commercial and  
23 sport users in the Council?

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25 MR. RIVARD: Yes. Mr. Chair. Bob.  
26 Under the -- under FACA, which is the, what is it, I  
27 don't remember the name of it now. FACA is -- it  
28 requires that there be representation from all affected  
29 users. And ANILCA's kind of got its own take on that.  
30 Alex, you're going to help me out here a little bit?  
31 Anyways, through FACA, we were to -- we had to show that  
32 we were making sure there were people other than just  
33 subsistence users that were represented on the Council,  
34 so that their views could also be heard and shared. And  
35 so this is what the Federal Board came up with is this  
36 70/30 split. Now, ANILCA says that Councils all -- all  
37 Council members have to be from their region, and they  
38 also have to have a knowledge of subsistence. So it  
39 doesn't take away that basically you all have to have  
40 some knowledge of subsistence. It's just that this other  
41 law requires that there be representation from other  
42 users as well. So this was how the Board came up with  
43 it. And it's been challenged in court.

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45 And I will say that you do have the  
46 opportunity here as well to make comments on this rule  
47 again, this 70/30, if you think that's -- well, whatever  
48 your opinions may be on that, if you'd like to see that  
49 changed in some way, you can make those comments now. I  
50 was just looking on Page 97, the last bullet there. That

1 says, the Board will receive the Council's and public  
2 comments, including pertinent testimony given at the  
3 Council meetings at their May 2007 Board meeting, so the  
4 Board's going to decide on this issue again in May.

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6 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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10 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
11 Don, so that means if all the RAC members apply for all  
12 subsistence users, can they still get their seats? In  
13 this case I -- when my seat was open, when there was  
14 opening, I applied for sports and commercial  
15 representative, because a lot of seats were subsistence,  
16 so can I still get my seat, or select -- can I still get  
17 selected to represent subsistence even most of them are  
18 subsistence users. subsistence user representation.

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20 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. James. Again,  
21 what the Board is doing here is every year there's a  
22 process where people self-nominate themselves, or other  
23 people nominate them to be on the Board. And we've asked  
24 people in the recent past to designate whether they want  
25 to be considered as a subsistence user or  
26 sport/commercial. And I hope this answers your question.  
27 In any given year, for your Council, there's as many as  
28 -- there's five openings at the most. It's four, four,  
29 and five or three, three and four. What is it? Four,  
30 four, and five. Every year there's either four openings  
31 or five openings. And if, for example, you -- all the  
32 applicants all designated themselves as subsistence users  
33 and nobody said sport/commercial, the Board has the  
34 option of selecting all those people, making sure all  
35 your seats are filled. Or they could leave one or a  
36 number of seats open if they so desired. They've got all  
37 those options open to them. But I've seen in the past  
38 that for the most part the Board wants to see a full  
39 council. And if there were only people that designated  
40 themselves as subsistence users to fill those empty  
41 seats, they would do that. they usually like to have a  
42 full council.

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44 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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46 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 Yeah, I've always felt a little bit uncomfortable, I  
2 guess, because I always tell people that, and I've  
3 mentioned it here when we used to have to say, I'm Bev  
4 Hoffman, I'm from Bethel, I'm a sportsfishing seat. That  
5 was my seat. But I always made it clear that I  
6 considered subsistence a priority. And I don't -- you  
7 know, I feel that like it's nice to see the membership  
8 roster, it doesn't designate us as to what kind of seat  
9 we're representing, you know.

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11 But if somebody has some sportsfishing  
12 interest such as myself, you know, I think it's good to  
13 have like a biography on everyone included in the Council  
14 just to give participants out there more information.  
15 Because right now, the way the law reads from what I  
16 understand of what you said is that there is no  
17 designation. You can't split it 70/30, correct? It's  
18 just -- is that my understanding of the ruling?

19

20 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Beverly.  
21 Presently it is at the 70/30, and the court allowed us to  
22 continue. Where we are at right now, we're in a process  
23 of where we're evaluating candidates for the next year.  
24 And the Board allowed the program to continue with the  
25 70/30, but for the next round, for next year when people  
26 apply, the problem was to satisfy some things to the  
27 court, provide better I guess reasons why they're going  
28 this way. And the court may rule that this can continue  
29 at the 70/30 level. They may say it doesn't make any  
30 sense, and you've just got to open it up and not have  
31 this kind of designation. So we don't know where it's  
32 going to go. But right now we're still operating under  
33 the 70/30 policy.

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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 guess then, you know, I  
40 would like to see a little bio included in these packets  
41 just on our Council so we have a little bit -- not just  
42 ourselves, but other people out there have a little bit  
43 more knowledge of people's areas of interests.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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47 MR. RIVARD: So, Beverly, are you saying  
48 that you would like to see a short bio on each Council  
49 member put in each of these Council books each time for  
50 each -- the two meetings a year you have?

1 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.  
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3 MR. RIVARD: So the people in the public  
4 know what their Council -- who their Council folks are  
5 better and where they come from and background?  
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7 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.  
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9 MR. RIVARD: That would be something  
10 you'd have to all agree to, because it's kind of an  
11 individual -- it's public information, but it's got to be  
12 agreed to by each individual that they're willing to  
13 share maybe some private information.  
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15 MS. HOFFMAN: Just to add onto that, if  
16 you didn't get any information, then that's what you  
17 could put, no information provided.  
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19 MR. RIVARD: It sounds like you're giving  
20 each one of these a little assignment to write a little  
21 bio about themselves, is that what you're doing?  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly, don't feel too  
24 bad, because me myself, people all over even though I'm  
25 not representing this and that and right now I'm Bethel,  
26 Alaska.  
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28 (Laughter)  
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30 MS. HOFFMAN: Okay.  
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32 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, We apologize for  
33 that, because, you know, when we work on those, when we  
34 submit request for your name plates, we make sure we put  
35 down where you're from, the title you hold, but there's  
36 always some little mistake somewhere.  
37  
38 Mr. Chair. If I may, Beverly, on the  
39 question on commercial/sport representation, Don covered  
40 this, but you know, Federal Advisory Committee act  
41 requires that, you know, there be representation for all  
42 the interests.  
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44 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes, I know that.  
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46 MR. A. NICK: And so that's one of the  
47 reasons why, you know, we have 30/70.  
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49 And when -- I think James' question, if  
50 I remember correctly, he was asking about commercial

1 representation on the RAC. When you are sitting as a  
2 commercial/sport representation, we kind of expect you to  
3 weigh everything, you know, not forgetting commercial  
4 interests and other interests that might be important to  
5 weigh, you know, when you come up with a decision or  
6 recommendation.

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8 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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12 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

13 Alex. Ron?

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15 MR. RIVARD: Don.

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17 MR. HOELSCHER: Don. I'm getting more  
18 understanding of the RAC. What if RAC wanted to submit  
19 a name or a nominee or an appointment to the Federal  
20 Subsistence Board. Is there a process we have to go  
21 through there, or is it appointed by the Secretary of the  
22 Interior also.

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24 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Edgar. Any  
25 individual can nominate themselves or another individual  
26 to be considered to be a member of the Council. And the  
27 process is set up so that it's done that way to be  
28 impartial. We don't -- it's not recommended and we don't  
29 encourage that this Council come up with names of other  
30 people to sit on it, because that could get into some  
31 other areas. So it's best, if you know somebody, to just  
32 have them nominate themselves, that you would maybe like  
33 to see on the Council. Just contact that person, have  
34 them fill out the form, send it to us. Or you can fill  
35 it out for them and send the name in. Just make sure you  
36 let the individual know you've done so.

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38 MR. HOELSCHER: I understand that. I'm  
39 talking about the higher up board, the statewide board,  
40 the Federal Subsistence Board.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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44 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. One thing that  
45 I forgot, one of the areas which Beverly touched on the  
46 possibility of having a bio on the books. If you look on  
47 Page 5, we have your roster, and you probably notice  
48 that, you know, we've done away with the address and  
49 phone numbers there. This is because of the privacy  
50 issues, and because of some people's wishes, you know.

1 They don't want their phone numbers to be known by  
2 general public. So we have to be very careful how we do  
3 some of these things, but we certainly can check on that,  
4 Beverly. Thank you.

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6 MR. RIVARD: And if I may, Mr. Chair, to  
7 kind of go back to what Edgar was saying, Edgar, the  
8 Federal Subsistence Board is made up of the heads of the  
9 departments or the agencies, the Fish and Wildlife  
10 Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, et cetera, here in  
11 the State, so that's just a given.

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13 The chair is appointed by the Secretaries  
14 of Agriculture and Interior. And I guess anybody could  
15 submit a name to the Interior Secretary and let them know  
16 who they think would be good for that, but it's really --  
17 that comes directly from them. And it's a timing issue.  
18 In this case, you know, Mitch Demientieff has left the  
19 Board and now Mike Fleagle is the Chair. And that was  
20 all done pretty quickly.

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22 Thank you.

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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: Do we have a list of the  
29 Federal Subsistence Board for the State of Alaska?

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31 MR. RIVARD: Yes, we can get you that  
32 list.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there isn't any more,  
35 we'll go to the next one, on item 3 on our agenda,  
36 updates on closure reviews, subsistence use amount and  
37 customary and traditional use determination policies.  
38 Staff. Supposed to be I think Mike. Somebody write it  
39 down here. Mike. And, Council, you find it on your Page  
40 98.

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42 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Don  
43 Rivard. It will be me that will do this. This is just  
44 a quick briefing on these three topics for you. There's  
45 really no actions for you to take. They're for your  
46 information. If you have any questions, I will try to  
47 answer them for you.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's no questions  
50 or comment from the Council, we'll go to the next one.

1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.  
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5 MR. L. WILDE: Are you talking about the  
6 subsistence use amounts yet, or am I -- the traditional  
7 use -- oh, we're on that subject right. Being on that  
8 subject then, to address subsistence use amounts, it  
9 states this draft protocol was intended to provide  
10 guidance for State and Federal managers for coordinating  
11 subsistence management. And the draft of the protocol  
12 was provided to the Council. That draft that we saw last  
13 year at the winter meeting where the numbers on there  
14 were absolutely wrong. It's stated that no further work  
15 has been done on the draft protocol since the winter of  
16 2006. I think that should be in our -- that letter that  
17 we're going to be -- what is that, Council.....  
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19 MS. HOFFMAN: Topics?  
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21 MR. L. WILDE: Topics?  
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23 MR. RIVARD: One of your annual report  
24 topics.  
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26 MR. L. WILDE: Annual report, that we  
27 should mention that we would like to get some action  
28 going on that draft subsistence amounts protocol that was  
29 put out. We need to get a look at -- we need to get  
30 somebody to look at those amounts to make sure that  
31 those amounts are accurate, because if somebody's using  
32 that for making decisions, those numbers are going to be  
33 totally wrong.  
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35 MR. RIVARD: I have that noted, Lester.  
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37 MR. L. WILDE: Thank you.  
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39 MR. RIVARD: We'll put that as one of  
40 your annual report topics.  
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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more comments and  
43 questions on item 3.  
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45 (No comments)  
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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If it's not, we'll go to  
48 the next one.  
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50 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If I

1 may, I'll like to skip number 5 first. Alex is out  
2 photocopying some things to hand out to you for number 4.  
3 So if we could just flip 4 and 5. I'll do the.....

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 4 and 5.

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7 MR. RIVARD: .....Southeast Council's  
8 draft petition to the Secretaries. And then we'll go  
9 back to number 4 after that.

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11 Okay. If you go to Page 99 in your  
12 books, this is a statewide issue. The Southeast Council  
13 wants to get input from the other nine Councils by  
14 reviewing the draft petition which follows. It's on Page  
15 100. There's a letter to Mitch Demientieff, and then  
16 there's the actual petition itself that starts at 102.

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18 And what it is is that the Southeast  
19 Council is drafting this petition, that would take the  
20 requirement that there be a -- that subsistence users,  
21 Federal subsistence users would have to get a State  
22 hunting license in order to hunt. They want just to  
23 remove that. The petition requests that the Secretaries  
24 remove the current requirement that Federally-qualified  
25 subsistence users must obtain and carry a State hunting  
26 license when hunting on Federal public lands under  
27 Federal regulations. And the petition also requests that  
28 the Secretaries issue a Federal hunting license to  
29 Federally-qualified subsistence users.

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31 Now both the Secretary of the Interior  
32 and the Secretary of Agriculture have the authority to  
33 change this license requirement. After the petition is  
34 received, the Secretaries may request Federal Staff to  
35 analyze the effects of changes in license requirements.  
36 The Secretaries may also request the Board to make a  
37 recommendation on this change. If these steps are taken,  
38 then the Councils would likely have the opportunity to  
39 make a recommendation to the Board at a future Council  
40 meeting.

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42 Now, what would be the effects of a  
43 change in the hunting license requirement.

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45 Federally-qualified subsistence users  
46 would no longer be required to purchase and possess a  
47 State of Alaska hunting license when hunting on Federal  
48 lands.

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50 Two, the Federally-qualified subsistence

1 users would need to obtain and possess a Federal hunting  
2 license when hunting on Federal lands.

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4                   Three, there's a possibility that a fee  
5 could be charged for a Federal license, so just keep that  
6 in mind.

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8                   Another possible effect is that to hunt  
9 on non-Federal public lands, including all private lands,  
10 a State of Alaska hunting license would continue to be  
11 required. In areas with multiple ownerships, hunters  
12 would be required to possess both licenses or be very  
13 careful where they hunt if they didn't purchase a State  
14 license.

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16                   The State of Alaska would receive less in  
17 license fees if Federally-qualified subsistence users  
18 chose not to purchase State of Alaska hunting license.  
19 The State of Alaska uses these license fees to support  
20 wildlife management activities, including field studies  
21 and hunt management. License fees are also used to  
22 leverage Federal matching funds, such as under the  
23 Pittman-Roberts Act -- Program.

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25                   Existing State of Alaska license fees  
26 also support watchable wildlife programs, construction  
27 and maintenance of shooting ranges, boat ramps and other  
28 facilities, hunter education programs and other  
29 activities. A decrease in license fees would decrease  
30 funding available for existing State of Alaska  
31 activities. These activities benefit subsistence  
32 hunters.

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34                   So there's kind of the pros and cons of  
35 what might occur should this take place where they remove  
36 the requirement for a State hunting license on Federal  
37 lands.

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39                   So you have the opportunity now to  
40 provide your comments to the Federal Subsistence Board  
41 and to the Southeast Council. They want to hear what all  
42 the other Councils have to say about this issue.

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44                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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46                   MS. HOFFMAN: My feeling on it is right  
47 now we know what the fees are. And if there is a Federal  
48 license, I mean, it will be required, you know. It's  
49 just, you know, a matter of fact that if we did away with  
50 requiring State licenses anywhere, then the Federal

1 agencies will require a State license, and there will be  
2 a fee. It just seems like this would open up a can of  
3 worms. I don't know that I see the need for this. But  
4 that's just my own personal opinion.

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6 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: My feeling is that we --  
11 it doesn't take much to confuse some of us people that  
12 are out there hunting. And I think that double hunting  
13 license in the area where it's needed is going to be a  
14 little bit more confusing. I think that the system that  
15 we have right now is okay and it doesn't seem to bother  
16 anybody. And it's a lot simpler just to get a State  
17 hunting license and your harvest permit from the same  
18 time. So I don't see a need for -- to obtain a Federal  
19 hunting license to be hunting on Federal lands. I think  
20 one license should suffice.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Then besides Mr. Dobson  
25 over there won't be able to stop me on Federal lands like  
26 he did last winter. But he was right. We didn't have  
27 any arguments with him whatsoever.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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31 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you. I got a  
32 couple ear shots from the Council member. I want to hear  
33 from the Staff what they think of this proposal.

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35 MR. RIVARD: Which staff are you talking  
36 about?

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38 MR. HOELSCHER: Well, one of them's  
39 sitting right there.

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41 MR. RIVARD: I laid out -- we tried to  
42 lay out to you what the pros and cons may be. And that's  
43 really our role. This is your show here, and so it's up  
44 to you. It really is. It's not my role to voice my  
45 opinions on this. It's really -- we try to lay out the  
46 facts and give you information, and then it's your  
47 decision which way you want to go. Thank you.

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: If it ain't broke, don't  
4 try to fix it.  
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6 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.  
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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.  
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10 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
11 I agree with Lester on carrying two hunting licenses, it  
12 really would confuse some people, because ever since I  
13 got this permanent hunting license I see what it is like.  
14 But before that, I used to hear some of these old folks  
15 that they have a license that they can hunt anytime, but  
16 I tell them, it's not that way. They have to go by  
17 regulations and hunt that the seasons -- when the seasons  
18 are open and if they want to hunt moose, they have to  
19 have a moose harvest ticket or caribou tag or whatever  
20 they have to go by. And when I got it, it's just like  
21 kind of -- I'm in the -- since I carry it, it just like  
22 the one you buy, but it's permanent, that's all. And so  
23 there's some of these older folks, they really would be  
24 confused if they carry Federal license, they think it may  
25 be like the State or -- so that would be really confusing  
26 to some folks.  
27  
28 Thank you.  
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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.  
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32 MR. ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
33 Yeah, I feel the same way with the rest of the group,  
34 too. There's no need for an extra license, so I think  
35 like Bob said, you know, why fix it when it ain't broke.  
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion or  
38 questions on licensing. Hunting licensing.  
39  
40 (No comments)  
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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.  
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44 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, if it's okay with  
45 you, then I just will write up the comments that I've  
46 heard as they're the Council comments. It sounds like  
47 you're pretty much all in agreement to this, and we'll  
48 just portray it as the Council comments, unless you want  
49 me to designate the individual who stated it. And we'll  
50 just pass it on to the Southeast Council. So whatever

1 your pleasure is there.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Would it be more effective  
8 if we did some action on this instead of having our  
9 comments written down, like if we have a motion to  
10 approve what they're doing and then we vote it down.

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12 MR. RIVARD: You have that option.  
13 That's one option you could do, then it's kind of your  
14 official Council recommendation on this particular  
15 proposed action by the Southeast Council.

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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, I'd rather  
18 go that route instead of having individual comments  
19 regarding this action by the Southeast Advisory group.

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21 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: You didn't put a motion yet  
26 on the floor, did you?

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: No. I wouldn't mind them  
31 hearing some of our reasoning, and so I would just like  
32 to see it be in sort of a consensus of our Council that  
33 we didn't agree with this petition and these are some of  
34 our comments as to why. It would provide them with some  
35 meaningful answer -- or comments from another Council.

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37 Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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41 MS. HOFFMAN: Bob, what do you think  
42 about that, no motion, just consensus with our comments?

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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: If you go consensus, you  
45 have to have it in the form of a motion.

