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1 FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

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YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA

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5 Lake Lucille Lodge

6 Wasilla, Alaska

7 October 16, 2003

8 8:30 o'clock a.m.

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11 COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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13 Harry Wilde, Sr., Chair

14 John Hanson

15 Mary Gregory, Vice Chair

16 Nick Andrew, Sr.

17 Raymond Oney

18 Billy McCann

19 James A. Charles

20 Mike Savage

21 Phillip Moses

22 Lester Wilde, Sr.

23 John Thompson

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26 Regional Council Coordinator; Alex Nick

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28 Interpreters:

29 Marie Meade

30 Sophie Evans

31 Veronica Kaganak

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

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3 (Wasilla, Alaska - 10/16/2003)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Call to order. Mike,

8 will you do the roll call? On Tab 2.....

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10 MR. NICK: A.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tab A, that's the names.

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14 MR. SAVAGE: All right. John Hanson.

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16 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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18 MR. SAVAGE: Mary Gregory.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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22 MR. SAVAGE: Nick Andrew, Senior.

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24 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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26 MR. SAVAGE: Ray Oney.

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28 MR. ONEY: Here.

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30 MR. SAVAGE: Robert Nick's gone. Bill

31 McCann.

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33 MR. MCCANN: Yes.

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35 REPORTER: Excuse me, I must ask you when

36 you speak, to be sure to turn your microphone on.

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38 MR. MCCANN: Oh, for the record.

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40 MR. L. WILDE: Start over.

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42 MR. SAVAGE: John Hanson.

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44 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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46 MR. SAVAGE: Mary Gregory.

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48 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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50 MR. SAVAGE: Nick Andrew.

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1 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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3 MR. SAVAGE: Ray Oney.  
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5 MR. ONEY: Here.  
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7 MR. SAVAGE: Robert Nick. Bill McMann --  
8 McCann.  
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10 MR. MCCANN: Yes.  
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12 MR. SAVAGE: James Charles.  
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14 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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16 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage, here. Phillip  
17 Moses.  
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19 MR. MOSES: Here.  
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21 MR. SAVAGE: Lester Wilde.  
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23 MR. L. WILDE: Here.  
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25 MR. SAVAGE: Harry.  
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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Here.  
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29 MR. SAVAGE: All present, one absent.  
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31 MR. THOMPSON: Who's absent.  
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33 MR. SAVAGE: Oh, I'm sorry, my mistake,  
34 one excused.  
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36 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)  
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38 John Thompson.  
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40 MR. SAVAGE: Oh, and John Thompson.  
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42 MR. THOMPSON: Here.  
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44 MR. SAVAGE: Not on mine. I don't have.  
45 That's all right.  
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47 MS. GREGORY: He's an alternate.  
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49 MR. SAVAGE: Okay.  
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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'll ask Johnny Thompson  
2 to give us invocation this morning.

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4 MR. THOMPSON: (In Yup'ik)

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana, John.

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8 Thank you.

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10 We thank you this morning that you come  
11 here to our meeting. This is little different meeting  
12 we're doing this morning, but the same way that we've  
13 been doing it all these years, but a little bit crowded,  
14 closer. Must be colder out there or something. And I  
15 want to even you know that whose Council is, and I think  
16 I'm going to let them introduce themself, go around.

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18 MR. ANDREW: My name is Nick Andrew,  
19 Senior, from Marshall. Oh, I forgot that. Quyana. My  
20 name is Nick Andrew, Senior. I'm from Marshall. One of  
21 the Council members.

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

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25 MR. MCCANN: Bill McCann from Bethel.

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27 MR. ONEY: Raymond Oney, Alakanuk.

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29 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage, Lower Kalskag.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Mary Gregory, Bethel.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Harry Wilde, Mountain  
34 Village.

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36 MR. NICK: Alex Nick, Regional Council  
37 Coordinator for Y-K, and I'm living in Bethel, originally  
38 from Russian Mission.

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40 MR. THOMPSON: John Thompson from St.  
41 Mary's.

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43 MR. HANSON: John Hanson, Alakanuk.

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45 MR. CHARLES: James Charles Tuntutuliak.

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47 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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49 INTERPRETER: I'm from Toksook Bay.

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1 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. MOSES: Phillip Moses.

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5 INTERPRETER: His name is Phillip Moses.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let's try to make it  
8 comfortable, as much as we can, and I let everyone  
9 introduce themselves. Our Recorder.

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11 REPORTER: Meredith Downing.

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13 MS. KAGANAK: I'm Veronica Kaganak from  
14 Scammon Bay.

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16 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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18 MS. KAGANAK: I'm Veronica Kaganak,  
19 originally from Scammon Bay, and I live in Anchorage.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Audience, start  
22 from Carl back there.

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24 MR. JACK: Carl Jack, native liaison,  
25 OSM.

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27 MR. ADAMS: My name's Jeff Adams, I'm  
28 with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks.

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30 MR. CHEN: Good morning, my name Glenn  
31 Chen, and I'm with Bureau of Indian Affairs, and I'm a  
32 Staff Committee member for the Federal Subsistence Board.

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34 MR. REARDEN: Good morning. Mike  
35 Rearden, manager of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife  
36 Refuge.

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38 MR. PROBASCO: Good morning. My name is  
39 Pete Probasco. I'm with the Office of Subsistence  
40 Management. I'm a fisheries liaison.

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42 MR. UBERUAGA: Good morning. My name is  
43 Richard Uberuaga. I work with this guy here, and I'm  
44 fisheries biology for the Yukon Delta RAC.

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46 MS. HIEBERT: Good morning. I'm Erin  
47 Hiebert, and I'm your partners position with the  
48 Kuskokwim with AVCP.

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50 MS. KRAUTHOEFER: Good morning, Tracie

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1 Krauthoefer, I'm your new subsistence resource specialist  
2 with Fish and Game.

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4 MR. WITMORE: Good morning. I'm Craig  
5 Witmore with Fish and Game. I'm the manager for the  
6 Kuskokwim area.

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8 MR. MUSHMAN: I'm Gerald Mushman. I'm  
9 with Fish and Wildlife Fairbanks, and I assist Russ  
10 Holder in fisheries management on the Yukon.

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12 MR. WALTMEYER: And good morning  
13 everyone. I'm David Waltmeyer, and I'm with the AVCP as  
14 a fisheries biologist for the Yukon River drainage as one  
15 of your partners biologists.

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17 MR. BOS: Good morning, I'm Greg Bos,  
18 Fish and Wildlife Service Staff Committee member.

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20 MS. HOOPER: Jennifer Hooper, Natural  
21 Resources Department for AVCP.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We do have one of our  
24 translator. We do have one of our translator just came  
25 in. Will you name your name, and where you're from?

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27 MS. MEADE: My name is Marie Meade. I'm  
28 from Nunapachuk originally. I live in Anchorage today.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. And  
31 before we get into our agenda, we're going to have a  
32 housekeeping. You have housekeepings.

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34 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
35 First of all, I want to remind all the Council members  
36 that we have -- we had Ray Oney scheduled to leave early  
37 -- rather, leave after today -- rather the session today,  
38 because he had scheduled to go back to Bethel early  
39 tomorrow morning, but I understand he's got some travel  
40 changes, so he and I have already talked about this, so  
41 that's shot down for now.

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43 Phillip Moses also will probably be  
44 leaving to Anchorage after the sessions over this  
45 evening.

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47 I want to remind all Council members that  
48 if you choose to leave this evening, we don't have  
49 lodging arrangements for you in Anchorage this evening.  
50 Your room is paid for in this hotel through tonight.

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1                   And tomorrow Vince and I, we were working  
2 -- in order to accommodate everyone, we were working to  
3 -- rather, planning to leave early tomorrow morning for  
4 those of you who are going back to Anchorage tomorrow  
5 morning. The van will leave Wasilla, this hotel, by 7:15  
6 a.m. It's kind of early, but, you know, in order to  
7 accommodate those who are travelling earlier tomorrow, we  
8 are going to be leaving tomorrow.

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10                   Also, Pete Probasco and Rich will also  
11 help me out on the agenda changes, because of the  
12 proposals you want to take up. And because of their  
13 schedule the Staff -- excuse me, I'm tongue-tied.  
14 Because of Staff's schedules, my suggestion to Regional  
15 Council is to take up proposal as soon possible this  
16 morning when you consider your agenda changes. Take up  
17 proposal changes, and also deferred proposals. I believe  
18 Rich will be presenting -- is it Proposal 13, Kuskokwim?  
19 That Proposal 13, Federal Proposal 13 was deferred to  
20 this meeting, so you'll be taking that up this morning.

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22                   And also State proposals will be -- I'm a  
23 little bit mixed up, Pete, when they do the agenda  
24 changes, could you help them on which proposals they need  
25 to take up today, as well?

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27                   MR. PROBASCO: Yes, Mr. Witmore here with  
28 Fish and Game, he's here until noon, so.....

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30                   MR. NICK: Okay.

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32                   MR. PROBASCO: .....he'll work with you  
33 on those State proposals.

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35                   MR. NICK: Okay. All right. And also it  
36 was my oversight this morning, because of, you know, as  
37 you see, the room is really crowded this morning. The  
38 sign-up sheet is right on top of the mailbox down here.

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40                   MR. JACK: It's being passed around.

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42                   MR. NICK: It's being passed around,  
43 okay. Thank you, Carl. And the comment forms, the green  
44 forms are on top of the mail boxes there. So if anyone  
45 want to address the Council, please fill those sign-up  
46 sheets, or be recognized by the Chair.

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48                   And the mail boxes are for the Regional  
49 Council members who don't want to carry a bunch of  
50 papers. You're welcome to.....

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1 MS. GREGORY: Oh, good.

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3 MR. NICK: .....fill up your mail box and  
4 leave it with us, and we will leave -- rather, mail it  
5 for you. That's only thing that I've got for you, Mr.  
6 Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you, Alex.  
9 I think, in audience, for you, if you're going to be --  
10 go home early, or you're going to go early, we try to  
11 shift our agenda around so you'll have chance to -- if  
12 you have some things like reports or some things that you  
13 have, we'll try to make it -- move it around in our  
14 agenda. I'll try to make it flexible, so everyone would  
15 be satisfied with this meeting we have this morning.

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17 So this morning we have -- we'll review  
18 and adopt of our agenda, and review and approval of our  
19 minutes. Regional Advisory Council, you'll find this on  
20 Tab B on your booklet there. A. Chevak Meeting on March  
21 6-7, 2003. And VII, Chair's report. VIII, Regional  
22 Advisory Council concerns and comments.

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24 Before I go too far, next to me here,  
25 this lady, she's vice chairman here. So I'm expecting to  
26 be in some agendas.

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28 So, for the public testimony, this  
29 opportunity of testimony will be continued throughout the  
30 meeting. And please fill out testify cards. They're  
31 available.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Those green cards.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Those green cards on the  
36 table there. And we will recognize you if you want to  
37 testify or make a comment before giving public comments.  
38 And the agenda is subject to change. We try to move  
39 around. Even though agenda is made the way it is, we try  
40 to give everybody chance to do what they're doing when  
41 they come over, what they come over for.

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43 IX on your agenda, subsistence wildlife  
44 issues. A. Results of the Federal Subsistence Board  
45 actions on 2003-2004 wildlife proposals, 805 letter.  
46 That will be presented by Alex Nick. B. Call for Federal  
47 wildlife proposals for 2004-2005, Pete DeMatteo. And,  
48 one, summary of proposals submitted to date from the  
49 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region. Two, potential Regional  
50 Council proposals.

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1                   And, X, issues of 2003 annual report will  
2 be given by Alex Nick.

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4                   And, XI, subsistence fishing issues.  
5 That will be given by Alex Nick. A. Federal subsistence  
6 proposal, if any, deferred from the Tri-Council meeting.  
7 B. Special action request for Yukon River Salmon, Myron  
8 Naneng is supposed to be here. C. State subsistence  
9 proposals, if any, deferred from the Tri-Council  
10 meeting.

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12                   XII, Agency/organizations reports. A.  
13 Office of Subsistence Management. You'll find it in your  
14 booklet, Tab C. 1. Draft -- what they call that?

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16                   MS. GREGORY: Predator.

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18                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Predator management  
19 policy. 2. Staff Committee role. 3. Regulatory cycle  
20 review. B. Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge. C.  
21 Togiak Wildlife Refuge handout. D. Alaska Department of  
22 Fish and Game. E. Association of Village Council  
23 Presidents. F. Village tribal representatives. G.  
24 Village corporation representatives.

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26                   And then XIII, correspondence, will be  
27 given by Alex Nick, an update on important correspondence  
28 received. B. Update on correspondence sent.

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30                   And then on -- I'm having a hard time  
31 saying this. IX, Annual election of the office of CFC  
32 member appointments. A. Election of the Chair, Alex  
33 Nick. B. Election of Vice Chair, new Chairman. C.  
34 Election of secretary. And appointment of Coordinating  
35 Fishery Committee chair. A. Lower Yukon. B. Lower  
36 Kuskokwim. C. Other committee appointments, if any.

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38                   And date, time and location of next  
39 meeting, Chair. You'll find this on Tab D.

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41                   And closing comment. A. Chair. B.  
42 Council members. And others. And adjourn.

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44                   My understanding, the Council, this is  
45 the last room, so if we couldn't finish it, we will  
46 continue tonight for the meeting.

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48                   Okay. Chevak meeting minutes. It need  
49 to be approved. I think our Coordinator sent these  
50 minutes earlier, so you guys could look at them before

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1 you guys come over, so right now that when you look at  
2 it, if there's any typos or any change, wordings, you  
3 guys could let Alex know. Lester.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I would like  
6 to adopt the agenda as presented.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
9 floor to adopt the agenda as read.

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11 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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15 MR. ONEY: Yeah, thank you. I was  
16 looking at the minutes and I didn't see my name.

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18 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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20 MR. ONEY: Oh. I second the motion.

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22 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Now.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick.

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26 MR. ANDREW: Nick Andrew. Second the  
27 motion.

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29 MR. CHARLES: Ray did.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, Ray. Discussion.

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33 MR. ANDREW: Question.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question.....

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37 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.....

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39 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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41 MR. ONEY: Oh, yeah, okay. I'm sorry.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Ray. Ray, go  
48 ahead.

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

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1 Raymond Oney. I was looking at the meeting minutes, and  
2 I didn't see my name mentioned in the roll call or even  
3 to be excused. I did call Sonny -- I mean, Alex Nick, my  
4 reasons for not attending the meeting. So I'd like to  
5 reflect that in the meeting minutes.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, let the record  
10 reflect it was my oversight when I writ up this.

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12 MR. BOS: Do you want to.....

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead. Go  
15 ahead.

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17 MR. BOS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Greg Bos,  
18 Fish and Wildlife Service. You may want to consider  
19 hearing a brief status report from the Office of  
20 Subsistence Management.....

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22 MR. L. WILDE: Point of order, Mr.  
23 Chairman. There's a motion on the floor to adopt the  
24 agenda. It hasn't been acted on.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Agenda -- I mean,  
27 the minutes that we're working on right now. There's a  
28 motion on the floor and a second. Discussion. James.

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30 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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34 MR. CHARLES: (In Yup'ik)

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36 INTERPRETER: Those on the agenda, since  
37 you said it was -- it would be able to be changed, item  
38 11, on item 11, he would like to move it further, and  
39 nine -- he'd like 9 and 11 switched. Can that be done,  
40 Mr. Chairman. Nine and 11 be switched.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Yeah. (In  
43 Yup'ik)

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45 INTERPRETER: After the minutes are  
46 approved.

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48 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, there's a  
49 motion on the floor to approve the agenda.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, agenda. (In Yup'ik)

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3 MR. CHARLES: (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: James wanted it changed.

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7 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER: According to Mary, it can  
10 be changed.

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12 MR. L. WILDE: Move item 11 to.....

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14 MS. GREGORY: Eleven.....

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16 MR. L. WILDE: .....9.

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18 MR. CHARLES: Yeah, 9, 11.....

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20 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: When these people speak,  
23 you need to enter so it can be recorded for the minutes.  
24 If you don't press the button, it will not be recorded  
25 into the minutes.

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27 MR. NICK: What I reminded the Council  
28 was that in order to have their comments on records, they  
29 need to press the -- or rather turn on their mike before  
30 they speak.

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32 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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36 MR. L. WILDE: For the record, I would  
37 like to take Mister.....

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39 MS. GREGORY: Charles.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: .....Charles'  
42 recommendation, pardon me, and move item 11, all A, B and  
43 C, to item nine, and take item nine, which is Regional  
44 Advisory Council concerns and place it as item 11 on the  
45 agenda.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Any other

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49 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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1 Did you want to put something on the  
2 agenda?

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4 MR. BOS: I was going to suggest, Mr.  
5 Chair, that the Office of Subsistence Management is ready  
6 to give you a brief status report on an additional topic,  
7 and that is the Governor's request to have the Secretary  
8 appoint a State representative as a nonvoting member of  
9 the Federal Subsistence Board. And if -- that would go  
10 under item 12, if you want to add that to your agenda.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Put it on item 12  
13 on agenda.

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15 MS. GREGORY: H. (In Yup'ik)  
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17 Report from OSM.

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19 INTERPRETER: Report from OSM.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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23 MR. NICK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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25 (In Yup'ik)

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27 INTERPRETER: Under Office of Subsistence  
28 Management, it can be number 4.

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30 MR. NICK: Yeah, you agree on that?

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32 MR. JACK: Mr. Chairman, when Peggy asked  
33 me to make a presentation on that, I told her that I  
34 would, so I can cover the two subject matters, Staff  
35 Committee role and the Governor's request under number 2.

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37 MR. NICK: For clarification -- Mr.  
38 Chairman. Carl, for clarification then, we don't need to  
39 add anything here?

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41 MR. JACK: Just add the Governor's  
42 request as -- include that in number 2.

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44 MR. NICK: Okay. Thank you.

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46 (In Yup'ik)

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Any more on  
49 agenda?

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1 (No discussion)

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3 MR. HANSON: Question.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question has been made.

6 All who favor it say aye.

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8 IN UNISON: Aye.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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12 (No opposing votes.)

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Since we all got the  
21 minutes for the Chevak meeting, and when I looked over  
22 it, I didn't find anything that needed to be corrected,  
23 unless somebody else on the Council did find something  
24 that needed to be corrected, I'd like to move that the  
25 minutes for Chevak meeting on March 6 and 7 be approved.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there second?

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29 MR. HANSON: Second the motion.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
32 floor to approve Chevak minutes, and second by John  
33 Hanson. Discussion. Alex.

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35 MR. NICK: For the record, Ray, your name  
36 will be added on the roll call list.

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38 MR. ONEY: As excused.

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40 MR. NICK: As excused.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more problems on  
43 minutes of Chevak.

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45 (No discussion)

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's not, all who  
48 favor say aye.

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50 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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3 (No opposing votes.)

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. We've  
6 got Chevak minutes approved.

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8 Chair's report. Right now I don't have  
9 anything to report at this time, so we go down to  
10 Regional Advisory Council concerns and comments.

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12 MS. GREGORY: I have none.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think this a new  
15 agenda, so I'm going to give opportunity to Council if  
16 they have a concern or comments.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I do have  
19 one concern on a proposal that was worked on yesterday,  
20 Proposal No. 132 from Mr. Virgil Umphenour. Although it  
21 didn't say anything on that -- on the -- although he said  
22 it was not a proposal, but a directive, it stated in the  
23 comments I think on there that it -- large mesh nets,  
24 there was an implication that large mesh nets were the  
25 problem in the area that he was talking about, and I  
26 would like to make sure that our Council takes a look at  
27 that 132 either now or at some time, because it will  
28 affect the Lower Yukon commercial area, and the  
29 subsistence area, because we do use eight inch and up to  
30 eight and a quarter, or whatever that size, which is  
31 considered a large mesh net. You might want to check  
32 into that, Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay, Lester. Ray.

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36 MR. ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
37 The only concern that I have is that I guess when we met  
38 I guess we were kind of rushing things before we gave  
39 everyone an opportunity to comment on proposals that came  
40 before us. I'd like to see that we use the proposal  
41 review during our meeting, that we will give an equal  
42 chance for everyone that is involved or has concerns  
43 about the proposals. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Ray. Other  
46 Council comment and concern. Okay. Yeah, thank you.  
47 We'll go down to on our agenda, item for subsistence  
48 wildlife issues. A. Results of the Federal Subsistence  
49 Board's action on 2003 and 2004 wildlife proposals, 805  
50 letter. Alex Nick.

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1 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, due to the time  
2 constraint -- rather, short time that our Staff has, I  
3 would like to suggest that you take up proposals at this  
4 time, because our Staff has only three hours to present  
5 that, and then, you know, after lunch I guess they'll  
6 have to go to another meeting.

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8 MR. CHARLES: That was my motion to  
9 change them.

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11 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair, Harry, Mr.  
12 Wilde, Lester Wilde's motion that you passed on the  
13 agenda switched agenda item 9 with agenda item 11, so we  
14 will be taking fishery proposals next.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Because I didn't write  
17 the things around. Subsistence fishery issues. That's  
18 what you said? Or Federal subsistence proposals.

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20 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay.

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24 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair, with your  
25 indulgence, I'll assistance you in the proposals that you  
26 requested during the Tri-Council meeting to discuss  
27 specifically at your Y-K meeting here. The proposals  
28 that I have listed that you specifically wanted to  
29 address was the gillnet gear depth, which is Federal  
30 Proposal 13 and State Proposal 136. And then you wanted  
31 to discuss the subsistence fishing schedules and periods,  
32 much like Mr. Lester Wilde pointed out to in his  
33 comments. And those proposals include 130, 131, 132, and  
34 133. All the other actions on State proposals, my  
35 records reflect yesterday action taken by the Council.

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37 Now, Mr. Only pointed to some other  
38 proposals, or did I capture the ones that you wanted to  
39 go through, Mr. Oney?

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41 MR. ONEY: Yeah, I think you did.

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43 MR. PROBASCO: Okay. Thank you, Raymond.  
44 So that's what I have on my schedule is we'll start with  
45 the gillnet gear depth one, which is the Federal Proposal  
46 13 and State Proposal 136, and then we'll go into the  
47 subsistence fishing schedules, with your agreement, Mr.  
48 Chair.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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1 MR. PROBASCO: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I'll  
2 ask Richard Uberuaga to come up on Federal Proposal 13,  
3 and we'll ask him to do a brief summary of Proposal 13 so  
4 that we can get everybody on the same page, and then  
5 we'll go into deliberations. Richard.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Could you hold on for a  
8 moment?

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10 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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12 MR. PROBASCO: Where is it located,  
13 Richard?

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15 MR. UBERUAGA: I'm not sure of the page.  
16 I don't have that book.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Where is the Number 13?

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20 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, it's in your tan  
21 book that you had during the joint meeting. Joint  
22 meeting book on October 12 and 13. Tab A I believe is the  
23 tab. I'm sorry. Tab B.

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25 (Pause - finding right books)

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, I think we're  
28 getting there. We have to look for the right Council  
29 book. Yeah, go ahead.

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31 MR. UBERUAGA: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
32 Chair. This is Proposal 13, and it was submitted by the  
33 Association of Village Council Presidents, and it  
34 requests that gillnets with a mesh size greater than six  
35 inches be allowed to exceed the 35 mesh depth restriction  
36 in the Kuskokwim area. This proposal is for the Calista-  
37 AVCP region for the Kuskokwim and Yukon Rivers. We  
38 talked about this proposal a little at the Coordinating  
39 Fisheries committee on Saturday and Sunday, and we  
40 discussed it pretty good. I want to just point out the  
41 main points here.

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43 Right now on the Yukon River for  
44 subsistence fishing, you can use a net any mesh depth you  
45 want. Eight inches of 50, 60 meshes deep, whatever you  
46 want. There's no rule on the Yukon.

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48 On the Kuskokwim it's 35 meshes. If the  
49 mesh is greater than six inches, you can only have 35  
50 meshes deep. If it's less than six inches, you can have

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1 45 meshes deep.

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3                   What the AVCP asked for is to make this  
4 45 meshes deep for the bigger, for the eight-inch stretch  
5 mesh nets.

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7                   So what I'm going to do is hit on the  
8 things that were brought up at the CFC meeting, because  
9 they covered most all the issues there.

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11                   First of all, this -- regulations have  
12 been in place for a long time on the rivers. Again, you  
13 know, you can use the big mesh on the Yukon, but you're  
14 restricted on the Kuskokwim. There's people using the  
15 big meshes on the Kuskokwim. That's illegal right now.  
16 There's some use -- we heard from Mike Rearden the other  
17 day. He said maybe in the last three, four years, he saw  
18 30 or 40 nets in the water. So some people are using  
19 those nets. But the regulations have not been enforced  
20 by Fish and Wildlife Protection or by the Delta Refuge  
21 enforcement. But it's -- so they're concerned though,  
22 because right now it is against the law. The word is not  
23 getting out, you know, that it's illegal.

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25                   Let's talk about what difference will it  
26 make, the big mesh. You know, some people think that  
27 it's going to fish deeper in the water and catch more big  
28 female fish that go up river. That may or may not be  
29 true. Certainly more meshes in the water deep down are  
30 going to catch more fish. But also have -- you have  
31 problems with snagging up on root wads and things like  
32 that and losing your net. So there's a trade off.

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34                   We felt that this -- if we change this to  
35 allow people to use the bigger mesh, that it's really not  
36 going to change a lot of what's going on right now. We  
37 didn't think that everyone was going to run out and buy a  
38 new net, because nets are expensive. We felt that the  
39 people using those nets right now that are illegal are  
40 not that many people, and that they're not going to  
41 change what their doing. They're still going to go out  
42 and fish. They're going to get their fish. Using a net  
43 that's more efficient might allow you to catch your fish  
44 faster, but, remember, you're still fishing under a  
45 schedule that allows fish to go up river and meet the  
46 goals of the fishing schedules.

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48                   What adopting this proposal will do is it  
49 allows the people fishing now to be legal, okay. It's  
50 increasing the flexibility of the subsistence fisherman.

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1 He's not going to be restricted just to what's right now  
2 a 35-inch mesh depth requirement for your bigger meshes.  
3 We realize that there's a lot of different points of view  
4 on this proposal, and so we really look forward to  
5 hearing again what you all think and I guess that's all.  
6 I'm going to leave it right there and let -- we've got  
7 Craig here with us. He knows this issue very well.  
8 We've got Mike in the back, and then we've got all of  
9 you, so, Mr. Chair, that concludes what I'm going to say  
10 on this issue, and we look forward to your discussion.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Pete.

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14 MR. PROBASCO: Pete Probasco, OSM. Thank  
15 you, Mr. Chair, Harry. Before I turn the mike over, it's  
16 important to understand that we did discuss this issue  
17 and that the Y-K Delta wanted to discuss it for their  
18 Council, because it was unique primarily to the Kuskokwim  
19 River. I think it's also important to point out that  
20 there are depth restrictions on the Yukon. It's not an  
21 unlimited set of gear. But what this proposal is asking,  
22 that the gear just be standardized so we don't have two  
23 different depths of gear, 35 mesh versus 45. What this  
24 proposal will do is make everything 45 meshes deep. I'd  
25 like to turn it over to Craig Witmore for the State to  
26 address their concerns, and then Mr. Mike Rearden, our  
27 refuge manager, would also like to make a couple points.  
28 So we'll go with Craig first, and then Mike.

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30 MR. WITMORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Craig.

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34 MR. WITMORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
35 Pete. In regard to the 35 gillnets of greater than six  
36 inch, so in the Kuskokwim the current regulation just  
37 allows for gillnets less than six inches, they can be 45  
38 meshes deep, and that's all that can be used during the  
39 commercial fisheries, just the small mesh gear. The  
40 large mesh gear has been prohibited for commercial  
41 fishing since the mid 80s. And at least since the late  
42 70s or before that time, there's been a restriction of 35  
43 meshes deep for nets six inches or -- greater than six  
44 inches, so like your eight-inch, eight and a half-inch,  
45 and in the late 80s, early 90s, they decided to restrict  
46 the Yukon, and they -- as Dan Bergstrom explained it the  
47 other day, is that they looked at the regulation over on  
48 the Kuskokwim, and it was 35 on the Kuskokwim, and they  
49 figured the Yukon's a little bigger river, so they chose  
50 45, because there were some people that were using nets



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1 fish with this kind of net in a faster time than you can  
2 otherwise.

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4 I honestly don't know the answer, if that  
5 means that people are going to catch more fish, or if  
6 they'll catch more females. I don't know the answer to  
7 that. My experience is and my thought is that probably  
8 they'll still limit themselves to what they traditionally  
9 take. A lot of people say I need 80 king salmon for my  
10 family, and that's what they go out and catch, whether it  
11 takes them two hours or two days. That's my feeling  
12 about it, but I don't have data to suggest that is  
13 exactly what's going to happen.

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15 I have another concern that has just come  
16 up in my mind the last couple days since we started  
17 talking about this a lot, is that this is also going  
18 before the State Fisheries Board, and it's very possible  
19 that they won't pass this, and we don't know what the  
20 Federal Subsistence Board is going to do either, but you  
21 could possibly end up being that in State waters people  
22 would be limited to 35 mesh nets, and that in Federal  
23 waters, they could use 45 mesh nets. So once again there  
24 would be a difference in what the opportunities are in  
25 Federal and State waters. On the Kuskokwim that means  
26 that above Aniak that people, if that happened, that  
27 people above Aniak would not be able to use 45 mesh nets,  
28 and below Aniak they would, because that's the Federal  
29 waters.

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31 You guys are part of the regulation-  
32 making process. I believe that if you submit to the  
33 Federal Subsistence Board that this should be accepted,  
34 that they'll put a lot of weight on that and give it due  
35 consideration. There's a very strong possibility that  
36 they'll accept that. As it stands right now where you  
37 voted against it, they'll also go along with that. so  
38 the decisions truly ultimately is going to be probably up  
39 to you guys to make this decision.

