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YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA FEDERAL  
SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

VOLUME I

Hooper Bay, Alaska  
March 15, 2007  
9:00 o'clock a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Lester Wilde, Chairman
- Robert Aloysius
- John Andrew
- William Brown
- James Charles
- Mary Gregory
- Edgar Hoelscher
- Elias Kelly
- Joseph Mike
- Greg Roczicka
- Regional Council Coordinator, Alex Nick
- Joseph "Trim" Nick, Yup'ik Translator

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Hooper Bay, Alaska - 3/15/2007)

(On record)

ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Good morning.  
Before we start the meeting I'd like to welcome  
everybody who came here from other places and also from  
Hooper Bay.

(In Yup'ik)

ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: I'm chairing  
this meeting. If there's people who want to speak, we  
welcome them, but you have to fill this one out and  
give it to Alex or one of our -- or Tom, so that you  
can speak on any kind of issue that we're talking about  
and always get my or somebody's attention before you  
speak and try to get a good decorum in here.

Also Advisory Council is here and we'd  
like to hear and understand so if you're presenting  
we'd like for you to talk loud because some of us are  
getting old and our ears are not working as much as  
they used to.

We will follow the agenda and we will  
follow the procedures of the agenda, and how we  
proceed, we explain it as we go along.

(In Yup'ik)

ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: I'd like to call  
the meeting of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence  
Regional Advisory Council to meeting, it's now 9:20.  
And I'd like to ask Mr. Mark from Quinhagak if he would  
give us the invocation.

(INVOCATION)

ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Housekeeping  
items and announcements.

MR. ALOYSIUS: Point of order.....

MR. RIVARD: You need to use your mic.

REPORTER: Bob. Bob.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: .....you need to do roll  
2 call.  
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4 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: I'm sorry.  
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6 REPORTER: Bob.  
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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Point of order you never  
9 did roll call yet.  
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11 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: I'm sorry. Roll  
12 call. Alex, roll call, since you got a list of the  
13 people.  
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15 MR. NICK: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
16 For the record my name is Alex Nick. I'm Regional  
17 Council coordinator for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
18 Regional Advisory Council.  
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20 And we'll begin with roll call.  
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22 James Charles.  
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24 MR. CHARLES: Here.  
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26 MR. NICK: John W. Andrew.  
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28 MR. ANDREW: Here.  
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30 MR. NICK: Raymond Oney.  
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32 (No comments)  
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34 MR. NICK: For the record, Raymond was  
35 supposed to travel yesterday, I haven't heard from him  
36 so he should be arriving soon, hopefully.  
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38 William Brown.  
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40 MR. BROWN: Here.  
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42 MR. NICK: Harry Wilde.  
43  
44 (No comments)  
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46 MR. NICK: For the record.....  
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48 MR. L. WILDE: Mr.....  
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50 MR. NICK: Excuse me. For the record

1 Harry Wilde is going to be traveling today, he should  
2 be arriving early in the afternoon.

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4 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman -- Madame  
5 Chair. Harry called me last night and said he might  
6 not make it because of the family problems that he's  
7 having up there.

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9 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: What.

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11 MR. L. WILDE: He said he might not  
12 make it to the meeting.

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14 MR. NICK: So noted. Mary Gregory.

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16 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Here.

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18 MR. NICK: Edgar Hoelscher.

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20 MR. HOELSCHER: Here.

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22 MR. NICK: Philip Moses.

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24 (No comments)

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26 MR. NICK: For the record, Philip Moses  
27 informed me that he is not going to be able to make it  
28 to the meeting. He also indicated that he might resign  
29 in the near future. I wanted to say that on record.

30

31 Lester Wilde.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: Here.

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35 REPORTER: Okay, that's not working,  
36 your microphone Alex. Hold on.

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38 MR. NICK: Elias Kelly.

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40 MR. KELLY: Here.

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42 REPORTER: Wait hold on just a second.  
43 Wait, leave it -- leave it alone a minute, Alex. Alex,  
44 wait -- just wait a second okay. Let me just repower  
45 the system, hold on. Okay, now try it.

46

47 MR. NICK: It works.

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49 (Laughter)

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1 MR. NICK: Joseph Mike.  
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3 MR. MIKE: Here.  
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5 MR. NICK: Greg Roczicka.  
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7 MR. ROCZICKA: Here.  
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9 MR. NICK: Bob Aloysius.  
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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Here.  
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13 MR. NICK: Madame Chair, we have a  
14 quorum with 10 present.  
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16 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Thank you, Alex.  
17 We need to review and adopt the agenda before us, have  
18 you guys been able to go through or look at the agenda.  
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20 MR. ALOYSIUS: Madame Chair.  
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22 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Oh, I'm sorry,  
23 housekeeping.  
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25 MR. NICK: Thank you, Madame Chair. We  
26 already heard what Harry Wilde is going to be doing.  
27 The Council advance checks, some of them have been  
28 given to some Council members and for those of you who  
29 are here during the break we'll give you your travel  
30 advance and you have to send some paperwork.  
31  
32 Breakfast and lunch is available in the  
33 blue building next door and also there's another option  
34 at the school for those of you who wants to eat  
35 breakfast and lunch, they'll be able to provide lunch  
36 and breakfast at a small fee, I believe, at the school.  
37  
38 As you know at the last meeting in  
39 Bethel, the Council asked that housekeeping items be  
40 moved up to the front before the adoption of the  
41 agenda, and that's why we're doing this at this time.  
42  
43 Ground transportation, for those of you  
44 who paid your transportation from airport to wherever  
45 you're staying, if you paid cash or check, if you have  
46 not been provided receipt, a receipt -- you may get  
47 your receipt from TC office across the road over here.  
48 I think they call it upstairs around here, in the blue  
49 building.  
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1                   And I think at this point I would like  
2 to thank the community of Hooper Bay leadership and the  
3 Council members Edgar Hoelscher and Lester Wilde for  
4 hosting us here and they did a very good job during the  
5 scoping meeting when I came here to prepare for this  
6 meeting and they did very good job at blue building  
7 feeding us dinner last night and breakfast this  
8 morning. And those of you who want to eat lunch, they  
9 told us that you will be able to eat lunch across the  
10 street over here.

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12                   That's all, Madame Chair.

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14                   ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Thank you, Alex.

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16                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman -- I mean  
17 Alex. What about the restrooms.

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19                   MR. NICK: What?

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21                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Restrooms and telephone  
22 number here and how we can get messages to and from.

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24                   MR. NICK: Yeah, what I did was at the  
25 Refuge in Bethel I left the number for TC office across  
26 the street, the telephone number across the street is  
27 -- at TC office is 758-4915 for emergency messages or  
28 for family messages we will be receiving messages at  
29 that number. Another number where we will be receiving  
30 message is at the SeaLion Corporation and that number  
31 is 758-4015. And without Lester Wilde's permission  
32 I've left his number at Refuge office over there for  
33 family emergencies in the evenings. So that's.....

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35                   MR. RIVARD: Restrooms.

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37                   MR. NICK: The restrooms. I was told  
38 that the restrooms are across -- there are restrooms  
39 across the street in the blue building for men and  
40 women and there's also restrooms over in washateria, I  
41 believe.

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43                   MR. HOELSCHER: Alex, here.

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45                   MR. NICK: And there's one right in  
46 here.

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48                   MR. HOELSCHER: If not, our famous  
49 hunny bucket is in there.

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1 (Laughter)  
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3 MR. NICK: Okay, that's all, Madame  
4 Chair.  
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6 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Quyaunga. Any  
7 more items to be announced.  
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9 MR. HOELSCHER: Madame Chair.  
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11 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Edgar.  
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13 MR. HOELSCHER: Quyaunga. Let  
14 everybody know today we're going to honor -- starting  
15 today we're going to have a memorial festival so  
16 there'll be activities going on in the village if you  
17 want to look around and see so the main activity will  
18 be at the school gym. We just opened the school not  
19 too long ago.  
20  
21 Thank you.  
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23 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Thank you. Any  
24 more items.  
25  
26 (No comments)  
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28 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Review and  
29 adoption of draft agenda. Does the Council have  
30 anything to add.  
31  
32 (No comments)  
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34 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: I'd like to put  
35 down our elder, our elder representative, because I  
36 heard that Mr. Moses has indicated that he wants to  
37 retire and we need to start looking for one or what's  
38 the process of getting an elder representative.  
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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman [sic], I  
41 move that we adopt the draft agenda.  
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43 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: It's been moved  
44 and -- did anybody second it?  
45  
46 REPORTER: (Shakes head negatively)  
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48 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: A second?  
49  
50 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.

1                   ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Moved and  
2 seconded that we draft the -- I mean approve the draft  
3 agenda. Any discussions.

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5                   MR. ROCZICKA: Madame Chair. Under the  
6 subsistence fisheries issues, Item 11 on Page 3 of the  
7 agenda, on the section B in there where it says update  
8 on Alaska Board of Fisheries actions for the AYK  
9 fishery proposals, I was given a copy of a letter from  
10 former member Bev Hoffman and also John White, who's  
11 been a former Board of Fish member and quite active in  
12 fisheries issues, especially where it concerns  
13 subsistence, in both subsistence and commercial, and  
14 they have a letter requesting this Council's action  
15 regarding the eight inch mesh commercial fishery that  
16 was passed for the Kuskokwim. And so under that item I  
17 just wanted to let people know I'd be bringing that up.

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19                   ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Okay. And.....

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21                   REPORTER: Mary.

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23                   ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Okay, yes,  
24 microphone.

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26                   MR. ROCZICKA: Yes, right there.

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28                   ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Any other agenda  
29 items. Mr. Rivard, can you tell us what the process  
30 for putting an elder.....

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32                   MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair. My name is  
33 Don Rivard, I'm with the Office of Subsistence  
34 Management. We have a process in place, it's called a  
35 nomination process. We're in that right now. Alex, I  
36 think the panel has already met; is that correct?

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38                   MR. NICK: Yeah, we're going to meet on  
39 the 19th.

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41                   MR. RIVARD: Okay, they're going to  
42 meet on the 19th of this month. And they've been  
43 interviewing candidates and then they'll get together  
44 -- the panel is made up of Federal employees and  
45 they've interviewed the people who have applied to be  
46 on this Council and they'll make their recommendations  
47 to the Federal Subsistence Board and the Federal  
48 Subsistence Board then makes their recommendations to  
49 the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior and those  
50 two Secretaries are the ones that select the next folks

1 to serve on your Council. So we can let the Federal  
2 Board know when they meet, that it's important to your  
3 Council, if you so choose, that you would like to see  
4 an elder. Now, that -- we'll just let them know, okay,  
5 we don't have any say in it, we can just let them know.

6

7 Thank you, Madame Chair. And it's also  
8 an item on your agenda towards the end there that we'll  
9 talk about this some more.

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11 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Thank you, Mr.  
12 Rivard. Any other items to be put on the agenda or  
13 comments.

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15 (No comments)

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17 MR. HOELSCHER: Question.

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19 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: All those in  
20 favor of adopting the draft agenda say aye.

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22 IN UNISON: aye

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24 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Those opposed  
25 say nay.

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27 (No opposing votes)

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29 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Motion passed.  
30 Next item we have is election of officers and  
31 appointments of Coordinating Fisheries Committee  
32 members.

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34 MR. NICK: Madame Chair. The rule is  
35 that during the election of the Chair the designated  
36 Federal official chair the meeting and then the new  
37 Chair takes over after he or she is elected.

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39 Are we ready Madame Chair?

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41 ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: I don't think  
42 I'm ready, I think I'm going to call a five minute  
43 break. I want to talk to some people about possible  
44 nominations. Can we have a five minute break -- yes, a  
45 five minute break.

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47 (Off record)

48

49 (On record)

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1                   ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: We'll now get  
2 the meeting back to order, it's 10 to 10:00, and I will  
3 now -- Mr. Rivard.

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5                   MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair. We just  
6 need to wait until Alex Nick is back.

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8                   ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Oh.

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10                  MR. RIVARD: He has to be presented as  
11 the designated Federal official. He went to call Harry  
12 Wilde to see if he could get him on line to  
13 participate, if Harry so chooses, by teleconference.

14  
15                  Thank you.

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17                  ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Okay.

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19                  (Pause)

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21                  ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: So what do we do  
22 now, just wait for Alex.

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24                  MR. RIVARD: He has to be here.

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26                  ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: Okay, so extend  
27 the break to a couple more minutes.

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29                  (Off record)

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31                  (On record)

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33                  ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: We will now call  
34 the meeting back to order. I will now turn the Chair  
35 over to Mr. Nick for election of a Chair person.

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37                  Mr. Nick.

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39                  MR. NICK: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
40 Members of the Council. For the record my name is Alex  
41 Nick, I'm the designated Federal official for the YK  
42 Council. And now nominations are now open for Chair  
43 person. Do I hear any nominations.

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45                  MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chair.

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47                  ACTING CHAIR GREGORY: I nominate.....

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49                  MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chair.

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1 MR. NICK: Mr. Hoelscher.  
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3 MR. HOELSCHER: I move and ask for a  
4 unanimous consent to have Mr. Lester Wilde for Chair.  
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6 MR. NICK: There is a motion on the  
7 floor to ask for unanimous consent to nominate Lester  
8 Wilde as the Chair. Do I hear a second.  
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10 MR. ANDREW: Second.  
11  
12 MR. NICK: Seconded by John W. Andrew.  
13 Do I hear discussion.  
14  
15 (No comments)  
16  
17 MR. MIKE: Question.  
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19 MR. NICK: Question's been called for.  
20 All those in favor of the motion say aye.  
21  
22 IN UNISON: Aye.  
23  
24 MR. NICK: All opposing.  
25  
26 (No opposing votes)  
27  
28 MR. NICK: Motion carried. The Chair  
29 is now turned over to Mr. Wilde.  
30  
31 (Applause)  
32  
33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for your  
34 vote of confidence. I'll see if I can handle the Chair  
35 as well as my brother did for the last how many years,  
36 how many years is that, quite a while.  
37  
38 Okay, the next on the agenda is  
39 nominations for vice Chair. Do I hear any nominations.  
40  
41 Greg.  
42  
43 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I would  
44 move and ask unanimous consent for Bob Aloysius to be  
45 selected as vice Chair.  
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius has  
48 been nominated.  
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50 MR. CHARLES: I second the motions.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by James  
2 Charles. Any further nominations.  
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4 MS. GREGORY: I nominate Mr. Charley,  
5 James Charlie.  
6  
7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. James Charles  
8 has been nominated. Do I hear a second.  
9  
10 MR. ANDREW: Second.  
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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Point of order.  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: State your point.  
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: There was no opening for  
17 -- it was called for a unanimous consent, that's a  
18 totally different.....  
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Was there a call  
21 for a unanimous consent.  
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23 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.  
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I didn't realize  
26 there was. Do I hear any objections.  
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28 MS. GREGORY: I object, I need to.....  
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30 REPORTER: Mary. Mary. Mary, your  
31 microphone.  
32  
33 MS. GREGORY: Okay. I object. I'd  
34 like to vote for two people, have them talk first.  
35  
36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, there's been  
37 an objection. Do I hear any further nominations.  
38  
39 MR. HOELSCHER: Move that nominations  
40 be closed.  
41  
42 (Laughter)  
43  
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Rivard.  
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46 MR. RIVARD: I just want to make sure  
47 there was a second for Mr. Charles as well, is that  
48 right.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

1 MR. RIVARD: Okay, thank you.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Nominations have  
4 been -- a motion has been made to close nominations.  
5 Do I hear a second.  
6  
7 MS. GREGORY: Second.  
8  
9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mary.  
10 All in favor say aye.  
11  
12 IN UNISON: Aye.  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's approved.  
15 So Mr. Charles, you're the vice Chair.  
16  
17 MS. GREGORY: No, we're voting.  
18  
19 MR. ALOYSIUS: No. No. No.  
20  
21 MS. GREGORY: No, we're voting for Bob  
22 Aloysius and him, okay.  
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry, Bob.  
25 I got my.....  
26  
27 MR. ALOYSIUS: The procedure is not  
28 right. The procedure is not right.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What do you mean by  
31 the procedure not being right.  
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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: There was one motion for  
34 a unanimous consent.  
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, I didn't hear  
37 that motion for unanimous consent.  
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39 MR. ROCZICKA: And there was an  
40 objection.  
41  
42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And there was an  
43 objection to that unanimous consent.  
44  
45 MR. ALOYSIUS: So the thing is that if  
46 there was an objection, you have to rule on the  
47 objection to go out of the unanimous consent.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If you say so and  
50 it makes you happy.

1 (Laughter)  
2  
3 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, I mean we're doing  
4 two different things. The first one was that there was  
5 a motion for a unanimous consent and then there was an  
6 objection but there was no vote on that.  
7  
8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, I'm sorry. I  
9 got you now. Bob is the only name.  
10  
11 MR. RIVARD: Yeah, because the reason  
12 is, is you needed to take care of that first unanimous  
13 consent vote, which it wasn't unanimous, and then you  
14 open it back up for nominations.  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, I didn't  
17 realize there was a unanimous consent.  
18  
19 MR. RIVARD: And what we did was jump  
20 the gun and nominated a second person before voting on  
21 the unanimous consent.  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, you've  
24 already confused the Chairman.  
25  
26 (Laughter)  
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I hope this is not  
29 going to be the.....  
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31 MS. GREGORY: Pattern.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....pattern for  
34 the coming meetings.  
35  
36 (Laughter)  
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there any  
39 objections -- let's see there was a call for unanimous  
40 consent for Bob, right, and the next order is then, are  
41 there any objections.  
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43 MS. GREGORY: And I objected  
44 because.....  
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46 REPORTER: Mary.  
47  
48 MS. GREGORY: .....I wanted to  
49 vote.....  
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1 MR. RIVARD: You need to do the  
2 microphone Mary.  
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4 MS. GREGORY: And I objected because I  
5 wanted to vote for -- in the normal process way instead  
6 of jumping the gun and I'd like to hear people talk  
7 what they're going to do before I vote for them.  
8  
9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Well, why didn't you do  
10 that with the Chair position too.  
11  
12 MS. GREGORY: Because I.....  
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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: If you're going to do it  
15 that way do it the whole way.  
16  
17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do we have a  
18 parliamentarian, we've got a parliamentarian out here,  
19 what is the procedure here.  
20  
21 MR. JACK: Well.....  
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23 MR. RIVARD: Carl. Carl, come on up  
24 here.  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You're opinion is  
27 very valued.  
28  
29 (Laughter)  
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31 MR. JACK: Mr. Chairman. For the  
32 record the name is Carl Jack. On this particular  
33 procedure I have to take a look at the rules because  
34 I'm not sure what the procedures are.  
35  
36 Thank you.  
37  
38 (In Yup'ik)  
39  
40 MR. RIVARD: Trim. Trim.  
41  
42 INTERPRETER: Before making any changes  
43 to follow the Robert's Rules I need to know what needs  
44 to be changed.  
45  
46 MR. JACK: I hate to make a ruling  
47 until I'm sure what the rules say.  
48  
49 Quyaunga.  
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, if I remember  
2 right according to the Robert's Rules of Order, if  
3 there is an objection to a motion, then the motion --  
4 the objection wins and it needs to be.....

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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: No. No.

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8 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. If I  
9 understand it, if there's an objection the Board votes  
10 on the objection whether if it -- it's killed, right.

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12 MS. GREGORY: That makes sense.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we could do  
15 that. All in favor of the motion of objection, say  
16 aye.

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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: No. No.

19  
20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.

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24 MR. ROCZICKA: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: One motion --  
27 motion's carried. Any further nominations. There's  
28 a.....

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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, you have  
31 to -- now, you have to open up the floor for  
32 nominations for the vice Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, that was  
35 already done prior to this exercise that we're going  
36 through right now. The floor now will be reopened for  
37 vice Chair.

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39 MS. GREGORY: I nominate Mr. James  
40 Charley.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. James Charles  
43 has been nominated. Greg.

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45 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. If I need  
46 to nominate again I would move for Bob Aloysius for  
47 vice Chair.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Just nominate him again.  
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1 MR. RIVARD: You need seconds for both.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do I hear a second  
4 to the motion.  
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6 MS. GREGORY: Not for a nomination.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Nominations don't  
9 need seconds.  
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11 MS. GREGORY: They don't need seconds.  
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
14 nominations.  
15  
16 (No comments)  
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18 MR. BROWN: I close the nominations.  
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pardon.  
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22 MR. BROWN: I close the nominations.  
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown moves to  
25 close nominations.  
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27 MR. HOELSCHER: Second.  
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
30 Hoelscher. All in favor say aye.  
31  
32 IN UNISON: Aye.  
33  
34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we have two  
35 nominees. You have Mr. Bob Charles [sic] and Mr.....  
36  
37 (Laughter)  
38  
39 MS. GREGORY: Bob Aloysius.  
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41 MR. BROWN: Secret ballot vote.  
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's all right, I  
44 changed his name, it's okay.  
45  
46 (Laughter)  
47  
48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius and  
49 James Charles.  
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1 MR. BROWN: Secret ballot vote.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You guys need  
4 a.....  
5  
6 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, ma'am.  
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10 MS. GREGORY: I'd like to hear a couple  
11 of words from each candidate.  
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, you may. Mr.  
14 Bob.  
15  
16 (No comments)  
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Aloysius, do  
19 you have any words of wisdom.  
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: I don't have any words  
22 of wisdom. It just appears to me that, you know, we  
23 really need to tighten up our -- the way that our  
24 meetings are conducted in order to follow what is  
25 prescribed and to make sure everybody understands what  
26 is going on. And, you know, for the last three years I  
27 have been pretty much hounding the Chair and the  
28 members on how to conduct meetings, and so I think that  
29 would be one of the strengths I have because I have  
30 been involved on many, many different kinds of boards  
31 and councils and committees.  
32  
33 So that's all I have to say about that.  
34  
35 Thank you.  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Bob.  
38 James, you have anything.  
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40 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.  
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42 (In Yup'ik)  
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44 MR. CHARLES: I am a lower Kuskokwim  
45 committee Chair but I'm not really good in reading or  
46 writing and speaking in English. English is my second  
47 language so it's not that easy to speak English for me.  
48 My mind, like Harry, I do the best I can when I'm  
49 appointed to organizations even I don't speak very good  
50 in English. I am involved in a lot of board members,

1 too, like Bob. So I do the best I can but I'd rather  
2 be a member than a vice Chair.

3

4 Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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8 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. I just wanted to  
9 mention something here on record that Don Rivard and  
10 Tom Kron and Carl Jack will correct me if I'm wrong.  
11 The office of the Council, don't matter which Council  
12 it is, are expected to travel at some point or another  
13 to some important meetings at the very last minute  
14 notice and these are the things that should be  
15 considered among yourselves when you consider each of  
16 the offices of the RAC. I'm not -- I'm not saying that  
17 you should do this but, you know, at one point or  
18 another my bosses will ask me to contact Chair, vice  
19 Chair, secretary and see if it's possible for them to  
20 represent YK Council.

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22 That's all I wanted to say.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.

25 Any further comments.

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, who's  
30 counting the votes. Our reporter can, Ma'am, thank  
31 you.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Madame.

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37 MS. GREGORY: I want to vote on secret  
38 ballot.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, go ahead, our  
41 reporter will do it.

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43 MR. HOELSCHER: Yellow pad or white  
44 pad.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Either way.

47

48 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex.

1 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)  
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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)  
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5 INTERPRETER: We all understood in  
6 English.  
7  
8 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex.  
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12 MR. NICK: The results of the vote is  
13 six votes for Bob, four votes for James.  
14  
15 Mr. Chair.  
16  
17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
18 Mr. Bob Aloysius is the new vice Chair.  
19  
20 (Applause)  
21  
22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you, very much.  
23 And I know that you will keep me straight.  
24  
25 (Laughter)  
26  
27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The next officer  
28 that needs to be elected is a secretary, do we have any  
29 nominations for the secretary.  
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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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33 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman.  
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Bob.  
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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: I nominate Greg  
38 Roczicka.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg's been  
41 nominated. Do I hear a -- don't need a second. Do I  
42 hear another nomination.  
43  
44 MR. ANDREW: Second.  
45  
46 MS. GREGORY: Nominations don't need a  
47 second.  
48  
49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It's all right if  
50 they do, let them second.

1 (Laughter)  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by John.  
4 John, go ahead.  
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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, there's no need for  
7 seconds on nominations.  
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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do I -- go ahead,  
10 you had your hand raised.  
11  
12 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, okay, any  
15 further nominations.  
16  
17 (No comments)  
18  
19 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. I move  
20 that the nomination's be closed and ask for unanimous  
21 consent that Greg be the secretary.  
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Nominations been  
24 asked for, do I hear any objections.  
25  
26 (No comments)  
27  
28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Nominations are  
29 closed. Let me get my thoughts straight here.  
30  
31 (Laughter)  
32  
33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Nominations for  
34 secretary has been nominated to be closed and unanimous  
35 consent's been asked for, do I hear any objections.  
36  
37 (No comments)  
38  
39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I got my wording  
40 right that time. There being one, so ordered.  
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42 Now, we need.....  
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44 MS. GREGORY: You take over then and  
45 you start writing.  
46  
47 (Laughter)  
48  
49 MS. GREGORY: We'll trade places, I'll  
50 give you a tablet and you start writing.

1 (Laughter)

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: How many fisheries  
4 -- Lower Yukon Coordinating Fisheries Committee members  
5 do we need.

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7 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
8 Council, for the record my name is Alex Nick, Council  
9 coordinator. For Yukon we've had two representatives.  
10 If you remember correctly a few years ago Ray Oney was  
11 appointed as Coordinating -- Lower Yukon Coordinating  
12 Fisheries Committee member and, you, Lester Wilde, as  
13 alternate and so now those two are open.

14

15 Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Do I hear  
18 any nominations for the Yukon.

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20 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Bob.

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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Are these committee  
25 members chosen by the committees.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: By the Council.

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29 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: By the Council.  
32 Appointed by the Council.

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34 MS. GREGORY: We appoint them.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Are they nominated by  
37 the committee to represent them on this Council.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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41 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex.

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45 MR. NICK: Coordinating Fishery  
46 Committees are appointed by the Council, like by this  
47 Council for both Yukon and Kuskokwim.

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49 In Kuskokwim River, if I remember  
50 correctly Bob Aloysius was appointed as a Lower

1 Kuskokwim Fisheries Coordinating Committee member and  
2 Mary Gregory as an alternate and it's on record, Mr.  
3 Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. But they  
6 need to be reappointed this time, right.

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8 MR. NICK: (Nods head affirmatively)

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We need nominations  
11 now for Lower Yukon Coordinating Fisheries Committee.

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13 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair. I nominate Ray  
14 Oney.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Ray Oney. Do we  
17 need unanimous consent, are you asking for unanimous  
18 consent?

19

20 MR. MIKE: Yes.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are there any  
23 objections for Ray Oney.

24

25 (No comments)

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none,  
28 so ordered. One more.

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30 MR. HOELSCHER: Ray Oney's term is up  
31 in 2007, I'm just asking.....

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33 MR. RIVARD: You need your mic on. You  
34 need your mic on.

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36 MR. HOELSCHER: I'm just asking how  
37 long he'll be serving because his term ends 2007.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's this year.

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41 MS. GREGORY: It's not for this  
42 Council.

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44 MR. HOELSCHER: Oh.

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46 MS. GREGORY: It's not for this  
47 Council, it's for the other one, the committee.

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49 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Alex.  
2  
3 MR. NICK: Alex Nick. Ray Oney --  
4 Edgar is correct that Ray Oney's term will be ending at  
5 the end of 2007 but he has reapplied for his seat.  
6  
7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: In the event that  
8 he does not get elected then we'll need to come back  
9 and get another person then at that time.  
10  
11 MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair. A year  
12 from now if he's not on your Council anymore, then you  
13 would just need to put someone else on that committee.  
14  
15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Anybody else  
16 for the Yukon. Greg.  
17  
18 MR. ROCZICKA: Just a clarification  
19 here, these seats are appointed every year, is that  
20 correct, or does it come up every two years or.....  
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22 MS. GREGORY: Every two years.  
23  
24 MR. ROCZICKA: Every two years, okay.  
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26 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.  
27  
28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex.  
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30 MR. NICK: Just a point of  
31 clarification, Don will correct me if I'm wrong,  
32 Coordinating Fisheries Committees for both Yukon and  
33 Kuskokwim are now serving on as-needed basis.  
34  
35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: As-needed.  
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37 MR. NICK: As-needed basis, I think, is  
38 what he said.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
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42 MR. NICK: And for your information,  
43 Vince Mathews, Fairbanks, Western Interior Council  
44 coordinator, I think he's acting coordinator for the  
45 Coordinating Fisheries Committees for both the Yukon  
46 and Kuskokwim.  
47  
48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thanks, Alex. We  
49 need one more person for the Yukon Coordinating  
50 Fisheries. Well, we got a guy here from Pilot Station,

1 Elias is our new member and he's from Pilot Station,  
2 I'm sorry, I think at this time before -- well, let's  
3 go ahead and do this first and then we'll go into  
4 introductions.

5  
6 (Laughter)

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That should have  
9 been done earlier but that's okay.

10  
11 (Laughter)

12  
13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Elias is from Pilot  
14 Station right there, and then there's Joe Mike and  
15 there's Mr. Hoelscher there and myself. But I think  
16 somebody else needs to take my position on that Yukon  
17 Coordinating Fisheries.

18  
19 James.

20  
21 MR. CHARLES: I nominate Edgar  
22 Hoelscher to be alternate Coordinating Fisheries  
23 Committee.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Not alternate, we  
26 need one more.

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28 MR. CHARLES: Oh, okay.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.

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32 MR. CHARLES: Okay, I nominate him.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Edgar's been  
35 nominated. Any objections.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'm getting more and  
38 more confused here.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All in favor of  
41 Edgar -- Edgar.....

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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....Edgar for  
46 the.....

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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. Could you  
49 explain to me you're on appointment of Lower Yukon  
50 Coordinating Fisheries Committee members.