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47 MS. HOFFMAN: But would -- okay. Well,  
48 then maybe you would consider putting forth a motion, but  
49 I'd sure like to include our comments.

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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'm the only one always  
2 making motions. Somebody else some. Anyway, I move that  
3 we support the Southeast Alaska Regional Advisory  
4 Council's proposal regarding the licensing for Federally-  
5 qualified subsistence users in Alaska.  
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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there any second to  
8 the motion.  
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10 MR. ONEY: I second.  
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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Ray.  
13 Discussion.  
14  
15 (No comments)  
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17 MS. HOFFMAN: Question.  
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Before you question, I'd  
20 like to address Bev's concern that in the reasoning why  
21 we voted the way we did, maybe you can have the comments  
22 made by different individuals regarding why they voted  
23 the way they did, and not use their names.  
24  
25 MR. RIVARD: Yes, I can do that. And  
26 that's what the Southeast Council wants to see is the  
27 reasons why you're either supporting or not supporting,  
28 so that should be included.  
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30 MS. HOFFMAN: Question.  
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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called  
33 for. Have a roll call?  
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35 SEVERAL: No.  
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Or voice? All who  
38 support Kenai area -- it's the Kenai area?  
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40 MR. RIVARD: If I may, it's supporting  
41 the Southeast petition to the Secretaries to remove the  
42 State hunting fee license requirement.  
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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. All who support  
45 say aye.  
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47 (No aye votes)  
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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed same sign.  
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1 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.  
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5 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Motion failed.  
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7 MS. HOFFMAN: And that's a good thing.  
8 Okay. Then we go back to number 4.  
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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Let's go --  
11 you'll go back to number 4, Don?  
12  
13 MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair. Thank you.  
14 And please bear with me a little bit. You're probably  
15 getting tired of hearing my voice, but you'll soon have  
16 Mike back up here, and you'll all be happy again.  
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18 Alex handed out to you -- what's been  
19 happening is that the Federal Subsistence Board has  
20 proposed forming an 11th Council. One that would be  
21 basically called the Kenai Peninsula Council. It would  
22 entail -- right now the way it would -- it would be an  
23 area where it's the Kenai Peninsula and the Anchorage  
24 Borough. That would be basically it. And so this is an  
25 update that I handed out, and I think I will read this,  
26 because this is relatively new to me, too, as far as  
27 this. And I'd like to read this into the record, so if  
28 you bear with me.  
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30 The Kenai Peninsula Next Steps. This is  
31 a briefing to the Regional Advisory Councils.  
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33 In a public work session meeting on  
34 September 19, 2006, the Federal Subsistence Board  
35 confirmed its intent to continue to consider the  
36 formation of an 11th subsistence region and to request a  
37 corresponding Advisory Council. Assuming a decision to  
38 create the region and Council, the Board would like to  
39 have the Council seated for the winter 2007 meeting  
40 cycle. So the next time you would meet, they want to  
41 have this other new Council in place as well.  
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43 In response to significant adverse public  
44 comments received regarding formation of the 11th region  
45 and Council, and in response to the Southcentral Alaska  
46 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council recommendation, the  
47 Board decided to withdraw the direct final rule and  
48 proceed with the standard notice and comment rulemaking  
49 process. To allow additional public comment on the  
50 already published proposed rule, the Board extended the

1 comment period until November 9th, 2006.

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3                   The Board acknowledges the need for more  
4 public involvement in this process. Public education  
5 regarding the Federal Subsistence Management Program and  
6 Federal laws governing its purpose and operation is vital  
7 to successful establishment of the proposed Kenai  
8 Peninsula region and Council. The public involvement  
9 plan is outlined below.

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11                   The Board will weigh the public comments  
12 received when making its final decision whether to  
13 establish the proposed 11th region. If the Board decides  
14 to form the new region, they will also define the  
15 region's geographic boundaries. So what I told you a  
16 little bit earlier, they still -- that's kind of what's  
17 proposed, but they're going to define those a little bit  
18 more with the public comments that they hear.

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20                   There's two public meetings that are  
21 going to take place on the Kenai Peninsula, one in Kenai  
22 or Soldotna and one in Ninilchik or Homer.

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24                   The agenda for these meetings will be in  
25 three parts: The presentation of information, a question  
26 and answer period, and a comment period. An estimate of  
27 time needed for presentation and the question and answer  
28 period is two hours. Public comment may require another  
29 two hours.

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31                   A court recorder will be present to  
32 prepare transcripts of the presentation and public  
33 comment portions of the meeting.

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35                   Late October is when these -- they plan  
36 to hold these two meetings. Actually I think they're  
37 scheduled now for the first week in November. And they  
38 were taking into consideration the AFN convention dates  
39 of October 23rd to the 28th. And then also the  
40 Southcentral Council is meeting -- I don't think it's  
41 next week, I think it's the week after, but they're going  
42 to be meeting, and they'll take this issue up again as  
43 well.

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45                   So you have the opportunity now as a  
46 Council to also provide your comments and recommendations  
47 to the Federal Subsistence Board on what you think about  
48 the formation of an 11th Council. So you have that  
49 option right now if you so choose. Thank you.

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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: Is this in -- does this  
6 have to do anything with -- was there a decision made on  
7 the Kenai area or some parts of it that stated that they  
8 were -- did they get the rural status? Is that the  
9 reason why this is coming in?

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11 MR. RIVARD: Well, what's happened is  
12 that there are certain parts of the Peninsula that have  
13 rural status. But what's happened is the Board last  
14 January granted customary and traditional use  
15 determination to parts of Ninilchik and other places on  
16 the Peninsula. And so now there's been some requests now  
17 -- well, it's been -- there's been several fisheries  
18 proposals that have been deferred until a C&T  
19 determination was made. That's now been made, and  
20 there's all these regulations that are kind of pending,  
21 proposed regulations, as well as some special actions  
22 that have recently come before the Board. And the Board  
23 had really thought that it would be best to have --  
24 because the subsistence situation is the Kenai Peninsula  
25 are unique, that there should be a Council to just look  
26 at basically the Kenai Peninsula. So that's how this has  
27 all come about recently, Lester. And so this has  
28 happened fairly quickly. This decision I think was made  
29 by the Board to go forth with this process like in June.  
30 May or June. So it's been something that's been kind of  
31 given a fast track, and they've slowed down a little bit  
32 to get more public input on does this make sense to form  
33 another Council, and all those things.

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35 I hope I answered your question.

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37 MR. L. WILDE: It also states in that  
38 next step where it states in response to significant  
39 adverse public comments received regarding formation of  
40 11th Regional Council, and in response to Southcentral  
41 Subsistence Advisory. Are they the only ones that were  
42 opposing this, formation of this 11th Regional Council?

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44 MR. RIVARD: Pretty much. They have a --  
45 the Southcentral Council had a special meeting on this,  
46 and Pat's going to come and help me out, because she was  
47 part of this process as well.

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49 MS. PETRIVELLI: The Ninilchik  
50 Traditional Council had the significant adverse comments

1 against this. And, of course, they are involved in suing  
2 the Federal Board. They had submitted an action about --  
3 they submitted a request for a fishery on the Kenai  
4 Peninsula. They asked for a special season of Coho. And  
5 then -- but then that was denied, and so they sued the  
6 Board for action. Of course, the judge denied that suit.

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8 But part of the lawsuit is they submitted  
9 their first request in the year 2001 to have a  
10 subsistence fishery, and then the Federal Board has been  
11 deferring it, and they were having different studies  
12 completed, and they wanted more information.

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14 And partly because there's been no -- the  
15 State regulations on the Kenai Peninsula, they've created  
16 a non-subsistence area on the Kenai Peninsula. The  
17 Federal Board doesn't operate that way. They just looked  
18 at who's rural and who's non-rural and they determined  
19 that Ninilchik was rural. And so in the attempt to try  
20 to create subsistence fisheries they're hampered by the  
21 conflicting State non-subsistence use area, because how  
22 do you determine customary and traditional uses when they  
23 have been prohibited from subsistence fishing in Federal  
24 waters for 50 years. So that's what complicated a lot of  
25 these actions.

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27 Ninilchik was against creating this  
28 separate Council, because they thought the Southcentral  
29 Council could deal with it, and the Southcentral Council  
30 had offered to hold extra meetings and listen to all the  
31 public testimony. But the Federal Board proposed it,  
32 because they felt it's such a sensitive issue that they  
33 wanted to allow the other users of the resource to  
34 participate more fully, because there's like 300,000  
35 angler days on the Kenai River, you know, with all the  
36 Anchorage people that go there. And then they proposed  
37 including Anchorage in that Council to ensure Anchorage  
38 participation I guess. So I think that's kind of --  
39 there's the issues of what's adequate participation by  
40 other people, or adequate opportunity. There's different  
41 levels of feeling about what's a realistic public  
42 process.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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46 MR. RIVARD: Just to follow up a little  
47 bit more on what Lester was saying and asking, the  
48 Southcentral Council is -- I don't think I'm wrong in  
49 saying this. They're strongly opposed to the formation  
50 of an 11th Council. And they were part of this, the

1 adverse public comments that were received by the Board.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Just for information  
4 purposes, what area encompasses, or what does -- where  
5 does the Southcentral Council, what does that -- what  
6 area is that?

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8 MS. PETRIVELLI: It's Units 7 and 15,  
9 which is the Kenai Peninsula, but also includes Units 14  
10 and 16, which is the Wasilla, Mat-Su Borough area and  
11 Anchorage, and then also the Copper River Valley, and  
12 that's Unit 13, and then also Cordova, which is Unit 6.  
13 And it is a significant area when you look at the  
14 geographic area, of course, but then as far as villages,  
15 subsistence users, their percentages aren't that great,  
16 because a significant portion of the population covered  
17 by there are non-rural people, because it includes the  
18 Mat-Su Borough, which has, you know, 69,000 people who  
19 are all non-rural, and then Anchorage, of course, with  
20 the 250,000 non-rural people. And I forget how many  
21 rural communities are in there, but probably almost as  
22 many as your area. It's just it has a lot more hunting  
23 units, because so many more users.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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27 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you. The  
28 Ninilchik, Kasilof area, those people are living on  
29 private land?

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31 MS. PETRIVELLI: It's not where you live  
32 that determines your eligibility. It's whether you're in  
33 a rural or non-rural area. And most of the people live  
34 on private land. You have to live on private land  
35 generally. So Ninilchik is a rural area. On the Kenai  
36 Peninsula, the non-rural areas are Kenai, Seward and  
37 Homer. And then they drew circles around Kenai, Seward  
38 and Homer. Now the people that live outside of those  
39 circles, and I think it's in the front of the book, those  
40 are the rural residents. And then the question is  
41 whether their eligibility to hunt on the Federal public  
42 lands on the Kenai Peninsula, which includes the Kenai  
43 National Wildlife Refuge and the Chugach National Forest.

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46 So -- and the Board did make customary  
47 and traditional use determinations in the past on the  
48 Kenai Peninsula, and it was for Ninilchik, Seldovia, Port  
49 Graham and Nanwalek to hunt moose on Federal public  
50 lands. But now the question is for them to put in

1 subsistence fisheries

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3 But like Don said, you have an option to  
4 just -- the comment period's open until November 9th for  
5 this Council, you know, about your -- just your opinions  
6 whether there should another Council or not.

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8 And besides -- well, the Southcentral  
9 Council mentioned just the geographic boundaries, too,  
10 besides. They were kind of concerned about the fast  
11 track of the decision of creating the Council, and then  
12 the geographic boundaries, that there was no adequate --  
13 or no thoughtful process for determining those  
14 boundaries, and they just wanted a more involved detailed  
15 process on figuring out those processes.

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17 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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21 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. For myself,  
22 I don't see any reason why there shouldn't be an 11th  
23 Regional Council, because knowing us in our area, it's  
24 hard to have somebody just from Bethel to represent my  
25 area in Hooper Bay. You know, that's way out of the  
26 area, and they don't live exactly the way we do in our  
27 area. And my -- I don't see any -- I don't have any  
28 objections for formation of the 11th Regional Council.  
29 In fact, I would, for the people's sake that are living  
30 in the Ninilchik area, I think maybe they should be  
31 included as a subsistence or another Regional Council  
32 area.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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36 MS. HOFFMAN: Maybe I misunderstood, but  
37 it was my understanding that they did not support the  
38 creation of an 11th Council, that they felt it was  
39 unnecessarily and that they were trying to work with  
40 Southcentral to deal with some of the issues that.....

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42 MR. L. WILDE: Is that what it was?

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44 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah. So with that in  
45 mind, I don't think it's necessary for the Subsistence  
46 Board to form an 11th subsistence region.

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48 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman,  
49 understanding that now, I withdraw my statement.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don, there's something  
2 that I couldn't understand. Why we have responsibility  
3 for the people that starting advisory committees.  
4 Already so it's written in the regulation in our booklet,  
5 handbooklet. Why can't the Subsistence Board, those are  
6 the ones that who make -- appoint or get other councils.  
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8 MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair. The Federal  
9 Subsistence Board has that authority to make that  
10 decision, but they wanted to get public input as much as  
11 they could, and they wanted to make sure that they got as  
12 well the comments or recommendations from the other --  
13 well, from all 10 councils. And you can choose to make  
14 kind of formal recommendation or you can just choose to  
15 pass on this or anything in between. You have the  
16 option. So you don't have to make any formal  
17 recommendation here, but I know the Board does want to  
18 hear your views on this as well.  
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20 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: The only concern I have is  
25 that they're going at it in a really fast way, and it  
26 says assuming a decision to create the region and  
27 Council, the Board would like to have the Council seated  
28 for the winter 2007 meeting cycle, which means February  
29 and March. And what -- I mean, the process for getting  
30 an applicant to sit on these councils is very tedious and  
31 very elaborate, and I don't think they're going to be  
32 able to do that before February.  
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34 And the other concern I have is that why  
35 are they snowballing this without the -- you know, why  
36 are they bringing this in front of us before they have  
37 these public meetings? You know, I think the public  
38 meetings should be beforehand, before we get to, you  
39 know, at on.  
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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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43 MR. RIVARD: Well, Bob, you make a couple  
44 of good points, and actually our office has been --  
45 already put out the call for people to be on this  
46 Council, and have gotten names in of people who are  
47 interested should it be formed. So that's already going  
48 on. And the public meetings and the Board -- and these  
49 Council meetings are kind of going on at the same time,  
50 so it's all kind of simultaneous to get as much public

1 comments as possible. So it's all -- it is on a fairly  
2 fast track and they do want to have this Board -- or this  
3 Council seated before March. Now, that may or may not  
4 occur, depending on the kind of public comments they get  
5 as well. They may have to slow that down a little bit.

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8 But the thing is there's been a numbers  
9 of, I know, fisheries proposals that have been deferred  
10 for quite a while. And they've kind of wanted to wait to  
11 get this customary and traditional use determination in  
12 place, which is now there before they started making  
13 regulations on the Kenai. And again, because it's such  
14 a unique place, a place that's got some rural areas, it's  
15 got some Federally-qualified users on the Peninsula, but  
16 then has Anchorage right next door where lots of people  
17 use the Peninsula for recreation and hunting and fishing  
18 and whatever, that they really wanted to have -- the  
19 Board really wants to have a more localized council that  
20 can look at the issues and the proposed regulations and  
21 make recommendations to the Board on that. They wanted  
22 to really kind of focus in on that area, and they thought  
23 that this is a way to do it.

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25 And you've heard what Pat has had to say,  
26 and the Southcentral Council has said that they feel that  
27 could -- despite the fact that there's people from all  
28 over that region, that they still feel very comfortable  
29 and qualified to be able to make decisions on the Kenai  
30 Peninsula.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly. Don, I know  
33 it's kind of hard. I don't even know where that place is  
34 myself. What we're having, if we make a support or make  
35 a decision for them way up here.

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37 Beverly.

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39 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. I would like to  
40 recommend that this Council not support the formation of  
41 an 11th subsistence region. That's not a motion it's  
42 just a recommendation from this Council with our  
43 comments.

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45 MR. L. WILDE: Excluding mine.

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47 MS. HOFFMAN: Excluding Lester's.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What is the desire of  
50 Council.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: I think our best course  
6 would be just to accept it as an information given to us  
7 by the Board and go with that. That way we're neutral.  
8 We don't go for it, or we don't go against it. We're  
9 just neutral. We're just glad that they gave us the  
10 information, and thank you very much.  
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12 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.  
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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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16 MS. HOFFMAN: I have no problem with  
17 that, but that -- but I also have no problem with  
18 carrying my remarks as a Council member forward that  
19 there were some -- that there was no action taken, but  
20 that there were some comments by this Council and by  
21 certain Council members, and I have no problem with my  
22 comments. Let them work it out. Have the public  
23 hearings.  
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25 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, if I may, what  
26 I've written down here, and you could correct me or  
27 change it, that your Council is taking no action,  
28 formally taking no action, and that there are some on the  
29 Council that don't support the formation of an 11th  
30 Council. Would that capture it?  
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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Very good.  
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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before we go on we'll  
35 have 10 minutes break.  
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37 (Off record)  
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39 (On record)  
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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next on the agenda is  
42 number 6, update of bird flu. Mike Rearden.  
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44 MR. REARDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
45 Council. What I was going to do is combine the bird flu  
46 update with the Refuge report, and I'll try to make it  
47 pretty fast. I'll go through it, and if you have  
48 questions, we can go over those at the end.  
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50 We spent a huge portion of our summer on

1 the Refuge dealing with sampling birds out here for avian  
2 influenza. The hope was to try to determine if it was  
3 coming to the United States in natural populations. And  
4 a lot of our birds come from Asia where the Avian  
5 influenza is fairly common, so we concentrated on  
6 sampling a lot of birds that would have come from Asia.  
7 So we had, oh, about six or seven camps in the Refuge  
8 that we dedicated just to sampling birds and just the  
9 Refuge itself sampled nearly 2,000. Other agencies out  
10 here sampled another couple thousand. And then we  
11 entered a contract with Yukon-Kuskokwim Health  
12 Corporation to sample the subsistence harvest, the ones  
13 that people killed in the spring, and some of you guys  
14 were in the villages where they did that. and they  
15 sampled a little over 3,000. So we had a pretty good  
16 sample across the delta for the avian influenza stuff.

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18 The other thing we did, we spent a lot of  
19 time in the villages encouraging people not to worry so  
20 much about it. What we said was continue hunting just  
21 like you always have, and take the birds you need for  
22 food, and just take normal care when you're handling the  
23 birds. I mean, just wash your hands and wash the places  
24 where you were handling the birds, and then cook them  
25 properly or fully, and then there's no concern about  
26 avian influenza.

