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11 YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA ALASKA FEDERAL
12 SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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VOLUME I

16 Bethel, Alaska
17 October 10, 2002
18 9:00 o'clock a.m.

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20 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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22 Nick Andrew, Sr.
23 James A. Charles
24 Mary Gregory
25 John Hanson, Sr.
26 Billy McCann
27 Phillip Moses
28 John B. Thompson, Sr.
29 Thadius Tikium
30 Lester Wilde

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33 Regional Council Coordinator, Alex Nick

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1 PROCEEDINGS

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3 (Bethel, Alaska - 10/10/2002)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Good morning. It's good
8 to see you here in Bethel and welcome to Bethel. It's a
9 nice day out there it looks like. This time we'll come to
10 order and I'm going to ask the elder to do invocation.

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12 (In Yup'ik)

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14 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik - Invocation)

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Amen. You got
17 announcement.

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19 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, we just want to
20 remind all the Council members and audience, when you
21 speak, please use the microphone. There's a presenter's
22 table down here. Everyone's reminded that if you don't use
23 the microphone for giving your presentation or your
24 comments then the recording won't pick up your
25 presentation.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: At this time I ask roll
30 call.

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32 MR. TIKIUN: Harry Wilde.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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36 MR. TIKIUN: John Hanson.

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38 MR. HANSON: Here.

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40 MR. TIKIUN: Mary Gregory.

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42 MS. GREGORY: Here.

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44 MR. TIKIUN: Nick Andrew.

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46 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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48 MR. TIKIUN: Raymond Oney.

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50 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, Raymond Oney

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1 cancelled because of work.

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3 MR. TIKIUN: Robert Nick.

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5 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, Robert Nick
6 will not attend the Council meeting because of AVCP
7 Convention.

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9 MR. TIKIUN: Billy McCann.

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11 MR. McCANN: Here.

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13 MR. TIKIUN: James Charles.

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15 MR. CHARLES: Here.

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17 MR. TIKIUN: Mike Savage. Phillip Moses.

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19 MR. MOSES: Yeah.

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21 MR. A. NICK: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman.
22 Mike Savage also cancelled.

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24 MR. TIKIUN: Lester Wilde.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: Here.

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28 MR. TIKIUN: John Thompson, Sr.

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30 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, John Thompson
31 will be attending this afternoon. He is at the convention,
32 AVCP Convention.

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34 MR. TIKIUN: And myself, Thad Tikiun, here.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So how many present do we
37 have?

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39 MR. TIKIUN: We have eight present. We
40 have a quorum.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we have a quorum and
43 how many absent?

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45 MR. TIKIUN: I believe it's three.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. I would
48 like to welcome you and especially our visitor's from
49 Anchorage. I don't know, I'm bad on the names but I want
50 to welcome Tom Boyd, I think the person that -- the first

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1 person that I know back in the early days, over 10 years
2 ago, we been and the rest of you I know you guys but I
3 always really bad in -- on the names. I know Tom. And I
4 know Fish and Wildlife over here and Fish and Game and so
5 you are welcome.

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7 Welcome to Bethel. We are here, we make it
8 some of us, we're here -- I been here two days now, three
9 days now almost. Also my relatives are here close to me
10 and she said do a lot of work, thinking and talking and all
11 that and this side next to me here, I think is one of the
12 persons that's more important and answer all the question.
13 Sometime I always sorry for him because I think sometime I
14 feel uncomfortable, that I bother him too much when other
15 Councils start calling me and what we going to do, when our
16 tickets going to be here, where we going to stay and all
17 that. But he answers all the questions some way.

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19 I'm very glad to see you all. And people
20 that are here in Fish and Wildlife office up there and it's
21 really good to us, at least sometime they could stop doing
22 what they're doing and welcome us and they give us a cup of
23 coffee and are glad to see us, seems to me all the time and
24 I proud of that, you know. I learn a lot of things. After
25 you become an elder or sometime or over elder, you
26 appreciate everything what you see and receive. So we
27 thank you and you're here. We going to do our best and
28 help each other to try to run this meeting and we'll make
29 it, we done it before.

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31 So mostly our out of town guests and we
32 thank you you're able to be here.

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34 I'm going to try to review our agenda,
35 we're on number 4, review and adoption of agenda on your
36 draft agenda, after agenda review it has to be approved.
37 So this morning, before we start we having a problem with
38 our March 6, 7, 2002 meeting minutes at Tuntutuliak, some
39 of these minutes are doubled up and right now, do we have
40 it here?

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42 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, Karen
43 Lubenstein mailed corrections to minutes to all the Council
44 members immediately after we find out that the pages were
45 doubled so you should have received those in the mail.

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47 I think the question now is whether or not
48 if Council members received a corrected copy of the pages
49 on your minutes of March 6 and 7; you received them Lester?
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1 MR. L. WILDE: (Nods affirmatively)

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3 MR. A. NICK: Okay. Lester received and
4 James.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, it looks like some
7 of the minutes are received. How about March 22, 2000
8 meeting here in Bethel. I hear some wording still needs
9 corrections, is that right?

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11 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Les.

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15 MR. L. WILDE: While going through the
16 minutes I noticed that our vice-chair was making motions
17 and as Chairman she's not allowed to make motions. On Page
18 9, right in the middle of the page where it says
19 recommendations about four lines down where it states
20 Lester Wilde made a motion seconded by Mary Gregory, she
21 was, at the time chairing the meeting so she could not
22 second my motion.

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24 MS. GREGORY: That's an error, Mr. Wilde.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: Uh?

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28 MS. GREGORY: I never do that.

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30 MR. L. WILDE: I know you don't.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 MR. L. WILDE: And knowing that we got to
35 -- there's a -- and another thing within the minutes it did
36 not state when Harry Wilde took over the Chairmanship. So
37 all through the minutes we can't tell when Mary was not or
38 was the acting Chair at the time. And there's a number of
39 motions made where Mary either made them, according to the
40 minutes or seconded them and that needs to be corrected.
41 And I think that in the future when the minutes are being
42 written, that whoever is writing those minutes state in the
43 minutes when the Chair is being changed over back to
44 whoever is chairing. It'd make reading the minutes a lot
45 easier.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Lester.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: Do you want me to go through
50 the minutes where the corrections -- where Mary Gregory's

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1 name was on, I don't know how long, Mary, do you remember
2 how long you chaired that meeting? Did you chair the whole
3 thing?

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5 MS. GREGORY: I can't remember.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I am thinking a different
8 way. Because minutes are very important. Any minutes have
9 to be correct in the wording. I think it would be good if
10 we could hold the minutes to approve to -- get three
11 Council members to review all the minutes before we approve
12 them, I think it would be good.

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14 MR. L. WILDE: That's the reason why they
15 send out the minutes, Mr. Chairman, so they could be read.
16 They should have been read already before we even came to
17 this meeting.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So you guys want to do it
20 right now?

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22 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, Council members
23 could help us figure out what time of the meeting -- or
24 what part of the meeting the Chair was turned over to our
25 Chairman when he arrived later in that first day in
26 Tuntutuliak. It's very difficult sometimes, you know, when
27 this type of information is not on the transcripts. We
28 cannot make up information on the minutes of the meetings.

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30 Mr. Chairman, maybe Don could give us
31 advice in this, what we should do.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh, Don.

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35 MR. RIVARD: Good morning, Mr. Chair, other
36 Council members. My name is Don Rivard. I'm with the
37 Office of Subsistence Management. I guess I would like to
38 know specifically your question. You want to know what you
39 need to do with your minutes right now, whether you should
40 work on them now or what?

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42 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman. The question,
43 I believe, is the time of -- or during the day in
44 Tuntutuliak our Chair, Harry Wilde arrived and the minutes
45 does not reflect and I don't remember if the transcripts
46 reflected what time of the day Chair was turned over to
47 Harry Wilde.

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49 MR. RIVARD: I don't know if you're going
50 to be able to Mr. Chair, settle that right here. I do know

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1 that Alex has copies of the tapes and so you could go back
2 and check on that and you would be able to determine by the
3 tapes, based on the written minutes you have you could
4 probably determine when Mr. Wilde arrived and when he took
5 over as Chair and just insert it in there. Maybe that's
6 something that could be checked on this evening, I don't
7 know when Alex might be able to do that.

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9 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, is it okay for
10 me then to go ahead and listen to the tapes over again and
11 try to figure out when the Chairman -- rather when the
12 Chair was turned over to Harry.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What is the desire of the
15 Council?

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17 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, in order for
18 us to correct these minutes, we need that information
19 because Mary's -- I don't want to take any motion making
20 ability or out of Mary as long as -- but we do need to know
21 when she was -- when Harry was -- when she gave up her
22 position as acting Chair in order to get these minutes
23 straightened out.

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25 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman, I think we're
26 getting a little bit ahead here, I think we should be at
27 number 4, reviewing the draft agenda before we get down to
28 the minutes. We haven't even discussed that yet.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, do we have a
33 copy of the agenda proposed, I don't have one?

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's right in there.

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37 MS. GREGORY: I don't have that.

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39 (Pause)

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I didn't understand what
42 you're saying?

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44 MR. TIKIUN: What I said was we're getting
45 a little bit ahead, we still got to review the agenda, the
46 draft agenda and approve it before we get down to the
47 minutes. I think we're getting a little bit ahead of
48 ourselves.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I see I'm looking

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1 at double up number A and B, I missed that other one.
2 Okay, before we do that, number 4, review of draft agenda,
3 that's what you're talking about?

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5 MR. TIKIUN: Yes. I think we should follow
6 the draft agenda.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, if there are
11 no objections from the rest of the members, I'd like to
12 move that the agenda be approved as written.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
15 floor to approve draft agenda.

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17 MR. HANSON: Second.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by John Hanson.
20 Discussion.

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22 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. I know that
23 agenda is not complete, it's only a draft. I've contacted
24 as much people as I possibly could, perhaps some of the
25 audience and some presenters might have additions to your
26 agenda.

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28 MR. HOLDER: Mr. Chairman. My name is Russ
29 Holder with Fish and Wildlife Service from Fairbanks, in-
30 season salmon manager on the Yukon River. And I am
31 prepared along with Tom Vania, State Fish and Game to
32 provide you an overview of the 2002 salmon fishing on the
33 Yukon River if you would like to include that on your
34 agenda.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a request, what
37 part of the agenda do you want to be on?

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39 MR. L. WILDE: Russ, aren't you down in
40 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial
41 Fisheries, Item 3, on Page 3 -- on the top of the page,
42 Alaska Department of Fish and Game? Would you fall under
43 the Division of Commercial Fisheries?

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45 MR. HOLDER: No, sir. That would be the
46 Alaska Department of Fish and Game providing their
47 perspective on that. If you would like Tom Vania to go
48 ahead and provide that information but Fish and Wildlife
49 Service has put together the overview and it could be
50 included there if you would like to say, have us in Fish

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1 and Wildlife Service overview of the Yukon River inserted
2 at that time.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What's the desire of the
5 Council?

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7 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, agency reports,
8 Item 13.

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10 (In Yup'ik)

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12 MR. L. WILDE: G. Make it G?

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14 MR. CHARLES: Yeah, agency report.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's okay, we put you down
17 there, okay.

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19 MR. HOLDER: Yes, sir.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more additional. If
22 it's not we are ready for adoption of agenda.

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called
27 for. All who favor say aye.

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29 IN UNISON: Aye.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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33 (No opposing votes)

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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37 MS. GREGORY: I still don't have an agenda,
38 let me go look for it.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, I wait for you. I
41 know we had some kind of problem this morning but I hope
42 you -- we do our best.

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44 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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46 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
47 move we defer the reading of the minutes. Pardon me, Mr.
48 Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: I'd like to move that we
2 defer the reading of the minutes until Alex Nick has an
3 opportunity to listen to the tape so we can find out where
4 Mary came off and you come in as Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's your motion.

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8 MR. L. WILDE: Yes, sir.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there any second.

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12 MR. TIKIUN: Second that motion.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The motion is stated, the
15 minutes until we make sure that our coordinator look at the
16 tapes before we approve them.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Listen to the tapes to make
19 sure that there's a cut off of Mary when she was the
20 Chairperson.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there a second to the
23 motion?

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25 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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29 MR. TIKIUN: I seconded the motion.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Already seconded, Mike
32 [sic] second it. Discussion.

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34 MR. TIKIUN: Thad Tikiun seconded it.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. All who favor say
37 aye.

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39 IN UNISON: Aye.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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43 (No opposing votes)

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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47 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We're still on adopting
50 the minutes.

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1 MR. CHARLES: Okay.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The joint Chair and the
4 Federal Subsistence Board meeting May 2002 supposed to be
5 in your packet here.

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7 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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11 MR. L. WILDE: Just the only problem that
12 we had was with the meetings -- with the minutes at
13 Tuntutuliak, aren't we going to be discussing the minutes
14 from Bethel also or are we going to be deferring those
15 also?

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, this Bethel minutes
18 maybe it's March 22. So after we take care of the first
19 minutest at Tuntutuliak we could both -- we could work on
20 them both, twice at the same time, it's almost the same but
21 a different date.

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23 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, for audience
26 information what Nick Andrew informed the Chair is that the
27 meeting was adjourned in Tuntutuliak and March 22 meeting
28 in Bethel was just a continuation of the Tuntutuliak
29 meeting so the minutes has to be one minutes, one combined
30 minutes.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary, go ahead.

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36 MS. GREGORY: Page 11 and 15, (In Yup'ik).

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

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40 INTERPRETER: The information is doubled on
41 the minutes. Some of the Advisory Council members have
42 received doubled.

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44 MR. A. NICK: Mary's question was, there's
45 doubled pages on the minutes and I informed her that a
46 corrected copy was sent to all the Council members.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Joint Chair and Federal
49 Subsistence Board meeting in May 2002. I'm kind of
50 problem, with me, myself, I ask our coordinator could help

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1 me because of a very long reading, how we going to do this,
2 it's seven pages long and we got them in our draft agenda
3 so do we go word by word or how we going to handle this?

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5 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Rivard could
6 correct me if I'm wrong but this is just information I
7 believe for the Council; it's only for your information.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, will you help us on
10 how we will handle this.

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12 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Don
13 Rivard with the Office of Subsistence Management. If
14 you're talking about these May meeting minutes, there, as
15 Alex just pointed out, they're for informational purposes
16 just so that all the Council members had a chance to read
17 what happened during that time. It's not an action item
18 for you approve or disapprove, it's just for your
19 information.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So it don't really need no
22 approval?

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24 MR. RIVARD: Correct. You don't need to
25 approve those minutes.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Number 6.
28 Chair's and Regional Advisory Council members report,
29 coordinating fisheries committee member, CFC members,
30 customary trade task force member, Robert Nick.

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32 Robert Nick is not here, he's not going to
33 be here. If there's anyone here in one of the Councils who
34 wants to go over it. If not we could -- Lester, do you
35 think you would be able to go over this?

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37 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I could go
38 over the very first two or three meetings but I think we're
39 way behind -- no, Mr. Chairman, I have no comments on it.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Regulatory protocol
42 committee, John Hanson. .805(c) letter, Alex Nick. James.

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44 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik).

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46 INTERPRETER: On 8, coordinating fisheries
47 member.....

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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1 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik).

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3 INTERPRETER: In the event that the Council
4 members need to make a brief report, that's why it is on
5 the agenda. Some of you may need to make a brief report in
6 case.....

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8 MR. A. NICK: I asked the Council members
9 might want to know what's happening with the committees
10 that other members are involved in like the CFC members, I
11 suggested that they give a short report as to which
12 meetings or what they did with respect to committees like
13 coordinating fisheries committees.

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15 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, James.

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19 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, RAC
20 Coordinating Fisheries Committee. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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22 I am a coordinating fisheries committee
23 member for Kuskokwim and Robert Nick and I have been
24 attending the salmon management working group meetings this
25 summer, this season. And when Robert Nick cannot attend
26 the meeting and I have been present there at the meetings,
27 either by teleconference or come to the meetings and I
28 represent the RAC members there at the salmon management
29 working group.

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31 From the reports we've had there at the
32 meetings, subsistence has been good on the Kuskokwim.
33 First in June we had scheduled subsistence fishing and it
34 was lifted, I don't remember the date but in July we fished
35 all we wanted to and after that in August we had commercial
36 fishing and last week -- was it last week or the week
37 before we had a season closing meeting and it turned out
38 okay. So people on the Kuskokwim River are satisfied with
39 their catches from the reports.

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41 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you for that
44 report. Next is regulatory protocol committees, John
45 Hanson.

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47 MR. HANSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
48 don't have nothing to report on this regulatory protocol.
49 All I know is I'm a member and we never had our meetings
50 yet. Even the guy that's supposed to direct what to do on

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1 it, Pete Probasco never even called me on the phone so I
2 guess I'm a member just up in the air.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, John. I'm just now
5 going to remind public if you want to have a comment during
6 this meeting, public comments are welcome on each agenda.
7 However, before you have comment you have to fill out these
8 green forms here or otherwise you will be recognized by the
9 Chair and limited time I'm going to give is -- not the
10 three minutes but four minutes. We're going to control
11 this meeting. I think it's time to start controlling it
12 after over 10 years of meeting, but still we never has been
13 -- testimony and allows an opportunity for everyone but you
14 got to have a -- we have to give you time and opportunity
15 to testify.

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17 Maybe this afternoon after AVCP finish
18 meeting there will be some people here to testify.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, before you go
21 any further I have a commitment from 1:00 to 3:30 this
22 afternoon, for the record, and I'd like to be excused for
23 about two and a half hours.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Mary, I think some
26 of our Council members, they're not here, they got other
27 duties and responsibilities. They're here sitting down
28 without getting paid or nothing, removed from their work
29 where they could make a few dollars. I think you will be
30 excused this afternoon until you're through with your
31 duties and responsibilities. Mary.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Now, we're getting to
36 statewide proposals.

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38 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Les.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: Item 6, D, the .805 letter,
43 I'm kind of interested in that, I'd like to hear it please.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Alex.

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47 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, .805 letter was
48 sent to the Chair and we might have overlooked it in your
49 packet, a copy of that is supposed to be included in your
50 packet but I will provide a copy to you.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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

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5 INTERPRETER: He's translating himself.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, thank you.

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9 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, on Item

10 B for the audience's information and Council members

11 information, customary trade issue is also on AVCP

12 Convention agenda. Harry Wilde was invited to give an

13 update on where we are with respect to customary trade

14 issue but yesterday, Harry and I, we waited at the

15 convention all day, we didn't get to the convention topic.

16 So some of the delegates were told that the customary trade

17 issue will be on -- or rather is on the YK Regional Council

18 agenda and they will come here and listen to the

19 presentation and give their comments.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Alex. Number

22 8, our agenda, fisheries proposal for Council review and

23 recommendation to the Federal Subsistence Board, you'll

24 find it under Tab C. The meantime, the procedures, we

25 never really followed before, I think that the new things

26 we're doing, starting now, process of proposal review,

27 comments and recommendations, we're going to follow

28 directions that we will start to follow, number 1

29 introduction of proposal, analysis and; two, Alaska

30 Department of Fish and Game comments follow after and

31 follow after; number 3, other agencies, agency organization

32 comments and, four, Fish and Game local advisory committee

33 comments; five summary of written public comments by Alex

34 Nick and; six, public comments on specific proposals;

35 seven, Regional Advisory Council deliberation,

36 recommendation, justification and actions. That's the way

37 that we're going to try to start handling these proposals.

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39 Yeah, go ahead.

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41 MS. MASSEY: Mr. Chairman. Barbara Massey

42 from the Office of Subsistence Management. I'd like to ask

43 your permission to take some pictures or the permission of

44 folks here to take pictures of this meeting that you're

45 doing and I didn't want to do that without asking

46 everyone's permission.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I give you that permission

49 but don't break the camera.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 MS. MASSEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We do have Ben Greene,

6 AVCP, you are here to represent, you take that chair.

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8 MR. GREENE: Thank you, do I have to turn

9 this on?

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11 MR. A. NICK: Yes.

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13 MR. GREENE: There we go. I just wanted to
14 take this opportunity to introduce myself because I am a
15 very new employee with AVCP. Like many, I should say
16 perhaps like all of the Native organizations around the
17 state, AVCP is in the middle of a capacity building stage
18 and I am a new fisheries biologist covering the entire
19 Chalista region, all 56 villages for which AVCP works. We
20 received an Office of Subsistence Management Partners grant
21 to hire two additional fisheries biologist, one each in the
22 Kuskokwim River drainage and the Yukon River drainage.
23 Those vacancy announcements have been mailed out and
24 advertised and we are starting to receive some applications
25 in. So hopefully that hiring process will proceed before
26 too long.

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28 I don't have a proposal. I don't really
29 have a position statement yet. I am here as a listener.
30 I am here to learn. I'm here to witness the process. I
31 have spent quite a bit of time in the Anchorage OSM office
32 and Richard Cannon and Jerry Berg and Cliff and others in
33 that office have been kind enough to guide me through the
34 RAC process. And I'm just getting a feel for how it works,
35 I really think it's wonderful.