1                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:  Yes.  
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3                   MR. ALOYSIUS:  How many positions are  
4 we talking about.  
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6                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:  Two.  
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8                   MR. ALOYSIUS:  That should have been  
9 explained in the beginning.  
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11                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:  Mr. Edgar -- well,  
12 Alex already explained that.  
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14                  MR. NICK:  Mr. Chair.  I think the  
15 confusion comes from that there's been so many  
16 committees, like for example, in the Kuskokwim Salmon  
17 Working committee, we have two -- we also have two  
18 representatives from YK Council that are different from  
19 these Fisheries Coordinating Committees.  Those two  
20 members, like Greg Roczicka, I think, is one of them --  
21 no, who -- who is, like James Charles and maybe Bob is  
22 member of the Kuskokwim Working Group -- Salmon Working  
23 Group who participates during those summer long -- all  
24 summer long meetings, they represent YK Council.  But  
25 the other two committees we're talking about has a  
26 little different role than that.  
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28                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:  Thank you.  
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30                  MR. NICK:  And Don could explain that.  
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32                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE:  Go ahead, Don.  
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34                  MR. RIVARD:  Mr. Chair.  Don Rivard.  
35 If I may, just to kind of refresh everybody's memory,  
36 the Coordinating Fisheries Committee folks, there's  
37 two from each of the Yukon River Councils and two from  
38 the Kuskokwim.  So you get -- you're one of the  
39 Councils that gets two members for each river system.  
40  
41                  Bob Aloysius has served as one of the  
42 Kuskokwim folks for your Council and as such he attends  
43 the Board of Fisheries meeting when AYK regions meet,  
44 you know, that's every three years, and also he's been  
45 involved with the Kuskokwim Working Group, and he's  
46 been to Anchorage -- thee's another meeting coming up  
47 in April.  So those are the things that -- that those  
48 folks do.  And the idea is that sometime when there's  
49 river-wide issues and you want to try to work things  
50 out between the three Councils on the Yukon River, for

1 example, that one of the things we've done in the past  
2 is have the six members get together and try to come up  
3 with maybe some answers to some of the issues you have,  
4 and then recommend them to your Council and see -- so  
5 it's like a working group, in other words.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.

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9 MR. RIVARD: That hasn't happened much  
10 in the past few years, since our 2003 meeting in  
11 Wasilla.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.

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15 MR. RIVARD: Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We're still down to  
18 Item D for the Lower Yukon Coordinating Fishery  
19 Committee members. We haven't voted on that. Go ahead  
20 James.

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22 MR. JAMES: Mr. Chairman. So Ray  
23 Oney's Yukon Coordinating Fisheries, and alternate  
24 nominated as.....

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Edgar Hoelscher.

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28 MR. CHARLES: Edgar Hoelscher.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Edgar  
31 Hoelscher's been nominated for the Coordinating  
32 Committee member for the Yukon. Any other nominations.

33  
34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none,  
37 all in favor say aye.

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39 IN UNISON: Aye.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.

42  
43 (No opposing votes)

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Edgar you are now  
46 the new member of the Fisheries Coordinating member  
47 along with Ray Oney.

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49 Item E is appointment Lower Yukon  
50 Coordinating Fisheries -- Lower Kuskokwim, I'm sorry,

1 Coordinating Fisheries Committee. Any nominations.

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3 Greg.

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I'd move  
6 that we retain the two representatives for the  
7 Kuskokwim that have served us well over the last well  
8 over the last year, both James and Bob.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any objections.  
11 James.

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13 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. My term  
14 ended a few years ago so I'm not in the Coordinating  
15 Fisheries Committee anymore, Bob and Mary I think are  
16 Kuskokwim Coordinating Fisheries, I was in before.

17

18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Would you like to  
19 retain your position Bob.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. In view  
22 of the fact that Mr. Charles term has expired, I  
23 nominate him as the other member for the Lower Yukon --  
24 Lower Yukon.....

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Lower Kuskokwim.

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: You've got me saying  
29 Yukon. Lower Kuskokwim Coordinating Fisheries  
30 Committee member.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any objections.

33

34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any objections.

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38 (No comments)

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none,  
41 so ordered.

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43 Bob, James, welcome.

44

45 (Laughter)

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Going on with our  
48 agenda, we got to move a little bit faster.

49

50 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We'll go down to  
2 Item 7, review and adoption of minutes from October 5  
3 to 6, 2006 in Bethel.  
4  
5 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Just point of  
6 clarification, who is the second -- first and second  
7 member of Kuskokwim Coordinating Fisheries Committee.  
8  
9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob Aloysius and  
10 James Charles.  
11  
12 MR. NICK: Okay, thank you.  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Review and adoption  
15 of minutes from December 5 to 6.....  
16  
17 MR. ALOYSIUS: October.  
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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....October, I'm  
20 sorry, in Bethel. What is the wishes of the Council.  
21  
22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
23  
24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.  
25  
26 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we adopt the  
27 minutes of the October 5 and 6 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
28 Regional Advisory Council meeting in Bethel.  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's been made  
31 to adopt the minutes from October 5 to 6, 2006 in  
32 Bethel by Bob. Do I hear a second to the motion.  
33  
34 MR. CHARLES: Second.  
35  
36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by James  
37 Charles. Any further discussion.  
38  
39 (No comments)  
40  
41 MR. MIKE: Question.  
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's been  
44 called for. All in favor say aye.  
45  
46 IN UNISON: Aye.  
47  
48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's adopted.  
49 Item 6 -- sorry, go on to Item 8. Regional Advisory  
50 Council concerns and comments -- Council.

1 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.  
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5 MS. GREGORY: Quyaunga. I'd like to  
6 re-announce that if anybody want to talk in front of  
7 us, you need to fill out the blue address forms.  
8  
9 Alex. (In Yup'ik)  
10  
11 INTERPRETER: Give these blue forms to  
12 Alex if you want to speak before the Council.  
13  
14 MS. GREGORY: I'm happy to be in Hooper  
15 Bay from long time ago. Quyaunga.  
16  
17 (In Yup'ik)  
18  
19 INTERPRETER: I am grateful for being  
20 here. If any of you leave let them know that we are  
21 here in the community meeting about wildlife and  
22 fisheries issues, to come and listen and make comments.  
23  
24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob. Thank you,  
25 Mary.  
26  
27 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. One of  
28 the things I thought we mentioned at the last meeting,  
29 that we should move this item toward the end of the  
30 meeting because most of the comments and concerns are  
31 unknown to us prior to conducting the meeting. So I  
32 would really emphasize again that we have our concerns  
33 and comments made at the -- toward the -- just before  
34 the adjourning of the meeting.  
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36 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Bob, may I.....  
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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: And then another --  
39 another.....  
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....remind you  
42 that you had an opportunity to make that when we were  
43 discussing the agenda, approval of the agenda. But if  
44 that's your wish I'm sure that it can be taken care of.  
45  
46 Alex.  
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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: And another concern  
49 that's been aired is that we have no agenda item for  
50 people to be heard on items that are not in the agenda.

1 So, you know, those two things I think are very  
2 important for the public to be involved, that there is  
3 an opportunity for them to voice something that is not  
4 on the agenda related to the happenings of the culture.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Bob.  
7 Mr. Rivard.

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9 MR. RIVARD: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.  
10 On the first page of your agenda in that box that says  
11 public comments, and they're welcome on each agenda  
12 item. And, again, as Mary just pointed out people are  
13 to fill out the form and turn it into the Chair and  
14 then they can speak on that when that agenda -- when  
15 that agenda item comes up. So we do have opportunity  
16 throughout this meeting for public comments.

17  
18 Thank you.

19  
20 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

21  
22 MR. ALOYSIUS: I understand that and  
23 what I'm saying is for any items that are not listed on  
24 the agenda, is there a time for people to address  
25 something. In all the meetings that we have, we always  
26 have a section called people to be heard and it's  
27 mainly directed towards the fact that somebody might  
28 have something else that's not on the agenda.

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30 That's all my concern is.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Bob.  
33 Mary, did you have a comment.

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35 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. I said, Mr. Chair,  
36 we always had comments of the Council before and after  
37 so I'd like to keep both ends open for our comments  
38 because sometimes people come -- we come with something  
39 to say before the meeting is conducted.

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41 (In Yup'ik)

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43 MS. GREGORY: So when we have an  
44 opportunity to be heard as Council members at the  
45 beginning of the meeting, at the end of the meeting, I  
46 think.

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48 (In Yup'ik)

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50 INTERPRETER: It's good that way.

1 MS. GREGORY: There's nothing wrong  
2 with that.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Before we go on any  
5 further I better make sure that this is understood.  
6 What Mr. Rivard had stated is correct, and usually this  
7 is -- this is disclosed before the meeting, that public  
8 comments are welcomed for each item, for each agenda  
9 item. And you could fill out the green card, it looks  
10 like this, if you want to testify on any of the  
11 proposals that are going to be coming forth. Public  
12 testimony time limits may be given to provide  
13 opportunity for all testifier -- for all to testify and  
14 keep on the schedule. And please note that the meeting  
15 times, each day, the order of business and the agenda  
16 are estimated and are subject to change without notice.  
17 And the Regional Council arranges its meeting to hear  
18 and understand the subsistence concerns of the area  
19 where they meet.

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21 Please feel free to share your  
22 subsistence concerns and knowledge during our meeting.  
23 You could get up and speak at any time if you feel like  
24 it, we'll make sure that you'll be given an opportunity  
25 to speak on whatever you feel like speaking on. If we  
26 keep it to the subject at hand it would make the  
27 meeting go a lot faster, if not, then I think we might  
28 be able to take some time out to listen to your  
29 concerns. The agenda is an outline for the meeting and  
30 is open to the area of subsistence concerns which is --  
31 whether it is listed or not.

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33 So if you feel like you have a concern  
34 on your subsistence in this area, just be recognized  
35 and you'll be welcome to give your opinion.

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37 Going on to item -- is there further  
38 Regional Advisory concerns.

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40 James.

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42 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. I think we  
43 should have more ADF&G people working with us because  
44 they work on Yukon and Kuskokwim and I see Phillip that  
45 just walked in from ADF&G but I don't see Fisheries  
46 Department, they should be here too because sometimes  
47 we have questions pertaining to wildlife or fisheries,  
48 questions, and when they're not here we don't get the  
49 answers. And they should be invited for RAC meetings,  
50 too, because we want to work together with them.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, James.  
2 Mr. Rivard, you have any comment on that on why we have  
3 -- the concerns that James has.

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5 MR. RIVARD: Well, Don Rivard with OSM.  
6 We do keep the ADF&G informed, the Alaska Department of  
7 Fish and Game. I know that Alex makes -- he reaches  
8 out to them, sees if they have any items they want on  
9 the agenda and we always encourage that they come in  
10 person. Our meeting last week in Aniak with the  
11 Western Interior Council, there was nobody there from  
12 ADF&G either, but they did participate -- Terry Haynes  
13 participated by teleconference through most of the  
14 meeting. And we were anticipating that somebody might  
15 be on teleconference at a minimum, and I'll have Pete  
16 DeMatteo contact Terry and see if that's going to  
17 happen. Pete's on line from our office right now and  
18 is listening to this.

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20 So they've indicated -- they haven't  
21 really indicated exactly why they're not attending  
22 personally -- in person. So we do encourage it a lot.  
23 We want them to be here. And we know, you, as Council  
24 members, want them to be here so we do all we can and  
25 it's up to them to come.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, James --  
30 Mr. Rivard. Alex.

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32 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. For the record  
33 I'm Alex Nick from OSM. In your agenda -- in your  
34 agenda, excuse me, on Page 3 under Item 11 there will  
35 be a joint fisheries presentation so I'm sure Fish and  
36 Game will also be here to participate during that  
37 presentation.

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39 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
42 Any further comments from the Council.

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44 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.

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48 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I just want to tell  
49 the official, too, that are coming to our meeting, I  
50 just want them to stay all the way until the meeting is

1 done, you know, sometimes they just come in and once  
2 their proposal is done or their pages are done they  
3 just take off before the meeting's over. So I just  
4 want them to stay all the way like us, you know, if I  
5 go home after I had a speech, you guys would be -- want  
6 to ask me -- if you guys have any questions, I'd just  
7 like you guys to stay here with us because sometimes we  
8 have serious questions.

9

10 Thank you, Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, William.

13 Any further comments.

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15 (No comments)

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none,

18 we'll go to Item 9, 2007/2008 Federal Subsistence

19 Wildlife Proposal for Council review.

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21 As a reminder for the presentation

22 procedures for proposals we will be:

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- 24 1. Introducing, taking  
25 introduction of proposal and  
26 analysis;
- 27  
28 2. We'll have comments from Alaska  
29 Department of Fish and Game, if  
30 there is any comments on that  
31 particular proposal;
- 32  
33 3. The Federal, State and tribal  
34 agencies will have an  
35 opportunity also to comment on  
36 that proposal;
- 37  
38 4. The InterAgency Staff Committee  
39 will also be given an  
40 opportunity to comment;
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42 5. Fish and Game Local Advisory  
43 Game Committees will also be  
44 able to comment on the  
45 particular proposal and  
46 discussion at the time;
- 47  
48 6. Summary of written and public  
49 comments will be put into the  
50 record; and

1 7. Public testimony will be  
2 allowed on that particular  
3 proposal; and  
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5 8. The Regional Advisory Council  
6 will have deliberations and  
7 make recommendations and  
8 justifications for that  
9 particular proposal.  
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11 So those are the eight steps that we'll  
12 be using whenever we're talking about a proposal.  
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14 And right now the Regional -- Units 18,  
15 19, 21, 20D, what is that -- statewide proposals  
16 Proposals WP07-01, revise the definition of fur to  
17 delete inclusion of claws, provide for sale only of  
18 Federally-qualified users of handcrafts made from bear  
19 claws.  
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21 Mr. Riv -- Tom Kron.  
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23 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Members of  
24 the Council.  
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26 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair.  
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28 MR. RIVARD: This is going to be -- Tom  
29 Kron's going to be doing this one, Pete.  
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31 MR. DEMATTEO: If I may say, Mr. Chair,  
32 I tried contacting Terry Haynes at his office in  
33 Fairbanks, the message that I received, that he's  
34 attending meetings in Anchorage this week so he's not  
35 available.  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Pete.  
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39 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Members of  
40 the Council. Proposal WP07-01 starts on Page 32 in  
41 your Council book. This is a statewide proposal and is  
42 being considered by all 10 Regional Advisory Councils  
43 across the state. The proposal was submitted by ADF&G  
44 and requests that claws be removed from the Federal  
45 definition of fur. The proposal also states that  
46 handicraft made from claws, bone, teeth, sinew or  
47 skulls of black and brown bear be allowed for sale only  
48 between Federally-qualified subsistence users  
49 statewide.  
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1 ADF&G submitted this proposal because  
2 the definition of fur allows for "unstrained commercial  
3 sale of handicraft made from bear parts" and create  
4 "market incentives for poaching."  
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6 Between 2002 and 2006 the Federal  
7 Subsistence Board considered six proposals regarding  
8 the sale of handicraft made from some of the non-edible  
9 parts of bears. The Board has consistently supported  
10 the sale of handicraft made from skin, hide, pelt or  
11 fur of black bear statewide and brown bear in three  
12 region, including claws by Federally-qualified  
13 subsistence users.  
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15 The proponents language for the Federal  
16 definition of fur would require the removal of all  
17 claws from all hides such as fox or mink, not just  
18 bear.  
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20 Under current Federal regulations brown  
21 bear hides with claws can only be used in handicraft  
22 for sale if the bears were harvested in the Eastern  
23 Interior, Bristol Bay and Southeast Alaska. These were  
24 the three regions that wished to be able to address  
25 brown bear sales, they're not allowed in the other  
26 regions, but black bear are.  
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28 Other parts, such as bones, teeth,  
29 sinew or skulls can be used only from brown and black  
30 bear taken in Southeast Alaska. Again, this was  
31 another region-specific issue that was made available  
32 based on the request of the Southeast Council.  
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34 The effects of the proposal. This  
35 proposal would remove the unit specific restrictions  
36 that were listed, that I addressed earlier, and would  
37 negate the intent of the Federal Subsistence Board and  
38 the Regional Advisory Councils in recognizing the  
39 diverse customary and traditional uses of bears and  
40 bear parts throughout the state. The proponent's  
41 description for persons eligible to sell handicraft  
42 from the bear parts mentioned above would narrow sales  
43 only to Federally-qualified rural residents.  
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45 This proposal would unnecessarily  
46 restrict the subsistence use of Federally-qualified  
47 subsistence users as specified in ANILCA, Section .803.  
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49 The preliminary Staff conclusion is to  
50 oppose this proposal.

1                   There has been no evidence provided by  
2 ADF&G to indicate that current Federal regulations  
3 adversely affect bear populations; there has been no  
4 evidence provided to indicate that current Federal  
5 regulations have led to an increased legal or illegal  
6 harvest of bears; current Federal regulations apply  
7 only to bears harvested under Federal subsistence  
8 regulations on Federal public lands; all meat from  
9 these bears harvested under Federal subsistence  
10 regulations must be salvaged.

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12                   Again, this proposal is being addressed  
13 by all the Regional Councils. Thus far it has been  
14 addressed by the Seward Peninsula, Bristol Bay,  
15 Southeast and Western Interior Councils, all four of  
16 those Councils have opposed the proposal.

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18                   MR. RIVARD: There were six. There's  
19 six.

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21                   MR. KRON: It sounds like we may have  
22 additional comments from Councils. Okay, Kodiak  
23 Aleutians opposed it as well.

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25                   MR. RIVARD: It's five.

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27                   MR. KRON: Okay, so we have five in  
28 addition -- we have five Councils that have weighed in  
29 and opposed the proposals, the other Councils are still  
30 pending, there are other Councils meeting right now.

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32                   Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will answer  
33 any questions you have.

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35                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tom Kron, thank  
36 you, Tom.

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38                   Alaska Department of Fish and Game, any  
39 comments.

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41                   Don.

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43                   MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Don Rivard  
44 with OSM -- okay, Phil's coming -- very good.

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46                   MR. PERRY: Good morning. I'm Phillip  
47 Perry. I work with Fish and Game in Bethel. I have  
48 actually gone over most of these proposals with Terry  
49 last week so I'm pretty familiar with what he wanted to  
50 comment on.

1                   For this proposal, the two comments  
2 that I have, first part of the ADF&G comments, the  
3 initial intent of this was to just be for black bear  
4 and brown bear. So it was, I guess, submitted by Fish  
5 and Game incorrectly. The language is not quite right  
6 to include all furbearers, our original intent was just  
7 to include black bears and brown bears.

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9                   And, you know, our concerns, not  
10 necessarily in this part of Alaska, but in other parts  
11 of Alaska, is we don't want to have, you know,  
12 basically a commercial incentive for harvesting bears.  
13 And, you know, a part of -- a part of that is a concern  
14 with bear claws.

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16                   So those were basically all the  
17 comments we had on this. You can read the rest of them  
18 that are in the book, but those are kind of the quick  
19 and dirty part of it.

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21                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.  
22 Federal, State and tribal agency comments on this  
23 proposal.

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25                   (No comments)

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27                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Federal has already  
28 made a statement. Is there any tribal agencies on this  
29 -- make a comment on this proposal, WP07-01.

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31                   (No comments)

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33                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: InterAgency Staff  
34 comments.

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36                   MR. JACK: Mr. Chairman. Staff  
37 Committee member.....

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39                   REPORTER: Carl. Carl.

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41                   MR. RIVARD: Carl, you need to come up  
42 here.

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44                   MR. JACK: .....for the Chair.

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46                   REPORTER: Thanks.

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48                   MR. JACK: Carl Jack, InterAgency Staff  
49 Committee for the Chair.

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1 (In Yup'ik)  
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3 INTERPRETER: We don't have any  
4 comments from the Staff Committee.  
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6 MR. JACK: Quyaunga.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Fish and Game Local  
9 Advisory Committee comments.  
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11 MR. CHARLES: No comments.  
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No comments.  
14 Summary of written public comments. Alex.  
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16 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. For the record,  
17 Alex Nick, Regional Council coordinator. We received  
18 two written public comments in opposition of the  
19 proposal.  
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21 One from David McHoes of Skwentna, and  
22 the second one from AHTNA Tene Nene' Subsistence  
23 Committee. These are in your booklets, Mr. Chair.  
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
26 Any public comments on Proposal WP07-01.  
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28 (No comments)  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: None. We'll get  
31 down to Regional Advisory deliberations,  
32 recommendations and justifications.  
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34 Regional Advisors what is your wish on  
35 Proposal WP07-01.  
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37 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.  
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.  
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41 MS. GREGORY: I see a lot of opposition  
42 to this proposal both written and different people  
43 who've voiced their opinion so I am going to vote  
44 against this proposal.  
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mary.  
47 Any further Advisory Council comments.  
48  
49 (No comments)  
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anyone.  
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3 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: James.  
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7 MR. JAMES: Mr. Chairman. I move to  
8 adopt Proposal WP07-01.  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion.....  
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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second the motion.  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....has been made  
15 to adopt Proposal WP07-01. Do I hear a second.  
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: I seconded it.  
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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Second by Bob  
20 Aloysius. Any further comments.  
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22 Greg.  
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24 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
25 I will be voting against this proposal as well, you  
26 know, as we've had these discussions over the years,  
27 the main thing we've really come across as far as bears  
28 is it's a highly varied -- throughout the state, from  
29 different regions and we wanted to pretty much leave it  
30 up to each region and not take away their opportunity  
31 to, you know, exercise this handicraft if they so  
32 chose. And that was a long and drawn out, two to three  
33 year process.  
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35 I'll be voting against this proposal as  
36 well.  
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Greg.  
39 Any further comments.  
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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.  
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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: Just a reminder to the  
46 Council that we make positive motions and if you, you  
47 know, if you're for the motion you vote in the  
48 affirmative, and if you're against the motion then you  
49 move in the -- I mean you vote in the negative. So if  
50 you're against this proposal you vote no, it's as

1 simple as that.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion has been  
4 made, what is the wish of the Council.  
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6 MS. GREGORY: Call for the question.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Have a roll call  
9 vote, please. Alex. Or Mary, I'm sorry.  
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11 MS. GREGORY: You've got a new  
12 secretary now.  
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14 (Laughter)  
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg, exercise your  
17 new position.  
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19 (Laughter)  
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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay, I don't know if  
22 there's a procedure to this or not but I can just run  
23 down the alphabetical list here.  
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25 James Charles.  
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27 MR. CHARLES: No.  
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29 MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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31 (No comments)  
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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35 MR. ANDREW: No.  
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: Ray Oney, absent.  
38 William Brown.  
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40 MR. BROWN: No.  
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42 MR. ROCZICKA: Ed Hoelscher.  
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44 MR. HOELSCHER: No.  
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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Mary Gregory.  
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48 MS. GREGORY: No.  
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50 MR. ROCZICKA: Philip Moses, absent.

1 Lester Wilde.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No.

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5 MR. ROCZICKA: Elias Kelly.

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7 MR. KELLY: No.

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9 MR. ROCZICKA: Joe Mike.

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11 MR. MIKE: No.

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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Roczicka votes no. And

14 Robert Aloysius.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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18 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. Motion

19 fails 10, zero -- or zero 10.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. We are  
22 now down to Item Proposal WP07-02, change permit  
23 compliance from calendar to regulatory year. Tom Kron.

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25 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Members of  
26 the Council. The analysis for Proposal WP07-02 begins  
27 on Page 49 in your Council book. This proposal was  
28 submitted by the Bureau of Land Management and would  
29 change the regulatory wording within 50 CFR 100.25(h)  
30 from calendar year to regulatory year.

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32 The proponent also believes that this  
33 change would increase compliance with the regulatory  
34 requirement, facilitate improved harvest data  
35 collection and lead to better management that will  
36 result in a positive impact on the resource. The  
37 proposal would affect all Federal public lands and  
38 waters in Alaska where Federal permits are used for  
39 subsistence hunts and fisheries. The consequence for  
40 failing to report was originally derived from State  
41 regulations and has been in Federal regulations since  
42 the inception of the Federal Subsistence Management  
43 Program in 1990. This is the first proposal concerning  
44 this Federal regulatory penalty clause in the history  
45 of the program.

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47 The current situation allows  
48 individuals that did not comply with the permit  
49 reporting requirements in a regulatory year to legally  
50 participate in subsistence harvest later in the

1 calendar year during the open seasons through December  
2 31st. And I guess I would note that regulatory years  
3 are different for wildlife than they are for fisheries.  
4 For wildlife they run from July 1 around through the  
5 next year June 30th. And for fisheries they run from  
6 April 1st of one year around through March 31st of the  
7 subsequent year.

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9                   The State of Alaska has a different  
10 penalty clause regulations for hunting and subsistence  
11 fishing permits. Current the State hunting regulations  
12 use regulatory year wording in the parallel hunting  
13 regulatory provision.

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15                   Since the inception of the Federal  
16 Subsistence Management Program in 1990 there has been  
17 very limited enforcement of this Federal regulation.  
18 The Bureau of Land Management Glennallen Field Office  
19 has begun enforcing this regulation for hunting permits  
20 recently. Over the years different Federal field  
21 offices have sent out different numbers of reminder  
22 letters and some have even collected harvest permit  
23 reports by going to permit holders homes and meeting  
24 with them one on one. The Federal Subsistence  
25 Management Program regulations provide for 77 different  
26 hunts and fisheries permits across the state of Alaska  
27 in the regulatory year 2005/2006. These hunts and  
28 fisheries involve brown bear, caribou, elk, goat,  
29 moose, sheep, muskox, salmon, trout, char, eulachon and  
30 freshwater fish. That regulatory year, again, this was  
31 2005/2006, a total of 5,117 permits were issued and  
32 92.7 percent of the permit reports were returned.

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34                   Good harvest data is critical to sound  
35 management of fish and wildlife resources. The Bureau  
36 of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National  
37 Park Service and U.S. Forest Service field staff across  
38 the state are working closely with subsistence users to  
39 facilitate subsistence harvest reporting. The proposed  
40 change would have the most affect on situations where  
41 Federal subsistence permits overlap the calendar year.  
42 There are Federal permits for brown bear, caribou,  
43 goat, moose, sheep, muskox, salmon and trout that  
44 overlap the calendar year. If adopted, this proposal  
45 would not change the regulatory consequences for for  
46 failure to comply with permit conditions.

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48                   There's not a clear understanding among  
49 all subsistence users about fish and wildlife  
50 regulations, permit reporting requirements or what the

1 harvest reports are used for. Rural Alaskans continue  
2 to subsistence hunt and fish to feed their families as  
3 their forefathers did for generations prior to  
4 government regulations. There are concerns about the  
5 effect that strict application of the ineligibility  
6 provision would have on the subsistence way of life.  
7 Application of the penalty clause in some areas of  
8 rural Alaska will defeat the primary objective of this  
9 regulation, it will result in loss of harvest data.

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11                   The ineligibility provision allows  
12 considerable flexibility for Federal field staff and  
13 enforcement staff to consider the importance and time  
14 sensitivity of the harvest information and the wide  
15 range of rural Alaska issues, traditions and cultures.  
16 There is some flexibility to adjust wording on the  
17 permits to the situation. The current regulations also  
18 allows field staff and enforcement officers to be  
19 responsive to other unavoidable circumstances. It is  
20 important to balance the needs for harvest information  
21 while working with the Regional Advisory Councils and  
22 the public to do so in a way that is sensitive to rural  
23 Alaska issues, traditions, values and cultures.

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25                   The preliminary Staff conclusion is to  
26 support this proposal.

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28                   And thus far it has been considered by  
29 five Councils, again, this is a statewide proposal, it  
30 will be considered by all 10, Seward Peninsula, Bristol  
31 Bay, Eastern Interior, Western Interior and Kodiak  
32 Aleutians Councils have all supported.

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34                   MR. RIVARD: Southeast, not Eastern.

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36                   MR. KRON: Okay, let me read the list  
37 again. Seward Peninsula, Bristol Bay, Southeast,  
38 Western Interior, Kodiak Aleutians have thus far  
39 supported the proposal. There are five more Councils,  
40 of which this Council is one, to address it.

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42                   Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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44                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tom.  
45 Any comments from the Department of Fish and Game.

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47                   MR. PERRY: Yeah, we just have real  
48 brief comments on this. We think this is a pretty good  
49 idea. The State has similar, as Mr. Kron had said, the  
50 State has similar provisions for wildlife permits and

1 for the idea of -- the idea of getting better harvest  
2 data is always a good thing. And this is a tool that  
3 we think the Federal permit should have.

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5 And that's kind of the short version of  
6 why we support it, so thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Other  
9 State, Federal or tribal agency comments.

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Carl Jack, I'm  
14 sorry.

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16 MR. JACK: Mr. Chairman. For the  
17 InterAgency Staff Committee, no comments.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. That's  
20 the InterAgency. Now, tribal comments -- tribal  
21 agencies.

22  
23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, from AVCP,  
26 okay. Fish and Game Local Advisory Committee comments.

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28 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. No  
29 comment.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No comments.  
32 Written comments.

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34 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. For the record,  
35 Alex Nick. We received one public comment in support  
36 of the proposal from AHTNA Tene Nene' Subsistence  
37 Committee and it's in your books.

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39 Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And they were in  
42 favor or.....

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44 MR. NICK: In support of the proposal.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.  
47 Public testimony.

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49 (No comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: None. Regional  
2 Advisors, what is your wish.  
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4 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.  
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8 MS. GREGORY: I will support this  
9 proposal but I would like to add extra stuff in there  
10 because the wording is kind of strong for me. That  
11 they would be ineligible to receive a subsistence  
12 permit for that activity during the following  
13 regulatory year. And I think it's our people's job to  
14 make sure these are announced to the people who are  
15 affected before you carry out your prevention or  
16 whatever, actions. Because we can make all kinds of  
17 rules and if nobody knows about them, it's not their  
18 fault.  
19  
20 That's my beef for you guys. To make  
21 sure that people who are affected in hunting and  
22 getting these permits, know what's going on.  
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mary.  
25 Edgar.  
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27 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
28 Chairman. I move to adopt WP07-02.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's been made  
31 to adopt WP07-02. Do I hear a second.  
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33 MS. GREGORY: Second.  
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mary.  
36 Any further discussion.  
37  
38 (No comments)  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none,  
41 Mr. Secretary could you please call the role for the  
42 vote.  
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: The question hasn't been  
45 called.  
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's been  
48 called.  
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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, the question has not

1 been called.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, question has  
4 not been called, I'm sorry. Any further comments.  
5  
6 (No comments)  
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8 MS. GREGORY: Call for question to  
9 please Mr. Bob.  
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11 (Laughter)  
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Question's  
14 been called.  
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16 MR. ROCZICKA: For final action then on  
17 Proposal WP07-02. Bob Aloysius.  
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Roczicka, I'll vote yes.  
22 Joe Mike.  
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24 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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26 MR. ROCZICKA: Elias Kelly.  
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28 MR. KELLY: Yes.  
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30 MR. ROCZICKA: Lester Wilde.  
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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34 MR. ROCZICKA: Mary Gregory.  
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36 MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
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38 MR. ROCZICKA: Edgar Hoelscher.  
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40 MR. HOELSCHER: Yes.  
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42 MR. ROCZICKA: William Brown.  
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44 MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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46 MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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48 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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50 MR. ROCZICKA: James Charles.