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28 And of all the birds sampled out here,  
29 they did not detect the flu virus that we're worried  
30 about. They found flu virus, because birds are always  
31 carrying flu, just like people do, but they didn't find  
32 the H5N1, which is the one that is in Asia that's causing  
33 problems for people. So that's good news. They didn't  
34 find it in the population here, but it sounds like next  
35 summer we will continue this, and so we'll be sampling a  
36 lot more birds next summer as well.

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38 I've put some informational brochures on  
39 the back table back here. Alex put them back, or Louie  
40 put them back there for me. There's one that's written  
41 in Yup'ik and then there's a couple of others written in  
42 English, and some posters, so help yourself to those if  
43 you think they'll be helpful.

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45 Any questions on avian influenza? I'll  
46 be happy to entertain them if there are any.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Are there any findings  
2 anywhere in the other parts of North America?

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4 MR. REARDEN: As far as I know, they have  
5 not yet found the H5N1, the virus that we're worried  
6 about, in North America.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other questions from  
9 Council.

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11 (No comments)

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13 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Then I'll  
14 continue on with my normal refuge report.

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16 I'll start out with -- I always give you  
17 an update on what the geese are doing. Of course, we  
18 work with the Waterfowl Conservation Committee, and  
19 others on the waterfowl issues out here. Generally it's  
20 pretty good news.

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22 Our black brant population has been  
23 declining for about eight years and this last year it  
24 started to come right back up. And our last winter  
25 estimate was about 133,000 birds. So if we can continue  
26 that process, then I think we're going to see a  
27 resurgence in brant.

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29 One of the main things that really helped  
30 on this is the village people in the Village of Hooper  
31 Bay had a problem with a nearby brant colony at Kokechik  
32 Bay with off-road vehicles and disturbance up there. And  
33 several years ago we started working with Hooper Bay, and  
34 on their own volition, and we've supported them with some  
35 funding to help out, they have reduced the number of  
36 people going up onto Kokechik Bay, and that population  
37 has increased incredibly, I mean, enough -- it was -- we  
38 were down to just a few hundred nests about four years  
39 ago, and we're up to well over 4,000 nests up there this  
40 last year. It was very remarkable, and the fact that  
41 those birds are reproducing up there is really helping  
42 the population. So it's a good indicate that when local  
43 people take it upon themselves to do these things, they  
44 have the capability of making a big difference. So,  
45 anyway, that's good news on black brant.

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47 Cackling canada geese, we're still  
48 fighting with the farmers to some extent. They want to  
49 knock the population down, because they're feeding on  
50 their grass. We want the population to climb. And at

1 this point, we're winning the battle. At one time the  
2 population was over 200,000, but about two years ago it  
3 was down to about 140,000. And we said, you know, we  
4 need more. I mean, people out here and Fish and Wildlife  
5 said we need to get back up there. We're up to about  
6 170,000 now. So we're going the right direction. We're  
7 hoping to get up to 250,000. And I think in another two  
8 or three years we can probably get there. They've  
9 reduced the harvest on brant -- or cacklers down in  
10 Oregon in the sport hunt, and so I think that's going to  
11 help get it up there.

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13 Emperor geese are still struggling along.  
14 We've got about 76,000 of them, but they're very slow to  
15 reproduce. You know, they're not like some of these  
16 other geese where they get knocked down and they just  
17 start reproducing and climb real fast. Emperors are  
18 really slow. And part of it is that a lot of them, a lot  
19 of the young birds that go to the Aleutians in the  
20 winter, that's a tough place to go. And, you know, if  
21 you start out -- our studies have showed if you start out  
22 with 100 birds, young birds, in about two years only  
23 about two of those are left. So that means 98 of them  
24 died somewhere between here and there, or got shot. And  
25 even though it's completely closed, there continues to be  
26 some hunting of the birds. We need to do some more  
27 public outreach and education on that and get people to  
28 lay off the emperor geese so we can get that population  
29 back up to where everybody can hunt them again.

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31 Now, the really good news is Pacific --  
32 the white-fronted geese. I think all of you know, you  
33 live out here, there's a lot of white-fronts around.  
34 This year we broke the half million mark. There are  
35 509,000 white-fronted geese now in the Pacific Flyway,  
36 and most of them come right here to nest in the summer.  
37 You know, at one time back in the 80s we were down to  
38 about 100,000 of those birds, and now we're up to half a  
39 million, so that's a real success story. And I think  
40 people ought to benefit from that and continue to hunt  
41 those birds.

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43 Any question on waterfowl before I go on  
44 to another subject.

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46 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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50 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.

1 Chairman. Mike, how about the eider ducks.

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3 MR. REARDEN: Ray, the ones we're really  
4 concerned about are spectacled eiders. And at one time  
5 in the 60s there were probably -- I believe they said  
6 about 50 to 60,000 nesting pairs of them out here. We  
7 were below 3,000 here just a few years ago. It's slowly  
8 starting to increase. The number of spectacled eiders is  
9 starting to slowly increase. I don't think that the  
10 decline was attributed to hunting. Nobody knows for  
11 sure. It may well have been partially lead shot. A lot  
12 of people on the Delta have quit using lead shot, and I  
13 think that's probably helping a lot of birds. But  
14 anyway, that eider population is increasing.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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18 MR. HOELSCHER: Mike, any threatened  
19 species?

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21 MR. REARDEN: The only threatened  
22 species, or endangered of any sort out here are the  
23 spectacled eiders, and they're the ones that are starting  
24 to come back up.

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26 Other species we're worried about though  
27 are long-tailed ducks. 30 years ago, we had a lot of  
28 long-tailed ducks. Right now we've got about 10 percent.  
29 They've declined 90 percent in the last 30, 35 years. So  
30 we kind of worry about long-tailed ducks.

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32 I'm really concerned about common eiders.  
33 That population has declined a lot. I think you guys who  
34 live on the coast know that. You just don't see the  
35 common eiders like you used to see. And, of course, the  
36 spectacled eiders.

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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob and James.

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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: I've been hearing some  
43 reports of people actually seeing whooping cranes, and is  
44 there any verification to that.

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46 MR. REARDEN: I've heard the same report.  
47 I had a couple of them, one from Mountain Village this  
48 spring, a couple, and then some people here in Bethel saw  
49 large white cranes with black wing tips. So I don't  
50 know. It would be a long ways from home, but it's pretty

1 interesting to hear that they might be here.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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5 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
6 Mike, how about snow geese. There used to be quite a few  
7 snow geese come by the mouth of Kuskokwim in spring time.  
8 Now we don't see them any more, but we hear them flying  
9 by at night in fall time. Where are -- what are they  
10 doing or where are they going?

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12 MR. REARDEN: Actually that population is  
13 doing pretty well. They go to Wrangell Island to rest,  
14 up in northern Russian Siberia there. That populations  
15 somewhere around 120,000 birds, so it's up there. But  
16 one thing about snow geese is that airplanes really  
17 affect them. I know that, because when I fly out there,  
18 sometimes you'll get within five miles of a flock of snow  
19 geese, and they'll start flying.

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21 And I remember when they used to be  
22 around Dall Lake. They used to stay several weeks down  
23 there. They don't do that any more. They just -- like  
24 I've heard them flying over at night in my house here,  
25 too. When the window's open at night, you can hear snow  
26 geese going over.

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28 And they still have them, as you guys  
29 know from around Hooper and Scammon, they still gather  
30 out there near Scammon Bay and toward the east end of  
31 Askinuk Mountains for a while. But I don't know why they  
32 don't go to Dall Lake. All I can think of is all the  
33 airplane traffic down there might be part of it.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: William.

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37 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I just want to know how  
38 you guys survey those birds, by flying?

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40 MR. REARDEN: By what? I'm sorry, I  
41 missed it.

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43 MR. BROWN: Are you guys surveying with  
44 aircraft? How low or how high?

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46 MR. REARDEN: Yeah. Some of them we do  
47 survey with aircraft. We do some transects to look at  
48 good abundance on the Delta. We've been doing that. One  
49 of the surveys actually has been done out here for 50  
50 years now. We also do a lot of foot work. There's a

1 lot of -- a period of time in early June when we go out  
2 in the field and walk in certain areas and count the  
3 number of nests, and then we get out of the field before  
4 any hatching starts. And that gives us some idea of the  
5 numbers of birds that are out there. That's how we know  
6 how these populations are doing.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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10 MR. HOELSCHER: One more quick question.  
11 Banded birds. Are you getting much information or  
12 feedback or stuff like that from them, from the hunters  
13 around the village?

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15 MR. REARDEN: We're starting to get more.  
16 It's better than it used to be. I remember when I was  
17 just a teenager I guess and working for Fish and Game and  
18 going to one village and went to a house and the guy gave  
19 me a coffee can full of them that had been saved up for  
20 the previous 20 years. Because people were afraid to  
21 turn them in, as you know. But it's getting better.  
22 We're getting a lot more people turning them in and we're  
23 trying to encourage that. It gives us some idea of the  
24 age of the birds when they died and where they've been.  
25 we get a lot of returns from the birds we band from the  
26 flyway, from the Lower 48, California, Oregon, and those  
27 places. So, yeah, we have learned a lot about the sizes  
28 of -- the population size and where these birds go from  
29 banding.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more comments from  
32 Council.

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34 MR. BROWN: How about the eggs in the  
35 spring time. You guys survey, too?

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37 MR. REARDEN: Pretty much the only thing  
38 we do with eggs is when we're that June survey, is you  
39 walk up to a nest and you can count the number of eggs in  
40 a nest, and then that tells us that they were successfully  
41 laid, you know, that the eggs were out there. That gives  
42 us an idea of the production of the population, so that's  
43 about all we're doing with that.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more comments from  
46 Council.

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48 (No comments)

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, go to the next

1 one.

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3 MR. REARDEN: Okay. Let's talk about  
4 moose. Not Yukon moose. As you know, we're in the third  
5 year of a moratorium on moose on the Kuskokwim here. And  
6 the moose population is increasing. We're seeing a lot  
7 of moose when we're flying, people in boats. And I was  
8 just talking to Phil guy, and he said that people are  
9 really getting itchy because they're seeing a lot more  
10 moose than they ever have.

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12 We've got about -- right now we've got 39  
13 moose on the Kwethluk River that have collars on them so  
14 that we can find out where they're going. And it's going  
15 to give us an idea how fast the moose population is going  
16 to grow out here. You know, when we first put them on,  
17 they were all along the Kwethluk River, and we've had  
18 moose as far as the Kanektok, Eek, Agulukguluk (ph),  
19 Kisaralik. We had several moose go all the way up into  
20 Hart Lake, you know where that is, way back in the  
21 mountains back there. Last year there were several of  
22 them that went way to the back side of Hart Lake and  
23 spent the entire summer. We've had them go all the way  
24 towards the Kisaralik. One went to Nyac. So these moose  
25 are not just staying in one place, you know. We collar  
26 them and they kind of disburse, but a lot of them come  
27 right back to that same area in the winter, so the  
28 Kisaralik -- or the Kwethluk there and these other rivers  
29 are real important wintering areas.

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31 And there's some new technology out  
32 that's really helping. We've got GPS collars on some of  
33 these moose. They're pretty cool. They're just a normal  
34 moose collar, and they've got a little GPS on them, so  
35 all year this thing is reading, finding out the location  
36 of this moose. And then when we recapture that moose to  
37 put a new collar on, you take that GPS and plug it into  
38 a computer. And we did it the other day, and it gave us  
39 11,000 locations for that one moose. So we knew exactly  
40 where that moose had gone throughout the year, and where  
41 he's feeding and where he travelled and when he  
42 travelled. And as soon as we have those data together,  
43 I'll bring them in and show you. It's pretty neat. A  
44 lot of dots on a map, but we're really learning a lot  
45 about what the moose are doing out here, and I think it's  
46 going to help us manage and figure out what the  
47 population is doing. So there's some neat stuff going on  
48 with that.

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50 My expectation is that the opportunity

1 for success in this area, if people are willing to just  
2 keep doing a good job, is just as good as it was on the  
3 Lower Yukon. We've got good habitat here. You know,  
4 between here and Kalskag, when we started this whole  
5 thing, we counted 85 moose. And we're going to do a  
6 survey this winter and I think we're all going to be  
7 pretty pleased with what we see. I think we've got a lot  
8 more than that now.

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10 That's about all I had on moose. Any  
11 specific questions about that?

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James. William.

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15 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
16 Mike, people has been complaining about this count area.  
17 In the Yukon, the count area goes all the way to the  
18 mouth of the Yukon and over here since we had the  
19 moratorium, the count area is a narrow strip above  
20 Bethel, and goes to the northern border, or line up  
21 north, and nothing seems to be counted down river.  
22 That's what people complain to me, why we don't count  
23 them. Like over there in Kwethluk, you have reports on  
24 how many there -- how many moose there is on Kwethluk,  
25 and it's outside of count area. But are these moose  
26 counted outside of the line, too? Or what's you guys  
27 doing now?

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29 MR. REARDEN: Well, the reason why the  
30 lower area isn't included in the count area is because  
31 you and I both know as pilots we could have spent weeks  
32 flying out there and never see a moose, you know, before  
33 all this started. Obviously when the moose population  
34 increases, we're going to have to start counting moose  
35 elsewhere. In fact, we don't even count moose on the --  
36 we don't have a count area on the entire Kwethluk River  
37 either, because there didn't used to be hardly enough  
38 moose there. There were always some, but not many. So  
39 what we'll do is we'll count the general area where we  
40 always have counted, and if we see a growth in there,  
41 it's going to give us a good indication of how things are  
42 changing out here. But I agree, we need to -- when the  
43 moose start expanding, we also need to start looking down  
44 river, we need to look at the Kwethluk, Kisaralik, all  
45 these rivers, and so we'll have a pretty good idea. And  
46 we'll get there. It's just that when we started this  
47 whole thing, there weren't enough moose down there to  
48 count. That's why we're doing it that way.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: William.

1 MR. BROWN: Yeah. I just wanted to find  
2 out more about, you indicate them by the collars or with  
3 -- I heard rumors from the outside that some moose are  
4 indicated by the small chips in their.....

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6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Collar?

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8 MR. BROWN: Is that true or not?

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10 MR. REARDEN: No, that's not true. The  
11 only way we can find them, the only technology that's  
12 available to us is, you know, the normal collar that we  
13 put on the animals. Leave them on for a period of time,  
14 and we remove all the collars, you know, once they've  
15 gotten to the end of their life cycle. But, no, that's  
16 about all we have is just that.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: One question I have. So  
19 Fish and Wildlife is going to be -- or the district or  
20 the Refuge will be the only people to confirm the belief  
21 of our elders that there's going to be -- that there's a  
22 possibility of having barren cows? Before there was  
23 always a statement that the cows would never go barren.  
24 So maybe with your GPS and your collaring system, you'd be  
25 able to come up with a pro or con on that belief of our  
26 elders.

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28 MR. REARDEN: Might be able to do that,  
29 because that's the ones we're collaring are cows. And  
30 one of the benefits of that is we go out and find them  
31 every spring to see if they have any calves, and try to  
32 get them right after they have the calves. That way you  
33 know if they had them and lost them, you know, later on.  
34 So, yeah, we'll have all those data available from those  
35 animals. It will be available.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions or  
38 discussion. Any more questions and.....

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Is there any counting  
45 going on on the borderline, you know, between 18 north  
46 and 18 south, around there?

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48 MR. REARDEN: You mean like between the  
49 Yukon and the Kuskokwim?

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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: You know where the ridge  
2 (indiscernible, mic not on). You know that ridge from  
3 Paimiut to Lower Kalskag, that line, that ridge where  
4 there's the dividing line, is any count being done in  
5 that area, on the south side of that ridge?  
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7 MR. REARDEN: You know, currently I don't  
8 think that's in either area, either the Yukon or  
9 Kuskokwim, but it's probably one of those areas, too,  
10 where we're going to need to expand, because I know  
11 there's moose back there. In fact, I think one of the  
12 main ways that moose are getting into this region are  
13 down that ridge top and coming down along the Gweek.  
14 Because when I'm flying, you know, they're headed -- I  
15 see them on those ridge tops where the trees are in the  
16 high tundra, and then they're getting down into the Gweek  
17 River. Because I'm seeing a lot of big bull moose coming  
18 down along the Gweek. So I'm sure that will have to be  
19 included in our count areas in the future.  
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Quyana.  
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23 MR. REARDEN: One other thing I'll  
24 mention about moose, if there's no other questions, is  
25 this year we had a Federal permit hunt in 19(A). The  
26 State instituted a Tier II permit hunt. They had a real  
27 reduced opportunity for moose up there in 19(A), because  
28 the population is way down as you guys know who live up  
29 there. And so the State wanted to kill 60 moose in 19(A)  
30 so it was kind of divvied up. It's Federal land and  
31 State land and so we ended up issuing enough permits we  
32 thought to kill about 20 moose on Federal lands up there.  
33 So we issued, was it 100 permits? We issued 100 permits  
34 thinking that with 100 permits, they should be able to  
35 kill 20 moose, and in most years that would have been the  
36 case. And then the State issued a lot of Tier II permits  
37 for the State-managed lands to kill the additional 40.  
38 I don't know how the State guys did under their permits,  
39 ut under the Federal permits, they only killed six moose  
40 on the federal lands up in 19(A). And that hunt was  
41 limited to six communities in that area up there.  
42 Tuluksak, Kalskags, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, and Crooked  
43 Creek. And so it was limited to just those places up  
44 there. So hunter success wasn't very high, but this is  
45 the first year we've ever had one of those kind of permit  
46 hunts out here. And they don't have a very healthy moose  
47 population up there right now. Hopefully it will start  
48 growing.  
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50 If there aren't any more questions about

1 moose, I could talk about caribou for a few minutes.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions or  
4 comments from Council. William.

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6 MR. BROWN: What about those predators,  
7 like wolves. Are they still high?

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9 INTERPRETER: (In Yup'ik)

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11 MR. BROWN: My question was about those  
12 wolves, you know. They're predators for moose. Are  
13 their numbers still high or what?

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15 MR. REARDEN: We don't -- we aren't  
16 counting wolves, but we do a lot of flying, so we see  
17 when wolves are around. And we spend a lot of time out  
18 in the country on snow machines and talking to people.  
19 Obviously the wolf population came up pretty high,  
20 especially when we had a lot of caribou around here. And  
21 there still are wolves in this area.

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23 We're not seeing a lot of predation on  
24 moose right now. I'm sure there's some occurring and we  
25 have heard about it here and there, but I don't know the  
26 answer to that. I don't know how much effect it's having  
27 on moose at this point. You know, as the population  
28 grows, that's something we're going to want to watch and  
29 see what effect it has.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more question or  
32 comments from Council.