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37 So for today, I just wanted to introduce
38 myself. I have worked as a fisheries biologist in several
39 different capacities for most of the last decade. I had an
40 appointment with the University of Alaska in Fairbanks for
41 several years. Let's see, that would have been 1994, 1995.
42 I worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in the
43 genetics laboratory in Anchorage for a couple of years.
44 I've also worked as a contract biologist for U.S. Fish and
45 Wildlife Service. I received my Ph.d. in actually
46 Berkeley, California in 1993 but my real education came
47 after I got my degree because my real education began as
48 soon as I came up to Alaska and started to appreciate the
49 remarkable, the unique and fantastic way of life
50 represented by the subsistence users and the people who

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1 really have their fingers right on the pulse of such a
2 wonderful natural resource as salmon.

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4 So today I'm just a listener but I would
5 like to introduce myself and I look forward to working with
6 all of you.

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8 Thank you. I will take any questions if
9 anybody has any.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I have a question for him.

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13 MR. GREENE: Okay.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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17 MR. GREENE: Okay, thank you.

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19 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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23 MR. L. WILDE: While we are waiting for
24 something here just to get away from future distractions on
25 our agenda, since we're working on an agenda item, would it
26 be possible to have everybody introduce themselves so they
27 don't feel the need to do it while we're deliberating.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think that's a good
30 idea. Maybe we would start from Tom Boyd, go this way over
31 that way and skip over there, over there. Tom.

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33 MR. BOYD: Tom Boyd with the Office of
34 Subsistence Management, Fish and Wildlife Service and I'm
35 from Anchorage.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Up there.

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39 MR. BOYD: Oh, you want me to come up
40 there?

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MS. GREGORY: For the record we need to
47 hear you.

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49 MR. BOYD: Okay. Are you just introducing
50 us now, is that it?

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (Nods affirmatively)

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3 MS. GREGORY: (Nods affirmatively)

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5 MR. BOYD: I'm Tom Boyd. I'm with the
6 Office of Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife
7 Service. And I'm from Anchorage.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Tom. We thank
10 you for making it here.

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12 MR. BARKLIN: Hi. Nathan Barklin with the
13 Tundra Drums.

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15 MR. HOLDER: Russ Holder, Fish and Wildlife
16 Service out of Fairbanks.

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18 MR. COFFING: Good morning everybody. My
19 name is Michael Coffing with Fish and Game, Subsistence
20 Office here in Bethel.

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22 MS. KLEIN: My name is Jill Klein with the
23 Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association in Anchorage.

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25 MR. SANDONE: Good morning. My name is
26 Gene Sandone. I'm the regional supervisor for
27 Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim region, Alaska Department of Fish
28 and Game Anchorage.

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30 MR. VANIA: Hi. My name's Tom Vania. I'm
31 the Yukon are management biologist for Fish and Game,
32 Commercial Fisheries Division. Good morning, Harry.

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34 MR. LIEDBERG: I'm Paul Liedberg. Deputy
35 manager with the Yukon-Delta Refuge here in Bethel.

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37 MR. LAFFERTY: Good morning. My name is
38 Bob Lafferty from Fish and Game, Division of Sportfish here
39 in Bethel.

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41 MR. CAMPBELL: My name is Rod Campbell,
42 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial
43 Fisheries, Kodiak and Anchorage.

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45 MR. BUE: Good morning. My name is Doug
46 Bue, I work with commercial fisheries, Fish and Game here
47 in Bethel, Kuskokwim.

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49 MR. HANSON: We know you.

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1 MR. KRON: Good morning. My name is Tom
2 Kron. I'm with the Office of Subsistence Management in
3 Anchorage, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Thank you.

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5 MR. GREENE: I guess I already said, yeah,
6 Ben Greene with Association of Village Council Presidents.
7 I migrate between Bethel and Anchorage.

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9 MR. BERG: Good morning. Jerry Berg with
10 the Office of Subsistence Management, fishery biologist for
11 the Kuskokwim area.

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13 MR. CHEN: Hello. My name is Glenn Chen.
14 I'm a fisheries biologist with the Bureau of Indian Affairs
15 and I also serve on the Federal Subsistence Board Staff
16 Committee.

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18 MR. ROETTIGER: I'm Tim Roettiger with
19 Kenai Fishery Resource Office. I'm stationed in Bethel.

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21 MR. LARSON: Good morning. I'm Oscar
22 Larson and I work for the Kwethluk IRA Council as a natural
23 resource specialist. And I'm here to represent the
24 Kuskokwim River salmon working group. Thanks.

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26 MR. MOSES: Good morning. Mike Moses. I'm
27 the natural resource instructor for Asa'Carsarmiut and
28 Yukon-Delta.

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30 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Good morning. My name is
31 Cliff Schleusner. I work for the Office of Subsistence
32 Management as a Staff fisheries biologist for the Yukon
33 with the Fisheries Information Service. Thank you.

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35 MS. MASSEY: Again, good morning. My name
36 is Barbara Massey. I am chief of statewide support
37 division for the Office of Subsistence Management. That
38 means folks who work for me do your travel and do your
39 publications so any kind of comments or suggestions you
40 have I'd be open to. Thank you.

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42 MR. ANDREW: My name is Louie Andrew. I'm
43 the Native contact representative, also the Refuge
44 Information Technician Supervisor.

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46 MR. MOSES: My name is Leo Moses from
47 Chevak. I'm Refuge Information Technician for U.S. Fish
48 and Wildlife Service. I'm here to assist the translator.

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50 REPORTER: My name is Tina and I'm going to

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1 be the court reporter today.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. We do have a
4 couple people here, representatives, Mike Moses, you want
5 to talk about customary trade. How long you going to be
6 here, Mike?

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8 MR. MOSES: I'll be here.....

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You're leaving tonight
11 or.....

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13 MR. MOSES: I'll be here today and half a
14 day tomorrow.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Half away to tomorrow?

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18 MR. MOSES: Yes.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We were thinking to hold
21 customary trade until sometime this afternoon because
22 there's a lot of interested people up there in that
23 convention yesterday when I talk to -- mostly those elders.
24 I think it would be good if we hold this customary trade
25 until sometime this afternoon. That will be okay?

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27 MR. MOSES: That's okay.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Next is Joseph
30 Alexie -- I think he went out -- he'll be back. We need to
31 stick to our agenda here, with proposals, Proposal F2003-
32 27, provide for ceremonial harvest of all fish species.
33 Jerry.

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35 MS. GREGORY: It's under Tab C.

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37 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chairman, members of
38 the Council. For the record my name is Jerry Berg. I work
39 in Anchorage for the Office of Subsistence Management. And
40 I'll be presenting information on Proposal 27, although
41 George Sherrod, our anthropologist did the work on this
42 proposal but he's not able to be here today, so I will be
43 presenting the information.

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45 Proposal 27 is a statewide proposal so if
46 adopted it would take effect for the entire state but, of
47 course, we're just mostly interested in your
48 recommendations that would be most appropriate for your
49 region.

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1 So thank you, Mary, for helping us find the
2 proposal starting on Page 53 and the Staff analysis
3 actually starts on Page 57.

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5 Fishery Proposal 27 was submitted by our
6 office, the Office of Subsistence Management and it
7 requests that the Federal Subsistence Board establish a
8 statewide regulation allowing the take of fish for
9 religious and ceremonial or potlatch purposes.

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11 While Federal subsistence regulations allow
12 for the taking of wildlife outside of proposed seasons and
13 harvest limits for ceremonial purposes, currently no such
14 provision exists for the taking of fish. So we do have a
15 provision under the wildlife regulations that allows for
16 taking outside of regular seasons and harvest limits for
17 wildlife, but not for fish, so that's what this proposal is
18 really all about.

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20 It should be noted though that for most
21 fish species the existing open seasons and harvest limits
22 already provide an opportunity to take fish that may be
23 used in ceremonial and religious activities. So this would
24 just be a permit that would be needed to take fish outside
25 of the current regulations. So if current regulations
26 allow you to take enough fish for a ceremonial or religious
27 activity there would not be a need for this. So this is
28 just outside the regulatory system that's in place.

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30 A little bit about the regulatory history
31 of this issue. The first Federal subsistence regulations
32 contain provisions allowing the Board to authorize the
33 taking of fish and wildlife outside of prescribed seasons
34 and harvest limits for special purposes including
35 ceremonies and potlatches. So the authority clearly does
36 exist. Since that time the Board has on a case by case
37 basis implemented unit specific provisions either through
38 regulatory changes or special actions allowing the taking
39 of wildlife for cultural educational and religious programs
40 and ceremonies.

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42 As of the 2002/2003 regulatory year such
43 provisions exist for about half of the wildlife management
44 units, 13 out of 26 wildlife management units have that
45 provision. Although there are not regulations allowing for
46 the take of fish for ceremonial and religious purposes, the
47 Board has already on three occasions authorized such taking
48 via special action. For example, the Board permitted the
49 harvest of 50 coho salmon for a memorial potlatch in Sitka
50 last year.

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1 While there is variation between these unit
2 specific regulations, the Board has required that first of
3 all, the harvesting of the resource does not violate
4 principals of fish and wildlife conservation and that the
5 following be provided to the appropriate Federal land
6 manager and those are listed, as you can see on the bottom
7 of Page 57 and the top of Page 58.

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9 Information about the activity and in the
10 case of a funerary or mortuary ceremonies, the name or
11 names of the decedents, reporting of the species, sex,
12 number, location and timing of the harvest, the name and
13 address of the harvesters who is actually harvesting the
14 resource.

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16 Furthermore, the Board has required that
17 the harvester be a qualified rural subsistence user for the
18 species and area in which the harvest occurs.

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20 Additionally, in most cases, the
21 appropriate Federal manager must be notified prior to
22 attempting the resource. So prior to going out and
23 harvesting you must notify the local manager.

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25 We recognize that surveying of fish and
26 wildlife is central to Alaska Native ceremonial feasting.
27 Such foods reaffirm ethnic identity and the tie to the land
28 and resources. Fresh salmon and steelhead are available
29 only part of the year for many Alaska Natives, when
30 available they are an important food source for funerary or
31 mortuary cycles including memorial potlatches.

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33 Most ethnographic descriptions of
34 potlatches focus on the ritual behavior and the
35 distribution of material wealth. Detailed documentation of
36 foods provided is rare. One exception is, Rifles, Blankets
37 and Beads by William Simeone. Simeone recorded the
38 offerings of pans of Copper River salmon at a Tanacross
39 Potlatch in the 1980s.

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41 All fishing management areas have harvest
42 limits, time restrictions or both for some species of fish.
43 Statewide, most fish can be harvested by subsistence users
44 without restrictions and would not require the use of this
45 revision.

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47 The proposed limit on salmon and steelhead,
48 which, if you could look at your regulations it's 25 salmon
49 and five steelhead would not equally affect subsistence
50 users in all parts of the state because of the time and

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1 geographic distribution. Obviously steelhead are not found
2 up in this area. Steelhead have been documented along the
3 Aleutian Chain but data for their distribution in the
4 Bering Sea is limited. Salmon are rare north of the
5 Kotzebue Sound and both are available, obviously in
6 freshwater seasonally.

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8 Adoption of this proposed regulation change
9 should have minimal impacts on the salmon and steelhead
10 populations.

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12 So the preliminary Staff conclusion is to
13 support the proposal. There is one small correction I'd
14 like to point out and that is in the very first paragraph
15 under the proposed regulation, the very first sentence
16 reads the taking of fish from Federal waters is authorized
17 outside of published open seasons and harvest limits and
18 we'd like to change that to or, so that's the only change
19 I'd like to point out at this time.

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21 So that's all I have for this proposal, Mr.
22 Chair. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions if the
23 Council members have some.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do the Council have a
26 question to Jerry. John Hanson.

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28 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.
29 Who's proposing this, the Subsistence Management in
30 Anchorage Office or some regional advisory group from
31 either the Kuskokwim or the Yukon or the Aleutian Chain, or
32 who's proposing this?

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34 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chair. Mr. Hanson, it
35 is our office that is making this proposal. And it's
36 basically because we do have this provision on the wildlife
37 side so if you wanted to take a moose or a caribou for a
38 potlatch then you could apply for that provision through
39 the wildlife regulations to our office. But there's no
40 such existing regulation for fisheries so we wanted to try
41 to set up something for fisheries so that there aren't a
42 lot of special actions coming in and requiring the Board to
43 address this situation every time it comes up. So they
44 wanted to try to streamline it and make it a little bit
45 simpler to go through this process every time there is a
46 request for the taking of fish for memorial or ceremonial
47 purposes. So it is coming from our office.

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49 MR. HANSON: I don't know. Well, wildlife
50 I can see. Because when I was on the Game Board we passed

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1 that proposal for ceremonial purposes on wildlife. But
2 fish, I don't think -- I don't know if it's going to be
3 logical to go ahead with fish on ceremonial purposes. But
4 I don't know about you Alaska Department of Fish and Game
5 personnel that moved to Federal, you're proposing all kinds
6 of crazy things that pertain to subsistence. And
7 subsistence, on subsistence is what the people in the
8 villages all over Alaska been doing all their lives and I
9 don't think we should jeopardize subsistence by putting
10 such a proposal like this.

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12 This proposal will hurt a lot of people.
13 Maybe there's some village in the Aleutian Chain that wants
14 steelhead be put on ceremonial purpose because that part
15 there is in the Federal water. But you take the Kuskokwim
16 or the Yukon or the Norton Sound, if they want ceremonial
17 fish they'll just go out and take, they don't take 25 or
18 50, it doesn't even hurt the stock.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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22 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Just some recent
23 information from the Yukon River, for example, this past
24 summer there were two requests that came in from the middle
25 Yukon River, one from Kaltag and one from the village of
26 Koyukuk, you know, they were having ceremonial potlatches.
27 It so happened that the normal subsistence fishing schedule
28 was closed, they wanted to be able to go out and harvest
29 fish for the potlatches. They submitted requests and
30 because this wasn't provided for for the in-season manager
31 to be able to provide it, which is what this proposal seeks
32 to do, essentially what had to happen is all of the Federal
33 Subsistence Board members had to be contacted, very
34 quickly, so a response could be provided back to those
35 villages so that they could go ahead with that ceremonial
36 potlatch harvest of fish.

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38 What this seeks to do is to basically give
39 the authority to do this to Russ Holder, so he can do it
40 very quickly. If someone's having a potlatch, he can
41 provide the approval so they can get those fish that they
42 need if there is a closed season. Last summer we had to go
43 to the Federal Subsistence Board to get that approval and
44 it took a little bit more time and it was harder to reach
45 people. So this is to try to help people get the approval
46 to get the fish that they need for that ceremonial potlatch
47 more quickly.

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49 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Tom. Any more
2 questions. Okay, you could continue.

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4 MR. BERG: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I just wanted
5 to point out there have been similar concerns from other
6 Councils that have already addressed this same proposal
7 such as brought up by Mr. Hanson. And I have here, I can
8 provide actions taken by other Councils so far on this
9 proposal if you'd like me to go over that information. I
10 can provide that if you'd like me to.

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12 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Mary.

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16 MS. GREGORY: I concur with Mr. Hanson.
17 Because down here it doesn't make no difference, we'll go
18 out and get it anyway. I mean fish is available we go
19 after it. And it doesn't make that much sense to us on the
20 lower part of the Kuskokwim because fish come and go in a
21 week and a half to two weeks. So I'm with Mr. Hanson.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other Council.

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25 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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27 INTERPRETER: (Only partial translation -
28 spotty) The subsistence activities. Ever since we had to
29 realize -- he was born 1925 and he does not really know how
30 old he was when he came to realize his parents and others
31 in his community and during his childhood days there was no
32 Fish and Game, no controllers. He says that's when people,
33 when they spoke in the steambath houses, in the
34 (indiscernible) houses -- everybody was informed what was
35 going to be taking places in their regions, every day in
36 that house was an informational center in those days and
37 their counselors were real elders in relation to
38 subsistence activities.

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40 When they gave the information out to those
41 -- and there are certain species that were reported not to
42 be caught -- all the -- what there were able to catch, they
43 take not more than what they could handle. There were
44 birds, and fish, game, all of these were provided for the
45 young people who were to take these animals. Nowadays
46 though there is Fish and Wildlife and Fish and Game,
47 managers of these species and how much they could take but
48 he can't understand this though, why they're going like
49 that, what some of the managers -- some of the people --
50 when someone is going to be taking it more than what they

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1 -- what about these sportfishermen, the sportfishermen are
2 paid to do what they have to do. And those of us that
3 subsist on those species sometimes when we hear of these
4 things, under management and control sometimes we -- you
5 know, in those days for us to take so it was passed out to
6 the hunters that the game as a resource were not to be
7 taken, more than what they could handle.

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9 The resources in the region which we use in
10 those days -- sometimes those are used -- we realize that
11 we're being watched, Fish and Wildlife, Fish and Game.
12 Those are ancestral people, sometimes when they tell us we
13 work sometimes with us, directions we were receiving from
14 our elders so why the Council issues have to be discussed
15 so many times now a days and therefore if you use that in
16 Alaska all of the Natives in the state, the directions are
17 within their parents and in mine and they're instructed.
18 But when he hears those that are -- do not want to have any
19 fun out of game or fish and the managers are directing the
20 subsistence users to limit -- sometimes to limit them how
21 much they can take, what about the -- what about the --
22 those -- our -- sometimes when we take our fingers with the
23 Natives we feel hurt, that's the way the instructions are
24 or directions are giving us the feeling, we feel hurt and
25 the fish -- those are -- sometimes they feel hurt because
26 of the.....

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28 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do we have other agency
31 organization comment to Proposal 27? Go ahead and sit down
32 right there, say your name and who you represent.

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34 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Members
35 of the Council. My name is Rod Campbell. I'm with the
36 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial
37 Fisheries. And I'm here to give the Fish and Game comments
38 to this proposal. They are located under Tab C on Page 62.

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40 The Department is neutral on this proposal,
41 however, we do recommend that ceremonial harvests be
42 subject to some regulatory controls for conservation
43 purposes, including a harvest limit by species, area and
44 time along with a timely reporting mechanism. I believe
45 most of these concerns that we have addressed are in the
46 proposed language that Jerry just went over.

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48 I also want to reemphasize what he
49 mentioned in their Staff analysis that, at least, in most
50 places around the state, statewide, most fish can be

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1 harvested by subsistence users without any restrictions and
2 in most cases this would not require the use of this
3 proposal anyway. So not in all but in most areas around
4 the state. That's our comments.

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6 Thank you, sir.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any comments from -- I
9 mean questions from Council?

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11 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, a comment. (In
12 Yup'ik)

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14 INTERPRETER: Mary Gregory. Those that
15 affect this proposal may be okay for those that affect, not
16 in this particular region. This particular -- this
17 subsistence way of life, if that's going to be under
18 discussion nobody's going to tell those of us that are
19 subsistence users just like what the gentleman, Mr. Phillip
20 Moses has stated, those of us that are subsistence users
21 should not have any limit of what they can catch within the
22 region. And if there's an overharvest there are a lot of
23 families outside of their immediate families that -- who
24 need -- relatives need them and if they should have it,
25 more than what they take they certainly can give them to
26 their relatives who need them.

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28 MS. GREGORY: Like I told you, we only have
29 two weeks of fish coming up the river and after that
30 they're -- another species come so....

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. My understanding is
33 this proposal is only during the closing period of
34 subsistence; is that right?

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36 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chairman, that's
37 correct. It would only apply during a closed season for a
38 particular species. For example, like Tom Kron was
39 alluding to. They did request, I think up on the Koyukuk
40 and maybe Nulato, requested to take some chum salmon during
41 the fall chum run for ceremonial purposes this past summer.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other questions from
44 Council to him.

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46 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, Mary. (In
47 Yup'ik)

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49 INTERPRETER: Alex Nick feels -- Alex
50 feels about the translation of Mary's -- suppose they close

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1 the Kuskokwim River, subsistence fishery here, that -- this
2 particular proposal will be used in the event that the
3 fishery is closed.

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5 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: And she understands, they
8 cannot close that. They cannot close that ceremonial
9 purpose, that shouldn't effect us. They don't, those
10 managers they don't use it for what they need. And those
11 of us, why are we targeted for this kind of our activity?
12 So it's about time we wake up and become awakened, don't
13 say yes, yes, yes, have a purpose for your life.

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15 MR. McCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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19 MR. McCANN: Yeah, Billy McCann. I don't
20 see why they're trying to fight subsistence along the way
21 when the subsistence happens, the law happened to come that
22 time it was see the -- one of them says that subsistence
23 has the priority first all the time. But lately they're
24 starting fighting it. Something comes up, coming up all
25 the time and telling us -- these proposals are coming by
26 sometimes only one person idea. That's really, to me is
27 wrong, sometimes. Only one person makes one proposal and
28 Board approves that proposal and the rest of the people
29 doesn't like -- even the -- even if you don't like it, one
30 person proposal, but the proposal -- before the proposal is
31 approved it should be spread around to the people, like
32 subsistence people.

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34 Here you're looking at the board right
35 here, we got the power all right, but what about the rest
36 of the people out in villages and stuff like that, that the
37 people who are using the food, to get the food, they should
38 be the ones that's saying something about it. If we can
39 approve something -- a proposal that we like, but some
40 places they might not like it.

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42 (In Yup'ik)

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44 INTERPRETER: It is true what Mary has
45 stated. All of the directions are so many now and too many
46 of us are saying yes, yes, yes. And if you put this
47 subsistence activities.....

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49 MR. McCANN: Whoever done that.....