1 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay, motion supported  
4 10 zero.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion passed --  
7 Proposal WP07-02 is passed. Next proposal is WP07-03.  
8 Introduction and analysis, Tom Kron.

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10 MR. KRON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
11 WP07-03 begins on Page 61 in your Council books.

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13 This proposal is a combination of three  
14 separate proposals that were submitted by the Eastern  
15 Interior Regional Advisory Council, the Upper Tanana  
16 Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Committee and the  
17 Wrangell St-Elias National Park Subsistence Resource  
18 Commission.

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20 The proponents request Federal  
21 regulations that allow the sale of raw untanned hides  
22 and capes of goat, sheep, moose or caribou that have  
23 been legally harvested on Federal public lands by  
24 Federally-qualified subsistence users. The proponents  
25 state that adoption of this proposal would align  
26 Federal subsistence harvest regulations with State of  
27 Alaska hunting regulations which allow the sale of  
28 untanned and raw hides and capes from legally harvested  
29 goat, sheep, caribou and moose.

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31 Current Federal regulations do not  
32 allow the sale of unmodified, non-edible byproducts of  
33 fish and wildlife. They must have been made into  
34 handicraft. Raw untanned hides and capes do not meet  
35 the Federal definition of handicraft. The proposed  
36 sale of raw untanned hides and capes from animals  
37 harvested under Federal subsistence regulations may be  
38 consistent with the Federal definition of customary  
39 trade.

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41 The Federal definition of customary  
42 trade is the exchange of cash for fish and wildlife  
43 resources regulated in this part not otherwise  
44 prohibited by Federal law or regulation to support  
45 personal and family needs and does not include the  
46 trade which constitutes a significant commercial  
47 enterprise.

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49 There's a long history of trade of  
50 untanned hides and capes that began prior to the

1 arrival of Europeans in Alaska and continues today.

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3                   It is legal for State of Alaska  
4 residents to harvest ungulates under the State of  
5 Alaska hunting regulations on Bureau of Land  
6 Management, National Wildlife Refuge and National  
7 Preserve and National Forest Service lands and sell the  
8 raw or untanned hides and capes from these animals.  
9 However, the State of Alaska hunting regulation does  
10 not apply to National Parks or National Monument lands.

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13                   The effects of the proposal. The  
14 proponents state that the adoption of this proposal  
15 would not increase harvest but allow Federally-  
16 qualified subsistence users to fully utilize the  
17 animals they harvest for food and to obtain cash needed  
18 to access traditional hunting areas.

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20                   The adoption of this regulation would  
21 allow Federally-qualified subsistence users to sell raw  
22 untanned hides and capes of goat, sheep, caribou and  
23 moose that have been legally harvested under Federal  
24 subsistence regulations on Federal public lands except  
25 Parks and National Monuments.

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27                   Regional variations in the use of raw  
28 untanned hides and capes can be addressed by regional  
29 specific regulations such as those that we talked about  
30 earlier for bear. Current harvest limits are not  
31 affected by this proposal and there do not appear to be  
32 conservation concerns associated with this proposal.  
33 This proposal should not affect other user groups.

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35                   The Staff preliminary conclusion is to  
36 support the analysis.

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38                   Thus far five Regional Councils have  
39 reviewed this proposal, and I'll just go through the  
40 list of actions taken.

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42                   Seward Peninsula Council supported it.

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44                   Bristol Bay Council supported it.

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46                   Southeast Council supported it with  
47 modification to also include deer and elk.....

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49                   MR. RIVARD: And tanned and  
50 untanned.....

1 MR. KRON: .....tanned and untanned  
2 hides.  
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4 Western Interior supported it.  
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6 Kodiak Aleutian took no action on this  
7 proposal.  
8  
9 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tom.  
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13 Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
14 comments.  
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16 MR. PERRY: Good morning again. This  
17 proposal would basically align Federal and State  
18 regulations. What this is asking for is actually legal  
19 under State regulations. So our comments are kind of  
20 parallel that of the -- or at least partially of the  
21 Federal comments.  
22  
23 One thing I'd like to put in here, too,  
24 that the State comments ask that the Federal Board make  
25 customary and traditional use determinations and limit  
26 the Federal regulation to those areas of the state  
27 where evidence of long-term historical pattern of use  
28 exists. And that kind of ends up being a comment  
29 that's put in quite a bit just to -- I guess as much as  
30 anything, to -- where we talk about aligning State and  
31 Federal regulations, that the State in many cases would  
32 like to make sure that the Federal process goes through  
33 and make sure they have everything done ahead of time  
34 as far as customary and traditional use.  
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36 So that's the extent of my comments,  
37 thank you.  
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.  
40 Federal, State and tribal organizations.  
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42 (No comments)  
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr.....  
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: He's InterAgency.  
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: InterAgency, you're  
49 next on the agenda, but is there any tribal or State  
50 agencies who would like to make comment on this.

1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No tribal or State  
4 agencies, okay. Down to InterAgency Staff.  
5  
6 Carl.  
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8 MR. JACK: Carl Jack for InterAgency  
9 Staff Committee, no comments.  
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Carl.  
12 Fish and Game Local Advisory Committee comments.  
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14 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, no  
15 comments.  
16  
17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, James.  
18 Summary of written public comments.  
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20 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Alex Nick for  
21 the record. We received one written comment in support  
22 of the proposal from AHTNA Incorporated.  
23  
24 Mr. Chair.  
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
27 Any public testimony concerning this proposal.  
28  
29 (No comments)  
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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No public comments.  
32 Okay, we'll get down to Regional Advisory Council  
33 deliberations, recommendations and justifications.  
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.  
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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move we adopt this  
40 proposal.  
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's been made  
43 to adopt the proposal. Do I hear a second.  
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45 MR. BROWN: Second.  
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
48 Brown.  
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50 Discussion.

1 (No comments)  
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3 MR. HOELSCHER: Question.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's been  
6 called for. Roll call.  
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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Roll call vote. James  
9 Charles.  
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11 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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13 MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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15 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
16  
17 MR. ROCZICKA: William Brown.  
18  
19 MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Edgar Hoelscher.  
22  
23 MR. HOELSCHER: Yes.  
24  
25 MR. ROCZICKA: Mary Gregory.  
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27 MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
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29 MR. ROCZICKA: Lester Wilde.  
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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Elias Kelly.  
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35 MR. KELLY: Yes.  
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: Joe Mike.  
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39 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
40  
41 MR. ROCZICKA: Roczicka, yes. Robert  
42 Aloysius.  
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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We're moving right  
47 along.  
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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay. Mr. Chairman.  
50 Ten in favor, no one against, motion carried.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Motion  
2 passed. Proposal WP-03 is passed. Mr. Kron.

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4 MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. It'd be  
5 helpful to understand the justification for the vote,  
6 if you could provide a short explanation that would be  
7 helpful for the record.

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, we will do  
10 that in the future, on the next proposal.

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12 (Laughter)

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Before we get into  
15 the next proposal, Alex, what time did you say lunch  
16 was going to be ready.

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18 MR. NICK: 12:00 o'clock.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 12:00 o'clock.  
21 Okay. So we got time for Proposal WP07-04, allow sale  
22 of horns and antlers from goat, sheep, deer, elk,  
23 caribou, muskox and moose.

24  
25 Mr. Kron.

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27 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. This is the  
28 final of the four statewide proposals that are before  
29 you. Again, this proposal like the other three is  
30 being reviewed by all 10 Regional Advisory Councils.  
31 This proposal is a combination of two similar proposals  
32 submitted by the Eastern Interior Regional Advisory  
33 Council and the Upper Tanana Fortymile Fish and Game  
34 Advisory Committee.

35  
36 The proposal requests Federal  
37 regulations that allow the sale of antlers or horns of  
38 goats, sheep, deer, caribou, moose or muskox that have  
39 been naturally shed or removed from the skull of an  
40 animal harvested on Federal public lands under Federal  
41 subsistence regulations by Federally-qualified  
42 subsistence users. The proponents state that adoption  
43 of the proposal would align Federal subsistence harvest  
44 regulations with the State of Alaska hunting  
45 regulations which allow for the sale of antlers or  
46 horns that have been naturally shed or if legally  
47 harvested completely removed from any part of the skull  
48 of the animal, except in Unit 23.

49  
50 State regulations specifically prohibit

1 the sale of caribou antlers from Unit 23 unless the  
2 antlers are naturally shed or made into an article of  
3 handicraft. This prohibition is due to local  
4 conservation concerns about the Western Arctic Caribou  
5 Herd because of the Asian antler market.

6  
7 Federal subsistence regulations do not  
8 include the gathering of naturally shed antlers.  
9 Gathering of naturally shed antlers is prohibited on  
10 National Park Service lands. Current Federal  
11 subsistence regulations do not allow the sale of  
12 unmodified, non-edible byproducts of fish and wildlife.  
13 They must first be made into handicrafts. Unmodified  
14 antlers or horns do not meet the Federal definition of  
15 handicrafts. The proposed sale of antlers or horns  
16 from animals harvested under Federal subsistence  
17 regulations may be consistent with the Federal  
18 definition of customary trade.

19  
20 There's a long history of trade in  
21 unmodified horn and antlers in Alaska that began prior  
22 to the arrival of Europeans and continues today.

23  
24 The proponents state that adoption of  
25 this proposal would not increase harvest but would  
26 allow Federally-qualified subsistence users to fully  
27 utilize the animals they harvest under Federal  
28 subsistence regulations for food and to obtain cash  
29 needed to get to traditional harvesting areas.

30  
31 Effects of the proposal. If adopted,  
32 this proposed regulation would allow hunters to sell  
33 horns and antlers from animals harvested under Federal  
34 subsistence regulations. However, shed antlers are not  
35 regulated under the Federal Subsistence Board's  
36 jurisdiction. The gathering of naturally shed antlers  
37 is specifically prohibited on National Park Service  
38 lands and on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands  
39 without a special use permit from the Refuge manager.  
40 Authorization to collect animal parts from animals not  
41 harvested within the approved Federal subsistence  
42 harvest limits would not be consistent with Federal  
43 subsistence harvest regulations.

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45 So the proposed regulation should be  
46 modified to exclude reference to shed antlers or  
47 collections from animals obtained outside of Federal  
48 subsistence harvest regulations.

49  
50 Regional variation in use of horns and

1 antlers can be addressed by regional specific  
2 regulations such as those for bear. Current harvest  
3 limits are not affected by this proposal. This  
4 proposal should not affect other user groups. The  
5 adoption of this proposal would not lead to an increase  
6 in subsistence harvest, but would allow Federally-  
7 qualified subsistence users to fully utilize the  
8 animals they harvest for food and also for cash needed  
9 to get into traditional harvesting areas.

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11 The analyst's preliminary conclusion is  
12 to support with modification to address only horns and  
13 antlers from animals harvested under Federal  
14 subsistence regulations.

15 This proposal, again, has been reviewed  
16 by five Regional Advisory Councils so far. Four of  
17 them, Seward Peninsula, Bristol Bay, Southeast Alaska  
18 and Western Interior supported the Staff recommendation  
19 and the Kodiak Aleutian Council opposed the proposal.

20

21 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tom.  
24 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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26 MR. PERRY: Yeah, good morning again.  
27 The State does not oppose the proposal. The one case  
28 we would like to have excluded is Unit 23, which is the  
29 area up by Kotzebue -- let me back up -- actually as  
30 Mr. Kron said, under State regulations you can sell  
31 different horns and antlers from either harvested  
32 animals or animals that have died from natural causes  
33 and you pick up the sheds or the shed antlers from  
34 moose and caribou.

35

36 In Unit 23, which is the Game  
37 Management Unit up by Kotzebue, under State regulation  
38 right now it's not legal to sell separated antlers.  
39 And the reason for that there had been a problem in the  
40 past there with large numbers of caribou -- that's the  
41 area where the Western Arctic Herd in the fall migrates  
42 from the North Slope down past Kotzebue and there had  
43 been problems with people selling antlers and not  
44 taking meat, so it's actually a local issue that under  
45 State regulation this is the one area in the state  
46 that's excluding from the allow of sale.

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48 So the State's interested, if this is  
49 passed by the Federal Subsistence Board, that they also  
50 would include language to make that the same in Unit

1 23, that it would exclude Unit 23.  
2  
3 So those are our comments, thank you.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Go  
6 ahead.  
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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Maybe a question.  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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12 MR. ROCZICKA: But as I understand that  
13 restriction that was put in place by -- again the local  
14 people did request that and put it in with the Western  
15 Arctic Caribou Management Plan, that was one of their  
16 conditions as well, correct.  
17  
18 MR. PERRY: Yes, that's a condition  
19 that's on that and it's from -- basically the local  
20 people there wanted that in place so that's why it's  
21 there.  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tom.  
24  
25 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Greg, and,  
26 again, that same condition was included in the Staff  
27 recommendation, which is on Page 79, which was  
28 supported by four of the five Councils.  
29  
30 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tom.  
33 Tribal agency comments.  
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35 (No comments)  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being none.  
38 InterAgency Staff Committee report -- comments.  
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40 MR. JACK: Carl Jack for InterAgency  
41 Staff Committee, no comments.  
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Carl.  
44 Fish and Game Local Advisory Committees.  
45  
46 MR. CHARLES: No comments, Mr.  
47 Chairman.  
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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, James.  
50 Summary of written comments, public comments.

1 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. We received one  
2 comment in support of the proposal from the AHTNA Tene  
3 Nene' Subsistence Committee.

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5 Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Public  
8 testimony, is there anybody from the public that'd like  
9 to make a comment on this proposal.

10  
11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There being one, I  
14 got one question, in our proposal does that exclusion  
15 of Unit 23, is that in the proposal?

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17 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. As noted  
18 earlier it's in the Staff recommendation and I'm paging  
19 back to look in the proposal.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I was asking about  
22 the proposal itself -- does the proposal itself delete  
23 that 23?

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25 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. I'm looking  
26 on Page 75 where it lists the proposed wording and the  
27 original proposal did not delete Unit 23, but, again,  
28 the Staff recommendation was to provide that deletion  
29 consistent with State regulations and the interest of  
30 that specific unit.

31  
32 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We'll go  
35 with the Staff recommended proposal, which is to delete  
36 23; is that correct.

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38 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. It's caribou  
39 harvested only in Unit 23 for clarification.

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41 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tom.  
44 Regional Advisory comments.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.

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50 MS. GREGORY: That was my concern too,

1 I wanted to make sure this Page 72 reflect that,  
2 because you can easily overlook it after it's been  
3 approved.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary, would you  
6 like to amend that into the -- make an amendment into  
7 the proposal.

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9 MS. GREGORY: Yes. Mr. Chair, I'd like  
10 to make an amendment to Proposal WP07-04. Where's your  
11 exclusion clause -- from Page 79.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. Mr.  
14 Chairman, there is no motion to address this proposal  
15 at this time.

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17 MS. GREGORY: I made a motion, Mr.  
18 Aloysius.

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20 MR. ALOYSIUS: You are making comments,  
21 you are not making a motion.

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23 MS. GREGORY: No, you need to listen  
24 clearly.

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26 Move this one from here to there.....

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do delete Unit 23.

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30 MS. GREGORY: Move the modification  
31 proposal from Page 79 to Page 72. You know what I'm  
32 saying.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tom -- Don.

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36 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Don Rivard.  
37 Mary there are two things here. One is, it's the  
38 proposal as submitted by the proponent, we can't change  
39 that.

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41 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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43 MR. RIVARD: What you can do as a  
44 Council is support the modification on Page 79, if you  
45 so choose.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Now, how do I make that  
48 effective.

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50 MR. RIVARD: The potential motion would

1 be that you support the proposal as modified by the  
2 Staff on Page 79.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Madame.

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8 MS. GREGORY: I move that we approve  
9 the Staff recommendation, if my motion isn't correct,  
10 you can make correction, the secretary can do that,  
11 that we support the Staff recommendation on Page 29.

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13 MR. RIVARD: 79.

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15 MS. GREGORY: 79, along with our  
16 proposal at hand.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any comments,  
19 Council.

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21 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do I hear a second  
24 to the motion to adopt resolution -- resolution --  
25 Proposal WP07-04 with modification -- as modified by  
26 Staff.

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28 MS. GREGORY: There you go, thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Do I hear a second  
31 to the motion.

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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Second.

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35 MR. HOELSCHER: Second.

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37 MR. ROCZICKA: Edgar.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr.  
40 Secretary, yeah, you could write that down.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
45 discussion.

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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.

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1 MR. ROCZICKA: Just one more question  
2 for Staff, in the course of your analysis there you  
3 mentioned that it's currently not covered by  
4 subsistence regulations for people to -- it  
5 specifically mentioned Refuges and National Park  
6 Service lands, but if we don't have anything on the  
7 books, how does the Service then issue a permit for  
8 something that's not recognized as legal.

9  
10 MR. TWITCHELL: Good morning, Chair,  
11 and Council members. Hollis Twitchell, Yukon-Delta  
12 Wildlife Refuge. Currently we don't have anyone that  
13 has applied for a collecting permit for shed antlers or  
14 any other materials so currently there hasn't been any  
15 expressed interest by anyone to the Refuge for making  
16 that sort of collection.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Does  
19 that answer your question, Greg.

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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Kind of.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, let's give  
24 Tom a try.

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26 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. I guess  
27 another issue relative to shed antlers is Federal  
28 subsistence regulations, the regulations that you  
29 provide the foundation for and the Federal Subsistence  
30 Board adopts do not apply to shed antlers. They do  
31 apply, you know, if you get a moose or a caribou, one  
32 of these other animals and you would, under this  
33 regulation would want to be able to sell those antlers,  
34 in that case it would apply to harvested animals, not  
35 to shed antlers, shed antlers are a different issue,  
36 not under the jurisdiction of the Federal Board or this  
37 Council.

38  
39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Don.

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41 MR. RIVARD: Just to add, this Don  
42 Rivard. If you want to go and collect shed antlers on  
43 National Wildlife Refuge lands, you have to get a  
44 permit and what Hollis just said is nobody's ever come  
45 to them that they're aware of and asked for that type  
46 of permit, but that's possible to do, right, somebody  
47 can come and get a permit at the National Wildlife  
48 Refuge. On National Park Service lands I think it's  
49 different, I think -- you may have to get a permit, but  
50 I think they don't allow any of that collection to

1 occur allow at all. And then Hollis would know because  
2 he recently worked for the National Park Service.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.

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6 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair. Mr. Kron. On  
7 Page 75, that big game trophy, why is it in there or  
8 what is the purpose, is that a State regulation.

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10 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Ms. Gregory.  
11 You're looking at the State regulations there at the  
12 bottom of Page 75, I believe.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Uh-huh.

15

16 MR. KRON: Yeah, that's not in the  
17 Federal regulations.

18

19 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Are there any  
22 further questions.

23

24 MR. BROWN: Yes.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.

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28 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I just have a comment  
29 about the trophies, does it include the sporthunting  
30 trophies. You know I recently saw in Eek River, one  
31 time I just saw a group of chartered people one time  
32 with antlers piled up and covered with tarp and I seen  
33 this float plane taking off about 10 miles up Eek River  
34 and I didn't stop by but I saw a bunch of antlers with  
35 them. Do they leave the meat behind or what did they  
36 do with the meat.

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tom.

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40 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Brown.  
41 Maybe Hollis can help me with the answer as well, but I  
42 would expect that if this group had chartered in they  
43 probably were not Federally-qualified subsistence  
44 users.

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46 (Phone interruption)

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Tom.

49

50 MR. KRON: Based on what Mr. Brown said

1 I would expect that they probably were not Federally-  
2 qualified subsistence users. The regulations before  
3 you, the Federal subsistence regulations apply to rural  
4 residents, you know, the group here at the table the  
5 people that you represent. Those individuals that Mr.  
6 Brown discussed probably were hunting under State of  
7 Alaska regulations and under those regulations, if they  
8 chose to, they could sell those antlers if they were  
9 separated from the skull, if they sawed them off of the  
10 skull they could sell them if they chose to.

11

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tom.  
15 Does that answer your question.

16

17 MR. BROWN: Yeah.

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
20 questions. Edgar.

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22 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
23 Chairman. On Page 75 you state, the proposed  
24 regulation would apply to all Federal land as defined,  
25 and then on Page 75, you know, you have the existing  
26 national [sic] regulations, would those be separate  
27 issues?

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I didn't hear your  
30 comment, I'm sorry. I was being disturbed by somebody  
31 else over here.

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33 MR. HOELSCHER: My question for Staff  
34 is on Page 76 [sic], it states the proposed regulation  
35 would apply to all Federal public lands, and then back  
36 on Page 75 you have the National Wildlife and National  
37 Park Service regulations, so those would be separate  
38 rules.

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Twitchell.

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42 MR. TWITCHELL: Yeah, it looks to me  
43 like they're speaking there in terms of property, the  
44 destruction, injury or defacement, disturbance,  
45 unauthorized removal of any public property is  
46 prohibited.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that answer  
49 your question. Any further questions or comments on  
50 the proposal. Don.

1 MR. RIVARD: No, Hollis.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, go ahead.  
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5 MR. TWITCHELL: Chair. I guess as I  
6 understood the question from William Brown, he was  
7 inquiring whether these individuals had the antlers  
8 with them, he was asking where was the salvageable  
9 meat, was that part of your question?  
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11 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I was just wondering  
12 about the meat I don't see with that group.  
13  
14 MR. TWITCHELL: If they had antlers  
15 from an animal that they harvested they, of course,  
16 would have to have the salvageable meat, lacking that  
17 they would be in violation of regulations, whether they  
18 harvested under the State regulations or Federal and so  
19 in that sort of situation we would like to know about  
20 that and it certainly would need to be investigated  
21 further.  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Don.  
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25 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. I want to try  
26 to address what I think Edgar was asking. On the top  
27 of Page 75 are existing regulations for collecting shed  
28 antlers, horns, et cetera, those are still in place no  
29 matter what you do with your motion. What the  
30 operative word is on Page 79 is the legally harvested,  
31 you can take those antlers, if you pass this and the  
32 Board passes it ultimately, you could then sell those  
33 that are legally harvested. If there's horns and  
34 antlers out there on the ground from previous years you  
35 cannot collect them on National Wildlife Refuge land  
36 unless you get a permit, and you cannot collect them on  
37 National Park Service lands and those two things will  
38 stay in place no matter what you do with your motion.  
39  
40 Thank you.  
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Did you have any  
43 further comment, Tom.  
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45 MR. KRON: (Shakes head negatively)  
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Anybody  
48 else.  
49  
50 (No comments)

1                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There was a motion  
2 on this, right.....  
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4                   MR. HOELSCHER: Question.  
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6                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....to adopt this  
7 proposal, there was also a second, court reporter.  
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9                   REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)  
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11                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
12 comment.  
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14                  (No comments)  
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16                  MR. HOELSCHER: Question.  
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18                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's called  
19 for. Mr. Secretary.  
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21                  MR. ROCZICKA: Final action on proposal  
22 as modified by Staff to refer to legally harvested  
23 horns and excluding GMU 23.  
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25                  James Charles.  
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27                  MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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29                  MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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31                  MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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33                  MR. ROCZICKA: William Brown.  
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35                  MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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37                  MR. ROCZICKA: Edgar Hoelscher.  
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39                  MR. HOELSCHER: Yes.  
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41                  MR. ROCZICKA: Mary Gregory.  
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43                  MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
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45                  MR. ROCZICKA: Lester Wilde.  
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47                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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49                  MR. ROCZICKA: Elias Kelly.  
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1 MR. KELLY: Yes.  
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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Joseph Mike.  
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5 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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7 MR. ROCZICKA: Roczicka, yes. Bob  
8 Aloysius.  
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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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12 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. 10 in  
13 favor, no one opposed.  
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal WP07-04 is  
16 passed. We have approximately 25 minutes and I noticed  
17 it took us 25 minutes for this last proposal. We could  
18 try chance it for one more proposal and be in time for  
19 lunch so let's go on in a quick hurry.  
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21 Go ahead, Alex.  
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23 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. I contacted  
24 Harry Wilde and asked him if he wished to participate  
25 on teleconference, he wants to participate when you  
26 begin reviewing the Unit 18 proposals. So you have to  
27 give me at least five minutes to contact him if you're  
28 going to continue with those.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. You've got  
31 five minutes to get a hold of him and then we'll try  
32 and go.....  
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34 MR. RIVARD: I can do it right here, I  
35 believe, let's try it.  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
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39 MR. RIVARD: Give me his number.  
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
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43 MR. ROCZICKA: Should we step down  
44 then.  
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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Take a five minute  
47 break.  
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49 (Off record)  
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1 (On record)

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I had a request  
4 from the audience there that we remind everybody that  
5 can't understand English that there's translators back  
6 there, we also have a translator that is supposed to be  
7 translating this meeting. If you can't understand  
8 English, make sure you get a translator. There's  
9 already been a couple of our elders that have left  
10 because they were unable to understand what was going  
11 on at the meeting and that shouldn't be that excuse  
12 here, that people can't understand what's going on here  
13 in the meeting.

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15 Thank you.

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17 Are you ready, Mr. Rivard.

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19 MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair. We are  
20 now on Proposal WP07-26 and that starts in your Council  
21 book on Page 86.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: WP07-26 is a  
24 proposal to revise customary and traditional use  
25 determination for moose in part of Unit 18 to include  
26 Stebbins and St. Michael.

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28 Staff.

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30 MR. RIVARD: Thank you. Just for your  
31 information, Council members, we now have KUK.....

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: KCUK.

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35 MS. GREGORY: KYUK.

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37 MR. RIVARD: KYUK has joined our  
38 teleconference.

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40 This proposal was submitted as stated  
41 by Peter Martin, Sr. from Stebbins. The lead author  
42 for our office, Office of Subsistence on this was Helen  
43 Armstrong, who is one of our Staff anthropologists.  
44 Again, this requests that St. Michael and Stebbins be  
45 added to the current customary and traditional use for  
46 moose in Unit 18, remainder. And as you see on Map 1,  
47 you can see where the remainder is, it's sort of that  
48 hourglass shape there in the middle of Unit 18.

49

50 At the Seward Peninsula Council meeting

1 a couple of weeks ago, the proponent said that Stebbins  
2 and St. Michael today are hunting in the vicinity of  
3 the Pastolik River, which is the northwest portion of  
4 Unit 18. And if you look on Page 88 there's a map that  
5 kind of focuses in on that area. Stebbins and St.  
6 Michael also already have customary and traditional use  
7 determinations for black bear and caribou. The  
8 existing customary and traditional use determination  
9 for moose in Unit 18 is -- Unit 18 remainder is rural  
10 residents of Unit 18 and Upper Kalskag.

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12 Federal public lands in Unit 18  
13 comprise of approximately 62 percent of the land, 96  
14 percent of the Federal public lands are managed by the  
15 Fish and Wildlife Service and the Yukon Delta National  
16 Wildlife Refuge and the other four percent are managed  
17 by the BLM, Bureau of Land Management. The Federal  
18 Subsistence Board has never addressed Stebbins and St.  
19 Michael's customary and traditional use of moose in  
20 Unit 18, so this will be the first time it's coming  
21 before the Board. The current Federal customary and  
22 traditional use determination for moose in Unit 18 was  
23 adopted in 1990 from State of Alaska customary and  
24 traditional use determinations. Subsistence use  
25 studies were conducted by Dr. Wolfe in Stebbins in 1980  
26 but none have been conducted in St. Michael.  
27 Consequently there is insufficient information to  
28 address every aspect of both community's use relative  
29 to each of the eight factors in Unit 18.

30  
31 This analysis assumes information on  
32 eight factors applies to both Stebbins and St.  
33 Michael's use of moose in Unit 18 as well as in Unit 22  
34 as the communities are closely interrelated and have  
35 similar subsistence use patterns.

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37 The eight factors start on Page 89 and  
38 I'm just going to kind of summarize them, give you kind  
39 of bullets on these.

40  
41 Moose were unavailable in the Norton  
42 Sound area prior to the mid-20th Century. In the 1940s  
43 moose moved westward into the Norton Sound areas.  
44 Moose harvested by Stebbins and St. Michael since moose  
45 have been -- moose have been harvested by those  
46 communities since moose have been available in the  
47 area. It's uncertain how many moose are harvested by  
48 Stebbins or St. Michael. There's only one year of  
49 household survey data, and the household use survey in  
50 1980 indicated that five moose were harvested by

1 Stebbins residents.

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3 Harvest ticket data are known to be  
4 less reliable in many parts of the state due to non-  
5 reporting, but the data provide some indication of  
6 moose harvest. From 1983 to 2000 198 moose permits  
7 were obtained and out of the 44 people who hunted 20  
8 moose were reported harvested by Stebbins residents.  
9 One moose was reported harvested in Unit 18, most were  
10 harvested in Unit 22.

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12 In research conducted by the Alaska  
13 Department of Fish and Game, and I'm going to probably  
14 slaughter these names and I apologize, Kawarek and  
15 Maniilaq.....

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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Maniilaq and  
18 Kawarek.

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20 MR. RIVARD: Maniilaq -- yeah. Thank  
21 you, sir. Regarding moose harvest in May 2000 through  
22 April 2000 -- excuse me, in May 2002 through April  
23 2003, residents of Stebbins reported a harvest of two  
24 moose in Unit 18 from a community harvest total of 20  
25 moose. Most of Stebbins' moose were taken in Unit 22  
26 near the Pikmiktalik River, so you can see that just --  
27 just above the -- if you look on Page 88 again you'll  
28 see that there in Unit 22. During the survey year 2002  
29 to 2003, Stebbins households reported using more moose  
30 than caribou, probably due to the community's lack of  
31 access to caribou during that survey year.