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41 So it's fair to you to let you know what  
42 our intentions would be if it is not allowed. It's time  
43 that we need to stop the use of 45 mesh nets. It does  
44 give people a greater advantage over other people, and it  
45 is illegal. And it's illegal because it's in regulation  
46 that you guys are helping pass.

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48 If we enforce it, I called our law  
49 enforcement. I heard I was called the Kukso cop the  
50 other day by my friend Lester over here. Actually I'm

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1 not the guy out there doing it, but I've got a staff of  
2 guys that go out there and do the law enforcement. And  
3 so I called to find out what the current bail schedule  
4 is. And what that is is a list of what the fines are.  
5 We don't have anything to do with, you know, changing  
6 that. We can't say, well, we're going to make it less or  
7 more or anything like that, but if we catch somebody with  
8 a 45 mesh net next summer, and it's illegal, it's a \$250  
9 fine for having the net in the water. It's \$25 for every  
10 fish. If they have 10 king salmon, 10 fish of any kind  
11 in there, that's an additional \$250. If they have 100  
12 fish, they've got a lot more money. And we seize the  
13 net. So just so you know, that is the -- that would be  
14 the rule the way it is.

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16                   If you choose to keep it the way you've  
17 voted now, we will put notices in the newspaper in Bethel  
18 there, and we'll make real sure that the public knows  
19 that if they have a 45 mesh net, they will be required to  
20 reduce it down to 35 mesh. And we'll make sure that  
21 everybody has the opportunity to know that, because our  
22 goal is not to write tickets and charge people fines like  
23 this. It would be much more preferable that if that's  
24 how the law is going to be, is that they change the gear  
25 down to 35 mesh nets.

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27                   Those were my main concerns, Mr.  
28 Chairman. Thank you.

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30                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mike. What  
31 you say is when you go -- listen to what you're saying,  
32 you people know that enforcement know if there's some  
33 people using this net in the -- but however that you  
34 guys, enforcement never enforce them. I'm thinking about  
35 young people, our children, that's what we did in the  
36 Yukon River. We tried to make everything, commercial,  
37 subsistence, because of our children. We worked that  
38 thing for a long time, and we try to even, because we  
39 couldn't afford to get two type of nets, so we tried to  
40 get it we could use our own subsistence -- or commercial  
41 nets. You know, in some areas, it depends on where you  
42 drifting. We've got short nets. It depends on where  
43 you're at. And I think when you guys are talking about  
44 this, I'm only thinking about young people. One of these  
45 days I suppose that you guys going to enforce this, right  
46 now because you're not enforcing it.

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48                   MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chairman, I want to  
49 make sure you understand that we focus our enforcement on  
50 those regulations that you guys make. I don't make the

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1 regulations. Our law enforcement officers don't make the  
2 regulations. You guys make the regulations. So that's  
3 when we enforce things.

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5 MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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9 MR. MCCANN: Yeah, I think it would be  
10 better to make it to -- so that everybody can be no  
11 problem in fishing, because if we're going to change the  
12 mesh, it's going to be problem. And we went into  
13 moneywise. Moneywise. Fining. Like he said that the  
14 fine will be up to how many fish we've got in the boat,  
15 too. That's going to make it a little bit more. So if  
16 I've got 500 fish and wrong net, how much that going to  
17 be. That's going to be quite a bit of money. If we keep  
18 the net what legal wise, I don't think we'll have any  
19 problem. We can use from 45 on down, we can use any net,  
20 right?

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22 MR. L. WILDE: If we change it.

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24 MR. MCCANN: Huh?

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26 MR. L. WILDE: If we change it.

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28 MR. MCCANN: Yeah. If we change it.

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30 MR. REARDEN: Yes.

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32 MR. MCCANN: And we can use from 45 on  
33 down.

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35 MR. ANDREW: No.

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37 MR. MCCANN: We don't have to tell --

38 huh?

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40 MR. ANDREW: 35 on.

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42 MR. MCCANN: 45 on down.

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44 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, 35.....

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46 MR. MCCANN: If we change it 45, right?

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48 SEVERAL: Yeah.

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50 MR. MCCANN: 45 on down.

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1 SEVERAL: No.

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3 MR. ANDREW: 45 up.

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5 MR. MCCANN: Oh, 45 up, I'm wrong. Okay.

6 45 up.

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8 (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: I think maybe it's -- it  
11 will be okay that way to -- it will be good in -- if  
12 maybe we change it on the Kuskokwim to -- oh, and also,  
13 these nets, they're expensive. I don't think they'll buy  
14 immediately. I'm sure some of them will cut, and they  
15 can do it, but that takes time and work. And people  
16 don't -- we don't want to do that, some of us. But it's  
17 pretty deep, 45 mesh. You can -- in the deep water, you  
18 can do that. We who live -- that live in the shallow  
19 rivers, we use shorter mesh. That's what we use. And  
20 those upriver, it's not getting deeper going up, it's  
21 gets shallower going up. And that's what to us it's so  
22 there's no conflict. This proposal is by AVCP, is good,  
23 but it's up to us, like they're saying, it's up to us  
24 Council. If we don't want to, we can vote on it, but the  
25 fish boat, I don't know what they'll do with what we  
26 decide on, and either approve it or disapprove it, so as  
27 we're sitting here, we should say something about it.

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29 MR. MCCANN: So right now on the table  
30 here, we should say something about it.

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32 (In Yup'ik)

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34 INTERPRETER: Either fix it so it will  
35 work for us.

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37 MR. MCCANN: Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bill, we've going to go  
40 follow the procedure even on proposals. It's procedure,  
41 it goes like this. They're introducing it, the proposal  
42 now, and biological, social, culture analysis. Now, the  
43 agencies comment. Federal and State and private. And  
44 open floor to public specific to the proposal, and  
45 summary of written public comment, and then our Regional  
46 Council debate and recommendation and justification.  
47 That's the time that Regional will take over it.

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49 MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman, I didn't say  
50 do it, but.....

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 I didn't say that. But it's up to us  
4 what we're going to build. I didn't say you can do this.  
5 No.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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9 MR. MCCANN: Don't get me wrong.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. You didn't quite  
12 understand me. That's why I'll talk to in Yup'ik. Right  
13 now agencies comments on this, Federal and State and  
14 private.

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16 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair, the Department  
17 and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have already provided  
18 our comments. And so I would recommend that you go to  
19 other agencies, and then groups like TCC, AVCP and then  
20 public.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Floor now open  
23 for comments, public, concerning this proposal. Tim.

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25 MR. T. ANDREW: Good morning, Mr.  
26 Chairman, members of the Y-K Regional Advisory Council.  
27 For the record, my name is Timothy Andrew. I'm the  
28 director of Natural Resources for AVCP.

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30 AVCP stands in support of this proposal,  
31 and in support of the Staff recommendation to support  
32 this proposal. And we based off a resolution that was  
33 distributed during the joint -- or, excuse me, yeah,  
34 during the joint Council meeting upstairs -- or, excuse  
35 me, in the next room over this way.

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37 And, truly, if the Regional Advisory  
38 Council does not support or adopt this proposal, that  
39 there are going to be a number of people hurt on the  
40 Kuskokwim River as Mike had stated. And, you know, there  
41 are people that truly rely on gear that is 35 meshes deep  
42 or deeper. And what this would do, would basically  
43 support those subsistence fishers that are fishing with  
44 gear 35 meshes deep or deeper. And it would also enhance  
45 our subsistence opportunities in the lower river.

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47 And if there's any biological concerns, I  
48 believe that was already expressed that the biological  
49 concerns would be -- or biological impacts would be  
50 minimal, primarily because each and every one of us that

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1 live on the river systems will take only the amounts that  
2 we need to feed our families. And we have strict  
3 prohibitions within the area, we have values within the  
4 area that restrict us from taking subsistence caught  
5 salmon for any other purpose than to feed our families.  
6 We cannot use these species to -- for cash sales to  
7 people outside the area, so we still have the amounts  
8 that govern -- I mean, we have regulations that already  
9 govern how much we can take, but just, you know, there's  
10 really no biological concerns, Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Tim. Others,  
13 public? Anyone that want to comment on this certain  
14 proposal. So then if there's no more comments, summary  
15 -- if there's any written comments that -- I'm checking  
16 written comments.

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18 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, there were no  
19 written comments.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. There's no  
22 written comments. Now Regional Council debate and  
23 recommendation. Lester Wilde.

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25 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
26 we adopt proposal or I think -- adopt Proposal 13.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
29 floor to adopt 13, if there's any second.

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31 MR. CHARLES: Second the motion.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by James.

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35 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair, for  
36 clarification for the record, Mr. Wilde, are you  
37 supporting the Staff recommendation on page 17, which is  
38 to support the proposal?

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40 MR. L. WILDE: No, I'm not talking about  
41 Staff. I'm talking about the Council, that the Council  
42 support and adopt Proposal 13.

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44 MR. PROBASCO: Okay. That clarifies it.  
45 Thank you, Mr. Wilde.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's been -- there's  
48 a motion and a second. Discussion. Mary.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Why stop at 45? Why not go

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1 deeper? Why do we have to put a limit on something?

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3 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Pete.

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7 MR. PROBASCO: Ms. Gregory, a lot of the  
8 regulations that address gear are based on, particularly  
9 for subsistence, how they have been used historically.  
10 And particularly when you look at the Yukon and  
11 Kuskokwim, the larger depth gears did not come until  
12 recent times. Most of the time it was 35 or less.

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14 If you go deeper, you do increase the  
15 efficiency, but you also may impact other stocks, so the  
16 question is to what are subsistence users currently  
17 using. And what the data shows and what the information  
18 provides, the deepest nets that we find are 45 meshes.  
19 Mr. Chair.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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25 MS. GREGORY: I am not going to vote for  
26 this, because I still believe that we shouldn't be  
27 regulated. If the subsistence priority's for the people  
28 who live in the villages, and I'm against any regulations  
29 for going out and doing -- getting my food. For  
30 commercial and sports, yes, I can see that, because they  
31 can exploit those things if that happens. And they have  
32 done that. But for my -- for personal use, I don't think  
33 we should have limits on this and that, so these guys  
34 will vote for it, but that's my stand if I vote no.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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38 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
39 This proposal, I've heard it this is four time now, and  
40 if I vote against this proposal, I would have to cut my  
41 net one mesh if it's 35 meshes deep, or buy another one.

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44 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No.

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46 MR. CHARLES: I know -- yeah. If I vote  
47 for it, I will leave it. Leave -- I have 36 meshes deep  
48 of it's -- yeah. So I've been -- like I said the other  
49 day, I'm in support of this proposal, because I fish in  
50 deep water.

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: I don't understand.

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5 MR. CHARLES: I don't speak very good in  
6 English, so maybe it don't make sense for you guys,  
7 but.....

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'm going to let our  
10 coordinator translate this.

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12 MR. CHARLES: Okay. Yeah.

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14 (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: When I said this, if I'm  
17 against this proposal, if I'm against it, I have to cut  
18 and make my net shorter. It's 36 mesh deep. Or if I  
19 have 45 mesh deep, I would leave it as it is. If I'm a  
20 little over 35 mesh, I will go against the rule. I'm  
21 referring to land in my village.

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23 MR. CHARLES: I mentioned that before.

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25 (In Yup'ik)

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27 INTERPRETER: In my village, Kuskokwim is  
28 deep in my village. When we fish, we move around, and we  
29 look for the fish, because it's wide and it's deep.

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31 MR. CHARLES: My area is not like Bethel.

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33 (In Yup'ik)

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35 INTERPRETER: My area, it's not like  
36 Bethel, it's deep.

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38 MR. CHARLES: The channels.....

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40 (In Yup'ik)

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42 INTERPRETER: The channels -- and also  
43 it's -- and you have to look around for the fish. And  
44 then this.....

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46 MR. CHARLES: Like we voted the other  
47 day, I'll have to cut my net down or buy a new one. (In  
48 Yup'ik) If we vote for it, I will leave my net like it  
49 is now, and don't have to buy a new net.

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, James. But  
4 I'm going to let Alex Nick translate this.

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6 MR. NICK: Quyana, Mr. Chairman. For  
7 record, Alex Nick.

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9 (In Yup'ik)

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11 INTERPRETER: I'm Alex Nick. And this  
12 proposal, this last year on the Kuskokwim -- since last  
13 year on the Kuskokwim when we fish, we've been told to  
14 follow certain guidelines. This 35 mesh, if we -- they  
15 don't want us to have longer than 35 mesh deep. The mesh  
16 deep. Not the length. Only the depth. What James said,  
17 looking at what 36 mesh deep, if he has a 36 mesh deep  
18 net, he's going against the law. But this proposal is  
19 trying to do this. Many of the Kuskokwim, these rules,  
20 they go against the rule, even those not knowing they go.  
21 They get deeper than 35 mesh deep. The subsistence  
22 fishing -- this proposal, this -- they're trying to do  
23 this. If they catch those guys that are breaking the  
24 rule, like what Mike Rearden said, it would -- we're  
25 trying to make it deeper, and they can -- you can make  
26 use of 10 mesh deep, you can 20 mesh deep, but 45 mesh  
27 deep, not passed that.

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29 MR. MCCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: I think it will be better  
32 like this. Right now we're trying to say so we don't  
33 break the law. Not to break the law. If we make it  
34 deeper, we're not going to be breaking the law. We're  
35 trying to do that. We're just talking about depth of the  
36 net, whether it's long or short. The shorter time that  
37 we're going to go against the law, and then if you make  
38 it longer, we can't break the law.

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40 MR. MCCANN: Oh, I'm sorry.

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42 INTERPRETER: We're trying to fix the  
43 depth. If we make it 45 mesh, we can't break the law.

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45 MR. MCCANN: That's all we're trying to  
46 do.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike.

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50 MR. MCCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: Maybe that's clear.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Savage.

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5 MR. SAVAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm  
6 Mike Savage, Lower Kalskag there. I've been fishing  
7 there all my life, ever since I was a kid, and as Mike  
8 said, there are bigger nets going up. In the early 60s,  
9 there was quite a bit big fish going up that river. Big  
10 females. We used to catch quite a bit of them. But now  
11 these past about five, six years now, we haven't been  
12 catching that big kings. They are smaller. They are  
13 getting smaller and smaller.

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15 And since -- like I said, this new  
16 generation, this new way of life that my generation is  
17 having, is we don't fish as much as we used to. My  
18 family used to fish from the beginning, as soon as the  
19 ice went out, until it freezes. And the smokehouse we  
20 have right now is one-quarter that size. And the amount  
21 of time we put on, just for -- just enough to get us  
22 enough food to get for the winter, we fish only three  
23 weeks. And that's just kings.

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25 And, you know, I kind of smile at Mike  
26 when he said to let the bigger kings go up the river, but  
27 I haven't seen a big king in -- for maybe 10 years.

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29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, excuse me, I  
34 don't know if the -- where this rationale of -- or where  
35 the person that keeps claiming that the big females go  
36 underneath on the deep water, where that information  
37 comes from, but after talking with a couple biologists, I  
38 find out that it doesn't make any difference, because  
39 you'd be able to catch the big fish in any depth of that  
40 water.

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42 But if there is -- I think for those of  
43 us that are looking forward to conservation of the  
44 resource, that information or that alleged information of  
45 females going under in the deep water has a tendency to  
46 put brakes on our way of thinking as far as the  
47 subsistence and the rebuilding of this salmon, and I --  
48 if Staff could provide us with any kind of information  
49 that is pro or con to this alleged pattern of migration  
50 of these salmon, I would encourage them to please give us

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1 the information if possible.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick Andrew.

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5 MR. ANDREW: Quyana, Mr. Chairman.

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7 (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER: The net -- he knows the  
10 history for the restriction on the mesh size. Some use  
11 70 meshes deep, and that's why we wanted to start to  
12 limit the mesh size. They use their commercial gear for  
13 subsistence harvest. And when he's drifting down the  
14 river for two hours, he gets enough fish, fills up his  
15 boat. And then if I leave it -- last year me and my son,  
16 let's look -- take out the net tonight, and then they  
17 went to check it in the morning, and it had caught 300  
18 kings.

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20 MR. ANDREW: 300 king salmon in it. It  
21 was no more after that. As soon as I see fish, I  
22 start.....

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24 (In Yup'ik).

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26 INTERPRETER: So he doesn't net any more  
27 since they catch too many kings.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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31 MR. ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
32 Raymond Oney. Yeah, this proposal, you know, we've been  
33 appointed to represent our people in our region, the Y-K  
34 region. And if there's a concern by those subsistence  
35 users, then we should, you know, listen to their  
36 concerns. You know, we're not here to benefit ourselves.  
37 It's those people that we're working for, and if we vote  
38 against this one, we're just allowing our own people to  
39 be fined as we heard from Mike. Currently they're not  
40 enforcing the regulation at this time. But if we vote  
41 against this proposal, then we're allowing our own people  
42 to be fined, and, for me, I will be for this proposal.  
43 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Call for question.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question been called  
50 for. I'm going to request roll call.

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1 MR. PROBASCO: Alex, who's doing the roll  
2 call?

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4 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, are you going to  
5 let the appointed secretary do the roll call vote?

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We've got secretary over  
8 here.

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10 MR. SAVAGE: John Hanson.

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12 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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14 MR. SAVAGE: Mary Gregory.

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16 MS. GREGORY: No.

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18 MR. SAVAGE: Nick Andrew, Sr.

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20 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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22 MR. SAVAGE: Raymond.

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24 MR. ONEY: Yes.

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26 MR. SAVAGE: Robert Nick. Gone. Bill  
27 McMann -- McCann.

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29 MR. MCCANN: Yes. McMann.

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31 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah. James Charles.

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33 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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35 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage, yes. Phillip  
36 Moses.

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38 MR. MOSES: Yes.

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40 MR. SAVAGE: Lester Wilde.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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44 MR. SAVAGE: Where am I. Harry Wilde.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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48 MR. SAVAGE: John Thompson.

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50 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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1 MR. SAVAGE: That's it then.

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3 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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5 MR. SAVAGE: Okay. I've got 10 yes and

6 one no.

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8 MR. L. WILDE: One absent.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Council accept

11 resolution.

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13 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I mean proposal.

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17 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And

18 your action on this proposal, Proposal 13 also is

19 sufficient action for the State Proposal 136 since they

20 are identical. So with.....

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 136.

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24 MS. GREGORY: It took care of 136.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay.

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28 MR. WITMORE: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, State

29 Proposal -- the proposal you just adopted just applies to

30 waters adjacent to Federal conservation easement land.

31 So the State proposal includes those waters upstream of

32 Aniak as described by Mr. Rearden.

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34 MR. PROBASCO: That's correct, Mr. Chair,

35 but the action taken by your Council would recommend to

36 the Board of Fish to -- also on Proposal 136 to relax --

37 or allow 45-inch (sic) or less depth is my understanding,

38 Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. If there's

41 another one.

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43 MR. PROBASCO: Yes, Mr. Chair, I think

44 we'll get into a little more difficult issue, Proposal

45 132 and Proposals 130 and 131, and Proposal 133, dealing

46 with subsistence fishing schedules and periods. I would

47 recommend that we take Proposals 130 and 131 first.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. Can you tell

50 us where to find the proposal.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: State. (In Yup'ik)  
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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Yeah.  
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7 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you, Mary, I'm  
8 sorry. It's the State proposal packet, and Proposal 130  
9 and 131 are located on page 134.  
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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Will you slow down a  
12 little bit.  
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14 MR. PROBASCO: Sorry, Harry.  
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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'm having hard time.  
17 31 -- 131 -- I mean.....  
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19 MR. PROBASCO: 130 and 131.  
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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 131 and what?  
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23 MR. PROBASCO: 130 and 131.  
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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 130 and 131. Thank you.  
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27 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you, Harry. And  
28 briefly, those proposals are recommending that the  
29 subsistence fishing schedule for the middle and upper  
30 Kuskokwim areas.....  
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32 MS. GREGORY: Excuse me, 130 (In Yup'ik).  
33 134. Page 134.  
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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 130 and 131.  
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37 MR. PROBASCO: That's the proposal  
38 numbers, and Mary gave us the page number.  
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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.  
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42 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)  
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44 MR. SAVAGE: Oh, I forgot.....  
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46 MS. GREGORY: Do you want to share?  
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48 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah.  
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50 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead, Pete.

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3 MR. PROBASCO: Okay. With the assistance  
4 of Mr. Witmore here, we'll briefly bring the Council to  
5 an understanding of what these two proposals address.  
6 Craig and I discussed these proposals before the meeting,  
7 and we feel Proposal 130 and 131 address the same issue,  
8 and what they're -- what the proposal is requesting is to  
9 relax the schedule, the subsistence fishing schedule in  
10 the upper portions of the Kuskokwim River, and I believe  
11 Mr. Witmore would have a specific reference. I think  
12 it's W-1, but.....

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14 MR. WITMORE: W-1, Bogus Creek line.

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16 MR. PROBASCO: So everything above Bogus  
17 Creek line, these proposals are recommending relaxing,  
18 doing away with the subsistence fishing schedule, Mr.  
19 Chair.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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23 (In Yup'ik)

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25 INTERPRETER: I'm going to say this, that  
26 on the Kuskokwim when we follow the subsistence schedule  
27 from W-1 -- in the whole W-1 district, and this proposal  
28 is saying that those above Bogus Creek, that we shouldn't  
29 allow -- that we should allow them to subsistence fish  
30 whenever they feel. And she's in favor.

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32 MS. GREGORY: I'm for the proposal.

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34 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair. Thank you, Ms.  
35 Gregory. We introduced the proposal, and the Council may  
36 want to hear from the other agencies as well as the  
37 public before taking action, Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Is  
40 there other agencies here. Mr. Witmore.

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42 MR. WITMORE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
43 You had to sit through my presentation a couple times so  
44 you're pretty familiar with the schedule. It provides  
45 for four days a week to subsistence fishing, and three  
46 days closed, fishing with gillnets larger than four-inch.  
47 So it pretty much ends the fishing for those three days.  
48 And it's been in place for the last three years, and it  
49 has provided an opportunity to move fish through the  
50 lower river to the upper river, and achieve our

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1 escapement needs in most years as well as providing for  
2 amounts necessary.

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4                   It's been -- it's worked well. The  
5 Kuskokwim River Working Group is opposed to this  
6 proposal. They prefer to keep the schedule in place in  
7 the entire drainage.

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9                   Thank you.

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11                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Now, the  
12 floor is open for public comments on this special  
13 proposal. It looks like there's no one here that want to  
14 comment on this. If there's any written public comments.

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16                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, these are State  
17 proposals, so if there are any written comments, I  
18 wouldn't have them, Mr. Chairman.

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20                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. Now  
21 Regional Council deliberation and recommendations and  
22 justification on this proposal.

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24                   MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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26                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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28                   MR. L. WILDE: Because of us being in a  
29 rebuilding stock mode, I'd like to oppose 130 and 132. I  
30 mean, I'm sorry, 130 and 131. I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman, I  
31 move that the Regional Council, RAC, oppose 130 and 131.

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33                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
34 floor against 130 and 131. If there's any second to the  
35 motion.

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37                   MR. CHARLES: Second the motion, Mr.  
38 Chairman.

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40                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: James Charles second it.  
41 Discussion.

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43                   MR. MCCANN: Question. Question.

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45                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, if our Staff will  
46 help me, maybe either Rich or Carl, I think it would be  
47 appropriate to have a short justification of why you  
48 oppose these two proposals for the record. So your  
49 representative will be able to explain that to the Board  
50 of Fisheries.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, if Mr. Nick  
2 would listen to me, when I made the motion, I told him  
3 that since we are in a rebuilding mode, and this proposal  
4 was opposed by the Kuskokwim Working Group, that we would  
5 -- that we do oppose it also.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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9 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 That's the reason Kuskokwim Plan Management Working Group  
11 opposed it, like Lester said, because we're still in  
12 rebuilding, salmon rebuilding plan. Quyana.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, James. Mike.

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16 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, I don't really know  
17 how to say this, but I've been fishing there, and I  
18 notice being from Kalskag on up to Sleetmute, I don't see  
19 that much people fishing as much as they used to. When I  
20 go down to Bethel or down below, I mean, I see fish.  
21 They probably catch more fish than we do now, because  
22 down river, down -- from Bogus on down they have, how can  
23 I say, bigger families and more use for fish. The  
24 upriver people do not fish as much as they used to.  
25 That's all I have to say. And I'm for it.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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29 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, question.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been  
32 called for. I will request for roll call.

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34 MR. SAVAGE: John Hanson.

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36 MR. HANSON: No. No.

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38 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, can I  
39 clarify the motion? My motion was to oppose this  
40 Proposal 130 and 131, just in case you're making a  
41 mistake.

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43 MR. HANSON: Okay. To clarify my vote,  
44 by saying no, I say yes.

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46 MR. SAVAGE: Okay, John. Mary Gregory.

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48 MS. GREGORY: No is a yes vote?

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50 MR. L. WILDE: Yes is a yes. Yes is to

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1 oppose it.

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3 MR. SAVAGE: Yes is to oppose it and no

4 is.....

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6 MS. GREGORY: No.

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8 MR. SAVAGE: Okay. Nick Andrew.

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10 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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12 MR. SAVAGE: Raymond Oney.

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14 MR. ONEY: Yes.

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16 MR. SAVAGE: Robert Nick, gone. Phil --

17 I still can't say his name right.

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19 MS. GREGORY: Okay. We'll call him

20 McMann.

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22 MR. SAVAGE: McMann.

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24 MR. MCCANN: Yes. McMann.

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26 MR. SAVAGE: James Charles.

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28 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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30 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage, no. Moses.

31 Phillip Moses.

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33 MR. MOSES: Yes.

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35 MR. SAVAGE: Lester.

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37 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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39 MR. SAVAGE: Harry.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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43 MR. SAVAGE: And that's it.

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45 MR. ONEY: John Thompson.

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47 MR. SAVAGE: John Thompson.

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49 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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1 MR. ONEY: Write his name down, so you  
2 won't forget.

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4 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah. Okay. I've got five,  
5 six, nine yes and two no. One absent.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. I'm going to  
8 -- yeah, go ahead. Go ahead.

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10 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair, I would think  
11 before we want to dive into 132, you might want to take a  
12 10-minute break, and get a little coffee and.....

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's what I was going  
15 to ask. We'll have 10 minutes break.

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17 (Off record)

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19 (On record)

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Pete, you're ready?

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23 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you, Mr. Chair, I'm  
24 ready. We'll go to Proposal 132, which is found on page  
25 134 of the State of Alaska Board of Fishery proposals.  
26 The Y-K Delta, specifically through Mr. Wilde, requested  
27 that we review this topic. It was discussed at the Tri-  
28 Council meeting. Proposal 132 was submitted by Mr.  
29 Umphenour. This proposal, and both Craig and I have  
30 consulted, that our interpretation of this proposal is  
31 requesting to clarify the Board of Fish intent. However  
32 it's regardless of the run strength, so if you had a  
33 healthy return, the schedules would remain in effect for  
34 both the subsistence and commercial fisheries, and would  
35 not allow the flexibility of Mr. Rearden or Mr. Witmore  
36 here to relax the fishing schedules to provide more  
37 opportunity for subsistence opportunity if the run was  
38 large enough to do so. That's our interpretation of the  
39 proposal, that it would remove the flexibility that in-  
40 season managers have to manage runs, either low abundance  
41 or high abundance, and I guess I'll stop there and turn  
42 the mike over to Mr. Witmore if he has any other  
43 comments.

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45 MR. WITMORE: I think Mr. Probasco  
46 clearly laid out that particular proposal. Also, the  
47 only other aspect is if -- you know, it would -- those --  
48 that schedule would remain in effect even if there was  
49 commercial fishing periods, so there could be the  
50 likelihood that a commercial and subsistence fishing

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1 could be scheduled for the same time, so that would just  
2 be, you know, scheduled through the season regardless of  
3 run size or commercial fishing schedules.

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5 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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9 MS. GREGORY: I'm not understanding what  
10 your interpretations are saying. The way I interpret it  
11 is that he don't want the people to -- he don't want  
12 people to fish down river on a 24-hour opening. I don't  
13 agree with this one. Can you enlighten me some more?

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Pete.

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17 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair, Ms. Gregory,  
18 don't feel bad. It took us a while to work through our  
19 understanding of the proposal, and as you know, on the  
20 Kuskokwim as well as the Yukon, you're on specific  
21 fishing periods for your subsistence schedules. This  
22 proposal, if it was adopted, and the way we interpret  
23 that, that regardless of run strength, that schedule is  
24 from the start to the end of the season, fishing season.  
25 So, for example, if you had a good return of Chinook  
26 salmon like we had last year in the Yukon and the  
27 Kuskokwim, Craig and Mike would not be able to relax the  
28 subsistence schedule. It would remain in effect. So  
29 that's the best I can do. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

32 Lester.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, there's also  
35 one other thing that needs to be looked at. On the end  
36 of the proposal, where it says what will happen if  
37 nothing is done, in that one sentence it says, if we let  
38 seven days -- excuse me, if we let seven days per week,  
39 24 hours per day fishing take place with large mesh gear,  
40 the only thing that gets to the spawning grounds are  
41 runts. And the reason why I asked him the other day when  
42 we had that resolution that we were talking about, that  
43 was the reason why I had certain words deleted, because I  
44 thought that maybe it would be affecting the lower river  
45 commercial fishers, and also even some of the subsistence  
46 fishers that are fishing with eight and eight and a half,  
47 eight and a quarter inch, whatever the legal gear is down  
48 there as far as king salmon mesh is. I thought that the  
49 -- if we approved this resolution, that we would also be  
50 approving the statement that says that -- that's

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1 incorporated in what will happen if nothing is done part,  
2 where it states with large mesh nets.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I would like to  
5 try to follow the procedures if I could. If there's any  
6 other State or Federal or private want to make a comment  
7 on this certain proposal. Tim.

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9 MR. T. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
10 Excuse me. For the record -- it's going to be a frog  
11 day. For the record, my name is Timothy Andrew. I'm the  
12 Director of Natural Resources for AVCP.