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34 (No comments)

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36 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman. Let's talk  
37 about caribou. The Mulchatna is the herd of caribou that  
38 we've enjoyed the last -- oh, starting in the mid 90s.  
39 There were a lot of caribou coming over here, and at one  
40 time I myself saw about 50,000 caribou within 30, 40  
41 miles of Bethel, you know, just back here between here  
42 and the mountains there were a lot of caribou. That  
43 population in 1980 was about 19,000 animals. So it was  
44 pretty low. It started to climb and it started to climb.  
45 And about in the early to mid 1990s it got up to over  
46 200,000. 210, 220,000 animals. That's when we were  
47 having these large herds of animals come across over  
48 here, and people could go out and pretty much get  
49 everything they needed.

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1                   But then it started declining, and we  
2 started noticing things like a lot of limping animals in  
3 the herds, hoof rot. You know, they got an infection on  
4 their feet, and you would see them -- you would find a  
5 herd of animals, you'd see a lot of them limping. And we  
6 noticed that the number of calves in the population  
7 started to really go down, and the number of bulls  
8 started declining.

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10                   Fish and Game does a count every couple  
11 years on that herd using photography. They have a Beaver  
12 with a camera, and they fly over all the herds and count  
13 them, get them on a sheet and then count all the caribou  
14 and come up with a total. The last count was -- they  
15 took photos this last summer, but two years prior to this  
16 summer was the last one. That population had declined to  
17 80,000 at that time already. So we'd gone from in the  
18 mid 1990s over 200,000 to 80,000 here just about two and  
19 a half years ago. They're counting the animals right now  
20 on these photographs, but the expectation is that it's  
21 declined even more, because we just -- we don't have any  
22 calves out there hardly. They just aren't surviving.

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24                   So this is kind of a natural thing for  
25 caribou. It's not related to hunting we don't think.  
26 Not enough were killed by hunters to make the difference,  
27 so it's probably disease, predation, things like hoof  
28 rot. Who knows. Lack of food maybe where they are in  
29 the summer. Nobody really knows the answers to all that.  
30 But nevertheless, the population is declining, so I think  
31 that, you know, in our lifetimes again we're going to see  
32 that population get right back down there to a pretty low  
33 number.

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35                   Any questions on caribou.

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37                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: William and Beverly.

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39                   MR. BROWN: Yes. One time I was gone to  
40 Togiak, this was about two, three years ago, and a friend  
41 of mine told me that they start having good numbers in  
42 their area. Do you guys survey that area, too?

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44                   MR. REARDEN: Yes we do. That's on a  
45 different refuge down there, but it's part of the area we  
46 all work cooperatively together. And about two or three  
47 years ago a big bunch of those animals did move over hear  
48 them, Goodnews and that area. And they were able to get  
49 quite a few of them. But it's still the same herd, and  
50 they're declining, you know, the total herd is declining.

1 MR. BROWN: One more comment. Because  
2 the way I heard from the elders, the local knowledge  
3 people, that the animals like to stay in their habitat  
4 area, and the weather, the climate.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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8 MS. HOFFMAN: Mike, you didn't think that  
9 local hunting efforts were affecting the number of  
10 caribou. And right now, what is the limit that hunters  
11 can -- well, like when a hunter goes out, what's their --  
12 is there a limit on the number of caribou?

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14 MR. REARDEN: Yes, there is. The State  
15 and Federal regulations are different now. They used to  
16 be the same. This last cycle state the State changed or  
17 reduced their bag limits.

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19 MS. HOFFMAN: To?

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21 MR. REARDEN: To -- I'd have to look in  
22 the book.

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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Three.

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26 MR. REARDEN: Is it three?

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28 MS. HOFFMAN: Three.

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30 MR. REARDEN: And you can only kill one  
31 animal, it had to be a bull, before November I believe  
32 was the case.

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34 We retained the Federal regulations. My  
35 thinking on this, and I was instrumental, and part of  
36 this decision was, is that this population is declining.  
37 It's not related to hunting I don't think. The maximum  
38 we killed, all the hunters across the entire range of  
39 this population was probably 8,000, 9,000 animals, even  
40 when we had 200,000 animals. So I don't believe and I  
41 don't think the data shows that hunting is the reason for  
42 these animals to decline. It's natural things.

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44 So my thinking is, it's declining.  
45 They're available. Let people eat them instead of having  
46 them die of natural causes somewhere.

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48 At some point though when the population  
49 gets lower, we're going to have to start protecting them  
50 so that the population can regrow. It's just kind of a

1 timing thing, and I'm not sure when it is, but at some  
2 point we will probably have to reduce that.

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4 MS. HOFFMAN: But by that time our moose  
5 populations will be up and life will be good again.

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7 MR. REARDEN: That's what we're hoping  
8 for. And actually, you know, when people started talking  
9 about the moratorium on moose, that was the discussion.  
10 A lot of elders were saying, these caribou will not be  
11 here forever, and we'd better have something to replace  
12 them when it comes. I've heard people from villages  
13 saying that, and it's proving out to be a truth here.

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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Is there any possibility  
20 that some of those caribou are migrating to other herds  
21 further east?

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23 MR. REARDEN: Probably not. And I'm  
24 saying that because I don't know all the answers here,  
25 but we've got a bunch of collars on those animals. And  
26 we're still able to find those collars, and there's been  
27 a lot of mortalities. A lot of those animals have died.  
28 And we haven't found them migrating, you know, a long  
29 ways to the east. There was one point then this  
30 Mulchatna Herd was really big, and the Western Arctic  
31 Herd was really big where we actually had some of those  
32 animals mixing behind -- even a collared animal from the  
33 Mulchatna group was up in with the Western Arctic group  
34 behind Anvik at one point. So it actually crossed the  
35 rivers and went all the way up there. But, no, we don't  
36 see any indication of that. And I'd say based on the  
37 collared animals it's probably not happening.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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41 MS. HOFFMAN: One more caribou question  
42 from me. Are the herds up north also declining due to  
43 hoof rot and whatnot?

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45 MR. REARDEN: No. It's interesting. In  
46 the Western Arctic Herd when I was up in Kotzebue for  
47 several years before I came back to this area, at that  
48 time everybody was expecting that herd to just crash. It  
49 was half a million animals, 500,000 animals. It's a much  
50 bigger herd. And everybody was expecting it to crash at

1 any time. That population's still over 400,000 animals  
2 up there, so they've got a lot of animals. So they've  
3 been very fortunate that their population has sustained  
4 itself. However, in the past it has crashed and it has  
5 gotten down to I believe as low as -- below 100,000  
6 animals. So every caribou population eventually does  
7 that. Their timing is such that it hasn't happened yet  
8 though.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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12 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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14 INTERPRETER: At the time when I was  
15 growing up, an elder had talked to me. Our elders. And  
16 we -- or there's certainly the respects of our elders in  
17 the people in the area. And he says that, you know, the  
18 people says, or those elders said other animals will  
19 start coming around to the coast line. And so as time  
20 goes, they come. They come in great spurts sometimes.  
21 But we don't have regular meetings like we do here. And  
22 then how do these elders know, you know, when these  
23 animals come in spurts, and the timing. And how do they  
24 know why they come down.

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26 And I grew up, these reindeer, they used  
27 to be around. And what happened to the caribou? And  
28 they're plentiful for awhile, and even up north. And our  
29 elders, you know, because of their traditional knowledge  
30 knew that would happen. And then as time goes, they  
31 start declining, and soon you don't see them. His  
32 reindeer are caribou, or sometimes come close to the  
33 coast, including moose. Moose come by, too. And the  
34 bears, brown bear, black bear, and because of this,  
35 they're afraid of those bears. They don't want to travel  
36 to an area where they usually go camping.

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38 And he certainly believes the elders, you  
39 know, that the animals, they come in spurts sometimes,  
40 they grow and then sometimes they start declining and  
41 decline rapidly, and they're not around again. So that  
42 happened, you know, where we would caribou, seen  
43 reindeer, we've seen moose, we've seen bear. Yes. But as  
44 time goes, they disappear, too. So it is with all  
45 wildlife that we have seen and experienced. Yes, that  
46 does happen.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana.

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

1                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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3                   MR. ALOYSIUS: I was sitting here just  
4 smiling, because inside of me was really tickled. You  
5 know, I grew up with people like him when I was infant up  
6 to -- well, I was 14 years old, and to listen to him say  
7 the word that I used to hear, it really tickled me. And,  
8 you know, my imagination is going back to where I could  
9 sit among the old people like him and listen to them, and  
10 to have that same process resurrected at my age, you  
11 know, people like him are a God send to us young people,  
12 because they remind us of the truth, what we lived with  
13 years ago. And I was just watching him and listening to  
14 him, and just picture all the things that he was talking  
15 about. And it warms my heart, and I thank God that Mr.  
16 Philip Moses is here with us.

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18                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions and  
19 comments from Council.

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21                   (No comments)

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23                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana.

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25                   MR. REARDEN: Ee-ee. Mr. Chairman, if  
26 not, I've just got a couple more little things here that  
27 I'll tell you about what we're doing.

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29                   I just wanted bob to know that we're  
30 doing a study on beaver and salmon interaction, and we've  
31 got researchers out there working on that. And one of  
32 the researchers said, I wrote it down, he said, the  
33 beaver giveth and the beaver taketh away, because he  
34 found, too, like local people have found that there are  
35 areas where beavers will dam up and block fish migration.  
36 And especially up the rivers, then the bears can get to  
37 them and stuff. But he's also finding that when you have  
38 beaver dams, sometimes that it's a real good place for  
39 the young fish to rear that they wouldn't have otherwise,  
40 so it's kind of a balance, you know, where the beavers  
41 are giving you something, but they're also taking  
42 something away, so it's coupling with traditional  
43 knowledge that you have as well, I'm sure.

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45                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. Let me  
46 emphasize again.

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48                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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50                   MR. ALOYSIUS: That we do not have

1 anything against live beaver dams, because they are very  
2 productive in their way. But our concern, and let me  
3 emphasize this again, is abandoned beaver dams. Beaver  
4 dams that have been abandoned for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30,  
5 35, 40 years. They're the ones that are causing havoc in  
6 our non-salmon species especially.

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8 MR. REARDEN: You're right. It's amazing  
9 how long they'll last, it really is. I've seen them out  
10 there for a long time in areas.

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12 Other than some fisheries work that we're  
13 doing, that's about all I had in my report.

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15 One thing I was asked to pass along is I  
16 know you have Fish and Game down for staff reports. The  
17 Commercial Fish, I don't know if anybody got back, but  
18 the Commercial Fish manager asked me to say that  
19 everything that they had to discuss they've already  
20 discussed with you. And Phillip Perry, he had to go  
21 teach a hunter education course, and he said that we've  
22 already talked about everything he was going to bring up  
23 anyway, so neither one of those guys will have any  
24 reports.

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26 And that completes my report unless  
27 there's any more questions.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Who's taken then Togiak  
30 National Wildlife Refuge?

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32 MR. REARDEN: I believe they submitted a  
33 written report that's in your -- I guess you've got it in  
34 here, so.....

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36 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Page 108.

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38 MR. REARDEN: Yeah, on Page 108 is the  
39 report that they've provided you, so you can read that at  
40 your leisure.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Any more  
43 questions and comments to Mike from Council. William.

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45 MR. BROWN: Some time ago there was some  
46 beavers die, what caused them, and how long they have  
47 life cycle, those beavers?

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49 MR. REARDEN: You know, I don't know the  
50 answer to that. I do know that quite a few of the young

1 ones die when they're booted out in the spring and they  
2 go across country trying to find their own place, because  
3 I've seen them. When you're flying even, you'll see them  
4 out in the middle of places where they shouldn't be, and  
5 I know foxes get a lot of them and stuff. But I honestly  
6 don't know. I know that the typical lodge out here will  
7 have somewhere between five and seven beavers in it, and  
8 when you start getting more than that, then they start  
9 kicking them out and they go to other places, but I don't  
10 know how long lived they are.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mike.

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14 MR. REARDEN: Thank you very much.  
15 Appreciate your time.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Now we go to the next on  
18 our agenda, number 2, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.

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20 MS. HOFFMAN: That's in our books.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You find that in your  
23 booklet, Council, 108.

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25 MR. A. NICK: Every year Togiak National  
26 Wildlife Refuge sends its bulletin to your meeting, and  
27 I'll just tell the Council what they have, and I'm sure  
28 most of you read the bulletin.

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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34 MS. HOFFMAN: Do we need to read that?  
35 I mean, do you need to?

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37 MR. A. NICK: No, you don't to, but.....

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39 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you.

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41 MR. A. NICK: .....for the purpose of  
42 translation, I'll highlight the title of its report, and  
43 then -- so the translator could interpret that to Mr.  
44 Moses, if it's okay with you. Mr. Chair.

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46 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. It's an awful  
47 lot. And if it needs to be, I'd rather you spend the  
48 time with him personally if he hasn't gone over that, so  
49 that we can get to matters concerning this Council. I'd  
50 prefer that.

1 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. I thought it  
2 would be helpful, but, you know, if that's your wish, I  
3 could go ahead and just spend some time with him some  
4 time.

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6 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah.

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: A lot of that Togiak  
13 National Wildlife Refuge activity does affect us in here  
14 in Unit 18. I mean, in the Y-K Delta region. So I don't  
15 think we should just take this report lightly.

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17 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. I'm not taking  
18 the report lightly at all. I'm just saying that we have  
19 it in front of us, we've had it in front of us. We've  
20 had this whole packet. And I'd rather -- unless there's  
21 specific questions to their information bulletin, that we  
22 just accept it and move on.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What is the desire of  
25 Council. Alex.

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27 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, the council has  
28 requested that the agency give their reports if they have  
29 reports to the Council, and it's your wish for me to go  
30 ahead and update Mr. Moses on a later date on these  
31 issues, that I can do that.

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33 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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37 MR. ONEY: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. When I  
38 was speaking with him earlier, or even yesterday, all the  
39 information that he gathers during this meeting are all  
40 turned over to his tribal council, so I guess the tribal  
41 council there can interpret that information is gathered  
42 from this meeting.

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44 And, also, I don't think there's anybody  
45 here from the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge that can  
46 answer to us if we have any questions. So, you know, I  
47 take Beverly's suggestion that, you know, we accept it as  
48 written in written form before us, and, you know, move  
49 on.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.  
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3 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, Mr. Chair. For the  
4 record, the only thing that I was going to do is just to  
5 highlight what each report is, not going through  
6 everything. But what I will do is I will talk to Mr.  
7 Moses. For the record, I want to mention on behalf of  
8 Mr. Moses, that he's a member of the Council, and he has  
9 the same right as any Council member to be aware of what  
10 the issues or what's been reported to us, to you, and if  
11 he has any questions, you know, he has the same right to  
12 ask those questions on record. That's all I want to say.  
13 Thank you.  
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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's okay with the  
16 Council.  
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18 (Council nods affirmatively)  
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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Better we continue our  
21 agenda. We're now on organizational reports. Start from  
22 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.  
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24 MS. HOFFMAN: I think that was covered  
25 already.  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is that covered earlier?  
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29 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah.  
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go to the next one then.  
32 E. Association of Village Council Presidents.  
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34 MS. HOFFMAN: Jennifer Hooper.  
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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Jennifer.  
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38 MS. HOOPER: Thank you, Chairman Wilde.  
39 Council members.  
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41 I don't have anything official to report.  
42 I just want to publicly apologize that you did not have  
43 more AVCP Staff here at your meeting. We had a very long  
44 convention this week, and just were not able to make it.  
45 But if you do have questions or concerns that you want to  
46 share with us, you know, don't hesitate to call us. And  
47 again just to apologize. A lot of us were not able to be  
48 here this week.  
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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

1 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. Jennifer.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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5 MS. HOFFMAN: Will there be  
6 representation at the winter meeting?  
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8 MS. HOOPER: There should be. We strive  
9 to send at least one staff person. A lot of times it's  
10 been weather and stuff, but anticipate having somebody  
11 there to speak on behalf of AVCP.  
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13 MS. HOFFMAN: Thanks.  
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15 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.  
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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.  
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19 MR. ONEY: Yeah, Jennifer, do you have  
20 anything to share with us from the result of the  
21 convention?  
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23 MS. HOOPER: Well, there was a lot of  
24 things discussed and decided. I don't know if you have  
25 specific questions. I know it's late and you guys still  
26 have more to cover, so I guess I just -- if you had  
27 specific questions. There were certain resolutions  
28 passed and things. I don't have -- remember all the  
29 details. Myron was elected again. We have a new  
30 chairman. I'm not sure what else I could give you right  
31 now.  
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33 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.  
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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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37 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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42 MR. HOELSCHER: I know I sat on the WCC  
43 for about a year and I know Mike and Jennifer has similar  
44 informations and items that are brought up. But it would  
45 be nice if this Council, you know, had prepared  
46 information on the (In Yup'ik). Information also.  
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48 MS. HOOPER: Mr. Chairman. Yes, at the  
49 next Advisory Council, we will definitely have a more  
50 formal presentation and update on all of the programs

1 that AVCP works on, and IUM will be one of those.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Was there any discussion  
6 on the actions that were taken regarding the salmon  
7 fisheries this last summer?

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9 MS. HOOPER: Mr. Chairman. Not that I  
10 remember specifically. I'm trying to recall details of  
11 the resolutions. They did resolutions a little bit  
12 differently this year. They had blocks on various  
13 subjects. I know one of them was subsistence, and they  
14 went through and the resolutions committee -- the  
15 resolutions that they recommended to the full board to  
16 pass, they kind of did a blanket either support or  
17 oppose, and I can't remember all the details and exactly  
18 if there were any proposals that related to fisheries  
19 specifically. But other than a resolution that might  
20 have been passed, there were no formal actions taken  
21 regarding fisheries or other subsistence resources.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you.

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25 MS. HOOPER: Mr. Chairman. Just a quick  
26 note. Once we have the resolutions signed by the  
27 president and chairman, I can make sure your coordinator  
28 gets a copy of subsistence related resolutions and he can  
29 forward those on to you I suppose.

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: That would be great.  
32 Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other question or  
35 comments to Jennifer.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Next on our  
40 agenda is tribal representatives.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No. Municipal  
45 government representative.

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No. ANCSA village  
50 corporation representatives.