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1 INTERPRETER:closed, I don't think
2 the managers will close the subsistence season.....

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4 MR. McCANN: That's why we got to watch
5 these proposals. (In Yup'ik) And understand clearly. (In
6 Yup'ik)

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8 INTERPRETER: Periodically he's translating
9 himself so.....

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11 MR. McCANN: Thank you.

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13 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Les.

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17 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, this Proposal
18 27 only addressed taking of subsistence fish for
19 traditional religious ceremonies. It has absolutely
20 nothing to do with closing of subsistence.

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22 I feel that this proposal will ease up a
23 lot on the people, especially up river that depend on
24 funerary or potlatches, you know, in remembrance of
25 somebody that died a year ago, in the event that they don't
26 have anything to serve except fish during the summertime,
27 that allows them an opportunity to go out there and get
28 that fish without becoming criminals in the closed cycle.
29 And that's the only thing that this thing addresses.

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31 I am for this regulation.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, let's listen to the
34 rest of the organizations and agencies before we ask
35 Regional Council to deliberate the regulation, then they
36 can deliberate and justification. I think we are now on --
37 if there's any other agencies, organizations that want to
38 have a comment to this No. 27, statewide proposal. You
39 could come over here and say your name and who you
40 represent.

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42 MR. CHEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good
43 morning, Council members. For the record my name is Glenn
44 Chen. I'm a fisheries biologist and a Staff Committee
45 member for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. And as you and
46 the Council deliberate the proposal I'd like to provide
47 some information from the other users and other councils,
48 primarily because this is a statewide proposal.

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50 And I would turn your attention to Page 55

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1 to look at the proposed regulation and there's some parts
2 here that some of the other Councils have asked for some
3 modification on. Under Section A on Page 55, some of the
4 Councils feel that providing information on the name of the
5 decedents, the nature of the ceremony and the parties or
6 clans is not necessary and, in fact, invades some privacy
7 with regards to the ceremonies. So they have asked to have
8 that information not be required when they request these
9 permits.

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11 The other thing that some of the other
12 Councils have asked for some modifications on refers to the
13 limit of fish. And this, as it states right now, there are
14 -- it states that there are 25 salmon or five steelhead
15 could be taken, some of the other Councils have asked that
16 that be removed because in some areas that is insufficient
17 a number of fish to serve at some of these ceremonies. So
18 they've asked to just have that language completely
19 removed. In fact, if you look under Section B here, the
20 Federal manager can provide some guidance on the numbers of
21 fish without having to say that there's only 25 salmon or
22 five steelhead that needs to be taken.

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24 And that's all I had to say. I'll take any
25 questions.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Council, do you have a
28 question for him. Thank you. Next is do we have Fish and
29 Game local advisory committee, do we have comment? I just
30 find out we got some local advisory committees here in this
31 Council here, that's why we decide not to invite those
32 other ones to come in because it costs money and we got
33 some local advisory committee members here from Lower
34 Kuskokwim and Lower Yukon. Who is a member of Lower
35 Kuskokwim, James, let me ask you, do you have a comment to
36 this No. 27 proposal for your organization?

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38 MR. CHARLES: We have.....

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, before you do -- I'm
41 sorry, I have to ask someone here who know -- because he's
42 on Council here, Federal Subsistence Council members and
43 also he's member of local advisory committee, will it be
44 conflict if we make some kind of decision -- comment -- if
45 he make a comment?

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47 MR. RIVARD: Yes Mr. Chair. Don Rivard
48 with the Office of Subsistence Management. If any of your
49 Council members are also members of a local advisory
50 committee, they can state what the committee has come up

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1 with, that's fine. They're just stating the viewpoints or
2 the recommendations of their local advisory committees and
3 they can do that as long as that's what they're doing and
4 it's not their personal view at this point.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. James.

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8 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm
9 Lower Kuskokwim advisory committee member. But we have not
10 had our meeting this fall. We were going to have our
11 meeting -- or we still are trying to get our meeting
12 together but we have not talked about this proposal because
13 we haven't had our meeting.

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15 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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17 INTERPRETER: (No translation)

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19 MR. CHARLES: Like I said, we have not had
20 our meeting this fall or this summer so we have not talked
21 about this proposal so I have no comments to make about
22 this proposal.

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24 Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, James. Do the
27 Lower Yukon Advisory Committee here?

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29 (Pause)

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Look like we don't have
32 one. I remember Ray Oney supposed to be one of the Lower
33 Yukon Advisory Committee so we don't have any Lower Yukon.
34 I'm going to ask Alex Nick, summary of written public
35 comments, if there is any?

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37 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. We
38 received one written comment in support with modification.
39 It says to enable enforcement and to account for resource
40 removals, CDFU supports modification of Section D to
41 require a permit specifying the harvester's name and
42 address, the numbers and species of fish to be taken, the
43 date and location of the harvest as well as the name of the
44 decedent -- for each person harvesting under this
45 regulation. This would result in the need to delete
46 Section C. Harvest reporting should be required within a
47 reasonable period of time and there should be a limit of
48 one permit issued for each specific traditional religious
49 ceremony. And this is submitted by Cordova District
50 Fishermen's United.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Submitted by whom, I'm
2 sorry?

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4 MR. A. NICK: Pardon me?

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6 MR. L. WILDE: Who?

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8 MR. A. NICK: Cordova District Fishermen's
9 United, I think that's what it is, uh, Jerry?

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Do we
12 have public comment for special -- for statewide proposal
13 now? Tom, you have one?

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15 MR. BOYD: (Shakes head negatively)

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's no comments
18 from public we're now -- we going to Regional Council
19 deliberation, recommendation, justification and we going to
20 take action on this proposal F2003-27.

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22 Council.

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24 Go ahead, Tom.

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26 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to
27 follow up on my earlier comment. Lester was exactly right
28 when he said this has nothing to do with normal subsistence
29 fishing. The two requests that I mentioned from this past
30 summer came in from the Middle Yukon. And the Office of
31 Subsistence Management and the Federal Subsistence Board
32 worked very hard -- it was during a closed season for them,
33 the Office of Subsistence Management and the Federal
34 Subsistence Board worked very hard to get approval so that
35 they could allow those people to go out and get the fish
36 they needed for the memorial potlatch. And the intent of
37 this proposal is rather than -- if someone needs them for
38 a potlatch, rather than having to come and contact all of
39 the Federal Board members to allow that to happen more
40 quickly so they can get the fish. These are very difficult
41 times for people and they want to get food for the
42 potlatch, to allow them to get that approval more quickly
43 so they can do that.

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45 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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1 MS. GREGORY: There's so many dang strings
2 attached to it. It's not -- you're trying to tell us if we
3 take -- if I take fish from the river for a ceremonial
4 fish, I have to know what I'm taking, where I got it,
5 that's too many things, that's too much work. If you make
6 it -- if you make it workable in my view, in the Yup'ik way
7 of life I'd go for it but not the way it is written right
8 now.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mary. Is there
11 other Regional Council.

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13 MS. GREGORY: Even the number. We know how
14 much we're going to use when we're having a feast -- I'm
15 having a feast on Sunday, it's a memorial feast for my
16 father but I'm not going to go out and have fish because
17 there's no fish down there. To some areas it doesn't make
18 no sense and for me it doesn't make no sense. (In Yup'ik)

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20 INTERPRETER: (No translation)

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22 MS. GREGORY: It may make sense for those
23 people up river.

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25 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman, the only
26 question I've got is to the gentleman that's presenting
27 this here. Under the Fish and Wildlife, where they take
28 moose and stuff for ceremonial, do you require the same
29 thing, like names and -- the deceased and everything in
30 there?

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32 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Tikiun,
33 yeah, that is correct. That this is basically designed
34 according to the wildlife permitting process that's
35 required when seasons are closed. And I would, you know,
36 and I guess I would also respond to Mary to say that those
37 are exactly the type of comments we want to know, what
38 works for your region. You know, we would certainly
39 appreciate any comments you have or if you want to modify
40 this in any way of how it would work for this region. And
41 maybe one other comment, the feast that you said you were
42 having this Sunday would not be affected in any way by what
43 this proposes because, there was no closures at the time
44 that the fish were harvested for your feast this Sunday, so
45 that kind of situation was -- the fish were harvested under
46 existing regulations and there's no need for a permit if
47 they're harvested under existing regulations. It's only
48 times when there is a closure that you would need to get a
49 permit.

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1 So anyway, they're all good comments and
2 that's what we need to hear from the Regional Council
3 members.

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5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you, Jerry.
8 John Hanson.

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10 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.
11 I'm going to just say this in my Native tongue. I say it
12 better than talking in English. We got translators, if
13 they translate it in English.

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15 (In Yup'ik)

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17 INTERPRETER: This particular proposal, I
18 have already told them that, why are they giving us
19 unnecessary laws and rules -- unnecessary proposals for
20 this particular region. These proposals are directing the
21 people -- the really different regions in the state that
22 don't -- that shouldn't even apply. Why are these
23 directions being imposed on us?

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25 Those of us on the Regional Council, these
26 managers are workers, the Advisory Councils should
27 straighten out those managers and how they put these in the
28 regulations. That in relation to land animals it's okay
29 but this particular proposal on the fish that swim in the
30 rivers in Federal waters shouldn't be even -- when Alaska
31 gave the right to subsistence users to Federal government,
32 it was stated it should not be stated that the activities
33 of a Native should not be bothered.

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35 MR. HANSON: The subsistence way of life,
36 it shouldn't be bothered for the Native people of Alaska.
37 This is 1867 when Russia sold Alaska to United States and
38 what are we doing now, are we trying to deprive the Native
39 way of life, that's what we're doing, exactly. We're not
40 following the 1867 written agreement with the United
41 States.

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43 I'll be a damned fool if I don't follow
44 that 1867 to my own Native people, depriving their
45 subsistence way of life.

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47 Phillip Moses told us when he was speaking
48 a little earlier, the elders are always hurt on their
49 subsistence way of life when something comes up like a
50 proposal for these fish. We pass it, us Councils pass it

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1 we're going to hurt a lot of elders in the villages, rural
2 villages and I'm not even going to vote for this, I'm going
3 to say no to it if it comes for a vote.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I've got one
6 question for John.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Les.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: John, how do you visualize
11 this proposal to hurt our elders?

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13 MR. HANSON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. Yeah,
14 thanks Lester.

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16 The elders that have been doing ceremonial
17 potlatches all their lives, they don't need a law or a
18 regulation that they have to follow, they follow their own
19 regulation. An elder has a regulation that he goes by, not
20 in paper. You ask Phillip Moses, he'll tell you the same
21 thing. When it comes to potlatch and fish, very few fish,
22 not even 25 a household gets, maybe in some other rural
23 areas maybe they take 25, 30, but I doubt it. The ones
24 I've seen in my years of life for fish potlatches, it's not
25 even in the book, for fish potlatches, it's in the
26 community. They don't take 25 -- go out and catch 25 fish
27 when it's closed. They already have -- when it was open,
28 they already had the fish but they had them in the freezer,
29 so this regulation would mean -- it would be just up in the
30 air, it would mean nothing.

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32 MR. McCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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36 MR. McCANN: I think some how that John
37 Hanson's saying that there was a regulation -- when the
38 Russian sell to the -- turn to us and say the words that
39 subsistence has to be the priority, we should have that
40 copy some how, someplace. There should be some copy open
41 on us all the time and Fish and Game should have that, too,
42 to think about, what they going to do, we should have that
43 copy available all the time.

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45 (In Yup'ik)

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47 INTERPRETER: So many regulations being
48 applied directed to the Natives for subsistence uses
49 annually different things are popping up in the direction
50 of subsistence users. Just like he said that that

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1 particular proposal can be written up by one individual
2 only and it has to be applied to everybody that don't even
3 know anything about the dog-gone type of a proposal.
4 Sometimes the proposals pop up into the planning
5 status.....

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7 MS. GREGORY: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

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9 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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11 INTERPRETER: Point of order is called.

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13 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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

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19 INTERPRETER: We're not talking about a
20 copy of the comment that was made by the Russians. Mary
21 Gregory is propos -- is making a motion to reject this
22 particular proposal.

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24 MS. GREGORY: Proposal No. FP03-27.

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

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29 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: She doesn't like -- she would
32 like to reject it the way it's written.

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34 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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36 INTERPRETER: Or otherwise it should be
37 amended.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy McCann seconded.

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41 INTERPRETER: Or unless it was amended.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The reason I kind of
44 ignore you, I try to follow the procedure, which is the
45 first time we try to start a procedure, how we could handle
46 these proposals. I request for the public comment already
47 before and no one come forward so we are still -- a motion
48 is on the floor and a second. Any discussion from Council.

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

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1 INTERPRETER: This particular proposal is
2 a motion to reject the way it's written.

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4 MS. GREGORY: A yes vote will reject it and
5 a no vote will not do it -- is that correct?

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Yeah, that's
8 correct. When you say no you rejecting it. If you say yes
9 you with it.

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11 MS. GREGORY: No.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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15 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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17 INTERPRETER: (No translation)

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Don.

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21 MR. RIVARD: Yeah, Don Rivard with the
22 Office of Subsistence Management. Mr. Chair, typically
23 what's done is that you always state the motion in the
24 positive. In other words, you state that you are making a
25 motion to adopt the proposal and then you either adopt it
26 or you reject it so you don't get into this confusion as to
27 if you vote yes what are you really voting yes for or no.
28 So you always want to adopt the proposal in the affirmative
29 and then if you don't want to have it you just vote it
30 down. Does that make sense?

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I don't know if we really
33 completely understand what you're saying because....

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35 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, we still can
36 vote on the rejection motion but we always do everything in
37 a positive manner.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MS. GREGORY: But sometimes it's good to go
42 like this because it wakes everybody up.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MR. McCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy -- Bill.

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50 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)
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3 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)
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5 INTERPRETER: (No interpretation)
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7 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)
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9 INTERPRETER: (No interpretation)
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11 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)
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13 INTERPRETER: So in a way a Native
14 understands the language yes and no are reversed.
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16 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)
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18 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)
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20 INTERPRETER: If I don't want it I'll say
21 yes. If I want it I'll say yes.
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23 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)
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25 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)
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27 (Laughter)
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29 MR. McCANN: I'm confused a little bit.
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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. I think you're
32 understanding of what we're doing. Right now I'm going to
33 request a roll call. Mike, will you read that.
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35 MR. TIKIUN: Harry Wilde.
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.
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39 REPORTER: Turn your microphone on, please.
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41 MR. L. WILDE: Thad, turn on your
42 microphone, she can't hear you.
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44 MR. TIKIUN: Okay. John Hanson.
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46 MR. HANSON: Yes.
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48 MR. TIKIUN: Mary Gregory.
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50 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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1 MR. TIKIUN: Nick Andrew.

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3 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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5 MR. TIKIUN: Billy McCann.

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7 MR. McCANN: Yes.

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9 MR. TIKIUN: James Charles.

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11 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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13 MR. TIKIUN: Phillip Moses.

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15 MR. MOSES: Yes.

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17 MR. TIKIUN: Lester Wilde.

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19 MR. L. WILDE: No.

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21 MR. TIKIUN: And myself, I'll say no. But
22 you got one, two, three, four, five, six, seven yes's and
23 two no's, so it passed.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Motion
26 carried. We going to have a break, my mouth is getting
27 dry. Yeah, go ahead, Don.

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29 MR. RIVARD: Just for clarification, your
30 Council voted to reject this proposal and the yes votes
31 were seven to reject and two to not reject?

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33 MR. TIKIUN: Yes.

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35 MR. RIVARD: Okay, thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we going to take a
38 break.

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40 (Off record)

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42 (On record)

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44 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to
45 remind all the Council members as well whoever wants to
46 speak, they have to turn on their microphone so that your
47 comments or your concerns will be recorded.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Next on our
50 agenda is statewide proposal, Proposal F2003-28,

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1 streamlining in-season special action. Jerry.

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3 MR. BERG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For
4 members of the Council you'll find this proposal under Tab
5 C just a couple pages after 27 and it starts on Page 63 of
6 your booklet and then the Staff analysis actually starts on
7 Page 67.

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9 Fisheries Proposal No. 28 again was
10 submitted by our office, the Office of Subsistence
11 Management and it would streamline the Federal Subsistence
12 Board's special action process for in-season fisheries
13 special actions. This is the same process that was used on
14 both the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers this past season for
15 the first time. Under this proposal the in-season special
16 actions would be issued only when Federal management
17 actions differ from State management actions. This allows
18 State emergency orders to also apply to Federal waters in
19 instances where the State and Federal managers are in
20 agreement on management decisions.

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22 Federal in-season managers would retain the
23 authority to issue special actions for different management
24 actions on Federal waters if needed at any time.

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26 The Regional Councils, coordinating
27 fisheries committee and the public would continue to be
28 involved in the Federal decision-making process. A
29 designated Federal fisheries manager would continue to
30 consult with Council members and others involved with in-
31 season fisheries when developing management recommendations
32 for all State issued emergency orders. Additionally,
33 Regional Advisory Council members or the public can appeal
34 management decisions at any time if they feel it's
35 necessary.

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37 So why do we want to streamline our in-
38 season fisheries management, the process? One reason is
39 that it would eliminate redundancy of issuing special
40 actions which basically say the same thing, that's in an
41 EO. A joint new release would still be issued with both
42 ADF&G and Fish and Wildlife Service logos on it.

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44 The normal special action process requires
45 that each change made in fishery management occurs through
46 issuing a special action. On the Yukon River, for example,
47 in the 2001 there were 27 special actions were initiated
48 by the Federal manager and 26 of these were identical to
49 the State emergency orders. However, in the trial year,
50 this past season, there were over 50 news releases issued

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1 in the Yukon, although I understand that there would only
2 be about 30 of those that would turn into special actions
3 and on the Kuskokwim there were five joint news releases
4 issued during this trial season of the streamlining process
5 we used this past summer.

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7 Another reason to use this streamlined
8 approach is to reduce confusion. There was some confusion
9 during the 2001 fishing season with rapidly evolving
10 fisheries. At times one special action was being published
11 when another one was going into effect so it just took time
12 to get the paperwork process through and there was some
13 confusion created there.

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15 Adopting this proposal would prevent us
16 from having to write and publish unnecessary fisheries
17 special actions when we all agree with the State issued
18 emergency order. It saves time and effort that could be
19 better spent elsewhere. As you know, in 2002 the Federal
20 Subsistence Board approved a temporary one year
21 streamlining of special action process on a trial basis for
22 both the Yukon and the Kuskokwim.

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24 Last year we came to all three Councils YK,
25 Western Interior and Eastern Interior and asked if you
26 would support this streamlining effort and last year all
27 three Councils agreed with this approach and the Federal
28 Subsistence Board did approve the streamlining process but
29 that approval was only for the 2002 fishing season.

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31 Informal consultation with in-season
32 managers for the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers indicates that
33 the streamlined special action approach is working well and
34 it appears that the coordination and cooperation between
35 Yukon, State and Federal managers is in place and the
36 streamlining is working. And being a Staff person for the
37 Kuskokwim I can also tell you that there is a lot of
38 coordination between the Kuskokwim in-season manager and
39 the State managers and it's also working well on the
40 Kuskokwim side.

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42 For other areas of the state, the
43 streamlining process may be premature. One reason some
44 folks have given is that the statewide proposal may be
45 premature is that currently there is a Federal/State
46 working group working on developing a protocol for handling
47 in-season fisheries special actions based on the
48 streamlining efforts used on the Yukon and Kuskokwim this
49 past year. Results of the 2002 fishing season have not
50 been fully evaluated but the hope that is that the success

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1 of what has happened on the Yukon and Kuskokwim can be
2 built into the protocol by the 2003 fishing season.

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4 So the preliminary Staff conclusion is to
5 support the proposal with the modification to maintain the
6 streamlining process only for the Yukon and Kuskokwim
7 regions and wait until later for the rest of the state. So
8 the proposal was to have this streamlining for the entire
9 state but the recommendation from Staff at this point is to
10 maintain the streamlining and keep it in place for the
11 Yukon and Kuskokwim but wait until later for the rest of
12 the state.

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14 That's all I have this morning on that
15 proposal. I'd be happy to answer any questions. Also,
16 Russ Holder, the in-season manager for the Yukon, I believe
17 also has some comments on this proposal.

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19 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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25 MS. GREGORY: Can he explain what
26 streamlining is all about. I hear that but it doesn't tell
27 me what's going on.

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29 MR. BERG: Mr. Chair. Ms. Gregory, yes,
30 the streamlining is basically just to try to simplify the
31 paperwork process of management actions between Federal and
32 State managers. So the dual management has created some
33 extra paperwork that really, when the two managers agree,
34 it's easier to have the Federal process just agree with the
35 State EO and issue a joint news release rather than going
36 through the process that we have to go through to issue a
37 special action that's identical to the State EO. So it's
38 basically just trying to save time and energy of going
39 through the Federal special action process when there's
40 really no need to, when everybody agrees to the management
41 action.

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43 So it's a streamlining of the process to
44 try to save duplication of effort issuing a separate
45 special action on the Federal side. Does that clarify
46 things?

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48 MS. GREGORY: No, it doesn't. Do you guys
49 have any kind of a memorandum of agreement, how to work
50 with the ethnic people within your jurisdiction or

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1 guidelines?