32

33 In St. Michael 232 moose permits were  
34 obtained from 1983 to 2003, 119 people hunted and 54  
35 moose were reported harvest. Of these 54 harvested, one  
36 moose was reported harvested in Unit 18. In other  
37 communities in Unit 22, for example, Unalakleet, door  
38 to door harvest surveys have found that only 41 percent  
39 of the harvests are actually reported.

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41 In 2002 the Alaska Department of Fish  
42 and Game found that only three of the 21 moose  
43 harvested by Stebbins were reported, and it is unknown  
44 what percent of the harvest over the years has not been  
45 reported by subsistence users from Stebbins or St.  
46 Michael, but it could be assumed that it is under  
47 reported.

48

49 While Stebbins and St. Michael's  
50 harvest in Unit 18 are most likely not as significant

1 in the harvest as Unit 22, these harvests are still  
2 important to the subsistence users as there are really  
3 no unimportant subsistence uses under ANILCA.

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5 We're not going to go through all the  
6 eight factors, this discussion in the analysis, and all  
7 of you are subsistence users and know what the areas  
8 are, instead we're going to focus on where Stebbins and  
9 St. Michael residents harvest moose in Unit 18.

10

11 Stebbins and St. Michael primarily hunt  
12 for moose in Unit 22A but they also hunt in Unit 18.  
13 In Dr. Wolfe's research in 1980 he found that Stebbins  
14 residents would make hunting trips by snowmachine south  
15 into the Andraefsky Mountains in search of moose and  
16 also had fish camps on the Pastolik River. Again, you  
17 can see those on Page 88, Map 2. The proponent of this  
18 proposed proposal specifically mentioned that Stebbins  
19 and St. Michael today are hunting in the vicinity of  
20 the Pastolik River, which is in the northwest portion  
21 of Unit 18. If any of you should happen to know any  
22 other additional information we would like to have that  
23 input as well, as to which moose harvests are occurring  
24 there in Unit 18.

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26 The effects of the proposal. Adopting  
27 this proposal would add Stebbins and St. Michael to the  
28 villages that already have customary and traditional  
29 use determination for moose in Unit 18 remainder, and  
30 that's the area again labeled as remainder on Map 1 on  
31 Page 87.

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33 Information provided at the Seward  
34 Peninsula Council meeting indicated that the Pastolik  
35 River drainage is used by Stebbins and St. Michael  
36 residents.

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38 So the preliminary conclusion is to  
39 support Proposal WP07-26 with modification for Stebbins  
40 and St. Michael to have a positive customary and  
41 traditional use determination in the Pastolik, the  
42 Andraefsky and the Pastol.....

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44 MS. GREGORY: Pastoliak.

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46 MR. RIVARD: .....Pastoliak River  
47 drainages, so, again, on Page 88, if you look, it's  
48 that -- it's the hatched area there, that's the  
49 proposal that Staff is recommending that you support  
50 the proposal with modification to provide a positive

1 customary and traditional use determination for the  
2 residents of St. Michael and Stebbins in that portion  
3 of Unit 18.

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5                   The modified regulation, you will see  
6 that on Page 92 of your book, and it's basically  
7 stating what I said there. I'll read it.

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9                   Support Proposal WP07-26 with  
10 modification for Stebbins and St.  
11 Michael to have a positive customary  
12 and traditional use determination in  
13 the Pastolik, Andreafsky and  
14 Pastol.....

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16                   MS. GREGORY: Pastoliak.

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18                   MR. RIVARD: .....Pastoliak River  
19 drainages.

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21                   Thank you, Mary.

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23                   Adopting this proposal would recognize  
24 the customary and traditional use patterns of Stebbins  
25 and St. Michael for harvesting moose in those three  
26 river drainages in Unit 18. This area is a more  
27 accurate description of where Stebbins and St. Michael  
28 residents actually harvest moose in Unit 18.

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30                   The proponent of the proposal preferred  
31 the proposed area in Map 2 as this is an accurate  
32 description of where they hunt moose and the Seward  
33 Peninsula Council supported the proposal as modified by  
34 Staff.

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36                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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38                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.  
39 Rivard. Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.

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41                   MR. PERRY: Hello again. I'd like to  
42 point out on here, on Page 92 of your book, the  
43 preliminary conclusion doesn't quite, I think, meet  
44 what everyone here is wanting especially probably Mr.  
45 Aloysius there from Upper Kalskag. I think, at least,  
46 I would recommend changing the language a little bit.

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48                   The preliminary conclusion in here, if  
49 I'm reading this correctly, would put the village of  
50 Upper Kalskag, having that area up in the northwest

1 corner, near Kotlik, as the area that it has a C&T for,  
2 and I don't think that's the intention of the  
3 regulation, that's why I think it just needs a little  
4 bit of editing.

5  
6 The original proposal didn't quite work  
7 either because the remainder doesn't include the area  
8 where Stebbins and St. Michael hunt moose.

9  
10 So I don't, off the top of my head,  
11 have a good solution to this other than maybe splitting  
12 out these two areas, having a customary and traditional  
13 use area that applies to Stebbins and St. Michael, that  
14 is that area up around Kotlik and having the language  
15 for Upper Kalskag to be consistent with what it is now,  
16 the implication being that, you know, people from  
17 Kalskag can hunt on that upper part of the Yukon.

18  
19 So that's my concern right now, the way  
20 it's written.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Don.

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24 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr.  
25 Perry points out a good point, I think that was  
26 inadvertently kept in there where it says -- if you  
27 look on Page 92, and Upper Kalskag, I think that wasn't  
28 supposed to be in there at all, so this is just meant  
29 for the residents of St. Michael and Stebbins, and you  
30 can so move if you choose to do it that way. But I  
31 believe that was a mistake to include Upper Kalskag in  
32 this particular C&T determination.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So would that be  
35 the modified -- your modified version of this proposal,  
36 Don, to exclude Kalskag?

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38 MR. RIVARD: Yes, I believe so, because  
39 I don't even think they talk about Upper Kalskag in  
40 this proposal.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.

43  
44 MR. RIVARD: It certainly wasn't part  
45 of what the proponent wanted.

46  
47 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any comments, Bob.

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1 MR. ALOYSIUS: For the record there is  
2 no Upper Kalskag. There's Kalskag and Lower Village.

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4 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. If I may  
5 clarify, Upper Kalskag as we list it here, already has  
6 C&T for that area. They have -- they are part of the  
7 group of people that can hunt in Unit 18 remainder, and  
8 this is just narrowing down a portion of Unit 18  
9 remainder, just basically those -- if you look on Page  
10 88 again, for St. Michael and Stebbins. So Upper  
11 Kalskag doesn't need to be in here at all, so that  
12 would be the modification, we'll just take that out.

13  
14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Any  
15 questions from the Council concerning this proposal.

16  
17 (No comments)

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you --  
20 I forgot your name again, your first name?

21  
22 MR. PERRY: Phillip.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Phillip. Okay,  
25 we're down to Alaska Department of Fish and Game -- no,  
26 okay, Federal, State and tribal agency comments.....

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28 MR. RIVARD: No, wait.....

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Sorry, go ahead,  
31 Don.

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33 MR. RIVARD: Tom Kron just mentioned to  
34 me that we do need to that we do need to keep Upper  
35 Kalskag in there because right now they do have C&T to  
36 hunt there, if we don't include them in this proposal  
37 then they would not be allowed to hunt in the areas  
38 marked in Map 2 on Page 88, so we do have to keep Upper  
39 Kalskag in there so that they're still allowed to hunt.

40  
41 Thank you, sir.

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Edgar.

44  
45 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
46 Chairman. On Page 86 existing Federal regulations, you  
47 do mention Upper Kalskag in there already.

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49 MR. RIVARD: That's correct, sir, they  
50 would have -- they already have the -- but what would

1 happen if we don't include them in this Andreadfsky  
2 drainage that we show on Page 88, if they're not still  
3 included in that portion then they would no longer be  
4 able to hunt in that portion so they need to stay in  
5 there, because it's not our intention to exclude them  
6 from an area.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that understood  
9 -- I'm sure everybody understands that.

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11 Okay, we'll go down to tribal agency  
12 comment -- I'm sorry, Fish and Game -- Fish and  
13 Wildlife.

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15 MR. TWITCHELL: Mr. Chair. Council  
16 members. Hollis Twitchell, Yukon Delta Wildlife  
17 Refuge. The Refuge would certainly support this  
18 proposal with a modification. Speaking with the Refuge  
19 manager, Mike Rearden, yesterday, his comments were  
20 that he would even support a larger recognition for  
21 Stebbins and St. Michael's use of Unit 18. Although he  
22 didn't have the biological or the customary and  
23 traditional data to substantiate his recommendations,  
24 he questions why we wouldn't make it more simple and  
25 simply include them as customary and traditional users  
26 in Unit 18. So that was his comments. He was thinking  
27 of trying to make it simpler and streamline it and if  
28 the customary and traditional use determinations would  
29 support them using Unit 18, he's perfectly comfortable  
30 with that.

31

32 Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Don,  
35 did you have a comment.

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37 MR. RIVARD: No, Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: InterAgency Staff.

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41 MR. JACK: Carl Jack for InterAgency  
42 Staff Committee. The Staff Committee does not have any  
43 comments. And to expedite your process as you go  
44 through the presentation procedures, for the next nine  
45 proposals, the InterAgency Staff does not have any  
46 comments either on those.

47

48 Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, so

1 noted. Tribal. AVCP.

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3 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For  
4 the record, my name is Timothy Andrew, I'm the director  
5 of wildlife resources for the Association of Village  
6 Council Presidents.

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8 We initially supported the proposal to  
9 include Stebbins and St. Michael into the customary and  
10 traditional use determination for Unit 18 in that  
11 portion where it is currently indicated by Staff, but  
12 would further support the Refuge in opening up  
13 customary and traditional use determinations for the  
14 remainder of the open portions of Unit 18 at this time.  
15 And this is on the basis of the close kinship that the  
16 people of Stebbins and St. Michael have with the  
17 residents of Unit 18.

18

19 I believe it was several years ago  
20 there was a potlatch in Kotlik where they invited the  
21 people from Stebbins and St. Michael to their potlatch  
22 and it occurs vice versa in various times of the year.

23

24 These people are dependent on moose  
25 just as much as we are and would greatly benefit from  
26 this proposal.

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28 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, Mary.

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36 MS. GREGORY: Tim, I have a question  
37 for you. I'm looking at the map on Page 87, your  
38 support, does it include just the outlying portion or  
39 does it go anywhere because it -- Stebbins and St.  
40 Michael are in, what, 22.

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42 MR. RIVARD: Yes.

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44 MS. GREGORY: Does that change the  
45 boundaries or.....

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47 MR. ANDREW: As far as I understand,  
48 Mr. Chair, Mrs. Gregory, is that currently the Staff  
49 recommends that the residents of Stebbins and St.  
50 Michael have customary and traditional use

1 determination for moose as outlined in Page 88. In  
2 support of the Yukon Delta Refuge's position it would  
3 open the remainder plus that area within the dotted  
4 line on the lowest portion of the Yukon River.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim.  
7 Don.

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9 MR. RIVARD: I think I may need to  
10 clarify this. Right now the residents of Stebbins and  
11 St. Michael do not have customary and traditional use  
12 determination to hunt moose in Unit 18. What this  
13 proposal was asking for was that they be allowed --  
14 that they get a positive C&T determination for Unit 18  
15 remainder, that was what the proposal was. And if you  
16 look on Page 87, again, that's the middle portion where  
17 it says remainder, kind of an hourglass figure, what  
18 Staff has recommended is that that part be narrowed  
19 down to what you see on Page 88 in the cross-hatch.  
20 What I heard from Hollis Twitchell is they think -- the  
21 Refuge Staff, Mike Rearden thinks that Stebbins and St.  
22 Michael should be allowed to have a C&T determination  
23 for all of Unit 18, which, again, if you look on Page  
24 87 is that whole big area. But Stebbins and St.  
25 Michael, the communities still stay in Unit 22.

26

27 Thank you.

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29 MS. GREGORY: Thank you. And my  
30 understanding now is that they can come into 18 out of  
31 22 to hunt.

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33 MR. RIVARD: They cannot hunt for moose  
34 in Unit 18. That's what this proposal is, is to allow  
35 them to be able to hunt in portions of Unit 18. Right  
36 now they don't have customary and traditional use  
37 determination so that excludes them from hunting in  
38 Unit 18.

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40 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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42 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chairman. Joe Mike.  
43 From my understanding as long as the person has the  
44 hunting license it's good for State of Alaska, anywhere  
45 in State of Alaska, so that's for Stebbins and St.  
46 Michael to hunt moose in our area.

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48 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Don.

1 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Mike is correct, under  
2 State regulations they can hunt. What I was talking  
3 about and I should have made this more explicit, under  
4 Federal regulations, right now Stebbins and St. Michael  
5 cannot hunt in Unit 18. They could still go there and  
6 hunt under State regulations.

7  
8 Thank you.

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10 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mr. Mike.

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14 MR. MIKE: Joe Mike. From the time we  
15 were small we used to be told share your hunting ground  
16 with other village, that's what we're trying to do in  
17 our village.

18  
19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. I think we  
22 kind of broke the procedure but we're going back down  
23 to the Local Game Advisory Committee comments.

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25 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. No  
26 comments from Lower Kuskokwim AC, but Lower Yukon might  
27 have had meeting on this proposal, but not us.

28  
29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.  
32 Any further comments from Advisory Council --  
33 Committees.

34  
35 (No comments)

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Summary of written  
38 public comments.

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40 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. For the record  
41 Alex Nick from -- rather with OSM. To my knowledge,  
42 unless I overlooked any public written comments, we did  
43 not receive written comments for this proposal.

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45 Mr. Chair. But with your permission  
46 I'd like to provide a clarification.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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50 MR. NICK: On behalf of the new

1 members, new Council members.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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5 MR. NICK: I see Bob Aloysius shake his  
6 head several times, you know, when we mention Kalskag.  
7 I'm just going to use myself as an example. I'm  
8 originally from Russian Mission. Russian Mission is  
9 eligible to hunt in Unit 21E during winter moose  
10 season. Even though I'm originally from Russian  
11 Mission, and I'm Federally -- rather I am registered in  
12 Russian Mission as -- as a tribal member in Russian  
13 Mission I cannot hunt in Unit 21E because I live in  
14 Bethel. Because Unit 21E says residents of Unit 21E  
15 and village of Russian Mission for winter moose hunt.  
16 What that means is that only people who are living in  
17 Russian Mission are able to go hunting in Unit 21E,  
18 even I'm from Russian Mission I can't go hunting up in  
19 Unit 21E because I live in Bethel. I thought I would  
20 use that as an example.

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22 Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: There was a summary  
25 -- was there any summary of written comments.

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No. Any public  
30 testimony on Proposal WP07-26.

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Regional Advisory  
35 Council deliberation, recommendations.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we adopt  
42 Proposal WP07-26 as written.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: As written. You  
45 got the words here, as written, not as modified. Is  
46 there a second to the motion.

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48 MR. CHARLES: Second.

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50 MR. MIKE: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by James  
2 Charles.  
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4 MR. ROCZICKA: Joe Mike.  
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6 (Laughter)  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any discussion.  
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10 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.  
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mary.  
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14 MS. GREGORY: I thought Harry was going  
15 to participate when we talk about this.  
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is Harry on the  
18 phone.  
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20 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Harry Wilde was  
21 provided with the teleconference details, audio details  
22 and I think he was trying to call in, maybe with your  
23 permission and permission -- even though if we have to  
24 -- even though it might delay a little bit maybe it  
25 might be better if we call him up in the afternoon  
26 session.  
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, while we're  
29 sitting and waiting could you do that really quick  
30 like.  
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32 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)  
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34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Can you do that  
35 right away.  
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37 MS. GREGORY: I thought before we  
38 started I thought you did.  
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40 MR. NICK: Yeah, I did provide him with  
41 the teleconference details and he had everything right,  
42 I don't know if he have -- has problems with  
43 connections.  
44  
45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: How much time would  
46 you need to get him connected.  
47  
48 MR. NICK: I could call him up while  
49 you're in session but you might be done with this  
50 proposal by the time he connects.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What is the wish of  
2 the Council.

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4 MR. RIVARD: Pete, are you still on  
5 line. Pete, are you still on line.

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7 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes, I am.

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9 MR. RIVARD: Okay, good, just wanted to  
10 make sure we're connected.

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12 MR. MIKE: We could suspend the rules.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
15 comments.

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17 MR. ROCZICKA: I'd like to ask the  
18 maker, just for clarification, when he says, as  
19 written, which language specifically he was looking at,  
20 is that Page 92, specific to those drainages only.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Robert. Bob.  
23 Sorry, I'm trying to change your name.

24  
25 (Laughter)

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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: I have a question for  
28 Don. Do we have to go through another process to  
29 include the suggestion that the Refuge manager had to  
30 include all of the remainder of Unit 18 or can that be  
31 addressed during this.

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33 MR. RIVARD: Well, there's two things  
34 Bob. First, my understanding of your motion was your  
35 motion was to adopt the proposal as submitted by the  
36 proponent.

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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.

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40 MR. RIVARD: Which means providing  
41 Stebbins and St. Michael with C&T determination for  
42 moose in Unit 18 remainder.

43  
44 Okay, and now your second question is,  
45 you, as a Council, can make a motion that would modify  
46 the proposal to allow residents of Stebbins and St.  
47 Michael to hunt moose in all of Unit 18.

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49 Right now your motion that I understood  
50 was just for Unit 18 remainder. If you look at Page

1 87, Unit 18 remainder, again, is that hourglass figure  
2 in the middle of the map, okay, where the word  
3 remainder says, that's my understanding of your motion.

4  
5 The Refuge Staff and maybe Hollis can  
6 come back up here to confirm this, they were saying  
7 that they think that Stebbins and St. Michael ought to  
8 be able to hunt moose in all of Unit 18, and that would  
9 need -- if you want to make that motion that's the way  
10 you have to phrase it, right now you're just supporting  
11 the proposal as written, as submitted by the proponent.

12  
13 MR. ALOYSIUS: The reason why I did  
14 that was simply because if somebody else wanted to  
15 modify the motion they have to come in with a  
16 modification to the motion.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.

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20 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
21 And I'm not seeing it covered in here as well, on that  
22 map on Page 87, you've got a hunt area boundary and you  
23 keep referring to the remainder as only being that  
24 central section of what's left over, how about the  
25 lower -- the Mountain Village and below and that  
26 triangle area there, and of course we heard from Mr.  
27 Mike there from Kotlik.

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29 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Greg. If you  
30 go to your regulations book, there is a description of  
31 that lower portion in Unit 18, and it's on Page -- what  
32 page you got -- Page 88.

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34 MR. ROCZICKA: And Stebbins and St.  
35 Michael are already included within that.

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37 MR. RIVARD: No.

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39 MR. ROCZICKA: No.

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41 MR. RIVARD: Stebbins and St. Michael  
42 do have C&T for caribou in Unit 18, they do not for  
43 moose, we're talking about moose here, okay.

44  
45 Yeah, for C&T -- this is where it gets  
46 confusing -- what you're looking at is on Page 87 are  
47 hunt areas, but as Mr. Perry has just pointed out to  
48 me, for C&T, customary and traditional use  
49 determination, that includes what -- if you look on  
50 Page 87 that includes the remainder and it also

1 includes the lower portion, the very lower portion and  
2 it includes the Kanektok River drainage, south of and  
3 including the Kanektok River drainage.

4  
5 It gets a little confusing because  
6 we're talking about hunt areas and we're talking about  
7 -- about C&T determination areas and they don't always  
8 line up.

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10 So the proponent wanted it for the  
11 remainder of Unit 18 and we're looking -- if you look  
12 on Page 88 of the regulations book, not everybody has  
13 them -- do we have extra books, but for this -- for C&T  
14 it's Unit 18 remainder, right now it's rural residents  
15 of Upper -- of Unit 18 and Upper Kalskag and the  
16 proponent wants to add Stebbins and St. Michael to  
17 that. And what Staff recommendation was on Page 88 was  
18 just they're recommending the small portion, the cross  
19 section there of the Andrafsky and the other two river  
20 drainages.

21  
22 So what I believe Refuge Staff is  
23 saying is it should be a wider, go ahead and have the  
24 wider C&T for Stebbins and St. Michael.

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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any more  
27 comments from the Staff over here, Refuge.

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29 MR. TWITCHELL: That is correct. Mike  
30 Rearden, being familiar with these villages, he knows  
31 personally of the interchange of people moving back and  
32 forth between villages as well as the sharing of  
33 resources between communities. Based on his own  
34 personal knowledge he questioned why Stebbins and St.  
35 Michael were being limited to the areas under the Staff  
36 recommendation, I believe, on Page 88, so he proposed  
37 why don't we recommend a larger area for those  
38 communities and in Mike's words, why not just identify  
39 Unit 18.

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41 Now, he didn't have the research or the  
42 documentation that they had customarily and  
43 traditionally used the areas way down below the  
44 Kuskokwim but in terms of trying to simplify the  
45 regulations his suggestion just add them to the C&T for  
46 users in Unit 18. So he didn't propose to limit it  
47 just to the remainder, he suggested why not just  
48 identify them as traditional users in Unit 18.

49  
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, the proposal

1 we're working on states remainder, so I guess that's  
2 what we need to work with.

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4                   So that remainder would include the  
5 area below, down in the Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk area,  
6 would that be included in the remainder.

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8                   MS. GREGORY: Just the hourglass shape  
9 right there.

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11                   MR. RIVARD: No. No, that's the hunt  
12 area. That's what I'm saying, for C&T determination,  
13 the remain -- it includes -- there's three sections  
14 that it includes, okay, of -- and I'll read them from  
15 the regulation book again.

16

17                   When they're talking about Unit 18  
18 remainder for C&T determination it's different than the  
19 hunt areas. What you see on Page 87 are the hunt  
20 areas, okay, so let's not even look at 87 anymore.  
21 What we're doing here, is the Unit 18 remainder for C&T  
22 determination is -- one of the areas is south of and  
23 including the Kanektok River drainage; the other area  
24 is Unit 18, that portion north and west of a line from  
25 Cape Romonoff -- Roman.....

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27                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Romanzof.

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29                   MS. GREGORY: Romanzof.

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31                   MR. RIVARD: Romanzof, sorry, to -- I'm  
32 going to slaughter some more names here.....

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34                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Kusilvak.

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36                   MS. GREGORY: Kusilvak.

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38                   MR. RIVARD: .....Kusilvak Mountains to  
39 Mountain Village and excluding all Yukon River  
40 drainages up river from Mountain Village; and then Unit  
41 18, that portion north and west of a line.

42

43                   So basically I guess I said not to look  
44 at 87 anymore, but actually it is what's -- what's  
45 shown on the remainder on Page 87 plus the very lower  
46 portion of the Yukon, okay, does that help.

47

48                   And the Kanektok River, maybe somebody  
49 can identify that for me, where that is.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Quinhagak.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Quinhagak.  
4  
5 MR. RIVARD: Okay, so Quin -- okay, so  
6 that area, too, they would have all that. So it looks  
7 like the only area they wouldn't have would be for the  
8 Kuskokwim portion of Unit 18.  
9  
10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I think that's.....  
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12 MR. RIVARD: Okay, does that make  
13 sense. Thank you.  
14  
15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I think that  
16 portion on the lower end is where we need those people  
17 to hunt that moose, is that lower end and they've  
18 always hunted in that area anyway. I've known them to  
19 come over there, I've got relatives up there in both  
20 Stebbins and St. Michael.  
21  
22 MR. TWITCHELL: And by the lower end  
23 you're talking about the lower Yukon, correct.  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Lower Yukon, yes.  
26  
27 MR. TWITCHELL: Thank you.  
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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So we are -- when  
30 we're discussing the remainder, we're actually  
31 including that lower Yukon area. Bob is that in your  
32 motion.  
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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: Once again my motion was  
35 already clear and I did it in that fashion so that it  
36 could be modified by anybody who wanted to modify that  
37 motion.  
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39 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.  
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.  
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43 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. But  
44 whether you did it on purpose or not, Bob, I believe by  
45 saying the proposal as written actually gets at what  
46 we're trying to do here by including the Yukon all the  
47 way down its drainage and down below, and the language  
48 as written is for the entire Yukon, whereas the  
49 modified language restricts it just to those little  
50 rivers up there, Andreafsky and Pastolik and that, so I

1 think I'm comfortable enough now to say I'm going to  
2 support Bob's motion.  
3  
4 (Laughter)  
5  
6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Was that proposal  
7 -- just for clarification, before we vote, that motion  
8 would include the Lower Yukon, right, Bob?  
9  
10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes, sir.  
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Any  
13 questions.  
14  
15 (No comments)  
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17 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Regional Council  
18 deliberation and recommendation, we're down to you.  
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20 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay, are we ready for  
21 the roll call on that yet.  
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, we don't have a  
24 -- have we had a motion?  
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26 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)  
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28 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes. Bob made the  
29 motion.....  
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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, I'm sorry.  
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: .....to adopt as written  
34 and it was seconded by Joe Mike and James Charles,  
35 both, right?  
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37 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)  
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr.  
40 Secretary.  
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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: Nobody's called the  
43 question.  
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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob, did you just  
46 call for the question.  
47  
48 MR. ALOYSIUS: I can't because I made  
49 the motion.  
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Anybody  
2 calling for the question.  
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4 MR. CHARLES: Question.  
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6 MR. ANDREW: Question.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: John.  
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10 MR. ANDREW: He beat me to it.  
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12 (Laughter)  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: John and James.  
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16 (Laughter)  
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Mr.  
19 Secretary.  
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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay, on the Proposal  
22 07-26 as originally written, not with any  
23 modifications.  
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25 James Charles.  
26  
27 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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29 MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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31 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: William Brown.  
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35 MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: Edgar Hoelscher.  
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39 MR. HOELSCHER: Yes.  
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41 MR. ROCZICKA: Mary Gregory.  
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43 MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
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45 MR. ROCZICKA: Lester Wilde.  
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Elias Kelly.  
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1 MR. KELLY: Yes.  
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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Joe Mike.  
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5 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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7 MR. ROCZICKA: Roczicka, yes. Bob  
8 Aloysius.  
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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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12 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman, there are  
13 10 in favor and no one opposed.  
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal WP07-26  
16 passes. And now we're going to break for lunch, how  
17 about an hour and a half probably, I think maybe you  
18 can get away with maybe an hour. Alex.  
19  
20 MR. RIVARD: Well, we're right in the  
21 lunch break.  
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, we're having  
24 lunch right next door. Go ahead.  
25  
26 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Lunch is ready  
27 and they're waiting for us over there. And for your  
28 information Harry was trying to connect into this  
29 meeting but he had some problems, so we'll try to  
30 correct that this afternoon.  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We'll have  
33 an hour for lunch, if we go next door.  
34  
35 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If we all go next  
38 door we could get done and be right back in an hour.  
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40 MR. RIVARD: 1:30.  
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, 1:30.  
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44 (Off record)  
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46 (On record)  
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Before we begin the  
49 meeting I want to remind the meeting participants that  
50 we're going to be following five principles to keep in

1 -- five principles to keep in mind as we're going  
2 through our meeting.

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4 1. Only one person may speak at a  
5 time to address us or we don't  
6 get our -- grow out a couple  
7 more years;

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9 2. And each suggestion presented  
10 to the Regional Council for  
11 consideration is entitled to  
12 full and free debate;

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14 3. You have the same rights as any  
15 other Regional Council member;

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17 4. The will of the majority of the  
18 Regional Council must be  
19 carried out and the rights of  
20 the minority will be preserved;  
21 and

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23 5. Members should be flexible  
24 about their views to promote  
25 unity within this Regional  
26 Council.

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28 Those are the five meeting  
29 participation points that I'd like to put out. Before  
30 we get into business I inquired earlier because we had  
31 a request from our public, if we would be able to air  
32 this over the air in Yup'ik, but we found out that  
33 we're not going to be able to do that so we'll continue  
34 this meeting in English, although we do have a Yup'ik  
35 translator for any participant in the meeting here that  
36 can't understand English, we do have an interpreter so  
37 you can participate in this meeting as well.

38

39 Okay.

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41 With that, I think we're down to  
42 Proposal WP07-27, 28, 31, 64. Whatever -- what is that  
43 -- provide for an early family moose season in Unit 18,  
44 remainder; open moose season in Unit 18 remainder 10  
45 days earlier; restrict moose harvest to residents of  
46 Andraefsky and St. Mary's only in portion of Unit 18  
47 remainder; and provide a special early season for  
48 residents of Marshall in Unit 18 and remainder.

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50 Don.

1 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Don  
2 Rivard with the Office of Subsistence Management. I'll  
3 be providing you with the presentation this afternoon.  
4 I was lead author on two of these proposals and Pete  
5 DeMatteo was on the other two. And because the biology  
6 is all the same for these proposals, we combined them.  
7 I'm going to go over all four and then we'll act --  
8 we'll give you a recommendation from us as to what we  
9 should be doing here.

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11 So the proposal begins on Page 99 in  
12 your book.

13  
14 Proposal WP07-27 was submitted by Bart  
15 Heckman of Pilot Station and requests the establishment  
16 of a family only moose season during August 10th  
17 through the 19th in Unit 18 remainder. The requested  
18 harvest limit is one antlered bull by Federal  
19 registration permit.

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21 Proposal 28 submitted also by Bart  
22 Heckman of Pilot Station requests an extension of the  
23 fall moose season in Unit 18 remainder by changing the  
24 opening date from September 1st to August 20th.

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26 Proposal 31 submitted by Christopher  
27 Beans of St. Mary's requests a creation of a 12 day  
28 moose season from August 20th through the 31st only for  
29 residents of Andreafsky and St. Mary's in the  
30 Andreafsky River drainage portion of Unit 18 remainder.

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32 Proposal 64 submitted by Nick Andrew,  
33 Jr., of Marshall, who has joined us just a couple of  
34 minutes ago by teleconference, requests the creation of  
35 a 12 day earlier moose season August 10th through the  
36 31st, only for residents of Marshall in Unit 18  
37 remainder and a change in the harvest limit from one  
38 antlered bull to one antlered bull or one cow without  
39 calf.