1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No. Other  
4 organizations.  
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6 (No comments)  
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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No. 12 is Regional  
9 Council business. A. Review of Council Charter. Alex  
10 Nick. Council, you find it in your booklet at Page 114.  
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12 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
13 Council. Every two years, the Regional Advisory  
14 Council's charter which you abide by during your meetings  
15 and in your business is renewed. And now is the time for  
16 you to submit any recommended changes on your Council  
17 charter. If you remember, about a year or so ago you  
18 submitted some recommendations for the changes. Those  
19 recommendations has been considered, and because it was  
20 at a time when the new charter was being approved by the  
21 Secretary, those changes that you recommended could not  
22 be incorporated or considered and incorporated into the  
23 new charter.  
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25 But on Page 114 the charter is there and  
26 you could suggest any changes that you might want to see  
27 on that.  
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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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31 MS. HOFFMAN: Alex, did you say that it  
32 was going to be taken up every two years?  
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34 MR. A. NICK: It's renewed every two  
35 years by the Secretary.  
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37 MS. HOFFMAN: So it will be renewed next  
38 October 2007?  
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40 MR. A. NICK: It's.....  
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42 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah.  
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44 MR. A. NICK: There's a signature -- or  
45 rather the date on the charter.....  
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47 MS. HOFFMAN: Right.  
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49 MR. A. NICK: .....that indicated when it  
50 was renewed last time. In order to give the Staff ample

1 time to take your recommendations, it's on your agenda  
2 for review.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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6 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. Thank you.  
7 Alex, item number 9, below membership vacancy. Is there  
8 a timeline the Secretary appoints a vacancy? Because,  
9 you know, it's been possibly about a year or eight months  
10 up to a year now I know this has been vacant. And is  
11 there a timeline that maybe we should recommend to put in  
12 that the Secretary of Interior appoint a vacancy?

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14 MR. A. NICK: I'll refer that, I'll refer  
15 the answer to Mr. Rivard. Don.

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17 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
18 Edgar, would you repeat your question, please?

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20 MR. HOELSCHER: As you know, there's a  
21 vacant seat that's been open from I think our February  
22 meeting, over eight months ago, and it's still not  
23 filled. I'm wondering if we should recommend a timeline  
24 that a vacant spot should be filled.

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26 MR. RIVARD: Vacancies usually get filled  
27 in addition to the cycle. So, for example, this year I  
28 think you have what, four vacancies?

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30 MR. A. NICK: He's talking about this  
31 vacancy.

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33 MR. RIVARD: Yeah, I understand that.  
34 What you've got, if you look on Page 5, which is maybe  
35 where you're at already, you'll see that the bottom four  
36 there, their terms are up at the end of this year. So  
37 what the Board will do is they will fill those four and  
38 the vacancy as well, what this shows as seat number 2.  
39 So it's usually done in a -- it's out of cycle for that  
40 particular seat, but it's done within a regular cycle  
41 each year. It's very rare that you're going to get  
42 somebody assigned in the middle of a term. They just  
43 fill it during a regular nominations cycle. And then  
44 that term, the one that's vacant, it would only be a one-  
45 year appointment, because they keep the same seats  
46 rotating on a three-year basis.

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48 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

1 MS. HOFFMAN: So that vacancy, even  
2 though it's been vacant for quite a while, it won't get  
3 filled until this time? Like today?

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5 MR. RIVARD: Well, the announcements on  
6 who's going to be selected for the 2006 seats, that  
7 should be coming out within the next month or two.

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9 MR. A. NICK: November.

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11 MR. RIVARD: In November. And then that  
12 vacant -- they're filling that vacant seat as well.

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14 MS. HOFFMAN: I see.

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16 MR. RIVARD: But that's just a one-year  
17 term for the vacant seat.

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19 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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23 MR. ONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You  
24 know, just about every time we start a meeting, I know it  
25 started in Toksook Bay, we had to say a statement on I  
26 believe it was conflict of interest, or regarding to some  
27 of the topics that were coming up on the agenda. You  
28 know, why do it then and not now?

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30 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Ray. That was  
31 part of a FACA requirement. And they did some -- the  
32 FACA folks in Washington, D.C. kind of looked -- I don't  
33 know if it was just our program, these Councils, or if it  
34 was nationwide, and they determined at least for this  
35 program that there wasn't a need to have those kind of  
36 disclosure statements made any more. There still would  
37 be if -- you still -- if you know that you've got a  
38 conflict of interest on a particular subject that's going  
39 to be addressed by this Council, then you should  
40 volunteer that maybe you should abstain from voting,  
41 because you have a conflict of interest. So it's more  
42 kind of a self-identification that's going on now. Thank  
43 you.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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47 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Ray. In  
48 addition to what Don said, this Council and all other  
49 Councils are abiding by a set of rules. One of them is  
50 FACA rules, Federal Advisory Committee Act rules. And the

1 other is other Fish and Wildlife rules that, you know, we  
2 comply with in running the Council. And that's the  
3 reason why, you know, sometimes, you know, it gets very  
4 hard to change some of the rules that we have.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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8 MR. HOELSCHER: Alex or Don. There's  
9 going to be five vacancies, and have the eight members  
10 left, you know, the timeline to fill these vacancies is  
11 before the March meeting. What would constitute a quorum  
12 then, you know? Like you'd have eight members left and  
13 maybe there's still those vacancies have not been filled,  
14 and the March meeting has come. Would the eight still  
15 constitute a quorum? I mean, I know that it's a  
16 majority, but what if three members are missing?

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18 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Edgar. Again,  
19 on Page 5, if you look -- you're looking at seats 10, 11,  
20 12, and 13, and you'll notice that all those folks that  
21 are in those seats right now.

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23 MR. HOELSCHER: (Nods affirmatively)

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25 MR. RIVARD: This is their last meeting  
26 for 2006. The replacements for them or maybe the same  
27 people if they reapplied and they were selected by the  
28 Board, we don't know that yet. We won't know that for  
29 about another month. But those folks will be -- that  
30 will be known next month, in November. And those folks  
31 will be at the next meeting in March 2007. So there's  
32 not going to be any vacancies. You should have a full  
33 contingent of members at your next meeting. That's  
34 assuming that the people that were selected and approved  
35 by the Secretary also accept the invitation once they've  
36 been, you know, selected. And we haven't had a problem  
37 that way. People that apply and then get selected, they  
38 usually accept that selection form the Secretaries.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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42 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. And that  
43 deadline has already passed for the application process  
44 for those seats, and you know how many applications that  
45 you have or not?

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47 MR. RIVARD: Yes. That process has  
48 already has been taken care of and the decision now is in  
49 Washington, D.C. for this coming year. And the folks  
50 that you see, and Alex may be touching on this, but it's

1 a yearly process. There's always vacancies that come up,  
2 and you've got -- well, you've got the vacant seat, but  
3 that will be a one-year appointment, and then so it's the  
4 four seats there currently held by James Charles, Raymond  
5 Oney and William Brown and one vacant, that if they  
6 should decide they want to continue on this Council, they  
7 have to put in an application this coming year. And  
8 that's coming up shortly I think. It's usually done in  
9 the springtime, to apply again to stay on the Council.

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11 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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15 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, the next nomination  
16 process will begin in the start of January. That's when  
17 the application period will start. And then it will end,  
18 what, March, April. And then, you know, we will be  
19 receiving applications, and then the applications will be  
20 filed for administrative review, and then they'll --  
21 we'll follow the process, nomination process to fill  
22 those vacant seats that Don's talking about.

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24 MR. RIVARD: Just to add again, those  
25 first four seats, they will serve all the way through  
26 2007, but they need to -- if James and William and  
27 Raymond want to continue to be considered to be on this  
28 Council, then they need to apply in January. Alex will  
29 be in touch with all of you again, remind you, provide  
30 you with the forms if you don't have them, and then you  
31 can apply.

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33 I know a couple -- well, probably three  
34 years ago, we kind of forgot to remind James, and he  
35 ended up not applying, and so he was off this Council for  
36 one year. So we want to avoid that for folks that want  
37 to continue. Thank you.

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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: Can we get back on track  
44 on the charter. I have a question for the Staff. Do you  
45 have any suggestions for changes in the charter at this  
46 time?

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48 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Bob. We don't  
49 have any suggestions, but, you know, it's up to you how  
50 you want to recommend any changes on your charter.

1 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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5 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Thank you. You know,  
6 I would like to see on this charter where we would have  
7 an honorary member. As we, you know, heard from our  
8 elder, Philip Moses, he's an asset to this Council. He  
9 has a lot of information that he carries with him from  
10 his fathers, his forefathers. You know, it's been  
11 carried down, and I don't know what it's going to take if  
12 we were to ask to include in the charter an honorary  
13 member from our area, whether it be Yukon, Kuskokwim or  
14 coastal villages. I think it is definitely an asset, you  
15 know, that we fall back on, you know, when we have no  
16 directions to go. I don't know what it's going to take  
17 to change or to add an honorary member such as Philip  
18 Moses.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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22 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Raymond. A  
23 couple of things just so that I'm clear what you're  
24 saying, and also somewhat of a reality check with the way  
25 things are going with Federal budgets. You would like to  
26 see possibly if Philip Moses doesn't continue that  
27 somehow name -- maybe have one person you can name that's  
28 an honorary member. With the way the budgets are going  
29 now, the Federal government, and our program in  
30 particular, we're getting tighter and tighter. So we're  
31 only going to be able to fund people who are on the  
32 Council. I doubt, even if you had an honorary member and  
33 it somehow got through this process, that we would be  
34 able to fund a non-voting member to a council. And  
35 you've already got 13 members, and that's one of the  
36 largest Councils, so I think it would be difficult to be  
37 able to get somebody else on the Council and be funded to  
38 attend meetings. So that honorary person would likely  
39 have to be able to come to these meetings on their own.  
40 I mean, you can propose that idea, if your whole  
41 Council's willing to -- wants to go along with that, we  
42 can put that forth as something you want to include in  
43 your charter. I'm just kind of letting you know the  
44 realities of what we're facing as a Federal agency.

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46 Thank you.

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. This item had been  
2 brought up one year ago here that we do our best to  
3 retain Mr. Philip Moses as a permanent member. That was  
4 one of the things that we had talked about, because  
5 Harry, the one that so eloquently said, we need somebody  
6 with the mind, heart and spirit of our people. And I  
7 thought it was a directive to the Staff that they look at  
8 possible ways of creating that position.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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12 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Bob. I guess  
13 I'm reminded a little bit of what Edgar suggested earlier  
14 today, that he was kind of suggesting that maybe this  
15 Council out to try to name people that should be on this  
16 Council. And if you'll remember, my answer was that  
17 there's got to be this separation, that there's this  
18 whole process that separates you from the process. And  
19 so this kind of is touching on that again, that you're  
20 asking to designate somebody to be on your Council, as a  
21 Council you're trying to designate somebody to be on your  
22 Council, and I don't think that's going to fly.

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24 Now, the honorary thing is a little  
25 different, and if it's -- you know, and I don't know what  
26 that means to be an honorary member. This person would  
27 still come to the meetings and would still kind of act  
28 like a Council member, but just not vote? You know, I'm  
29 just trying to sort this all out in my own mind. Is that  
30 what you mean by an honorary member?

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32 MR. ONEY: Yes, somebody that we would  
33 fall back on to get advice from, because a lot of the  
34 knowledge that he carries, the elders carry, are right  
35 there. Like Bob said, they're mind, their heart and  
36 their spirit, and, you know, a lot of times we -- you  
37 know, we go by on today's world, and a lot of times  
38 advice such as Philip Moses has given throughout the  
39 meetings, you know, make a lot of sense. And if we have  
40 that kind of person, you know, to fall back on, you know,  
41 that would be very helpful towards this -- to this  
42 Council.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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46 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
47 Raymond. This is just me thinking here. And I  
48 appreciate what you're saying. I know that Philip has  
49 provided a lot of wisdom throughout the six years that  
50 I've seen him on this Council. What -- and I think his

1 term is -- he still goes for another year, is that  
2 correct? Through 2008. So he's going to be on for  
3 another couple of years. And again, this is just my  
4 ideas, but it's my kind of assumption that part of what  
5 you do as Council members is that you're talking with  
6 your elders in your villages and bringing their opinions  
7 and their wisdom as well to these meetings to share. And  
8 I would encourage you to do that. And I imagine most of  
9 you are doing that already. Some of you are already  
10 elders, and you talk with your other elders in the  
11 villages. So I'm not discouraging you from putting forth  
12 this idea, we can run it by and this is something I think  
13 you should, if you're going to do as probably as a motion  
14 that it's the full Council that wants to see this in  
15 their charter, and we'll see where it goes. Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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19 MR. HOELSCHER: Tom and Alex. Item 7,  
20 estimating operating cost of \$100,000. You know, we have  
21 a group of 13 people and we have a big audience, and we  
22 sit her most of the day, you know, burning a lot of  
23 energy, drink a lot of coffee, which our host provided  
24 here and there, and hardly any snacks. Is it possible  
25 that, you know, to keep our energy going that, you know,  
26 add a few more thousand dollars on the budget or should  
27 we look at -- should you look at the budget and see how  
28 much, you know, it costs for each meeting and kind of get  
29 a breakdown, see, you know, for energizing your council  
30 and the people that are sitting here all day with us, to  
31 see if we can have extra surplus of energizers available.

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33 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Edgar. A couple  
34 of things. The policy keeps changing. For the last year  
35 or so, we were under -- we had a policy where we were  
36 able to buy refreshments, staff could buy refreshments  
37 and get reimbursed up to a certain amount per day. I  
38 think it was \$50 a day. And that has just recently  
39 changed again that we can no longer pay for it with  
40 government funds. So all the -- and I'm not trying to  
41 pat myself on the back, but I'll just let you know the  
42 reality, that everything that you saw back on that table,  
43 except for what Beverly brought in, I bought. I went to  
44 the AC store Wednesday night, and I bought the donuts and  
45 the coffee and the tea and the paper cups and the napkins  
46 and the plasticware. And that's the only way we can do  
47 it. And I'm taking that out of my per diem. I get a  
48 certain amount of per diem as you do, and I'm just paying  
49 for it, because I know it's important to you. And it's  
50 the only way we can basically do it other than we ask

1 everybody to put in a donation. And I just took it upon  
2 myself this time around to buy that. I tried to split it  
3 out between the two days. I didn't put everything out  
4 that I bought Wednesday on Thursday, so that you'd have  
5 something for today as well. And we were fortunate in  
6 that the Long House Inn is also providing some snacks out  
7 there. They provided muffins and donuts and things. So  
8 that's just a reality. I mean, you have to realize that  
9 the Federal government is really tightening up their  
10 budgets and things like providing refreshments at  
11 meetings, they're just not going to do any more. And I'm  
12 willing to do this, I've done it in the past as well, to  
13 help out and provide some snacks, because I think it's  
14 important. I want all you guys to be happy. And if  
15 having coffee and donuts helps keep you happy and focused  
16 on your work, then I'll do that. So that's the reality.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. This \$100,000  
26 estimated operating costs. How long has that figure been  
27 in and is there any provision for raising that following  
28 inflation?

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30 MR. RIVARD: Well, that's about what  
31 we're spending. That's the reality. It's not like  
32 there's a set budget and that's all we go with. It's  
33 whatever it costs to run these meetings twice a year.  
34 That's your transportation costs in and out. That's your  
35 lodging. That's paying for the meeting hall, and as you  
36 see in there, it also basically Alex's salary. It's one  
37 full-time staff person, and that's your Council  
38 coordinator. So it's about \$100,000 a year for this one  
39 Council to meet, and that includes Alex as your full-time  
40 staff person supporting you. I mean, there's other --  
41 they don't include my -- the part of my salary that I'm  
42 -- when I'm here and when I'm doing other things on  
43 behalf of the Y-K Council. They don't even include that.  
44 They just figure it's one person they're going to put in  
45 there. And so that's where the cost is coming from. And  
46 it is what it is. It's been averaging -- it's about  
47 \$100,000, and it's been about that since I've been here  
48 six plus years now. And probably the costs are going to  
49 go up. So that's about \$100,000 per Council per year.  
50 There's 10 Councils. So we're talking about a million

1 dollars that is going towards Council support, Council  
2 meetings and all that.

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4 MR. ALOYSIUS: I thought that Alex was an  
5 employee of the Fish and Wildlife Service, and why should  
6 that -- his salary be infringed on this Council?

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8 MR. RIVARD: It's just -- I'm not sure if  
9 I understand. Would you repeat what you said so I fully  
10 understand what you mean there?

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: I thought Alex was an  
13 employee of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and why  
14 should his salary be infringing on our budget to operate  
15 for one year?

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17 MR. RIVARD: Well, I think you've got it  
18 kind of backwards. You're looking at it from the other  
19 angle. Alex is our Council coordinator, and it's just --  
20 adding his salary is showing that there's a one --  
21 they're crediting one -- it's not like it's coming out of  
22 your budget. It's not like your Council has a budget, a  
23 certain amount of money. What it is, is the Office of  
24 Subsistence Management has an operating budget, and  
25 approximately \$100,000 of that budget goes towards the Y-  
26 K Council each year, as does \$100,000 for the other nine.  
27 Now, it varies, because there's higher costs of travel  
28 maybe in some areas than others, but on average, it's  
29 about \$100,000 a year to support one Council, which  
30 includes the salary of the Council coordinator.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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34 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you. Without  
35 spending a whole lot more time on all of this, I just  
36 find it's, you know, so interesting that we have  
37 difficulty getting the Department and the Federal  
38 Subsistence Board going with anything we recommend, and  
39 then all of a sudden they can't purchase something as  
40 simple as snacks for -- I mean, it just seems so silly  
41 like, well, all of a sudden the rules change. Well, who  
42 changed the rules? We didn't change the rules. So I  
43 guess I just have difficulty with some of this. Anyway.

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45 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Beverly. I  
46 understand that, and maybe your frustration with it. A  
47 lot of this is coming -- it's either coming right out of  
48 Washington, D.C. where it's government-wide, this is now  
49 changed. Or it may be Fish and Wildlife Service, or  
50 maybe the Department of the Interior has made this

1 decision and sometimes it's our region, Region 7 that  
2 covers all of Alaska. This particular one I believe is  
3 department wide that we just got this change that they  
4 would no longer allow us to buy snacks. It was really  
5 nice to have at least this policy where we could spend up  
6 to \$50 and get reimbursed. But that's changed.

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8 MS. HOFFMAN: I guess then maybe that  
9 would be my recommendation, that they include in the  
10 budget somewhere here in our charter food. But it's  
11 money -- this is all money well spent. You know, these  
12 are our Federal tax dollars. It's money well spent  
13 having Councils. It's frustrating to deal with Federal  
14 procedures for me as a Council member, but, you know,  
15 we've got this charter. I don't have anything I'm going  
16 to add, because I don't think they're going to change it  
17 anyway.

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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: For me, I think one  
24 solution to the snack issue is that as a Council can  
25 voluntarily donate \$5 a day to that. And we get a per  
26 diem. And part of that per diem pays for our breakfast  
27 and snacks and lunch. And if we voluntarily donate \$5 to  
28 a pot where one of the staff can go out and secure some  
29 snacks for us, I think it would be well worth it.