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3 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chair. Ms. Gregory,
4 there certainly is a memorandum of agreement in place and
5 we've agreed between the State and Federal programs to
6 agree to use management plans that are in place on the
7 State, that the Federal program has agreed to use those
8 same State management plans but it still does not address
9 the issue of in-season fisheries management and that is
10 what it this proposal is to do. It's the same proposal that
11 we brought before you last year to streamline the process.

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13 And actually Don just pointed out this
14 chart on Page 71, it's the same chart you saw last year
15 when we came forward with the proposal to streamline the
16 process.

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18 So if the State and Federal managers are in
19 agreement then there would just be a joint news release
20 issued. There would be no need for a special action to be
21 issued by the Federal manager. So that's the simple bottom
22 line of it, I guess.

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24 Maybe Russ can say it a different way that
25 will help you understand if that one page chart on Page 71
26 -- I don't know of that helps you understand it a little
27 bit better.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Russ, Alaska Department of
30 Fish and Game comment.

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32 MR. HOLDER: Harry, I do need to clarify
33 that I'm speaking on behalf of U.S. Fish and Wildlife
34 Service. My name is Russ Holder and I'm based out of
35 Fairbanks. What I want you to concentrate on is
36 streamlining addresses the legal documents that are behind
37 the action. So if that helps.

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39 Now, I'm going to go through my prepared
40 statement here. Advisory Council members, Staff and
41 audience, thank you for the opportunity to comment on
42 Fisheries Proposal 28.

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44 As the Federal fisheries manager for the
45 Yukon River, I support this regulatory proposal. During
46 this era of dual management authority, State and Federal
47 managers have worked hard to decrease public confusion
48 regarding fishery management actions. This cooperation is
49 seen by the public when we issue joint news releases
50 announcing agreed upon management actions. The Federal

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1 legal document, which actually temporarily changes the
2 regulations being announced in the news release are the
3 Federal special action which is similar to the State
4 emergency order.

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6 One issue being addressed by this proposal
7 is when State and Federal managers are in agreement about
8 a management action, the Federal special action process is
9 largely a duplicate administrative record and the general
10 public doesn't see or really care about the legal
11 documents. The typical time frame doesn't allow for the
12 required newspaper publication and the publication of the
13 action in the Federal Register is often weeks or months
14 after the action occurred thereby not fulfilling the
15 purpose of informing the public at large in a timely
16 manner.

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18 A second issue is a large amount of Staff
19 time required both management and administrative Staff to
20 process Federal special action. In testing out the
21 streamlining approach during the 2002 fishing season, my
22 assistant and I were able to spend more time actually
23 focusing on assessing the salmon runs and working with
24 State managers on solving fishery issues.

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26 The streamlining approach still requires an
27 administrative record be produced by the Federal manager
28 but the record is more of a memorandum of concurrence to
29 the file rather than a legal document.

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31 Changing the Federal administrative
32 requirement as proposed does not alter, change or in any
33 way diminish Federal management authority. A Federal
34 special action could be issued if Federal and State
35 managers disagree. The basis for disagreement would likely
36 be based on providing for either escapement objectives or
37 the subsistence needs of Federally-qualified users fishing
38 in Federal waters.

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40 It is my request that you support Fisheries
41 Proposal 28 as recommended and modified by Staff limiting
42 the acting portion of this to the Yukon and Kuskokwim
43 Rivers. The streamlining process worked well during the
44 trial period of 2002. It reduced confusion for subsistence
45 fishers. It allowed more productive use of Staff time and
46 I believe it has assisted in improving our working
47 relationship with our State counterparts.

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49 Thank you very much.
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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Russ. Council,
2 do you have a question to Russ Holder? Lester.

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4 MR. L. WILDE: You know would then that
5 order be a special action or emergency order, how would it
6 come out or it'd just be a memorandum from both managers?

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8 MR. HOLDER: Yes, Lester. Both managers
9 would work together in formulating a management decision.
10 That decision would be issued as a joint news release which
11 you see. The State manager would right a State emergency
12 order, the Federal manager, myself for the Yukon River
13 would write a memorandum of concurrence basically that
14 says, I worked with the State manager and I agree with the
15 management action that is occurring.

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17 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Under your justification
22 there's a clause in there that says that the RAC is to
23 fully weigh on the proposed regulations and contribute to
24 fully to the effects of in-season management protocol
25 working group which is anticipated in 2003, can you explain
26 that or elaborate on it, what does that mean? Page 70
27 under justification where it says that the RAC will weigh
28 on the proposed regulations and contribute. I have no
29 problem with it but the protocol working group which are
30 anticipated in 2003, what are you talking about?

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32 MR. HOLDER: I believe, Mr. Chairman, Ms.
33 Gregory, are you asking whether the manager -- say, I, as
34 a Federal manager are consulting with the RAC members
35 during this process; is that your concern?

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37 MS. GREGORY: I just want you to explain
38 this paragraph. I understand the first part but I don't
39 see the last sentence? What anticipations -- what are you
40 anticipating in 2003?

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42 MR. BERG: Mr. Chair. Ms. Gregory, I
43 believe what you're referring to is actually the protocol.
44 See, this proposal is to streamline this process statewide
45 but the recommendation from Staff is to only streamline it
46 for the Yukon and Kuskokwim and wait for this protocol
47 working group to work on more details before we go with a
48 statewide implementation of the streamlining. So that's
49 the protocol that there's a State and Federal working group
50 working on this protocol of how this can work statewide and

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1 that's why you see that in there is because we'd rather
2 wait -- before we implement this statewide until that
3 protocol working group can work out the details.

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5 But we're still recommending, it has worked
6 well on the Yukon and Kuskokwim this past year and we're
7 still recommending that we continue with that process but
8 only for the Yukon and Kuskokwim for now and wait for the
9 protocol group to work out the details for the rest of the
10 state.

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12 Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other Councils. If it's
15 not, other agencies, organizations comment. Mike, we're
16 glad to have you.

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18 MR. REARDON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
19 just got a few comments I wanted to make on this. My name
20 is Mike Reardon. I'm the in-season manager for the
21 Kuskokwim for the Federal waters in the Kuskokwim.

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23 Both agencies have a lot of bureaucracy
24 that deals with issuing orders and regulations and the
25 whole process. This was an unusual opportunity where we
26 could minimize the amount of bureaucracy that's involved in
27 making a decision in fisheries management. And we used
28 this process this summer, this streamlining process and it
29 was very beneficial, both to the agencies, it minimized the
30 amount of paperwork and the confusion that we had.

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32 You know, in the previous summer when we
33 wrote these special actions we had to be very, very careful
34 to get them written in a different format to say exactly
35 the same thing that the State was saying in their emergency
36 orders. Now, what we're doing is the State's issuing the
37 emergency order which we have agreed to previously in our
38 meetings and so there's less confusion to the users that
39 are out there and there's less confusion within the agency
40 and I think it establishes a good record showing that we
41 worked together and cooperated in coming up with these
42 regulations.

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44 So I'm a very strong supporter of this
45 because any time we can minimize the amount of bureaucracy
46 and clarify decisions -- clarify the process for the users
47 then I think that's a good thing. So that's about all the
48 comments I had on that, Mr. Chairman.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Phillip Moses.

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1 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: Our working together in mind
4 and working together, even though, for example, a married
5 man and his wife, they have to work together and then if we
6 -- we would like to work together as cooperatively as
7 possible. Working together is almost expected and is also
8 very good. But if we do not cooperate together or for,
9 example, a married man does not cooperate with his wife or
10 work together then we have no understanding.

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12 What we need to keep in mind are examples
13 of working together or what, you know, how much more we can
14 accomplish without adding more problems to each other. It
15 would probably benefit the whole state.

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17 If we work cooperatively together I'd say
18 we'd have a lot of respect and we'd probably get --
19 respectful, you know, as well as kindness so it will give
20 us something to discuss and decide upon. Although we may
21 have our disagreements, but, you know, if we don't work
22 cooperatively together we get nothing done.

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24 But if a person follows his own mind by
25 himself will not be proper.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Phillip. Other
30 Council do you have question to Mike Reardon. James.

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32 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So
33 this streamlining would be like we have been doing the last
34 couple of years but this streamlining would make it easier
35 and quicker to manage our change -- the subsistence fishing
36 management for the Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife
37 Service.

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39 MR. HOLDER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr.
40 Charles, that's correct. It's not how we did it two years
41 ago, but you wouldn't have noticed because, you know, the
42 special actions that we wrote up you probably never had to
43 see them even though you're on the working group and have
44 been involved in it. But it does simplify it and it makes
45 it kind of a unified voice when we're establishing the
46 season changes and regulations and I think it makes it more
47 responsive to the users, yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I move that we
2 accept FP03-28 proposal. Because I'm glad to see you guys
3 working together.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, let's try to finish
6 all the comments first.

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8 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: (No translation)

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12 MS. GREGORY: After we make a motion -- my
13 motion died for a lack of second.

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15 (Laughter)

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, Mary.

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19 MS. GREGORY: And I'm pointing out it's now
20 a quarter to 12:00.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Are you getting hungry?
23 We're still on our other agencies, organizations. Go over
24 there and sit and say your name.

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27 MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Council
28 members. My name is Rod Campbell, Alaska Department of
29 Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries. I'll be
30 giving the Fish and Game comments. They're on Tab C on
31 Page 72, those are our complete comments. The second
32 paragraph does expand a kind of broader approach to include
33 the fishing regulations. I will be limiting
34 my comments to the first paragraph for this discussion that
35 are specific to the proposal as written.

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37 Also I do want to note that the Fish and
38 Game comments on Page 72 do pertain to the original
39 proposal for the statewide implementation not for the Staff
40 recommendation to use it only for the Yukon/Kuskokwim area.
41 However, with that said, the Department does support
42 streamlining the special action process whereby these
43 special actions would only be issued in-season when the
44 Federal management actions differ from the State management
45 actions.

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47 Under this proposal State emergency orders
48 would apply to Federal waters in instances and only when
49 the State and Federal managers agree with subsistence
50 fishing management actions. And as stated earlier, this

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1 would encourage more coordinated management approach for
2 both the Federal and State managers. It would also reduce
3 duplication of effort and confusion for the public by
4 coordinated these news releases and legal notices. And,
5 again, to emphasize, these are only for identical
6 management actions where the State and the Federal
7 government is in complete agreement.

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9 Thank you, sir.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Council have a question.
12 Other organizations. We go to the next, Fish and Game,
13 local advisory committee, James.

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15 MR. CHARLES: No, Mr. Chairman. We haven't
16 had a meeting on this proposal.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, James. Summary
19 of written public comment, Alex Nick.

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21 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, we received one
22 written comment that's from Cordova District Fishermen's
23 United. The comment reads, CDFU supports this proposal in
24 the interest of clarity and consistency. This regulation
25 will require collaboration and cooperation between State
26 and Federal managers resulting in benefits to the resource,
27 managers and users.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Next, public
30 comment for this statewide proposal. Public comment, do we
31 have public here to comment this Proposal 28.

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33 If there's none now we're going into
34 Advisory Committee deliberation, recommendation and
35 justification and action.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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41 MS. GREGORY: I move we adopt FP03-28,
42 Proposal No. -- the proposal to streamline Federal special
43 action process.

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45 (In Yup'ik)

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47 INTERPRETER: She moved to.....

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. There's a motion on
50 the floor.....

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1 INTERPRETER:accept.....
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE:is there a second.
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5 INTERPRETER:accept the proposal.
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7 MR. CHARLES: I second the motion, Mr.
8 Chair.
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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by James.
11 Discussion.
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13 MR. BERG: Mr. Chair.
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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, okay.
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17 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to
18 clarify on the motion, if the motion is to adopt the
19 proposal as written or adopt it as modified by Staff
20 because those are two different -- the proposal as written
21 would apply statewide and as modified by Staff it would
22 only apply to the Yukon and Kuskokwim.
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24 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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26 MS. GREGORY: As presented.
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28 (In Yup'ik)
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30 INTERPRETER: Mary Gregory just found out
31 that she wanted to accept it as it is written. But Jerry
32 has another -- this proposal directs -- this would only
33 affect the Kuskokwim and the Yukon during the in-season how
34 the subsistence users would be affected and that this be
35 accepted as it is written. But Federal streamline process
36 -- probably by emergency order, if there should be any
37 problem that the Federal government and State government
38 would be.....
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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So your motion.....
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42 MS. GREGORY: It's already in there what he
43 asked me.
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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE:with the amendment?
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47 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, modification.
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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Modification?
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1 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, it's already in there.
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second (In Yup'ik)
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5 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik)
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7 INTERPRETER: The second follows the motion
8 maker.
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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I request for.....
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12 MR. L. WILDE: Question on the motion, Mr.
13 Chairman.
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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There is a question on the
16 motion, I'll request for roll call.
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18 MR. TIKIUN: Okay, Harry Wilde.
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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.
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22 MR. TIKIUN: John Hanson.
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24 MR. HANSON: Yes.
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26 MR. TIKIUN: Mary Gregory.
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28 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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30 MR. TIKIUN: Nick Andrew.
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32 MR. ANDREW: Yes.
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34 MR. TIKIUN: Billy McCann.
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36 MR. McCANN: Yes.
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38 MR. TIKIUN: James Charles.
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40 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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42 MR. TIKIUN: Phillip Moses.
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44 MR. MOSES: Yeah.
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46 MR. TIKIUN: Lester Wilde.
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48 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.
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50 MR. TIKIUN: And myself, Thad Tikiun, yes.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion.....

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3 MR. TIKIUN: Motion passed unanimously.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE:unanimous. Alex,
6 what you going to say -- I think this time we going to
7 break for lunch. It wasn't really a hard morning but we
8 are learning too ourself try -- we never really follow
9 procedures but I think we are learning. Try to do this
10 because think of our young people, I know they are -- will
11 be behind us and they will know how to conduct the meeting.
12 So this time we going to have a break for lunch and come
13 back maybe 1:00 o'clock but Alex got a -- go ahead, Alex,
14 do you have something?

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16 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, right after break, I
17 just want to point out to all the out of town guests here.
18 We do have several restaurants in town. There's Dimitri's
19 right next to -- not far from Variety up there. Snack
20 Shack is down the road. Sho-Gun, I believe is down the --
21 over this way. And Swanson's and also AC has a deli if
22 you'd like to get a sandwich or something. And I think
23 other recommended places would be Northern Lights
24 Restaurant, Dimitri's Restaurant and if you like Orientals
25 there's Kims and what's the other -- Tundra -- and Datu's,
26 as well, down the road. So there's a few eating places in
27 town. So -- and also for those of you who are staying at
28 the hotel, some of these restaurants are listed in the
29 phonebook and also you may order from your room for lunch.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you and we going to
32 come back here 1:30 instead of 1:00 o'clock.

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34 (Off record)

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36 (On record)

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We're going to start
39 Proposal 2003-02, allow subsistence take with rod and reel,
40 Yukon River. Jerry.

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42 MR. BERG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. You'll
43 find that proposal under Tab C and it begins on Page 73 in
44 your Council booklets.

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46 MR. L. WILDE: What page?

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48 MR. BERG: 73 under Tab C.

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50 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman, John Thompson's

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1 here.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, okay.

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5 MR. BERG: Okay. Fishery Proposal 03-02
6 was submitted by the Association of Village Council
7 Presidents. And it requests the use of rod and reel to
8 harvest salmon in Yukon River tributaries 24 hours a day,
9 seven days a week unless already specifically restricted in
10 current regulation.

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12 This proposal would allow the use of rod
13 and reel to harvest salmon in Federal waters of Yukon River
14 tributaries during scheduled closed periods for subsistence
15 salmon fishing. This would apply to both the subsistence
16 schedules surrounding commercial openings and the
17 relatively new subsistence schedules put into place over
18 the past couple of years.

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20 In October of 1999 the Federal Subsistence
21 fishing regulations were established from existing State
22 subsistence fishing regulations except that Federal
23 regulations also allow the use of rod and reel as legal
24 method in most areas. Prior to 2001, subsistence fishing
25 in the Yukon River drainage was generally open seven days
26 a week until the commercial fishing season opened. Once
27 the commercial fishing season opens, subsistence fishing
28 was either closed before, during or after commercial
29 periods such as in Districts 1 through 3 and 4A or
30 subsistence fishing was concurrent with commercial fishing
31 periods in subdistricts 4B and C and 5A, B and C. These
32 regulations continue to apply in-season when commercial
33 fishing periods are announced.

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35 In addition to these scheduled closures in
36 both State and Federal regulation, the Alaska Board of
37 Fisheries adopted a reduced subsistence fishing schedule in
38 January of 2001 and I know you are all familiar with that
39 new schedule. The new schedule also does apply to Federal
40 waters and includes all methods as agreed to under the
41 terms of the Federal/State interim memorandum of agreement.
42 This new reduced subsistence fishing schedule has been
43 implemented in late May and is applied chronologically by
44 district consistent with the migration of salmon. Both
45 schedules apply to all methods including rod and reel. So
46 when it is closed by schedule, it includes all gear types.

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48 Yukon River chinook, summer chum and fall
49 chum salmon have been identified as stocks of concern by
50 the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Under the Yukon River king

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1 salmon management plan, salmon are being managed according
2 to the reduced subsistence fishing schedule. The intent of
3 the schedule is to provide closed periods during which
4 salmon can pass with reduced fishing pressure to spread
5 subsistence fishing opportunity throughout the drainage and
6 to improve escapement.

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8 Similar reductions in subsistence fishing
9 time have been implemented in the Kuskokwim River drainage
10 but the schedule on the Kuskokwim only applies to nets and
11 fishwheels, subsistence fishing with rod and reel in the
12 Kuskokwim River drainage is allowed seven days a week, 24
13 hours a day in both State and Federal regulations.

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15 There are a few specific Federal regulatory
16 restrictions in place for various headwater streams within
17 the Yukon River drainage. This proposal would not change
18 these restrictions for areas where salmon spawn and
19 generally have easy access that could lead to greater
20 conservation risks. So this proposal wouldn't change those
21 areas.

22
23 The average annual subsistence harvest over
24 the past 10 years in the Alaska portion of the Yukon River
25 was almost 278,000 fish. It's not known how many of these
26 salmon are caught by rod and reel but it's likely a very
27 low percentage of the overall harvest. Yukon River
28 residents have traditionally harvested salmon using rod and
29 reel, however, the vast majority of salmon in the Yukon
30 River are harvested using drift and set gillnets and
31 fishwheels.

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33 If adopted, this proposal would benefit
34 subsistence fishermen who use rod and reel to harvest an
35 occasional fresh salmon in Federal waters of Yukon River
36 tributaries. Subsistence fishermen using rod and reel in
37 Federal water tributaries would be allowed to harvest
38 salmon with rod and reel during the subsistence fishing
39 scheduled closures.

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41 Although chinook, summer chum and fall chum
42 are being managed conservatively to help rebuild the runs
43 in the Yukon River, the few salmon likely to be taken by
44 rod and reel would not likely result in a substantial
45 increase in the overall harvest of these fish. The
46 scheduled closures by district are most applicable to
47 subsistence net and fishwheel fisheries used by the vast
48 majority of subsistence fishermen.

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50 If this regulation were only applied to the

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1 tributaries to the Yukon River drainage it would create a
2 more complicated and confusing set of regulations. There
3 is little, if any, rod and reel subsistence fishing in the
4 mainstem of the Yukon River, however, allowing rod and reel
5 use throughout Federal waters within the entire drainage,
6 including the mainstem and the tributaries would make
7 regulations easier for everyone to understand. This
8 proposal, if adopted, would create a difference between
9 Federal and State subsistence regulations. It may be
10 appropriate to submit a proposal to the Board of Fisheries
11 to address this issue in State regulations. And in fact,
12 it's my understanding that an agenda change request has
13 been already submitted to the Board of Fisheries for this
14 upcoming year.

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16 The proposed regulation would allow
17 subsistence fishing with rod and reel seven days a week
18 similar to the State's sportfishing regulations, except
19 that subsistence fishermen would not be subject to the
20 harvest limit unless superseded by a separate special
21 action in-season. So the in-season manager could place
22 restrictions on this if it were adopted by the Federal
23 Board.

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25 If adopted, it is recommended that a system
26 be established to monitor the subsistence salmon harvest by
27 gear type similar to the harvest data collection methods
28 used in the Kuskokwim River area. This would help assess
29 any potential concerns, especially if salmon harvested by
30 rod and reel become large enough to adversely impact small
31 discreet stocks in tributary streams.

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33 The Staff recommendation is to support the
34 proposal with the modification to include all Federal
35 waters in the Yukon River drainage not just the
36 tributaries, so the recommendation is for all Federal
37 waters in the Yukon River drainage not just the tributaries
38 mainly to make it easier for everybody to understand and
39 less complicated in the regulations.

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41 That's all I have. I'd be happy to try to
42 answer any questions, Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Jerry, I do have a
45 couple questions for myself on behalf of elders in the
46 Lower Yukon. If we do adopt this rod and reel in the Lower
47 Yukon, do we have to get the license for them to use a rod
48 and reel? And also on the other hand, in the Lower Yukon,
49 it said rod and reel is traditional -- it's not
50 traditional. Traditional in Lower Yukon is setnet, net.