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14 AVCP stands in opposition to this  
15 proposal, primarily because we believe it is an  
16 unnecessary restriction on subsistence when we have times  
17 of abundance. However, during times of critical  
18 conservation concerns, we believe that windows is a  
19 necessary -- thank you -- is a necessary means of getting  
20 fish to the harvest -- or to the spawning grounds, and  
21 spread out the harvest.

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23 Mr. Umphenour in his proposal had  
24 indicated that the -- that if we continue with  
25 unrestricted subsistence harvest and commercial harvest,  
26 that it may affect the size of the fish, but there was no  
27 -- I mean, there are many different variables that you  
28 need to take into consideration regarding the size of  
29 fish, and there's environmental factors.

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31 As you know when -- over the last several  
32 years that we have had extremely low productions and low  
33 ocean survivability of these salmon, and that certainly  
34 has some kind of effect on the size of these fish. And  
35 also that -- and if you'll recall, during previous years  
36 -- excuse me. And if you'll recall, you know, as I can  
37 see when I was growing up, we used to have some pretty  
38 good sized fish within the last 20 years or so. But the  
39 size decreased more recently, and also the production  
40 also decreased recently as well. And as some of the  
41 scientist have showed you within the last several days,  
42 or -- yeah, within the last several days, there was some  
43 environmental condition that occurred in the Bering Sea,  
44 and also perhaps in the Gulf of Alaska. We had El Nino.  
45 We had phytoplankton bloom that occurred down in the  
46 Bering Sea. Certainly those had some kind of effect on  
47 the salmon. But I don't think that restricting  
48 subsistence -- unnecessarily restricting subsistence is  
49 going to increase the size of the salmon.

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1                   So, Mr. Chair, once again AVCP stands in  
2 opposition to this proposal.

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4                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Tim. Other  
5 public want to comment on this certain proposal. If  
6 there's not, we're going into Regional Council  
7 deliberations. Go ahead.

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9                   MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman, I was going  
10 to say that Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group  
11 also opposed this one.

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13                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I move to  
14 oppose Proposal No. 132.

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16                   MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'll second  
17 the motion.

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19                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: There is a motion on the  
20 floor to oppose.....

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22                   MS. GREGORY: Proposal 132.

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24                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: 132. And a second.  
25 Discussion.

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27                   (No discussion)

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29                   MR. HANSON: Question.

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31                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question has been  
32 called. Secretary, roll call.

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34                   MR. SAVAGE: John Hanson.

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36                   MR. HANSON: Yes.

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38                   MR. SAVAGE: Okay. Nick Andrew, Sr.

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40                   MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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42                   MR. SAVAGE: Raymond.

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44                   MR. ONEY: Yes.

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46                   MR. SAVAGE: Billy McCann.

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48                   MR. MCCANN: Yes.

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50                   MS. GREGORY: Yah, you said it right.

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1 MR. SAVAGE: James Charles.  
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3 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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5 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage, yes. Phillip  
6 Moses.  
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8 MR. MOSES: Yes.  
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10 MR. SAVAGE: Lester.  
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12 MR. L. WILDE: Absolutely. Yes.  
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14 MR. SAVAGE: John Thompson.  
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16 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.  
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18 MR. SAVAGE: We should have 11, right?  
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20 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde.  
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22 MR. SAVAGE: Oh, Harry. Harry.  
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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.  
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26 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman, we've got a  
27 unanimous vote.  
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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.  
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31 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The  
32 last proposal that my records show that the Y-K Regional  
33 Advisory Council wished to discuss was Proposal 133, and  
34 it's on page 135. This proposal was submitted by AVCP,  
35 and essentially both the Federal and State agencies  
36 concur with AVCP's request, which is to clarify the  
37 regulations pertaining to when subsistence fishing  
38 schedules are relaxed. The current regulation refers to  
39 a commercial fishery has to take place before your  
40 subsistence fishing schedules can be relaxed. What this  
41 proposal is doing is just saying that if there are  
42 sufficient numbers of fish to provide for upriver  
43 subsistence as well as escapement needs, in other words  
44 there's a harvestable surplus, then the managers would  
45 review the data, and if warranted, relax the subsistence  
46 schedule. So it's not tied into having to have a  
47 commercial fishery, Mr. Chair. And I'll turn it over to  
48 Craig. Mr. Witmore.  
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50 MR. WITMORE: Thank you. As Pete

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1 described, the State's in support of the concept of this  
2 regulation. The actual specific language will be  
3 reviewed by our regulation specialist, and there might be  
4 some slight change in how its -- what the State's  
5 recommendation on the wording, but we're in support of  
6 having a mechanism to get off the schedule without  
7 requiring a commercial fishery, which is kind of the core  
8 of what this proposal's after.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Other  
13 agencies. Tim.

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15 MR. T. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
16 I'm starting to notice a trend here. Over next door, when  
17 I came up, the Department staff would normally stay up  
18 here, as soon as I come up, they're kind of.....

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20 MR. PROBASCO: We're not worthy.

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22 MR. T. ANDREW: Either that or I didn't  
23 take an effective shower.

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25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is  
26 Timothy Andrew. I'm the Director of Natural Resources  
27 for AVCP for the record.

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29 And this proposal was submitted as a  
30 State proposal in order to alleviate some of the  
31 unnecessary restrictions that are being placed on the  
32 subsistence fishermen on the Kuskokwim River, primarily  
33 because the restrictions on the subsistence fishermen  
34 were being applied to the Kuskokwim River commercial --  
35 or, excuse me, subsistence fishermen when -- during the  
36 times when there was no commercial fishing. And once  
37 there was a commercial fishery announced, and after the  
38 commercial fishery was done and over with, there would be  
39 immediate restrictions as well that would occur. And  
40 this proposal would basically, excuse me, alleviate or  
41 would take that commercial fishing application away from  
42 it, and leave it at the discretion of the Working Group  
43 and the Department. With that, Mr. Chair, that  
44 concludes.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Tim. Is  
47 there other agencies or privates on the floor. If  
48 there's not, the floor is open for public to testify or  
49 comment on certain proposal. If it's not, we'll go into  
50 Regional Council -- yeah. Mr. Witmore.

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1 MR. WITMORE: Excuse me.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If it's not, we're going  
4 into Regional Council deliberation at this time.

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6 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
7 we support Proposal 133.

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9 MR. THOMPSON: Second.

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11 MR. HANSON: I second it.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
14 floor and a second. Discussion.

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16 (No discussion)

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18 MR. HANSON: Question.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
21 question for the people.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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25 MS. GREGORY: So what does this mean? In  
26 layman terms.

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28 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair. Thank you, Ms.  
29 Gregory. Mary, in layman terms, if this proposal was  
30 passed that AVCP submitted, it provides the flexibility  
31 for the managers to relax the schedule when they feel  
32 there's sufficient fish for subsistence and subsistence  
33 needs. It is not tied to the commercial fishery.

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35 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Secretary, I'll request  
38 for a roll call.

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40 MR. SAVAGE: Harry Wilde.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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44 MR. SAVAGE: John Thompson.

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46 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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48 MR. SAVAGE: Lester.

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50 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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1 MR. SAVAGE: Phillip. Phillip Moses.  
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3 MR. MOSES: Yes.  
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5 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage, yes. James  
6 Charles.  
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8 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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10 MR. SAVAGE: Billy McCann.  
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12 MR. MCCANN: Yes.  
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14 MR. SAVAGE: Raymond.  
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16 MR. ONEY: Yes.  
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18 MR. SAVAGE: Nick Andrew.  
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20 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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22 MR. SAVAGE: Mary Gregory.  
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24 MS. GREGORY: Yes.  
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26 MR. SAVAGE: John.  
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28 MR. HANSON: Yes.  
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30 MR. SAVAGE: Harry -- oh, I got you  
31 already.  
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33 MR. ONEY: You have to say which John.  
34 There's two Johns.  
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36 MR. SAVAGE: Oh. John Hanson.  
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38 MR. HANSON: I already said yes.  
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40 MR. SAVAGE: His was yes. Okay. John  
41 Thompson. That's 11 of us. Yeah. Okay. I'll start  
42 using their last names when I get to them. We've got the  
43 unanimous vote yes.  
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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.  
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47 MR. NICK: Yeah, let the record reflect  
48 that the Y-K Regional Council unanimously support  
49 Proposal 133. State Proposal 133.  
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1 from the Village of Quinhagak, and we have our own river  
2 system. It's called the Kanektok River. And we have  
3 another river just south of us called the Arolik River.  
4 We have our own salmon runs. We have all five species of  
5 salmon. We have a pretty good king salmon run down  
6 there, too.

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8                   And over the last few years there's been  
9 a few organizations that have tried to make regulatory  
10 changes which are affecting our commercial fishery. They  
11 have been under the impression that we are intercepting  
12 Kuskokwim-bound king salmon. And they have based this on  
13 outdated data that was done during a research project  
14 back in -- what year was that, Jeff?

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16                   MR. ESSENSEN: It was 1970.

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18                   MR. CHURCH: In 1970. And we feel that  
19 that was not justified. WE feel that any regulatory  
20 changes which are going to be affecting our area and our  
21 commercial fishery need to be based on current, relevant  
22 data which, if proved, we would support. But we have  
23 never been shown any current data that actually proves  
24 that we are intercepting any Kuskokwim-bound fish.

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26                   If you want to look at traditional  
27 knowledge, ever since this issue came out, there's been a  
28 lot of discussion there in our community on what  
29 direction those king salmon take when they come into the  
30 coast. Some of our people, they believe that they come  
31 in on the west side of the Kuskokwim Bay, up near the  
32 mouth, and they mill around there at the mouth, and then  
33 they start coming down. Some go up the river, some go to  
34 this river, some come down to our river. The majority of  
35 times when we go out there and harvest fish early in the  
36 season, we go all the way to Warehouse Creek, and that's  
37 where some of the very first kings are caught coming down  
38 the coast. I don't know why the people up on the middle  
39 Kuskokwim believe that the fish are coming down from the  
40 south and coming up the coast. Our elders, our people  
41 there, they've told me that the fish come in to the mouth  
42 of the Kuskokwim and they mill around in the salt water  
43 and the fresh water until they're ready to move on to  
44 their home waters.

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46                   So I think that these proposals that are  
47 coming out to make changes in our regulations to try to  
48 prevent us from going out there and harvesting fish for  
49 commercial sale are not justified. And I want to ask the  
50 Council here to oppose Proposal 140. Maybe Jeff might

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1 want to say a few words about District W-4 and what his  
2 impressions are on some of the proposed changes that are  
3 going to be presented to the Board of Fish during the  
4 January meeting.

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6 MR. ESSENSEN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, my  
7 name is Jeff Essensen. I'm with the Alaska Department of  
8 Fish and Game, assistant area management biologist for  
9 the Kuskokwim area, and primarily tasked with the  
10 management of the Kuskokwim Bay fisheries, W-4 and W-5,  
11 Goodnews, Quinhagak, and I'm also the project leader for  
12 the Kanektok River weir, and middle fork Goodnews River  
13 weir projects.

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15 Just some information, that the  
16 Department is taking a neutral stance on this.

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18 The only information that we have for  
19 this, on this issue is, as Willard was saying, a study in  
20 1970 in which we were able to determine that there were  
21 fish that were being harvested in W-4 that were bound for  
22 the Kuskokwim, but we don't really know what the amount  
23 of fish is. We don't know what the percentages are.  
24 And, you know, we haven't had any new information on this  
25 issue since then. We have examined looking at this issue  
26 a little bit more closely, but it is a fairly involved  
27 study with doing tagging, and we're looking at maybe  
28 using genetics. And it's a question we'd like to answer.

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31 Typically, you know, the earliest that we  
32 would probably -- that District 4 would ever open a  
33 commercial fishery the last few years has been around the  
34 14th of June. We do open before the 16th. There have  
35 been situations where we've opened later, too. If this  
36 proposal were passed, you know, it opens under a two  
37 period per week schedule, which is Tuesday and Thursdays,  
38 and if it were to open up, this would eliminate  
39 essentially maybe one extra commercial period.

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41 Another thing to think about, too, is  
42 just with the current market value of salmon. The number  
43 of permits that have been fishing down in Kuskokwim Bay  
44 has been well below the historic averages, and as a  
45 result of that also, that the commercial harvest have  
46 been well below historical averages in the last five, six  
47 years, so those are just some things that -- information  
48 that might help the public make a decision on this.

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50 MR. CHURCH: Even if this proposal was to

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1 go through to the Board of Fisheries, and they passed it,  
2 what this proposal is trying to do basically is to  
3 prevent the commercial fishery from opening up. But even  
4 though we may lose one period, our subsistence fishermen  
5 are out there six days a week during this time period.  
6 So there will probably not be a decrease in the amount of  
7 effort to harvest king salmon, because we subsistence  
8 fish also. And when there are no commercial salmon  
9 fishing periods, people from my community are out there  
10 subsistence fishing, you know, because they -- they're  
11 trying to fill their fish racks also.

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13                   And with our fishery, you know, we're not  
14 out there on the Eek channel, we're fishing right there  
15 at the mouth of our river. We've got a lot of little  
16 channels there, and most of them are very shallow. And  
17 we don't use 45 mesh. We use 29 mesh. Yeah, but we're  
18 fishing right along our coastline right near the mouth of  
19 our river, and also in these little channels that come  
20 out. And during the early part of the year, we may go to  
21 Warehouse once in a while. But our subsistence salmon  
22 efforts will continue, so, you know, they may want more  
23 fish up on the Kuskokwim River, but by trying to shut us  
24 down over there, you know, it's not going to make more  
25 big effect on the number of fish going up the Kuskokwim.  
26 Our fish our going to our river, and that's what we're  
27 harvesting. I think that's all I have to say about that.

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29                   Thank you.

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31                   MR. ESSENSEN: A little bit of  
32 information, Mr. Chairman. Jeff Essensen again. During  
33 the timeframe that we're talking about, on average the  
34 first -- in the last three years it's been about 2,000  
35 fish harvested, right around 2,000 kings that are being  
36 harvested during the first couple periods of the -- so  
37 just -- what you're looking at 2,000, 3,000 fish perhaps  
38 being harvested during that time.

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40                   MR CHURCH: Thank you.

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42                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Now  
43 that I give agencies comments, State and Federal or  
44 private. Yeah. Also at this time I'd like to ask Carl  
45 Jack what you think of what is the Council should do on  
46 this certain proposal.

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48                   MR. JACK: Mr. Chairman, there has been  
49 in recent times review of marine waters. We have not  
50 come to a conclusion on that. Apparently the regulations

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1 before were not correct in that the salt waters are not  
2 under the jurisdiction of the Federal agency. But this  
3 proposal is going to be reviewed and acted on by the  
4 Board of Fish, so I think it probably would be  
5 appropriate for this Council to take a position on it and  
6 advance your recommendation to the Board of Fish.

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8 (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: With the Federal  
11 jurisdiction and fixing the current regulations, Federal  
12 jurisdiction does not -- they do not have jurisdiction  
13 inside water. And this is a State proposal, and it would  
14 be good if you as a committee would make a  
15 recommendation.

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17 MR. JACK: The opportunity is here for  
18 you to make that recommendation.

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20 (In Yup'ik)

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you, Carl.  
23 Now at this time that I open the floor, public comments  
24 if there's any.

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26 (No public comments)

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's none, so  
29 Regional Council deliberation on this count.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.

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35 MS. GREGORY: I have a question for -- I  
36 can't remember his name.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead, Mary.

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41 MS. GREGORY: Who is that Central  
42 Kuskokwim Advisory Committee. Who's in there?

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44 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair, Ms. Gregory.  
45 Mary, my name is Pete. The Lower -- hang on a second.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Central.

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49 MR. PROBASCO: The Central Kuskokwim  
50 Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to the Board

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1 of Fisheries, and it's made up of local residents, and  
2 they provide regulatory recommendations to the Board of  
3 Fish. It's similar to what a Regional Advisory Council  
4 is. They don't carry quite the authority as a Regional  
5 Council to the Federal Subsistence Board, but they are an  
6 advisory board to the State of Alaska Board of Fisheries,  
7 Ms. Gregory.

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9 MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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13 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
14 Those are the advisory committee from Kalskag on up, is  
15 that right?

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17 Thank you.

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19 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you, Mr. Charles. I  
20 would go to your knowledge where it's at. Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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24 MR. HANSON: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
25 Chairman. Has there been ever a tagging study done  
26 around Quinhagak.

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28 MR. ESSENEN: Has there been a what, sir?

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30 MR. PROBASCO: Tagging study.

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32 MR. HANSON: A tagging study on salmon,  
33 king salmon and those.

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35 MR. ESSENEN: When you mean tagging  
36 study, there was a study that was done in 1970 where fish  
37 were tagged in W-4, in the district itself, and then  
38 those tags were recovered at various places on the  
39 Kuskokwim River, Kanektok, Goodnews, some even down in  
40 Bristol Bay, too. But the way that study was designed  
41 did not allow a determination of the number or proportion  
42 of fish in that particular area that were harvested in W-  
43 4. It just was able to show that fish that were  
44 harvested in W-4 were destined for other places, or  
45 captured in those other places.

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47 MR. HANSON: Yeah. Thank you.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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3 MS. GREGORY: What percentage of it were?

4 Do you have any numbers?

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6 MR. ESSENEN: As I just said -- Jeff  
7 Essenen here. As I said, there was -- the results of  
8 this study did not allow a determination of the  
9 percentages. That's still the unknown. Just the  
10 presence. It was a quantitative thing, not a qualitative  
11 thing. In other words, it's a yes or no they were there,  
12 but we don't know how many or what proportion, what  
13 percentage.

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15 And this is a question that the  
16 Department has thought about, and we'd like to -- as well  
17 as NBK, there's a lot of people that would like to see  
18 this question answered, or at least an examination of  
19 this question.

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21 One of the things that when I first came  
22 on board was to do a radio tagging study. Tag fish in  
23 District 4 and then set up receivers on the Kuskokwim  
24 River, Kanektok, Goodnews, maybe even up on the Yukon.  
25 The problem with this though is you're looking at -- for  
26 a three-year study, it was almost \$800,000, and that's a  
27 lot of money.

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29 A second option was to do genetic  
30 sampling where, using genetic markers and the genome of  
31 the fish, you can actually tell where that fish is from.  
32 As we continue to collect genetic samples from the stocks  
33 on the Kuskokwim River, from the Kanektok and the  
34 Goodnews, the idea is hopefully in a couple years from  
35 now we'll be able to go down, take genetic samples from  
36 the fish that are harvested in W-4 and then try to get an  
37 idea of where they're from. Are they from the Kuskokwim,  
38 are they from the Goodnews, are they from Bristol Bay,  
39 Yukon, whatnot. And that's still in the works right now,  
40 but, you know, the tagging study was looked at. I think  
41 it was deemed a little bit too expensive, and right now  
42 we're still working on the genetic stuff.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you.

45 Council. Lester.

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47 MR. L. WILDE: I really didn't have  
48 anything to say, but since you mentioned my name, while I  
49 was limping around Quinhagak a couple years ago, what Mr.  
50 Church alluded to is absolutely true. There are two

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1 rivers that go right into -- right near Quinhagak. And I  
2 thought we were having problems in Hooper Bay with  
3 shallow water going out as far as it did, but Quinhagak  
4 really does have a lot of shallow water, and the only  
5 thing that I can see is my own observation, and using my  
6 own observation, I would tend to support -- or oppose  
7 Proposal 140. I'd move that this Council oppose Proposal  
8 140.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
11 floor.

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13 MR. CHARLES: Second the motion.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by James Charlie.  
16 Discussion. James.

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18 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, M. Chairman. My  
19 village is one of the villages that goes to Quinhagak to  
20 fish, so we already have changes over there last few  
21 years, try to help Kuskokwim salmon. The line has cut  
22 down to -- from -- I don't know what the name of that  
23 area is, down to the slough. It is.....

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25 MR. ESSENEN: Oyak Creek.

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27 MR. CHARLES: Oyak Creek. And another  
28 thing is there are less people come down from Kuskokwim  
29 fishing in District 4, so we already are helping out on  
30 the main Kuskokwim River. So I'm in favor of Willard's  
31 comment.

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33 So that's my comment. Thank you.

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35 MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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39 MR. MCCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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41 INTERPRETER: Referring back to 1970  
42 tagging that some of those fish even went down to Bristol  
43 Bay, is that correct?

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45 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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47 MR. MCCANN: No, I won't. You find that  
48 one of the fish was tagged by the river up here, and go  
49 down to Bristol Bay, caught there. One of them? That's  
50 what you said?

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1 MR. ESSENEN: Are you referring to the  
2 1970 study?

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4 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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6 MR. ESSENEN: There were, if I'm not  
7 mistaken, a few sockeye that were tagged in this W-4 that  
8 were recaptured or recovered in Bristol Bay, yes.

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10 MR. MCCANN: Yeah. Okay. That makes me  
11 understand the fish can go any place they want to go,  
12 because sometimes spawning area, we've got not much going  
13 in. So that makes me wonder, maybe they go some place  
14 else. That make me understand what -- I think that's  
15 some of the reason that we shy on fish sometimes some  
16 places like in counting areas. The reason why I think  
17 that some of the fish is going the other way.

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19 MR. ESSENEN: I think at this point, you  
20 know, our understanding of what's going on there is --  
21 could definitely be improved on, and I think anything is  
22 worth considering or thinking about.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other Councils.

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26 MR. ANDREW: My name is Nick.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick Andrew.

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30 MR. ANDREW: Last summer we seen more red  
31 salmon in the Yukon. We never seen those. They don't  
32 come up on the Yukon. But last summer we see quite a few  
33 of them. Quyana.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other Council. Mike.

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37 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah. I'm Mike Savage. I'm  
38 from Lower Kalskag. I do know -- I heard that they start  
39 a committee up there, and I guess my brother's involved  
40 in it, and he likes to talk to me and try to, well, I  
41 guess, boss me around. He's the older one.

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43 Anyway, just looking at this, I was  
44 wondering on the commercial fishing, how much fish, you  
45 know, do they catch in an average season? Especially  
46 kings.

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48 MR. ESSENEN: Down in Quinhagak?

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50 MR. SAVAGE: Um-hum. (Affirmative)

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1 MR. ESSENEN: You have to look at two  
2 things. The historical average which is right around  
3 20,000 fish. That's since 1960. So the historical  
4 average from 1960. If you look at it in the last 10  
5 years and the last five years, particularly since the  
6 market crash after '95, '96, the commercial harvests have  
7 been -- we're looking at about 11,000 fish. This year we  
8 had 14,000 fish. This is kings that were harvested. So,  
9 you know, the last five years the harvests have been well  
10 below the most recent 10-year averages and the historical  
11 averages. And that is likely a result of just the  
12 decrease in number of permits that have been fishing.

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14 And also Quinhagak has had an airport  
15 that was being built there the last two years, and a lot  
16 of the folks that would normally participate in a  
17 commercial fishery have been involved in that.

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19 And this is the first year -- we actually  
20 had the same number of permits fishing this year as we  
21 did last year, that on a period average, we actually had  
22 about seven more boats fishing each period. That was the  
23 first increase that we've seen in a lot of years, so.....

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25 MR. SAVAGE: Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other Councils.

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29 (No discussion)

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31 MR. CHARLES: Question.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: This question's been  
34 called for. At this time I request for roll call.

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36 MR. SAVAGE: John Hanson.

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38 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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40 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Clarify.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, if I may  
43 clarify, I made a motion to oppose. So if you vote yes,  
44 you're opposing it.

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46 MR. HANSON: Yeah, I said yes.

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48 MR. SAVAGE: Mary Gregory.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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1 MR. SAVAGE: Nick Andrew.  
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3 MR. ANDREW: Yes.  
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5 MR. SAVAGE: Raymond.  
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7 MR. ONEY: Yes.  
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9 MR. SAVAGE: Billy McCann.  
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11 MR. MCCANN: Yes.  
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13 MR. SAVAGE: James Charles.  
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15 MR. CHARLES: Yes.  
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17 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage, no. Phillip  
18 Moses.  
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20 MR. MOSES: Yes.  
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22 MR. SAVAGE: Lester.  
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24 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.  
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26 MR. SAVAGE: John Thompson.  
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28 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.  
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30 MR. SAVAGE: That's nine, 10. I'm  
31 missing one more.  
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33 MS. GREGORY: Harry.  
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35 MR. SAVAGE: Harry, yeah. Harry Wilde.  
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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.  
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39 MR. SAVAGE: Okay. That's a unanimous  
40 decision on Proposal 140.  
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42 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, there needs to be  
43 clarification. I thought I heard Mike Savage voting no.  
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45 MS. GREGORY: I just corrected that.  
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47 MR. SAVAGE: Sorry about that.  
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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: This proposal is fail  
50 due to Council, they voted. And so they didn't become --

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1 (In Yup'ik). Our Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Council is  
2 opposing this Proposal 140.

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4 MR. PROBASCO: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and  
5 I believe we are now down with fishery proposals, and we  
6 can move on with the agenda.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, before we do, I  
9 think I'm going to call Carl Jack at this time.

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11 MR. JACK: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

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13 INTERPRETER: Do you want me to mention  
14 this.....

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16 MR. JACK: I think there may have to be a  
17 suspension of the rules to take me up, because there are  
18 other agenda items. It's the pleasure of the Chair.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, the Governor  
21 is not due until we're done with subsistence wildlife  
22 issues, which is item -- this one.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think we could suspend  
25 the rules, because we want to go a little bit faster  
26 because we've got a lot of things to do here. If one of  
27 you could make a motion to suspend the rules.

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29 MR. ANDREW: Nick Andrew. I make a  
30 motion to suspend the rule.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick Andrew make a  
33 motion to suspend the rules and give Carl Jack. If  
34 there's any second to the motion.

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36 MR. HANSON: Second.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by John Hanson.  
39 All who favor say aye.

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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45 (No opposing votes.)

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Go  
48 ahead, Jack.

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50 MR. JACK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: I want to speed up. I'm  
4 going to say it in English to speed up the process.

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6 On July 17 Governor Murkowski, Secretary  
7 of Interior, he wrote that letter to the Interior asking  
8 this, that the State nominate -- or the Secretary to  
9 appoint for State spokesperson and have that person be  
10 part of the Federal Board. That's in short, that's what  
11 the Governor asked. The Federal Board -- they will not  
12 be able to vote. Will be a nonvoting member.

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14 Now, if they work on this, he told them  
15 this Federal program when it first began, there's a  
16 record of decision. The record of decision states this,  
17 it was -- will have a liaison on the Federal Board. And  
18 that was -- that was the Governor would nominate that  
19 person, and then the Secretary of Interior will appoint  
20 that nominated person. The Governor -- the record of  
21 decision, Secretary Luhan has signed that. It places  
22 then the Federal program when the Federal took the  
23 subsistence program from the State to appoint. The  
24 record of decision that's been in there has been  
25 followed, using Knowles as an example, although before  
26 that they haven't nominated or they have not picked out  
27 the person, a liaison to be in the Federal Board. That's  
28 why this is -- request is being made.

29

30 We'll know during the time now when the  
31 present Board meets for -- when you discuss the  
32 proposals, programs, that kind of release. This State --  
33 official hen is a spokesperson for that after they  
34 discuss something and they bring it forward, that this is  
35 the way it is, and there will be approval or disapproval  
36 to existing Staff process since yesterday. This  
37 regulations when they work on those regulations, that the  
38 process, too. But the Federal Board when they take that,  
39 they deliberate on the decision, the State spokesperson  
40 having part of the deliberation.

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42 The Federal Board are the only -- after  
43 they make a motion, they would work on the proposals.  
44 This is what I mentioned, a record of decision. If the  
45 Board uses that process -- using this as an example,  
46 administrative flexibility, the Board can work in using  
47 that process.

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49 Now, while they do that, using it as an  
50 example, when they work on the proposal, this guideline,

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1 their guideline that they follow, they can change that,  
2 State's liaison, allowing them to speak, and we know that  
3 when the Federal Board meets, these Regional Council they  
4 ask the Regional Council to speak about the proposal and  
5 what you think about the proposal and the recommendations  
6 that you might make towards that proposal. The Secretary  
7 of Interior, what he might think is kind of like  
8 dangerous with the State as part of the Board.

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10 We know that they -- the Federal, when we  
11 go against what they want, and they go into executive  
12 sessions and they work on some of those things, issues,  
13 and when they work on the regulations also.

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15 Now, for that reason, Secretary of  
16 Interior, he told them, the Federal Board to work on  
17 this. And then in September the Federal Board, when they  
18 met and they did the work session and they called it an  
19 executive session. And then during that time, they  
20 discussed this and not alone and but they want to hear  
21 all the different and so they can -- and then they want  
22 to -- it's like on what to do, but before they tell the  
23 Secretary. For that reason in November, the Federal  
24 Subsistence Board in Anchorage, they need to meet. They  
25 want to hear public comment before they vote, they won't  
26 open it to everybody, but they will invite certain  
27 people. So this -- so they are presenting this to you  
28 now, what is going on, to let -- notify you, so if you  
29 have comments towards this they want to hear them. They  
30 want to hear your comment during this time. And also  
31 November 5 they'll meet, the Federal Board, these  
32 chairmans of Regional Councils, I think they want them to  
33 be there, through teleconference when they do it. So  
34 Harry Wilde, when they discuss this issue, he will be  
35 part of that. And those other chairmen from the other  
36 Councils and to act, even though it's not put in paper to  
37 let you know.

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39 I'm just passing on this information. I  
40 don't have a position on this. To let the Secretary of  
41 Interior -- oh, the organization is writing a letter to  
42 the Secretary to -- so when those organizations will come  
43 forward to speak what they want, they also wrote a letter  
44 to the Governor September 26th to clarify what the  
45 Governor wants November 5. That's why they picked that  
46 meeting date to make clarification on what the Governor  
47 is asking.

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49 This Staff Committee, when they were  
50 discussing this, I as -- I represent the Federal

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1 Chairman, and he's part of the Staff Committee. Some of  
2 them are here. If you have any questions towards this,  
3 not just only me, you can ask these other people that are  
4 present here. They are the workers for the Board and  
5 really examined the -- what is.....