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41 The current size and continued growth  
42 rate of the lower Yukon River moose population in Unit  
43 18 has motivated local residents to propose a variety  
44 of liberalizations of the existing moose regulations  
45 for the affected area. The proponent of both 27 and  
46 28, which is Bart Heckman, he submitted both, requests  
47 a moose season that would allow families to hunt moose  
48 before the school year begins, which was August 21st in  
49 2006, and an early season extension of the fall season  
50 that would provide an additional 12 days of opportunity

1 during August 20th through the 31st. The proposed  
2 extension would allow users to combine moose hunting  
3 with other subsistence related activities. The  
4 proposed season would help local residents to conserve  
5 fuel that is purchased at a premium cost in the  
6 villages. The proposed regulatory change favors  
7 opportunity to harvest moose prior to the rut and  
8 should serve to reduce user crowding in the hunt areas  
9 and reduce competition for preferred camp sites along  
10 water ways.

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12                   The proponent of Proposal No. 31  
13 attended your last meeting in Bethel in October 2006  
14 during which he stated the reasons for submitting his  
15 proposals were, one, there are more and more hunters  
16 coming up the river than our tribal members, and, two,  
17 they are competing for the limited resource. He also  
18 stated that this proposal, if adopted, should have no  
19 affect on the population due to heavy foliage and  
20 because the animals aren't really moving that much.  
21 The proponent also pointed out that all this would be  
22 under subsistence and that currently there is no sport  
23 or commercial hunting in the Andreadsky River drainage.

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25                   The proponent of Proposal No. 64 also  
26 stated that there are a growing number of hunters from  
27 the Yukon River and Kuskokwim areas using the stretch  
28 of river where Marshall residents traditionally hunt.  
29 The proponent requests the earlier hunt for Marshall  
30 residents only due to safety concerns, which includes  
31 overcrowding of hunters in a relatively small area and  
32 to enhance the success of hunters from Marshall.

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34                   Both Proposals 31 and 64 request an  
35 exclusive season for a specific community or a small  
36 set of communities. Such exclusive or restrictive  
37 seasons are usually only provided by the Federal  
38 Subsistence Board during times of shortage per Section  
39 .804 of ANILCA but not during times of abundance of a  
40 resource.

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42                   I talked with both proponents of these  
43 proposals and made them aware of this Title VIII  
44 provision. And at the time that I called them last, I  
45 think it was in January, both were agreeable to  
46 allowing all Federally-qualified subsistence users for  
47 moose in Unit 18 remainder the opportunity to harvest  
48 during the proposed earlier season.

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50                   And if you'll look on Page 100 of your

1 book you'll see the existing Federal regulation, it  
2 shows the season there, one antlered bull. And then it  
3 shows what those proposed changes would be for each of  
4 the regulations -- each of the proposals, excuse me.

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6                   No. 27 would have an earlier start date  
7 of August 10th through the 19th, you see that in bold,  
8 and it would be limited to families.

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10                   No. 28 would have an earlier season,  
11 the season would start August 20th instead of September  
12 1st.

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14                   No. 31 would have an August 20th  
15 through August 31st season but only for that portion of  
16 the Andreadfsky River drainage, rural residents of  
17 Andreadfsky and St. Mary's. So that's an exclusive hunt  
18 basically.

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20                   And Proposal No. 64 would have -- would  
21 be for residents of Marshall only, one antlered bull or  
22 one cow without calf and they would have that season of  
23 August 20th through August 31st.

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25                   Now, the current customary and  
26 traditional use determination is for Unit 18 remainder,  
27 all rural residents of Unit 18 and Upper Kalskag have a  
28 positive customary and traditional use determination.

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30                   The current events involving the  
31 species here, the variety of liberalized Federal moose  
32 regulations that would affect the lower Yukon River  
33 drainage of Unit 18 were proposed in October 2006.  
34 Further discussion of the proponent of Proposal 29 and  
35 30, which you're going to talk about later -- I think I  
36 can skip that particular one here and go back to this  
37 one here.

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39                   There was the -- the Yukon Delta  
40 National Wildlife Refuge Staff held two public meetings  
41 in December 2006 in Emmonak and Mountain Village and  
42 there were also some local residents from Kotlik,  
43 Emmonak, Alakanuk, Nunam Iqua there that expressed  
44 concerns of not meeting their large animal subsistence  
45 needs through moose harvest. Other concerns voiced by  
46 local residents included warmer than normal fall  
47 temperatures, poor snow conditions during the winter  
48 season and high fuel costs -- fuel prices, all of which  
49 have hampered hunter success. Local hunters also  
50 voiced concern about Proposal 32, which we're going to

1 hear about next, that would provide non-Federally-  
2 qualified users access to Federal public lands in Unit  
3 18 remainder during the September 1 through 30 season.

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6 For the biological background, in  
7 summary, based on the analysis of these data, the Yukon  
8 River moose population is highly productive and  
9 continues to grow and is capable of supporting an  
10 increased harvest. However, harvest reporting  
11 compliance for Unit 18 have not always been consistent.  
12 The harvest since 2002 has been relatively stable at  
13 just over 200 bulls per year. And the 2006 public  
14 meetings held by the Yukon Delta National Wildlife  
15 Staff local residents reported a harvest shortfall  
16 during the fall of 2006 due to warmer than normal  
17 temperatures, a late rut, low water levels and high  
18 fuel prices which hampered their success.

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20 Analysis of results from the State's  
21 1996 through 2002 harvest data for the affected area  
22 reflect the highest level of moose hunter success occur  
23 during the month of September. Many local residents  
24 affected by the proposed regulatory changes also meet  
25 their large animal subsistence needs through caribou  
26 harvest when the Western Arctic Herd is accessible  
27 during winter.

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29 Now, the effects of the proposal. I'm  
30 going to go through each one of the four here.

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32 For 27, adoption of the proposed August  
33 10th through 19th season would provide opportunity for  
34 families to hunt moose during weekdays without having  
35 to keep their children from attending school during the  
36 September 1 through 30 season. Adoption of the  
37 proposed 10 day season would also give Federally-  
38 qualified users with children an advantage over those  
39 without children by establishing a family's only  
40 season. The current status of the affected moose  
41 population does not support the proposed user  
42 restriction. Results from analysis of the affected  
43 moose population suggests that the harvestable surplus  
44 of moose on Federal public lands does not necessitate  
45 the application of this proposed restriction. The  
46 moose population of the affected area currently can  
47 support additional harvest by all Federally-qualified  
48 users. Without the need to restrict the proposed  
49 season to families, the proposed Federal regulation  
50 permit also would not be necessary.

1                   For Proposal 28, the effects of that  
2 would be, the adoption of the proposed August 20  
3 through 31 season extension would provide Federally-  
4 qualified subsistence users with the opportunity to  
5 harvest moose when engaged in other subsistence  
6 activities, such as berry picking. The proposed season  
7 extension also would allow users to economize fuel  
8 consumption, which you know is pretty high, we have  
9 here at the time of the writing, of about \$6 per gallon  
10 and that may have changed since. The proposed season  
11 extension also would provide access to traditional use  
12 areas during years when water levels drop in September  
13 and would help to reduce public crowding in the  
14 preferred hunt areas and camp sites. The moose  
15 population of the affected area currently can support  
16 additional harvest that would result from this  
17 additional opportunity.

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19                   And for Proposals 31 and 64, again,  
20 adoption of these proposals would provide more  
21 subsistence opportunity by having an increased time to  
22 harvest and would align with the proposed -- excuse me,  
23 with the August 20 season opening in the adjacent Unit  
24 21E. Both of these proposals would, however, provide  
25 an exclusive hunting season for a small subset of Unit  
26 18 remainder communities that -- ineligible users.  
27 Again, such exclusive seasons for a specific community  
28 or a small set of community users -- and users are  
29 usually only provided by the Federal Subsistence Board  
30 during times of shortage, not during times of  
31 abundance.

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33                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Excuse me, Don.  
34 Can I please ask the audience, since we've got to  
35 listen to what Don's being said, keep your conversation  
36 down or bring it outside please.

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38                   Thank you.

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40                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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42                   MR. RIVARD: Okay. Continuing, there  
43 is a significant amount of private and corporation  
44 lands along the Yukon River between Mountain Village  
45 and Russian Mission. Should the proposals be adopted  
46 Federally-qualified subsistence users would be allowed  
47 to harvest moose only on Federal public lands during  
48 the early part of the season between August 10th and  
49 August 31st.

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1                   As many of you know the boundaries  
2 between Federal public lands and lands under State  
3 hunting regulations are not marked, which could result  
4 in some law enforcement issues and concerns.

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6                   Adoption of Proposal No. 64 would also  
7 liberalize the harvest limit for Unit 18 remainder to  
8 include the option to harvest one moose without a calf  
9 to the existing one antlered bull harvest limit. With  
10 the 12 days of additional harvest time, it is believed  
11 that this liberalization is not warranted at this time.  
12 In addition it is often difficult to determine in  
13 August if a cow is unaccompanied by a calf as a cow  
14 will often feed away from its hidden bedded down calf.

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16                   So with that, Mr. Chair, and Council  
17 members, the preliminary Staff conclusion is to:

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19                   Support Proposal 27 with modification  
20 to provide a season extension of August  
21 10 through the 31st for all Federally-  
22 qualified users eligible in Unit 18  
23 remainder.

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25                   And, again, if we could go back to Page  
26 87 on that hunt map, that's the middle part again,  
27 that's the hunt area.

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29                   The modified proposed regulation is on  
30 Page 106 and you'll see that there, it just shows a  
31 start date of August 10th instead of September 1st.

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33                   And then for the other three proposals  
34 28, 31, 64, the preliminary conclusion is to take no  
35 action.

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37                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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39                   And one other thing, the Western  
40 Interior Council had this on their agenda last week and  
41 they voted to take no action on any of these proposals.

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43                   Thank you.

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45                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Don.  
46 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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48                   MR. PERRY: Good afternoon. If you see  
49 on Page 108 and 109, ADF&G comments are about a page  
50 and a half but I'll boil them down to really as a --

1 looking at the biology of this, we support a season  
2 extension and we concur with the Staff analysis of, you  
3 know, if we're going to extend the season on the front  
4 end into August, to me the date, if it's August 10th,  
5 or August 15th or August 20th, I think there was  
6 proposals all over the place, I'm agreeable to  
7 basically any of them, whatever the Council or the  
8 Subsistence Board chooses.

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10 I also -- just from the State  
11 perspective, both for simplicity and for just as the  
12 State, you know, we can't discriminate between any  
13 State user group, so I support the part of, you know,  
14 if we make this -- if you do choose to support the  
15 season, to go along with the Staff recommendation to  
16 make it a season to be opened to all -- you know, all  
17 users of the resource. So that -- I think our analysis  
18 says that, it just kind of says it in a couple pages.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Tribal  
21 agency comments.

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23 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
24 For the record Timothy Andrew, director of wildlife  
25 resources for the Association of Village Council  
26 Presidents in Bethel.

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28 We support the issues that were brought  
29 up by the proponents. The open portion of Unit 18,  
30 which is primarily the lower Yukon River corridor is  
31 experiencing some pretty good size growth. As far as  
32 hunter participation, this is primarily caused by the  
33 Lower Kuskokwim Moose moratorium. And the current  
34 moose situation in Unit 19, which is a Tier II hunt or  
35 a severely limited hunt in that area.

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37 And one thing that it is not into the  
38 picture right now is the potential impacts on some of  
39 the regulatory action that's going to be taken on the  
40 Mulchatna Caribou Herd. We have a significant decline  
41 in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd, which will likely  
42 increase the demand for large game or large mammal meat  
43 consumption from the lower Yukon River moose resources.

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45 And, you know, we can anticipate a  
46 growth in hunter competition within the lower Yukon  
47 area and, therefore, we would support the current Staff  
48 recommendation to expand the hunting season  
49 opportunity.

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1                   However, we would like to differ that  
2 from the State, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
3 perspective on this issue, we believe that opening it  
4 up to non-residents would further hinder or would  
5 create more competition for the subsistence resources  
6 in the lower Yukon area. As indicated by the Federal  
7 Staff people in our area are faced with extremely high  
8 gas prices and many of the people in the area they go  
9 out, they don't go out alone anymore, individual,  
10 individual families, they go out with several other  
11 people just to share the cost of increase in gasoline.  
12 And with those factors we would not support opening it  
13 up to just about everybody else.

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15                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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17                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim.  
18 Staff Committee indicated that they would have no  
19 comments on the rest of the proposals, so we'll go down  
20 to the Local Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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22                   MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman.

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24                   MR. ALOYSIUS: This is Federal.

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26                   MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman.

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28                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry.

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30                   MR. ALOYSIUS: This is Federal  
31 agencies.

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33                   MR. RIVARD: Hold on a second, Nick.

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35                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Did we have  
36 Federal, okay. Sorry about that.

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38                   MR. RIVARD: We'll be getting to you  
39 Nick, they'll call for public comment.

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41                   MR. ANDREW: All right.

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43                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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45                   MR. ANDREW: It's hard to hear, I guess  
46 the microphone is in the middle of all the people there  
47 and I'm picking up a lot of echo here and there.

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49                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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1 MR. TWITCHELL: Chair. Council  
2 members. Hollis Twitchell with the Yukon Delta  
3 Wildlife Refuge.

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5 For Proposal 27, the Refuge would  
6 support the preliminary conclusions. That's to support  
7 with the modifications on Page 106. The one thing that  
8 we'd want to note and make sure you understood is that  
9 there are quite a bit of privately owned Native  
10 corporation and Native allotment lands along this  
11 corridor that would be affected in this area. The  
12 dates of August 10th would open up the hunt for  
13 subsistence hunters before the State season opens and  
14 in those Federally opened seasons that precede the  
15 State's, the private and Native corporation lands and  
16 Native allotments would not be opened for this  
17 particular hunt. It would be applicable only on  
18 Federal Refuge lands for that early part of the season  
19 that occurs before the State season opens. It's the  
20 same sort of complexity problem that happened in Unit  
21 19A, the Federal drawing hunt, and also on the lower  
22 Yukon winter hunt with the Federal extension with the  
23 any moose which allowed cow harvest. In each of those  
24 situations when the State seasons have closed the lands  
25 open for the hunts under the Federal program were only  
26 on Refuge lands. That does pose some complication and  
27 complexities for local hunters to know where the  
28 Federal lands are when they're the only lands that are  
29 open.

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31 So just beware that those sorts of  
32 issues would also be applicable for the early part of  
33 the season in August before the State opens.

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35 I did bring a map that shows the lower  
36 Yukon winter hunt area, Alex, if you would hold that  
37 up. Because of the Federal program only being open on  
38 Federal public land, that being the Refuge land,  
39 everything you see in pink are Refuge lands and  
40 everything that hasn't been shaded in are privately  
41 owned Native lands.

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43 So this information is something that  
44 we really need to make an effort to get out to the  
45 tribal councils, subsistence hunters so when it's only  
46 a Refuge only hunt they'll at least know where to go  
47 and which lands are open for the hunt.

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49 This particular map was produced by  
50 OSM/GIS Division and it was sent out to all tribal

1 councils and village harvest coordinators for the  
2 winter hunt. It doesn't come all the way up past St.  
3 Mary's into Russian Mission but it gives you an idea of  
4 the complexity, particularly down in Mountain Village,  
5 Pitka's Station, in that region of the Yukon, and I'll  
6 point those out real quickly.

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8 This being Mountain Village right here,  
9 Pitka's Station, and St. Mary's and Russian Mission  
10 would be up here.

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12 So, again, the Yukon Delta Refuge would  
13 be in support of the preliminary conclusions for 27  
14 with the additional opening dates of August 10th.  
15 We're in support of that. We feel the population can  
16 easily handle the increased harvest opportunities that  
17 that provides. Just be aware that that open period  
18 would be restricted only to Federal public lands until  
19 the State season opened.

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21 Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. State  
24 agencies. I'm not going to get caught twice on that  
25 one.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Fish and Game Local  
30 Advisory Committee comments.

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32 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. No comment  
33 from Lower Kuskokwim AC. But I have not heard from  
34 Lower Yukon AC what their desire is on the -- how they  
35 act on these proposals.

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37 Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.  
40 Charles. Summary of written comments.

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42 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. We rece --  
43 unless I overlooked summary of written public comments,  
44 we received none, Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
47 Any public testimony.

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49 MR. RIVARD: Nick Andrew.

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1                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Nick. Go ahead,  
2 Nick.

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4                   MR. NICK: This is Nick Andrew, Jr.,  
5 and I'm the proponent of Proposal WP07-64. And  
6 basically this proposal as drafted for the sake of the  
7 region and we've had a large influx of hunters from  
8 basically all over the area, one of the causes was the  
9 moratorium on the lower Kuskokwim region. And  
10 basically we're experiencing a larger than average of  
11 influx of people, all the key hunting areas are crowded  
12 and all the traditional hunting boundaries are  
13 basically in demand and a lot of the local people  
14 weren't able to bag any moose this year during the fall  
15 and winter hunt. And the issue of overcrowding keeps  
16 popping up every time tribal members or members speak  
17 about the past hunting year of 2006 in the fall.

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19                   And basically Unit 18 has a healthy  
20 moose population and opening an additional 12 days  
21 earlier wouldn't really hamper or endanger the current  
22 moose population.

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24                   And originally the reason for changing  
25 this regulation to propose that Marshall residents be  
26 given a 10 day pre-season prior to the 30 day moose  
27 hunting season and even though this regulation has --  
28 the gentleman mentioned earlier that it would give a  
29 special privilege to a small group of people, I did  
30 recall speaking with a woman out of the Anchorage  
31 office earlier this fall about not only opening this to  
32 Marshall residents but to enhance the passage of this  
33 proposal that it would be opened basically to all  
34 (phone cuts out) however, the issue of overcrowding is  
35 an issue on any given day out in the field between the  
36 mouth of Polti's (ph) all the way up to the bordering  
37 area of 18 up toward Russian Mission is basically in a  
38 war zone, gun shots all over the place and, you know,  
39 the key hunting areas that the people of the Marshall,  
40 Pilot Station, Russian Mission traditionally use are  
41 basically crowded with non-area people.

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43                   And that's basically the reason for  
44 this proposal to enhance local success rates and to  
45 alleviate the crowd and hunter safety. And it was the  
46 gentleman's idea that this would create special class  
47 users, but basically if -- you know, you got to think  
48 about the people out here, you don't have access to any  
49 local caribou, the local caribou herd is up towards  
50 Needle Mountain and the other herd is usually around

1 the Eek area, which is out of range, out of traditional  
2 territory and we are dependent on moose. Basically we  
3 have a big population of non-breeding cows in this  
4 region. And basically to meet the needs of the village  
5 to enhance their hunting success.

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7 The price of gasoline is outrageous at  
8 5.35 a pound [sic] plus taxes are increasing. With the  
9 high cost of fuel you got to put under consideration  
10 that transportation's affected, meaning all groceries  
11 are expensive. And as Mr. Tim Andrew said, yes, we do  
12 pool our gas resources together to hunt. And this  
13 proposal is, you know, it not only includes the high  
14 cost of gasoline and the high cost of hunting, it's for  
15 safety, it's to enhance hunter success. And if we get  
16 -- you know, we got an extra 12 days and, you know,  
17 people who are lucky in this area will make way for the  
18 others that come up the 1st of September, throughout  
19 the month.

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21 There's more too (phone cuts out) few  
22 people, and basically my argument for WP07-64.

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Any  
25 questions for Tim -- that was Tim?

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27 MR. RIVARD: Nick.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Nick, I'm sorry.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim --

34 Nick.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further public  
39 testimony.

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41 (No comments)

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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Don't see anybody  
44 else. So Regional Advisory Council deliberations,  
45 recommendations and justifications. I think it might  
46 be better to take these proposals one by one as we vote  
47 on them. So any discussion on Proposal 27.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary.

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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: There is a motion to open  
6 -- to vote on this, I want to say that I support the --  
7 I support the opening from -- additional opening from  
8 August 20th to the 31st, but I have concerns about the  
9 families only. We -- people -- we are from different  
10 villages, if there is just an opening for those  
11 residents, we do not like that idea.

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13 MS. GREGORY: I will support Proposal  
14 27 with a modification, opening it in the earlier time  
15 but not limiting it to the people because we want to be  
16 fair to all the people that we serve. And sometimes  
17 it's hard to do this because you feel with people but,  
18 you know, if you sit here, like I am sitting here, I  
19 have to consider all the other people, too, even though  
20 it may cause some problems and have problems with those  
21 kind, but it's only if -- if we are only fair to people  
22 -- we can't please everybody.

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24 But I'll support this proposal with the  
25 earlier opening to give the residents a chance to get  
26 the first stab at it.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mary.  
29 Any further Council members.

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: The greatest concern I  
36 have is who is going to enforce these proposals, do the  
37 Fish and Game or the Feds have the manpower to make  
38 sure that they -- all these proposals that they're  
39 pushing for and they're supporting, how are they going  
40 to enforce them. That's always been the biggest  
41 drawback to anything. And a lot of people are  
42 wondering who is going to enforce these new  
43 regulations.

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any answers to the  
46 question.

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48 MR. TWITCHELL: Chair. Council  
49 members. Hollis Twitchell. Yukon Delta Wildlife  
50 Refuge. The Refuge has three law enforcement

1 commissioned officers at this time, who are all pilots,  
2 so the enforcement will certainly be primarily by those  
3 individuals. If there was a need for extra support we  
4 always have the option of bringing in other officers  
5 such as Gene Petola, also another officer from the  
6 Anchorage area that are sort of roving assistant  
7 officers that help different Refuges, so we could bring  
8 in additional Staff if it was necessary. We also work  
9 in coordination with the State Troopers, with their  
10 staff, individual at St. Mary's and two at Bethel. All  
11 of them are also pilots. So it would fall essentially  
12 to the six of us. So, yes, we'd be responsible for  
13 enforcing it.

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Thank you. It's kind of  
18 mind boggling for me to envision all these early  
19 openings and all kinds of people going out, oh, I'm a  
20 family, I'm a family, we're family, who's going to --  
21 are you going to have a checkpoint on the Andraefsky  
22 River, are you going to have a checkpoint around  
23 Marshall, you know, it's really, really confusing to me  
24 how you're going to enforce, you know, who goes where  
25 and when. And these are things that -- you know, I'm  
26 not the only one who's concerned about that, you know,  
27 because there's too much a chance of becoming a  
28 criminal when you don't intend to be.

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30 MR. TWITCHELL: Well, that's a very  
31 good question, particularly with the number of special  
32 actions that have occurred this past year. Typically  
33 coming with relatively short periods of time before the  
34 actual hunt was to occur. That's one of the reasons  
35 we've put a significant amount of effort to working to  
36 public education in the different communities, in  
37 particular, that are going to be involved with the  
38 hunt. In both 19A and the lower Yukon special action  
39 hunts, we started off with public announcements, radio  
40 and newspaper and contact with the tribal council  
41 offices in each of those villages. Assigning  
42 coordinators, either harvest coordinators or in case of  
43 the drawing hunt, people who would assist us in each of  
44 those villages. We received very good support from the  
45 Office of Subsistence Management in producing maps, as  
46 I just presented, which were made available into each  
47 of the villages at the tribal council offices. In  
48 addition, smaller maps that the hunters could actually  
49 take with them out into the field so they would have  
50 some point of reference to look at as to where these

1 Federal lands are.

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3                   So we've made a real effort to try to  
4 do educational outreach as best as we can in front of  
5 the hunt so that the hunters themselves don't  
6 inadvertently end up hunting on their own Native lands  
7 or Native allotments when the State season isn't  
8 opened. That was the primary concern that we had.

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10                   Subsequently this year, in particular,  
11 the 19A hunt we had officers out on boats as well as in  
12 the air, the main thrust then was to contact people in  
13 areas that were typically being accessed and used to  
14 let them know where they were as they came up into some  
15 of the sloughs, Discovery Creek, in particular,  
16 contacting people there, with the intention to try to  
17 make sure they either had their map or knew basically  
18 where they were to alleviate a problem before it  
19 occurred.

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21                   Now, certainly we don't have the Staff  
22 to put people out in all drainages and sloughs in all  
23 areas, but to the best of our ability we try to get the  
24 information out through multi-media, through maps,  
25 information, physically meeting with tribal councils  
26 when we can and in communities to get the information  
27 out. I believe we had pretty good compliance  
28 throughout the areas in both of those hunts because of  
29 the significant effort to get that information out  
30 early out.

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32                   Beyond that, if you had any further  
33 suggestions I would be more than happy to listen to  
34 those and take those back to management.

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36                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, Bob. Anyone  
37 else. Mary.

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39                   MS. GREGORY: I just want to thank you  
40 for doing your homework and trying to get people  
41 educated. That's very good. That's very good to know.

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43                   MR. TWITCHELL: I really have to give  
44 credit to the community harvest monitors and the people  
45 who assisted in the villages. They were instrumental  
46 and critical to get the information out into the  
47 communities and to their members. The success squarely  
48 and surely rested on their shoulders because they did  
49 an absolutely wonderful job of doing that.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Then we're not wasting  
2 their money by hiring them.  
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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Any  
5 other Regional Council deliberations or questions on  
6 Proposal 27.  
7  
8 (No comments)  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The Chair will now  
11 entertain a motion for acceptance or if you don't want  
12 it say so, if you want it, say so, but let's keep  
13 going.  
14  
15 James.  
16  
17 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. I move  
18 that we adopt Proposal WP07-27, whatever that is.  
19  
20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's been  
21 made to adopt WP07-27. Do I hear a second.  
22  
23 MR. BROWN: Second.  
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
26 Brown.  
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28 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Madame.  
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32 MS. GREGORY: I'd like to include the  
33 modification in there, I spoke to it already.  
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. I guess  
36 that's what we were moving.  
37  
38 MR. CHARLES: Yeah, I accept the  
39 modification.  
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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, you got that.  
42  
43 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.  
46  
47 MR. ALOYSIUS: The support with  
48 modification to begin the season on August 10 for all  
49 Federally-qualified subsistence users are eligible to  
50 harvest moose in Unit 18 remainder. Is that the one

1 you're talking about on Page 95. Page 95. It's the  
2 Staff recommendation.  
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4 MS. GREGORY: Page 106.  
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6 MR. ALOYSIUS: But we're on  
7 Proposal.....  
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9 MS. GREGORY: Page 106.  
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 27.  
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13 MS. GREGORY: 27.  
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: .....07-27.  
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17 MS. GREGORY: It is 27 Mr. Aloysius.  
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: And that -- and the page  
20 I'm on is 95. Page 95. Page 95.  
21  
22 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair.  
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Rivard.  
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26 MR. RIVARD: I think they're both  
27 talking about the same thing. You're talking to -- the  
28 motion, as I understand it, is to adopt the proposal  
29 with the Staff -- as modified by Staff, which is shown  
30 on both Page 95 and Page 106.  
31  
32 Thank you.  
33  
34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Does that take care  
35 of your question, Bob.  
36  
37 MR. ALOYSIUS: I just want to make sure  
38 that everybody understands what the modification is.  
39  
40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, everybody  
41 understands.  
42  
43 MR. ALOYSIUS: It has nothing to do  
44 with families only.  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that understood.  
47  
48 MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
49  
50 (Council nods affirmatively)

1 MR. MIKE: Question.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: The question's been  
4 called for. Mr. Secretary.  
5  
6 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay, to support  
7 Proposal 07-27 as modified to include all Federally-  
8 qualified users, not limited only to families.  
9  
10 James Charles.  
11  
12 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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14 MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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16 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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18 MR. ROCZICKA: William Brown.  
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20 MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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22 MR. ROCZICKA: Edgar Hoelscher.  
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24 MR. HOELSCHER: Yes.  
25  
26 MR. ROCZICKA: Mary Gregory.  
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28 MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
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30 MR. ROCZICKA: Lester Wilde.  
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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34 MR. ROCZICKA: Elias Kelly.  
35  
36 MR. KELLY: Yes.  
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38 MR. ROCZICKA: Joe Mike.  
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40 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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42 MR. ROCZICKA: Roczicka, yes. And Bob  
43 Aloysius.  
44  
45 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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47 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. 10 in  
48 favor, no opposed.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal WP07-27

1 has been adopted. Now to Proposal 28, WP07-28, and you  
2 can find that.....

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4 MS. GREGORY: On Page 96.

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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....on Page 96.  
7 Department of Fish and Game any comments.

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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: They already did their  
10 comments.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Don.

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14 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. One of the  
15 reasons why we recommended a no action on this one is  
16 by adopting No. 27, you have, for all intents and  
17 purposes have adopted No. 28 because 28 has a later  
18 start date of August 20th, and No. 27 has a start date  
19 of August 10th. So just to let you know, thanks.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you for the  
22 clarification. Is there any affect then on 31.

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24 MR. RIVARD: Well, 31 then you get into  
25 the exclusive hunt, so if you wanted to -- you still  
26 would vote separately on those other two if you so  
27 choose.

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29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. WP07-31. I  
30 think we heard comment, is there any further comment  
31 from the Department.

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33 MR. PERRY: No.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. There's  
38 some confusion here. I understood him to say that we  
39 need to vote on 28 because.....

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: He just said that  
42 27 pretty much covers 28.

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44 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, but you still have  
45 to vote on 28.

46

47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.