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1 We have been lately, when the salmon is low is switch over
2 to four inch. When the four inch switchover, they get
3 whitefish, pike and others. Some of the elders they like
4 that because they don't agree with the rod and reel. They
5 feel that when you have a rod and reel then sometimes they
6 tear up the fish when it's having a -- it's going -- they
7 don't like to see fish -- play with the fish, that's what
8 they say.

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10 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There would
11 be no requirement for a license to use a rod and reel.
12 Under Federal regulations, you do not need a license and if
13 this were adopted, you would not need a license to harvest
14 salmon using rod and reel, it would merely open up the use
15 of rod and reel 24 hours a day, seven days a week in
16 Federal waters.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Other question is,
19 this will bring in some sportfishermens down to Lower Yukon
20 because there's no sportfishing down there in the summer
21 time and they don't want no sportfishermen down in the
22 Lower Yukon.

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24 MR. BERG: Yes, if adopted, this proposal
25 would only apply to rural residents of the Yukon area. So
26 it would not apply to people outside of the Yukon area. So
27 only people with C&T in the Yukon area would be eligible
28 under this regulation. So you would not have anybody using
29 these regulations to sportfish in your area unless they're
30 from that area and they chose to go out and use rod and
31 reel, they could do that for subsistence purposes.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Thompson.

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35 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you. Could you hear
36 me?

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38 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)

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40 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Since I used to work
41 with the Department of Fish and Game early studies, we do
42 everything we can, we even big seine, purse seine,
43 fishwheel, setnet, drift, but we do not use hook because
44 Yukon isn't qualified for hooking. It's mess up with the
45 silt. So if we do say yes this will be the opening of this
46 argument again. And sooner or later -- I think it's better
47 off to leave the rod and reel right in the Yukon from Y1,
48 2 and 3.

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50 I don't mind about side streams. I think

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1 we have enough problem with six inch net mesh -- I mean
2 four inch and it's better than rod and reel because the way
3 it's working right now if we have three hours of fishing,
4 what would we do with a hook, even though it has happened
5 already, even subsistence -- so thank you.

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7 MR. ANDREW: From what I know of a little
8 bit about down river is I don't think it's fit for rod and
9 reel down river because everywhere you go the water is
10 dirty down there. They don't have clear water like we have
11 up river.

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13 So thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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17 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.
18 Well, to tell you the truth, on the lower part of the Yukon
19 in 1958 there was two expert sportfishermen that came from
20 Seattle -- one from Seattle and one from Portland down on
21 the lower part below Mountain, they were going to show the
22 Natives how to rod and reel. And well they showed us how
23 to fall in the river, yeah.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 MR. HANSON: Their rod and reels were lost.
28 But when they got out they tried rod and reeling, never
29 caught one fish with all the kings and chums going through.
30 So I don't think this rod and reel would do any good down
31 on the lower part -- probably starting from -- well,
32 Marshall has clear streams, we don't, Pilot has clear
33 streams but you got to go way in, St. Mary's they have
34 clear streams but you don't catch on rod and reel at the --
35 close to the mouth of the Andrafsky, you have to be way up
36 inside.

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38 So if this proposal is a statewide -- is it
39 a statewide or just in certain areas?

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41 MR. BERG: It's just the Yukon River
42 drainage. It's only the Yukon River drainage and it would
43 only apply to the closed periods. Rod and reel gear is
44 already allowed in the Yukon River drainage, this would
45 just expand the use of rod and reel during the closed times
46 so you could harvest fish any time using rod and reel.
47 It's already allowed during the regular open periods for
48 salmon fishing. This would only open it up during the
49 closed periods as well.

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1 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thanks. Well, I don't
2 know. I've heard a lot of elders talk about rod and reel.
3 If they go out they just jig for the fish, not with rod and
4 reel because they can use black fish for bait and whatever
5 fish that comes and bites that black fish in the hook, but
6 salmon don't bite the black fish bait so even with just
7 jigging you don't catch salmon. So I don't know if that's
8 going to be suitable for people probably starting below
9 Mountain, so I don't know.

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11 I think that what the board of Fish for the
12 subsistence user is when the salmon runs are so low they
13 just switch the mesh gear to four inch or three and a half
14 or whatever it is. I think that would probably be the best
15 way to do.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, you know, this was
18 only for hunting one time, rod and reel, you could go out
19 moose hunting and you could use rod and reel to get one
20 fish. I remember that one of the family -- not family, man
21 and his son in Twelvemile, quite a while ago. They were
22 trying to get one pike for supper. And Fish and Game came
23 in and they take away their rod and reel and there was a
24 little boy over here, that little boy was so scared, his
25 daddy have to take him all the way to another 200 some mile
26 down, down river. For this reason we have to make sure
27 that something like that couldn't happen again. Just try
28 to get one pike because they got no net.

29
30 Yeah, we understand they not going to be
31 using for enforcement but the people out there, they have
32 to understand. Our elders have to understand because they
33 never have this kind of experience before. Our children
34 do.

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36 (In Yup'ik)

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38 MR. McCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bill, go ahead. I'll take
41 you later -- next.

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43 MR. McCANN: I think like every time they
44 go hunting they happen to have a rod and reel, it's handy
45 to take it up with one hook. They take that along with
46 them just to get one fish to eat.

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48 And you see -- and I think you seen some
49 down here -- even down here, they use rod and reel just
50 because it's deep down there and it's far away, they can't

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1 even -- how to use that little hook they got. So they use
2 that. And the one time I hear something about this is not
3 -- this is going to be not restricted by Fish and Game
4 because it's subsistence use, you don't have to have a
5 license to use that here in Bethel. They hooking like pike
6 -- less to catch. Like but sometimes when a proposal comes
7 up to the law, approved by the law and Fish and Game has to
8 support that, force that the way the law says, sometimes it
9 hurts the people, subsistence people because what the
10 subsistence -- because Fish and Wildlife is not made that
11 -- somebody else made it but they have to force it because
12 that's their job.

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14 Sometimes it hurts the people by forcing.
15 Just like that -- what -- something about the boy was
16 scared because his dad is taken away, something like that.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: He said he had to bring
19 him back to the.....

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21 MR. McCANN: Yeah, that's kind of bum. So
22 we have to watch these proposals that we approve, go the
23 other way around -- we're backwards sometimes, they're hard
24 on us sometimes, so we have to watch them -- what's the
25 exactly proposal say. Sometimes you go the other way,
26 forcing the people for something -- forcement comes around
27 and they have to use that law, what they force, to follow
28 that, they can't fix it, they have to follow it. That's
29 the reason why we have to watch what we're doing.

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31 (In Yup'ik)

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33 INTERPRETER: When the laws and proposals
34 become a law and reality -- when the law becomes a law
35 those who work on them and we have to abide by those rules
36 and regulations and those hurt the people. So those of you
37 -- those of them that are on the advisory council they have
38 to approve sometimes -- sometimes they approve them so yes
39 they do blame the Fish and Game because that's their
40 responsibility. How we argue about them doesn't usually
41 matter so long as they become a reality and become law.

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

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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47 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I think this
48 would be a lot of help for those of us people that don't
49 want to get a whole bunch of fish except to go out and get
50 one for dinner, you know, we don't need a whole bunch. And

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1 I think it would benefit those people that are like I am,
2 when I don't want to fish I want to go out and get one or
3 two, just enough for dinner. Being a big boy, I need at
4 least two.

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(Laughter)

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8 MR. L. WILDE: But I think it would benefit
9 the subsistence users who don't want to go out there and
10 using the four inch to get -- because you don't really --
11 sometime you really don't want the pike and the whitefish
12 and all that other fish that are caught in those small mesh
13 nets, all you want is a salmon. And I think in that case
14 that this proposal would be of some help to those of us
15 that don't want to go through the trouble of getting all
16 the other fish.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Johnny
19 Thompson.

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21 MR. THOMPSON: The reason why I mentioned
22 those gears that were available at that time when they make
23 the studies and I told our boss we don't seine around here,
24 no, you have to do it it's in the record, you got to do it.
25 So the reason why I saw rod and reel was not there.
26 Jigging is another one, the jigging is okay, who is in
27 danger of hunger. But we -- rod and reel that will be the
28 beginning of the fight.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If it's not anymore for
31 your question -- John.

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33 MR. HANSON: Yeah, thank you Mr. Chairman.
34 I was just going through this and it came to my mind one of
35 the guys asked you if it would -- they would need a permit
36 for this rod and reel and you told them no. Well, maybe
37 now, yeah. Maybe it will be no now, but, let's say one or
38 two years after I'm sure it's going to come into a permit
39 system. Everything that even the Department does the first
40 year it doesn't do or the second year, the third year it
41 gets into something else. So even if you say that we will
42 not need permit with rod and reel for subsistence, one or
43 two years later it's going to get into a permit system.
44 Like anything else that has been done before, I've seen it,
45 I've watched it, it's going to go into a permit system.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, when you speak
48 direct to the mike here. You try to speak right in the
49 middle of that thing, not over there, put it over there and
50 talk another way because we're having a hard time catching

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1 it over there.

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3 If there is no more question for Jerry,
4 let's hear from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game,
5 they have a comment. We try to follow the procedure --
6 we'll get to you later.

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8 MR. VANIA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My
9 name is Tom Vania with the Alaska Department of Fish and
10 Game. Our comments are provided on Page 79 of your book.

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12 The Department is neutral on this proposal
13 at this time but we do note the concern that it would cause
14 of further diversions between State and Federal
15 regulations. Currently, the only area that is allowed rod
16 and reel gear for subsistence use under State regulations
17 is just the AVCP region. It doesn't apply to all the
18 waters such as the Federal waters do. So currently right
19 now, with the State rod and reel is only used for
20 subsistence in the AVCP region. This proposal would also
21 diverge further in that with the State, currently you can
22 use the rod and reel gear only during those subsistence
23 periods. You can't use it seven days a week.

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25 When we wrote these comments at the time
26 the Board of Fish and not received any ACRs in regards to
27 this proposal but since then there has been an agenda
28 change request submitted the board by AVCP to address this
29 same issue, to allow rod and reel gear for seven days a week
30 instead of just during those subsistence fishing periods.
31 So it would align it, if that ACR gets accepted, that will
32 be in the October work session here next week.

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34 The Department also has not received any
35 comments from the lower river fisheries, Lower Yukon River
36 fishers about changing this regulation. Currently all the
37 subsistence fishing in the lower river is separated from
38 commercial fishing periods in order to prevent subsistence
39 fish from entering the commercial market and if the
40 proposal is adopted, the Department would recommend that
41 this fishery be monitored by the appropriate Federal
42 agency.

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44 That's all I have. Thank you, Mr.
45 Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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49 MR. McCANN: Yeah, if I understood you
50 right. Is that rod and reel can be used by subsistence use

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1 also, like without license in both rivers here, not for
2 sports but for subsistence, that could be used for
3 subsistence without license, any time?

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5 MR. VANIA: Mr. Chairman. Mr. McCann,
6 under State regulations they can use rod and reel gear in
7 the AVCP region on the Yukon River which is from Paimuit
8 down to the mouth of the Yukon and that's only during those
9 subsistence fishing periods which on the Yukon, in that
10 area, is two 36 hour periods a week but they could use rod
11 and reel during those subsistence periods without a
12 sportfishing license.

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14 MR. McCANN: Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me ask other agencies,
17 Federal agencies. Do we have a Federal agency here?

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19 MR. GREENE: AVCP.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I know you are AVCP
22 -- yeah, go ahead and you could come up here if there's no
23 Federal here.

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25 MR. GREENE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My
26 name is Ben Greene with AVCP and I just thought I would
27 provide a little bit of the background as I understand it
28 on this proposal.

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30 There is concern within AVCP when they have
31 noticed as was the case this last season, when subsistence
32 fishing was regulated -- was tightly controlled and often
33 closed, that despite closures to subsistence they would
34 notice that sport fishers were allowed to fish 24 hours a
35 day seven days a week and this angered a lot of the local
36 users. They couldn't understand why their subsistence use
37 of the resource was restricted and yet sportfishers seemed
38 to have a green light that never even turned to yellow.
39 Hence, this proposal would even out that inequity and it
40 would at least place subsistence fishermen on an equal par
41 with the sportsfishermen during times when subsistence was
42 shut down, at least they could go out with a rod and reel
43 just like the sportsfishermen could go out with a rod and
44 reel.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Thompson.

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50 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, I have something that

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1 could be done and I will suggest before we even accept this
2 proposal. I would much rather see there is Federal and
3 State at the mouth of the Yukon and I would much rather see
4 those two agencies try the rod and reel first then -- then
5 we will see what happens.

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7 The reason why I brought this up because
8 even State didn't put in money to study the rod and reel
9 but other -- they did and recommend and we had to use what
10 is recorded, like seine, even though I say -- because I've
11 been in the Yukon for many years and I never see anybody
12 seine or purse in the Yukon River so that I would suggest
13 and then we could make something -- something valuable over
14 here if we try to work with the Alaska Department of Fish
15 and Game and Federal Fish and Game.

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17 Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, John.
20 Other.....

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22 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman, on the Yukon
23 River drainage, where does that start from or is that way
24 up on the -- by the Canadian Border are you talking about,
25 is there a specific, you know, location where it starts
26 from, the Yukon River drainage? And if it affects the
27 other areas up river on the Yukon, we haven't heard any
28 kind of recommendations from them.

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30 MR. BERG: Yes, Mr. Chair. Mr. Tikiun,
31 yeah, there are maps at the -- the first couple of pages
32 under Tab C and also the colored maps that should be at
33 each one of your place settings probably show you a better
34 description of the Federal waters within the Yukon
35 drainage. And basically this proposal would be in effect
36 in all Federal waters within the Yukon drainage. So
37 basically all of the colored areas you see along the --
38 where the Yukon River flows through those colored areas on
39 your map is where this proposal would be in effect. So the
40 lower river is encompassed by the Yukon-Delta National
41 Wildlife Refuge so all waters in the Yukon River drainage
42 within the Refuge would be included and then, of course, as
43 you go up the river it goes through various refuges and so
44 it's a little bit of a patchwork as you move up the river.
45 But it would include all Federal waters along the Yukon
46 River drainage.

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48 MR. TIKIUN: Okay, the other one is, the
49 other Regional Councils haven't been approached on this one
50 here yet, this proposal or -- since they've got no

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1 comments, you know, since it's also going to affect them.

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3 MR. BERG: Right. The only other Councils
4 that this proposal was presented to was the Western and
5 Eastern Interior Regional Councils and they addressed this
6 proposal just two days ago in Fairbanks. And they adopted
7 the proposal as recommended by Staff, both Councils adopted
8 the proposal as recommended by Staff.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other agencies. Comment
11 from other agencies. If no other agencies, Fish and Game
12 local advisory committee. James.

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14 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No
15 comment.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No comment. Summary of
18 written public comments, Alex Nick?

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20 MR. A. NICK: No written comments.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Public comments on
23 Regional Proposal, public comments on rod and reel.
24 Notti.

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26 Say your name and who you represent.

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28 MR. NOTTI: My name is Dario Notti and I
29 work for AVCP in their Natural Resources Department. I'm
30 not the main Staff person on this proposal but they're
31 involved in the convention right now so I'll try to
32 represent their thoughts here.

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34 This isn't 'meant necessarily for fishing
35 on the main river and it's not meant as the main source of
36 subsistence fish but more as an equalizer and when you're
37 limited to two 36 hour periods or three days a week or
38 whatever other schemes get put in for use of nets, then
39 this is an option if you're in a place that's appropriate
40 for rod and reel fishing clear -- you know, if your fish
41 camp is on a clear stream or if you're up moose hunting in
42 clear water where rod and reel works, then it gives you
43 another option without having to get a sportsfishing
44 license. It's meant for those times when you want to catch
45 one or two fish for lunch, for dinner. And to fill in
46 between your two 36 hour periods or while you're out
47 looking for a moose.

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49 And it puts you on an even -- at least an
50 even playing field with sports fishermen. It unfortunately

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1 doesn't give you a priority over them but at least it gives
2 subsistence people the option to at least be on a level
3 playing field instead of sitting on the bank watching the
4 sportsfishermen fish.

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6 And I believe that's all I have to say.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Any
9 other public.
10 If is not now we're going to Regional Advisory Council
11 deliberation, recommendation, justification and we're ready
12 for action.

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14 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: The people of the Yukon, the
17 elders of the lower Yukon River they know the rules, also
18 the Kuskokwim people, also they know how they can
19 subsistence from their own river. That's their system,
20 they've been doing this for years. And some don't agree
21 with this type of fishery.

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23 And also just recently he has been sitting
24 down with the advisory committee recently and sitting down
25 with the members of the advisory council from the Kuskokwim
26 and Yukon and from the direction of that region of that
27 area, sometimes the actions are taken without the consent
28 of some of the people that are in the villages and now he's
29 heard the people from the Yukon and Kuskokwim, the people
30 of this region who know their areas -- when the people of
31 the region are not consulted with this type of a proposal
32 that are drafted by the Staff, sometimes people are -- feel
33 bad about such proposals of this nature.

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35 Without the consultation of the people of
36 the communities people of the region when such a proposal
37 is drafted -- when people comment in opposition to such an
38 action, they say that it's already in the writings and it's
39 already in the books that it has to be followed. The
40 people of the Yukon and Kuskokwim people know how best to
41 obtain their subsistence way of life and the resources and
42 the users of subsistence resources.

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44 People of these regions -- or those rivers,
45 they say they always have an opposition voice for such
46 proposal as this. The methods that are used from way back
47 in history, they know and live with that kind of a system
48 and sometimes when new things come are really opposed by
49 those people that don't know anything about this system of
50 fish. Because he knows, he has sat down and he's heard

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1 their comments relating to their lifestyle in both rivers.
2 And sometimes he tries to put in his 15 cents worth.

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4 Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Phillip. Other
7 Regional Councils. James.

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9 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
10 have not seen or heard problems on Kuskokwim side for rod
11 and reel subsistence fishing. I, myself, cannot catch any
12 like Johnny Thompson at Tuntutuliak or down below, you
13 can't catch salmon on rod and reel but when I go hunting I
14 bring rod and reel up to Eight river or these other rivers
15 up this way into up river and when I want fresh fish I use
16 my rod and reel to catch dinner and that has worked.

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18 And like Dario said a while ago, if it
19 works out over here on Kuskokwim because if you carry a
20 whole net in the boat it takes up the room and rod and reel
21 is easy for me. So -- and I have not heard problems on
22 Kuskokwim since we got this regulation passed on Kuskokwim.

23

24 Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, James.
27 Regional Advisory Council comments. If it's not, we're
28 ready for recommendation and action. Maybe you didn't
29 understand what I'm saying.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We are ready for make a
34 motion from the Advisory Council.

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36 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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40 MR. TIKIUN: I make a proposal that we go
41 ahead and accept Proposal FP003-02.....

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Your mike.

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45 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make
46 a proposal that we -- or make a motion that we accept
47 Proposal F2003-02.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, since the
50 motion came from Kuskokwim, Yukon will second it.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I didn't quite understand
4 what motion you making.

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6 MR. TIKIUN: Okay. To accept.....

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Support.

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10 MR. TIKIUN: Yeah, support, accept.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
13 floor to accept Proposal 02, allow subsistence taking with
14 rod and reel in Yukon River. Discussion.

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16 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman, on that
17 proposal, I'd like to make it as written.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: As written -- approve as
20 written.

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22 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called
29 for, request for roll call.

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31 MR. TIKIUN: Harry Wilde.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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35 MR. TIKIUN: John Hanson.

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37 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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39 MR. TIKIUN: Nick Andrew.

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41 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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43 MR. TIKIUN: Billy McCann.

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45 MR. McCANN: Abstain.

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47 MR. TIKIUN: Abstain?

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49 MR. McCANN: (Nods affirmatively)

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1 MR. TIKIUN: James Charles.

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3 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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5 MR. TIKIUN: Moses Phillip -- or Phillip

6 Moses.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Phillip, (In Yup'ik).

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10 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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12 MR. TIKIUN: Lester Wilde.

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14 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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16 MR. TIKIUN: Johnny Thompson.

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18 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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20 MR. TIKIUN: And Thad Tikiun, yes. Eight

21 yes and one abstain. Motion passes.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion pass to allow
24 subsistence taking with rod and reel in the Yukon River.

25 Next on our proposal, we're very close -- we usually go

26 faster than this. Because of listen to our elders, we do

27 respect our elders. I think it's -- one of them, they told

28 me, Harry you are elder but I am more elder than you.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We have to start
33 protecting ourselves from the law enforcement and others.

34 I understand that. When you work on a proposal, make sure

35 that everyone understands so we won't have too much problem

36 with proposal.

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38 Next proposal is F2003-3, remove
39 restriction on rod and reel using Kuskokwim River. Go
40 ahead, Jerry.

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42 MR. BERG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You'll
43 find this proposal on Page 81, Tab C, just following the
44 previous proposal.

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46 Fishery Proposal 03 was submitted by the
47 Office of Subsistence Management. It requests the use of
48 rod and reel to harvest salmon for subsistence before,
49 during and after commercial periods in District 2 and in
50 tributaries that flow into the Kuskokwim River within that

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1 district.