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7 MR. JACK: What I stated at the end was  
8 to state my role as the member of the Staff Committee  
9 representing the Chair, and also there are in the  
10 audience other members of the Staff Committee, and if you  
11 have -- if the Council here has any questions, you can do  
12 so, and I entertained for the Council not to throw the  
13 flak at me only, but to other Staff Committee members as  
14 well.

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16 (In Yup'ik)

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy McCann.

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20 MR. MCCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: This -- regarding  
23 subsistence, I cannot agree what the Governor wants  
24 because it's confusing, and sometimes I think that the  
25 papers, the State and those -- the State Board like this,  
26 he's talking about the State Board. Because it gets  
27 confusing to try and work on issues, and so if this seal  
28 -- he's talking about some kind of seal. State seal?  
29 The guidelines that they can use as in the villages and  
30 as Council.

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32 Advisory Councils.

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34 MR. MCCANN: Thank you.

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36 MR. JACK: Thank you. (In Yup'ik) as to  
37 what's happening.

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39 INTERPRETER: Well, I tried my best to  
40 translate what he just said.

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42 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik).

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44 INTERPRETER: And to me, too, the  
45 Governor, he's not working for the Yup'ik people, and he  
46 has no knowledge of Yup'ik ways, and that is why the  
47 letter the Secretary, to -- I don't accept this letter or  
48 what the Governor wants. The Federal Board, they're our  
49 helpers, and there's too many others.....

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1 MS. GREGORY: There's already too many  
2 non-natives on the Federal Board.

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4 (In Yup'ik).

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6 INTERPRETER: And there's fewer and fewer  
7 -- more and more non-natives in these positions that are  
8 trying to work on our subsistence. So those that have  
9 opposed it, and the regulations that have stated their  
10 position to it. With their position, because.....

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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14 MR. L. WILDE: I'm with Mary. I think  
15 until such time that the State has a subsistence  
16 reference -- rural subsistence reference, that this  
17 should be opposed. I think I said what I meant to say.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson.

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21 MR. HANSON: Yeah. Thank you, Mr.  
22 Chairman. Yeah, Carl, I've got a few things I want to  
23 say before. I'm going to oppose what the Governor is  
24 doing.

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26 The State was given a chance to rework  
27 the State Constitution and put native preference in  
28 there, or rural preference on subsistence. And the State  
29 has not done that, and now they want to put a person with  
30 the Federal Board which I don't agree. The Federal Board  
31 right now, we're working good. And I don't like what the  
32 Governor did, because he's trying to put a State man in  
33 there. Even if it's a non-voting person, the Federal  
34 Subsistence Board probably will be all screwed up. I  
35 think the State is trying to go around and spoil the  
36 native subsistence way of life, and I don't go for that.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson -- I mean,  
39 John Thompson.

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41 MR. THOMPSON: Quyana.

42  
43 (In Yup'ik)

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45 INTERPRETER: This -- back -- the papers  
46 that are done and the agencies that are working for us,  
47 native corporations, they're all working on everything,  
48 but this subsistence, this fish and animals, and  
49 Congress, they're not -- if we -- thinking about the  
50 Native Americans, what happened to them, we will lose

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1 something. That's why I think it's dangerous. I think  
2 it's to myself that the State, I don't want to do this  
3 effort that we're trying to do, become part of our work,  
4 kind of what we're trying to do.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick Andrew.

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8 MR. ANDREW: Yeah.

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10 (In Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: These -- as I'm listening,  
13 I, too, don't like to have a liaison. They won't -- they  
14 will put a non-native in there to that position.

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16 That's it, thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Any other  
19 Council. If it's not, I think we have to put our  
20 position where this -- I'm going to give Council  
21 opportunity to put themselves in position at this time,  
22 maybe by motion. Lester.

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
25 move that this Yukon-Kuskokwim RAC go on record as  
26 opposing the proposal by the Governor.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
29 floor. If there's any second.

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31 MS. GREGORY: I second the motion.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Mary.

34 Discussion.

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36 (No discussion)

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38 MR. SAVAGE: Question call for.

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40 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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42 INTERPRETER: Hearing what the Governor  
43 is doing and what he's done, he not like the first. He's  
44 too much. I've heard of what he's done. We Yup'ik  
45 people. I don't like the Governor from what I hear and  
46 what he's doing.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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50 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah. Just listening to

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1 everybody, I agree with everybody in the Council here.  
2 The Governor is really not supporting native  
3 organizations or subsistence. And it is getting scarier.  
4 I don't know what else to say. I think we are all going  
5 to oppose it, so I think we should only have, what do you  
6 call it? What do you call that vote when we vote? Yeah.  
7 Oppose it.

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9 Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. There was a  
12 second. And motion been second and discussion. I think  
13 it's better to make a roll call

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15 MR. CHARLES: Question.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called  
18 for. Make a roll call.

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20 MR. SAVAGE: Harry Wilde.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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24 MR. SAVAGE: John Hanson.

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26 MR. HANSON: Yes.

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28 MR. SAVAGE: Mary Gregory.

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30 MS. GREGORY: Yes.

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32 MR. SAVAGE: Nick Andrew.

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34 MR. ANDREW: Yes.

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36 MR. SAVAGE: Raymond Oney.

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38 MR. ONEY: Yes.

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40 MR. SAVAGE: Billy McCann.

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42 MR. MCCANN: Yes.

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44 MR. SAVAGE: James Charles.

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46 MR. CHARLES: Yes.

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48 MR. SAVAGE: Mike Savage, yes. Phillip

49 Moses.

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1 MR. MOSES: Yes.

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3 MR. SAVAGE: Lester Wilde.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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7 MR. SAVAGE: John Thompson.

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9 MR. THOMPSON: Yes.

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11 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman, we have a  
12 unanimous vote on the Governor's proposal. To oppose.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Right now that  
15 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, they put their position on not  
16 supporting this here.

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18 MR. JACK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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20 (In Yup'ik).

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22 INTERPRETER: In the next meeting of  
23 this, your position will be mentioned. You chairmen can  
24 mention that.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana.

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28 MR. JACK: Yeah. Mr. Chairman.  
29 Clarification. I do have one other item that I will need  
30 to cover, and that's the role of the Staff of Committee.  
31 If you prefer that, we can take it up later or at this.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think it's important  
34 if you do it right now, because we try to make other --  
35 go ahead.

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37 MR. JACK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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39 (In Yup'ik)

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41 INTERPRETER: Again in Yup'ik, I will  
42 talk about this in Yup'ik.

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44 You all know before this time in the past  
45 Federal (Interpreter covering her microphone).

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47 MR. JACK: Analytical and administrative  
48 assistance. Very broad.

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50 (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: (Microphone still covered)  
2 important make some decisions.....

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4 MR. JACK: There's Fish and Wildlife,  
5 there's BLM, Park Service, Forest Service, there's BIA,  
6 and then you have a chairman.

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8 (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: They have Staff Committee  
11 members, all of them -- I'm not sure how many. I  
12 represent the Chairman. (Mike still covered.) These --  
13 proposals -- Staff Committee members want to -- the  
14 proposal -- to work on these -- when they looked at this  
15 and said -- once they -- the Staff work with the --  
16 following the procedure -- when they examined the -- the  
17 Staff Committee when they work. The proposals -- that  
18 they want to make sure that the proposals are worked on.  
19 Work on -- that they work on -- and then they're talking  
20 about this -- Staff Committee -- and the Regional  
21 Councils are -- they will be attending the Regional  
22 Council -- and asking for assistance -- can make the  
23 request -- and they can -- just -- but they don't make  
24 the -- just talking points for this. So they can work  
25 more better together with the Regional Councils, so --  
26 procedures, and we work on them and so -- to ask for help  
27 or guidance, you can -- also -- voting on them up or  
28 down, and then -- when the Board meets in December, those  
29 proposals, they will be examined and they will -- comment  
30 -- to examine the proposal -- ADF&G -- examined them --  
31 and is working with those to establish -- to -- and the  
32 Council meetings. The Staff Committee -- sometimes it's  
33 misleading. Now the -- work on the proposals. The Staff  
34 Committee meetings, the Staff Committee -- they do do  
35 recommendations, and also with ADF&G. And the Council  
36 when they ask for assistance -- someone from the Council  
37 should -- must be there -- the Staff Committee -- it's  
38 important -- what is the -- of the Staff Committee -- is  
39 that the Staff recommendation -- the fourth change is the  
40 Staff Committee is not making recommendations -- making  
41 comments towards the proposals -- make a motion --  
42 recommendation from Staff Committee -- follow the  
43 schedule and -- and what I've mentioned -- that's what's  
44 -- Staff Committee -- when they are working on the  
45 wildlife -- work on the fish proposals, Staff Committee  
46 recommendations, they can make comments -- from the motion  
47 -- Regional Council recommendation -- motions and we  
48 follow the recommendations of the council -- they are in  
49 the.....

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1 MR. JACK: That's the Congressional  
2 intent.

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4 (In Yup'ik)

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6 INTERPRETER: It's what the Congress  
7 wanted, and -- also.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Carl, (In Yup'ik).

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11 INTERPRETER: Carl, what do you want us  
12 to do on that?

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14 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik).

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16 INTERPRETER: Well, it's if you express  
17 what you think about this, it will be okay. The most  
18 important is going to change when the Federal Board  
19 meets, if -- the motions they make will be -- they will  
20 -- their motion will be based on the recommendations made  
21 by the Council. The Staff Committee will not have any  
22 recommendations on the motions. That's the most  
23 important part of this change. You can say something  
24 towards this.

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26 MR. JACK: What you think about what I  
27 just presented.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) I'll  
30 recognize.....

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32 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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34 INTERPRETER: I really like that. Many  
35 times the Staff, because they show -- tell us what they  
36 want. We are the ones to work, because we know where we  
37 come from and how people live back home and so I'm very  
38 glad to hear, and when I -- we are letting -- allowing  
39 the Staff committee to give us direction. So as a  
40 Council not -- as a Council member, I can say that I'm --  
41 I come from my place, trying to support and to trying to  
42 help my people, though I break other people's mind, you  
43 know, non-natives and Yup'ik don't think alike. I think  
44 -- I grew up and to -- before I learned that the mind of  
45 the Western World, modern world, I learned in my  
46 traditional way, and so I think -- and so I weigh things.  
47 I weigh issues and I think about the people back home.  
48 So relay that, this Chairman -- to the Chairman that I am  
49 very glad to hear about that.

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1 MR. JACK: (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: Yes, I will mention that to  
4 the Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Phillip Moses.

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8 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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10 INTERPRETER: I, too -- my nephew there,  
11 of what I've been thinking about he mentioned. When they  
12 -- when you continue to speak, and when they're accepted  
13 sometimes, I don't agree. So my own upbringing, not  
14 knowing -- thinking about and my ancestors and how they  
15 never did this type of work. so things have been -- and  
16 something would be discussed and already be -- having  
17 been established, and sometimes when they say that, it's  
18 toward us. I don't like to butt in, I don't like to, so  
19 I try to.....

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana, Phillip Moses.

22 Lester Wilde.

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, for the  
25 record I'd like to move that we support the decision that  
26 was made, to incorporate the message that was brought to  
27 us by Mr. Native Liaison, Mr. Jack, Carl Jack, I'm sorry.

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29 MS. GREGORY: Second.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion and a  
32 second. Discussion.

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34 (No discussion)

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36 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Question.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question.....

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40 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, for the record,  
41 it would be appropriate, this is -- because this is very  
42 important issue that the Council needs to either support  
43 or not support. For the record, it would be good if we  
44 could have motion read on record as it intended by the  
45 Council.

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47 MR. L. WILDE: I did that.

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49 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) and it got into  
50 the record I think. He stated it already.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Listen a little.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The motion has been, and  
4 a second, and there was a question been made to put this  
5 wording on our position to ourself from Yukon-Kuskokwim  
6 Regional Council. All who favor say aye.

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8 IN UNISON: Aye.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose say no.

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12 (No opposing votes.)

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. That's  
15 our position that you hear, Carl.

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17 MR. JACK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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19 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester Wilde.

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23 MR. L. WILDE: I'm sorry, but during  
24 yesterday's meeting we did defer one proposal to the Y-K.  
25 It's Proposal 4 that was deferred to us. We didn't  
26 discuss it earlier, but I just wanted to remind you that  
27 we do have one more proposal in customary and traditional  
28 trade.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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32 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
33 Lester is correct. That proposal was tabled yesterday by  
34 the Tri-Council. It is up to you if you want to take it  
35 up or maybe one of our Staff, Pete, or someone could give  
36 us direction in this, but the motion was to table  
37 Proposal 4.

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39 MR. PROBASCO: Mr. Chair, Mr. Nick is  
40 correct. The three Councils moved to table the motion.  
41 However, that does not -- as the three Tri-Councils.  
42 However, that does not prevent an individual Council,  
43 like the Y-K Council, to address that proposal. But to do  
44 so, you would have to make a motion to take it from the  
45 table for your consideration, Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you, Pete.  
48 Before we do, I think at this time we're going to take a  
49 break for our lunch. Due to some of our Council need to  
50 go to bank and some medicine, we're going to come back

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1 here at 1:30.

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3 (Off record)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. We could start  
8 now. From, let me see. Housekeeping.

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10 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
11 Yeah. Our court recorder and I, we noticed that hardly  
12 any of you signed in. The sign-in sheet is by the  
13 translators. And when you sign your name, please write  
14 legibly. Don't sign like doctor or whatever, please.

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16 And also probably we'll also do some  
17 housekeeping stuff, you know, depending on what Staff  
18 want me to do, I mean, to announce as the meeting goes  
19 today, Harry.

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21 And also those of you who are planning to  
22 go back to Anchorage, please let me know if you're going  
23 to go to Anchorage this evening, check out from your  
24 hotel, and please let me know if you're leaving, so I  
25 don't have to worry about you in the morning when we  
26 begin to load our equipment into the vans, or luggage  
27 into the vans. Quyana.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Now, on our  
30 agenda, agenda item IX, subsistence wildlife issues. A.  
31 Results of Federal Subsistence Board action on 2003-2004  
32 wildlife proposals, 805 letter. Alex Nick.

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34 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For the  
35 public and those of you who don't have booklets, a copy  
36 of the letter is on the table by Carl Jack out here, if  
37 you want to look at it.

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39 What I'm going to do, Mr. Chairman, is I  
40 am going to summarize the letter in Yup'ik so that, you  
41 know, we -- if that's your wish, Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Go ahead.

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45 MR. NICK: 805 letter. A copy of the 805  
46 letter is on Tab B, page 21.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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50 MR. ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 Is it possible to translate that in Yup'ik for the elders  
2 and just highlight the ones that need to be addressed?

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4 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, Ray, that's exactly  
5 what I was going to do, is to summarize it in Yup'ik.  
6 Shall I begin, Mr. Chair?

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Ready. Go ahead.

9

10 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: He is going to do this in  
13 Yup'ik. He is not going to do it all, but they want him  
14 to read it in Yup'ik.

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16 On August 12 this letter went to Harry  
17 Wilde as your Chair on August 12th. And the Federal  
18 Subsistence Board wrote this letter. When they met at  
19 May 20 to 22 in 2003. And it is in -- he is not going to  
20 read all of this letter, but he's going to do the  
21 important parts. The answers, after you read it or  
22 looked over it.

23

24 The Federal Subsistence Board met and  
25 discussed these. If you have questions, you can call  
26 Office of Subsistence Management at 1-800-478-1456.  
27 You'll have that as what it says. And it also says the  
28 Board will repeatedly do the consent agenda. When the  
29 use the consent agenda, those that are not so important  
30 or -- something that will not be not agreed upon with the  
31 Staff Committee and the Alaska Department of Fish and  
32 Game, they will look over the letter or the work and put  
33 them on the agenda. These proposals are not  
34 controversial, and therefore they did not require  
35 discussion. Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Council --  
36 because of them, these were made.....

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38 The Subsistence Board made Statewide  
39 Proposal WP2003-29. It was brought out by the place  
40 where he works. WP2003-01, I'm sorry. On the letter it  
41 states that Statewide Proposal WP2003-01 was submitted by  
42 the Office of Subsistence Management. This proposal  
43 would allow out-of-season take of wildlife for funerary  
44 or mortuary ceremonies. The proposed regulations  
45 simplify and standardize existing regulations and provide  
46 equal opportunity to all Federally qualified subsistence  
47 users. The Y-K Delta Regional Council supported the  
48 proposal with modification to allow the take of either  
49 sex animals, to delete the requirement to name the  
50 decedent, and to change the individual hunter reporting

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1 requirement to allow a local organization to submit a  
2 report on behalf of the individual hunter.

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4 I'm just reading off the Federal  
5 Subsistence Board letter for those of you who don't have  
6 it.

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8 The Board adopted this proposal, with  
9 modification, consistent with the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
10 Regional Advisory Council. The new regulations will read  
11 as follows.

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13 You may take wildlife, outside of  
14 established seasons or harvest limits, for food in  
15 traditional religious ceremonies, which are part of a  
16 funerary or mortuary cycle, including memorial  
17 potlatches, under the following provisions.

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19 Number 1, the harvest does not violate  
20 recognized principles of wildlife conservation and uses  
21 the methods and means allowable for a particular species  
22 published in the applicable Federal regulations. The  
23 appropriate Federal land manager will establish the  
24 number, species, sex or location of harvest if necessary  
25 for conservation purposes. Other regulations relating to  
26 ceremonial harvest may be found in the unit-specific  
27 regulations in section 26(n).

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29 Number 2, no permit or harvest ticket is  
30 required for harvesting under this section; however, the  
31 harvester must be a Federally qualified subsistence user  
32 with customary and traditional use in the area where the  
33 harvesting will occur.

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35 He's not going to read the whole thing.  
36 He is reading above number 1, at number 1.

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38 In Units 1 through 26, except for  
39 Koyukon/Gwich'in potlatch ceremonies in Units 20(F), 21,  
40 24 or 25:

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42 (A) A tribal chief, village council  
43 president or the chief's or president's designee for the  
44 village in which the religious ceremony will be held, or  
45 a Federally qualified subsistence user outside of a  
46 village or tribal-organized ceremony, must notify the  
47 nearest Federal land manager that wildlife harvest will  
48 take place. The notification must include the species,  
49 harvest location, and number of animals expected to be  
50 taken.

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1 Letter B, immediately after the wildlife  
2 is taken, the tribal chief, village council president or  
3 designee, or other Federally qualified subsistence user  
4 must create a list of the successful hunters and maintain  
5 these records, including the name of the decedent for  
6 whom the ceremony will held. If requested, this manager  
7 (sic) must be available to an authorized representative  
8 of the Federal land manager.

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10 Under letter C, the tribal chief, village  
11 council president, or designee or other Federally  
12 qualified subsistence user outside of the village in  
13 which the religious.....

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15 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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17 (In Yup'ik)

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19 INTERPRETER: She would like to add when  
20 they were meeting at Chevak, they talked about this, and  
21 this is a letter from the Federal Board that is pointing  
22 to this. It's not for all people, but if someone passed  
23 away, they have memorial dinners, even though it is  
24 closed, but they have the tribal chief as their council.

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26 MR. NICK: Okay. Mary just clarified and  
27 advised the Regional Council that this was -- this came  
28 from Chevak. Okay. Statewide Proposal WP2003-02.

29

30 (In Yup'ik)

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32 INTERPRETER: WP2003-02. This is found  
33 on page three. If someone cannot hunt and finds a  
34 hunter, he or she may fill a form so that somebody may  
35 hunt for him or her. The Board adopted this and  
36 supported this proposal, along with the corrections.  
37 Bristol Bay and Southcentral Regional Advisory Councils.  
38 They also included the corrections from those two  
39 Councils. And is supported by them. It is as follows.

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41 Unit 1 through 8, 9(D), Units 10 through  
42 16, 18 to 26. Within those units, this is how it will  
43 be. A Federally qualified subsistence user, recipient,  
44 may designate another Federally qualified subsistence  
45 user to take deer, moose, and caribou on his or her  
46 behalf unless the recipient is a member of a community  
47 operating under a community harvest system or unless unit  
48 specific regulations in section 26 preclude or modify the  
49 use of the designated hunter system, or allow the harvest  
50 of additional species by a designated hunter. The

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1 designated must obtain a designated hunter permit and  
2 must return a completed harvest report. The designated  
3 hunter may hunt for any number of recipients, but may  
4 have no more than two harvest limits in his or her  
5 possession at any one time, unless otherwise specified in  
6 unit-specific regulations in section 26.

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8                   If you're wondering what he's saying, I  
9 just read what he is explaining on page three.

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11                   MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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13                   MR. NICK: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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15                   INTERPRETER: The designated hunter may  
16 hunt for any number of recipients, but may have no more  
17 than two harvest limits in his or her possession at any  
18 one time.

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20                   The next proposal is WP2003-24, and it  
21 was submitted by Bristol Bay Native Association. This  
22 proposal requested that a limited winter moose hunt be  
23 held in a portion of Unit 17(A) during the period of  
24 December 1 through January 31st. The Yukon-Kuskokwim  
25 Delta Regional Council supported this proposal with  
26 modification to allow 24-hour reporting to the State  
27 agency after the hunt is completed.

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29                   The Board adopted the Bristol Bay  
30 Regional Council's recommendation to defer action on this  
31 proposal. Although the recent estimate of 652 animals  
32 exceeds the moose population objectives for the unit, the  
33 Board agrees with the Bristol Bay Regional Council that  
34 this proposal should be reviewed by the Unit 17(A) Moose  
35 Planning Workshop -- Working Group prior to review by the  
36 Regional Councils and action by the Federal Subsistence  
37 Board. The Board supports this approach as it allows  
38 participation in the management planning process by local  
39 users.

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41                   MR. NICK: Ready for Proposal WP2003-26.

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43                   INTERPRETER: WP2003-26 was submitted by  
44 the Bristol Bay Native Association. This proposal  
45 requested an increase in the wolf hunting harvest limit  
46 from five to no limit in Unit 9 and Unit 17. The Y-K  
47 Delta Regional Council supported this proposal with  
48 modification.

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50                   MS. GREGORY: Unit 9 and 17?

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1 MR. NICK: Unit 9 and 17.

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3 (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: The Board adopted the  
6 proposal with modification, consistent with the  
7 recommendation of the Y-K Delta Regional Council. The  
8 modification would allow an increase in the harvest limit  
9 for hunting wolves in Unit 9 and Unit 17 from five wolves  
10 per year to ten wolves per year. Although wolf  
11 populations in both Unit 9 and Unit 17 are thought to be  
12 healthy based on observations of local residents and  
13 agency biologists, specific population data for wolves in  
14 both units on Federal lands is not sufficient at this  
15 time to support the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory  
16 Council's recommendation to increase the harvest limit  
17 from five wolves to 20 wolves per year.

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19 For those of you who are listening, he's  
20 still trying to translate page four. Proposal WP2003-26.

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22 The next proposal, WP2003-28 was  
23 submitted by Willard Church of Quinhagak. The proposal  
24 requested that the trophy devaluation requirement for  
25 sealing subsistence harvested brown bear in the Western  
26 Alaska Brown Bear Management Area, which is WABBMA, was  
27 -- be eliminated. We call the bears (In Yup'ik) our area  
28 in the Yukon, and others call it (In Yup'ik). The Yukon-  
29 Kuskokwim Delta Regional Council voted to defer this  
30 proposal.

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32 The Board rejected the proposal as  
33 recommended by the Bristol Bay and Western Interior  
34 Regional Councils. The intent of the devaluation  
35 requirement is to prevent hunters from participating in  
36 the more liberal subsistence season and harvest limits.

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38 MR. NICK: And claws, they remove the  
39 claws, too? I need help on this.

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41 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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43 INTERPRETER: There is concern that if  
44 subsistence regulations were used for trophy hunting, the  
45 brown bear harvest would increase.

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47 MR. NICK: Yeah. Okay. Yeah.

48

49 (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: An increased brown bear  
2 harvest is a conservation concern in the WABBMA. In  
3 addition, the proposed regulatory change would compromise  
4 the enforcement of harvest limits for non-subsistence  
5 brown bear hunters. Subsistence hunters who want to be  
6 able to transport the complete skin of brown bear out of  
7 the management area may do so by harvesting under non-  
8 subsistence regulations. As noted by the Bristol Bay and  
9 Western Interior Regional Councils, development of  
10 proposals for changes the subsistence brown bear  
11 regulations in this area would involve the WABBMA Working  
12 Group. The Board noted that rejection of the proposal  
13 would not be -- would not preclude its future  
14 reconsideration upon resubmittal.

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16 And the next one is Proposal 2003-29, and  
17 was submitted by the Y-K Delta Subsistence Regional  
18 Advisory Council. This proposal requested that an  
19 alignment of Federal regulations with State Regulations  
20 to include meat-on-bone restrictions for moose in part of  
21 Unit 18. The Y-K Delta Regional Council supported the  
22 proposal of the modification to add the Staff's  
23 recommended definition of field, and to clarify that meat  
24 may be processed and consumed in the field. The Board  
25 adopted the proposal, by consent agenda, consistent with  
26 the recommendations of the Y-K Delta and the Western  
27 Interior Regional Councils.

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29 For Proposals WP2003-30 and WP2003-34  
30 were submitted by the Western Interior Subsistence  
31 Regional Advisory Council. These proposals would align  
32 Federal regulations with State regulations to include  
33 meat-on-bone restrictions for caribou in Unit 24 and  
34 moose in Unit 21 and Unit 24. The Y-K Delta and Western  
35 Interior Regional Councils supported the proposal with  
36 the Staff modification to add a definition for the term  
37 field. The Board adopted the proposal, with  
38 modifications, by consent agenda, consistent with the  
39 recommendations of the Y-K Delta and Western Interior  
40 Regional Councils.

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42 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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44 MR. NICK: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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46 INTERPRETER: This is at the bottom of  
47 page four regarding proposals 30 and 34.

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49 Proposal WP2003-31 was submitted by the  
50 Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

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1 This proposal would align Federal season and harvest  
2 limits for moose in Unit 19(A) with State regulations.  
3 The Y-K Delta and Western Interior Regional Councils  
4 supported the proposal as written. The Board adopted the  
5 proposal, by consent agenda, consistent with the  
6 recommendations of the Y-K Delta and Western Interior  
7 Regional Councils.

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9 Proposal WP2003-33 was submitted by Pete  
10 Peterson of Mountain Village. This proposal requested an  
11 expansion of the existing customary and traditional use  
12 determination for moose in the lower portion of Unit  
13 21(E). The Y-K Delta Regional Council supported the  
14 proposal with modification to add Chevak. The Western  
15 Interior Regional Council opposed the proposal.

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17 The Board deferred action on this  
18 proposal. Deferral will allow more time to develop a  
19 long-term solution for this issue, and continued dialogue  
20 between the Y-K Delta and Western Interior Regional  
21 Councils. The Board Chair will explore public hearing  
22 options with the affected villages for background  
23 information on subsistence use patterns, and a joint fall  
24 meeting of the two councils in the Anchorage area.

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26 He's still translating page five under  
27 Proposal 33. He would like him to hold.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, this proposal,  
30 WP2003-33, Pete Peterson of Mountain Village. This  
31 proposal that it's not request customary and traditional  
32 use. That's what he says. That was not his intent, to  
33 put it on this proposal. His proposal was main proposal,  
34 the only thing that he was -- wanted on a proposal, if  
35 the people from these villages go up to lower end of  
36 21(E), they should hunt same as the people in the local.  
37 Right now that August 20, that's -- to 25, that's the  
38 only meaning of this proposal that he was ask for. But  
39 whoever puts it, they put it on paper in a different way.  
40 I just wanted to tell you that, what Pete Peterson call  
41 and he tell me about that.

42

43 Thank you. Yeah, go ahead, Mary.

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45 MR. NICK: Pat McClenahan.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Pat.

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49 MS. McCLENAHAN: Pat McClenahan, Staff  
50 anthropologist. I'm glad that Harry brought this out,

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1 because I think that now what he needs is a State  
2 proposal to change the dates so that people can hunt  
3 under State regulations on Federal lands. The Federal  
4 dates are as you would like them to be, right? Those are  
5 the dates that you want, the ones that are the opening  
6 for the Federal season, isn't that correct?

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think so, because  
9 what's on the paper is -- only the main thing is hunting  
10 in 21(E) started from August 20th. August 20th until  
11 September 25.

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13 MS. McCLENAHAN: The State opens a week  
14 later, and so what you need is a State opening that's a  
15 little earlier.

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17 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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21 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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23 INTERPRETER: In one of the proposals,  
24 that one was worked on, and it wanted to align it to  
25 State requirements along with Federal. We worked on that  
26 this morning.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead,  
29 continue.

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31 MR. NICK: Okay. Proposal 36.

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33 (In Yup'ik)

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35 INTERPRETER: Proposal 36 was submitted  
36 by the Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory  
37 Council. This proposal requested extending the coyote  
38 hunting season.

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40 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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42 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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44 INTERPRETER: Yeah. Extending the coyote  
45 hunting season and increasing the harvest limit in Units  
46 19, 21, and 24 to align with recent Alaska Board of Game  
47 regulatory changes. The Y-K Delta Regional Council's  
48 recommendation was to support the proposal. The Board  
49 adopted the proposal, by consent agenda, as recommended  
50 by the Y-K Delta, Seward Peninsula and Western Interior

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1 Regional Councils.

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3                   Proposal 38 was submitted by the Western  
4 Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. This  
5 proposal requested an increase in the wolf harvest limit  
6 in Unit 24. The Western Interior Regional Council  
7 supported their proposal with the modification to have  
8 the harvest limit increased to 15 wolves; however, no  
9 more than five wolves may be taken prior to November  
10 during the August 10 through April 30 season. The Y-K  
11 Delta Regional Council supported the proposal as  
12 submitted.

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14                   He made a mistake when he was  
15 translating, so he has to re-do.

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17                   The Board adopted the proposal as  
18 modified.....

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20                   MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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22                   INTERPRETER: She's helping with the  
23 translation.