48

49 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I would  
50 move that we take no action on Proposal 07-28 due to

1 the action we took on Proposal 27.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, that's a good  
4 one.  
5  
6 MS. GREGORY: Second.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there -- yes,  
9 there's a second. I guess we can do this by voice  
10 vote.  
11  
12 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All in favor say  
15 aye.  
16  
17 IN UNISON: aye  
18  
19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed.  
20  
21 (No opposing votes)  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried.  
24 Proposal 31 -- WP07-31, any other comments from the  
25 Department concerning 31.  
26  
27 MR. PERRY: No.  
28  
29 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, right. No.  
30  
31 MR. PERRY: No.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, okay. Tribal  
34 agency.  
35  
36 MR. ANDREW: (Shakes head negatively)  
37  
38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No. Fish and Game  
39 Advisory.  
40  
41 MR. CHARLES: No comment.  
42  
43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No comment. Staff  
44 has no comment. Any public testimony concerning 31.  
45  
46 (No comments)  
47  
48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seeing none, any  
49 written comment.  
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1 (No comments)  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No. Item 31, what  
4 is the wish of the Council.  
5  
6 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Bob.  
9  
10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Based on the  
11 recommendation from the Staff I move that we take no  
12 action on this proposal.  
13  
14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's been made  
15 for no action on Proposal 31. Do I hear a second.  
16  
17 MR. CHARLES: Second.  
18  
19 MS. GREGORY: Second.  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by James  
22 Charles. Will somebody call for the question.  
23  
24 MS. GREGORY: Question.  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's been  
27 called for. We'll do this by voice vote if everybody's  
28 in agreement.  
29  
30 (Council nods affirmatively)  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All in favor say  
33 aye.  
34  
35 IN UNISON: Aye.  
36  
37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed same  
38 sign.  
39  
40 (No opposing votes)  
41  
42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried.  
43 Down to Item 64, WP07-64. Any further comment from  
44 Fish and Game.  
45  
46 MR. PERRY: No.  
47  
48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No. Tribal  
49 agencies.  
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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No. InterAgency  
4 Staff, no. Fish and Game Local Advisory Committee, no  
5 comment. Summary of written public comments

6

7 (No comments)

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9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: None. Public  
10 testimony.

11

12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: None. Regional  
15 Advisory Council deliberation and recommendation.

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17 MR. RIVER (PH): (In Yup'ik)

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19 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is it on point, I  
20 guess, yes, go ahead.

21

22 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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24 MR. RIVER (PH): (In Yup'ik)

25

26 INTERPRETER: I want to say if I  
27 understand appropriately Fish and Wildlife Service, you  
28 are from the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service. You  
29 are from the Fish and Wildlife Service. We -- Yup'ik  
30 people in -- before, in the early days we had unwritten  
31 laws that we followed that we need to follow those and  
32 kind of keep those in consideration in making  
33 regulations because we live the subsistence lifestyle  
34 and it is our livelihood.

35

36 I disagree many times when Fish and  
37 Wildlife or Game Warden or Fish and Wildlife comes to  
38 our communities and tells us that these are the rules  
39 and regulations to be followed because as long as I  
40 remember we had rules that we followed and they are  
41 things I grew up with and they're within our ecosystem  
42 and we -- in the past have had our rules and we've  
43 never had problems. But as I understand how things are  
44 going now, now, too, as I become an elder, we, in our  
45 country, as Yup'ik people are regulated by those from  
46 outside and when we break the rules we are given  
47 sanctions that are hurtful to our people and I don't  
48 like that and I'm probably not the only one, there are  
49 others that feel the same way.

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1                   One time an administrator from Fish and  
2 Wildlife from Washington, D.C. came from outside, I was  
3 told not to harvest and gather and eat the spring eggs,  
4 the waterfowl, I have grown up eating that. When -- if  
5 I am hungry and law enforcement official comes in a  
6 plane, and I am hungry I will shoot that plane down  
7 like a bird. If I am hungry.

8  
9                   The traditional Yup'ik rules that were  
10 set were good and I wanted to bring that up that we had  
11 our laws and rules and those are from time immemorial,  
12 from generations, from many generations and that  
13 following those rules have not got me into trouble, but  
14 when I follow the new regulations that are imposed on  
15 us, I get into trouble. But I, in my lifetime, will  
16 follow the rules and regulations that I learned as long  
17 as I am alive. You who speak English, you know and  
18 those that are bilingual need to remember these rules  
19 that you know already, to follow those because the end  
20 result, often times will not lead you to trouble.

21  
22                   Quyaunga.

23  
24                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Quyaunga.

25  
26                   MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. Can I ask  
27 for point of order.

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29                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. I thought he  
30 was going to make a statement to that effect, but we're  
31 down to Item 64, was it.

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33                   MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

34  
35                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal 64. Did  
36 we have a motion on it for -- have we had a motion to  
37 accept?

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39                   REPORTER: (Shakes head negatively)

40  
41                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, no motion,  
42 yet. Okay, public comments. I guess that was our  
43 public comment.

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45                   MR. RIVARD: No motion.

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47                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: And our public  
48 testimony. Down to Regional Advisory deliberation,  
49 recommendations and justification.

50

1 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. Are you  
2 open for public comment on WP07-64?  
3  
4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's correct.  
5  
6 MR. ANDREW: Okay, Mr. Chairman.  
7 I.....  
8  
9 MR. RIVARD: Would you identify  
10 yourself again, sir.  
11  
12 MR. ANDREW: .....if the language is  
13 modified -- my name is Nick Andrew, Jr. I'm here in  
14 Marshall, Alaska. I am the proponent of WP07-64.  
15  
16 If the language is modified I think  
17 that would insure success of this. I'm going to wait  
18 to hear from the Regional Advisory Board or more public  
19 comment on this before I can propose a modification.  
20  
21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that it.  
22  
23 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, that's it.  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal 64 is on  
26 Page.....  
27  
28 MR. ALOYSIUS: 98.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....98. The  
31 general description, create an earlier moose season  
32 August 20th to 31 for residents of Marshall in Unit 18  
33 remainder, change the harvest limit from one antlered  
34 bull to one antlered bull or one cow without calf. And  
35 could you reiterate what your statements were on that,  
36 Don, please.  
37  
38 MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair. Again,  
39 with your action on Proposal 27, you've -- you're  
40 agreeing with having earlier dates, in fact, it's an  
41 earlier start date than what this proponent is asking  
42 for, August 10th instead of August 20th under No. 27.  
43 The difference here is that this would be an exclu --  
44 they'd asked for an exclusive hunt for Marshall  
45 residents but by your vote on 27, you opened that up to  
46 all Unit 18 remainder residents. So the only thing  
47 that's left is the change in the harvest limit from one  
48 antlered bull to making it either one antlered bull or  
49 one cow without calf.  
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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
2  
3 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.  
6 Rivard. Any Board comment, Committee -- Council. I'm  
7 sorry, I forgot we're not the Board, we're just  
8 Council, go ahead, Council.  
9  
10 Council comment on 31 -- 64, I'm sorry.  
11  
12 MR. ANDREW: Well, Mr. Chairman, can I  
13 make my comments now, this is Nick Andrew, Jr., the  
14 proponent of this proposal.  
15  
16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Nick.  
17  
18 MR. ANDREW: Okay, just for the sake,  
19 for the benefit of the doubt to remove the cow  
20 provision and open this to all residents of Unit 18.  
21 That would include the people of Marshall, so that  
22 would be more fair. But the extra 10, 12 days would  
23 definitely increase an early start for the people of  
24 this area, including the people of Marshall.  
25  
26 And I'm not asking for special  
27 treatment or for a special class of people, we are all  
28 subsistence users in this area, and I'm willing to give  
29 it to one antlered bull, excuse me, and to all  
30 qualified users of Unit 18, the extra 12 days would  
31 definitely give us more chance to harvest and hunt in  
32 safety as well, to alleviate the crowding.  
33  
34 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, comment,  
35 Mary.  
36  
37 MS. GREGORY: Because we did that on  
38 27, this would be the same as if -- if we take no  
39 action it'll remain the same except for the earlier  
40 date of harvest, right, and I want to make another  
41 comment that I have no problem letting them hunt one  
42 cow moose, that's not (In Yup'ik).....  
43  
44 (Laughter)  
45  
46 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Don  
47 Rivard. What I just heard the proponent of 64 say was  
48 that he was fine with your action on 27, including just  
49 going -- just having one antlered bull as the harvest  
50 limit.

1 Thank you.  
2  
3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Is that in  
4 the -- you've got that recorded, I suppose, ma'am.  
5  
6 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)  
7  
8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.  
9  
10 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.  
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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Also the comment you  
15 made about August 20th is null and void because we're  
16 opening August 10th.  
17  
18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. So what is  
19 the wish of the Council.  
20  
21 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.  
24  
25 MR. ROCZICKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
26 Hearing that then I guess it'd be appropriate and I'd  
27 move for no action on Proposal No. 64 since we dealt  
28 with the.....  
29  
30 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second it.  
31  
32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded. A  
33 motion's been made by Mr. Roczicka, seconded by Bob  
34 Aloysius, and if it's all right I will ask for a  
35 unanimous consent on this proposal.  
36  
37 All in favor of the motion to.....  
38  
39 MR. RIVARD: Take no action.  
40  
41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....take no  
42 action. Is there any opposition.  
43  
44 (No opposition)  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any opposition.  
47  
48 (No opposition)  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Being none, so

1 ordered. We're down to -- let's take a 10 minute  
2 break, we've got time for a break.

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4 (Off record)

5

6 (On record)

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Let's get back t  
9 order please. Before we go on, Don, as you know at the  
10 last Council meeting we put in a proposal to extend the  
11 moose hunting season below Mountain Village from March  
12 -- wait September to March, right, and is there  
13 somewhere in here where we can revise that for the sake  
14 of the State, I know the State had a problem with that.  
15 But we'd like to introduce a proposal to extend that  
16 lower -- below Mountain Village moose hunt from August  
17 1st to September 30th, could that be placed on today's  
18 actions.

19

20 MR. RIVARD: Pete DeMatteo, can you  
21 answer that question, please.

22

23 MR. DEMATTEO: I had a hard time  
24 hearing Mr. Wilde's statement there, could you please  
25 repeat it for me.

26

27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, Pete, at our  
28 last Council meeting we introduced a proposal to  
29 increase the moose season below Mountain Village to  
30 September 1st to March 31st, and instead of that is  
31 there some way where we can introduce a proposal or  
32 take a proposal to replace another proposal to put that  
33 in to increase the moose season below Mountain Village  
34 where we have that exploding population of moose from  
35 the 1st of August to the end of September, if so, can  
36 we do it so we can handle it today to replace one of  
37 these proposals -- one of the other proposals we're  
38 working on.

39

40 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair. If I  
41 understand your question, you want to put that proposal  
42 in place today. And I don't believe you can because  
43 it's out of synch with the regulatory proposal cycle,  
44 which those proposals, the call for proposals is coming  
45 in September/October. The other option is submitting  
46 a special action request which can be submitted year-  
47 round, of course. The first thing we'd have to  
48 determine if your request meets the criteria for a  
49 special action. And with the little bit of information  
50 you gave me I couldn't say yes or no, we'd have to look

1 further into it.

2

3                   There may be others there from our  
4 office who could maybe provide more information than I  
5 can.

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7                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Don.

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9                   MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair, I think  
10 you may be able to, after you hear the discussion on 29  
11 and 30 that's coming up next, you may be able to act  
12 off of that, one of those proposals, and modify --  
13 support with modification to what you want. Pete, does  
14 that make sense to you.

15

16                   MR. DEMATTEO: If it's within limits --  
17 within limits you can do that, if it's not outside the  
18 regulatory confines of that proposal. If you're  
19 introducing something new altogether new, no, you can't  
20 do that. It just depends on what they want to  
21 introduce or what they want to modify.

22

23                   MR. RIVARD: Okay, so, Mr. Chair, I  
24 think what would be best is go through 29 and 30 and  
25 see where your Council ends up on a recommendation for  
26 that and see what you're proposing to do you can do  
27 under these two proposals. We'll keep a close watch  
28 and make sure that if it is really something that's  
29 kind of new that you're proposing, we'll have to go a  
30 different route.

31

32                   I hope that makes sense.

33

34                   Let's go through 29 and 30 and see what  
35 your Council recommends on that.

36

37                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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39                   MR. RIVARD: And you may be able to  
40 incorporate what you would like under one of those.

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42                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.  
43 We are now down to Proposal WP07-29 and 30, allow  
44 antlerless moose to be taken during December season and  
45 expand the season to run from September 1st to March  
46 31st in part of Unit 18.

47

48                   Pete.

49

50                   MR. DEMATTEO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 Mr. Chair. Members of the Council. Pete DeMatteo,  
2 Office of Subsistence Management, Anchorage. Proposal  
3 29 and 30 were both submitted by the Yukon-Kuskokwim  
4 Delta Regional Advisory Council.

5  
6 Proposal 29 requests a change in the  
7 harvest limit for the December 20 through June 10 moose  
8 season from one antlered bull to one moose for Unit 18  
9 remainder.

10  
11 Proposal 30 requests a change from  
12 existing September 1 through 30 and December 20 through  
13 January 10 moose season to September 1 through March 31  
14 and just make it one season, September 1 through March  
15 31 for Unit 18 remainder. And a change from the one  
16 antlered bull harvest limit to one bull.

17  
18 Mr. Chair, further discussion with the  
19 proponent, who is the Council, revealed that Proposal  
20 29 and 30 actually would affect Unit 18, that portion  
21 north and west of a line from Cape Romanzof Kusilvak  
22 Mountain to Mountain Village and excluding all Yukon  
23 River drainages up river from Mountain Village, rather  
24 than the Unit 18 remainder as it was stated on Pages 30  
25 and 31 of the Federal subsistence wildlife proposal  
26 book for the 2007/2008 regulatory year.

27  
28 Also from additional discussion it was  
29 realized that Proposal 29 would extend the winter  
30 season of January 11 through 20 and mirrors the Federal  
31 Board's action that was taken on Special Action WSA06-  
32 04. That was the special action that the Board adopted  
33 December 2006 that extended the winter season from  
34 January 11 through 20 and changed the harvest limit for  
35 one bull or one calf to any moose.

36  
37 Because the Board's action on the  
38 special action request was temporary the expanded  
39 harvest limit and the extended season was only good for  
40 December 20, 2006 through January 20, 2007.

41  
42 The proponent submitted Proposal 29  
43 requesting the Board place these changes into permanent  
44 regulations.

45  
46 Mr. Chair. The proposed regulations  
47 can be found in your books on Page 112 and 113 if you'd  
48 like to see what the proposed regulations look like in  
49 print.

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1 All rural residents of Unit 18 and  
2 Upper Kalskag have a customary and traditional use  
3 determination for moose in this portion of Unit 18.  
4 The general summary based on analysis of existing  
5 survey results of the lower Yukon River moose  
6 population is the population is highly productive,  
7 continues to grow and is capable of supporting an  
8 increased harvest.

9  
10 No new information on the moose  
11 population for Yukon River, Unit 18 exists since the  
12 last population survey conducted in November 2005.  
13 Moose population surveys for the affected area are  
14 scheduled for this month. The current population trend  
15 will eventually lead to overbrowsing followed by a  
16 population declined. It should be mentioned, Mr.  
17 Chair, that extending the seasons and expanding the  
18 harvest limit would slow the growth rate of the  
19 population and help to prevent overbrowsing of moose  
20 habitat in the proposal area.

21  
22 Hence, a report of the harvest results  
23 for the December 20 through January 20 moose season,  
24 the reported moose harvest for the winter season  
25 totaled 36 bulls, 18 cows and 11 calves. The cow  
26 harvest thus far is lower than what was anticipated.

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28 With that said, Mr. Chair, adoption of  
29 the Proposal 29 season extension and harvest limit  
30 should not have negative impacts on the affected moose  
31 population.

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33 Adoption of the proposed regulation  
34 would provide Federally-qualified subsistence users  
35 with opportunity to harvest any moose during the  
36 extended winter season as proposed by the Council.

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38 Adoption of Proposal 30's season  
39 extension would provide an additional 160 [sic] days of  
40 opportunity for Federally-qualified subsistence users  
41 to harvest moose during the September 1 to March 31 and  
42 the opportunity to harvest any bull.

43  
44 Impacts on the affected moose  
45 population from the expanded harvest limit to any moose  
46 and a 10 day season extension requested in Proposal 29  
47 will need to be evaluated before any additional season  
48 extension can be considered, for instance, the 150  
49 [sic] day extension that's recognized in the proposal.

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1 Further analysis of the 2006/2007  
2 winter harvest will be needed in order to analyze  
3 potential effects of additional extensions of the  
4 affected season. For example, again, that proposed 150  
5 day season extension. The additional 10 days and the  
6 opportunity to harvest any moose during the winter  
7 season should help to address this population's  
8 elevated calf component and provide qualified users  
9 with additional opportunity to harvest moose.

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11 Mr. Chair, with that said, the  
12 preliminary conclusions for the two proposals are as  
13 follows:

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15 For Proposal 29; the conclusion is to  
16 support the proposal to provide for an  
17 additional 10 days and to allow for the  
18 harvest limit of any moose during the  
19 season.

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21 For Proposal 30; the preliminary  
22 conclusion is to oppose the proposal to  
23 provide for an additional 150 days  
24 during September 1 through March 31  
25 with the harvest of any bull.

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27 And I'll stop there and answer any  
28 questions.

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30 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Pete, this is  
33 Lester Wilde.

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35 REPORTER: Lester. Lester.

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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, thank you.  
38 Pete, this is Lester. Since you're opposing that  
39 Proposal No. 30, could we possibly change the dates  
40 from September 1st to March 30th.

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42 MR. DEMATTEO: No, Mr. Chair, it was  
43 felt that we need to proceed in smaller increments. In  
44 other words, first do a post-hunting season evaluation  
45 of what these liberalized regulations as far as an  
46 extended season and expanded harvest limit. What that  
47 will do to the population before taking a look at  
48 adding 150 days on for instance.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, that's not

1 actually adding on another 130 [sic] days, it's just a  
2 matter of adding on another 30 days.

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4 MR. DEMATTEO: I'm sorry, I may have  
5 understood the dates that you said.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg.

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9 MR. DEMATTEO: I'm sorry, could you  
10 repeat those dates, please.

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12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Greg. Yeah, from  
13 September 1st to March -- I'm sorry, what was I saying,  
14 oh, August 1st to September 30th, that would keep the  
15 -- if anybody caught bulls then the meat gets kind of  
16 bad after September so since this was one of the  
17 proposals that we introduced to the Council with those  
18 dates on them, if the Council concurs we would -- we  
19 would like to change the dates so that we have 30  
20 additional days to hunt below Mountain Village for a  
21 moose.

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23 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair. So  
24 essentially what you're doing is in Proposal 30, you're  
25 changing your original proposal to start August 1st  
26 through September 30th; is that correct?

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No, not  
29 necessarily. I'm modifying the dates.

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31 Don.

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33 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. At this stage  
34 of the game you can't change your proposal. What you  
35 can do is, with your recommendation, you could support  
36 with modification and then put the dates that you want  
37 in there. But we can't change the proposal you  
38 submitted.....

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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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42 MR. RIVARD: .....back in the fall.

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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's understood,  
45 thanks. Any further discussion. Mary.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Pete. So Proposal 30, if  
48 we don't take into consideration the changes, then it's  
49 from September 1 to the 30th, and that's still in tact.

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1 MR. DEMATTEO: Are you asking, Ms.  
2 Gregory, if you can change the dates in Proposal  
3 30.....  
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5 MS. GREGORY: No.  
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7 MR. DEMATTEO: .....instead of  
8 September 1 through March 31, maybe a period half that  
9 long, is that what you're proposing?  
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11 MS. GREGORY: No. I'm asking the  
12 question whether if we don't take action -- if we don't  
13 take that March 31, as proposed, the September 1 to the  
14 30th stands.  
15  
16 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. I can answer  
17 that. The existing regulation is on Page 112.  
18  
19 MS. GREGORY: That's what I'm asking.  
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21 MR. RIVARD: And that's what would stay  
22 in effect if you take no action -- if you don't do  
23 anything with this, those are the dates of the hunt in  
24 the fall.  
25  
26 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.  
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Edgar.  
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30 MR. HOELSCHER: Can I get a  
31 clarification. On Proposal 27 we requested August 10th  
32 through September 30th. Now, Proposal 30, we're trying  
33 to go August 1 to September 30th.  
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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.  
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37 MR. HOELSCHER: No.  
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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yeah, below  
40 Mountain Village.....  
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42 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.  
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....August 1 to  
45 September 30th, that would give the -- September 1st to  
46 -- no, August 1st to September 30th, that would give us  
47 people out in the coastal areas a little bit more  
48 opportunity to take some of those moose that are down  
49 below Mountain Village.  
50

1 Mr. Rivard.  
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3 MR. RIVARD: I think I can help clarify  
4 this. If you go back to your map on Page 87, if  
5 everybody would do that, what you did on No. 27, was  
6 extend the season in that part that's called the  
7 remainder, okay.  
8  
9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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11 MR. RIVARD: What you're dealing with  
12 now is the lower portion of the Yukon River, and it  
13 also shows on this large map over here on the wall.....  
14  
15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
16  
17 MR. RIVARD: .....you can see it here,  
18 it's this part that we're talking about now, under this  
19 proposal.....  
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
22  
23 MR. RIVARD: .....the lowest part of  
24 the hunt, the lowest.....  
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yep.  
27  
28 MR. RIVARD: .....hunt area in the  
29 Yukon drainage, okay. So you're talking about  
30 different hunt areas now.  
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So.  
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34 (Laughter)  
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36 MR. RIVARD: Well, what you're dealing  
37 with is Mr. Hoelscher's question was, you've already  
38 made earlier dates for the remainder.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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42 MR. RIVARD: Now, you see the existing  
43 regulations, and Pete clarified that 29 and 30 are  
44 really for the lower portion of Unit 18 and the Yukon;  
45 is that correct Pete?  
46  
47 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes.  
48  
49 MR. RIVARD: Okay. So you're dealing  
50 just with that lowest hunt area in the Yukon drainage.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
2  
3 MR. ALOYSIUS: And on your map it's  
4 west of that dotted line.  
5  
6 MR. RIVARD: North and west.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: It's that line that  
9 goes from here to -- from Cape Romanzof to Kusilvak  
10 Mountain to Mountain Village.  
11  
12 MR. RIVARD: All this.  
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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Anything below  
15 that.  
16  
17 MR. RIVARD: All this. This is the  
18 line. So it's all this.  
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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Let me get  
21 back to my schedule here. Any more discussion on 29 or  
22 30, while I'm looking for my paperwork here.  
23  
24 (No comments)  
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26 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's it -- is  
27 that it, Pete.  
28  
29 MR. RIVARD: That's it for the  
30 analysis, yes, he's presented his analysis.  
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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Department  
33 of Fish and Game.  
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35 MR. PERRY: Good afternoon, again.  
36 Yeah, I think we've covered most of what needs to be  
37 talked about, these two proposals. My comments will be  
38 both for Proposal 29 and Proposal 30.  
39  
40 We support Proposal 29. I plan to  
41 submit a proposal to the Board of Game for this  
42 upcoming November meeting to have a concurrent season,  
43 that 10 day extension and then to change the bag limit  
44 to include any moose instead of -- you know, right now  
45 it's an antlered bull or a calf. I think this last  
46 year we showed that there was some worry by myself and  
47 other Staff about how many moose we would shoot in this  
48 winter season, and understandably there wasn't as many  
49 shot as any year if we had very good weather  
50 conditions, but our concerns about shooting several

1 hundred cows definitely weren't met, you know, a  
2 harvest of 18 cows during that season is not going to  
3 worry me at all. It might worry me in a few years if  
4 we can't shoot more cows than that. So I do support  
5 Proposal 29.

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7 And like I said I'll -- either I -- or  
8 somehow we'll get a proposal into the Board of Game.

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10 And for your own information the Board  
11 of Game this year is going to meet in Bethel in  
12 November, the first week of November. We probably can  
13 put a -- or ask for it to be expedited, the  
14 implementation on that, so it could be -- if we could  
15 have a season in the lower Yukon that would be the same  
16 on Federal and State lands, which would be beneficial  
17 to everyone instead of having to keep track of where  
18 you are.

19

20 Now, for Proposal 30, I don't support  
21 it as written for the same reason that's in the Staff  
22 analysis. It's a big jump from what, is in a 53 day  
23 season between the two seasons right now, to 130 day  
24 jump or whatever the ends up. But I do see a benefit  
25 in your modification to have that season open in  
26 August. August 1st or -- you know, my first thought  
27 was, you know, to just align it with the up river area,  
28 to open it August 10th where you have it -- where  
29 you've modified Proposal 27 to go with -- and I guess I  
30 think of that just as -- you know, most of the time it  
31 is better to simplify where we can to make seasons  
32 close so you don't have to worry about what line you're  
33 over or where you are.

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35 And that's my only argument to open  
36 August 10 to instead of August 1st, is just to align  
37 the seasons. I don't really have any problem with  
38 harvesting more moose by opening it August 1st, I just  
39 think it might be beneficial for people to have those  
40 seasons open concurrently.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. State  
43 and Federal, tribal agencies. Tim -- or I guess we'll  
44 just go with Federal, State and tribal, we'll just go  
45 down the list.

46

47 MR. TWITCHELL: Chair. Council  
48 members. Hollis Twitchell. Yukon Delta Refuge.

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50 The Refuge's position would be to

1 support Proposal 29 for the reasons stated in the  
2 analysis and also to oppose Proposal 30 also for the  
3 reasons stated in the analysis and in concurrence with  
4 Phillip's comments from ADF&G as well.

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6                   What I handed out to you is a report  
7 for the winter hunts in this area, the lower Yukon.  
8 I'd like you to turn to Page 4, if you would, please.

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10                   This is simply an updated and expanded  
11 number from what's in your Regional Council booklet on  
12 Page 116. The things to note is after receiving the  
13 final reports from the community harvest monitors in  
14 each of the villages, we upped the numbers in the  
15 different categories by just a few moose. So this  
16 would represent the final tally that the community  
17 harvest coordinators reported into us. If you notice  
18 down on the column of bulls, the number of bulls  
19 harvested increased from 18 up to 21, the number of  
20 calfs taken increased by one up to 12. So the numbers  
21 are very close.

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23                   Another thing that I tried to add for  
24 your information was the number of animals harvested  
25 from Fish and Wildlife lands as opposed to those  
26 reported harvested from Native lands. So you see in  
27 the columns to the right that reported Fish and  
28 Wildlife harvests were 40 animals and the number of  
29 animals taken off of private and Native lands were 31.

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31                   A number of reasons would indicate why  
32 the numbers were lower than what we had anticipated.  
33 The comments from the hunters to their village  
34 coordinators identified a number of problems. One, a  
35 blizzard that came in during a period of the winter  
36 hunt was substantial on the Yukon. That, combined with  
37 another period of severe cold snaps. Those  
38 environmental conditions, a number of the hunters said  
39 they didn't range away from their villages because of  
40 concern of snowmachine breakdowns. The third and final  
41 reason articulated was that the 2007 hunting licenses,  
42 a number of the vendors in their communities did not  
43 receive their tickets, their hunting license booklets  
44 until latter part of the hunt, therefore some of the  
45 hunters, during the early part of January hunt were not  
46 able to go out because they couldn't acquire a State  
47 hunting license at that time. It wasn't until the  
48 latter part of the January hunt that they actually were  
49 able to secure hunting licenses. So those three  
50 factors were things that had influenced this winter

1 hunt.

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3                   Therefore the total moose from both the  
4 private and Native lands and Refuge lands were 71 moose  
5 that were harvested.

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7                   Even with the lower number than what we  
8 expected to see harvested, we still feel comfortable  
9 staying with the recommendations of supporting Proposal  
10 29 but would like to advance cautiously, and that's why  
11 we're opposing Proposal 30 at this time.

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13                   Thank you.

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15                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Tribal.

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17                   MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
18 Members of the Council. For the record, Timothy  
19 Andrew. Director of wildlife resources for AVCP.

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21                   On Proposal 29 we wholeheartedly  
22 support the Staff recommendation to extend the hunt  
23 from December 20th to January 20th. Within that time  
24 period, after the hunt was completed on January 10th,  
25 or the deadline approached, we got a number of phone  
26 calls from a number of people from the lower Yukon  
27 villages wanting to extend the season primarily because  
28 of what Mr. Twitchell had indicated, the weather was  
29 extremely stormy and then it got extremely cold. The  
30 other issue that people were faced with, once again,  
31 was the increase price of gasoline. And, you know,  
32 within that certain time constraint trying to get out  
33 there to really harvest -- harvest the moose.

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35                   The other thing that we support is  
36 removing one antlered bull or one calf to one moose.

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38                   We received a number of phone calls  
39 from people complaining about some enforcement action  
40 that had occurred. I'm not sure if it was Federal law  
41 enforcement or State law enforcement that people were  
42 getting some grief over. The definition of what  
43 exactly is a calf. According to, I believe State and  
44 Federal regulations, the definition of calf is any calf  
45 that's a year or less. And as many of you know, a calf  
46 that's a year or less is probably about this big, maybe  
47 even smaller, and the definition of calf according to  
48 people that are hunting is calf that's still with its  
49 mother. So there was that disparity, that we would  
50 support changing the language to one moose.

1                   On Proposal 30, I would be very  
2 reluctant to extend the season to March 31st.  
3 Primarily because of personal interviews that had  
4 occurred according to one of our village people with a  
5 person from Unalakleet. They, within that area, had a  
6 season from September 1 to March 31st and it's really  
7 decimated the moose population in that area and they're  
8 having a moose crises at this point and I'd be afraid  
9 to do that within an area that we have worked so hard  
10 to build the moose population to where it is today.

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12                   One of the concerns that I have on  
13 Proposal No. 30, the current language, if it were to  
14 open September 30th -- or September 1st, it would not  
15 be consistent with the prior action you just took to  
16 open the remainder of Unit 18 by August 10th and that  
17 would go pretty much against the grain of what the  
18 original proponents wanted to do, was to decrease the  
19 competition in the remaining portion of Unit 18.

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21                   I would support, I believe it was you,  
22 Mr. Chairman, that had made a notion to open the season  
23 in the lowest portion of Unit 18 by August 1st, I think  
24 that would definitely provide additional opportunity  
25 for people to harvest the moose that they need to feed  
26 their families for the winter.

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28                   With that, thank you, Mr. Chair.

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30                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim.  
31 InterAgency Staff has no comment. Fish and Game Local  
32 Advisory Committee.

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34                   MR. CHARLES: No comment, Mr. Chairman.

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36                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No comment.  
37 Summary of written public comments. Go ahead, Don --  
38 go ahead, whoever.

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40                   MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. This is Don  
41 Rivard. I just wanted to let you know that the Western  
42 Interior Council had this on their agenda last week at  
43 their meeting and they took no action on 29 and 30.

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45                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any written  
46 comments.

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48                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. For both 29 and  
49 30, there are no summary of written public comments.