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3 Currently Federal regulations are more
4 restrictive than State regulations. This proposed
5 regulation would expand subsistence opportunities in
6 Federal regulations and it would align with the current
7 State regulations. Federal jurisdiction in District 2
8 within the Kuskokwim River extends from the lower boundary
9 which is just down stream of Kalskag to just up stream of
10 the confluence with the Aniak River and is about 42 miles
11 of the Kuskokwim River within the boundary of the Yukon
12 Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

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14 Subsistence salmon fishing had been
15 restricted before, during and after commercial openings in
16 District 2 by State regulations since 1988. That's when
17 the restrictions first went into place. These restrictions
18 also extended to the tributaries within District 2. Only
19 in District 2 were all the tributaries in that district
20 closed to subsistence salmon fishing by all gear types
21 surrounding the commercial openings. In other districts,
22 1, 4 and 5 within the Kuskokwim area, net and fishwheel
23 fishing in the tributaries within these districts was not
24 affected by subsistence closures because tributaries are
25 not specifically identified for subsistence closures during
26 commercial openings. So it was only District 2 that the
27 tributaries were specifically defined which is why we're
28 addressing this today.

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30 These regulations were then adopted into
31 the Federal Subsistence regulations in October of '99 when
32 we took over fisheries or we included fisheries in the
33 Federal program. In the spring of 2000, the Alaska Board
34 of Fisheries approved a regulation to include rod and reel
35 as legal subsistence gear in the lower and middle Kuskokwim
36 areas, including all of District 2 and its tributaries.
37 Then in the spring of 2001, ADF&G Staff realized that
38 because rod and reel gear had been added to the list of
39 legal subsistence gear in the middle Kuskokwim area, the
40 State regulations would need to be modified to make the
41 time and gear restrictions around commercial fishings more
42 consistent across all districts. So in the spring of 2001,
43 the Board of Fisheries made an administrative change that
44 maintained restrictions in net and fishwheel gear around
45 commercial periods in District 2 including the tributaries
46 but allowed subsistence fishing with rod and reel gear.
47 This regulation, State regulation took effect in July of
48 2001. So it's been in effect almost a year and a half now.

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50 As you know, the Kuskokwim River chinook

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1 and chum salmon have been identified as stocks of concern
2 and are being managed according to the Kuskokwim River
3 salmon management rebuilding plan which establishes a
4 subsistence fishing schedule. The intent of the schedule
5 is to provide closed periods during which salmon can pass
6 with reduced fishing pressure to spread subsistence fishing
7 opportunity throughout the drainage and to improve
8 escapement. As outlined in the Federal/State interim
9 memorandum of agreement, the Federal Board has agreed to
10 use State management plans as the basis for any management
11 actions so long as they provide for subsistence priorities
12 under Federal and State law. So as such, the Federal
13 Subsistence Board has basically agreed to the terms of the
14 Kuskokwim River salmon management rebuilding plan.
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16 As far as subsistence harvest, in District
17 2, the Kuskokwim subsistence salmon harvest in District 2
18 are primarily reported by the residents of the four
19 villages of lower and upper Kalskag, Aniak and Chuathbaluk.
20 The average annual subsistence salmon harvest over the last
21 10 years has been almost 24,000 fish. The number of salmon
22 reported harvested by rod and reel for the -- by these four
23 villages has been approximately 390 fish in 2000 and 724
24 salmon in 2001 and I guess the rod and reel gear has only
25 been -- that harvest level has only been collected the last
26 two years, 2000 and 2001. So that's approximately two to
27 three and a half percent of the overall salmon harvest by
28 these four villages.
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30 Kuskokwim River residents have
31 traditionally harvested salmon using rod and reel, however,
32 the vast majority of salmon harvested in the middle
33 Kuskokwim area are harvested using drift and gillnets.
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35 If adopted this proposal would benefit
36 subsistence fishermen who want to use a rod and reel to
37 harvest fresh salmon. This regulatory change would align
38 Federal regulations with existing State regulations and
39 would help reduce potential confusion in the regulations.
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41 So the preliminary Staff recommendation is
42 to support the proposal.
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44 And I'd be happy to answer any questions,
45 Mr. Chairman.
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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Council, do you have a
48 question for Jerry Berg. Alaska Department of Fish and
49 Game comment.
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1 MR. CAMPBELL: Mr. Chairman, Council
2 members. Again, my name is Rod Campbell, Alaska Department
3 of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries. Fish
4 and Game comments are under Tab C, Page 87 of your booklet.
5 The Department does support this proposal.

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7 As Jerry pointed out in his report, this
8 proposal seeks to align both State and Federal regulations.
9 It would make those regulations much clearer to the public.

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11 That's all we have, sir, thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Questions for Alaska
14 Department of Fish and Game. If not, thank you. Other
15 agencies, organizations comment. We do have Frank Charles.
16 Frank Charles is one of the organizations, we will give you
17 this opportunity at this time.

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19 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
20 members of the Council. My name is Frank Charles, I'm a
21 resident of Bethel. I'm also the co-Chair of the Kuskokwim
22 River salmon management working group. And by the way like
23 you were considering a name or at least I am because I'm
24 tired of speaking that mouthful, I'd like something
25 shorter. I also Chair the working group along with Mr.
26 Wayne Morgan, whom I think all of you may know. He is the
27 natural resources director for the Kuskokwim Native
28 Association. And he and I have a very good working
29 relationship.

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31 As a result this last season, when the
32 proposal was presented to us as a working group, we
33 unanimously supported it and believe that it would be very
34 appropriate for this Council to approve it and for the
35 recommendation to your Federal Subsistence Board. We heard
36 a great deal of comment from the public, much as you heard
37 on the Yukon regarding the proposal you just passed. In
38 terms of working relationship with the folks up river we're
39 in support of it all up and down the river because they
40 should be afforded the same opportunity we have down here.

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42 And all in all, the proposal makes a great
43 deal of sense in terms of aligning regulations across these
44 two different governing groups.

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46 As a side note we heard, when it was
47 reported to us from the Department of Fish and Game, that
48 the Federal regulations should come into compliance with
49 State regulations. We thought it was kind of funny but all
50 in all we, because of the fact that it makes good sense we

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1 supported it unanimously.

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3 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Council, do you have a
6 question for Charles -- Mr. Charles. Thank you. Other
7 agencies, organizations.

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9 MR. CANNON: Yes, Mr. Chairman, members of
10 the Council. My name is Dave Cannon. I'm the new
11 fisheries biologist for KNA within the Partners Program up
12 there.

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14 I would just like to add that in the Aniak
15 area, in particular, the local people do use a rod and reel
16 quite extensively because the mouth of the river is right
17 there in Aniak and it is clear water much of the year and
18 rod and reel is an effective tool for harvesting salmon in
19 that area.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Other
22 organizations -- Mr. Notti, I give you this opportunity at
23 this time.

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25 MR. NOTTI: My name is Dario Notti. And
26 this time I'm speaking as former resident of Aniak. I
27 lived a good part of my childhood in District 2 and have
28 many friends and relatives that still live there and I just
29 wanted to voice my support for it.

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31 Those times when subsistence net fishing or
32 fishwheels are closed, it's a good option for harvest of
33 small amount of fresh fish for the table and also it puts
34 those subsistence people on an equal table as
35 sportfishermen who are going up the Aniak seven days a
36 week, 24 hours a day.

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38 Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Any other
41 agencies, organizations. If it's not, we're going to
42 summary of written public comments, Alex Nick.

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44 MR. A. NICK: No written comments for this
45 proposal, Mr. Chairman.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. No written
48 comments. Public comments for Proposal 03. If none,
49 Regional Advisory Council deliberation and recommendation,
50 justification and action.

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1 (Pause)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I repeat again, we need
4 some action.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester Wilde.

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12 MR. L. WILDE: I move to adopt Proposal
13 F2003-03.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
16 floor to accept Proposal 23, is there any second.

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18 MR. CHARLES: I second the motion, Mr.
19 Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by James Charles.
22 Discussion.

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24 MR. TIKIUN: Question.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question has been called
27 for, request for roll call.

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29 MR. TIKIUN: Harry Wilde.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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33 MR. TIKIUN: John Hanson.

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35 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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37 MR. TIKIUN: Nick Andrew.

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39 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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41 MR. TIKIUN: Billy McCann.

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43 MR. McCANN: Yes.

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45 MR. TIKIUN: James Charles.

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47 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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49 MR. TIKIUN: Phillip Moses.

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1 MR. MOSES: Yeah.

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3 MR. TIKIUN: Lester Wilde.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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7 MR. TIKIUN: John Thompson.

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9 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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11 MR. TIKIUN: And Thad Tikiun, yes.

12 Unanimous vote, motion carried.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The Proposal 03 removing
15 a restriction on rod and reel using in Kuskokwim is
16 accepted by Advisory Councils.

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18 We want to thank you for working with us on
19 these proposals. Now at this time before we have five
20 minutes break, I'll call for proposals to change the
21 Federal Subsistence wildlife regulations, you'll find it
22 under Tab D.

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24 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Alex.

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28 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, on behalf of the
29 Regional Council I'd like to do this in Yup'ik and then if
30 you have questions, direct your questions to Mr. Pete
31 DeMatteo, he's the wildlife biologist.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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

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37 INTERPRETER: Tab D, Page 89. It's related
38 to regulations -- they're relating to the wildlife.

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40 (Laughter)

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

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44 INTERPRETER: He's going to repeat what he
45 said in English. These particular proposals relate to the
46 animals of our region in the Federal lands. This is aside
47 from the fish -- this only pertains to animals of our
48 region that is big game and wildlife, before October 18th,
49 2002 -- they have to get together, Federal Subsistence
50 Board meets -- when you go return to your own villages or

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1 you can call your homes and relate them to the people in
2 your villages and if they want to make proposals they can
3 call Alex Nick here in Bethel and they can be assisted by
4 Alex relating to the changes of the Federal Subsistence
5 wildlife. July 2003 to June 33 -- 30 will be in effect.
6 If they don't agree with those types of proposals, changes,
7 they can let Carl -- Alex Nick here in Bethel -- how these
8 animals can be harvested -- and you -- and your own
9 knowledge about subsistence -- customary -- along with
10 customary and traditional use.

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12 Any kind of animal -- animal resources of
13 the region, you can put in your proposals for changes. You
14 can do this -- you can review the Federal regulation books
15 and specify particular regulations and point out which
16 regulations apply to you -- propose changes, Page 91 in
17 your packets you could follow along on this and just fill
18 out a form. There's a form there that you can use.

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20 And also for those of you on the Regional
21 Council, you, yourself, can fill out as individuals.

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

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25 INTERPRETER: (No translation)

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

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29 INTERPRETER: And you can also call or
30 write to 3601 Suite 1030 Anchorage, Alaska 99503 or fax
31 your comments to (907) 786-3898, email to
32 subsistence@fishandwildlifeservice.government. Ask for
33 return receipt.

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35 If you have any questions, 1-800-478-1456.
36 It's also available at (907) 786-3595.

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

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40 INTERPRETER: I already mentioned that.
41 What we'll have is when the proposal is submitted, the
42 proposals will be published for public comment in November
43 and also you can make comment relating to November. Board
44 Staff will evaluate the biological and cultural
45 implications of each proposed regulation change. The
46 Regional Councils will meet in February and March to
47 develop recommendations on the proposals and to hear public
48 testimony.

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50 The Board will hold a public meeting in the

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1 spring to consider the proposals and new regulations will
2 take effect July 1, 2003.....

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4 (In Yup'ik)

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

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8 INTERPRETER: (No translation)

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10 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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12 MR. McCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy. Billy McCann.

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16 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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18 INTERPRETER: Relating to most -- most --
19 and there's not too many male moose around this region and
20 there are a lot of cows. If we review the condition -- are
21 you listening, how can we have them review the problem we
22 have here in the region? And it's been many, many years
23 that anyone has ever killed a cow moose.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bill, (In Yup'ik)

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27 INTERPRETER: When you speak, please
28 directly speak to your mike because the recorder here has
29 a problem of picking up on the recorder of what you are
30 commenting on.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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34 INTERPRETER: Without the use of your mike
35 directly it's hard to pick up on the recording system here.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So when you speak, again,
38 make sure that you try to hit this one because they
39 couldn't really go to that equipment over there where we're
40 talking over here.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead, Alex.

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48 MR. A. NICK: What Billy said in Yup'ik was
49 that he understand from moose hunters this year, they were
50 encountering -- the hunters were encountering problems out

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1 in the field and that's what Mr. McCann wanted to know, I
2 think. Rather, what he wanted to know was why they were
3 encountering problems harvesting moose up river.

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5 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: (In Yup'ik)

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MR. McCANN: We've been hunting for bull
12 moose every year for quite awhile, quite awhile back and
13 the hunters see that there's hardly any bull moose
14 nowadays, not like used to. They said that -- one of the
15 guys told me there's a lot of cows, even the cows, the
16 hunters go see them standing around not scared of the
17 people, too many cows. So we should look into that, how
18 much -- you guys should look into that, how much cows we
19 got and look into that check into that.

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21 Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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25 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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29 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. McCann, if I may ask --
30 oh, he's on the phone -- I'll get with Mr. McCann later.

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32 (Pause)

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other questions.

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36 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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40 MR. A. NICK: I just want to make one
41 correction on what I mentioned earlier, that the YK
42 booklet, the deadline to submit proposal is October 18 but
43 the wildlife regulations, Mr. DeMatteo pointed out to me
44 says that the proposals will need to be sent by October
45 25th, I'd like to make that correction.

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47 (In Yup'ik)

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49 INTERPRETER: October 25 is the deadline,
50 not October 18.

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1 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other problems towards
4 wildlife regulations.

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6 MR. ANDREW: Thank you. (In Yup'ik)

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8 INTERPRETER: Relating to the moose, he
9 always have it in his mind, August 20 when they used to
10 have an opening, it used to be good, August -- started from
11 August 20. And since the change has been made to later on
12 in the year moose -- the taste changes in the meat so the
13 subsistence users are sometimes they just open any time
14 they want to because if they don't know how good the meat
15 is in the earlier time of the year. So those who make use
16 of these animals know the quality and taste of animal meat.

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18 For this reason he knows that when the
19 later opening -- long time ago when they used to fish in
20 the fall time the opening became later on in the season and
21 ever since they became into regulations -- whatever they do
22 -- no matter what they do they cannot make the change right
23 until the scheduling is available.

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25 So when you make such proposal changes and
26 you have to know exactly how well the meat is for those
27 uses.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. John Hanson.

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31 MR. HANSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
32 wish Mike Savage was here. I think he would have told this
33 better. I got a -- I had a call before I came up here to
34 Bethel from Lower Kalskag, Mr. Morgan called me and wanted
35 me to bring this topic up when we have the wildlife
36 proposal talks.

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38 He said the hunt that they open in the
39 winter, I guess around Kalskag or Aniak, they don't like it
40 because the moose are so skinny by then. I guess they open
41 when, in January, or February?

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43 MR. DeMATTEO: One second and I'll look
44 that up.

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46 (Pause)

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48 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair, that date is
49 January 1st through the 10th and then there's also a
50 February 10 day season.

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1 MR. HANSON: Yeah, that's the one he was
2 referring to, the winter season 10 days hunting seasons.
3 He said it would be better if it was later in the fall.
4 But the bulls, I'm pretty sure are skinny like down on the
5 Yukon in the fall, they're skinnier than winter.

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7 But that's all I can say because he didn't
8 talk much about it. I was hoping Mike Savage would be here
9 but he's not.

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11 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair. Mr. Hanson, the
12 gentleman you're referring to, I'm not sure if he's aware
13 that he also has an opportunity to hunt moose November 20th
14 through November 30th, in addition to the early fall
15 season. Our office, through Alex, could probably work with
16 this gentleman and maybe explain these seasons to him a
17 little bit better to help him with his needs maybe.

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19 MR. HANSON: Yeah, I guess he's not aware
20 of that, November -- November what?

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22 MR. DeMATTEO: November 20 through November
23 30.

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25 MR. HANSON: November 10th through the
26 30th?

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28 MR. DeMATTEO: November 20 through 30.

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30 MR. HANSON: Oh, November 20.

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32 MR. DeMATTEO: And this is in Unit 19.

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34 MR. HANSON: Yeah, maybe he's not aware of
35 it because he mentioned winter hunt which was after
36 Christmas. So if he does call me again I'll tell him about
37 the November 20 to the 30.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions of
40 Council. If is not, I think some of us we would like to
41 see some.....

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43 MR. L. WILDE: Your mike.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh?

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47 MR. L. WILDE: Turn on your mike.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think for some of us, we
4 would like to have some moire proposal forms in our
5 villages. Like we need some proposals for fisheries and
6 for wildlife in tribal offices. Sometime that -- people
7 that handling the licenses, they never carry these
8 proposals. It would be good -- some of these proposals go
9 to tribals in the villages because tribals, they usually
10 help the people out in English and Yup'ik translation and
11 give them a chance to have a written proposals that they
12 need.

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14 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair. Our office can
15 certainly accommodate those needs in the villages and work
16 with the tribal council offices to make sure that they have
17 an adequate number of blank proposal forms for wildlife and
18 fisheries. That's something we can work with through Alex.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Moses.

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22 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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24 INTERPRETER: The male moose are getting
25 less and less every year. And there are a lot of cow moose
26 that are really big in proportion, there's a lot of -- and
27 they are -- the cow moose are also delicate -- or edible,
28 really good edible meat and we really big cow moose. When
29 they're not impregnated, they could be harvested, limited
30 harvest.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mike. I'm
33 sorry, I never been a moose before so I cannot answer your
34 question.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Maybe at this time we
39 should have minutes break. And we got to speed up here,
40 we're very, very slow. But we'll speed up after this. At
41 this time we'll have five minutes break.

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43 (Off record)

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45 (On record)

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, we'll start again.
48 Number 10, fisheries resource monitoring program -- okay,
49 wait, excuse me, yeah, go ahead.

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1 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair. If it's all
2 right with the Council at this time we still have the order
3 of business to finish up and that is the call for wildlife
4 proposals and there's just one potential proposal that I'd
5 like to make the Council aware of, if that's okay.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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9 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair. Members of the
10 Council. I'm Pete DeMatteo. I'm with the Office of
11 Subsistence Management in Anchorage. I'm the regional
12 wildlife biologist for this region and also the Interior.

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14 In your meeting you held in Nunapitchuk a
15 couple of years ago, the Council requested that Staff
16 monitor Alaska Board of Game changes and see how those
17 changes affect Federal wildlife regulations. In keeping
18 with your ongoing request, I have one Alaska Board of Game
19 change that was made last March that potentially affects
20 Federal wildlife regulations and that is for Unit 18 moose,
21 the Alaska Board of Game passed that south of the Yukon
22 River, they require that meat be left on the bone prior to
23 October 1st. The question is this is not in Federal
24 regulations. The reason why I bring these before you
25 because at your meeting that you held, your last meeting in
26 the wintertime, you requested that we put a proposal in or
27 that the Board do the same thing for caribou in Unit 18.

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29 The reason why I mentioned it, this follows
30 the same sort of conservation concerns that you mentioned
31 in your last meeting so I thought I'd mention this to you.
32 The requirement for meat to stay on the bone for moose is
33 not in Federal regulations at this time.

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35 So you have the option to leave it as it is
36 or submit a proposal to request the Federal Subsistence
37 Board to adopt a regulation with that requirement.

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39 Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I can't answer you myself,
42 it's up to the Council how you want to handle it.

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44 (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: Do you understand what he
47 said?

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So what is your desire in
50 your mind to do what is requested.

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1 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Alex.

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

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7 INTERPRETER: He's doing it again, asking.
8 When they had a meeting in Nunapitchuk Pete DeMatteo stated
9 this under discussion and his discussion is regarding this
10 proposal and the State regulation and the Federal
11 regulation are not the same. It seems what is stated was
12 relating to moose before October, the meat -- but the
13 Federal regulations is not in the Federal regulations. And
14 last year Regional -- relating to caribou in Unit 18, they
15 recommend this way to make the regulation or be left alone
16 as is or it would be up to you how you want to approach
17 that.

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19 MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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21 INTERPRETER: How long do you want to leave
22 the meat alone and the subsistence users, they cut it all
23 up and tag it raise it along with the meat on all bones and
24 all -- so he doesn't quite understand why leave the meat
25 alone, for how long, what's the purpose for leaving the
26 meat alone.

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

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30 INTERPRETER: Pete, can you explain that.

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32 MR. A. NICK: Pete, maybe you could explain
33 what you're really getting into here because Council are
34 getting confused.

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36 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair. In the past
37 there's been concerns expressed by the Council that hunters
38 who harvest caribou and moose take the meat off the bone
39 and doing so it makes the meat more susceptible to spoilage
40 and wanton waste. And as a means to address this last year
41 you requested to the Federal Subsistence Board that a
42 requirement be made in the Federal regulations that hunters
43 who harvest caribou must leave the meat on the bone in Unit
44 18 and the Board adopted that.

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46 This year the State, Alaska Board of Game
47 made the same regulation for moose south of the Yukon. A
48 hunter harvests a moose must leave the meat on the bone,
49 okay. And the intent there is to reduce spoilage in the
50 long run. So you asked me to come to you with these

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1 changes that are made on the State side and then I'm
2 supposed to ask you would you like Staff to draft a
3 proposal in your name to submit to the Federal Subsistence
4 Board requesting that change.

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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: I was just thinking about
11 this before Alex was discussing this and I was going to see
12 if Staff would draft a proposal to that effect for
13 presentation at the next meeting or the next cycle,
14 whatever.