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25                   MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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27                   INTERPRETER: The Board adopted the  
28 proposal as modified by the Western Interior Regional  
29 Council. Allowing the harvest of 15 wolves with a  
30 firearm under hunting regulations coincident with the  
31 trapping season when most wolves are taken would have  
32 benefits to subsistence users. Adoption of this proposal  
33 would provide additional harvest opportunity for  
34 subsistence users to harvest wolves with a firearm on  
35 National Park Service lands in Unit 24 when pelts are  
36 prime. The Board's action aligns with the Western  
37 Interior Regional Council's recommendation, and is  
38 consistent with the recommendations of the Y-K Delta,  
39 Seward Peninsula, and the North Slope Regional Councils,  
40 which supported an increase in the harvest limit.

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42                   Page six. In closing, the Board would  
43 like to express its appreciation for the Y-K Delta  
44 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's active  
45 involvement and diligence with the regulatory process.  
46 The 10 Regional Advisory Councils continue to be the  
47 foundation of the Federal Subsistence Program and the  
48 stewardship shown by the Regional Advisory Council Chairs  
49 and their representatives at the May 2003 Board meeting  
50 was noteworthy.

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1                   If you have any questions regarding the  
2 summary of the Board's actions, please contact Mr. Alex  
3 Nick, your Regional Council Coordinator, at 1-800-621-  
4 5804, extension 257 or at 1-907-543-1037.

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6                   And this was from Mitch Demientieff,  
7 Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board.

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9                   Carbon copies, Y-K Delta Subsistence  
10 Regional Advisory Council members, Y-K Delta Region Team,  
11 OSM, Interior Division Chief, OSM.

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13                  CHAIRMAN WILDE:  Quyana, Alex.  Thank  
14 you.  We'll go down to next on our agenda.

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16                  MS. GREGORY:  Mr. Chairman.

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18                  (In Yup'ik)

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20                  INTERPRETER:  That letter, because -- she  
21 is thankful for the letter that Mitch Demientieff wrote,  
22 and because he is not ignoring how they feel or what they  
23 feel.  They're thankful when the Federal Board listens to  
24 them or hears their concerns.

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26                  CHAIRMAN WILDE:  Yeah, Mary.

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28                  (In Yup'ik)

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30                  INTERPRETER:  I think they understood  
31 her.

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33                  CHAIRMAN WILDE:  We'll go to the next on  
34 our agenda, item B, call for Federal wildlife proposals  
35 for 2004 and 2005.  Pete DeMatteo.

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37                  MR. DeMATTEO:  Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
38 Members of the Council, it's at this time that you have  
39 the opportunity to discuss any wildlife concerns you may  
40 have for your region and also submit proposals to the  
41 Federal Board for regulatory changes  You also have the  
42 option of going back to your communities and the people  
43 you represent and also submitting a proposal between now  
44 and October 24th, correct, Alex?  The 24th?

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46                  MR. NICK:  Yeah.

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48                  MR. DeMATTEO:  October 24th is the  
49 submission deadline to the program for submitting  
50 proposals for the Federal Board to change wildlife

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1 regulations. And it's at this time you also have Staff  
2 at your assistance to help draft proposals if you choose  
3 to do so. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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7 MR. NICK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, for the  
8 record we received -- well, we have one draft proposal  
9 that needs to be submitted to office. I have it in my  
10 paperwork.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Pete, there is something  
13 that complicated some things that -- between Unit 18 and  
14 21(E), hunting areas, like this fall that some boys don't  
15 understand and they are kind of mixed up. Regulations of  
16 moose hunting. I think some boys, they break the  
17 regulations, but they didn't quite understand. I think  
18 Mike Rearden noticed that, note that there -- either they  
19 didn't quite understand between moose hunting in Unit  
20 21(E) after they've been hunting in Unit 18. I don't  
21 quite myself, don't understand even though they ask me.  
22 Some of the -- like a person go out there and hunt, got a  
23 moose, they've got to have certain evidence, and those  
24 evidence between Unit 18 and 21 I think is not quite  
25 alike. I would like to ask Mike to come forward and tell  
26 us that certain thing that -- because even though we know  
27 that our young people done this, I think they're kind of  
28 mixed up or something in their hunting, especially when  
29 they catch a moose and they take the rack off, and just  
30 take horns on. They must have different evidence to --  
31 in a certain area like 18 is maybe is different and 21 is  
32 -- Unit 21 is different. Mike.

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34 MR. REARDEN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, thanks.  
35 Actually I think the regulations are exactly the same  
36 for 21(E) and 18 for the bull seasons. If somebody kills  
37 a bull moose, they're required to leave evidence of sex  
38 on the meat. And regardless of whether they kill it in  
39 18 or 21, it should be the same. Is that where the  
40 problem was?

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The real problem is I  
43 thought the Board approve in Unit 18, male -- it could be  
44 taken out from the meat.

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46 MR. REARDEN: In Unit 18 you're still  
47 required evidence of sex required, which in the  
48 regulations means leaving evidence of sex attached to the  
49 meat in both 21 and 18 I believe, isn't it? On 18 it's  
50 -- yeah, it's the same thing for both units.

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1                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: It have to be on the  
2 meat?

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4                   MR. REARDEN: Yes. Yeah, because the  
5 problem is if you don't do that, well, you know how it  
6 works, somebody can take a head of a bull and kill a cow  
7 moose and say that's what it was. And that's why they  
8 require you to leave the testicles attached to the meat.

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10                  CHAIRMAN WILDE: I thought there was sure  
11 that -- because it was one of our proposals to get rid of  
12 that sex part from the meat, because it really spoiled  
13 some of the meat to keep it in there. It was kind of  
14 hard anyway. We didn't have no Fish and Game in that  
15 place supposed to be checkpoint. Boys usually go down  
16 there as soon as they catch and after they find out they  
17 cut that evidence so.....

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19                  MR. REARDEN: Yeah, we haven't had the  
20 check station for a couple years now. Years ago when we  
21 had that, we'd have as many as 70 or 80 different people  
22 go through there, and the last year we did it, I think  
23 three years ago, we only had 18 people come through the  
24 entire month of September, so it really was hardly worth  
25 sending a couple people up there for the whole month just  
26 for that. So that's why we haven't had it up there  
27 lately.

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29                  CHAIRMAN WILDE: Maybe if it's plainer in  
30 the regulation, here's what Fish and Wildlife or  
31 Protection expecting to see. I think it would be  
32 understandable. A lot of people don't like to travel  
33 with that two kind of regulation.

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35                  MR. REARDEN: Well, I was wrong to some  
36 extent here, and Greg Bos just helped out here. In the  
37 regulations -- let me just get down to the part where it  
38 matters here. It's talking about unless -- having the  
39 external sex organs remain attached to indicate  
40 conclusively the sex of the animal. For moose only in  
41 Units 11, 13, 19, 21 and 24, so it is 21, you may possess  
42 either sufficient portions of the external sex organs  
43 still attached to the carcass, so you can have the sex  
44 still attached to the carcass, or the head with the  
45 antlers if it's for -- it has to be for a bull, you can  
46 have the head with or without the antlers attached, and  
47 the antler stumps must remain attached to the head. So  
48 in 21 you can have the head of the moose if it's a bull  
49 moose to show the sex of the animal. But not in 18. In  
50 18 you still have to have the sex attached to the meat.

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1 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: In 21 the antlers, that the  
4 -- to leave the antlers on, you don't have -- in Unit 18,  
5 why does it leave the antler -- the testicles on the  
6 moose.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, Mike, it seems to  
9 me it's backwards. If it's enforcement or -- we had a  
10 man there, a Trooper, the Trooper is the one that I think  
11 they -- he said that sex part it have to be on the meat.

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13 MR. REARDEN: And that was in Unit 21?

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, in Unit 21.

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17 MR. REARDEN: That's because he was --  
18 well, this is in the Federal regulations. Greg, do you  
19 know what it says in the State regulations on that?

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21 MR. BOS: The State does not offer that.

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23 MR. REARDEN: Okay. That's the problem  
24 then. If they kill the animal on Federal lands in Unit  
25 21, then they can do this, take the antlers to show the  
26 sex. But if you're on State land anywhere in there, or  
27 on private lands which are managed by the State, then you  
28 still have to have evidence of sex remaining in Unit 21.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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33 MR. REARDEN: It's one of those where we  
34 have a difference.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you, Mike.

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38 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: I think this Council had a  
43 proposal, a potential Council proposal or a proposal that  
44 was going to be introduced concerning 21. Mary, the one  
45 that you worked on this morning, is this the time to  
46 propose to give it to Mr. DeMatteo?

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48 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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50 MR. L. WILDE: I thought you said you had

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1 worked on a proposal this morning.

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3 MS. GREGORY: We worked on a proposal on  
4 the letter from Chairman of the Federal Subsistence  
5 Board.

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7 (In Yup'ik).

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9 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike.

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13 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, with this proposal,  
14 you know, I still do not agree with it. I remember us  
15 talking about it in one of my first meetings. The reason  
16 of why it is spoiling meat. And I'm one of the luckiest  
17 persons that -- in Unit 18 that hunts moose, because I'm  
18 right close by home. And we take care of the meat as  
19 quick as possible so we won't spoil it, but, I mean, I  
20 pity the people that goes from long ways to carry an  
21 extra weight of meat to go back horn, the heads and the  
22 horns. It is heavy, and now that the gas is getting more  
23 and more expensive, you know, what are you guys going to  
24 do? Plus we're fighting with wolves for our meat. And  
25 that's something that we've got to look at. Some wolves,  
26 they eat the best part of the moose and they leave them.  
27 I seen it during the wintertimes in my travel in Unit 18  
28 and also in Unit 21(E) as I run into these dead moose of  
29 where wolves kill the moose and just eat the nose and the  
30 mouth and the stomach part. They take the best part of  
31 the moose, and they just leave it. And it's -- my dad  
32 told me, he says, that's -- if there's a lot of food,  
33 that's what they will do. They will just go take -- them  
34 wolves will just kill a moose, eat the best parts and  
35 leave it. That's all I've got.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you. We'll  
38 continue on, summary of wildlife proposals submitted to  
39 date from the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Region.

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41 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman.

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43 (In Yup'ik)

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45 INTERPRETER: This -- what was presented  
46 by Tim is what received.

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48 MR. NICK: I don't know if there's any  
49 additional proposals received for this cycle.

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1 MR. DeMATTEO: Mr. Chair, there are no  
2 additional proposals that have been submitted from your  
3 region that I'm aware of at this point. There may be  
4 more waiting back at the office that came in this week,  
5 but at this point I don't know of any.

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7 Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Pete, we are  
10 planning to make a proposal hopefully right after --  
11 sometime, but we need to replace that customary trade,  
12 21(E) somehow.

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14 MR. NICK: That customary and traditional  
15 use determination.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, customary use. Do  
18 you have -- yeah, go ahead.

19  
20 MR. DeMATTEO: If I understand you  
21 correctly, Mr. Chair, you'd like Alex and I to work with  
22 you after the meeting to get it down on paper?

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Pat.....

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26 MR. DeMATTEO: And Pat, of course.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Pat, she's been  
29 doing -- she's been helping us before, and I thought we  
30 could get together with the rest of the Council and make  
31 sure that we give what we really want, so it wouldn't be  
32 a problem when it's time up again. This, the one we have  
33 is -- that takes three years, it still never passed.  
34 Finally the maker of that proposal say that we got enough  
35 to -- enough, he want to pull it out.

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37 MR. DeMATTEO: Staff would be happy to  
38 assist the Council in that, Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you.

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42 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, that's what  
43 potential proposals mean. You could bring up what you  
44 want and then the Staff could take a note of that, and  
45 then draft a proposal for you.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, that's what --  
48 that's where I think is next on our agenda is potential  
49 Regional Council proposal.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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3 (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: Mr. Chairman, these, the  
6 things that we're thinking about, if we write them down,  
7 if we can give them to those who will be working on the  
8 proposal.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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12 MR. NICK: Yeah. The draft issues paper  
13 that I pass around is for the next topic, not for this  
14 topic, not for this discussion.

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16 MS. GREGORY: So what's the difference?  
17 Potential and what we want?

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do we have any more of  
20 potential wildlife proposal?

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22 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.....

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Wait. Mike, yeah, go  
25 ahead.

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27 MR. SAVAGE: Oh, no, I'm not.....

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29 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Rearden.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mr. Rearden. Okay. Mr.  
32 Rearden.

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34 MR. REARDEN: I get nervous when you say  
35 Mr. Rearden.

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37 MR. ANDREW: He must have a Yup'ik name.

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39 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman and Counsel,  
40 I've got Greg Bos here with me, and there are three  
41 proposals that we would like you guys to consider.  
42 They're pretty simple. One's a little bit complicated,  
43 but fairly simple, that I think will help quite a bit in  
44 Unit 18. And these proposals would be essentially the  
45 same as what the State is proposing before the Board of  
46 Game. So what we're hoping for is that if you guys wish  
47 the Staff to help on writing these up after you hear what  
48 they are, they could be submitted in a timely fashion.  
49 The Board of Game would pass these things hopefully, the  
50 Subsistence Board would pass them, so we'd have the same

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1 regulations for Unit 18, both Federal and State. And I  
2 think they're good proposals, so do you want to start out  
3 with the complicated one, or do you want to start out  
4 with the two easy ones?

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, tough one now I  
7 always believe the better to start out.

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9 MR. REARDEN: Okay. It's not really too  
10 tough. Let me -- I'm just going to give you the  
11 background on this, and why we're doing this, and then  
12 Greg can over what the wording would be in the suggested  
13 proposal that they can work on.

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15 As most of you know, we've been working  
16 with people on the Kuskokwim to look for a way to get the  
17 moose population to grow on the Kuskokwim River, and  
18 James has been a big part of this, and we've been working  
19 with the local villages and also in the advisory  
20 committee for Fish and Game. And what everybody agreed  
21 on last year, and the advisory agreement has submitted a  
22 proposal to the Board of Game this year for the area only  
23 on the Kuskokwim River in Unit 18, to submit a proposal  
24 to have a moratorium for five years. The same as like  
25 you did on the lower Yukon River, and were able to bring  
26 moose back.

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28 And so Greg will go over the details on  
29 this proposal in a minute here, but what it includes is a  
30 suggested working for a moratorium, and it gives an idea  
31 where the area is, for moose and that's supported by all  
32 -- almost all the villages. One village chose not to  
33 participate on the Kuskokwim there, but the remainder  
34 did, with resolutions and the advisory committee. So  
35 there's a lot of public and local support there for this.  
36 And in fact the proposal that goes to the Board of Game  
37 is coming primarily from the advisory committee, not Fish  
38 and Game or Fish and Wildlife, but I think it would be  
39 appropriate that the RAC here would be the ones to submit  
40 it before the Federal Subsistence Board.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: I just have a question for  
45 Mike. Is that village on the lower end of the area  
46 that's proposed for a moratorium, or is it in middle area  
47 or.....

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49 MR. REARDEN: It's right in the middle.  
50 It's a village that just chooses not to deal with these

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1 issues generally.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Thank you.

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5 MR. REARDEN: And that's part of the  
6 proposal. The other part of this proposal -- now the  
7 State has two separate proposals looking at this, and we  
8 -- Greg combined the two for this group to make it a  
9 little easier. And that one would eliminate the line  
10 that we have now that separates the lower Yukon from the  
11 upper portions of the Yukon. You know, how we had that  
12 line that everybody -- you know, we had different  
13 regulations and a shorter season below Mountain Village  
14 than we did above Mountain Village. The moose population  
15 is such now on the lower Yukon, as John Hanson knows,  
16 he's got moose in his backyard down there. The  
17 population is high enough in that lower Yukon that we  
18 feel that we could have the same regulations all the way  
19 from the mouth of the river all the way up through Unit  
20 18 without a difference there. And so that would  
21 eliminate that line, and extend the season in the lower  
22 portion of the river. And those would be the two major  
23 changes in this proposal here.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Mike, I think that  
26 would be fine, but the only thing that we need a  
27 checkpoint down in the lower, around 10-mile.

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29 MR. REARDEN: To check hunters in the  
30 fall down there?

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's right.

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34 MR. REARDEN: Okay.

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36 MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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40 MR. MCCANN: Mike, if I understand that  
41 the one that we talked about quite a while back, moose  
42 population that we were trying to do, we've ben talking  
43 about it for quite a while. I thought it was ready to go  
44 to the main people that's going to vote for us. And  
45 every time that somebody asks me that -- when it's going  
46 to happen. I said, yeah, maybe after the Board approve,  
47 that it will come through. Because they take them  
48 through the villages I think, just only a couple  
49 villages, that's all. Why we talk about it so much? That  
50 should be done. I mean, ready to go to the main board.

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1 MR. REARDEN: I couldn't agree with you  
2 more, and we'd have been ready to do this three years  
3 ago.

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5 MR. MCCANN: I don't know how many times  
6 we're going to vote for it.

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8 MR. REARDEN: Well, I don't either, but  
9 this was the choice of the villages to wait this long,  
10 not our choice. And we also know that if we don't do it  
11 on the time table that the people there want, that it's  
12 not going to work. I mean, if Fish and Wildlife had  
13 proposed this, it's not going to make a difference. So  
14 this is coming from the villages, and that's why it took  
15 a while, because everybody wanted to hear it.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more?

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19 MR. BOS: Mr. Chair, Greg Bos, Fish and  
20 Wildlife Service. I think Mike pretty well explained,  
21 you know, what I was going to try to explain, but maybe  
22 it would help the council members to see on the map the  
23 areas that we're talking about, and maybe Mike can point  
24 out the areas the way they are now, and how this proposal  
25 would change those areas.

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27 MR. REARDEN: This is the area right  
28 here, that the villages are proposing would be close.  
29 This is pretty much all the Kuskokwim drainage. This  
30 line is kind of on -- you know, if you dropped water  
31 here, some goes that way, and then some goes this way.  
32 It's the watershed area right there. So we're looking at  
33 the entire area here would be closed. It would be all  
34 part of the moratorium.

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36 This part down here is already closed on  
37 Federal lands, so it doesn't need to be included  
38 specially, because it already is that way. This is the  
39 area that's being proposed for the five-year moratorium.

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41 The line we were talking about is the one  
42 that goes from Cape Romanzof to Kruzalback up to Mountain  
43 Village, so it included this area right here, and that's  
44 the line we would remove so you wouldn't have any  
45 difference between this area and this area here. It  
46 would all be the same.

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48 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
49 question for Mike.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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3 MS. GREGORY: Where does the -- from what  
4 village does it start on the Kuskokwim, and where does it  
5 stop on the Kuskokwim?

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7 MR. REARDEN: Let me give you a  
8 description that I think, James, you worked with Roger on  
9 this, so this one goes -- it's east and south of a line  
10 from the mouth of the Ishkowik.....

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12 MS. GREGORY: Ishkowik, okay.

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14 MR. REARDEN: .....River down here.

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16 MS. GREGORY: I've got it.

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18 MR. REARDEN: It starts right there, and  
19 it goes over to Dahl Lake, and then Takslisik Lake, the  
20 long -- this lake here.

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22 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, Takslisik is right  
23 there. Yeah.

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25 MR. REARDEN: And then up here to the  
26 watershed that all drains this way.

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28 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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30 MR. REARDEN: So it's -- that's the area.

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32 MS. GREGORY: So on the other side it  
33 stops at Greenhawk or where?

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35 MR. REARDEN: This like on the Kanektok  
36 River and south is already closed, so.....

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38 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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40 MR. REARDEN: .....it would go right up  
41 to that line.

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43 MS. GREGORY: So it goes all the way up  
44 to what village on the Kuskokwim?

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46 MR. REARDEN: It goes just -- it crosses  
47 right about by -- just below Aniak -- or just below  
48 Kalskag.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Okay.

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1 MR. REARDEN: That's where the line is  
2 right here on Unit 18.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Thank you.

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6 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Savage.

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10 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, are you using the line  
11 on Unit 18 and 19(A)?

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13 MR. REARDEN: Yeah. Yes, Mr. Chairman,  
14 it goes along the northern boundary of the Kuskokwim  
15 River drainage to the Unit 18 border, so then it would  
16 cross right there on the border.

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18 MR. SAVAGE: Okay. It crosses right  
19 between Upper and Lower Kalskag.....

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21 MR. REARDEN: Right.

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23 MR. SAVAGE: .....so it's right in  
24 between, and I'm on the Lower Kalskag side. I will --  
25 all right. That's all I wanted to know.

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27 MR. REARDEN: Okay.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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31 MR. BOS: Mr. Chair, I think that pretty  
32 well explains it. I think the result would be less  
33 confusing regulations, much easier to understand, and the  
34 lower Yukon will now have a winter season as well as a  
35 fall season. And the fall season will go longer, until  
36 the end of September. So there will be one season in the  
37 fall for all that part of the Yukon drainage as well as a  
38 10-day winter season for all of the Yukon drainage. So  
39 it's more opportunity for subsistence hunters, and it  
40 will give the moose population in the Kuskokwim drainage  
41 a chance to recover and grow so that it can support  
42 hunting for subsistence hunters as well.

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44 MR. REARDEN: I just had one more  
45 comment. I wanted to address something Raymond Oney and  
46 I were talking about a couple days about, is he was a  
47 little concerned as was I about a winter moose season on  
48 the lower part of the river. And I called Roger Savoy  
49 and talked to him about it, and even with that winter  
50 season we've been having from Mountain village on up,

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1 it's.....

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3 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
4 call a point of order. We're talking about Kuskokwim.

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6 MR. REARDEN: No, we're not,  
7 remember.....

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9 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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11 MR. REARDEN: This also includes a line  
12 on the Yukon river that makes it a longer season down  
13 there. And so there was concern about having that winter  
14 season down there. And in the area from Mountain Village  
15 on up in past winters it's been a range of zero to 10  
16 moose is about all that's been taken in the winter. And  
17 it's only for bull moose. So even if there is a winter  
18 season on that lower river, it would just be still for  
19 bull moose, so I guess we aren't really concerned about  
20 that.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So, Mike, am I  
23 understanding, I don't know which way I'm understanding,  
24 but you're planning to open lower Mountain Village,  
25 below, winter hunter.

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27 MR. REARDEN: If you decide to make this  
28 change and get rid of that line, then when we open the  
29 winter season, you know, we find out when the weather's  
30 the best and get all the villages to agree to it, and  
31 then we have a 10-day winter season, and it would include  
32 the lower river now, including upper and lower all at the  
33 same time.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The reason I'm saying  
36 this, you know, the moose down there is growing. No  
37 matter where you look, there's two moose, two young moose  
38 and a cow. There -- where you go, wherever you see a  
39 moose with calf, most of them there are two calves.

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41 MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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43 MR. REARDEN: That's what we've noticed,  
44 and I think it's very productive.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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48 MR. MCCANN: Yeah, Mike, I think I might  
49 know it, but I'm going to ask you.

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1 MR. REARDEN: Test me.

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3 MR. MCCANN: I'm asking all the time. I  
4 want to know exactly what. Okay. What do you evening  
5 out the population up to -- if we close it, how many  
6 moose we're thinking about? Is it 1,000 moose in the  
7 area, or more than that?

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9 MR. REARDEN: The agreement is that we  
10 agreed with the advisory committee and the villages was  
11 what we would go five years or 1,000 moose. So if in  
12 three years we reach the 1,000 moose, then we would  
13 recommend opening it to some hunting. So the goal right  
14 now is 1,000 moose.

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16 MR. MCCANN: And also when we were  
17 talking about depending on how many years to grow up,  
18 what about if they don't grow up in five years, what are  
19 -- we're thinking about five years, I think, if I  
20 remember right. What about if it's up to 10, 20 years,  
21 what's going to happen?

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23 MR. REARDEN: Well, I don't think any of  
24 us can predict the future, but I think that if people  
25 adhere to this, you know, if we have this moratorium, in  
26 five years we're going to see a lot of moose. I don't  
27 know if we'll see 1,000 moose, but we'll see a lot more  
28 moose. At that time, I think we need to revisit it, talk  
29 to the people, and see what they want to do. On the  
30 lower Yukon I believe you guys extended it for another  
31 couple years after that?

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33 MR. HANSON: Five.

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35 MR. REARDEN: Five more?

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37 MR. HANSON: 6 and 2

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39 MR. REARDEN: Five and then two. They  
40 extended it two more years. And they've got moose coming  
41 out of their ears down there.

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43 MR. MCCANN: Like because actually in my  
44 area down from Kalskag on -- well, no, Kwethluk on down  
45 maybe, there was no moose quite a while back, no nothing  
46 there. But they're moving down now. But it might  
47 happen, what I'm thinking, that's -- it might happen to  
48 go up river again, no moose down there. That's why I  
49 asked that question.

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1 MR. REARDEN: Yeah, I'm not sure what's  
2 going to happen, but like you, I've noticed that moose  
3 have really been moving down the river and trying to get  
4 into those areas. You didn't use to see moose around  
5 Tuntutuliak for instance, and now there are moose in that  
6 area. So I'm hoping that they'll keep coming down like  
7 they did on the Yukon River, and that we'll get a lot of  
8 moose there.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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12 MR. ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
13 Yeah, we did talk about that a little yesterday, and, you  
14 know, I was a little concerned about opening up the  
15 winter season a little too early. My question is how  
16 soon will we get the results of this fall's moose hunting  
17 to see, you know, the catch ratio, or, you know, how much  
18 moose we're taking in that area.

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20 MR. REARDEN: It takes a while from Fish  
21 and Game to get all that put together, but normally they  
22 have some preliminary results by March or so I think.  
23 Typically. And those are dependent on those green cards  
24 that people send in after they hunt moose, so I think  
25 probably only by March.

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27 MR. ONEY: Okay. Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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31 MR. BOS: Mr. Chair, perhaps before we go  
32 to the next proposal, the Council might want to indicate  
33 if you want to support this and sponsor it. We can  
34 submit it to the Office of Subsistence Management so it  
35 will be in the Federal regulation proposal book. Does  
36 the Council wish to support this proposal or propose that  
37 to the Federal Board, the one we've been talking about for  
38 moose?

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, down in the lower  
41 Yukon, other side of Mountain Village, people down there,  
42 they want to open it in winter, it's only 10 days  
43 hunting. I think it's good for them. That's why we work  
44 hard. It take us seven years to get down that. I think  
45 people should have -- get something after they have been  
46 try to grown those up and it's grow. I think that 10  
47 days, they could give our young people have a chance to  
48 go hunting anyway.

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50 MR. REARDEN: So would you like us to

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1 submit that proposal on behalf of the Board -- on behalf  
2 of the Council.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think we will  
5 want that, but it's up to the rest of the Council.  
6 Lester.

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8 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
9 move that this Council supports the Kuskokwim moose  
10 management plan for -- what's the word? Moratorium on  
11 the portion that was shown to us, and that the lower Yukon  
12 area be opened to match the upper -- the area from the  
13 line between Cape Romanzof to Kruzenback and on up. I  
14 move we support that -- a proposal to that effect.

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16 MS. GREGORY: I second the motion. And  
17 I'd like to just make a comment, before the five years is  
18 up, maybe we can visit it in 2006 and see what's going  
19 on.

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21 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman, we'll keep  
22 you apprised of how many moose there are.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, there's a motion  
25 and a second supporting moose moratorium at Kuskokwim  
26 from this Council. Discussion.

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28 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, and we also  
29 -- and there's also -- within that motion is that we also  
30 support the opening of the lower Yukon to match the upper  
31 Yukon above Mountain Village.

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33 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Savage.

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37 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, I'm not in support of  
38 this, and I will be, because it is in my region where I  
39 hunt a lot during the fall. I do not travel very far out  
40 of that area. I hardly go into Unit 19(A) or 19(B). I  
41 wish Lester would reconsider his last proposal. That last  
42 part of the proposal.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Lester.

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46 MR. SAVAGE: The opening of the lower  
47 Yukon part there.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: Well, Mr. Chairman, I  
50 guess just to -- since I have to sit next to Mike

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1 sometimes, I will do that. I will support the opening of  
2 the -- I will please have my motion to reflect that the  
3 only area that I'm going to be dealing with with this  
4 motion would be the erasing of the line between the Lower  
5 Yukon below Mountain Village and Mountain Village.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think that the person  
8 who second you is all mixed up right now.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, for the  
11 record, I would like to withdraw my first motion.

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13 MS. GREGORY: I'll withdraw second.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Mary. Lester.

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17 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
18 move that the proposed proposal to match the State  
19 proposal to erase the line between -- below Mountain  
20 Village and above Mountain Village be supported.

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22 MS. GREGORY: Now I'm confused.

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Does the recorder,  
25 secretary, does that make sense to you?

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let's take Don, maybe he  
28 could straighten out the confusion with you.

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30 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Don  
31 Rivard, Office of Subsistence Management.

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33 Mike Rearden and Greg Bos came before you  
34 to see if you were willing to put your name on this  
35 proposal as the submitter of the proposal. And I'll just  
36 make the suggestion that you go ahead and just do that.  
37 Don't worry about the details right now. When it comes  
38 back to you in the spring, you'll have a chance to fully  
39 analyze it and possibly make changes to it, modifications  
40 to it with your own recommendation. So all that's being  
41 asked of you right now is just is this Council willing to  
42 put their name on this proposal to submit it to the  
43 Office of Subsistence Management. So it would be your  
44 proposal that you're submitting to us. That's all that's  
45 really being asked right now. I would suggest don't get  
46 into the details. You'll be able to comment on that and  
47 make your recommendations next spring. Thank you, Mr.  
48 Chair.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Don.

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1 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, since  
2 Lester's motion died for lack of second, I'd like to  
3 suggest that we put our name on this proposal to put a  
4 five-year moratorium and that it be our proposal instead  
5 of somebody else's.

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7 (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER: I support the suggestion to  
10 put their name onto that proposal.

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12 MS. GREGORY: I don't think it needs a  
13 motion to do that. Or does it require a motion to do  
14 that?

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16 (In Yup'ik)

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18 INTERPRETER: She's translating for  
19 herself.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don Rivard.

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23 MR. RIVARD: Mary is right, Mr. Chair.  
24 All this Council really needs to do is just direct Staff  
25 to write this proposal, sponsored by your Council. You  
26 don't have to do a motion for it.

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28 Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you, Don.  
31 So the way it sounds, that Council are directing you  
32 right now without a motion.