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31 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair, when it's hosted  
32 in your home town, like in Hooper Bay, there will be no  
33 per diem, and that's why I don't mind bringing a little  
34 fish now and again, Bob.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'll donate \$5 for you.

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38 MS. HOFFMAN: Not from me.

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40 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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44 MR. A. NICK: Hopefully to clarify some  
45 confusion, the question that was asked about estimated  
46 cost, I want to mention this, and my boss is sitting  
47 right here with me. What he told you is correct. What  
48 I want to clarify is that part of the salary he's talking  
49 about that's included in the estimated budget is not  
50 taken out of Council travel budget. It comes from my

1 salary which he authorized. You know, it's in the OSM  
2 budget, but, you know, they estimate that to show when we  
3 report to Congress, that, you know, this is how much we  
4 spend to run the Council business. And it does not come  
5 from the general budget that covers travel, per diem for  
6 the Council to travel to these meetings. And it's just  
7 to estimate how much we spend to run this Council. Yes,  
8 I do have a salary, but it does not come from the Council  
9 travel budget. I just want to clarify that.

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11 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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15 MR. L. WILDE: Would it be advisable to  
16 include our energy expenditure, a request for like \$50  
17 every meeting, in the annual report, or in our charter or  
18 is it possible for us to request that?

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20 MR. RIVARD: Would you clarify what you  
21 mean by an energy stipend or.....

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23 MR. L. WILDE: No, I was just saying  
24 that, because Edgar was saying that we needed some  
25 energy, but that's true. You know, the.....

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27 MR. RIVARD: Oh, the snacks.

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29 MR. L. WILDE: .....somebody said about  
30 \$50 expenditure that you made that you were able to get  
31 back on your travel report. Is it possible for us to go  
32 in that form, to see if we can get at least snacks for  
33 the Council at meeting by requesting it through one of  
34 the means that we have.

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36 MR. RIVARD: It's not an item that will  
37 go in your charter, and it's really -- it's the  
38 department policy whether any government funds can be  
39 spent for snacks. I mean, it doesn't matter how you  
40 request it, it's still the same policy that you're going  
41 to deal with. And so right now the policy is that we  
42 cannot spend money on snacks for meetings. There's real  
43 specific requirements and there's real specific incidents  
44 when that can happen, and we've already been told --  
45 because we asked this question again just before these  
46 meetings started up again, I know I did, because we were  
47 trying to find some way of being able to purchase some  
48 snacks, and the answer from our regional office is that  
49 these Regional Council meetings do not qualify to be able  
50 to spend money for snacks on them. So, you know, it's

1 just what it is, and that's what we'll deal with. And I  
2 will make a pledge that I'll continue to use some of my  
3 per diem, because it really is some of my per diem. I'm  
4 not using my own funds, I just put it -- designate it  
5 over to buying snacks. And I can't provide probably all  
6 of it that you guys would probably like to have, but I'll  
7 provide some of it, and be glad to do so.

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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Something that Beverly  
14 said kind of struck me very wrong is that from what I  
15 understand her saying that local members do not get per  
16 diem when a meeting held in their community, is that  
17 right?

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19 MR. RIVARD: Yes, that's correct, because  
20 you only get per diem when you're traveling I think it's  
21 35 miles or more from your own community.

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23 MR. A. NICK: It's 50 miles.

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25 MR. RIVARD: 50 miles. Okay. So I think  
26 -- did we run into this with you Lester?

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28 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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30 MR. RIVARD: That.....

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32 MR. L. WILDE: That happened in Chevak.

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34 MR. RIVARD: Chevak. And how far away is  
35 Hooper Bay from Chevak?

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37 MR. L. WILDE: Not very far. I don't  
38 remember what.....

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40 MR. RIVARD: Yeah. So he wasn't able to  
41 get per diem. What we were able to do was we were able  
42 to reimburse you for the gasoline for your snow machine.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: Right.

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46 MR. RIVARD: So we can do something like  
47 that, but because he's within certain miles of where the  
48 meeting's taking place, we can't provide him lodging and  
49 -- you know, if he had decided he wanted to fly from  
50 Hooper Bay to Chevak to attend a meeting, he would have

1 probably had to do it on his own nickel. Actually that's  
2 not correct. We would have been able to do it, but he  
3 decided that -- Lester decided he would use his snow  
4 machine, and so instead of buying a plane ticket, we  
5 reimbursed him for his gasoline.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: I really don't find that  
8 very fair. They donate their whole two days, two and a  
9 half days, whatever, and they should be entitled to the  
10 same kind of reimbursement as we do who are from out of  
11 town.

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13 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. I think  
14 some of us view that in a different light. I think, you  
15 know, if I don't mind not getting any per diem in Hooper  
16 Bay, because i'm there and after all before I was -- even  
17 joined the Council, I understood that it was on a  
18 voluntary basis, and I never really expected, accepted or  
19 expected, any per diem in the village because of the  
20 reason that I voluntarily did it to join the Council.  
21 And it wasn't for the money that I joined it, that I  
22 requested to join it, but it was so that my people in my  
23 area can be represented in the subsistence Federal  
24 regulations.

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26 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah, I know, it's -- the  
31 meetings are likely to be held in Bethel twice a year,  
32 and this is actually my last meeting with this Council.  
33 And it did come up before where we wished we could get  
34 stipends versus per diem. I sit on several boards, and  
35 only one of them -- all of them are voluntary positions.  
36 All of them are voluntary, but one opted to give all of  
37 their members stipends versus per diem, and it seemed to  
38 work very well. But in Page 84 they spelled out the  
39 response when we brought up those concerns.

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41 You know, when I'm here, I don't get paid  
42 for my work to be here. You know, it's leave without  
43 pay. And that's my own personal choice, and maybe that's  
44 part of my own personal choice. The reasoning that makes  
45 it difficult to be a part of the Federal, all these rules  
46 and the way they do things sometimes.

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48 But I've appreciated being a part of this  
49 Board, and learned a lot from all of you. And I don't  
50 want to spend too much more time on this actually.

1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You know, I don't know  
2 how many times as the Chair Council over in Anchorage  
3 doing the Federal Board. We get together all the Chairs,  
4 and we request or write a letter to Secretary of Interior  
5 to have us per diem and stipend for the Council. I don't  
6 now how many times we did. And I remember that we write  
7 down on the paper how many -- where we from and all that,  
8 and we want to try to get the per diem and stipend for  
9 the meeting. But we all get no support or nothing. That  
10 we don't even get any kind of letter back.

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12 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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16 MS. HOFFMAN: Getting back to review of  
17 the Council charter, I would like to recommend at this  
18 time that we get back to looking at that, and if there's  
19 no more recommendations to Alex, that maybe we can set a  
20 date to -- if there's any other recommendations by  
21 individuals of this Council, that they make it to him by  
22 the end of the month. Is that -- would that work?

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24 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Beverly. That  
25 will work. Last year we went through the same thing, and  
26 I ended up working with at least a couple of council  
27 members. And if I do that, it's fine with me. But, you  
28 know, it's entirely up to the Council how you want to do  
29 his.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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33 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, I'd have to add  
34 that it really needs to be done at this meeting if you  
35 want -- so that your Board -- your Council, excuse me,  
36 can decide as a Council that you want to make a certain  
37 change to the Charter. If wait and just have these  
38 others ones maybe filter in, and the others haven't heard  
39 it, some of them may not agree with that change. And so  
40 it really has to be done I believe as a motion that you  
41 want this particular change made to your charter, and  
42 it's an official recommendation from your Council. I  
43 don't think we can do it any other way.

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45 MS. HOFFMAN: Thank you for clarifying  
46 that. So I guess I would ask the Chair to see if there's  
47 any further discussion on this.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: On review of charter, if  
50 there's any more discussion or questions. We could go

1 the next on our agenda.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we make a  
8 change in the charter under compensation that would read:  
9 members of the Council will receive compensation  
10 commensurate to follow other councils and/or boards that  
11 provide services as outlined in the charter and that they  
12 would also receive travel expenses, including per diem in  
13 the same manner as persons employed intermittently in  
14 government service are allowed such expenses under 5 USC  
15 5703.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion. Will  
18 you read that motion wording, what he was reading?

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20 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, I did not  
21 capture that motion. Could you repeat that again.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Members of the Council  
24 will receive compensation, then that big fancy word,  
25 commensurate to -- equal to other members who are paid as  
26 council and/or board members, will be allowed travel  
27 expenses, including per diem in the same manner as  
28 persons employed intermittently in government service are  
29 allowed under Section 5 USC 5703. I mean -- 5703.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob -- I mean, Don.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: The only wording I changed  
34 there is that the members will receive compensation.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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38 MR. RIVARD: Well, there's two things  
39 here, Mr. Chair and Bob. One is basically you're asking  
40 for the same thing as you did last year in your annual  
41 report, and you're going to get the same answer. I'm  
42 just going to be frank with you. You're not going to  
43 receive any compensation. You're volunteers. And I just  
44 want to be real straight forward with you. The  
45 expectation that you may get a stipend or get some other  
46 compensation, it's just not going to happen. So you  
47 could try to do this again. I don't think you can change  
48 this part here in your charter. This is coming from the  
49 Secretary, the membership and how membership's going to  
50 work.

1 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. I second  
2 the motion for discussion purposes.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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6 MR. RIVARD: So if I may continue, but if  
7 you were going to go this route, then I think you would  
8 need to put a specific amount, because you're just saying  
9 we'll be compensated, and we would have no way of knowing  
10 what you mean by that. And if you're saying that you  
11 should be compensated the same as people that attend,  
12 Staff, well, we all have different salaries so we all get  
13 compensated a little differently for attending these  
14 meetings, if you're talking about our salaries. So if  
15 you're going to go that route, if you want to say you  
16 should be compensated somehow, they you're basically  
17 talking about a stipend again, and you've just got the  
18 answer to the stipend question in your annual report this  
19 year. And the answer will come back the same. So you  
20 can do this if you'd like. I think you're just spinning  
21 your wheels on this one. I'm just -- I want to be real  
22 straight forward with you on it.

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24 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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28 MS. HOFFMAN: I feel like we've been  
29 spinning our wheels under Regional Council business, item  
30 A, for almost over an hour. And because of -- I mean,  
31 there's not much -- we can make all the recommendations  
32 in the world with this Council, but I think like he said,  
33 we're just spinning our wheels. And that's just my own  
34 personal feel.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: In view of the information  
41 gathered from our Staff and the feeling of the Board, I  
42 withdraw my motion.

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44 MR. HOELSCHER: I withdraw my second.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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48 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, if I may, I just  
49 want to make it clear, even though I've been real  
50 straight forward and maybe my tone of voice is kind of a

1 little harsh there, I understand your situations, believe  
2 me. And I know that you're dealing with higher costs out  
3 here all the time. And it's not that we're not  
4 sympathetic to what you're trying to do, but we also know  
5 the realities of travel regulations and Federal  
6 regulations. And this really falls as it says under your  
7 -- under the annual report response, this is nationwide  
8 how people are compensated or not compensated that work  
9 as volunteers on councils. This is a nationwide policy.  
10 And you have to understand that it probably would have to  
11 be a nationwide policy to pay stipends. If for some  
12 reason they decided in Alaska that you will get stipends,  
13 they'd probably have to decide to do it nationwide. So  
14 it has nationwide implications if it's done in one place  
15 in the country. So it's just the reality of the  
16 situation. Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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20 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. In order to get  
21 at least part of your questions relating to honorary  
22 membership and also the compensation, I would feel  
23 comfortable, if Don agrees, if we could go ahead and  
24 bring these questions to our FACA coordinator. The FACA  
25 coordinator can answer those questions, and then we can  
26 come back with an answer of some kind during your winter  
27 meeting. The reason I said that is because FACA  
28 coordinator knows FACA rules much more than probably Don  
29 and I do. And if at least one of these two  
30 recommendations could be included in your charter  
31 recommended changes, we could definitely bring them back  
32 to you during your winter meeting. Is that okay with  
33 you, Don?

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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37 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, I agree with the  
38 part that if your whole Council wants to make some  
39 recommendation on having an honorary member, we can bring  
40 that forward. The compensation factor I think I've  
41 already discussed, and I think the answer is already  
42 clear. And Bob has withdrawn that motion. Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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46 MS. HERNANDEZ: So let's quit spinning  
47 the wheel and move forward.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Charter, A. We'll go to  
50 the next one, B, election of officers. Nick, you'll take

1 over from then.

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3 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: In lieu of the simple fact  
8 that we have five members -- I mean five vacancies as of  
9 the end of this day, and we do not know who is going to  
10 be re-elected, or reappointed I mean, to the Council, I  
11 move that we postpone the election of officers until our  
12 winter meeting.

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14 MS. HOFFMAN: I'll second it for  
15 discussion purposes. Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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19 MS. HOFFMAN: I think -- we've done this  
20 before. We've, you know, moved election of officers to  
21 other meetings, is that correct? Do you recall? Yes.  
22 Yeah. But I think we still have pretty good  
23 representation, and it was my understanding, and correct  
24 me if I'm wrong, is it is likely all of you except for  
25 myself will be reinstated if you reapplied, so I think we  
26 could handle it here. Okay.

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. There's no  
33 guarantee that for the people that are -- their terms  
34 expire, will be reinstated. So, you know, it just makes  
35 common sense to me that we delay the election of  
36 officers, because we're happy with what we have right  
37 now, and it doesn't -- it really doesn't make any chances  
38 until February, so.....

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40 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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44 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair Members of the  
45 Council. Like Don mentioned earlier, Don and I, we don't  
46 know who is going to be appointed to the Council --  
47 reappointed to the Council this fall. But it's entirely  
48 up to the Council, you know, whether you want to elect  
49 officers or not at this time. The only reason why the  
50 election of officers is on the agenda is because the

1 Council has rescheduled the nominations to this meeting.  
2 And that's the only reason why the election of officers  
3 is on the agenda.

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: A point of correction, it  
6 is not a nomination of officers, it is election of  
7 officers.

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9 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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13 MS. HOFFMAN: And I guess the other  
14 reason that I was wanting to pursue this was Harry  
15 mentioned on the first day that, you know, he's tiring of  
16 being chair, and we have no vice president right now as  
17 -- right? Correct. And so he can't even -- I guess as  
18 Chair he can designate somebody to sit in as chair for  
19 him. I don't know. I don't know the bylaws well enough,  
20 but that's the only reason I was thinking that it would  
21 be good in light of what he was feeling, and, Harry, you  
22 can correct me if I'm wrong.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly, that's right.  
25 It's come to be like a heavy load on me, because a lot of  
26 the time I feel uncomfortable when they ask me to travel  
27 some place, because this time that -- because of my  
28 family. My wife is not feeling well all -- some time,  
29 and also we are taking care of a two-year-old boy, and  
30 I've got to be there most of the time. That's the reason  
31 that I say I'm getting tired try to be Chairperson. I  
32 wouldn't mind to be on the Council, but not really on the  
33 Chair.

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35 Bob -- I mean, Don.

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37 MR. RIVARD: Don. Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
38 And I guess -- I imagine most of the Council members know  
39 this, but it's not just chairing the meetings. I mean,  
40 he's the main person that Alex goes to whenever there's  
41 something that needs to be discussed. So the Chair is  
42 working -- is doing something all year round. And that  
43 person is also making decisions and recommending who  
44 might go to another, a separate -- another meeting that's  
45 been called, like, for instance, Bob to Kuskokwim Working  
46 Group meeting. The first person that we go to usually is  
47 the Chair, saying who would you recommend on your Council  
48 to attend that type of a meeting. And the Chair also is  
49 getting lots of materials from us during the year that  
50 they're reviewing. So it's not just two times a year

1 Chairing this meeting. He's also going to Board meetings  
2 as well. And if Harry is saying that he needs to do  
3 something different, then I think it behooves you all to,  
4 you know, at least designate somebody else as Chair at  
5 this meeting.

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7 And if it's my understanding, I just  
8 heard that you delayed -- you didn't do it last time, and  
9 you deferred it to this meeting, I don't think you want  
10 to keep deferring the decisions. I think the best time,  
11 and I'm going to -- I think this is the way it's supposed  
12 to be, but I'm going to check with Ann Wilkinson, who's  
13 our FACA coordinator, but it seems like the most logical  
14 time to elect new officers is right at the beginning of  
15 your next meeting in the spring, right at the beginning  
16 of that meeting so that that person chairs that meeting  
17 that day, and not because -- just like you pointed out,  
18 Beverly, at the end of a year people are coming off. And  
19 you may elect somebody who's already coming off the --  
20 may not be there next year, so it seems like the spring  
21 meeting is the best time to do this, and it probably  
22 should be right at the beginning of the meeting.

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24 Thank you.

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26 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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30 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you. In your  
31 charter, 9, election of officers, it clearly states that  
32 you're supposed to elect a chair and a vice chair. When  
33 was the last elections and who was the vice chair at that  
34 last election.

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36 MS. HOFFMAN: The late John Hanson.

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38 MR. HOELSCHER: So he was never replaced  
39 then, right?

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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43 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Ed. Last  
44 election Harry was re-appointed to the Chair, and John  
45 Hanson who is now deceased was elected as Vice Chair, and  
46 when he passed away, that position became vacant. And  
47 Mary Gregory was elected as Secretary.

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49 Now, going back to election of officers,  
50 here's how it's going to work, if you decide to elect at

1 this time. There is outgoing members, we don't know  
2 whether or not if these people will be re-appointed this  
3 year, or this fall rather: Joseph Mike, Greg Roczicka,  
4 Bob Aloysius, and Beverly's not -- she indicated that  
5 she's not coming back by not applying, re-applying for  
6 her seat. And if any of the three are elected as the  
7 Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary, when the Councils are  
8 seated, the Chairmanship position, or Vice Chair, or  
9 Secretary Position will end. That's how it's going to  
10 work.

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MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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MR. L. WILDE: Mr Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
move that the election of officers be delayed until the  
beginning of the next meeting and be the first agenda  
item. And.....

MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, there is  
that exact motion on the floor.

MS. HOFFMAN: There's a motion on the  
floor.

MR. L. WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry. What was  
-- there was a motion on the floor?

MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah, to defer it to the  
winter meeting, but not at to the beginning. That could  
be a friendly amendment though that it be at the  
beginning.

MR. ALOYSIUS: I accept the friendly  
amendment to read that we delay -- or we defer the  
election of officers to the winter meeting and the  
election of officers be the first item on the agenda.

1 MR. A. NICK: Yeah. And I will get that  
2 together. Very well. Thank you.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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6 MR. HOELSCHER: Yeah, just one quick  
7 question. If Harry wants to step down, can this Council  
8 appoint an acting chair for the next meeting.