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16 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair. Mr. Wilde, Staff
17 would be more than happy to do that for you. Keeping with
18 the time line of the process we would have to submit that
19 within the next week and submit it in the Council's name
20 and over the winter Staff will write an analysis on that
21 proposal and we will bring that analysis back to you at the
22 next meeting in winter and you'll have a chance to discuss
23 it and make a reference to the Board on that.

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25 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Les.

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29 MR. L. WILDE: I'd like to move that Staff
30 be directed to draft a proposal concerning moose in the
31 subject that Mr. DeMatteo's discussing.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Second.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion and a
36 second. Discussion.

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38 MR. HANSON: Question.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called for.
41 I think it's (In Yup'ik) roll call or -- yeah, request for
42 roll call.

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44 MR. TIKIUN: Harry Wilde.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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48 MR. TIKIUN: John Hanson.

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50 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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1 MR. TIKIUN: Mary Gregory.
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3 MS. GREGORY: Oui.
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5 MR. TIKIUN: Nick Andrew.
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7 MR. ANDREW: Yes.
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9 MR. TIKIUN: Billy McCann.
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11 MR. McCANN: Yes.
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13 MR. TIKIUN: James Charles.
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15 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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17 MR. TIKIUN: Phillip Moses.
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19 MR. MOSES: Yeah.
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21 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Wilde.
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23 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.
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25 MR. TIKIUN: John Thompson.
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27 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.
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29 MR. TIKIUN: And Tad Tikiun is yes. It's
30 a unanimous vote.
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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Yeah, go
33 ahead, Pete.
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35 MR. DeMATTEO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For
36 clarification and also I'd like to state on the record what
37 that request would be. And basically the Council's
38 requesting that the Federal Board adopt a regulation for
39 moose in Unit 18, south of the Yukon River, if a moose is
40 harvested prior to October 1st, the meat must remain on the
41 bone of the front quarters and hind quarters until removed
42 from the field is processed from human consumption. Is
43 that correct?
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45 MR. L. WILDE: That's correct.
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47 MR. DeMATTEO: Okay. Then Staff will draft
48 that proposal and Alex will make sure that you get copies
49 of it.
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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: (No interpretation)

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Pete, let me ask you I
6 think something important concerning moose. Is there any
7 way to make monitoring camp down in the Lower Yukon below
8 Mountain Village when moose opens?

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10 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair, are you asking if
11 it's possible to monitor public use hunting camps?

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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15 MR. DeMATTEO: I'd have to get with the
16 Refuge on that. Being's I work in Anchorage I'm not
17 directly involved in that in a public use monitoring
18 program. If the Refuge manager or his assistant is here
19 this afternoon or tomorrow we can certainly get him to
20 address that.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) below Mountain
23 Village monitoring camp.

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25 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. Two years State
26 Advisory Committee (In Yup'ik).....

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28 INTERPRETER: State, when they had a
29 meeting in Emmonak -- when they had a meeting in Emmonak
30 and they like to -- they like to have it closed in the
31 winter time because they like to see the moose population
32 increase because the hunters have a lot more access to the
33 animals in the wintertime than they do in the summertime.

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35 Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You understand that, what
38 he's saying?

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40 MR. DeMATTEO: Not totally, Mr. Chair but
41 if you give me some time this afternoon I can get with the
42 Refuge manager and convey these concerns and I'm sure he'd
43 be more than happy to address these before you -- this
44 afternoon or tomorrow.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. This time before we
47 get into Fishery Resource Monitoring Program -- Les.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: I was going to wait until we
4 got done with Council review, regional issues and
5 information, but I suppose at this time I would like to --
6 we could do it right now. At this time I'd like to suspend
7 the rules since Russ Holder is going to be leaving tomorrow
8 morning, instead of putting him on Item XIII under G, that
9 we transfer him up to Item X in Space B -- C, Abc.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the
12 floor to suspend the rules to put Russ on the agenda.....

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14 MR. L. WILDE: Harry, your mike.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. There's a motion on
17 the floor to suspend the rules and put Russ on at this
18 time, is there a second.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Item C.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Item C.

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah. Abc.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Abc, yeah.

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28 MR. ANDREW: I second the motion.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Item XIII C. What is
31 desire of Council. Need to have a second. Dead motion.

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33 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman, I'll second that
34 motion.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The motion has been
39 seconded and request for discussion -- no discussion,
40 already discussed.

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42 MR. ANDREW: Question.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: All who favor say aye.

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46 IN UNISON: Aye.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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50 (No opposing votes)

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Russ.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Russ, you're on Item C after
4 we have the monitoring program A, B, and you're C -- on
5 Item X in your agenda where it says Fisheries Resource
6 Monitoring Program -- Russ is Item C not A -- A is still
7 to be.....

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: C, yeah, C, yeah.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 MR. L. WILDE: I know you want to leave in
14 a hurry.

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16 (Laughter)

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18 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Mr. Chairman, Council. My
19 name is Cliff Schleusner. I work for the Office of
20 Subsistence Management as a Staff fisheries biologist for
21 the Yukon. I'd like to draw your attention to some
22 materials I passed out earlier, one, being the Fisheries
23 Resource Monitoring Plan. It's the final plan for the
24 Yukon region and it summarizes the program from 2001 to
25 2002. This was provided to you for your information.

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27 I recommend that you review this project
28 because we will be giving you project updates on the
29 program in the winter/spring 2003 meeting. We'll be
30 requesting that you have input on the projects that you
31 would like to have brought before you with presentation or
32 investigators that you'd like to have speak on topics of
33 special concern. Especially -- I mean there's several
34 projects that are completed on beaver and salmon
35 interactions that our office has funded and that seems to
36 be -- that issue seems to be cropping up again down here in
37 the Lower Yukon. We can ask those investigators to come
38 and present their results before you. But that was for
39 your information.

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41 And also I handed out a little handout with
42 a chum salmon on the front of it. It should have been sat
43 before you at the break. This handout basically summarizes
44 the action items that are before you today for the
45 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan and also outlines the
46 recommendations of the Technical Review Committee and the
47 Eastern and Western Interior Regional Advisory Councils on
48 these action items. And I'll be referring to that in my
49 presentation.

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1 Mr. Chairman, my presentation will cover
2 four topics related to the Fisheries Resource Monitoring
3 Program. First I will be asking the Council to discuss and
4 take action on the Technical Review Committee's
5 recommendations for the 2003 fisheries projects on the
6 Yukon River.

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8 Second, I will review important revisions
9 to the issues and information needs revised document.

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11 Third, I will present the TRC's 2003
12 funding recommendations for the Kuskokwim River projects
13 and ask for Council recommendations.

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15 And fourth, I will present the TRC
16 recommendations for the interregional projects for your
17 Council review.

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19 In 2003 over 1.8 million is available to
20 fund projects statewide through the Fisheries Resource
21 Monitoring Program. In the past three years over \$8 million
22 has been provided to Federal, State and tribal
23 organizations and we have funded over 60 projects in the
24 Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. The 2003 plan recommends the
25 continued funding of several projects started in 2000.
26 This year continuation projects were only considered for
27 one year to maintain the flexibility in funding. Funding
28 opportunities for new project starts will increase
29 significantly in 2004 as contracts for multiple year
30 projects mature.

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32 It is projected that 4.8 million will be
33 available statewide to fund projects in 2004. The program
34 will use existing and ongoing planning processes along with
35 the Councils updated issues and information needs to focus
36 the future funding on the highest priority issues.

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38 Item one is the Yukon River project
39 selections. Seven projects were advanced for the Yukon
40 River under the stock, status and trends category. The
41 project descriptions and the Technical Review Committee
42 comments for the Yukon are listed numerically and begin on
43 Page 121 of your Council books. The Eastern and Western
44 Interior Councils and TRC recommendations are summarized
45 under 1A of the handout provided. The recommendations are
46 based on strategic priority, technical merit, past
47 performance and capacity building. Although only two of
48 the projects were previously funded by the Office of
49 Subsistence Management all seven were existing projects and
50 were only considered for one year of funding by the TRC.

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1 This is an important thing to note as five of the projects
2 requested three years of funding and the TRC is only
3 recommended funding these projects for one year.

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5 For 2003 all seven monitoring projects
6 advanced in the stock, status and trends category were
7 recommended for funding by the TRC and Eastern and Western
8 Interior Councils. Two of the projects are currently
9 funded through the Office of Subsistence Management.
10 Project 00023 is a telemetry study looking at the feeding,
11 spawning and overwintering ecology of humpback whitefish in
12 the Upper Tanana River. And project 00025, the Henshaw
13 Creek salmon weir which provides run timing and escapement
14 information on chinook and chum salmon in the Upper Koyukuk
15 River.

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17 Three existing projects were funded through
18 a Congressional appropriation that was cut in the
19 President's 2003 budget. These three projects are 03013,
20 the Gisasa River weir which provides escapement information
21 on chinook and summer chum in the middle Yukon. Project
22 03034, the Eastfork Andreafsky River weir which provides
23 escapement information on chinook, chum, sockeye and coho.
24 Also this project supports one of the largest data sets for
25 salmon in the lower Yukon River. And Project 03014 the
26 Chandalar River sonar which uses split beam sonar to count
27 fall chum salmon entering the Chandalar River.

28
29 Two additional existing projects are
30 seeking new funding sources for 2003. Project 03009 the
31 Tazitna River salmon weir is a cooperative project operated
32 by BLM and the Tanana Tribal Council. The project provides
33 escapement information on chinook and summer chum in the
34 middle Yukon River. The last project, Project 03038, the
35 Subdistrict 5A test fishwheel is located below the mouth of
36 the Tanana River and provides run timing and catch per unit
37 effort data on chinook, chum and coho salmon.

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39 All seven of these projects provide
40 important information to managers and target stocks
41 important to subsistence users. The TRC recommends funding
42 all seven of these projects with specific modifications to
43 Projects 00025, 03013 and 03014 to increase the capacity
44 building component of their projects. The TRC has
45 requested that they send revised investigation plans back
46 before the TRC that include a stronger capacity building
47 component for these projects.

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49 And as I mentioned earlier, Projects 03009,
50 03013, 03014 and 03034 and 03038 were submitted for three

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1 years of funding. The TRC has recommended funding for one
2 year only. And again, this is to maintain the flexibility
3 and allow us to take advantage of the ongoing planning
4 processes in 2003 and reevaluating program priorities for
5 the 2004 funding cycle.

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7 Funding requests for the Yukon River stock,
8 status and trends in 2003 totals \$370,000.

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10 Four projects were advanced for the Yukon
11 River harvest monitoring and traditional ecological
12 knowledge category. The Eastern and Western Interior
13 Regional Advisory Councils and the TRC recommendations are
14 summarized under Item 1B.

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16 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I'm very
17 confused because I don't know what he's talking about and
18 it would help if you have in front of you what page you are
19 talking about.

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21 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Okay. When I refer to
22 1A.....

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24 MS. GREGORY: Uh-huh.

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26 MR. SCHLEUSNER: I'm referring to this
27 chart right there.....

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29 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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31 MR. SCHLEUSNER:which lists all the
32 stock, status and trends and now I'm discussing the second
33 table here. And what I'd like the Council to do is allow
34 me to present both of these tables and then ask for -- or
35 answer questions and ask for the Council's recommendations
36 on the Yukon projects as a whole.

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38 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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40 MR. SCHLEUSNER: All right. Four of the
41 projects were advanced for the Yukon River harvest
42 monitoring and TEK category. The Eastern and Western
43 Interior Regional Advisory Councils and the TRC
44 recommendations are summarized under Item 1B of the handout
45 provided. Two of the four Yukon River harvest monitoring
46 and TEK projects forwarded for investigation plans were
47 recommended for funding by the Technical Review Committee
48 and the Eastern and Western Interior Councils.

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50 The two projects are Project 00022, the

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1 Hooper Bay subsistence salmon monitoring project. This is
2 a continuation project. This project is requesting an
3 additional year of funding to collect in-season subsistence
4 harvest data information in the coastal district. The TRC
5 recommends it for funding with no modifications.

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7 The other project is Project 03015, the
8 phenotypic characterization of chinook salmon in the
9 subsistence harvest. This project is a one year pilot
10 study to evaluate local observations of differences in
11 several Yukon chinook salmon stocks by genetically
12 evaluating the different stocks. The TRC recommended this
13 project for funding but again asked for them to include an
14 increased capacity building component to the investigation
15 plan and return that to the TRC for review.

16
17 The other two projects, 02122 the in-season
18 harvest assessment of Yukon River chinook and chum salmon
19 and 03036, the Upper Tanana subsistence fishery TEK study
20 were not recommended for funding by the TRC.

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22 The TRC felt that both projects needed
23 considerable work before they could be recommended for
24 funding. While all of the projects contained some good
25 ideas, the two selected for funding contained all of the
26 Office of Subsistence Management components, they
27 identified information needs for the region, had sound
28 methods and clearly defined objectives, reasonable budgets
29 and a solid capacity building component.

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31 In summary, nine studies were recommended
32 for funding by the Technical Review Committee and the
33 Eastern and Western Interior Councils. The total combined
34 cost of these projects is \$413,666 in 2003. The budget
35 target for the region is \$406,000. The TRC recommendations
36 are within two percent of the budget target for the region.

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38 That concludes my presentation on the
39 projects, I'd be glad to answer any questions the Council
40 has on these recommendations.

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42 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Mary.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Under your -- the Yukon River
47 harvest, characteristics of chinook salmon in subsistence
48 harvest, how is that going to be done? How are you going
49 to conduct that?

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1 MR. SCHLEUSNER: This is a study that was
2 proposed through YRDFFA and what they're basically going to
3 do is try to look at the difference between the -- it's
4 blueback, whitenose salmon and trying -- characterize
5 physical differences in the fish and then test that
6 genetically and see if those are actually different stocks.
7 It's a blending of traditional knowledge and Western
8 science.

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10 MS. GREGORY: Is that in the Lower Yukon
11 River?

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13 MR. SCHLEUSNER: I think that's more middle
14 Yukon, perhaps Jill could comment on that further.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Jill.

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18 MS. KLEIN: My name is Jill Klein with the
19 Yukon River Drainage Fishers Association. And your
20 question was asking?

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22 MS. GREGORY: Where?

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24 MS. KLEIN: The study will be carried out
25 at Pilot Station but the references to blueback and
26 whitenose characterizations of chinook runs have been
27 during the last years traditional knowledge project, people
28 described the different runs as bluebacks or whitenoses and
29 that came from the village of -- we went to Alakanuk, St.
30 Mary's, Holy Cross, Nulato and so that's where we started
31 hearing about the different types of runs and then this
32 project will be integrated into the other sampling projects
33 that take place at Pilot Station. And we'll work to hire
34 someone locally to help identify bluebacks or whitenoses
35 and then also work with the genetics lab of U.S. Fish and
36 Wildlife to genetically analyze if those are different
37 runs.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Cliff, the monitoring
40 areas, they're funded by who -- the reason I'm asking maybe
41 you aware of there's a monitoring program by tribal at
42 Mountain Village. I think Mountain Village Traditional
43 Council they should have given a chance to apply for that
44 Mountain Village monitoring place instead of people
45 controlling them from two -- 500 miles -- right there,
46 they've been doing it for long time and it would be good if
47 they have local monitoring that Mountain Village test net
48 area there.

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50 MR. SCHLEUSNER: If I understand you

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1 correctly, you're recommending that they submit a proposal
2 through us for funding to monitor locally there?

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: How could we -- how they
5 could submit it, that's what I want to know?

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7 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Mr. Chairman, in November,
8 the Office of Subsistence Management Fisheries Information
9 Service will have a request for proposals that will go out.
10 And with that request for proposals will be your issues and
11 information needs. If that is a critical issue before the
12 Council that could be added to the issues and information
13 needs which helps focus the call for proposals. And then
14 we could actually request that a project be developed that
15 targets that. And that happens this November and that
16 would be for 2004 funding.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, the reason I am
19 saying that this tribal council here in Mountain Village,
20 the test net, when they get the fish, the elders come first
21 before anyone start getting the fish. And we like the way
22 they operate because some of these elders couldn't even go
23 out and they had no one helping them get the fresh fish.
24 For that reason I sure would like to see local tribal
25 control in that -- in Mountain Village.

26

27 MR. SCHLEUSNER: That's an excellent point.
28 A lot of the test net fisheries I know at Emmonak, they
29 actually -- the fish that are collected and harvested are
30 also distributed to the local elders and the Pilot Station
31 sonar project as well, in their test fishery, they do that.
32 That's an excellent point.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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36 MR. McCANN: Yeah, you were talking about
37 king salmon, I think the lady over there said something
38 about checking them how they coming up and I notice this
39 spring when I catch, the first king I got, the river, and
40 it was kind of reddish, the first time I see that kind of
41 a fish, usually I see it up river, way up river where it
42 spawn color of the fish because it was some -- maybe -- I
43 was thinking maybe the warm water or some place out in the
44 bay or somewhere, is that why your biologist is supposed to
45 know the fish -- how the fish -- on your name, biologist,
46 you got -- do you have any idea what's causing that -- this
47 is the first king I got, it never go up the river yet, it's
48 coming in, first time I see that kind of reddish already.
49 Usually that happens way up river just about to spawn. Did
50 you check into that somewhere else so you can tell me

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1 something about -- somebody told me the bay, down bay is
2 getting warm for some reason.

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4 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Mr. McCann, I don't have
5 any direct knowledge of the water temperatures out in the
6 bay but we have funded the ichtephonus study since 2000 and
7 in that study they're actually looking at the water
8 temperatures within the Yukon River and actually this year
9 the water temperatures were cooler than average for the
10 Yukon so that's even more surprising.

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12 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. Mr.....

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14 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Schleusner.

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16 MS. GREGORY:Schleusner, Mr. McCann
17 was referring to the Kuskokwim fish, not the Yukon.

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19 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Thank you.

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21 MR. McCANN: Well, that doesn't mean --
22 Yukon River, Kuskokwim River, they both same we got to find
23 both -- both kinds.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Councils do you have any
26 other questions for Resource Monitoring Plan, No. A, 2003.
27 How about Item B, Council review and regional issues and
28 information needs.

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30 MR. L. WILDE: Before you go on, Mr.
31 Chairman, you need.....

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, you want to have
34 action on number A first?

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36 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. If I
37 could I would like to get the Council's recommendation for
38 the Yukon River projects. Then I will present the issues
39 and information needs for the Yukon, the revised issues and
40 information needs. Then I can present the Kuskokwim River
41 projects and there's one inter-regional project before you
42 today also.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: How about that project
45 that I give to you awhile ago?

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47 MR. SCHLEUSNER: We.....

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That will be included or
50 not?

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1 MR. SCHLEUSNER: That would have to be
2 developed with under the 2004 request for proposals and it
3 would be before you in the next cycle.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, understand now. I
6 think Councils, we'll make some kind of action for 2003
7 Resource Management Plan at this time before we get into
8 next on the agenda.

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10 (Pause)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: May I ask a question,
13 other Regional Councils, how did they conduct these, one by
14 one or they took it in a block?

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16 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. It's
17 my understanding that it was voted on as a block to adopt
18 the TRC recommendations.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Since Mary's twisted my arm,
25 I would like to recommend proposed fisheries projects for
26 the Yukon River that have funding recommendations by the
27 Technical Review Committee be approved.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is that your motion,
30 Lester?

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32 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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34 MR. L. WILDE: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Mary Gregory.
37 Discussion.

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39 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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43 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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45 INTERPRETER: I told this in reference to
46 the projects.....

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48 MS. GREGORY: 023, 025, 009, 013, 014,
49 034, 038, 022 and 036. (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: Those are the projects that
2 are recommended for funding.

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4 MR. L. WILDE: Mary, I'd like to correct
5 you, that's 015 instead of 01 -- 36.

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7 MS. GREGORY: Oh, 015, thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Councils, do you
10 understand what they're saying, in the block in these three
11 numbers you are looking at those three numbers -- items in
12 one block, there was a motion to accept those in a block
13 and it was seconded, now it's discussion.

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15 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman, okay, the way I
16 understand it then that every one is going to get accepted
17 except for 02-122 and 03-36; is that correct?

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19 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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21 MR. TIKIUN: Thank you.

22

23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You understand right,
24 yeah. Discussion.

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26 MR. TIKIUN: Question.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question has been called
29 for, because this is concerning money I'm going to request
30 for roll call.

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32 MR. TIKIUN: Harry Wilde.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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36 MR. TIKIUN: John Hanson. John Hanson.

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38 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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40 MR. TIKIUN: Mary Gregory.

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42 MS. GREGORY: Oui.

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44 MR. TIKIUN: Nick Andrew.

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46 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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48 MR. TIKIUN: Billy McCann.

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50 MR. McCANN: Yep.

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1 MR. TIKIUN: James Charles.

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3 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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5 MR. TIKIUN: Phillip Moses.

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7 MR. MOSES: Yeah.

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9 MR. TIKIUN: Lester Wilde.

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11 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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13 MR. TIKIUN: John Thompson.

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15 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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17 MR. TIKIUN: And Thad Tikiun, yes. It's a
18 unanimous vote.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The block is accepted.

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22 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
23 and Council.

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25 The second item is the revised Yukon issues
26 and information needs. Strategic planning was discussed at
27 the winter 2002 Regional Advisory Council meeting as was
28 the need to review and update the Yukon issues and
29 information needs guide for the Yukon River. This can be
30 found on Page 165 of your Council books.