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34 MR. REARDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
35 If we're done with that one, I've got two others that are  
36 really simple.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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40 MR. REARDEN: Okay.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike.

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44 MR. REARDEN: This one would change --  
45 make a very simple change in the regulation. Right now  
46 the law says that you must leave all edible meat on the  
47 bones, the front and hindquarters of caribou or moose in  
48 Unit 18 south of the Yukon River. the change that we  
49 would recommend you make would mean that you have to keep  
50 meat on the bones for the entire unit of Unit 18. So

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1 that anywhere in Unit 18, if you killed a moose or a  
2 caribou, that you would have to leave the meat on the  
3 bone rather than just south of the Yukon River.

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5 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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9 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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11 INTERPRETER: Mary makes the motion as  
12 read by Mr. Rearden to change the regulation that.....

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14 MR. L. WILDE: As a direction?

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16 MR. REARDEN: We'll work on that one,  
17 too. The other one, the last one that we want to bring  
18 forward would make the -- we're talking about caribou  
19 regulations in this one. Let's see, where have I got  
20 here. Have you got the -- why don't you go over that  
21 one? You've got that in front of you.

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23 MR. BOS: Thanks, Mike. Mr. Chair, the  
24 caribou regulations now in Unit 18 divide the unit so you  
25 have a different regulation north of the Yukon River, and  
26 from the -- and south of the Yukon River. And the season  
27 ends on March 31st. The season goes from August 1st to  
28 March 31st. What this proposal would do would be to have  
29 a single season for all of Unit 18, north and south of  
30 the river, and it would add two more weeks to the season  
31 in the spring, so the season would go from August 1st all  
32 the way to April 15th. So it would be less confusing for  
33 subsistence users. It provides an additional two weeks  
34 of hunting opportunity, and it's a single set of  
35 regulations for caribou.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, with my  
38 blessings. Yeah, I give you my blessings. (In Yup'ik)  
39 From where to where?

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41 MR. SAVAGE: August.

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43 MR. SAVAGE: From August to April?

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45 MR. BOS: Yes, from August 1st through  
46 April 15th.

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48 MS. GREGORY: April 15th.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex Nick.

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1 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The  
2 translators are requesting that you speak up a little bit  
3 louder. They couldn't hear you, so they couldn't  
4 translate your comments.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MR. BOS: Would you like me to repeat  
9 that then?

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11 MS. EVANS: Mary has it right, so it  
12 shouldn't make a difference.

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14 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Savage.

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18 MR. SAVAGE: Isn't the Federal dates on  
19 caribou always August 10th?

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21 MR. BOS: No, Mr. Chair, the Federal  
22 regulation is August 1st to March 31st, and the change  
23 would only add two weeks to the end of the season, so it  
24 would go until April 15th. Does that answer your  
25 question?

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27 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah. That's great. I can  
28 start hunting a little earlier. I always have started on  
29 the 15th or the 10th.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, we could still  
32 make proposal to 21(E) from the -- okay. Thank you.

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34 MR. REARDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Jack, Carl Jack. Carl  
37 Jack, before you say anything, I didn't see James Charles  
38 raise his hands. Go ahead.

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40 MR. CHARLES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
41 There is also a State proposal from Lower Yukon Advisory  
42 Committee and Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee for game  
43 proposal. That's a game proposal for moose -- I mean,  
44 wolf hunting by snow machine. Have you seen that State  
45 proposal yet? And we make those proposals because a lot  
46 of people are complaining about wolves down in lower  
47 Yukon and Kuskokwim. People are saying that wolves are  
48 part of the problem on killing moose and caribou.

49  
50 Thank you.

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1 MR. REARDEN: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, yes, I  
2 did see that in the State process. There wasn't anything  
3 similar in the Federal process that I saw, so we didn't  
4 address that one.

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6 MR. CHARLES: (In Yup'ik)

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mike.

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10 MR. SAVAGE: Hang on, Mr. Chairman, I've  
11 got one more question for Mike.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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15 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, some years back in I  
16 think it was in the 80s or 70s, they had the aerial hunt  
17 for wolves, and that kept them down until they got real  
18 low. Since then, that time, since that time now I see  
19 there's more wolves all over in Unit 18 and 19.

20  
21 MR. REARDEN: Well, you know the politics  
22 of wolves in Alaska as well as anybody, and it's obvious  
23 why, you know, there isn't aerial hunting occurring any  
24 more. We've talked this over with quite a few local  
25 folks, and a big chunk of Unit 18 we believe that people  
26 on snow machines are doing a pretty good job when there's  
27 adequate snow, of keeping wolf numbers down. And it's  
28 when -- the years when you don't have any snow, like last  
29 year, that they get away with their lives. So I think if  
30 we have normal snow cover that typically in Unit 18 with  
31 all the open areas that the wolf numbers are kept down  
32 fairly easily with snow machines.

33  
34 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah. One more. I've got  
35 one more thing to add to this. The reason why I kind of  
36 brought that up was I had some boys, my brother-in-law  
37 and brother was out fishing in the Yukon, and they were  
38 -- one was hiding, you know, under the bank there  
39 fishing, and the other one was quite a ways out, and  
40 there was five wolves that was going after that one  
41 person, and that scared them. And he said they're lucky  
42 that one of them walk up the bank and saw those wolves  
43 coming to them, and he snuck back down and picked his  
44 rifle up and got one of them at least out of that bunch,  
45 but it scared me. It scared us when they, you know, were  
46 starting going after human beings.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mike. Carl  
49 Jack.  
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1 MR. JACK: Yeah. Quyana, Mr. Chairman.

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3 (In Yup'ik)

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5 INTERPRETER: Just to make sure that it's  
6 clear for the record, I understand that this -- you want  
7 the Staff to review, even though you put your name behind  
8 the proposal.

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10 MR. JACK: One way or another.

11

12 (In Yup'ik)

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14 INTERPRETER: That you're directing the  
15 Staff to conduct an analysis and not make a  
16 recommendation one way or the other. And then at your  
17 spring meeting you will decide how you want to act.

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19 MR. JACK: The reason why I came up here  
20 was, I raised my hand was to make it clear on the record  
21 that while the name of Y-K is going to be on that  
22 analysis, that the record will reflect that the Y-K  
23 Council will reserve making any judgment either to  
24 endorse or not endorse the proposal, because at times  
25 when I -- at the meeting with the -- for example, in the  
26 Staff Committee, those people that may not have the  
27 complete understanding of the Y-K's intent may interpret  
28 the analysis that it is the intent of the Y-K Council to  
29 endorse the proposal. I just want to make that very  
30 clear.

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32 (In Yup'ik)

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34 INTERPRETER: And then your proposal for  
35 the C&T for 21(E), you will also consider that.

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37 MR. JACK: The other point I want to make  
38 is the Council -- that you have directed the Staff to  
39 develop a C&T proposal on 21(E).

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41 SEVERAL: No.

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43 MR. PROBASCO: That's not been determined  
44 yet, Carl.

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46 MS. McCLENAHAN: And probably it will not  
47 be a C&T proposal.

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49 MR. JACK: Okay. I may have  
50 misunder.....

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1 MS. McCLENAHAN: And it may not even be a  
2 Federal proposal.

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4 MR. JACK: Okay. I stand corrected and  
5 take my comments back.

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7 (In Yup'ik)

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9 Quyana, Mr. Chairman.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana, Carl. (In  
12 Yup'ik) The gentleman next to me, he want a break.  
13 We'll take 10 minutes.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, can we just  
16 finish the potential -- first item two before we go on a  
17 break?

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Item two.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Because my mind is fresh  
22 right now, and after a break it won't be.

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24 (In Yup'ik)

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26 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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30 MR. NICK: No.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: Take a break.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We're down here, yeah.  
37 We'll take a break.

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39 (Off record)

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41 (On record)

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary Gregory.

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45 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, before we get too far  
46 with proposals, I'd like to make a motion that we include  
47 the study of burbot in Bethel area under the issues and  
48 information needs guide.

49  
50 (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: Yesterday they worked on  
2 this, but she would like to add that much of the burbot  
3 have diseases and it's more than half sores on their  
4 skin, and the liver is not healthy. She wants a motion  
5 to study that.

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7 MS. GREGORY: My motion is to include the  
8 study of burbot in Bethel area under this paper that one  
9 of our workers presented yesterday. FIS.

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11 MR. L. WILDE: Our staff don't know how  
12 to spell fishery.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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16 INTERPRETER: She wants money found,  
17 granted for the study of burbot.

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19 MR. SAVAGE: I Second.

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21 MS. GREGORY: Quyana.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Discussion.

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25 (No discussion)

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27 MR. HANSON: Question.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called  
30 for. All who favor it say aye.

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32 IN UNISON: Aye.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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36 (No opposing votes.)

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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40 MS. GREGORY: Quyana.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Now we're on Item 11,  
43 subsistence fisheries issue. Alex Nick.

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45 MR. L. WILDE: Harry, we've got 2003  
46 annual report, Item 10. Issues for 2003 annual report.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Sorry, I'm going too  
49 fast. Item 10, issues for 2003 annual report. Alex.

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1 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For the  
2 record, my name is Alex Nick. As the Regional Council  
3 recall, during their Chevak meeting, the Council directed  
4 me and also Ida Hildebrand to work together and come up  
5 with issues for the annual report. But some of this come  
6 from that, some from that, and for those of you who don't  
7 have a copy of the draft issues, there was limited copies  
8 up on -- rather on the table over there. I'm going to do  
9 this in Yup'ik, so have your receiver with you.

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11 (In Yup'ik)

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13 INTERPRETER: If you don't have this,  
14 this is the 2003 annual report topics for the Yukon-  
15 Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.  
16 And he wanted these annual report copy. He worked with  
17 Ida Hildebrand. I don't know if I say her last name  
18 right.

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20 Thank you.

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22 You as Councilors -- they're going to  
23 talk about the issues that were spoken of in the past  
24 meetings.

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26 First, before he's going to do it in  
27 Yup'ik, he's going to apologize in English.

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29 MR. NICK: Sorry. Potential proposal.

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31 INTERPRETER: When they were talking  
32 about potential proposals, he made a mistake when Mary  
33 stated that she wanted some of it included. It is like  
34 that. That moose predation problems. Lester Wilde  
35 brought it out, that at the mouth of the Yukon the wolves  
36 are killing the moose, and that something should be done  
37 about that. He has stated that in this paper.

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39 While Mary did say something that was  
40 true and this can be done as a proposal.

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42 The next one.....

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44 MR. NICK: Burbot and blackfish.

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46 INTERPRETER: .....manikanot (ph) and  
47 blackfish, they always talked about it. They're saying  
48 that there's a decrease in those two species. If you  
49 don't have your papers, it's burbot and blackfish  
50 abundance declines in the Yukon Delta coastal regions are

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1 undoubtedly caused by the beaver dams and lodges that are  
2 constantly build or repaired. Freshwater fish are  
3 trapped behind the beaver dams and causes water pollution  
4 that kills the fish. s beaver dams, lodges, or cache are  
5 being constructed, important blackfish trapping locations  
6 are either flooded or drained. This has adverse impact  
7 on the important burbot and blackfish spawning grounds.

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9                   Beaver related impacts of the freshwater  
10 fish species within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta are  
11 identified elsewhere within the Y-K Delta. The problems  
12 with beavers.....

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14                   MR. NICK: I didn't mean to sound like a  
15 Mexican when I spelled regional.

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17                   (In Yup'ik)

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19                   INTERPRETER: The problems with beavers  
20 was brought up on different occasions during the  
21 Quinhagak and Nunapitchuk Regional Advisory Council  
22 meeting.

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24                   He's still talking about number two where  
25 the beavers are damaging the spawning grounds for burbot,  
26 blackfish.

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28                   And on the fourth one, lifting of salmon  
29 fishing schedules in the lower Yukon River and the lower  
30 Kuskokwim River. Problems were encountered by the  
31 elderly, disabled, and widowed subsistence salmon fishers  
32 and the weather factors such as storm, rain, and fog that  
33 hinder setting and pulling out gillnets on timely basis  
34 were brought up. The AVCP and the Orutsararmiut Tribal  
35 Council, which is ONC, represented tribal stakeholders by  
36 presenting resolutions that requested to lift subsistence  
37 fishing schedule.

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39                   He's still translating the bottom one,  
40 the last one. These were taken from the comments from  
41 during the meeting, from the Council. After thinking  
42 about these, if you want to support all of these, you may  
43 or may not choose to supports these proposals. And if  
44 you need to fix them, make changes, you will -- you can  
45 do that. The annual report must be done. It can't be  
46 ignored. They have to be sent out of State. They need  
47 to be reported. It has to be worked on. His coworkers,  
48 OSM may help him.

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50                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: She's saying that she wants  
4 the study on burbot. The young lady that works on that,  
5 McClenahan, helped her, and she's thankful for that.

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7 MS. GREGORY: I already put burbot to be  
8 included in those issues. Look for monies to study.

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10 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, what I mentioned,  
11 Don and other Staff, is that they could either revise,  
12 adopt, or add to these issues, because these issues come  
13 from the past Regional Council meetings concerns and  
14 public testimonies that were given to this Regional  
15 Council. Doy.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don, will you give us  
18 how we're going to deal with that certain thing here.

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20 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Would  
21 you please repeat your request? I didn't quite  
22 understand it.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I am talking about this  
25 one here. It need to be corrected, some wording and some  
26 things.

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28 MR. RIVARD: Yes, the process for this  
29 is, this is just your Council's concerns and issues that  
30 don't get necessarily through the regulatory process.  
31 Mary's example's a good one, that she's concerned about  
32 burbot and would like to see a study done, so that's a  
33 real good topic to put in here. It's already been noted  
34 in a couple of places that it could be a potential FIS  
35 project, and that's how some of these projects are  
36 developed in some ways is the concerns that come from  
37 your Council. This has already been on the information  
38 and issues -- information needs and issues for FIS, so if  
39 your Council now has some other things of concern to you  
40 and your people, the people you represent in the region,  
41 you can also put this on the list for your annual report.  
42 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester Wilde.

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46 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, one of the  
47 concerns I have is the potential of having a cow moose  
48 opening on the lower Yukon if in the event that we do  
49 have an explosion in population, but it always seem kind  
50 of backwards when you think about it when the Department

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1 opens up a cow moose session after the rutting or after  
2 the mating season, right in the middle of winter. And  
3 they're killing -- whenever they open up the cow moose in  
4 that area, there's some of those cows have two moose that  
5 are inside the cows yet, you know. And my concern is  
6 that if there is a cow moose opening in the area where we  
7 worked so hard to try and build up the moose population  
8 that that will have an effect on the population, because  
9 it's just -- it seems like we're just going against each  
10 other, or going against ourselves when we go ahead and  
11 approve a cow opening, cow hunt in the areas that do have  
12 cow hunts.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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16 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, just for my  
17 clarification, if I may, Lester, I'm unsure if there's  
18 already -- you're saying it's already in regulation for a  
19 cow season?

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21 MR. L. WILDE: No.

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23 MR. RIVARD: So I would -- I guess you're  
24 kind of anticipating maybe there may be one in the  
25 future, and I think if that would come out like that, you  
26 could -- your Council could then sponsor a proposal to  
27 possibly close a cow moose season on Federal lands in 18,  
28 if you thought that was appropriate to do. But.....

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30 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I just  
31 wanted to put that in the report, on the annual report  
32 just to let the people know that that is my concern, and  
33 it may affect us in the future.

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35 MR. RIVARD: So noted. I know Alex has  
36 written it down, and I have also. Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Thompson.

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40 MR. THOMPSON: Quyana, Mr. Chair.

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42 (In Yup'ik)

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44 INTERPRETER: Some people hunt, and you  
45 can tell after they have, the ones that are able to bear  
46 the young, because they start staying by themselves, and  
47 some of them are larger than the others. Those who don't  
48 bear any more young -- those people who know how to  
49 differentiate between those that bear the young and those  
50 that bear the young always have young with them, and

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1 those who are old are usually alone.

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3 MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy McCann.

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7 MR. MCCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER: He has two concerns. As  
10 our Yup'ik ways, a female cannot have any young without  
11 a male. When Eddie Hoffman was alive, the game warden  
12 said there's no more male moose. At that time we never  
13 hunted for cows, and they were saying that there are no  
14 more females, cow -- no more cows. You must think of  
15 those two issues. Female cows bear. People know when  
16 cows are able to. We need to look at that, and sometimes  
17 the bulls aren't many in numbers. He may make a mistake.  
18 He thinks they have two issues that they're concerned  
19 about. And he agrees to what John Thompson said about  
20 the cows that are able to bear young and that don't bear  
21 any more youngs.

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23 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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25 (In Yup'ik)

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27 INTERPRETER: He wants you to know one  
28 thing, the annual report that come from the Regional  
29 Council, even if you ask Federal Subsistence Board,  
30 sometimes they don't do things right away, but it can be  
31 mentioned in the annual report. There's an 805 letter  
32 that he read, and he stated what the Federal Board said  
33 or approved or things that they did not approve. The  
34 annual report is done -- will be done separately, and it  
35 will be sent and brought back to the Federal Board  
36 stating -- and it will -- and some of it will state that  
37 even we ask for these certain issues, we do not receive  
38 them. They were not supported or some of our concerns  
39 were not fixed.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So my understanding  
42 annual report, we wouldn't have to back it up or accept  
43 at this time until next meeting or so. That's right?

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45 MR. NICK: Yeah.

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47 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Savage.

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1 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, maybe about -- see,  
2 all these years I hunt around Kalskag and sometimes I go  
3 to 21(E) to do my hunting. And when there's a cow season  
4 open, some years I'll catch a cow moose and there will be  
5 two calves inside. And that means I caught at least  
6 three moose at one time, two that were not born that can  
7 feed another family. And to advise you guys down in the  
8 lower Yukon where you guys are going to be opening just  
9 for bulls, is to consider that. What I like to see is  
10 before mating season that you guys have a cow season, not  
11 after the rutting season.

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13 Thank you.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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19 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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21 (In Yup'ik)

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23 INTERPRETER: Last year at Bethel one of  
24 the non-natives caught a cow with two, and tried to give  
25 her one of them, but she didn't want to take it. During  
26 the fall.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Carl, did you raise your  
29 hand?

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31 MR. JACK: I did. Thank you, Mr.  
32 Chairman. Carl Jack, native liaison.

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34 (In Yup'ik)

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36 INTERPRETER: Getting ready for the  
37 annual report is within the public law. Every year you  
38 will write with your secretary with your concerns to Fish  
39 and Wildlife. Things you think that are important, you  
40 write them down on paper and send it to them. But we all  
41 know the Federal board examines them to make changes, and  
42 then some of the important ones are fixed, made changes,  
43 and then send them to the Federal Board. It's down in  
44 public that every year the Regional Council have to write  
45 a letter to the Secretary of Interior. It has to be sent  
46 to the Secretary of Interior. It is important that  
47 important issues are written, addressed from you as you  
48 see fit. And this cannot be ignored. It is important.  
49 It is a requirement of the public law.

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1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Carl. Alex Nick.

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5 MR. NICK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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7 (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER: Carl Jack spoke the truth.  
10 All things that need to be written for the annual report.  
11 It's not supposed to be addressed from the worker, but it  
12 has to be addressed from you as a Council with your  
13 feelings, with your concerns.

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15 A while ago when he was looking at the  
16 annual reports from the past when they first started the  
17 Council, the annual report -- in the report all fish,  
18 geese or birds were written in and were told to the  
19 Secretary. After that, there was no changes or fixed  
20 changes.

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22 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I miss Ida  
23 Hildebrand. She used to help us a lot. And when we get  
24 stuck on problems like this, she used to come and advise  
25 us. And I'd like to talk to Mr. Chen, see if you could  
26 offer some help to our people to compile the annual  
27 report.

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29 (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: They miss Amy (sic). She  
32 really misses Amy, because she helped a lot, and when  
33 they had problems, she would help them and set things off  
34 on the right track. And she was saying that the next  
35 person should help Alex Nick to write the annual report.

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37 MS. GREGORY: I'd like you to help Alex  
38 Nick and Don to make the annual report, writing down our  
39 concerns.

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41 (In Yup'ik)

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43 INTERPRETER: Can you do that.

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45 MS. GREGORY: Can you do that?

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think our Coordinator  
48 here.....

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50 MS. GREGORY: He needs help.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: .....usually call the  
2 Councils if they need something to put down on annual  
3 report. I think he's capable to do that himself. Alex.

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5 MR. NICK: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, I'm going  
6 to do this in English so that everyone will understand  
7 it. The last two years since I got on board, I've been  
8 asking for issues and topics. This is the closest we've  
9 got to the issues and topics. We also was given issues  
10 and topics from, you know, in Chevak, but, you know, I  
11 can write up a draft annual report or an annual report  
12 using the model others have written. All I need is  
13 issues and topics. That's all I need.

14  
15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I think it's --  
16 we understand now what to do, and if you guys need to put  
17 down something on the annual report, you guys could --  
18 Council able to talk with Alex. Yeah.

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20 Quayana, thank you.

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22 And I think we go to the next. We've got  
23 another -- one more day to work on this proposal -- I  
24 mean agenda. Right now item 11, subsistence fisheries  
25 issues, Alex Nick.

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27 MS. GREGORY: I think -- (In Yup'ik).  
28 We're down to.....

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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32 MS. GREGORY: 12. 12, A, B, C, D, E, F.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. We go down to  
35 item 12, draft predator management proposal.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Policy.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Policy.

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41 MR. NICK: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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43 INTERPRETER: Number 12,  
44 agency/organization reports.

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46 (In Yup'ik).

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48 MR. NICK: I think we skip one item.  
49 That is special action request by AVCP.

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1                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I think because  
2 special action, that's where we -- I tried to start from  
3 there, and I got -- when I had too many people telling me  
4 this side and that side, it always makes me kind of mixed  
5 up. At this time special action request for Yukon River  
6 Salmon. Myron is not here. Tim.

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8                   MR. T. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
9 For record again my name is Timothy Andrew. I'm the  
10 Director of Natural Resources for AVCP and I'm filling in  
11 for Myron Naneng at this point in the agenda.

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13                   What we would like to express to the  
14 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council is that  
15 we had submitted a special action request for the Yukon  
16 River this summer. How's that? This past summer we had  
17 submitted a special action request in response to the  
18 Federal subsistence managers not opening the subsistence  
19 fishery immediately after the commercial fishery. As  
20 soon as there enough to determine that there was enough  
21 salmon for commercial fishing, or there was deemed enough  
22 of a surplus to warrant a commercial fishery to occur,  
23 the Federal subsistence manager had released or had  
24 liberalized the subsistence fishing schedule during the  
25 commercial opening. However, immediately after the  
26 closure of the commercial fishery, which is sometime in  
27 July, the windows restriction immediately came into  
28 force, and we feel that this was a totally unnecessary  
29 move on the part of the Federal subsistence manager, and  
30 that we wanted the liberalized subsistence schedule to  
31 remain in effect until the fall season management  
32 occurred on July 16th. I think there was a period of  
33 perhaps about a week or so within the action of the  
34 Federal subsistence manager, and when the fall chum  
35 management plan went into effect.

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37                   And we would like to make the Regional  
38 Advisory Council aware of the special action request that  
39 we had submitted, and hopefully.....

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41                   And the other issue I wanted to express  
42 in relation to this one here, is the failure of the Staff  
43 to place these types of issues on the agenda so that they  
44 can be responsive to -- or so that they can respond to  
45 how they dealt with these issues. We feel that these  
46 subsistence fishing restrictions that were placed in  
47 after the commercial fishery was just totally  
48 unwarranted. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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50                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Any questions

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1 from Council. Mary.

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3 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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5 What's the special action request for the  
6 Yukon? Didn't we do something with it already in one of  
7 our deliberations on proposals?

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9 MR. T. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, Mrs.  
10 Gregory, we had talked about this special action request,  
11 or we had presented this issue during the joint Tri-  
12 Council -- or joint Council meetings, and also at the  
13 Tri-Council meetings as one of the issues that we'd like  
14 to see addressed, and in future meetings to consider our  
15 special action requests or consider any of the special  
16 actions requests both on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Rivers, and  
17 also get the Staff report on those issues.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other question from  
20 Council. Lester.

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22 MR. L. WILDE: Tim, were those presented  
23 during the summer of -- this last summer to the  
24 subsistence manager down at Emmonak or exactly where  
25 they? Because I -- being on the KCFC, I don't remember  
26 if those special action requests were even brought before  
27 us.

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29 MR. T. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wilde  
30 that's exactly the point. Even at the CFC proceedings,  
31 none of the special action requests have been even  
32 disclosed to the CFC and also to this process as well.  
33 We had submitted the special action request during the  
34 month of July, or it might have been the latter part of  
35 June after the close of the commercial fishery when we  
36 started hearing concerns from the subsistence fishermen  
37 that this -- these subsistence windows restrictions were  
38 unnecessary.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there a question for  
41 Tim?

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43 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to  
44 recognize Mr. De -- Pete.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Pete.

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48 MR. DeMATTEO: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
49 Mr. Wilde. I think it's important to understand the  
50 process that took place on the special action request

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1 that AVCP submitted, and in fact when the special action  
2 request was submitted, the request was denied by our in-  
3 season manager. And he did review the action with the  
4 CFC membership, however, not all the membership were they  
5 able to make contact with.

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7 The key to this issue though is that AVCP  
8 did have a legitimate concern that we as Federal Staff  
9 met with AVCP to discuss this issue. And we feel that  
10 the issue that AVCP brought forward to us made us more  
11 cognizant of trying to capture additional fishing time  
12 when warranted on the Yukon River. And granted there is  
13 differences of opinion on how much time could have been  
14 captures between AVCP and the in-season manager, that's a  
15 debate that would continue on. But they did point out a  
16 legitimate issue that we are going to address in the  
17 future, and our in-season manager is cognizant of.

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19 As far as relaxing the schedule for the  
20 entire season, that's where the differences of opinion  
21 is, Mr. Chair. We still feel that in some instances as  
22 we get into the run, we do have to implement schedules  
23 for different stocks of the run, Mr. Chair.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other Council concern?  
26 Johnny Thompson.

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28 MR. THOMPSON: Quyana. (In Yup'ik)

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30 INTERPRETER: During this time now these  
31 -- Fish and Game, Fish and Wildlife people, the Board,  
32 the main Board, they have the strength and when they  
33 impose regulations, it was for the whole summer, and it  
34 was good. But now at this time, the so-called emergency  
35 regulations, it was -- emergency closure, it was the  
36 original purpose, but now it's emergency opening. The  
37 regulations they make -- think they should establish them  
38 and use them. it seems like that's how it should be, but  
39 it's not that way. So as soon as they hear something,  
40 they have only -- they do this three-hour opening or six-  
41 hour opening. I don't think it should be like that.

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43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, John. Other  
46 Councils. Phillip.

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48 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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50 INTERPRETER: What John said, I feel it's

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1 true. While I'm listening the last few days, and they  
2 said -- they'd say that something changes, all of it can  
3 be changed, it will be changed. Our counterparts, that's  
4 the way they feel. They always change things, and we  
5 from time immemorial and our ancestors, the -- jour laws,  
6 traditional laws has always been the same. That's just to  
7 readdress it.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. I think  
10 we understand this. Tim, do you have any more?

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12 Thank you.

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14 MS. GREGORY: mr. Chairman, before Tim  
15 leaves, we are here to try and help you guys, and if  
16 you'd correspond with us and let us know what's  
17 happening, we would be more inclined to be up with what's  
18 going on.

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20 Thank you.

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22 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: Yes. I have a suggestion  
27 to Tim, that the next time that you do -- AVCP put  
28 forward a request for special action, that you send a  
29 copy to the CFC committee, and we will -- if they -- if  
30 it should be an oversight on the part of management, then  
31 we can bring it up for discussion at that time.

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33 MR. T. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Wilde.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you. We'll  
36 go to the next one. Draft predator management policy.

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38 MR. LaPLANT: Good afternoon, Mr.  
39 Chairman, members of the Council. My name id Dan  
40 LaPlant. I'm a biologist with the Office of Subsistence  
41 Management. It's my job to be the liaison with the  
42 Alaska Board of Game, so I attend Alaska Board of Game  
43 meetings representing the Federal Subsistence Program at  
44 those meetings.

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46 I have a briefing for you today on a  
47 draft predator management policy that the Federal  
48 Subsistence Board is asking for your comments on. The  
49 policy is in your book behind Tab C I believe on page 33.  
50 Is that correct, Alex? Okay. There's an analysis of

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1 this policy, it's on -- starts on page 35. It's about a  
2 15-page.....

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4 MR. NICK: Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, I  
5 guess it's on -- is it on page 37 instead of 33?

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7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: 33.

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9 MR. NICK: 33? Okay. 33.

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11 MR. LaPLANT: The policy itself is on  
12 page 33.

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14 MR. NICK: Yeah. I stand corrected.

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16 MR. LaPLANT: Anyway, Mr. Chairman and  
17 members of Council, the Federal Subsistence Board has  
18 received in the past several proposals asking them to  
19 change the regulations to liberalize the harvest of  
20 predators. Over the years they've received many  
21 proposals asking them to do that for predator control  
22 reasons, to limit the number of -- or cut back the number  
23 of wolves and bears for the purpose of increasing caribou  
24 and moose populations. And the Federal Board has said  
25 that they don't have the authority to get involved in  
26 predator control activities. That's not one of the  
27 responsibilities that's been given to them by the  
28 Secretary. The regulations and the environmental impact  
29 statement for the Federal Subsistence Program  
30 specifically says that that responsibility lies with the  
31 individual land management agencies, the refuges, the  
32 parks, the BLM and so forth, or with the State of Alaska,  
33 with the Alaska Board of Game. So they've consistently  
34 said that that's not one of the authorities that they  
35 have is to get involved in predator management.

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37 But other proposals that they received  
38 asking for liberalization of predator seasons have been  
39 for the subsistence take of predators, for the  
40 utilization of wolf hides and bear hides and so on for  
41 customary and traditional uses. And the Board has  
42 responded to those requests and made changes where  
43 appropriate.