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10 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Edgar. They  
11 can do that.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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15 MR. RIVARD: Well, let's try to sort it  
16 all out now. There would be no reason to designate  
17 somebody acting for the next meeting, because your  
18 debating -- you just put on a motion that you would elect  
19 officers the first thing at your next meeting. Okay.  
20 Now, Harry, if nothing happens, Harry would remain. What  
21 I'm hearing Harry saying is that he's a very busy man,  
22 he's got other priorities. He's willing to stay on the  
23 council, but he doesn't have the time, maybe the energy  
24 to devote as much as he would need to as he continues.

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26 So, Harry, one of the options you have,  
27 because one of the things you do as Chair is you attend  
28 Federal Subsistence Board meetings, and there's another  
29 one coming up in January, and there will be another one  
30 in May. Now, the May one we don't have to worry about,  
31 but the January one, if you so choose, you could ask  
32 somebody else on this Council to attend for you, so that  
33 you don't have to attend that. And that could maybe be  
34 decided today, or it could be done between now and  
35 January. So that would take some of that pressure off of  
36 you so that you don't have to attend that meeting, and  
37 that might be something one of your Council members is  
38 willing to do is attend that meeting for you. So you've  
39 got all those kind of options. But you probably should  
40 first finish your motion and then decide what else you're  
41 going to do.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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45 MR. HOELSCHER: Question.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called  
48 for. Discussion.

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: No.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Vote  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Vote on it. All  
4 who favor it 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. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: In view of the information  
19 we were given, I have a question. Can the Chairman  
20 resign at any time he wishes or she wishes?  
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22 MR. RIVARD: Yes, he can.  
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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: And if that -- if the  
25 Chairman does resign what is the process of filling that  
26 vacancy?  
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28 MR. RIVARD: Well, it would go the other  
29 officers. You don't have a Vice Chair, so then it would  
30 revert to your secretary.  
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32 MS. HOFFMAN: And she's.....  
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34 MR. RIVARD: And she's not here today.  
35 So there you go.  
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37 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.  
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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.  
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41 MS. HOFFMAN: It gets back to what he  
42 just said though. If you want to appoint a  
43 representative in your place to that next meeting, you  
44 can do that and I think that anybody on this Council  
45 would represent you well.  
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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly, Council. I  
48 think I do that. And I did before. I work with our  
49 coordinator when I couldn't go, when they ask me who  
50 should go, sometimes that I ask Secretary, because we

1 don't have any -- no other one that who's available and  
2 what I always sometimes try to do is make sure Kuskokwim  
3 have a representative, make sure that Yukon have a  
4 representative. So sometime I ask go ahead and take  
5 someone who's capable who would be representative to  
6 Kuskokwim, or sometime there's so many of us that in the  
7 Yukon couldn't go even business is Yukon, we -- I request  
8 for appoint a person from Kuskokwim. One of the  
9 Councilmen.

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11 I think I want you to understand if you,  
12 Council, are willing to get the officers first meeting  
13 next meeting, I will be willing to go ahead and stay on  
14 where I'm at.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: That has already been  
17 decided, Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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21 MR. RIVARD: Harry, if I may, I've seen  
22 other Councils do this. Not all the time Chairs can  
23 attend, so they do designate somebody else. And it's  
24 kind of a educational opportunity for somebody who's  
25 never been to a Federal Subsistence Board meeting. I  
26 think, Lester, you've been there.

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28 MR. L. WILDE: It is really an  
29 educational.

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31 MR. RIVARD: And Mary's been there. And  
32 it's worth seeing that end of it if you've never done it  
33 before.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Right.

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37 MR. RIVARD: To see the final product.  
38 In other words, what the Council's role is there with the  
39 Federal Subsistence Board, and they do ask everybody's  
40 recommendation there from your Council. And so if you've  
41 not had an opportunity yet to go to a Federal Subsistence  
42 Board meeting, and I'm not presuming that Harry's not  
43 going to go in January. It sounds like maybe he will,  
44 but if he decides not to now or later, it's really worth  
45 the while I think for other Council members to be part of  
46 that process. You get to see the end results of  
47 everybody's work. The Staff work, your work here, and  
48 you get to see how the Board works. They are very  
49 similar to the way they operate as you do here, but  
50 they've got other people there in the public testimony,

1 they've got the State of Alaska at the table. And so  
2 it's well worth -- any of you that haven't done that yet,  
3 if you get the opportunity, I would say take it and get  
4 a chance to see that final product come out.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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12 MR. ONEY: Yeah, I don't know if I'm in  
13 order, but this is relating to charter in regards to  
14 election of officers. If I may. I think the election of  
15 officers on our charter needs to be more clear, like it's  
16 saying, you know, we keep going around and around in  
17 putting the election of officers. If we could state in  
18 election of officers that it will be beginning of the new  
19 year, or beginning of the first -- well, beginning of the  
20 new year that we elect the officers for a one-year term,  
21 I think it will be more appropriate that way then to  
22 trying to do it right at the end when everybody's terms  
23 are, you know, expiring, because like we mentioned  
24 earlier, that we don't know who's going to be on, you  
25 know, until the new year. So if we could include some of  
26 those phrases into the election of officers that it be at  
27 the beginning of the new year. Thank you.

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29 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Could we make that the  
36 second item on our agenda for our winter meeting.

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38 MR. RIVARD: Would you clarify that,  
39 please? I'm not sure what you mean.

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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: He's concerned with that  
42 there's no definite day or time for election of officers,  
43 and that we should address that issue when we elect the  
44 new officers in the winter meeting, and that would  
45 specify in there that the election of officers will -- I  
46 mean, Council members will elect a Chair, a Vice Chair,  
47 and a Secretary for a one-year term at the first meeting  
48 of each year.

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50 MR. RIVARD: Yes, and that's something

1 that you could put now -- that's the recommendation  
2 you're making now. You don't have to wait until your  
3 next meeting to make that.

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay. Very good. Do you  
6 want to move that way or what?

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8 MR. ONEY: Yeah. I move that we do that.

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10 MS. HOFFMAN: I second.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

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14 MS. HOFFMAN: I beat you.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'll relent to Beverly.  
17 Question.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been  
20 called for with all the favor of -- what I was going to  
21 say, I forgot all about. I think that it's.....

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23 MS. HOFFMAN: All in favor of the motion  
24 say aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. What's the motion  
27 say? Will you repeat that, Don?

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29 MR. RIVARD: Okay. This is Don Rivard.  
30 We got the intent of it. I don't know if we have the  
31 exact wording, but we've got the intent, that the council  
32 members will elect a Chair, a Vice Chair and a Secretary  
33 for a one-year term at the start of the first meeting of  
34 the year, which is your winter meeting. It usually  
35 starts in February or March is when you meet. Did I  
36 capture that correctly?

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You heard the motion and  
39 second and discussion and question's been called. All  
40 who favor it say aye.

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42 IN UNISON: Aye.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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46 (No opposing votes)

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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50 MR. RIVARD: You looked like the

1 Godfather just then.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Appointments, item C.  
4 The Lower Yukon -- 1, the Lower Yukon River CFC member,  
5 and the second one is, 2, Lower Kuskokwim River CFC  
6 member.

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8 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. The agenda item  
9 on Coordinating Fisheries Committee members is there  
10 assuming that there were going to be election of  
11 officers. So if you wish, you could rather change that  
12 to winter. This now is on I think as needed basis I  
13 think. It's not very active in other regions, like  
14 Eastern Interior and Western Interior, but we do have  
15 Lower Kuskokwim representatives on the Coordinating  
16 Fisheries Committee, who is Bob Aloysius I believe is one  
17 of them representing RAC. I haven't seen his change, and  
18 that's one of the reasons why he is on the -- on your  
19 Kuskokwim Salmon Management Group representing RAC. And  
20 his alternate I believe is Mary Gregory for Lower  
21 Kuskokwim. For Yukon, I think Lester Wilde stepped down,  
22 but he's now just an alternate I believe on CFC, and I  
23 think Ray Oney was appointed as Lower Yukon Coordinating  
24 Fisheries Committee member. So if you want to take up  
25 this, it's up to you, but if you want to take -- appoint  
26 new members or reappoint members, you could do that in  
27 winter meeting.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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31 MS. HOFFMAN: I'd like to move that we --  
32 I mean, you take it up at the winter meeting.

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34 MR. HOELSCHER: Second.

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36 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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40 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Can you define the  
41 roles and responsibilities of the CFC? You know, and  
42 like you said, I was appointed as the Lower Yukon CFC  
43 member, but, you know, I don't know, I haven't been in  
44 involved in anything today, so maybe if you could, you  
45 know, give me some definitions of, you know, what the  
46 roles and responsibilities are. Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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50 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Raymond. What's

1 -- as Alex pointed out, the Coordinating Fisheries  
2 Committee has not been very active the last three years  
3 basically. What it is, is it's been envisioned and it  
4 has worked in the past where there's been one Council  
5 member each from your Council, the Western Interior  
6 Council, and the Eastern Interior Council. Sometimes  
7 they needed to get together to try to come up with maybe  
8 a consensus on where they were going to go, and then that  
9 member would bring it back to their particular Council  
10 and let them know what was decided, and they could decide  
11 whether they wanted to go that same way. It worked.

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13                   The last time that I remember it really  
14 being active and working was three years ago. Just prior  
15 to your meeting in Wasilla. I don't know, were you there  
16 in Wasilla three years ago? Well, the CFC members all  
17 got together just prior to that meeting and they heard  
18 all the fisheries proposals, both the Federal and the  
19 State, and they kind of came up with a consensus of where  
20 the recommendation ought to go from each Council. And so  
21 then they were -- they had heard the issues a little bit  
22 more. They understood them more, and the idea was that  
23 they would go back to each of their Councils and help  
24 explain the proposals better and maybe help develop a  
25 consensus among the three Councils.

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27                   So there's two Coordinating Fisheries  
28 Committees, one for the Yukon and one for the Kuskokwim.  
29 And so Bob's been serving, whether he knows it or not, as  
30 a member of the Kuskokwim CFC.

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32                   (Laughter)

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34                   MR. RIVARD: I think James has done that  
35 in the past as well. And your counterpart, Bob, has been  
36 Ray Collins on the Kuskokwim. And as you noticed, you  
37 and him have both been attending a lot of meeting of the  
38 Kuskokwim Working Group, and et cetera. And you're both  
39 coming to Anchorage in November for that meeting as well.  
40 And so that's why you come for your Council, why Ray  
41 Collins comes, because you're the CFC member. And so  
42 you're dealing with the fisheries issues.

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44                   And so, Ray as the CFC member for your  
45 Council for the Yukon, he's going to be attending these  
46 YRDFA meetings that are coming up on the Yukon, chinook  
47 salmon size meetings. Okay.

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49                   So that's another way that CFC members  
50 are utilized so there's already somebody kind of

1 designated for fisheries issues on the Kuskokwim or on  
2 the Yukon that if meetings like this come up, you're the  
3 first person that your Council goes to and says, we would  
4 like you to attend on behalf of our Council. And there's  
5 always been usually an alternate so that if you can't go,  
6 then they've got Lester's in the wings. He's always  
7 ready to go. So those kinds of things. So that's -- and  
8 again it hasn't been real active, and we've kind of been  
9 using the CFC members to go to these meetings, but the  
10 committee itself has not really gotten together in three  
11 years.

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13 MR. ONEY: Okay. Thank you.

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15 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you for the  
20 information of what I'm into. I was -- you know, that's  
21 a real illustration of being railroaded without knowing  
22 it.

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24 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. Bob. You've  
25 been doing a good job.

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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you very much.

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29 MS. HOFFMAN: Question.

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: All who favor motion say  
34 aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed same sign.

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40 (No opposing votes)

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Bob and  
43 Ray, now is become our CFC.

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45 MS. HOFFMAN: No.

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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, I beg to differ. The  
48 motion was to delay the thing until winter meeting.

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah, we did. That's what

1 it was.

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(Pause)

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MS. HOFFMAN: No, we're done there.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Right there, appoint?

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part. Right. there.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. We're on D.

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Confirm next meeting on March 15 or 16, 2007 in Hooper Bay. Alex Nick.

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MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, as Council members remember, those who were in Emmonak last winter, they were officially invited by Mr. Hoelscher to attend -- rather to hold winter meeting, next winter meeting in Village of Hooper Bay. This topic is only to have you confirm that those dates, March 15 and 16, 2007 in Hooper Bay.

MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

MS. HOFFMAN: I move that we confirm those meeting dates in Hooper Bay.

MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor to confirm the meeting at Hooper Bay. There was a motion and second. Discussion.

MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, I think by March Hooper Bay will be pretty well ready to have this meeting. I think everything that needs to be taken care of should be taken of by then. Or even before that. So you're still invited to Hooper Bay.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.

(No comments)

1 MR. CHARLES: Question.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been  
4 called. 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. We'll  
13 have a meeting on March 15, 16, 2007 at Hooper Bay. Next  
14 on our agenda is, E, determine date and place for fall  
15 2007 fishery meeting. Alex Nick.  
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17 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
18 Council. Every fall meeting for the last couple of years  
19 now I think you determine what date and where you're  
20 going to hold your next fall meeting. You will find the  
21 meeting window on Page 118. And the dates for the other  
22 Council members next year, next fall meeting, is between  
23 -- excuse me. On August 28 and 29, North Slope will meet  
24 in Barrow. On September 26, 26 Kodiak Aleutians will  
25 meet in Cold Bay. And Bristol Bay Regional Advisory  
26 Council will meet on October 1 and 2. The rest of the  
27 window is open next year. I meant to say the rest of the  
28 calendar is open.  
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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So the opening is right  
31 now.  
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33 MS. HOFFMAN: It's any of these dates.  
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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Down here? October 4.  
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37 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. The window --  
38 the fish cycle meeting window opens on August 27th and it  
39 closes on October 19th, so you have a lot of dates the  
40 Council has to choose from. But it seemed like  
41 traditionally we look at the end of moose hunting season,  
42 and we look at these Thursday and Friday dates. So that  
43 would be October 4th and October 5th, Thursday and  
44 Friday. October 11th, October 12, Thursday and Friday.  
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46 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.  
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50 MR. L. WILDE: I'd like to move that our

1 fall meeting be held October 4th and 5th in 2007.

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3 MS. HOFFMAN: Where?

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5 MR. L. WILDE: In a Yukon village. Maybe  
6 ask Alakanuk. Since this is a fisheries meeting and the  
7 Yukon River villages are very into fishing, and they're  
8 always attending the fisheries meeting, I think it might  
9 be a good idea to hold it on the Lower Yukon. Possibly  
10 Alakanuk.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion just  
13 for discussion purposes.

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15 MR. L. WILDE: So be it.

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17 MS. HOFFMAN: Discussion.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Discussion.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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25 MR. L. WILDE: There was no second to my  
26 motion, Mr. Chairman.

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28 MS. HOFFMAN: He did.

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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: I second the motion  
31 earlier on. I would prefer an upper Yukon Village,  
32 Russian Mission, Marshall, because we just had our winter  
33 meeting in Emo this last.....

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Okay.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: .....this winter.

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39 MR. L. WILDE: I have no problem with  
40 that.

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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: I have -- my concern would  
43 be which village does the Staff feel would be adequate to  
44 fulfill the need of the meeting, because, you know, the  
45 first meeting that I was at in St. Marys, they wanted the  
46 next meeting to be in Kalskag, and it was thought that --  
47 I discovered that there was no facilities that meet the  
48 needs of this large a group of people, and especially the  
49 electronics wasn't available. So I think if the Staff  
50 does their homework, they would know where to recommend

1 in the Upper Yukon area. Russian Mission or Marshall.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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5 MR. HOELSCHER: Just a question to the  
6 Staff. Did you say October 4 and 5, Lester?  
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8 MR. L. WILDE: 4 and 5.  
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10 MR. HOELSCHER: I know the Bristol Bay  
11 meetings would be October 1 and 2. Would Staff be ready  
12 for the October 4th and 5 Yukon-Kuskokwim meetings.  
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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.  
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16 MR. RIVARD: Yeah, Edgar, that's a good  
17 question. And the Staff -- we have common Staff that  
18 cover the Eastern Interior, the Western Interior, and  
19 your Council. And you're the first out of the box of  
20 those three. So you can basically name whichever dates  
21 you want to do, and the other two will kind of have to  
22 work around those dates. So you've got a chance to  
23 pretty much pick any dates you want right now.  
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25 And for the other thing, your Council  
26 kind of agreed -- well, I won't say -- agrees not the  
27 right word, but they thought that when they meet on the  
28 Yukon that St. Marys is a good place, just because of the  
29 facilities, as you mentioned, Bob. And I guess that was  
30 -- was that your first meeting when you came on board?  
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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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34 MR. RIVARD: So that's a possibility.  
35 And I believe, Raymond, you're now in Marshall, is that  
36 correct?  
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38 MR. ONEY: Yes, I'm just there temporary,  
39 so.....  
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41 MR. RIVARD: Oh, okay. So how long will  
42 you be there in Marshall?  
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44 MR. ONEY: For a year.  
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46 MR. RIVARD: About a year? So this time  
47 next year, you may still be there?  
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49 MR. ONEY: I still may be there.  
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1 MR. RIVARD: Okay. It does really help  
2 facilitate now if there's a Council member is in a  
3 meeting place that we're going to, because it's good to  
4 have somebody on the ground that maybe can do some things  
5 that Alex can't necessarily do from his office here in  
6 Bethel, so -- I mean, it's up to you. I'm just giving  
7 you some other ideas.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So where are we going to  
10 have our meeting.

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12 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. We usually  
13 -- don't we usually try to go from Yukon, Kuskokwim,  
14 Yukon, Kuskokwim? We've had a meeting on the Yukon the  
15 last time, and this time it's in Bethel, but I think that  
16 we should designate a Kuskokwim village the next time.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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20 MR. RIVARD: Lester, I think there's real  
21 merit to that, but let's think about what we're going to  
22 be dealing with next year. We know those four proposals  
23 that are all dealing with the Yukon. And we know for  
24 sure that those are coming up. We'll see those next year  
25 at this time. And so you know you've got some important  
26 issues to deal with on the Yukon. And it's not to say  
27 that there might be some fisheries proposals that come up  
28 for the Kuskokwim as well. But those are pretty  
29 important issues, and we'll have some of that process  
30 from YRDFA will be going on, so it might be good for your  
31 Council to be listening to people on the Yukon next year  
32 at this time.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. Then taking  
35 that into light, I think of all the villages that are in  
36 the Yukon area where you're able to hold a meeting in  
37 proximity of villages right close to that area, I think  
38 St. Marys probably would be the best place, because they  
39 have a good airfield coming in for that time of the year,  
40 unless Ray feels that it might be -- Marshall would be  
41 another good place.