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1 Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
4 Public testimony. Anybody in the audience who would  
5 like to make a comment on the proposals we are now  
6 discussing.

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8 (No comments)

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. We're down  
11 to Regional Advisory deliberation, recommendation and  
12 justification.

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14 Mary.

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16 MS. GREGORY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
17 I'd like to make a comment that if you're going to give  
18 us these papers -- some of us might be fast readers but  
19 some of us aren't. So I like to know what's really  
20 happening in it before I -- please give it to us before  
21 the proposal is up.

22

23 I have a question on the first page.  
24 The State Board of Game denied the request because it  
25 did not meet their definition of an emergency as  
26 described in the Joint Board Petition Policy. Can you  
27 answer that for me.

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29 MR. DEMATTEO: Don, could you either  
30 answer that or relay it because there's a great deal of  
31 noise on this line.

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33 MS. GREGORY: It was directed at the  
34 ADF&G.

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36 MR. RIVARD: I believe the question was  
37 directed either to the Department of Fish and Game or  
38 Hollis.

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40 MR. DEMATTEO: Thank you.

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42 MR. PERRY: Mary. I can't speak  
43 directly for the Board of Game, since they're a  
44 separate entity. But, essentially, yeah, when the  
45 Board of Game looks at emergency regulation they have  
46 to -- one of the first things they do is they have to  
47 find an emergency and they're somewhat restricted in  
48 what they can define as an emergency. And they chose  
49 to, -- when they looked at the similar proposal in  
50 front of the Board of Game back in November and

1 December, they chose not to take action. They didn't  
2 think it was an emergency essentially. So that's the  
3 short of it.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Edgar. Thank you.

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7 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you. On Page 3,  
8 many of the local licensed vendors did not have their  
9 hunting licenses available, is there a way somehow that  
10 sometime in December, if they're printed ahead of time,  
11 that these be available to vendors so we can have some  
12 happy hunters.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead.

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16 MR. TWITCHELL: Chair. Council  
17 members. I received a copy of the letter from the  
18 State Department of Fish and Game and this is where the  
19 information came from in terms of why the Board of Game  
20 chose not to rule on that petition. To them, the Joint  
21 Board Petition Policy defines an emergency as an  
22 unforeseen, unexpected resource situation where a  
23 biologically allowable resource harvest would be  
24 precluded by delayed regulatory action and such a delay  
25 would be significantly burdensome to the petitioners  
26 because the resource would be unavailable in the  
27 future.

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29 And I believe, not to be a spokesperson  
30 for the Board of Game, that they didn't feel that there  
31 was an urgency to approve this special action and when  
32 it was before them last winter, they suggested that it  
33 be advanced to them through the regular cycle, and  
34 that's why they used the definition of emergency in the  
35 petition and denied it.

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37 MR. PERRY: And I think the next  
38 question was specifically about hunting licenses and  
39 availability.

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41 Licensed vendors within the state are  
42 kind of independent from any of the divisions, they're  
43 -- administratively they have an agreement as an  
44 individual or as a corporation or whatever entity to  
45 sell licenses. If someone doesn't send in their  
46 paperwork in October or November they just, as a rule,  
47 aren't sent their new stock, their 2007, in this case,  
48 would have been 2007 licenses until they turn in an  
49 agreement for the next year. So I can try to work with  
50 those specific license vendors to insure that people

1 can get licenses, but like myself I normally get 2000 --  
2 like this year, I got 2007 licenses in the Bethel  
3 office in, I think, mid-November. So they normally are  
4 available ahead of time if people are current with  
5 their business.

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7 So it's something we can work on and  
8 address, but it kind of ends up being a case by case  
9 sort of thing.

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11 MR. HOELSCHER: (Nods affirmatively)

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. I got a  
14 little off track here, I think. InterAgency Staff had  
15 no comment. Fish and Game Local Advisory Committees  
16 had no comment. Summary of written public comments  
17 didn't -- that was already -- so I think we're down to  
18 Regional Advisory Council. Sorry about that because I  
19 was trying to listen to too many -- I'll get used to  
20 this yet.

21

22 (Laughter)

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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: What is the  
25 recommendation of the Council on WP07-29, on WP29.  
26 We'll take them one at a time.

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28 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we support  
33 or whatever word you want to use to -- oh, man.....

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Adopt Proposal 29.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: .....to support Proposal  
38 07-29 as it is written because it deals only with the  
39 area that is called the lowest Yukon area.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, there's a  
42 motion. Do I hear a second to the motion.

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44 MR. CHARLES: Second.

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46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by James  
47 Charles. Any further discussion. Gregory -- Greg.

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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I think  
50 Edgar started going there a little while ago when he

1 asked about having the different dates between the  
2 upper portion of 18 on the Yukon drainage and the lower  
3 section there. And I think it is worthwhile if the  
4 opportunity's there, to, certainly, make that  
5 modification here as well. And I'll ask if the maker  
6 might accept that as a friendly amendment for the  
7 starting date to be actually the August 10th to align  
8 with what we're recommending in the other portion of  
9 the river.

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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that Proposal  
12 30.

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14 MR. ROCZICKA: No, that's in No. 29.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's the winter  
17 hunt.

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19 MS. GREGORY: 29 is.....

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 29 is the winter  
22 hunt.

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24 MR. ROCZICKA: 29 includes both a fall  
25 hunt and a winter hunt.

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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: Can I ask for  
30 clarification from Greg, are you talking about August  
31 10 or August 1st.

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33 MR. ROCZICKA: I'd say line up with  
34 what we did in the middle section where we used August  
35 10th. that was what was being asked, just to help keep  
36 it clear for people, we don't have to -- particularly  
37 with the fall hunt.....

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I have one  
40 question. How would that affect our ability to oversee  
41 the -- make sure that we don't have any problems with  
42 anybody breaking the law as far as the moose. Because  
43 on the lower Yukon we were proposing a moose, and on  
44 the upper Yukon are they also proposing a moose?

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46 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman.....

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48 MR. RIVARD: One antlered -- Mr. Chair,  
49 it was for one antlered bull is what it was under 27  
50 and the existing regulation is one antlered bull.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
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3 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. If I  
4 could.....  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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8 MR. ROCZICKA: .....move on, what is  
9 there currently under Proposal 29, the only change  
10 being recommended in the proposal itself is the winter  
11 hunt but we can change that date to align for the same  
12 time, we could offer that modification within this  
13 proposal to take care of them both at once.  
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If that's your  
16 pleasure.  
17  
18 MR. ROCZICKA: And August 10 through  
19 September 30 for the bull hunt and then December 20 to  
20 January 20 for any moose.  
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. What is the  
23 wish of the Board -- Council, I'm sorry.  
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25 MR. KELLY: Mr. Chairman.  
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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Elias.  
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29 MR. KELLY: My understanding of these  
30 proposals is that, you know, what Greg is suggesting is  
31 like if we're putting two eggs in a basket, you know,  
32 one proposal deals with the winter hunt and the other  
33 proposal dealt with the fall hunt. So if one is  
34 approved and the other one is not, you know, I don't  
35 know -- I mean this is the first time I am on this  
36 Board, you know.  
37  
38 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Elias.  
41 And just for your information we're not the Board.....  
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43 MR. KELLY: Oh, excuse me.  
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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....we're the  
46 Council.  
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48 MR. KELLY: Yes, thank you.  
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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If we were the

1 Board it would make things a lot easier.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MR. RIVARD: Maybe.

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7 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Maybe. Any further  
8 discussion on Title -- Title 29 -- okay, Title 29 deals  
9 with the winter hunt; is that correct?

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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, not title, it's a  
12 proposal.

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14 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal, I'm  
15 sorry. Proposal 29 deals with strictly the winter  
16 hunt.

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18 MR. RIVARD: Yeah, Mr. Chair, your  
19 Council put in two separate proposals. One dealing  
20 with the fall hunt and one dealing with the winter  
21 hunt.

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23 29 was for the winter hunt. You could  
24 have made one proposal and made all -- you know,  
25 proposed these changes for both hunts at one time but  
26 you chose to do two hunts -- to do two proposals.

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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30 MR. RIVARD: So right now for 29 it's  
31 just dealing with a change in the winter hunt dates.  
32 But from what I understand from Greg, you could  
33 incorporate all the changes you might want to see in  
34 both hunts into just one proposal and then possibly  
35 take no action on the other one.

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37 That's one of your options.

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39 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that the option  
40 you would like to take Council. Robert says yes.

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42 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I offered  
43 that as a friendly amendment so if the maker.....

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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.

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47 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'll accept his friendly  
48 amendment.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All right.

1 MR. HOELSCHER: Question.  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's been  
4 called for. Mr. Secretary, please call the roll.  
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6 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay, for the Proposal  
7 29 as amended to have the fall hunt dates of August 10  
8 through September 30 for bulls only and December 20  
9 through January 20 for any moose. Bob Aloysius.  
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11 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Just a minute, go  
12 ahead, Pete -- Don.  
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14 MR. RIVARD: I just want to make a  
15 clarification, Greg, it's for one antlered bull or are  
16 you saying for any bull. If you notice at the very  
17 bottom of Page 112 it's one antlered bull is the limit,  
18 is that what your intent is, or -- you said bulls only,  
19 that could be more than just an antlered bull. I mean  
20 there -- maybe most bulls are going to have the antlers  
21 but do you want to make that specific to one antlered  
22 bull.  
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24 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.  
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26 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.  
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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: The proposed regulation  
31 calls for one moose.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: For the winter  
34 hunt.  
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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: One moose for the  
39 winter hunt.  
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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.  
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43 MS. GREGORY: One.....  
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45 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: One moose for the  
46 winter hunt.  
47  
48 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.  
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50 MR. RIVARD: That's for the winter

1 hunt, yes. For the fall hunt right now it's one  
2 antlered bull.

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4 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, everybody  
5 clear. Go ahead.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: The only thing is that  
8 the only change would be scratching out antlered bull  
9 or one calf to moose, that's the only change in this  
10 07-29.

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12 MR. RIVARD: That's correct. But your  
13 recommendation now is to further modify 29 to take care  
14 of the dates for the fall hunt, changing that to August  
15 10th through September 30th but Mr. Roczicka said, any  
16 bull. The existing regulation says one antlered bull.  
17 I just wanted to clarify what -- that it's -- is it  
18 still one antlered bull for the fall hunt, that's all  
19 I'm asking for, wanted to clarify that.

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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Clarify.

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23 MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, and my intention  
24 was not to mess with that portion of that at this  
25 point.

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27 And maybe just to speak a little bit  
28 more to the proposal as a whole. You know I've heard a  
29 lot of testimony along the lines, and very pointed  
30 testimony actually, when we put this other proposal in  
31 that had that fully extended season basically from  
32 September until spring time, we were throwing out there  
33 to get some of the feedback, but -- and we knew we'd  
34 get some and we got it, but the points that were raised  
35 about this year, perhaps, because of the moratorium on  
36 the Kuskokwim, because of the closures in 19 and also  
37 the Mulchatna Caribou Herd going down, it's going to  
38 really raise that level of interest for folks to come  
39 over here to be able to get their moose that likely  
40 wasn't there this year. People heard about it but they  
41 weren't really familiar with it so I think you're going  
42 to see an increased number of folks coming over to take  
43 part in that hunt next year and the cautionary notes  
44 that are there as well, that you guys got one heck of a  
45 healthy moose population here and we don't want to mess  
46 that up here. There's a lot of years of sweat, blood  
47 and tears by a lot of people.

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49 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
50 discussion.

1 Don.  
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3 MR. RIVARD: I'm kind of harping on the  
4 point but I haven't heard whether the clarification if  
5 it's for one any bull or if it's one antlered bull that  
6 your recommendation was.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I thought he said  
9 any bull. Didn't you just say any bull.  
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11 MR. ROCZICKA: I did say any bull when  
12 I stated that, I didn't have an intention of actually  
13 changing that language. I basically didn't look at it  
14 that.....  
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16 MR. RIVARD: Okay. So it still.....  
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18 MR. ROCZICKA: .....thoroughly. That  
19 the.....  
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21 MR. RIVARD: .....would remain one  
22 antlered bull.....  
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24 MR. ROCZICKA: .....bag limit would  
25 remain the same.  
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27 MR. RIVARD: .....is that what it is.  
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29 MR. ROCZICKA: I'm fairly certain that  
30 that's been discussed over quite -- or it's been  
31 brought forward to me at the village meetings that have  
32 been held up and down the lower Yukon, people talked  
33 that point over pretty thoroughly.  
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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay, thank you.  
36 Is the Board ready to vote -- Council.  
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38 MR. CHARLES: Question.  
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40 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Question's been  
41 called for. Do I hear a second to the motion.  
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43 MR. ALOYSIUS: You don't need a second  
44 for a question. He called for the question. He called  
45 for a vote.  
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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. It's a good  
48 thing I'm human, I'm allowed to make mistakes once in  
49 awhile.  
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1 (Laughter)  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Greg, roll  
4 call, please.  
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6 MR. ROCZICKA: Again, for final action  
7 and recommendation on Proposal No. 29 for August 10  
8 through September 30 in the fall season for one  
9 antlered bull and extending the winter season by 10  
10 days and making the bag limit for any moose.  
11  
12 Bob Aloysius.  
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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.  
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16 MR. ROCZICKA: Roczicka, yes. Joe  
17 Mike.  
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19 MR. MIKE: Yes.  
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21 MR. ROCZICKA: Elias Kelly.  
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23 MR. KELLY: Yes.  
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25 MR. ROCZICKA: Lester Wilde.  
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27 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes.  
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29 MR. ROCZICKA: Mary Gregory.  
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31 MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
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33 MR. ROCZICKA: Edgar Hoelscher.  
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35 MR. HOELSCHER: Yes.  
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37 MR. ROCZICKA: William Brown.  
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39 MR. BROWN: Yes.  
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41 MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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43 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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45 MR. ROCZICKA: James Charles.  
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47 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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49 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay, Mr. Chairman, 10  
50 in favor, no opposed.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal 29 and  
2 30.....  
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4 MS. GREGORY: 29.  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: 29, I'm sorry.  
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8 MR. ROCZICKA: Proposal 29.  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal 29 is  
11 adopted. Proposal No. 30, or was that taken care of --  
12 that was already taken care of with 29.  
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14 MR. ROCZICKA: No, Mr. Chairman. I'd  
15 move that due to the discussion and the action taken on  
16 Proposal 29 that we take no action on Proposal 30.  
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's  
19 been.....  
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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second.  
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Second. A motion  
24 was made by Greg, seconded by Bob to take no action on  
25 Proposal 30. Mr. Secretary, please take the roll,  
26 unless we can handle it by any -- are there any  
27 objections.  
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29 (No objections)  
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31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any objections.  
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33 (No objections)  
34  
35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Call for a voice vote.  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Voice vote. Okay,  
38 a voice vote's been called for. All those in favor say  
39 aye.  
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41 IN UNISON: Aye.  
42  
43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: All opposed same  
44 sign.  
45  
46 (No opposing votes)  
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's carried.  
49 You guys are doing a real good job moving right along.  
50 We are down to our crossover proposals. The next

1 proposal.....

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3 MR. RIVARD: No, Proposal 32.

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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm  
6 trying to move us along too fast.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We're down to  
11 Proposal WP07-32, remove closure of Federal lands in  
12 Unit 18 remainder for the fall season. Don Rivard.

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14 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The  
15 analysis begins in your book on Page 122. Proposal  
16 WP07-32 submitted by Henry S. Power, III of Bethel  
17 requests the elimination of the Federal regulatory  
18 closure restriction for the September 1 through 30th  
19 moose season in Unit 18 remainder. This is a  
20 resubmittal of Proposal WP06-30, which was deferred  
21 last year by the Federal Subsistence Board.

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23 You've already heard about the rapid  
24 growth and the current levels of the Yukon River moose  
25 population. And that has created some disagreement  
26 over the appropriateness of Federal restrictions that  
27 have kept this area closed to non-Federally-qualified  
28 users since the 1991/1992 regulatory year.

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30 The proponent feels that the Federal  
31 closure regulations for this area should be changed to  
32 allow other hunters from outside Unit 18 the  
33 opportunity to utilize Federal public lands to hunt  
34 moose.

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36 The proponent stated that the closure  
37 regulations for Unit 18 remainder are no longer  
38 justifiable biologically.

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40 Note that the proposed language  
41 displayed in your book is not the same as displayed in  
42 the wildlife proposal 2007/2008 book. The proposed  
43 language in your book, however, is the same as stated  
44 by the proponent in WP06-30. So you see the existing  
45 Federal regulations on Page 122 as well as the proposed  
46 and the existing State regulations that go on to Page  
47 123.

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49 All rural residents of Unit 18 and  
50 Upper Kalskag have a customary and traditional use

1 determination for moose in Unit 18 remainder. State  
2 hunting regulations along the Yukon River within Unit  
3 18 were identical for residents and non-residents alike  
4 from 1961 to 1991. Season dates along the Yukon River  
5 varied among years but bag limits were constant at one  
6 bull with the exception of 1988 through 1994. During  
7 those years 1988 through 1994 a moratorium was  
8 instituted on the Yukon Delta below Mountain Village.  
9 This area was defined as that portion of Unit 18 north  
10 and west of a line from Cape Romanzof to Kusilvak  
11 Mountain -- I'm sorry, to Mountain Village and  
12 excluding all Yukon River drainages up river from  
13 Mountain Village. The closure was originally  
14 established by the Federal Subsistence Board in the  
15 1991/1992 Federal Subsistence Management Regulations to  
16 insure that subsistence needs and rights received first  
17 priority. This was especially important given the low  
18 moose numbers at the time. The closure has been in the  
19 regulation since that time. Since the 1991/1992 season  
20 dates continue to vary among years along the lower  
21 Yukon River in Unit 18 but bag limits were constant at  
22 one bull.

23

24 Now, last year the Proposal WP06-30 was  
25 submitted during the 2006 regulatory cycle to remove  
26 the closure for the Unit 18 remainder fall moose season  
27 which is September 1 through 30th. The biological  
28 information presented in the analysis for WP06-30  
29 supported removal of the closure for not only the Unit  
30 18 remainder but also that portion of the Unit 18 downs  
31 stream from Mountain Village. Your Council, however,  
32 opposed the proposal because of local concerns.

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34 At its May 2006 meeting the Federal  
35 Subsistence Board deferred action on the proposal for  
36 one year with a commitment to revisit the proposed  
37 regulation change during their upcoming meeting in  
38 April/May. The Board's intent for the deferral was to  
39 allow time for Refuge Staff to conduct information  
40 outreach in communities before making a decision. So  
41 WP06-30 was resubmitted to the Federal Subsistence  
42 Board as what you have in front of you now, WP07-32.

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44 In December 2006, the Refuge manager  
45 held public meetings in Emmonak and Mountain Village to  
46 explain the Federal Subsistence Board's reasoning to  
47 local moose hunters and provide them with an update on  
48 the health of the moose population in the Yukon Delta  
49 area. At these meetings some local residents from  
50 Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk and Nunam Iqua expressed

1 concerns about not meeting their large animals  
2 subsistence needs through moose harvests. Other  
3 concerns voiced by local residents include, warmer than  
4 normal fall temperatures, poor snow conditions during  
5 the winter season and high fuel prices that have  
6 hampered hunter success. Local residents also voiced  
7 opposition to allowing non-Federally-qualified users  
8 access to Federal public lands to Unit 18 remainder  
9 during the September 1 to 30 season.

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11 We talked a little bit about Special  
12 Action 06-04 that was submitted by your Council last  
13 fall and that was approved by the Federal Subsistence  
14 Board in December 2006, which expanded the 2006 to 2007  
15 harvest limit from one bull or one calf to one moose  
16 and extended the winter season 10 days in the lower  
17 Yukon River in Unit 18 down stream of Mountain Village.  
18 Local wildlife managers and representatives of the  
19 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Advisory Council  
20 testified at the October meeting that a combination of  
21 factors, including mild fall weather conditions, late  
22 rut, low water levels and high fuel prices resulted in  
23 harvest shortfall during the 2006 fall season.

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25 Both State and Federal wildlife  
26 managers have expressed a need to increase the harvest  
27 of moose in the lower Yukon River area to avoid habitat  
28 damage which could occur if the population is not  
29 maintained within the carrying capacity. The affected  
30 moose population continues to exhibit a growth rate  
31 that would eventually lead to carrying capacity issues  
32 if left unchecked.

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34 A general summary based on the analysis  
35 of existing survey results of lower Yukon River moose  
36 population is that the population is highly productive,  
37 continues to grow and is capable of supporting an  
38 increased harvest. This is consistent with what you've  
39 heard with these other two proposals we had recently.

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41 Harvest reporting compliance, we talked  
42 about that, it's been inconsistent.

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44 And then I'm going to go to the effects  
45 of the proposal. If implemented as proposed to include  
46 only Unit 18 remainder, the action will not address  
47 that portion of Unit 18 down stream of Mountain Village  
48 where removal of the closure is also justified because  
49 of healthy moose populations. Removal of the closure  
50 in Unit 18 remainder as well as the lower Yukon River

1 area would have little biological affect on the moose  
2 population and minimal affect on subsistence  
3 opportunities. The increased harvest allowed is  
4 expected to be minor on the order of 18 to 35 bull  
5 moose per year initially. Additionally due to the  
6 population status referenced before there is no  
7 justification for maintaining a closure to non-  
8 Federally-qualified users during the winter season.  
9 Remember the proposal was just to remove it for the  
10 fall season, but what we're saying is there's no  
11 justification to keep that closure to non-Federally-  
12 qualified users on the winter season.

13

14 Adoption of the proposal could lead to  
15 some user conflicts, however, State lands already  
16 opened are areas in general that are closer to the  
17 villages. The existing closure may be forcing non-  
18 Federally-qualified users to hunt closer to the  
19 villages. Adoption of this proposal may help spread  
20 out the hunters and would also more closely align  
21 Federal and State regulations.

22

23 Mr. Chair. Members of the Council. It  
24 needs to be mentioned on the record that it is unlikely  
25 that the lower Yukon River moose population would even  
26 exist today if not for the voluntary actions taken by  
27 the lower Yukon residents. The lower Yukon residents  
28 proposed to establish the original moratorium on moose  
29 hunting in the lower Yukon and actively maintain the  
30 moratorium until the moose population was large enough  
31 to allow limited hunting. The success of the effected  
32 population's comeback is owed to the Yukon residents  
33 who all worked to preserve cow moose and their  
34 reproductive potential. Without their sacrifice, Mr.  
35 Chair, the lower Yukon River drainage moose population  
36 would not have met or exceeded its management  
37 objectives.

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39 With that, Mr. Chair, the preliminary  
40 conclusion for Proposal 32 is to support the proposal  
41 with modification to also lift the closure in the lower  
42 Yukon River area down stream of Mountain Village as  
43 well as Unit 18 remainder for both the fall and winter  
44 season moose hunting seasons.

45

46 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Mr.  
49 Rivard. Alaska Department of Fish and Game comments.

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1 MR. PERRY: Yeah, good afternoon again.  
2 Our comments very much parallel the comments in the  
3 Staff analysis. Biologically the moose on the Yukon  
4 are doing great and I'd like to also congratulate the  
5 people in the lowest Yukon for the job that's been done  
6 in basically establishing and growing a population  
7 that's hopefully providing a lot of moose for people to  
8 eat and that's kind of the whole point whenever we've  
9 had these moratoriums, is increase the numbers of moose  
10 so that there's more moose available to harvest.

11  
12 One of the points that I want to make,  
13 you know, as far as people -- the additional hunters  
14 that might be able to hunt in Unit 18 if this is  
15 lifted. One of the things that it will allow is, we've  
16 discussed earlier about Stebbins, St. Michael's and C&T  
17 determinations for Kalskag and the Lower -- I guess  
18 that does include the Lower Village, right, do I got  
19 the terminology right now, Bob.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: (Nods affirmatively)

22  
23 MR. PERRY: But it also allows for  
24 people from outside of the unit, there might be  
25 relatives that live in Anchorage that grew up in St.  
26 Mary's or somewhere that technically right now can't  
27 come back and hunt on Federal lands, so it does allow a  
28 lot of people to do that that aren't allowed right now.  
29 And, you know, there probably will be an increase in  
30 people that come out and hunt moose, but I'd like to --  
31 you know, I think with the populations there are now,  
32 biologically that's not going to hurt what's there.

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34 The user conflicts that might come up I  
35 think we can deal with in a public process and minimize  
36 them.

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38 So those are my comments.

39  
40 Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you.  
43 Federal. Oh, James, sorry.

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45 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
46 Where is that remainder of Unit 18 that's on the  
47 proposal, Don or.....

48  
49 (Laughter)

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1 MR. RIVARD: Okay, let's go back to  
2 Page 87.  
3  
4 (Laughter)  
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6 MR. RIVARD: We're talking about hunt  
7 areas again now. Yeah, we're talking about hunt areas,  
8 okay, the -- Mr. Powers, for this proposal, asked that  
9 the Federal closure to non-residents be lifted in the  
10 remainder of Unit 18 and you can see that in your map  
11 there, okay, and only for -- what was it, the fall  
12 season, but the biology shows that -- and this is our  
13 Staff recommendation, that we lift the closure, not  
14 only for the remainder of Unit 18, but also for that  
15 lower part of 18, shown on the map over there and also  
16 in your book, below Mountain Village, and that the  
17 closure be lifted for both the fall and the winter  
18 seasons.  
19  
20 MR. CHARLES: Down below that line out  
21 there or that whole.....  
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23 MR. RIVARD: No, it's both for the  
24 remainder, okay, in your book, the remainder and the  
25 lower portion.....  
26  
27 MR. CHARLES: Okay.  
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29 MR. RIVARD: .....and for both the  
30 winter and the fall season.  
31  
32 MR. CHARLES: Okay.  
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34 MR. RIVARD: That's what our Staff  
35 recommendation is. The moose populations in both the  
36 remainder and the lower part of the Yukon River are  
37 very -- doing very well -- they're healthy and they're  
38 doing very well and so the Staff analysis is that's  
39 there no longer any justification to keep a closure on  
40 non-Federally-qualified users.  
41  
42 Thank you.  
43  
44 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
45 Thank you, Don.  
46  
47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any more questions  
48 for Don.  
49  
50 (No comments)

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Federal comments.

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3 MR. TWITCHELL: Chair. Council  
4 members. Hollis Twitchell with Yukon Delta. The  
5 Refuge's position on this is that we don't have any  
6 biological justification for limiting only Federal-  
7 qualified users in this region just based upon the  
8 biology itself.

9

10 With that said, the Refuge, on Refuge  
11 lands, we do not allow any guided hunting activities in  
12 the area of the Yukon River shed with the exception of  
13 Andraefsky drainage all the way down to the Kuskokwim  
14 River. That region is an area where the Refuge will  
15 not allow any guided hunting activities in -- it's the  
16 position of the Refuge manager and, subsequently,  
17 that's how we've dealt with any requests for  
18 authorizing big game guiding in that area. So that  
19 will not happen in this area of consideration.

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21 We do have one authorized big game  
22 guide in Andraefsky drainage. He is a resident of  
23 Stebbins and operates from that village. So that would  
24 be the only place where there would be any guided  
25 hunting activity and he just hunts for bear. He  
26 usually takes in two or three hunters a year,  
27 springtime bear hunting.

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29 If this proposal was approved, the  
30 Refuge also controls any commercial air taxi operations  
31 on to Refuge lands. There's only one air taxi that's  
32 authorized in that area to provide services and through  
33 conversations with the Refuge manager he knows that he  
34 will not be authorized to take and drop off guided --  
35 or sporthunting activities in that area. It's sort of  
36 an agreement between that operator and the Refuge.  
37 Should this change, proposals opening it up to other  
38 users, the Refuge then would probably change that  
39 policy to allow him to access for recreational hunters  
40 into that area, except for any slough or boat  
41 accessible area on the Yukon through his special use  
42 permit from the Refuge, he would be excluded from  
43 dropping off recreational hunters on any boat  
44 accessible area within this particular area. That  
45 would leave him only access to the lakes on Refuge  
46 lands that are not accessible by boat. So that's how  
47 the Refuge would manage the commercial, recreational  
48 aspect in this area.

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50 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Mr.

1 Tom.

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3 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. I just wanted  
4 to follow up, you know, again, the moose population is  
5 healthy and growing. You heard the Staff's  
6 recommendations, OSM Staff recommendations earlier from  
7 Mr. Rivard, you know, the Refuge is concurrence also  
8 that there's no justification, we don't believe, at  
9 this point, for continuing the closure. And, again, it  
10 was at Staff -- you know, similar to the Staff  
11 recommendation last year this proposal, Proposal 30 at  
12 that time, this proposal was deferred to allow time for  
13 Refuge Staff, Mike Rearden and his Staff to get out to  
14 meet with the villages. As you know a lot's happened  
15 with additional hunting opportunity since then.

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17 But, again, we do not feel there is  
18 justification at this point to maintain the closure  
19 that's been in place.

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21 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Federal  
24 agency.

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26 (No comments)

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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Tribal.

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30 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
31 Members of the Council. Timothy Andrew with AVCP.

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33 AVCP a couple, or last year supported  
34 the deferral of this proposal primarily to try and  
35 educate our people, you know, the possible impacts of  
36 non-resident hunting that would occur in this area.  
37 But in further consultation with our villages, AVCP is  
38 currently opposed to Proposal No. 32 which would open  
39 the remainder in the lowest portion of the Yukon River  
40 to non-resident hunting. And we base our opposition  
41 primarily because the State of Alaska amounts needed  
42 for subsistence is currently at 80 to 100 moose for the  
43 entire Unit 18 and this is based on 1983 numbers.  
44 Additionally the subsistence use amount policy on the  
45 Federal side has never been implemented. We don't know  
46 what the subsistence needs are within the area. You  
47 know, just based on the numbers that the Refuge is  
48 getting and the State is getting on the moose harvest  
49 is just based on harvest reporting or, you know, who is  
50 willing to report their harvest.