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45 So there's basically two different types  
46 of requests that they've received over the years, asking  
47 for the changes in regulations for predators. And  
48 there's been a lot of confusion. Some of the requests  
49 don't specifically state what the reason for the changes,  
50 the requested change is. So the Board has said that they

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1 need a policy statement to clarify when they'll take  
2 action and when they cannot take action.

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4                   So the purpose of this document here is  
5 to fulfill that request from the Federal Subsistence  
6 Board. It's a policy that clearly states when they will  
7 take action and when they can't take action, and they've  
8 said that they're going to take up this policy at their  
9 December meeting. And they said before they adopt this  
10 policy or make any changes, they want to hear from the  
11 Councils, see if you have any comments on the policy as  
12 stated here.

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14                   Basically, if you look at the policy on  
15 page 33.....

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17                   MS. GREGORY: What book are you?

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19                   MR. LaPLANT: I'm in the same as your  
20 book. I actually have a different one, different color  
21 cover here, but on page 33 in your book.

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23                   MS. GREGORY: Under C?

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25                   MR. LaPLANT: Tab C, yes.

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27                   MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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29                   MR. LaPLANT: The first two paragraphs  
30 there are sort of the introductory paragraphs to the  
31 policy, and I've kind of paraphrased those already. I  
32 won't read those to you. Basically it says that the  
33 current regulations state that the Board doesn't have the  
34 authority to get involved in predator control, because of  
35 the language in Section 803 of ANILCA and also the  
36 environmental impact statement that authorizes the  
37 program.

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39                   But under the main two paragraphs there,  
40 the policy statements, paragraph A and paragraph B,  
41 paragraph A says that the Board will consider all Federal  
42 proposals to regulate seasons and dates, methods and  
43 means, harvest limits, and customary and traditional use  
44 determinations for the subsistence take of fish and  
45 wildlife. It says, the Board will ensure that the  
46 primary effect of its decisions is to provide for  
47 subsistence take and use of the subject species. So if  
48 the request is for subsistence take, the Board will  
49 address those requests. The Board will take into account  
50 approved population objective, management plans,

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1 customary and traditional uses, and recognized principles  
2 of fish and wildlife management. So just like they will  
3 address any other requests for any other species, they  
4 will address requests for predator season adjustments if  
5 the purpose is for subsistence take.

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7 Paragraph B goes on to say that the Board  
8 will direct the Office of Subsistence Management to  
9 return to the proponents all Federal proposals that  
10 specifically indicate that the reason the proposed  
11 regulation is to reduce predator populations to benefit  
12 prey populations. In other words, predator control. So  
13 if it's specifically requesting predator control, the  
14 Board will have those proposals returned. Those  
15 proposals returned to the proponent will include an offer  
16 of technical assistance from OSM Staff to promote  
17 understanding of the Board's role in the management of  
18 predators. And the proponents that have predator  
19 management objectives will be referred to the appropriate  
20 Federal land manager or the Alaska Board of Game to seek  
21 resolution of their concerns. So again, if it's predator  
22 control that they're asking for, the Board will say that  
23 it's not within their authority, and they'll reference  
24 the requester to the land manager or the Board of Game  
25 where that request can be addressed.

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27 And then it goes on to say, however, the  
28 Board will monitor the actions taken by the agency to  
29 address such concerns, and will provide appropriate  
30 support where necessary to ensure the continuation of  
31 subsistence harvest opportunities. So even though  
32 they're going to say you need to bring this request to  
33 the Board of Game or you need to bring this request to  
34 the refuge or the park or so on, they will still monitor  
35 what happens after that, and if there's any opportunity  
36 for the Board to be involved in the process, they will  
37 keep track and be involved wherever appropriate.

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39 So that's basically the policy, and it's  
40 really nothing new. It just clearly states the way the  
41 Board has been addressing these types of proposals all  
42 along. The Board has said that they believe these --  
43 this policy statement will provide clarification to  
44 Federal qualified subsistence users and others regarding  
45 predator management responsibilities. And they believe  
46 that this policy will provide some clear understanding  
47 and clarify -- help with expectations on what will happen  
48 when proposals are submitted.

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50 Mr. Chairman, that is the policy, and

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1 again the Board will be taking this up at their December  
2 meeting. If you have any comments, if you went to put  
3 any suggestions or recommendations on the record, we'll  
4 bring those to the Board before they address this policy  
5 in December. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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9 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. I forgot  
10 your name.

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12 MR. LaPLANT: My name is Dan LaPlant.

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14 MS. GREGORY: Dan. My concern is the  
15 wolf population eating the meat, and also the beaver  
16 that's plugging up our streams for blackfish and other  
17 freshwater food that we eat. So that's my concern right  
18 now. And it shows, because it comes up almost every year  
19 in proposals for wolf control, and we always talk about  
20 beaver dams, because we don't eat some of our whitefish  
21 and some of our blackfish are not there any more in  
22 Bethel where we go get some in the fall like this. And  
23 then you use them for fishing for burbot. So those are  
24 my concerns.

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26 MR. LaPLANT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, if I  
27 could respond to that. Yeah, the Federal Board  
28 understands that that is a concern, and I guess beaver  
29 issues kind of fit into the same category as predator  
30 control does. Also in that same category is habitat  
31 management. And the regulations that were put together  
32 that established the program specifically said that these  
33 types of responsibilities are the responsibility of the  
34 land managers. So this policy really doesn't say whether  
35 the Board thinks predator control or beaver control is  
36 something that should be done or should not be done.  
37 They're just saying that this isn't one of the  
38 responsibilities that the Secretaries have given them,  
39 and that you need to ask these questions or make these  
40 requests to the appropriate land management agencies.

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42 MS. GREGORY: I thought we were making  
43 them.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Phillip.

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47 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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49 INTERPRETER: The beavers, when they talk  
50 about them, it seems like you can't really do anything.

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1 All the rivers lose, and rivers -- there's many beaver  
2 dams and in our home area, too. The whole coast is  
3 covered with beavers. How are you going to -- how reduce  
4 them. It's very difficult to. I believe that we  
5 shouldn't deal with them. I know we can take care of  
6 that problem. Maybe I can be the one that can keep  
7 killing them myself.

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9 MS. GREGORY: They're an infringement of  
10 our subsistence food. They're infringing upon our food  
11 sources, the beaver and the wolf.

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13 MR. LaPLANT: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Council  
14 members. The beaver issue is one that we hear all over  
15 the state as well. And, of course, I think many of you  
16 already know that the reason for the beaver, or one of  
17 the reasons for the increase in beaver is that there's  
18 just not that many people out trapping any more. The  
19 price of beaver isn't high, and that's probably  
20 contributed to this. But as far as asking the Federal  
21 Subsistence Board to get in the beaver harvesting  
22 business, I don't think that's one of the things that  
23 they're going to be doing. So there's -- well, that's  
24 all I have to say about it.

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26 MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy.

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30 MR. MCCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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32 INTERPRETER: The beavers is how -- there  
33 are many beavers. How -- what's the regulation for the  
34 beavers I don't know. But I've heard that hunters could  
35 catch, there's no limit. But I can't -- I know the  
36 report is that the whitefish, we need to increase the  
37 number, but the beavers, they're not going to help us to  
38 try and increase it. And the urine that they leave in  
39 the water is very bad. I'm not going to hunt them. My  
40 teasing cousin there can go after them, but I'm not going  
41 to hunt them. I believe we can deal with the beavers or  
42 if we do not, maybe the -- or have them restrict, destroy  
43 them, or there's funding possibility, by seeking funding  
44 to do that, to destroy the beaver dams. Perhaps then the  
45 number will come down. Beavers, they completely cover  
46 the slough and rivers, and they stay there all winter.  
47 They're wise. They're very wise, and when I would snare,  
48 they were tricking me and whenever I go check my snare,  
49 they would be drowned there under the ice. I didn't know  
50 where the big piece was.

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1 MR. MCCANN: They're pretty smart. So I  
2 can make smart, too. I'll get some dynamite and blow  
3 them up. Thank you.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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7 MR. LaPLANT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Member  
8 McCann, again the Federal Board's responsibility is to  
9 set the harvest limits, and for beaver in Unit 18 for  
10 both hunting and trapping, the harvest limit is no limit,  
11 and the season is year round, so that's pretty liberal as  
12 far as the regulations go. I'm not going to comment on  
13 the dynamite.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Councils, you  
16 want to support or not?

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18 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: You need the support  
21 from Council or not?

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23 MR. LaPLANT: Mr. Chairman, this is an  
24 opportunity to provide some comment if the Council  
25 chooses. It's not required. But if you want a message  
26 to be sent to the Board when they deliberate on this, it  
27 would be good if you would provide some comments, yes.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. Next  
30 on our agenda is regulatory cycle review. Don.

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32 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Don  
33 Rivard with the Office of Subsistence Management. I  
34 would like to direct your attention to Tab C as in  
35 Charlie, and page YKD-57. It's the last page -- well,  
36 yeah, it's the last page in Tab C, if that helps. The  
37 last page in Tab C. Shortly after the Councils met this  
38 spring, the Office of Subsistence Management conducted a  
39 review of the Federal Subsistence Management Program  
40 regulatory cycle process. This internal review was  
41 comprised of a committee of regulations specialists, one  
42 of the Council coordinators, a few members of the people  
43 who put together these books for you, they're called our  
44 publications team, an anthropologist, a couple of  
45 biologists, some leadership team members, including  
46 myself, a Staff Committee member, and a representative  
47 from the regulatory coordination protocol committee.  
48 This process was headed by Tom Kron who I believe is  
49 sitting right behind me.

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1 All work was conducted by consensus.  
2 That means that we just made sure that we were all in  
3 agreement of the issues and the concerns, and some of the  
4 solutions hopefully.

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6 The committee examined the historic  
7 timing of Regional Council and Federal Subsistence Board  
8 activities, and identified what is currently working well  
9 and where there are some improvements that are needed.  
10 We developed some alternatives, and we -- to address the  
11 issues and concerns that were identified. Each  
12 alternative was evaluated in terms of its effectiveness,  
13 its efficiency, the cost involved, if any, the risk of  
14 compromising quality or customer service, and the  
15 ramifications for other subsistence program elements and  
16 some other considerations.

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18 The issues and concerns that the  
19 committee dealt with, and we received comments from a  
20 number of Federal Subsistence Management Program staff  
21 and all the Regional Council Chairs. These issues and  
22 concerns included, one, the timing of Regional Council  
23 and Federal Subsistence Board meetings. Two, the need to  
24 make the regulations more understandable. Three, the  
25 limited time available for all steps in our regulatory  
26 cycle process. Four, the review process for proposals  
27 and staff analyses. And, finally, a need to try to  
28 reduce the amount of paper and books and stuff that we  
29 produce as an office.

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31 The went through the Staff Committee and  
32 then to the Federal Subsistence Board for their review  
33 and comments as well, and the recommendations that were  
34 accepted by the Federal Subsistence Board are these final  
35 things on page 57, and I'll read them. One is to extend  
36 the fall Regional Council meeting window later into  
37 October. Lots of times we get kind of crammed up into a  
38 couple of three weeks where everybody's trying to meet,  
39 and so we've expanded the time in September through  
40 October where the Councils will be able to meet.

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42 We're going to schedule the spring  
43 Federal Subsistence Board meetings earlier in May, and  
44 more the December meeting to mid January.

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46 We will provide more time for mail-out of  
47 your fall Regional Council books. Hopefully we'll get  
48 them to you a little bit earlier than we have been so you  
49 have more time to look at them and read them over before  
50 you come to your meeting.

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1                   We also will make the regulations book  
2 more user friendly, readable and understandable.

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4                   We're going to shift the effective date  
5 for fish regulations, the start date, from March 1st to  
6 April 1st.

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8                   In addition to paper copies of the  
9 Regional Council books like this, and the Board books,  
10 they will also be available through the internet on line  
11 and by compact disks, CDs.

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13                  And we decided we needed to have a  
14 regular review and so we'll be reexamining our regulatory  
15 cycle process every three years to keep looking for ways  
16 to improve and make things better for the many people  
17 that we serve. Thank you, that's the end of my briefing,  
18 Mr. Chair.

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20                  CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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22                  MS. GREGORY: Under your recommendations  
23 accepted by the Federal Board, I have a question on shift  
24 effective date for fish regulations from March 1 to April  
25 1. What does that mean?

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27                  MR. RIVARD: Well, currently the fish  
28 regulations become effective March 1st through, what  
29 would it be, February 28th. And all we're doing is just  
30 shifting that one month. They're still the same fish  
31 regulations, but the new ones when -- like the ones you  
32 just deliberated on and made recommendations, those new  
33 regulations will now go into effect instead of March 1st,  
34 they'll go into effect on April 1st. And they'll be  
35 effective April 1st through March 31st of the following  
36 year. So we're just shifting it by one month.

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38                  MS. GREGORY: Okay. Thank you.

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40                  CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Don, I do have  
41 some problems. When the date of recommend and concern or  
42 making proposals, it's really no time. Like in the  
43 springtime. How that thing works so we could -- it would  
44 be done a little bit longer or what?

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46                  MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, to make sure I  
47 understand what you're saying, you are asking about the  
48 amount of time that's available to actually submit  
49 proposals, both the fisheries and the wildlife proposals?  
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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's right.

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3 MR. RIVARD: I believe we looked at that.

4 The time period, and maybe Tom Kron can help me a little  
5 bit with this, his memory may be better, but we did look  
6 at that, the timing on the fisheries proposals, the call  
7 for proposals, and it's open for a fairly long period of  
8 time, both the fisheries and the wildlife ones. What  
9 happens is that your meetings are typically right towards  
10 the end of that open window to submit proposals. For  
11 example, today is the 16th of October, and the deadline  
12 for submitting wildlife proposals is October 24th, just  
13 eight days from now. But it's been open for, what, about  
14 two months? So we're -- like we're right at the -- we're  
15 in the final week or so of a two-month time that the call  
16 for proposals have been available. And Tom may have some  
17 other additional information.

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19 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chair, I think.....

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21 MR. RIVARD: Identify yourself.

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23 MR. KRON: Tom Kron, Office of  
24 Subsistence Management. The proposals can be submitted  
25 at any time in the year. Wildlife proposals as Don just  
26 mentioned, the date for -- you know, last date you can  
27 submit wildlife proposals is coming up here very shortly,  
28 essentially at the very end of the fall council meeting  
29 window. Similarly, in late winter, at the end of the  
30 window for the winter Council meetings, that's the end of  
31 the time when you can submit your fisheries proposals.  
32 But again I would say if you have, you know, either fish  
33 or wildlife proposals that need to come -- you know, that  
34 you want to submit, you can submit them any time of the  
35 year, and they'll just be held until, you know, the next  
36 cycle comes along. But it's essentially driven by when  
37 the Councils meet in the fall and then again in late  
38 winter. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think also the  
41 comment period. Comment period is also really short.  
42 The way that proposals sent to the villages, sometime  
43 already past the comment period even before you look at  
44 preferred proposals, new proposal, and there must be some  
45 way to send it to the Council a little bit faster, you  
46 know. It take long time. Sometime even one -- I talk  
47 with our coordinator here, you know, this comment period,  
48 they ask you to comment, but sometimes it's already  
49 passed before they get there.

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1                   MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chair, when I get  
2 back to the office, I'll talk with Bill Knauer about the  
3 possibility of extending the comment period. The comment  
4 period essentially occurs as soon as the proposal book  
5 gets together and it's sent out to a wide distribution,  
6 and there's a period for the public to comment. The  
7 Regional Councils, you know, are very key to the whole  
8 process, and you will get to see, you know, each and  
9 every proposal at either your fall meetings for fisheries  
10 or your late winter meetings for wildlife, but the  
11 general public again, as soon as those proposal books  
12 come together, whether it's wildlife or whether it's  
13 fisheries, as soon as they're printed, they're sent out  
14 for public comment. But again, they can come to the  
15 Regional Council meeting and comment, they can send you  
16 comments, they can come to the Federal Board meeting and  
17 comment. There are a number of times when people can  
18 comment on proposals. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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20                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I think some of  
21 these, like John Hanson want to see proposals to make a  
22 comment. I had to make a copy and send to him. Some --  
23 there's -- sometimes the mails are very slow. That's why  
24 I'm saying that. Billy.

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26                   MR. MCCANN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It  
27 seems like every time we got meeting with -- we got a lot  
28 of business and proposals comes on top of each other.  
29 Big books. I think if we're trying to make it as short  
30 as possible some way, can you -- can we set the proposals  
31 separately taken care of it, and schedule it. Sometimes  
32 I hear something you can make certain adjustments in  
33 time, and close it in time. You understand me? I think  
34 if we make something like shorten the meetings some way,  
35 or not on top of each other, because it's tough to fight  
36 with -- we've got a lot of work to do, thinking about the  
37 fish, moose, and stuff like that, and this proposals want  
38 -- somebody want something. Maybe if we set that in  
39 certain time, specially make it one meeting to take care  
40 of that. That might help us. Not mix it up. I think  
41 this part of that is confuse us, too. And I like your  
42 addressing that.

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44                   You said something about make the papers  
45 short as possible. Okay. Let me tell you this. they  
46 send me a lot of books just before I came, and I put them  
47 in my box, suitcase. My suitcase is really heavy. Just  
48 junk. I don't need no piece of paper. It's in my head  
49 anyway. So I like your adjustment. Make it as short as  
50 possible, less papers, so I wouldn't have to carry too

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1 heavy 100 miles.

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3 Thank you.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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7 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair. Thank you,  
8 Billy. I appreciate your comments, because a couple of  
9 things, this is a special meeting that we've had. We've  
10 had a long time -- especially the Y-K Council's met for  
11 five straight days, and usually we just deal with  
12 fisheries at this time of the year, but we did do moose  
13 this time, because that issue had been out there for a  
14 while. And so that was basically a special meeting that  
15 we had the first two days here was to deal with the moose  
16 issue. And that was kind of cycle, because we usually  
17 deal with moose and other wildlife in the spring time,  
18 but it was a pressing enough issue that we needed to deal  
19 with it at this time of the year. So this is a rare  
20 occasion when we do this, and we try to keep it separated  
21 out so that we're just dealing with either wildlife or  
22 fisheries at one of the meetings.

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24 And then our staff came up with a real  
25 good idea, and you're going to really be happy with this  
26 one. Donald Mike suggested this and asked Tom Kron to  
27 look into it, and he found out that we could do this.  
28 And if you look on this wall over here, there are mail --  
29 boxes to mail all your stuff. So at the end of this  
30 meeting, and Alex was probably going to announce this,  
31 but this seems like a good time.

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33 MS. GREGORY: He did already.

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35 MR. RIVARD: He has. Okay. You're going  
36 to be able to just box up all your material and not have  
37 to carry it with you. And we'll take it to our office  
38 and we'll mail it to you, and hopefully you'll get it  
39 before Christmas. Okay? So we've been -- like we say,  
40 we think about you guys. We try to make it easier for  
41 your as much as we can. We realize there's a lot of  
42 paper that you receive, and we're trying to make it as  
43 little as possible, but there's a lot of stuff that goes  
44 through our office that -- a lot of information that we  
45 think you ought to know so that you can do your jobs.

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47 Thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester Wilde.

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1                   MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, there's some  
2 of us that like to go through this material before we  
3 come to the meeting. There are a few of us that -- well,  
4 there's I don't know how many of us, we like to go  
5 through the material before we get to the meeting, and  
6 the short time that is allowed us, because sometimes we  
7 don't even get the books until we're ready to leave, or a  
8 couple days after. Is there some way where we might be  
9 able to get them books, the meeting information a little  
10 bit sooner prior to the meeting? Give us at least a week  
11 or two? Because some of us are working and the only time  
12 that we're able to look at this material is on our off  
13 hours. I'm just asking to see if it might be possible to  
14 get -- I understand that they've got to be printed and  
15 all that, and it probably takes time, and we've got to  
16 consider the printing time on these, but, I don't know.  
17 My -- too many meetings, too many words. I can't think  
18 of -- all I'm requesting is that we get these books a  
19 little bit sooner than we've been getting them.

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21                   MR. RIVARD: First of all, could I  
22 refresh your coffee?

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24                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I can take it  
25 on a disk. I have a computer.

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27                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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29                   MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, again one  
30 of the things that Don touched on, for the fisheries  
31 meetings, you know, the hope is in future years to be  
32 able to mail them three weeks before the meeting. The  
33 normal schedule, which essentially we're going to be  
34 stuck with for your winter meetings, is to mail things  
35 two weeks before the meetings, but for the fisheries,  
36 there's more time in the summer to put these together.  
37 So especially for the fall meeting, and I realize it  
38 didn't happen this year. Things got delayed. I think we  
39 got them out a little bit -- you know, a little bit  
40 before two weeks before your meeting, but again the  
41 intent, one of the things we're going to do, and this was  
42 Don's idea, but we're going to get the fall books out  
43 earlier to people so they have them, you know, in  
44 advance.

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46                   And again for those people that do have a  
47 computer and can pull it up, we're going to be loading  
48 things on the Subsistence Office website so things --  
49 they can look at it there. And we can get out CDs. I  
50 remember when I was in your house, Lester, and you were

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1 talking about the only web that you had was the cobweb up  
2 in the corner. But again for those folks that do have  
3 computer access, you know, that will allow them to be  
4 able to get it a little bit sooner. But we're trying out  
5 different things, and again I think particularly for  
6 future fall meetings, we can get those books out sooner.  
7 We'll do our best. It seems like every time there's some  
8 kind of a delay though.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think I  
13 understand, Tom, what the Council want. Spend little  
14 money for us, because we're volunteer workers.

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16 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Savage.

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20 MR. SAVAGE: I'm looking at your  
21 recommendation here for the spring Federal Subsistence  
22 Board meeting early in May. I have a problem with that  
23 due to break up, high water and a lot of these people  
24 here would rather take care of their homes than trying to  
25 go to a meeting.

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27 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, if I may. Mike,  
28 if you look that's for the Federal Subsistence Board, not  
29 for your Council meetings.

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31 MR. SAVAGE: Okay. Sorry.

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33 MR. RIVARD: That's okay.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. And I  
36 think we've got enough. Maybe next time we'll get faster  
37 papers what we want.

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39 Next on our agenda is Yukon Delta  
40 National Wildlife Refuge report.

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42 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman, Mike Rearden.  
43 We've pretty much covered everything that I wanted to  
44 talk to you about. And Alex has a handout that he'll  
45 give that kind of gives some details about the status of  
46 critters on the refuge. But other than that, I really  
47 don't have much to add. And I don't think there's a  
48 representative from the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge  
49 here either.

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1 MS. GREGORY: No, I don't see anybody.

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3 MR. REARDEN: So thank you for the  
4 opportunity though.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mike, and  
7 we'll skip Togiak. We'll take it off. There's no  
8 representative.

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10 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, we do have a  
11 handout from Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, and  
12 also a handout from Togiak National Wildlife Refuge that  
13 I just handed out to you. They look like this. These  
14 are their reports. So these are their reports that were  
15 given to me after the deadline of submitting my material.  
16 After my deadline to submit my materials to OSM to be  
17 included in your book, so we apologize for inconvenience  
18 of this, but at least we have a handout.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. We'll go to  
21 the next one, number D, Alaska Department of Fish and  
22 Game. Is anyone here? If it's not.....

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24 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My  
25 name is Terry Haynes. I'm the Department of Fish and  
26 Game wildlife coordinator to the Federal Subsistence  
27 Board. We don't really have any reports to present to  
28 you, but as most of you know, Mike Coffing retired from  
29 the Subsistence Division, and he worked in Bethel for  
30 many years and worked with many of you. And I think  
31 earlier at this meeting his replacement, Tracie,  
32 introduced herself to you. And she's new to the  
33 Department and to the Division, but we're very happy that  
34 she's out in the Bethel office now. It will take her a  
35 little time to get up to speed, but she's a quick  
36 learner, and I think you'll enjoy having a chance to work  
37 with her, so you'll probably see her at your future  
38 Council meetings, and I'm sure she'll be happy to help  
39 you if you have questions or need information that the  
40 Subsistence Division office might be able to provide for  
41 you out of Bethel.

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43 So that's all I have. Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. I'm glad to see a  
48 lady work for the subsistence, because they understand  
49 more about the foods, that food is essential to human  
50 beings, and for being smart, you know,

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1 MR. HAYNES: You know, sometimes they  
2 just let us guys come up and talk.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. Next  
5 on agenda is Association of Village Council President.

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7 MR. T. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
8 Once again, Timothy Andrew, Director of Natural Resources  
9 for AVCP.

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11 I'm not going to take up too much time.  
12 I'm just going to go over real briefly on some of the  
13 issues and concerns that we have within the area.

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15 Well, first of all, let me apologize to  
16 the Commercial Fisheries Division of the Alaska  
17 Department of Fish and Game for comments that I made a  
18 couple days ago, or yesterday, regarding their -- the  
19 operation of the projects on the lower Yukon River. They  
20 didn't start on the days that I had suggested, but they  
21 did start their lower Yukon test fishery on May 27th, and  
22 their Pilot Station sonar on June 5th. And to that  
23 Division, my apologies.

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25 We -- as I had expressed over the last  
26 several days, we have concerns of the SARs, and I hate to  
27 be redundant and repetitive, but we feel that this is an  
28 issue that the RACs need to express to the staff that we  
29 need to see these SARs on the agendas.

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31 The other issue that we are going to be  
32 dealing with within this coming regulatory cycle/proposal  
33 year is the -- is addressing the rainbow trout issue on  
34 the Kuskokwim River. As I had expressed at one of the  
35 meetings, and I can't quite remember, this has been such  
36 a long week, one of the Council meetings, is that a  
37 person Napaskiak was en route home with -- in possession  
38 of rainbow trout, and that person was stopped by one of  
39 the Federal enforcement officers, and was asked why that  
40 person had rainbow trout in his boat, because Napaskiak,  
41 Oscarville and Bethel does not have customary and  
42 traditional use determination on rainbow trout. However,  
43 you know, that being the Yup'ik hunter and fisher that  
44 you are, that you are opportunistic, and if you do catch  
45 a rainbow trout in your fishing gear, that you will keep  
46 that fish.

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48 In any case, we will be looking at other  
49 -- perhaps other species that we may not have customary  
50 and traditional use determinations on, and submit

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1 proposals to reflect those species.

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3           The other concern that I've heard from  
4 some of our member villages, they haven't put it in the  
5 form of a resolution or any type of written instrument  
6 yet, is there was a person that was out moose hunting  
7 this past fall and ran into a whole bunch of people from  
8 outside the State hunting caribou in Unit 18. I feel,  
9 and we feel, that this is an important issue that needs  
10 to be monitored by our Federal staff, that -- because  
11 these people do not have customary and traditional use  
12 determinations on the caribou in the area, that they  
13 should be closely monitored.

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15           The other issue was brought up earlier  
16 about beaver, and I can't quite remember which one of the  
17 council members brought it up, but these -- the beaver is  
18 having a large impact on our subsistence way of life, and  
19 especially in areas where they did not necessarily --  
20 weren't present in. They are affecting our harvest of  
21 blackfish and whitefish in some of the tundra villages on  
22 the coastal areas. And they are also restricting or  
23 impeding hunting and fishing accesses to different areas.  
24 And also affecting customary and traditional traveling  
25 routes, like, for example, there's a slough between Eek  
26 River and Inqliungok River, which probably Mr. Charles  
27 is very familiar with. The beaver had come in and dammed  
28 up the river in several locations, making it unusable to  
29 travel between -- or make it inaccessible, and difficult  
30 to travel between the two rivers of Inqliungok and Eek  
31 River, which are very important subsistence areas,  
32 specially for the gathering of salmonberries, and also  
33 access to whitefish.

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35           The other issue that we'd like for the  
36 Regional Advisory Councils to consider is perhaps -- it's  
37 more of an educational issue. It's -- there's been a lot  
38 of misunderstanding between the different user groups  
39 along the entire Yukon River drainage, and also along the  
40 entire Kuskokwim River drainage. Many of the meetings  
41 that are conducted on both rivers occur during the middle  
42 of the winter, and I'm taking specifically about the  
43 Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association and some of  
44 the regulatory meetings that occur on the Kuskokwim  
45 River. They occur in the middle of the winter when  
46 everybody is done subsistence fishing for salmon, and  
47 perhaps, you know, the commercial season is also done and  
48 over with. And a lot of these proposals that we have  
49 dealt with within the last -- within these last few days  
50 has been as a result of misunderstanding, of frustration

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1 of not understanding the different user groups, and we  
2 feel that it would be highly educational if the Office of  
3 Subsistence Management or somebody else were to come up  
4 with some dollars for people to interchange or bring  
5 people from the different areas into different areas  
6 along the river systems, and also perhaps an inter-river  
7 exchange as well. There's some Kuskokwim River Regional  
8 Advisory Council members both on Western Interior and  
9 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Council that don't have a  
10 thorough understanding of what happens on the Yukon  
11 River, or the Yukon River folks don't have any  
12 understanding of what's happening on the Kuskokwim River.  
13 I feel that this would alleviate some of the  
14 misunderstanding, and perhaps would facilitate a better  
15 understanding of each other's uses.

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17                   The other area that concerns AVCP and the  
18 Natural Resource Department is the expanding populations  
19 that we have in the villages and also including Bethel.  
20 As you know, as you all are very much aware, that the  
21 populations in your villages and within the community of  
22 Bethel are expanding, you know, from 20 years ago when we  
23 had perhaps an average of 150 people in the villages,  
24 it's now three, 400, 600 people. And one of the  
25 communities that are a good example of this explosion in  
26 population would be the community of Hooper Bay. And  
27 that community is now up to 1200 people, or in excess of  
28 1200 people. And that is the direction where our villages  
29 are going. And we'd like to, you know, take a look at  
30 possible impacts on our resources and how that would  
31 affect our subsistence opportunities as well.

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33                   And, Mr. Chairman, that concludes my  
34 report.

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36                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Council, do you have a  
37 question for Tim?

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39                   MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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41                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bill McCann.