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43 MR. ONEY: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Yeah.  
44 Marshall has, you know, just as good a runway as St.  
45 Marys, if not longer than St. Marys, so.....

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47 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible,  
48 microphone not turned on)

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50 MR. ONEY: Yeah. So, you know, I'll

1 bring this up to the council and to the people of  
2 Marshall that, you know, our village has been considered,  
3 so maybe I could get back to Alex, you know, once they  
4 say, yeah, you know, welcome.

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6 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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10 MR. RIVARD: Real quickly, Edgar. And  
11 just remember, we're doing this a year out, and then you  
12 do confirm at your next meeting in the winter, just like  
13 we did now for Hooper Bay. So that would give -- you  
14 could do it tentatively as Marshall if that's what you  
15 decide and then confirm that at your next meeting. It  
16 doesn't have to be set in stone now. It's just we like  
17 to have about a year out so these kind of things can be  
18 checked out. So thank you.

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20 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don, usually that we  
23 pick two, first and second. If we can't make -- if the  
24 people over there, we don't know if they want us to meet  
25 there or not, if we can't meet over there, we have to  
26 take the second one, so we have to choice two villages.  
27 You know, one time we had a choice 1 and they said, no,  
28 so had to come over here again.

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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34 MS. HOFFMAN: I suggest that first choice  
35 be Marshall, second choice be in St. Marys.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'll second that.

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39 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Who seconded?

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43 MR. HOELSCHER: I was going to suggest  
44 Mountain Village, because it's the closest proximity of  
45 the mouth of the river, of the Yukon, and the other big  
46 villages of St. Marys and Pilot Station, and not too far  
47 from Marshall, because that would probably be the meet  
48 point of all the Yukon fisherman.

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: I could remove my

1 suggestion. Then Harry would be comfortable.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, Beverly, I tell  
4 you this. Mountain Village have a big meeting place,  
5 even it's two times big as this. And they have a couple  
6 where you could have a sleep and all that, and if you  
7 choose Mountain Village, I'll do my best to make sure  
8 that everything is okay over there with them, with you.  
9 And it's a big meeting place. I don't know if you guys  
10 have been there or not. Also sleep overnight if you  
11 cannot be in village's people, you could always stay in  
12 those school or city places to sleep. And there's a  
13 little sleeping place they've got, washing clothes and  
14 phone and everything. So it's up to you where you want.  
15 I suppose it's up to you where you want to have a  
16 meeting.

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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. One of the things  
23 that you have to consider is, is that you're going to be  
24 invaded by 20 people. You know, the people here and the  
25 Staff for the different agencies are going to be there,  
26 too, so you have to make sure that you have enough  
27 facilities to accommodate them and places for them to  
28 sleep and to eat. And St. Marys fills in all those  
29 requirements.

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31 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I  
32 don't think it's a problem, you know, when you have --  
33 when you conduct meetings in the villages. I think the  
34 villages, you know, reach out to people that are from the  
35 outside, so I don't think that's a problem, whether it be  
36 a meeting place or even for a place to stay, because  
37 rural villages, they welcome people from the outside.  
38 You know, that's our tradition. That's what makes us who  
39 we are from the village.

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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: I was mainly concerned  
42 with the non-native people who come to a village and  
43 they're used to staying in hotels with, you know, hotel  
44 whatever. And I don't think all of them would be  
45 comfortable -- Well, there's -- you can stay in a corner  
46 over here, and let the kids run all over you and keep you  
47 up all night.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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1 MR. RIVARD: Well, I appreciate you  
2 thinking of all of us, Bob. I guess what I would  
3 consider, I mean I don't know enough about the  
4 differences between Marshall and St. Mary's and Mountain  
5 Village. But I guess what I would want to consider is  
6 where is it more likely that people will go to from all  
7 those villages around there. Are they more likely to be  
8 able to be able to go to Mountain Village or St. Marys or  
9 does it really not make that big of a difference?  
10 Because if the issue's big enough, you might get more  
11 people that want to come to the meeting, and so you want  
12 to make sure that they're going to be able to come. And  
13 what would be the least expensive place for local people  
14 to come to or those kind of considerations, so if you all  
15 know that, then maybe that's the place we go, those  
16 three. I'm hearing either Marshall, Mountain Village, or  
17 St. Marys right now.

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19 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, we've had  
20 meetings in all three of those villages, and we never had  
21 any problems, so it doesn't really matter. I think the  
22 most -- the easiest place you have, if you're going to  
23 have a meeting in Marshall, you'll have possibly Russian  
24 Mission coming down, with the others, St. Marys, Mountain  
25 Village, Hooper Bay, and that -- I mean those Yukon  
26 Villages from Mountain Village on up, going up to  
27 Marshall, but I don't know if it would be any better  
28 going down river or going up river. If you meet in  
29 Mountain Village, all the upriver villages will have to  
30 come down, and possibly -- if you look at the whole area,  
31 I think the -- my knowledge of the area, actually Pilot  
32 Station would be the best place.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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40 MS. HOFFMAN: I'd like to move that we  
41 keep it at Marshall as our first choice, and if that  
42 doesn't work out, you guys will figure it out at the  
43 winter meeting.

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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second.

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

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50 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman, there was

1 already a motion and we were in discussions. So I --  
2 we're doubling the motion.  
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4 MS. HOFFMAN: Okay. Then the friendly  
5 amendment just to keep those dates and add Marshall as  
6 first choice.  
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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Primary, with St. Marys.  
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10 MR. RIVARD: The original motion was  
11 October 4th and 5th with Marshall first choice and back  
12 up with St. Marys. That's what I remember as being the  
13 original motion, and it was seconded.  
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15 MR. L. WILDE: Right.  
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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next meeting is now then  
18 -- motion St. Marys, Russian Mission? Marshall, St.  
19 Mary's?  
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21 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah.  
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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's two choice.  
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25 MS. HOFFMAN: Marshall being the first  
26 choice.  
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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: First choice is  
29 Marshall. Second choice is St. Marys.  
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31 MS. HOFFMAN: Question.  
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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been  
34 called for. All who favor say aye.  
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36 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.  
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40 (No opposing votes)  
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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carries. Okay.  
43 Let's finish our proposal here -- I mean agenda here.  
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45 MR. L. WILDE: Closing comments.  
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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Closing.  
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49 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah, closing comments.  
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1                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: 13, closing comments,  
2 Council.

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4                   MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair. I'd like to go  
5 around the table and just start at one end or the other.  
6 Maybe start with Mr. Moses.

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8                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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10                  MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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12                  INTERPRETER: Our counterparts, our  
13 agencies. When I first started out being involved in the  
14 Council, we didn't follow such rules as much as we did  
15 now. But however as we go along, we improved our  
16 relationship with them, and they improved their  
17 relationship with us as well, too. And yesterday -- and  
18 they want to work cooperatively together, we heard that.  
19 And he was saying that -- stated that it is good. And  
20 he is appreciative of that. And, you know, we follow at  
21 last general rules, or the principles of our meetings and  
22 working together, even though we have disagreements. And  
23 the elders. And then I provide what my elders had  
24 provided me, you know, in regards to our wildlife  
25 resources from way back. And they kept coming out. And  
26 I thank you. And mind collectively working together.  
27 And he stated that yesterday where it was helpful and it  
28 was much appreciated. So I just want to bring that out  
29 to you. Truthfully and kind of work together in one mind  
30 and cooperatively is a benefit to all, although we may  
31 have some disagreements, but yet, you know, we come to a  
32 solution eventually. And I participate and am involved  
33 with your Council, and I see that we're making some  
34 improvements as we go along. And it was not like the  
35 first time at the first beginning. When we started out,  
36 we had some real difficulties. And yet sometimes we miss  
37 the point, but now we have some understanding where we  
38 are on top of some of these situations or problems that  
39 we deal with. And it's much better now. And hopefully  
40 it will keep on going, but this how much, yes,  
41 appreciated. And we don't speak ill of too much of  
42 anything now. Thank you.

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44                  CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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46                  MR. ONEY: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
47 Chairman. I don't have much. I'm just, you know,  
48 impressed with you as the Board members being here on  
49 time, you know, throughout the meetings. That's one  
50 thing I noticed, you're here, you know, every morning on

1 time, and even in the evening sessions you're here. So  
2 that's all I wanted to bring out.

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4 And I thank Beverly for her time, you  
5 know, being on the Council, and I'm sorry to see that  
6 she'll be leaving. And I'm sure you won't be too far,  
7 you know, when we have these meetings here in Bethel or  
8 anywhere near.

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10 So that's all I want to say. Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob Aloysius.

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
15 I thank everybody for being here. It's been very  
16 enlightening for me.

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18 And one thing I have to apologize for is  
19 that, you know, I don't feel comfortable being the  
20 spokesman for the elders that I listen to, and I share  
21 these meetings with. And a lot of times they tell me  
22 exactly what I said yesterday, whoever responded to the  
23 concerns here doesn't really know what they're saying,  
24 because they don't live here. And I just want to make it  
25 very clear. It's not me personally who's saying these  
26 things. These are the concerns of the people we have,  
27 because they are affected on a daily basis about what is  
28 going on with their livelihood, their way of life. It's  
29 not a lifestyle, it's a livelihood and a way of life.  
30 They were brought up to love, honor, and respect all of  
31 creation from the time they're old enough to sit up and  
32 listen. And it's very hard for them. Like Mr. Moses  
33 said, to understand why there is so much bureaucracy  
34 involved in our lives when we have been in this area for  
35 tens of thousands of years, and the only really  
36 livelihood we have is from the land. And we in turn  
37 honor and respect the land for what it gives us.

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39 And we have a culture called (In Yup'ik),  
40 and that basically translate to the spiritual culture of  
41 respect and that respect is extended to all of creation.  
42 And that is what they live by and that is what they want  
43 to portray to the -- what Mr. Moses calls (In Yup'ik),  
44 our neighbors. And it's his way, his polite way of  
45 calling non-native people our neighbors, because of the  
46 time they come from a totally different culture, which is  
47 not a dominant culture, but a domineering culture. And  
48 you can see that it has happened to us over the last 150  
49 years.

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1                   But all that aside, you know, I just, you  
2 know -- I'm glad that i have the opportunity to convey to  
3 you the feelings of my people upriver. And even though  
4 I'm very uncomfortable all the times, and I want them to  
5 be here, and for you to hear them. And they tell me,  
6 well, you're our spokesman. You were selected to be our  
7 spokesman, and do the best you can. And it's a heavy  
8 responsibility, but I take the time to do it, and I  
9 really enjoy it.

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11                   So thank you very much for putting up  
12 with me, Beverly.

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14                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: William.

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16                   MR. BROWN: I'm glad two meetings are  
17 completed for me. I'm kind of tired first day two  
18 meetings. I don't have much comment. Thank you.

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20                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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22                   MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
23 I am pleased to be back with you guys. I missed the last  
24 meeting because I couldn't be there. My mom was sick and  
25 passed away at that time when you guys had the meeting  
26 over at Emmonak, and I couldn't be there. But I'm glad  
27 I could make it to this meeting, and it's hard work when  
28 you have to leave the family at busy time of the year,  
29 and it's all volunteer like these folks say. It's not  
30 easy, but I have been -- I'm trying to help the people  
31 here in the region, I mean both the Yukon and Kuskokwim  
32 when I can, when I'm asked with what little I know,  
33 because I don't have very much education, and it's not  
34 easy to try to speak English when it's your borrowed  
35 language, or it's my second language. I speak Yup'ik all  
36 the time at home, and it's not easy all the time to  
37 understand everything. But I'm glad that I can be part  
38 of this. And I may not have helped very much, but I  
39 think of people I represent, and that's what I always try  
40 to work for.

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42                   And I did not hear anybody say about our  
43 new Board Chair, that Mike Fleagle might be our new Board  
44 Chair. And I know Mitch Demientieff had to work hard and  
45 helped us, too, helped the Council, and keep us informed  
46 all the time. And I know. He's good, too. And I hope  
47 he works like Mitch and keep us informed of everything  
48 that has -- that the Board has done for the region.  
49 Thank you.

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1                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Maybe my turn  
2 now. You know what I learn. I've been doing my best all  
3 my life even though sometime that make you disgusted and  
4 uncomfortable when I do some mistakes. Me, myself, I  
5 don't apologize what I do. I learned that long time ago.  
6 When they tell me that, Harry, you do your best, that's  
7 what I've been doing. If you have an education, training  
8 or hire grades in school, you could do okay. Me, I do my  
9 best. What I do and what I learn, all these, what part  
10 we're going to take, what I do is with the help of my  
11 grandchildren. That's why I'm here. And maybe this one  
12 I could tell you, and you could let me find out. My  
13 grandchildren show me a lot of times how to pronounce the  
14 words and all things. Sometimes when I see that,  
15 sometime I also have a hard time. But I thank you. You  
16 guys are always there to correct me and help me. Thank  
17 you.

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19                   Beverly.

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21                   MS. HOFFMAN: Harry, you're going to  
22 choke me up. One, I just -- you know, I'm already  
23 missing you guys and I haven't even gone away yet. I  
24 just want to thank this Council for the opportunity that  
25 I've had over the last couple years.

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27                   And I can't say enough, Harry Wilde, Sr.,  
28 about the way you chair the meetings, and the acceptance  
29 of help that, you know, you're so welcoming of this body.  
30 But I know that you don't want to be the chair, but I  
31 just want to commend you as a Council person for the hard  
32 work that you've done, and also to this Council.

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34                   It's been a real pleasure serving with  
35 this group, and I don't think that -- I mean, I think  
36 it's going to be likely that I reapply especially if I  
37 don't see any women on here, I might have to come back,  
38 and as my Uncle Eddie used to say, and straighten you  
39 guys out. But thank you so much for this opportunity,  
40 and I will be in touch in the future. Qu yana.

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42                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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44                   MR. L. WILDE: Yeah. Thank you for this  
45 opportunity to say something before you leave as  
46 Chairman, Harry. I've watched you work through the  
47 years, and I've seen you actually shed tears on some of  
48 the issues that we've had to discuss during the meetings.  
49 And we're going to miss you as Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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3 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4 I'd like to thank Philip Moses, you know, for his advice  
5 when he speaks. I grew up as a Yupiit with my mom and  
6 dad part of my life, and then got into the Western world  
7 in the 60s, like you, Beverly. So to me, you know, our  
8 elders are wise in their tongue, like if they're doctors  
9 -- those doctors in the Western society having a piece of  
10 paper up there. That's how it's in my heart. And so we  
11 are working for our people. We are working a pathway for  
12 our younger generation, and it's been going on for  
13 numbers, like Bob said, 10,000 years, you know. We're  
14 preparing for our people, you know. That's why we are  
15 sitting here, and once again, like I said, I thank my  
16 elder, Mr. Moses, for speaking out when we makes us  
17 listen like some (In Yup'ik). Quyana.

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19 MR. MIKE: Yeah. Joe Mike from Kotlik.  
20 I grew up with Harry and Lester. We're like brothers.  
21 And Harry's the oldest and the smartest.

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23 I want to tell you the truth, when I go  
24 home after the meeting from this committee, I always  
25 forget to make a report to the Council, but this time  
26 I'll make sure that I make report to the Council. And  
27 before I go to this meeting, I always forget to ask them  
28 to be tribal representative for the Village of Kotlik and  
29 for the Lower Yukon. These things I have been  
30 forgetting, but I'll be sure to try to remember them.  
31 And I wish all of you good luck in your whole life, and  
32 that we have make success in the coming years that I have  
33 with you. But some proposals that we make are never be  
34 accepted by the Federal Board. Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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38 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
39 don't really want to be the person that gives the last  
40 word here, but I think maybe one of the things that the  
41 Office of Subsistence Management staff doesn't do enough  
42 is think you all. And so I want to thank all of you for  
43 being willing to serve as volunteers, for being willing  
44 to come, take time off from your busy lives, and for you  
45 folks that work and get paid and taking time off of work  
46 and not getting paid. And so we really appreciate it,  
47 and we're really glad you're hear. And I'm really glad  
48 that I get to be a part of this, to be part of your world  
49 for a little while. And just like -- as a biologist, you  
50 know, when you're working in an office a lot, what you

1 want to do is get out once in a while and get in touch  
2 with the resource again, you know, handle a few fish or  
3 something, and for this program, it's getting to these  
4 meetings and being with you all again, and again  
5 realizing what's really important. So I just really  
6 thank you for your service to this program.

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8 And I'd like to point out one other  
9 person I think who -- we've had two interpreters for the  
10 last few meetings, and now we've just relied on Louie all  
11 this time, and so he's been pretty busy. He's probably  
12 pretty tired. So I just wanted to thank Louie for being  
13 willing to do this, and for his efforts. Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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17 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'm not  
18 going to let Don have the last word.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 MR. L. WILDE: Because I'd like to thank  
23 you and Alex and your Staff for helping us make the -- to  
24 supplying us with the information that we need to make  
25 the decisions that we do make. And your service as our  
26 staff member is valuable to us. And I'd like to thank  
27 you, too.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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31 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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33 INTERPRETER: (No translation)

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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37 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
38 think Lester's not going to have the last word.

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40 Yeah. I'd like to thank all of you for  
41 working with me. I'm still going to be here, and like  
42 everyone else, I'd like to thank the Chair, especially  
43 the Chair, because I try to work with him as close as  
44 possible. And when he mentioned that he want to step  
45 down, I tried him into staying there throughout his term,  
46 you know, but he made it clear to me that, you know, he  
47 was getting pretty tired. But, you know, we work  
48 together. Harry, I thank you very much for coping with  
49 me when I call you, leave you messages, and asking you to  
50 return my calls about some issues that we need to talk

1 about or travel plans, that, you know, I wanted to talk  
2 with you.

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4                   And I also would like to thank those  
5 people who work with me to this day. Lester Wilde is one  
6 of them. And also Bev once in a while, you know, even  
7 though she's very busy, I call her especially about the  
8 annual report issues I think and other issues.

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10                   And equally I thank all of you for coping  
11 with us, you know, when we bring up some of the issues or  
12 policies that, you know, we can't go around and under and  
13 over. And we an fairly well try to work with you and I'm  
14 sure some of you might be reappoint to the Council seat,  
15 and I'm sure some of you will still be here when I plan  
16 to retire from this position. So thank you all.

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18                   And I also thank Tina for working very  
19 hard capturing all of the discussions during the Council  
20 meetings. And also Louie Andrew. I thank Louie Andrew  
21 for interpreting for this meeting. I was teasing him  
22 last couple of day that, you know, at times he talks to  
23 the wall. And I thank you very much.

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25                   And I wish you safe return home and  
26 whatever you do until next meeting. Be safe and good  
27 luck. Thank you.

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

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31                   MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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33                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Meeting

34 adjourned.

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36                   (Off record)

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38                   (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