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32 The Eastern and Western Councils have
33 approved the revisions. This information is summarized
34 under Item 2 in your handout. This is the same handout
35 that had the block on it.

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37 The Yukon River Coordinating Fisheries
38 Committee assumed the task of working with Federal and
39 State in-season fisheries managers and the Office of
40 Subsistence Staff to review and update the guide. The
41 revised issues and information needs guide has been
42 reviewed by the Yukon River Coordinating Fisheries
43 Committee for its effectiveness in addressing regional
44 issues as well as maintaining a drainagewide view. The
45 revised guide is based on the ground work established by
46 the original guide. It contains all of the issues and
47 information needs from the original guide. Nothing was
48 removed from the guide.

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50 While no previous identified issues were

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1 removed clarifying language was added to provide a better
2 understanding of the issues and needs. An important
3 addition to the guide is the introduction. The
4 introduction includes a summary of the important steps in
5 the process of reviewing, approving and tracking monitoring
6 projects. It helps those submitting and reviewing project
7 proposals understand the role this guide plays in project
8 development and selection.

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10 The efforts and guidance from the Yukon
11 River Coordinating Fisheries Committee and the advice from
12 Federal and State Staff have resulted in a more effective
13 and comprehensive issues and information needs guide. This
14 document will help focus the selection of future fisheries
15 monitoring projects funded by the Office of Subsistence
16 Management.

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18 I'd be glad to answer any questions at this
19 time about the guide.

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21 (Pause)

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thadius, you want to say
24 something?

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26 MR. TIKIUN: Oh, no, I just forgot to turn
27 it off.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. That's number 2,
30 that's what we're on right now?

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32 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So you want approve update
35 issues and information needs, what Eastern and Western
36 Interior go over?

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38 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Eastern and Western
39 Interior both went over it and adopted the issues and
40 information needs.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So what is desire of
43 Council. Yeah, go ahead.

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45 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
46 believe this summer a copy of the issues and information
47 guides were sent out to CFC members for review and comment
48 and because all of the Regional Councils could not be
49 contacted this summer, Vince Mathews, I believe was sending
50 out the copies of these to all the CFC members in Yukon-

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1 Kuskokwim I think. Maybe James could confirm that, if he
2 received a copy of it.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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6 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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8 INTERPRETER: She first got -- she's first
9 time she sees it, some boats, how they travel and at the
10 speed that they travel when they.....

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12 (Translation stops)

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14 INTERPRETER:the speed of boats that
15 are traveling should be -- the speed should be established
16 somewhat -- I'm a bit lost.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 INTERPRETER: When the.....

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22 MS. GREGORY: So I'm just saying.....

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24 INTERPRETER:the speed of boats that
25 when they travel.....

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27 MS. GREGORY:I agree with the general
28 comments regarding, especially the effect of human
29 activities that produce a lot of wake and leaving trash on
30 the rivers and such. So it's good -- good proposal as far
31 as I'm concerned.

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33 INTERPRETER: I was lost, now I'm found.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Anyone else.

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39 (Pause)

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What's desire or recommend
42 of Council.

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44 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: (No translation)

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48 (Laughter)

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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1 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, motion (In
2 Yup'ik)
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4 INTERPRETER: To move -- James.....
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6 MR. CHARLES:proposal for this
7 process.
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9 INTERPRETER:to move -- James Charles
10 is going to make a motion to accept.
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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, James make a motion
13 to accept this approval of update so the one that was
14 approved by Eastern and Western, is there any second.
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16 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)
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18 INTERPRETER: Second by Nick Andrew.
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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Andrew -- Nick Andrew
21 second it. Discussion.
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23 MR. TIKIUN: Question.
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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called for
26 all who favor say aye.
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28 IN UNISON: Aye.
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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose say no.
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32 (No opposing votes)
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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. It's
35 approved.
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37 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and
38 Council. Item No. 3 is the Yukon River project selections
39 -- or excuse me Kuskokwim River project selections.
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41 (Laughter)
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43 Eight projects were advanced from the
44 Kuskokwim River stock, status and trends category. The
45 project description and TRC review comments for the
46 Kuskokwim are listed numerically and begin on Page 187 of
47 your Council books. The Western Interior Council and TRC
48 recommendations are summarized under 3A of the handout I
49 gave you.
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1 Seven stock, status and trends studies were
2 recommended for one year of funding by the TRC and the
3 Western Interior Council. The recommendations include
4 three important weir projects, the Kwethluk River weir
5 Project 00019 run by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and
6 the Kwethluk Village Council, the Tatlawiksuk weir, Project
7 00-007, cooperatively run by ADF&G and KNA and the Goodnews
8 River weir, Project 00-027 operated by the Alaska
9 Department of Fish and Game, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
10 Service with assistance from local hires. Project 01-117
11 which trains and supports tribal staff to collect age, sex
12 and length data from salmon caught from projects and the
13 subsistence fishery has also been recommended for an
14 additional year of funding.

15

16 Three new projects have been recommended
17 for funding by the TRC and Western Interior Council. These
18 include Project 03030, which will fund KNA involvement in
19 main river salmon marked recapture studies; Project 03040
20 which will help get a student interim program started by
21 the McGrath Tribal Council and finally Project 03041 which
22 will test the feasibility of using DNA to identify coho
23 stocks in mixed stocked fisheries.

24

25 It is important to note that no harvest
26 monitoring and TEK projects were proposed for the Kuskokwim
27 region in 2003. This is largely due to the desire of
28 researchers to complete existing projects before taking on
29 additional work.

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31 We anticipate that new projects will be
32 submitted for 2004 as they have for each of the past three
33 years.

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35 The total cost for the recommended projects
36 is \$353,300 in 2003. The budget target for the combined
37 Kuskokwim region stock, status and trends, harvest
38 monitoring TEK is 406,000. The TRC and Western Interior
39 Councils recommendations are within the budget target for
40 the region.

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42 At this time, Mr. Chairman, I could answer
43 any questions on the proposed projects for the Kuskokwim.

44

45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Under 011 -- 117, assessment
48 research capacity building, what is that and how is that
49 being done? Is it a structure or what?

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1 MR. SCHLEUSNER: This is basically a
2 project that supports the Alaska Department of Fish and
3 Game oversight on collecting and monitoring and quality
4 control of the age, sex, length database. And this money
5 is intended to fund this capacity building oversight until
6 the Partners Program which you'll be briefed on later,
7 either this afternoon or tomorrow, until those positions
8 get filled and can assume that responsibility.

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10 MS. GREGORY: And I have another one, the
11 last one, 03-041, how do you propose to collect the
12 genetics on silver salmon?

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14 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Mr. Chairman. Ms.
15 Gregory, this project is one that's recommended with
16 modification, the modification to this was that it focused
17 on Phase I, it was a two phase proposal. Phase I of this
18 project is to look at existing salmon collections so they
19 already have these tissue collections and compare between
20 the existing collections and see if there's enough genetic
21 variation to go forward with a full proposal and revisit
22 this project in 2004.

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24 MS. GREGORY: And 2003 is right now from
25 October to September, right, 2003 is already -- we're in
26 it, fiscal year?

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28 MR. SCHLEUSNER: What you're voting on is
29 the 2003 monitoring plan. Most of these projects will
30 begin in the spring of 2003 and run for a full calendar
31 year. These recommendations go before the Federal
32 Subsistence Board in December for final approval for
33 funding.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. James, go
36 ahead.

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38 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. How
39 about 03-004, the aerial survey funding. I thought there
40 has been aerial surveys done before, why is not that
41 funding recommended this time?

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43 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
44 Charles, the TRC felt that while the aerial surveys have
45 been conducted in the past, that the variability associated
46 with aerial surveys didn't justify the expense because
47 they're so dependent on the timing of the run, the water
48 clarity and they're hard to repeat year to year that the
49 value of the information wasn't worth the expense of the
50 project. That was the TRC's recommendation.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So what is the desire of
2 Council, will accept these in a block or one by one -- we
3 do the same as others, accepted by the block.

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5 MR. TIKIUN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we
6 accept (no microphone)

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8 INTERPRETER: Mike.

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10 INTERPRETER: Thadius, mike.

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12 REPORTER: Could you turn on your mike,
13 please.

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15 INTERPRETER: Mike.

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17 MR. TIKIUN: (Keeps talking)

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: They didn't understand you
20 over there, will you turn on your mike.

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22 MR. TIKIUN: Okay. I move that we accept
23 the recommendations 00-007, 00-019, 00-027, 00-117, 03-030,
24 03-040 and 03-041 with the exception of 04-004, leave that
25 one out.

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27 MR. CHARLES: Second the motion, Mr.
28 Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion and is
31 there any second?

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33 MR. CHARLES: I second the motion.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by James. Any more
36 discussion.

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38 MR. McCANN: Question.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question has been called
41 for, request for roll call.

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43 MR. TIKIUN: Harry Wilde.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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47 MR. TIKIUN: John Hanson.

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49 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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1 MR. TIKIUN: Mary Gregory.
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3 MS. GREGORY: Yes.
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5 MR. TIKIUN: Nick Andrew.
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7 MR. ANDREW: Yes.
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9 MR. TIKIUN: Billy McCann.
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11 MR. McCANN: Yes.
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13 MR. TIKIUN: James Charles.
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15 MR. CHARLES: Yes.
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17 MR. TIKIUN: Phillip Moses.
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19 MR. MOSES: Yeah.
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21 MR. TIKIUN: Lester Wilde.
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23 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.
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25 MR. TIKIUN: John Thompson.
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27 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.
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29 MR. TIKIUN: And Thad Tikiun, yes. Passed
30 unanimously.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: All those numbers are
33 accepted, all for the 0304, we leave that one out, okay,
34 motion carried.

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36 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
37 and Council. This brings me to my last item, number 4,
38 which is the inter-regional project selection. Only one
39 project, project 03039, the investigations of a life
40 history approach for managing Alaska salmon was submitted
41 in the inter-regional category.
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43 The project description and the TRC review
44 comments are listed on Page 219 of your Council book. And
45 the Eastern and Western Interior Regional Advisory Councils
46 and the TRC recommendations are summarized under Item 4 of
47 the handout provided.

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49 The project proposed to develop an
50 alternative model to estimating spawning escapement goals

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1 using salmon survival and nutrient cycling. The project
2 would use information on coho salmon runs in Southeast
3 Alaska to validate the model. This project was not
4 recommended for funding by the TRC or the Eastern and
5 Western Interior Councils as it does not deal with stocks
6 of concern in Western Alaska, primarily chinook and chum
7 and the application of this technique to these stocks is
8 uncertain.

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10 No harvest monitoring or traditional
11 ecological knowledge studies were submitted for funding
12 consideration.

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14 With that, I'd take any questions on the
15 project proposal 03039.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Number 03-039, what is the
18 desire of Councils.

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20 (Pause)

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Hello.

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24 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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28 MS. GREGORY: I move that we take no action
29 on 03-039 because it doesn't pertain to our area.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary, that's your
32 motion.....

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34 MS. GREGORY: That's my motion.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE:not to take action on
37 03-039, is there any second?

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39 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, out of habit
40 I'll second it.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Lester.
43 Discussion.

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45 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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47 INTERPRETER: This particular item does not
48 really -- to this particular area so that's why she doesn't
49 want to take any action on this particular subject at this
50 time. So -- because the regions that are affected by this

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1 action might have a opposite reaction from the people that
2 relate to this project.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.

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6 MR. TIKIUN: Question.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question has been called
9 for. All who favor say aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose say no.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. The
18 number 03-039 rejected.

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20 MR. SCHLEUSNER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
21 and Council.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Number C, Russ.

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25 MR. HOLDER: Are you ready now?

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You go up there now.

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29 (Laughter)

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31 MR. HOLDER: Mr. Chairman. My name is Russ
32 Holder. I'm with Fish and Wildlife Service from Fairbanks.
33 I'm the in-season manager for the Yukon River for the
34 Federal program. To my right is Tom Vania with Alaska
35 Department of Fish and Game, who is the summer season
36 salmon manager on the Yukon River and also his counterpart,
37 Fred Bue, who isn't here today is the fall season manger
38 that I work with for managing the salmon runs on the Yukon
39 River.

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41 Today I wanted to provide you an overview
42 of the 2002 salmon return and that's the handout that I
43 provided here just before I began speaking.

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45 Going into this fishing season, a joint
46 information sheet from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and
47 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and developed and
48 mailed to all Yukon River commercial and subsistence
49 fishing households. The information sheet was also
50 provided as a handout at preseason fishermen's meetings

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1 informing them of the outlooks, subsistence salmon fishing
2 schedule and management strategies for the 2002 season.
3 And I did have some handouts but I want to -- it was a
4 lavender colored handout and this is, what I'm holding up
5 here, is just kind of what it looks like on the front,
6 which fishermen from the Yukon River should have seen
7 preseason and we have handouts at the various offices and
8 things for fishermen to pick up.

9
10 The preseason salmon outlook for chinook,
11 summer chum and fall chum salmon were all anticipated to be
12 below average to poor in strength in large part due to the
13 low productivity trends of recent years. This was the
14 second fishing season in which subsistence users fish the
15 regulatory windowed subsistence salmon fishing schedule.
16 The handout also identified the management strategy this
17 season was to wait until near the quarter point of each
18 salmon run to implement a reduction of the subsistence
19 salmon fishing schedule, if necessary, while also agreeing
20 to wait until near the midpoint or later of the chinook
21 salmon run to determine if the run size was sufficient to
22 allow commercial fishing.

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24 As the chinook and summer chum salmon runs
25 developed, they were assessed to be average in run timing
26 but below average in abundance. However, if enough fish
27 were available to allow subsistence fishing to continue --
28 excuse me let me start again there -- however, enough fish
29 were available to allow subsistence fishing to continue at
30 the maximum allowed by the regulatory schedule. Near the
31 mid-point of the summer season managers assessed that the
32 run abundance of both species appeared adequate to provide
33 for escapement, continued subsistence fishing and a small
34 commercial chinook salmon harvest. The Alaska Department
35 of Fish and Game provided small commercial fishing
36 opportunities in nearly all fishing districts, although
37 lack of buyer participation or limited sales opportunities
38 resulted in no fish being commercially sold in some areas.

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40 Preliminary escapement and subsistence
41 information indicate that the chinook salmon run appeared
42 consistent with mid-season assessment. Although the 2002
43 chinook salmon run was below average, most of the
44 escapement objectives were met, subsistence users have
45 generally reported meeting their needs and there were
46 enough fish to have a small commercial fishery.

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48 The 2002 summer season salmon run, in-
49 season, appeared sufficient to meet most escapement
50 objectives, allow scheduled subsistence fishing and provide

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1 for a small commercial harvest. Even though the 2002
2 summer chum salmon run was a little more than one million
3 fish, it still represents a below average return. Even so,
4 it was encouraging to see this years return being more than
5 double the run size experienced in 2001.

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7 Entering the fall season, a projected fun
8 size of 500,000 to 600,000 fall chum salmon was based on
9 the preseason projection and on the strong performance
10 relationship to summer chum salmon returns. Unfortunately,
11 near the midpoint of the fall chum salmon run it became
12 apparent that the trend of poor production was continuing
13 as indicated from the Emmonak, Mountain Village and Kaltag
14 drift gillnet test fisheries, Pilot Station Sonar and
15 subsistence fishing reports. At that time the overall run
16 of fall chum salmon was projected to be less than 350,000
17 fish. Together with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
18 and Federal managers announced subsistence salmon fishing
19 closures for the Lower Yukon area on August 9th and
20 closures for the Upper Yukon area on August 11th.
21 Subsistence fishing with limited gear types for non-salmon
22 species remained open. The salmon fishery remained closed
23 until late August, when the subsistence fishery was
24 progressively reopened once it was assessed that the
25 majority of the migrating fall chum salmon were beyond a
26 fishing district. Subsistence fishermen in most areas did
27 not have adequate opportunities to fish for fall chum
28 salmon and we know fishermen did not get enough fall chum
29 salmon to meet their subsistence needs. Preliminary
30 escapement information for the Tanana River, Chandalar
31 River and Canadian border indicates those areas received
32 just enough fish to reach their objectives although the
33 Sheenjek and Fishing Branch River system did not reach
34 their objectives.

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36 The coho salmon run was assessed to be near
37 average in run strength and timing this year.
38 Unfortunately, the overlapping run timing of coho salmon
39 with fall chum salmon resulted in missed coho salmon
40 harvest opportunity due to the closures to protect fall
41 chum salmon. Although, where possible, managers tried to
42 provide opportunities to harvest coho salmon.

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44 In summary, after the second year of
45 implementing the regulatory subsistence salmon fishing
46 schedule, it continues to appear that this windowed
47 approach has allowed for most subsistence users to meet
48 their needs, while accomplishing the goals of increasing
49 the quality of escapement, spreading harvest throughout the
50 run and spreading subsistence harvest opportunities among

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1 users in the lower, middle and upper Yukon River.

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3 The commitment of fishermen in following
4 the announced management actions has been appreciated,
5 especially during these years of reduced salmon returns.
6 While it is encouraging to see the chinook and summer chum
7 salmon run strength at least stable or improved from the
8 2001 run, it is discouraging to see the continued poor
9 productivity shown by fall chum salmon. The outlook for
10 2003 will be prepared after escapement information and age
11 composition analysis are completed over the next several
12 months.

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14 Additional information has been put
15 together by Tom Vania and a handout is provided at the back
16 table for those of you that are interested. Concerning
17 chinook and summery chum salmon information put together
18 and compiled by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and
19 it contains much more detailed information than what I've
20 provided in my overview.

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22 That concludes my presentation. Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Thompson.

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26 MR. THOMPSON: I do have a question for this
27 summer chum run. You have noticed, a mixture of late chums
28 and the early chums this summer, have you -- have they
29 noticed anything, like early chums and late chums running
30 streams -- there was some mixture of late chums with early
31 run. And very seldom you pick sockeye, this summer it did.
32 So old-timers always say that when it's like that there's
33 a long gap in between early and late chums and you noticed
34 that, too, there was -- you know there was closures and the
35 subsistence hours were shortened and then finally there was
36 another run came in. So have you noticed that?

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38 MR. HOLDER: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Thompson,
39 there seemed like there was a more distinct summer season
40 run and fall season run that we were seeing in the lower
41 part of they Yukon. But up river it seemed like there was
42 some stronger strength in say the middle portion of the run
43 that we didn't really think we were going to see that far
44 up in the river and so there's -- we're still looking at
45 some of the escapement information to get a better picture
46 of what actually happened this season.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other question from the
49 Councils.

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1 (Pause)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I say again, any
4 more question from the Councils. No, then I say thank you
5 for your report.

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7 MR. HOLDER: Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Our agenda is kind of very
10 slow. We're on No. 11, before I do I would like to ask
11 Tom, Tom we like to see you stay in Bethel for awhile.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom, this is a very, very
16 important thing for our people. The reason is why is
17 important is to understand it. In our manual there is you
18 call barter -- people that we talk to, they say why they
19 try to start something it's already there and we know by
20 experience. That it has been there from generation to
21 generation. The only thing is generation to generation,
22 they never talk about cash. Trade with cash. But I am 73
23 now, when I was 13 years old in Hooper Bay 13, 14 years
24 old, there was a priest he got a dog team in that village.
25 Just to let the people buy a cup of coffee and tea or
26 something for their children he buy dog salmon, you know,
27 the dog salmon for 25 cents one fish. It is a very
28 important, this one here, as ourself as a Councils here.

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30 We do very respect our people. We didn't
31 want to lead them to go into the trouble -- going into the
32 problem because they choose us and put us here to protect
33 them. I really understand what the Councils concerns on.
34 For that reason I tell the Chairman of the Board yesterday,
35 last night, I'm going to wait for them to come over here in
36 our meeting before let this go. I think in the morning,
37 Tom, it would be proper place time to do, if is okay for
38 the Council?

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40 MS. GREGORY: It's okay by me.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I know Mary.

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44 (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: They will take this Item XI
47 in the morning, okay, when AVCP personnel comes over here
48 so they, themselves can understand it as well.

49

50 Okay, Tom.

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1 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair. I agree with your
2 approach. I already understood that AVCP was addressing
3 this issue and I fully expected that the Council would want
4 to hear from AVCP before this issue came before you. So I
5 am prepared to stay as long as the Council is here.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Tom. Yeah, it
8 looks like there's a question.

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10 MR. THOMPSON: I came out from the meetings
11 at noon and the one that they were supposed to work on they
12 had no time and they didn't spell out while I was there
13 towards fish and I think they'll be -- if you notify them
14 then I think they'll be willing to come over for this, it's
15 very important. They'll wrap up tonight.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, John. Thank
18 you, Tom. It looks like we're going to follow times --
19 that we're doing right now.....

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21 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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25 MR. L. WILDE: It looks like even if you
26 give a break at this time we'll have enough time tomorrow
27 to complete our agenda.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, we will be recess
30 tonight until 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

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32 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, for the record,
33 (In Yup'ik).....

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, (In Yup'ik)

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37 INTERPRETER: Nick Andrew is asking to be
38 excused in the morning because he's going to be with the
39 Elder's Council so he'll be back in the afternoon.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, 9:00 o'clock
42 tomorrow morning.

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44 (PROCEEDINGS TO CONTINUE)