1                   Additionally, the Council supported the  
2 additional openings, or increased the opening or  
3 hunting opportunity during the fall season from August  
4 1st until September 30th, and with an additional 10 day  
5 opportunity during the winter, we don't know what the  
6 net effect of that is going to be. Who knows, maybe it  
7 will reflect an increase in subsistence harvest within  
8 the area. And other things that really brings to my  
9 mind some questions about the possible impacts of the  
10 reduction in the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. The State  
11 Board of Game has just voted to reduce the resident  
12 take from three down to two and you will be  
13 deliberating on the Mulchatna Caribou Herd a little bit  
14 later, which calls for a reduction down to three.

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16                   And also what's happening with Unit 19.  
17 they are still having a hard time with harvesting moose  
18 in that area under the Tier II program, even with the  
19 Federal limited opening that they had within Federal  
20 lands in Unit 19A, that success, they were hoping to  
21 get six -- or 20 moose out of the 100 permits that they  
22 issued for that area, they were only able to get six.

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24                   You know, with those points that are  
25 just putting a big cloud over the potential opening of  
26 this area to non-residents is just beyond me.

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28                   So AVCP would oppose this proposal.

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30                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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32                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim.

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34                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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36                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob, you got a  
37 question.

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39                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes. I'd like a  
40 clarification from Don, because I keep hearing these  
41 two conflicting words, one is Federally-qualified  
42 subsistence users, and now a new one comes up it says  
43 non-resident, and I haven't heard this thing about non-  
44 residents before. So could you really clarify what non-  
45 -- I mean Federal-qualified users are and non-  
46 qualified-Federal users.

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48                   MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
49 Bob. We use the term Federally-qualified subsistence  
50 users as those people who have customary and

1 traditional use determination to hunt in a particular  
2 area. Anybody else other than that are non-Federally-  
3 qualified users.

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5                   Okay. So people from outside of Unit  
6 18, they're all going to be non-Federally-qualified  
7 users. They might be Federally-qualified users in  
8 other units, but for Unit 18 remainder and this lower  
9 portion there's a C&T determination for a certain group  
10 of people. And so non-residents, the term is basically  
11 people, I think, from my understanding is it's non-  
12 residents of Unit 18.

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14                   Okay, so.....

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16                   MR. ALOYSIUS: But is it.....

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18                   MR. RIVARD: .....if this closure is  
19 opened up it would allow people -- right now there's a  
20 closure to non-Federally-qualified users in Unit 18 to  
21 hunt moose. So if the closure is removed as Hollis  
22 pointed out -- or excuse me, as Mr. Perry pointed out,  
23 people could come in and hunt under State regulations  
24 that are non-Federally-qualified users. Right now you  
25 can't hunt on Federal lands for moose if you're hunting  
26 under State regulations. What this proposal would do,  
27 what the Staff recommendation would do is it opens up  
28 Federal lands to non-Federally-qualified users and that  
29 includes non-residents of Unit 18.

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31                   MR. ALOYSIUS: What about non-residents  
32 of the state of Alaska, because in the State regs it  
33 says residents are residents of the Alaska and  
34 residents are from the other states.

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36                   MR. RIVARD: Mr. Perry can maybe help  
37 me out, but, yes, if it's opened up, it's opened up to  
38 non-residents, but they would be hunting under State  
39 regulations not under Federal regulations.

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41                   MR. PERRY: Yeah, Bob, right now for  
42 Unit 18 for moose the resident season in the remainder  
43 is September 1 to September 20th, and the non-resident  
44 season, non-resident of the state is the same. There  
45 is not a winter season open for non-residents, it's  
46 just that September season. But essentially for non-  
47 residents right now they can't hunt in Unit 18, not  
48 being able to hunt on Federal lands and probably not  
49 being able to hunt on those private lands that would --  
50 Native corporation lands, so the number of non-

1 residents who hunt in Unit 18 for moose right now is  
2 just a couple a year. We might have a reported harvest  
3 every year or every other year, and primarily those are  
4 people from outside the unit -- or people who have  
5 grown up and now live in Seattle and they go hunt with  
6 their brother some are able to hunt on corporation  
7 lands because they're still, you know, a shareholder  
8 from one of the local villages, you know, there are a  
9 few non-residents who have hunted in Unit 18 for moose,  
10 but they're not allowed to hunt on Federal lands, just  
11 those other lands.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.

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15 MR. BROWN: Are these non-residents  
16 going to be sporthunters who are hunting for trophies.

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18 MR. PERRY: I guess as far as the State  
19 is concerned a hunter is a hunter. We don't make a  
20 determination, you know, if they're a sporthunter or a  
21 subsistence hunter. Now, in a general season like this  
22 no one has any different regulations as far as what  
23 they're required to bring back as meat. Someone from  
24 Iowa is required to salvage all the same meat off a  
25 moose that a local hunter is, which is, you know,  
26 pretty extensive. So even though they may be from  
27 outside and one of their primary goals is to harvest a  
28 large animals with large antlers they are still  
29 required by law to salvage all that meat and use it for  
30 human consumption.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
33 questions for Tim or Mr. Perry -- Paris -- Perry. Tim.

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35 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
36 realize that there's a couple of points that I forgot  
37 to mention in our comments.

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39 One would be the lack of participation  
40 in this past winter hunt and, you know, perhaps the  
41 fall hunt. You know the gas prices keep coming up, It  
42 was exemplified earlier that, you know, some of the gas  
43 prices are up to six \$7 a gallon, you know, people  
44 coming in from other areas within Unit 18 that wish to  
45 participate in the winter hunt for Unit 18 -- I mean in  
46 the open portion of Unit 18, it's just prohibitive, I  
47 mean it's six or \$7 a gallon. And, you know, a person  
48 if they buy 10 gallons that's, you know, 60 or \$70 and  
49 you and I know that people coming in from outside the  
50 area or outside the -- I mean the open area, it takes a

1 lot of gas to come and participate and also to fly over  
2 and also to buy gas in the village as well.

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4                   The other thing is, I believe, that the  
5 majority of the villages still haven't had the  
6 opportunity to fully take the advantage of the  
7 increased moose population. I've never heard of any  
8 requests from, you know, people in Hooper Bay, people  
9 in Scammon, people in Nunam Iqua -- well, I might have  
10 heard one from Nunam Iqua, one from Emmonak about  
11 ceremonial uses of moose. Here we have this resource  
12 that is extremely high but, you know, people are not  
13 taking advantage of the ceremonial use of these moose,  
14 which could account for perhaps an increase of  
15 subsistence harvest within the area. Any time you have  
16 a death, any time you have a 40-day or whatever,  
17 celebrations, potlatches, you know, people, you know,  
18 as long as the moose population is able to support it,  
19 are able to go out and harvest moose to meet the needs  
20 of that particular family or that particular community.

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22                   You know, I haven't seen any numbers  
23 with the exception of -- you know, the moose  
24 populations, I haven't seen the potential harvest that  
25 could take place and then once again the absence of the  
26 amounts needed for subsistence and the subsistence use  
27 amounts as well.

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29                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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31                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim.  
32 Any questions for Tim before he gets up.

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34                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.

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36                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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38                   MR. ALOYSIUS: I just want to clarify  
39 something that the 40-day and one year and all those  
40 honorary celebrations are a customary and traditional  
41 activity and maybe they don't do that in the coast and  
42 the lower Yukon, I don't know. I mean it's just.....

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44                   MR. ANDREW: Yeah, it's something that,  
45 you know, for the areas that have had moose populations  
46 -- sustainable moose populations in their area, I mean  
47 it's something that's exercised all across the state.  
48 And, you know, that I don't believe has never been  
49 fully utilized within this new moose population area.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
2 questions for Tim.  
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4 (No comments)  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Tim.  
7 InterAgency Staff had no comments. Fish and Game Local  
8 Advisory Committee comments.  
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10 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. Again, I'm  
11 James Charles with the Lower Kuskokwim Advisory -- Fish  
12 and Game Advisory Committee. We haven't had any  
13 actions on these proposals, but I know my group would  
14 support this proposal if we bring it up to them because  
15 of this winter hunt, it helps lower Kuskokwim area  
16 hunters to catch their moose in winter. Since their  
17 fall hunt to up river, up the Kuskokwim River they come  
18 back with empty boats and that would help them get  
19 their meat in the winter hunt.  
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21 Thank you.  
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23 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
24 discussion.  
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26 (No comments)  
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28 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Local Advisory  
29 Committees.  
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31 (No comments)  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Public testimony.  
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35 (No comments)  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is there any public  
38 -- Mr. my friend down in Emmonak.  
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40 MR. KELLY: Yeah, my name is Andrew  
41 Kelly. And I want to make sure that everybody  
42 understands that this is coming from my -- I'm not  
43 representing Fish and Wildlife Service.  
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45 I don't mind -- I mean I'm here to kind  
46 of listen and learn what's going on so that I can bring  
47 some of this information to the villages that I go to.  
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49 The thing that scares me is that I've  
50 been commercial fishermen for so many years but I

1 turned my permit over to my son. Now in those years  
2 when there was a lot of fish in the Yukon there was  
3 some people, outsiders who can afford, I mean the rich  
4 people that don't need -- that don't -- that do not  
5 need the money, rich people like lawyers, doctors, you  
6 know, come from Seattle and other areas, Fairbanks and  
7 Anchorage, that really bothers the Yukon River  
8 fishermen. And maybe that's why we caught too many of  
9 the fish -- overfished the Yukon River and that's why  
10 we had problems, you know, not too long ago. You know  
11 what scares me is that these sporthunters, rich people  
12 come up and clean out or moose and that's what scares  
13 me.

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15 You could think about that when you  
16 vote.

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18 Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Andrew.  
21 Any further public testimony.

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23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: We'll go down to  
26 Regional Council deliberation, recommendations and  
27 justification.

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29 MR. RIVARD: We have written public  
30 comments we need to get into the record.

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32 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Written  
33 public comments. Alex.

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35 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Alex Nick,  
36 Council coordinator. For the record I would like to  
37 begin by asking your permission to read the summary of  
38 public comments as requested by those who presented to  
39 us.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: You may, yeah, we  
42 got time.

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44 MR. NICK: First public comment comes  
45 from Algaaciq tribal government of St. Mary's.

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47 This proposal would open -- excuse me,  
48 the comment is to oppose the proposal.

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50 This proposal would open Unit 18 to

1 sport/recreation activities while  
2 clearly there remains an unmet need for  
3 subsistence users within the unit. The  
4 unmet need is due to the lower  
5 Kuskokwim moose moratorium as  
6 referenced in the 2006/2007 Federal  
7 subsistence harvest regulations.  
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9 Because of this moratorium in the  
10 Kuskokwim area in Unit 18 subsistence  
11 needs of all Federally-qualified  
12 subsistence users in Unit 18 are not  
13 being met. Rural residents located in  
14 the affected area cannot actively  
15 subsist for moose in that area. They  
16 must travel outside of the lower  
17 Kuskokwim moose moratorium boundaries  
18 to meet their needs. This puts further  
19 pressure on the moose population  
20 throughout the remainder of Unit 18.  
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22 Even though the moose population has  
23 been increasing in the past years, one  
24 incident in the area is that recent  
25 successful search and rescue effort for  
26 a hunter from Bethel who traveled to  
27 Russian Mission area to hunt moose  
28 keeping the entire Unit 18 closed to  
29 non-Federally-qualified users would not  
30 adversely affect sports/recreation  
31 users until the lower Kuskokwim moose  
32 moratorium is lifted. Instead that  
33 would insure all subsistence users an  
34 opportunity to meet their subsistence  
35 needs.  
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37 The second comment opposes the  
38 proposal.  
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40 Moose is the traditional protein source  
41 of residents of Unit 18, This proposal  
42 was submitted so that the  
43 sports/recreation hunters would be  
44 allowed to have equal access to moose  
45 hunting on Federal public lands in Unit  
46 18 during the September 1 to 30 fall  
47 season.  
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49 Introduction of the sport/recreation  
50 hunting will increase competition from

1 sport and recreational hunters for the  
2 same wild game with local subsistence  
3 hunters.

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5 Local people prefer wild game over  
6 commercially sold beef and pork meat.  
7 Thus local people cannot promise [sic]  
8 their traditional and cultural food  
9 source to hunters who hunt  
10 recreationally because this is totally  
11 against the Yup'ik traditional beliefs.

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13 Game Management Unit 18 is a broad  
14 area, however, moose populations are  
15 concentrated in the areas along the  
16 mid- to upper boarders of the Yukon  
17 River within all navigable water ways  
18 which are local people's key  
19 traditional moose hunting grounds,  
20 people from Russian Mission, Marshall,  
21 Pilot Station, St. Mary's, Pitka's  
22 Point and other villages in the Yukon-  
23 Kuskokwim Delta within the Unit 18 use  
24 this area for moose hunting. Impacts  
25 of trophy hunters in our region will  
26 have negative consequences.

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28 Aside from hunting and harvesting other  
29 big game such as moose, black bear,  
30 brown bear, potential want and waste is  
31 and will be a factor due to the  
32 remoteness of the area.

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34 Also there will be potential user  
35 conflicts based on the traditional  
36 hunting grounds established by local  
37 communities and mutually honored by the  
38 neighboring communities.

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40 Local people are very concerned about  
41 possible privately owned land sales to  
42 guides for their use.

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44 Unit 18 needs to maintain its  
45 subsistence priority at all costs.

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47 Local people must continue to safeguard  
48 fish and wildlife resources for the  
49 local Native people and for the Native  
50 harvest into the future. Such

1                   infringements on local people's  
2                   inalienable rights to their traditional  
3                   and customary food source cannot and  
4                   must not be tolerated at all costs.  
5                   Local people's kinship to the land and  
6                   all living things must be forever  
7                   protected and we must unit in  
8                   opposition to all threats to our  
9                   traditional lifestyle.

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11                   The Iqurmuit (ph) Traditional Council  
12                   is also submitting resolution No. 07-03  
13                   to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
14                   Subsistence Regional Advisory Council  
15                   requesting it to oppose Proposal WP07-  
16                   32 for the continued health, safety and  
17                   welfare of their people. The  
18                   resolution also requests that the  
19                   Federal Subsistence Board have  
20                   teleconference lines available during  
21                   its deliberations on this proposal in  
22                   May 2007.

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24                   This is from Iqurmuit Traditional  
25 Council and, Mr. Chair, we have a resolution on file.

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27                   The last written comment comes from  
28 John H. Lamont of Mountain Village and it is to oppose  
29 the proposal.

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31                   I oppose this proposal for now until  
32                   and only until all local Unit 18  
33                   residents continue to meet their moose  
34                   harvest needs. If we continue to  
35                   underharvest moose then we should open  
36                   it up to other residents, Unit 18  
37                   neighbors, and manage it efficiently.

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39                   We should implement a hunting moose  
40                   season that allows local Unit 18  
41                   residents to be able to meet their  
42                   moose harvest needs. For example, a  
43                   moose season from August 15th to  
44                   October 15 and from December 20 through  
45                   December 31st. If we continue to  
46                   underharvest then we can support the  
47                   proposal.

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49                   Mr. Chair. Those are the written  
50 public comments.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Alex.  
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3 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair.  
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5 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Don.  
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7 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Last week the  
8 Western Interior council had this on their agenda and  
9 they voted to take no action on Proposal 32.  
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11 Thank you.  
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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Okay,  
14 we are now down to No. 8, Regional.....  
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: No, there's someone.  
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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....oh, I thought  
19 you had no comments, I'm sorry.  
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21 MR. JACK: Yeah, my name is Carl Jack  
22 and what I have to say is informational only and it's  
23 the information that's written in Title VIII of ANILCA.  
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25 And this is the deference requirement  
26 of the Federal Subsistence Board when they take up  
27 these regulatory proposals. And this is public  
28 information.  
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30 In order for the Board to go against  
31 the vote of the Regional Councils it has this  
32 requirement:  
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34 1 It has to be supported by  
35 substantial evidence;  
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37 2. If it's going to be detrimental  
38 to the subsistence user;  
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40 3. Not consistent with the  
41 principles of fish and wildlife  
42 management.  
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44 That is what the Board is going to look  
45 in order not to accept your recommendations, your vote.  
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47 Again, this is purely informational,  
48 it's what's in the statute and I think you should -- I  
49 think it will help the Chairman, Lester, when he  
50 provides the Council recommendation.

1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you, Carl.  
4 Regional Advisory Council deliberation, recommendations  
5 and justification. Any Regional Council members who  
6 would like to speak on Proposal 32.

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we take no  
13 action on Proposal WP07-32.

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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's been  
16 made to take no action on Proposal 32.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Second.

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20 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mary.  
21 Any discussion.

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23 MR. ROCZICKA: Yes.

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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Roczicka.

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27 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. I  
28 strongly urge that we don't support taking no action on  
29 this proposal, I think that's what we're here for, even  
30 though it's a tough issue, we need to weigh in on it.

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32 I'm really torn, personally, about this  
33 one because as far as expanding the opportunity that  
34 we've had, you know, don't want to wait too long and  
35 take a chance on this population crashing, but yet  
36 through the last five proposals here we've got severe  
37 concerns from both State and Federal Staff let's not go  
38 too fast here, let's keep it slow. We don't want to  
39 take too many, so there's still a definite concern out  
40 there.

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42 I don't know how you guys come up -- or  
43 how the Federal Staff come up with -- whether they're  
44 consistent with Section .815 of ANILCA or not, but as I  
45 understand the way the Federal Subsistence system, they  
46 shouldn't be any more restrictive than the State and I  
47 look at how the State Subsistence Division has  
48 determined what their amounts necessary for subsistence  
49 are in other areas, and I'd be hard pressed with a  
50 harvestable surplus of five to 600 animals that was

1 tossed out when we were talking about -- by Mr. Rearden  
2 and others, that that harvestable surplus could  
3 certainly be eaten up by all the Federally-recognized  
4 subsistence users in GMU 18.

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6 We're looking at a rebuilding stage  
7 right now, I think it's premature. Like I said I don't  
8 want to wait too long and let the population  
9 potentially crash but I think we're close enough to  
10 monitoring it that the managers can certainly respond  
11 in pretty short order.

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13 So I don't like taking no action on  
14 this one, I think we ought to make our statement.

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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: So we have a motion  
17 on the floor with a second.

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19 MR. ROCZICKA: There is a motion on the  
20 floor with a second, it's to take no action.

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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If I may, I feel  
23 the same way as Greg does, I think we should go ahead  
24 and act on this proposal. But we got to remember that  
25 because of the weather and because of all the  
26 information that we've had earlier concerning that  
27 population below Mountain Village and the amount of  
28 harvest that was taken this year, that was just a  
29 portion of the harvest this year, was just a portion of  
30 what is potentially harvestable down in that area. The  
31 people in this area that have customary and traditional  
32 use of those moose down below Mountain Village did not  
33 have a true opportunity, I don't feel, to go out and be  
34 able to go out and get their moose this year because of  
35 weather and because of other adverse circumstances that  
36 happened at the time that the season was open.

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38 And I think if I had anything to say  
39 about this, I think we should go ahead and act on this  
40 proposal, but if we act on it, my recommendations would  
41 be to oppose it.

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43 Anyone else. Edgar.

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45 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
46 Chairman. Do we have any numbers besides November '05?

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48 MR. RIVARD: Are you talking about  
49 moose harvest numbers.

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1 MR. HOELSCHER: No, the biological  
2 background.

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4 MR. PERRY: If I may. Yeah, I didn't  
5 include the numbers. We did a -- last year at this  
6 time we did a 2006 census on the Yukon in the Piamuit  
7 count area, basically from Pilot Station up river, and  
8 that population still is growing slowly. I think the  
9 most recent in there is 2003, and it shows like 2,300  
10 moose and the estimate now is about 2,500, so that is  
11 slowly growing.

12  
13 We intended this year to do moose  
14 surveys on the Kuskokwim River and on the lowest part  
15 of the Yukon but weather has prevented us from doing  
16 that. We had conditions in early January. We normally  
17 do moose surveys in February and March and with the  
18 fall we had in late January snow conditions are such  
19 that it's not possible to do a moose survey and I'm not  
20 anticipating them to change in the next couple weeks,  
21 so that we'll get that done. So it looks like this  
22 year we won't have any new population -- at least a  
23 population census. I do plan on doing some calving  
24 surveys in late May, first of June, so we'll have that  
25 information later but don't have anything new for you  
26 right now.

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28 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any further  
31 discussion on Proposal 32.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Bob.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: In lieu of the fact that  
38 there's going to be -- that we need to do something I  
39 withdraw my motion to take no action.

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41 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion to take no  
42 action has been withdrawn, both by the second and by  
43 the maker of the motion -- and, Mary's also.....

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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: Who was the second.

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47 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mary. Mary was the  
48 second.

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50 MS. GREGORY: I was the second. I also

1 withdrew my second.....  
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3 MR. RIVARD: Please use your.....  
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5 MS. GREGORY: I also withdrew my second  
6 after being enlightened.  
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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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10 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.  
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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Remember that we move  
13 with positive motions, so, therefore, I move that we  
14 support Proposal WP07-32.  
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion's been made  
17 to approve -- or to adopt.....  
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Support.  
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....Proposal.....  
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Support. Support.  
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25 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....WP07-32. Do I  
26 hear a second to the motion.  
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28 MR. BROWN: Second.  
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30 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Seconded by Mr.  
31 Brown. Any further discussion.  
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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: I'll just remind you  
34 that you do not approve of this you vote in the  
35 negative or you say.....  
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37 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No.  
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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: .....no. Thank you.  
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41 MR. CHARLES: Question on.....  
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43 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: If you don't the  
44 motion to pass vote no. You know we have to make all  
45 our motions in a positive order so if you don't -- if  
46 you oppose the proposal vote no, but if there are any  
47 further discussions now is the time to make any further  
48 discussion on it.  
49  
50 MR. CHARLES: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: But I just wanted  
2 to point out one thing. In Hooper Bay and the record  
3 shown as for the catch in Hooper Bay there was only two  
4 moose caught and I know that there's a lot more people  
5 than two moose.....

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7 (Laughter)

8  
9 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: .....or two people  
10 in Hooper Bay that can use those moose, you know, I  
11 think we should take into consideration our people  
12 first before we open up that area for just anybody,  
13 people in Unit 18 can sure use that moose a lot more  
14 than people from outside of it.

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16 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Go ahead, Mary.

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20 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: Even if this is a  
23 positive motion, or vote, I will vote the same.....

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25 MS. GREGORY: My vote will be a  
26 negative because of all the things that we've  
27 heard.....

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29 INTERPRETER: .....negative.....

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31 MS. GREGORY: .....and because I'm  
32 affected in the Kuskokwim area, we have a moratorium on  
33 moose and I haven't had moose for how many years now.

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35 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex. Thank you,  
36 Mary.

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38 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
39 Council. For the record I'm Alex Nick, Council  
40 coordinator.

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42 Last year in Emmonak the Council wanted  
43 to hear from Mr. Powers and for that reason I have  
44 contacted Mr. Powers and provided him with the agenda  
45 and the roster of the, you know, Council roster and I  
46 did talk to Mr. Powers and informed him, you know, that  
47 the Council had questions last year so he's aware --  
48 the proponent is aware of the meeting -- rather of this  
49 meeting.

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1 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Thank you. Any  
2 further discussion.  
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4 MS. GREGORY: Question.  
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6 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: James.  
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8 MS. GREGORY: I'm sorry.  
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10 MR. CHARLES: (In Yup'ik)  
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12 INTERPRETER: Am I not misunderstanding  
13 this proposal on Unit 18 remainder from September 1 to  
14 30 and December 20 through January 10th, does this  
15 proposal propose to open those dates on those dates.  
16  
17 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.  
18  
19 MR. CHARLES: Or remainder.  
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21 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No.  
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: No. It -- it only read  
24 that -- on the proposed regulation on the second block  
25 there, it says:  
26  
27 Federal public lands in Unit 18 are  
28 closed to the hunting of moose except -- no, there's no  
29 exceptions, by non.....  
30  
31 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: By non-residents.  
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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Federal public lands in  
34 Unit 18 are closed to the hunting of moose by Federally  
35 -- by non-Federally-qualified users except in the  
36 remainder of Unit 18 under the fall season.  
37  
38 That doesn't make sense, Don.  
39  
40 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman. Maybe I  
41 misunderstood that proposal before so I'm still  
42 confused.  
43  
44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Proposal WP07-32  
45 reads as follows:  
46  
47 Request that the elimination of Federal  
48 regulation closure restrictions for  
49 September 1 to 30 moose season in Unit  
50 18 remainder.

1                   This is a resubmittal -- all it says is  
2 that they would like to remove that -- eliminate that  
3 closure for restriction on Unit -- from March 1st to  
4 30th.

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6                   MR. ALOYSIUS: No. No. No.

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8                   CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: In Federal  
9 regulatory restrictions for Uni.....

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11                  MR. ALOYSIUS: No.

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13                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Well, that's what  
14 it says in my book.

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16                  MR. ALOYSIUS: No. No.

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18                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I'm reading right  
19 out of it. Go ahead, Mr. Rivard.

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21                  MR. ALOYSIUS: Pate 121.

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23                  MR. RIVARD: Let's look at Page 122  
24 please. Page 122. You'll see the existing Federal  
25 regulation and the proposed regulation right next to  
26 one another.

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28                  What the proponent was asking for is  
29 that the closure to non-Federally-qualified users be  
30 lifted for Unit 18 remainder for the fall season only.

31  
32                  Okay.

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34                  So the language you see there now in  
35 the proposed language, it says Federal public lands in  
36 Unit 18 are closed to the hunting of moose by non-  
37 Federally-qualified users except in the remainder of  
38 Unit 18 during the fall season, which leaves the  
39 closure in place for that lowest part of the Yukon  
40 River for non-Federally-qualified users.

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42                  (Council nods affirmatively)

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44                  MS. GREGORY: It makes sense.

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46                  MR. RIVARD: Okay, thank you.

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48                  CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. The motion  
49 is understood.

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1 (Council nods affirmatively)  
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3 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Any questions.  
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5 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. I have been  
6 sitting listening to all of you guys last year and this  
7 meeting trying to understand what lift means. In  
8 simple terms, is to allow, allow other users to hunt in  
9 the remainder of Unit 18. That's the simple -- simply  
10 what it means.  
11  
12 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. What is the  
13 wish of the Council on Proposal WP07-32.  
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15 MS. GREGORY: Call for question.  
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's no -- a second  
18 and discussion, now it's.....  
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20 MS. GREGORY: Question.  
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22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: That's good.  
23 Question's been called for. Since this is getting a  
24 little controversial there, my friend, Mr. Gregory  
25 [sic], could you call the roll please.  
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27 MR. ROCZICKA: Okay. Proposal 07-32.  
28 The motion is to support. Robert Aloysius.  
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30 MR. ALOYSIUS: No.  
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32 MR. ROCZICKA: Roczicka, no. Joe Mike.  
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34 MR. MIKE: No.  
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36 MR. ROCZICKA: Elias Kelly.  
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38 MR. KELLY: No.  
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40 MR. ROCZICKA: Lester Wilde.  
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42 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: No.  
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44 MS. GREGORY: Mary Gregory.  
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46 MS. GREGORY: No.  
47  
48 MR. ROCZICKA: Edgar Hoelscher.  
49  
50 MR. HOELSCHER: No.

1 MR. ROCZICKA: William Brown.  
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3 MR. BROWN: No.  
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5 MR. ROCZICKA: John Andrew.  
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7 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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9 MR. ROCZICKA: James Charles.  
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11 MR. CHARLES: No.  
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13 MR. ROCZICKA: Mr. Chairman. One for,  
14 nine against, motion failed.  
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16 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Motion failed. We  
17 are now over in crossover proposals, I think we should  
18 take them up in the morning because we've got some  
19 activities tonight that are starting at 6:00 o'clock  
20 over at the gym and everybody here that is attending  
21 this meeting is welcome to come over.  
22  
23 Alex, do you have any announcements.  
24  
25 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair. Members of the  
26 Council. Audience. I was asked that there is a  
27 schedule of the activities available, it's being  
28 distributed by Trim for today and tomorrow and also on  
29 Saturday. And for those of you who want to eat dinner,  
30 dinner will be served in the same place over there.  
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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: What's on the menu.  
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34 MR. NICK: And also for your  
35 information, I was told that Stebbins dancers are here  
36 in this village.  
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38 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: From the latest  
39 I've heard there is Stebbins dancers and -- okay, I  
40 think my friend over there (In Yup'ik), go ahead, he  
41 will straighten us out.  
42  
43 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. Are they  
44 going to kick us out tomorrow for the Bingo here.  
45  
46 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: I don't know.  
47 Alex.  
48  
49 MR. HOELSCHER: Because it says Friday,  
50 1:00 p.m., Bingo at TC.

1 MS. GREGORY: We should be done before  
2 then.  
3  
4 (Laughter)  
5  
6 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.  
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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Alex.  
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10 MR. NICK: I was told by Elmer, I don't  
11 know if he's here, but I'll double check with him, we  
12 have option to use next door where we eat, eat our  
13 dinner and lunch.  
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15 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Is that where we're  
16 going to move over to?  
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18 MR. NICK: I don't know, I have not  
19 been told. But I was told was, you know, we have  
20 option to use both buildings.  
21  
22 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Rivard, do you  
23 have any.....  
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25 MR. RIVARD: We will do all we can to  
26 make sure that we do not have to move to another  
27 location, we're going to try and stay here, so we'll  
28 look into that. Alex and I will look into that. We'll  
29 point out that there's a schedule for Bingo and it's my  
30 understanding that we had this hall for the full two  
31 days, including the evenings.  
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33 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay. Would you  
34 let us know prior to -- well, tomorrow we're okay until  
35 lunch according to this.  
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37 MR. NICK: Well, actually we're renting  
38 this place two full days is what Don is telling you.  
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40 MR. HOELSCHER; Mr. Chairman. I just  
41 got verified, you know, that we can use this building  
42 for our meeting tomorrow.  
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44 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Okay.  
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46 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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48 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Mr. Brown.  
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50 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I have a question to

1 the State and Federal officials, are you guys going to  
2 be here tomorrow?

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4 (Various Nods in the Affirmative)

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6 MR. BROWN: Okay, thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Bob.

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10 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that we recess  
11 until 9:00 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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13 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: A motion's been  
14 made to recess, so be it, see you at 9:00 here.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: 9:00.

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18 CHAIRMAN L. WILDE: Yes, 9:00 in the  
19 morning.

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21 (Off record)

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23 (PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONTINUED)