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43                   MR. MCCANN: (In Yup'ik)

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45                   INTERPRETER: I'm going to help his  
46 report that those sport fishermen who come from Outside  
47 to hunt, it is too many to keep aware of them. When he  
48 and someone else went hunting a couple of years ago into  
49 the mountains to Cinibar, it's an old mining place. He  
50 went into the bushes to use the bathroom, and there he

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1 saw a huge hindquarter, and it was wrapped in a game bag.  
2 Even though it was wrapped in a game bag, it was full of  
3 flies. Maybe those sport hunters hide what they don't  
4 want to take home. I don't think that a Yup'ik hunter  
5 would leave a whole hindquarter like that behind. Those  
6 sport fishermen hunt for antlers. Or sport hunters hunt  
7 for antlers. So when they took it -- and he did not see  
8 it. He did not appreciate seeing a whole hindquarter  
9 covered in flies.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other Council.

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MR. NICK: My name's Nick Andrew.

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(In Yup'ik)

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike. Mike Savage.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim.

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Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you, Tim.

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1 Village tribal representative here.

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3 MR. CHURCH: My name is Willard Church,  
4 Natural Resource Director for the Native Village of  
5 Quinhagak. And back in Quinhagak we've identified two  
6 information needs in regards to fisheries.

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8 And for your information, I'm going to be  
9 working with the Department of Fish and Game and possibly  
10 one of your Staff from the Office of Subsistence  
11 Management in trying to put together two project  
12 proposals, one to determine the number of spawning king  
13 salmon below the Kanektok River weir. We feel that  
14 that's a block of information that's lacking, and we feel  
15 that getting that information is important to get good  
16 accurate estimates on over-all escapement for our river.  
17 And so that's one of our priorities.

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19 A second project that we would like to  
20 pursue is an escapement project for the Arolik River.  
21 The Arolik has only been aerial surveyed over the years,  
22 but we think that putting a tower or possibly a weir on  
23 the river would give us more accurate escapement  
24 information. And we want to do this, because that river  
25 does contribute to both our subsistence and commercial  
26 salmon fisheries.

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28 And just for your information, I'd like  
29 to have that on the record that it's one of our needs  
30 back in W-4.

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32 Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Next on our  
35 agenda is G, you could see village corporation  
36 representative. I think that there's no one here. Why  
37 we've put -- I asked Alex if they could put this. The  
38 reason it was put down, some corporation, they say how  
39 come Fish and Wildlife, they put the words into our mouth  
40 and never ask us, controlling our land. I believe that.  
41 The land that the corporations, some corporation land,  
42 they manage it. They belong to corporation. That's why  
43 the corporation should have a voice some kind of meeting  
44 like this. I think it would have -- let the corporation  
45 know and give them agenda what we're going to talk about,  
46 because no one ever has been, I don't think, give agenda  
47 or send agenda to corporations. It's just very  
48 important, because this corporation lands are owned by  
49 the people. That's the reason I think Alex, they put it  
50 on this even though some people don't agree with it. But

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1 there is a corporation land. It couldn't be overlooked.  
2 That's what I'm saying. That I didn't see no one here  
3 representing corporation.

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5 Next on our agenda is 13, correspondence.

6 Alex Nick.

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8 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The  
9 agenda, correspondence, update on correspondence received  
10 and update on correspondence sent. If you need  
11 information on this, I have copies of all the  
12 correspondence received and sent by our office. And I'm  
13 sure that listening to a lot of you and talking to a lot  
14 of you, you received a copy of that. If you did not,  
15 receive any copies, let me know, and I'll let you --  
16 rather I will send you a copy of the correspondence that  
17 we have received.

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19 Our Chair did not want to take up too  
20 much time on this. I don't do this, you know, like other  
21 people. Other people list all of the correspondence  
22 received and sent. I don't do that, but I share this  
23 information with you, and you've heard some of the  
24 correspondence that was sent out, like Governor's letter  
25 and other important correspondence.

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27 If you need -- again, if you need any  
28 information on any correspondence we have received, I  
29 will provide that to you. A copy of that to you.

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31 And if any of our staff wants to add  
32 anything on this, they're welcome to do so. Quyana.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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36 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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38 The most correspondence that you read was  
39 from the Chairman of the Federal Subsistence Board, and  
40 those kind of letters I would want. But if the  
41 correspondence you receive doesn't apply to what we're  
42 doing as a group, we don't need to -- we don't need to do  
43 that then. If I ask you to write a letter to somebody,  
44 that's when I would want you to tell me that letter was  
45 indeed sent. Okay.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. If  
48 there's no other correspondence, so we go into our next  
49 agenda, 14, annual election of officers and CFC members  
50 appointments. Alex Nick.

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1 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Proper  
2 procedure to deal with the election of Regional Advisory  
3 Council is to turn the chair over to your Federal  
4 designated officer for the first election, that is for  
5 Chair. And then once you elect a new Chair or you  
6 re-elect your Chair, then I'll, you know, turn it over to  
7 him. Am I correct, Don, on that?

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9 MR. RIVARD: I believe so, yes.

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11 MR. NICK: Okay. The floor is now open  
12 for nomination of a chair. Mr. Oney.

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14 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman, I nominate  
15 Lester Wilde for the chairmanship.

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17 MR. ANDREW: I second it.

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19 MR. NICK: Lester Wilde's been nominated.  
20 Are there any more nominations? John Hanson.

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22 MR. HANSON: Yeah, I nominate Harry  
23 Wilde.

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25 MS. GREGORY: I move nominations close.

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27 MR. NICK: Okay. Two nominations. First  
28 nomination is Lester Wilde, and the second nomination is  
29 Harry Wilde. And there's been a motion to close  
30 nominations. Is there a second to the motion?

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32 MR. HANSON: Second.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)  
35 Who did you.....

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37 MR. ONEY: (In Yup'ik)

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39 MS. GREGORY: Oh, you. Okay. I call for  
40 a ballot.

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42 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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44 MR. NICK: Lester.

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46 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I decline  
47 the nomination and would like to ask that Mr. Harry Wilde  
48 be elected as chairman unanimously.

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50 MS. GREGORY: I concur.

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1 MR. NICK: There's been a request for  
2 Council members consent to reelect Harry Wilde. Are  
3 there any opposition?

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5 (No opposition)

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7 MR. NICK: If not, Mr. Wilde is  
8 renominated. Rather reelected. The Chair is turned over  
9 to you, Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I think some  
12 people, they always say how come you keep going until you  
13 get old. When you're going to get retired. So I told  
14 them that, well, I'll be retired when my time comes.  
15 Right now maybe it's okay if I go a few more months or  
16 days. That way I could live a little bit longer.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Before you do that, I think  
19 he's a good chairman, because he fights for us. He's not  
20 easily swayed. He always make sure the people in our  
21 area are consulted before he make a decision. And that's  
22 why I was going to vote for him anyway.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Next on our  
25 agenda is Vice Chairman nomination. Vice Chairman.

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27 MR. ANDREW: I nominate John Hanson.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next nomination.

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31 MR. MCCANN: Second it.

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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other nomination.

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35 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chair, I make a motion to  
36 close the nominations for Vice Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
39 floor to close the nominations. If there's any second to  
40 the motion?

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42 MR. THOMPSON: Second it.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by John. Johnny  
45 Thompson second it. All who favor it say aye.

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47 IN UNISON: Aye.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Johnny Thompson is Vice  
50 Chairman.

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1 MS. GREGORY: John Hanson.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson is now Vice  
4 Chair.

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6 MR. L. WILDE: It's kind of hard to tell  
7 them apart, they're wearing.....

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Next is election  
10 of secretary.

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12 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: I move that Mike Savage be  
17 -- I move to -- I nominate Mike Savage.

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19 MS. GREGORY: I close nominations.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nomination is closed.

22 So it look like Mike Savage is now secretary.

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24 MR. L. WILDE: Now he's got to learn how  
25 to count.

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27 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Whatchacallit's  
28 name, too.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And I think I have to  
31 learn his name myself. Let's go to the next one now.  
32 Number 15 in our agenda, appointment Coordinating Fishery  
33 Committee Chair. Alex.

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35 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, there's a  
36 mistake on where it says chair. It's not for chair  
37 person. It's actually the word -- or rather Chair is not  
38 supposed to be bolded. But, you know, this -- the  
39 intention of this is to is to appoint new Coordinating  
40 Fisheries Committee for Yukon and Kuskokwim from this  
41 Council. Currently we have Lester Wilde, right? John  
42 Hanson and Ray Oney's alternate for the CFC members in  
43 Yukon. That's in Yukon. And in Kuskokwim River we have  
44 James Charles, whose term is going to be -- rather I'll  
45 start over. We have James Charles whose term is ending  
46 in 2003, and Robert Nick whose term will be ending in  
47 2004. This is only for your information. It does not  
48 mean, you know -- it does not mean you don't have to  
49 reelect current members. But be aware those two terms  
50 are going to be ending end of this year, and Robert's

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1 will be ending in 2004.

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3                   Yeah, the Chair person's question is  
4 whether or not if -- rather if appointments need to be  
5 made. The only concern I've got is some of the Council  
6 members' terms are ending this year.

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8                   MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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10                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bill.

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12                   MR. MCCANN: I make a motion to -- (In  
13 Yup'ik).

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15                   INTERPRETER: He made the.....

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17                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Billy McCann made  
18 a motion to keep the one we have right now. John Hanson,  
19 Ray Oney, Lester Wilde and James Charlie.

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21                   MR. NICK: Robert Nick.

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23                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Who?

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25                   MR. NICK: Robert Nick.

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27                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Robert Nick. Do we have  
28 two in the Kuskokwim right now? The motion is to keep  
29 those, the one right now serving as CFC. If there's any  
30 second to the motion.

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32                   MS. GREGORY: I second the motion.

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34                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by Mary. All  
35 who favor it say aye.

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37                   IN UNISON: Aye.

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39                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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41                   (No opposing votes.)

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43                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Now you  
44 still serve on the CFC meeting.

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46                   Thank you.

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48                   Okay. Next is other committee  
49 appointment if any. Don.

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1 MR. RIVARD: I don't have any information  
2 on this particular topic, but I just want to reiterate  
3 something Alex alluded to a little bit ago. This will be  
4 James Charles last meeting as a Council member, because  
5 he did not reapply this year. And I think it's just  
6 because he didn't realize he needed to reapply. It's not  
7 that he doesn't want to be on your Council any more. So  
8 he can still reapply if he so chooses, and try to get  
9 back on a year from now. So I just wanted to make that  
10 clear to everybody. I know we'll probably be seeing him  
11 anyways because he's got a plane and he flies around a  
12 lot. And I know I just want to say thank you, James,  
13 because it's really been a real pleasure getting to know  
14 you and to see you work on this Council, and we'll miss  
15 you, but we know we're going to still see you, and maybe  
16 we'll see you again in the near future.

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18 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman. Don, does  
19 that mean that we have a vacancy, and how does that  
20 vacancy get filled?

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22 MR. RIVARD: Well, we've already gone  
23 through the nomination's process, and we're just waiting  
24 now. These nominations to fill seats go all the way to  
25 Washington, D.C., and we're waiting to hear which  
26 nominations have been approved back in Washington, D.C.,  
27 and those should be announced sometime I think in early  
28 December we will know. Maybe sooner, but by that time.  
29 And the new -- the people that get selected will be at  
30 your next Council meeting in February or March.

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32 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I also want  
33 to ask you a question, Mr. Rivard, that I heard that  
34 people who resign from here will be replaced by people  
35 other than natives. Is that correct?

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37 MR. RIVARD: I don't know that to be  
38 true, but I'm not party to what the final selections that  
39 were sent to Washington, D.C. So like you, I'm just  
40 waiting to hear who's been approved.

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42 You may recall that we're going to start  
43 having people that represent commercial and sport  
44 interest as well. People who designated themselves. I  
45 don't know how that's all going to play out, but as far  
46 as native/non-native, I have no way of knowing any of  
47 that, Mary. It's really more -- it's who's qualified to  
48 be a Council member.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, being a

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1 native doesn't -- I hate to see that, because we've been  
2 fighting all this time we were here to exercise our right  
3 as native people to live off the land. And if we get  
4 more other people from other places, it's not going to --  
5 it's going to affect the way I live, because there will  
6 -- I'll have less power or less voice. That's how I look  
7 at it.

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9 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, Mary, the first  
10 qualification one needs to have is be a resident of the  
11 region that they're applying for. So anybody who sits on  
12 this Council is going to be a resident of the Yukon-  
13 Kuskokwim Delta region. And my understanding is quite a  
14 majority of people in there, in the region are native  
15 Alaskans. So just by sheer percentage it's likely to be  
16 more natives. But it's any resident can apply. So like  
17 I said, I don't know who was forwarded to Washington D.C.  
18 for their approval. WE'll know that, and as soon as we  
19 know it, we'll pass it on to the Chair and get it  
20 distributed to everybody so that you know who your new  
21 Council members will be for your next meeting.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Don.

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27 MR. MCCANN: I'd like to ask him.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy McCann.

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31 MR. MCCANN: I was up not long ago. Is  
32 that my appoint that is approved? I never hear anything  
33 about it after I fill out the papers. Maybe I'm just  
34 standing for nothing. Do I have -- am I approved?

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36 MR. RIVARD: Is that true that his --  
37 Billy's term is up as well this time around?

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39 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, for the record, my  
40 name is Alex Nick. Yes, Billy's term was up -- is up  
41 this year, and he reapplied, but like what Don Rivard  
42 said, we don't know who will be appointed. We don't  
43 know.

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45 MR. RIVARD: I will say this though,  
46 Billy, that you will be informed one way or the other by  
47 letter. Anybody who's applied, they will get a letter  
48 saying whether they've been appointed or not. Like I  
49 say, hopefully we'll know -- I think it's going to be  
50 about early December that we should know.

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1 Thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I just  
6 noticed that Mike Savage's term is going to be up in 2003  
7 also. Did you reapply?

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9 MR. SAVAGE: No, I did not reapply. I  
10 told Alex to send me some papers, but at that time he was  
11 very, very busy, and I did not get a paper to reapply.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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16 MR. NICK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I did not  
17 know it was my -- well, it was my oversight. I did not  
18 know that I'm supposed to keep reminding the Regional  
19 Council members that their term is up. Billy happened to  
20 be living in Bethel, and every time when you go to  
21 meeting, you get a book like this one. It tells you when  
22 your term is going to be up. Each and every one of the  
23 Regional Councils know how long their term is going to  
24 be. The applications are available locally. They're  
25 sent to -- I understand they're sent to tribal councils,  
26 and they're also made available in other public places,  
27 and there's announcements made during your Regional  
28 Advisory Council meetings, you know. I'll be standing  
29 corrected if anybody -- rather if this is incorrect, I'll  
30 stand corrected. When there's call for Council  
31 nominations, the Staff usually announce that in one of  
32 the meetings. So the Regional Council know or should  
33 know. But I take the responsibility on these two  
34 gentlemen, the two that I did not want to lose as  
35 Regional Council members. It does not mean that they  
36 don't have to reapply. They can reapply for the next  
37 term. They can reapply.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, a couple of  
42 people have asked me if I moved to Quinhagak, because it  
43 states on my -- on the list there, seat 11, that my fax  
44 is in the care of Native Village of Kwinhagak, and that's  
45 not right. That's kind of a typo. I'm still living in  
46 Hooper Bay. And if you sent my fax to Native Village of  
47 Hooper Bay -- Native Village of Kwinhagak with that fax  
48 number, it will still come to Hooper Bay, so it doesn't  
49 really matter.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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3 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Don  
4 Rivard. It's probably a good time now just to remind  
5 everybody, the call for nominations goes out in the  
6 springtime, and Alex will keep everybody informed, but  
7 this is the year -- this spring is when the three  
8 people's terms that are up, Nick Andrew and -- for 2004,  
9 Nick Andrew, Sr., Raymond Oney, and Robert Nick, you  
10 would need to apply this year to renew if you want to  
11 continue on the Council. And James Charles and Mike  
12 Savage can also apply this spring as well to try to get  
13 back on the Council starting in 2005. So you can apply  
14 each year. So just to remind everybody of that.

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16 Alex is in a situation where he can just  
17 inform people. He's not really supposed to encourage  
18 people to apply, because he would have to -- he's got to  
19 be very careful and be impartial. So what he can do is  
20 just inform you, and so that's what he does. And he's  
21 not going to keep calling you up and say, please reapply,  
22 please reapply, because I want you to be on the Council.  
23 He's not supposed to be doing that. He has to be  
24 impartial with everybody. so he just tells you, it's  
25 time to reapply, and he can get you an application when  
26 the time comes. They're also I believe in our  
27 regulations book, are they not? Isn't there a  
28 nominations form in there? So you've got one available.  
29 If you've got a regulations book, there's a nomination  
30 form in there. And you can nominate yourself, or you can  
31 nominate anybody else as well. So it's a good reminder  
32 for everybody, you know. Stay up on it. If you want to  
33 continue to serve on your Council, make sure you reapply  
34 when you need to.

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36 Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Don. Will  
39 you wait for a little bit for the next on our agenda,  
40 date, time and location of next meeting. It's on D. Tab  
41 D.

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43 MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair, this is a  
44 time now to look at your next meeting, which you chose at  
45 your last meeting, for the winter meeting, and then to  
46 also do a choice for a year from now. And Alex will walk  
47 you through that.

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49 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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3 MR. NICK: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, as you  
4 remember in our last meeting in Chevak, the Councils were  
5 informed that there's new windows for the Council  
6 meetings, and this -- and also today you also heard that  
7 the new -- the windows will also change within a few  
8 months or so. The -- if you remember correctly, you  
9 already set the date for this meeting, but in winter  
10 meeting -- I'm sorry. This is for fall 2004, right?

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12 MR. RIVARD: Well, if I may, first you  
13 want to -- Alex, you want to look at your next meeting in  
14 the spring.....

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16 MR. NICK: Okay.

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18 MR. RIVARD: .....and reconfirm with the  
19 Council that they want to continue with those dates and  
20 the location. For your winter meeting -- well, let me  
21 back up a little bit. This meeting was originally going  
22 to be in St. Mary's, and it's obviously here. Your next  
23 meeting you tentatively scheduled for March 3rd and 4th,  
24 if you look in your book there, and you were going to do  
25 it in the Kuskokwim -- on the Kuskokwim and you hadn't  
26 named a particular village. So there's been no  
27 commitment to anybody for your next meeting, where it was  
28 going to be. So your Council basically is I think pretty  
29 free to choose where you would like to go for your next  
30 two meetings, because you didn't make a commitment to  
31 others, other than maybe St. Mary's. You may have made a  
32 commitment to them earlier.

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34 Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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38 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, we were  
39 invited by the people from St. Mary's. I think we should  
40 instead of going to the Kuskokwim go to the Yukon, or we  
41 could do it the opposite way where we can go ahead and  
42 hold our Kuskokwim meeting for the March and then go to  
43 St. Mary's in the spring.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick Andrew.

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47 MR. ANDREW: Yeah. My name is Nick  
48 Andrew, Sr.

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50 (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: He wasn't too thrilled  
2 about meeting here, but he would like it if he met  
3 elsewhere where they grew up, where they subsist hunt,  
4 because they never stop subsistence hunting. We had to  
5 leave our subsistence land, and they didn't do  
6 subsistence hunting, because they were meeting here.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me ask Don, there  
9 must be purpose why we having meeting here in this  
10 village.

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12 MR. RIVARD: Yes, Mr. Chair, just to  
13 remind you, at the May Federal Subsistence Board meeting  
14 when this whole issue about customary and traditional use  
15 of moose in 21(E) came up, the Federal Board asked your  
16 Council as well as the Western Interior Council to get  
17 together and discuss this issue, and you and Ron Salmon  
18 and Mitch Demientieff got together and agreed that you  
19 would have your meeting here in Wasilla at a neutral  
20 site. In neither of the regions, but to have a neutral  
21 site. So that's how it got changed from St. Mary's. So  
22 this is just a special case. And then we also had the  
23 three Councils that we wanted to get together to talk  
24 about the fish issues this year on the Yukon. And how  
25 there's no need to do that at least in the foreseeable  
26 future. There may be at some point in the future to get  
27 back together with another Council, but we don't see it  
28 on the horizon right now.

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30 So for these next two meetings, you're  
31 free to choose. And as you may recall, we had asked that  
32 your Council -- at each meeting that you go a year out so  
33 that we -- it helps us in our planning efforts as well.  
34 And then we just ask you to reconfirm at this time your  
35 next meeting and to now set a new date and time for your  
36 meeting a year from now. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Don. Mary.

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40 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
41 March 3 and 4 meeting be in St. Mary's.

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43 MR. L. WILDE: I'll second that, Mr.  
44 Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
47 floor to have a meeting at St. Mary's, and a second. If  
48 there's any discussion to the motion.

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50 (No discussion)

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1 MR. MCCANN: Question.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been  
4 called. All who favor it say aye.

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6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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10 (No opposing votes.)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Next  
13 meeting will be St. Mary's. Carl Jack, you want to say  
14 something?

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16 MR. JACK: No.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, September  
21 meeting. (In Yup'ik) Plan at our winter meeting. Our  
22 spring meeting.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex Nick.

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26 MR. NICK: Yeah, I'm going to do this in  
27 Yup'ik.

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29 (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: This window is small.  
32 Since it's small, since there won't be a lot of choices  
33 because the window is small, right now he'd like to just  
34 put it -- put where they want to meet next year in the  
35 fall. For others, it won't give you any choices.  
36 Western Interior, Eastern Interior. (In Yup'ik) October  
37 4 through October 8, Eastern Interior and Western  
38 Interior will meet next year. And the rest are written  
39 on that sheet.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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43 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, if I may, and  
44 I'll kind of do it in English what Alex just did as well.  
45 And I'll just reiterate something that I said a little  
46 while ago. I know it's kind of -- it's a long time out.  
47 It's a year from now, and you've already done this with  
48 this meeting you just -- a year ago you choose a place.  
49 What we're asking is that you just do a tentative meeting  
50 time and location now, and when you come back in the

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1 spring, you reconfirm that it's really what you want to  
2 do. It helps us make sure that we're spreading out the  
3 meetings, because we have 10 Councils we work with, and  
4 we just want to make sure that we know what their  
5 preferred dates are. And then we may have to come and  
6 ask you to adjust your dates. So that's why we would  
7 like to have your tentative selection now. And Alex said  
8 that both the Western and the Eastern Councils picked the  
9 first week of October. They're not meeting together.  
10 They're going to meet separately, but they both picked  
11 that first week, October 4th through the 8th. So that --  
12 basically that time is not available to you, because we  
13 have staff that work with all three Councils, so they  
14 would not be able to go to all three. We want them to go  
15 to all three. Including myself. I want to go to all  
16 three. Thank you, sir.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester Wilde.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I would  
21 oppose any meeting dates in September, because that's our  
22 moose-hunting month. And I would like to suggest  
23 possibly the 14th and the 15th. That's on a Thursday and  
24 a Friday. Of October.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Let me say this. If  
27 it's too early in October, I think we may have a problem,  
28 because we are not alike trying to catch our subsistence  
29 seal hunting season to our coastal Council. I think we  
30 should give them that opportunity. If it's too close to  
31 1st of October.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, let me.

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35 (In Yup'ik)

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37 The window closes, because the AFN is  
38 right here.

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40 INTERPRETER: The window closes on the  
41 19th, because AFN is at that time.

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43 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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45 INTERPRETER: But if we meet here, it  
46 would be good at like Lester proposed. She doesn't  
47 wasn't to meet on Saturday, but Thursday and Friday.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, me and Billy  
2 McCann would like to move that October 14th and 15th be  
3 our next meeting dates.

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5 MS. GREGORY: I'll second the motion.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's motion and  
8 second. Second to the motion?

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10 MR. MCCANN: Second.

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12 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: All who favor say aye.

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16 IN UNISON: Aye.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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20 (No opposing votes.)

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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24 MS. GREGORY: Y-K Delta.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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28 MR. RIVARD: Yeah, Mr. Chair, you also  
29 have the option, and it's an option, of tentatively  
30 selecting your location for your meeting.

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32 MS. GREGORY: We'll do in our spring  
33 meeting.

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35 MR. RIVARD: Okay. That's fair enough.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Next on agenda is  
38 closing comment. I do have a comment for closing. I  
39 don't know how many years we've been on Council. We  
40 still have a problem with our transportation. Before I  
41 left, it takes me two, three days to try to find out.  
42 Council ask me where my ticket's going to be. I try to  
43 work with our Coordinator, and also our Coordinator have  
44 a problem. I never like to run around and do something  
45 that -- or I don't like to really bother too much our  
46 coordinator when it's ready to travel. I call Alaska  
47 Airline. Alaska Airline, it says all you have  
48 reservation, no ticket. I call Bethel, Hagland, the  
49 Hagland say, sorry, you don't have no ticket, and we  
50 cannot give you -- we would not authorize you to travel.

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1 So because of that problem, I call Alex Nick. What kind  
2 of problem you had, Alex?

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4 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, the Staff worked  
5 really hard on the travel. We all understood that all  
6 the travel were resolved, but for some reason there were  
7 some problems that we weren't aware of. We tried to  
8 correct them as soon as they're brought to our attention.

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10 And maybe this is appropriate time to --  
11 for me to recognize all the Staff, my supervisor and  
12 people that work for OSM, they work very hard to work  
13 together, trying to work together to resolve this  
14 problems, and this -- with respect to problems that you  
15 encounter, those -- we try to resolve as soon as we  
16 become aware of them, and sometimes, you know, like, for  
17 example, a couple of people approached me during this  
18 meeting right here about their problems, and we tried to  
19 resolve those as well. Doy.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think I find out  
22 it's not a Staff problem. I mean, it's not -- our  
23 problem is not Staff.

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25 MS. GREGORY: Yeah, that's right.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think our Staff, it's  
28 whoever called that Omega or whatever.

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30 MS. GREGORY: OSM.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That person that  
33 tickets. I think he need to be educated, go down around  
34 out there where he could see, because I didn't want to  
35 travel from Mountain Village, go to St. Mary and fly to  
36 Bethel and go back to -- fly again by Alaska Airline. I  
37 think someone should at least give him the name of where  
38 they're going to travel, by where they're going to  
39 travel, so he know where to travel. This Council will  
40 travel. Don.

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42 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, Don Rivard with  
43 Office of Subsistence Management.

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45 I'll echo what Alex said. We are very  
46 much aware of your needs, and I'll just review a little  
47 bit of the process of the travel, and I know that this is  
48 working, because Alex is really conscientious about  
49 making sure that travel goes as smoothly as possible,  
50 too. He knows how important it is to each and every one

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1 of you. And the process that I've asked my coordinators  
2 to do is every time that any of you are going to travel,  
3 that he calls you first and gets your preference on  
4 flights, on the company you want to fly with, and even  
5 flight numbers if that's possible, time of the day. And  
6 then he relays that information to our travel clerk in  
7 our office. And so when she calls our travel agency  
8 that we're using, and that's Omega, she's telling them  
9 already, here's the specific flights, times of day that  
10 Mr. Harry Wilde wants to travel with between Mountain  
11 Village and Anchorage.

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13 Omega does have some internal problems,  
14 but we're aware of them. We've had agreements with them,  
15 and they don't always follow through with the agreements.  
16 One of the things that we've decided was probably one of  
17 the best things we could do, and I think it worked this  
18 time again, was we get hard copy tickets to Alex in  
19 Bethel, and then he distributes them to your air services  
20 in Bethel. Because most of the times your airlines that  
21 you're working with or you're flying with, if they know  
22 that there's a hard copy ticket waiting for them in  
23 Bethel, they'll let you get on the plane in your village.  
24 So we're aware of that, and we'll certainly make that  
25 happen.

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27 I can assure you that I know what's going  
28 on as well as the supervisor of the staff that's putting  
29 together your travel. Alex and I talk a lot about that,  
30 and I already know he knows it's important, but I  
31 emphasize it with him. He probably gets tired of hearing  
32 me say some things, but to me it's a top priority that  
33 you all arrive here with the least amount of problems  
34 with your travel so that you're not, you know, upset when  
35 you get here, and you can just concentrate on the work  
36 you're here to do. So it's a top priority for me  
37 personally.

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39 And Theresa Burke, who you may have met  
40 yesterday, she was here, and we encouraged her to come  
41 out to meet everybody so she could put faces to the names  
42 of the people that she's been working with, she is very  
43 conscientious. She wants to do a good job, and she wants  
44 to make sure there's no problems with your travel either.

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46 So we're doing all we can, and we stay on  
47 top of it, and I'm personally involved. I'm being  
48 informed of what's going on, and I jump in there and help  
49 out when I can. And we still have some trouble with our  
50 travel agent. I don't want to lay all the blame on

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1 there, but we're working hard to make sure there's the  
2 least amount of problems. There's always going to be  
3 problems with travel in Alaska as you know, but we're  
4 going to do all we can to minimize those. All that we  
5 can control, we will do so. Thank you, sir.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Don, last year  
8 when we have a one day meeting or here, when I tried to  
9 go home, I was on a waiting list, and that evening while  
10 I waiting list, I couldn't find a flight. They were  
11 delayed, canceled the flight, so next day I fly. I stay  
12 overnight in Hampton Hotel. Here's the copy of -- I pay  
13 out of my pocket, but I just find that before I left. I  
14 thought it would be -- something would be done this one  
15 here. I don't know if you guys could reimburse it or  
16 not, it's last year's thing. It's right. They've got a  
17 date and everything. Go ahead, Don.

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19 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, Alex and I will  
20 look into it and see what we can do. I know that our  
21 office -- I don't think we've signed one yet for this  
22 fiscal year, but what we're doing here for Anchorage and  
23 I think Fairbanks, is that we've got a contract with a  
24 hotel in town so that when there are conditions where you  
25 get stranded or you can't get a flight or there's some  
26 weather problems and you end up having to spend the night  
27 in Anchorage that you didn't anticipate spending, that we  
28 will -- you can go automatically to this hotel and just  
29 tell them that you're there for the Office of Subsistence  
30 Management. We don't have that in place yet. We should  
31 in the near future.

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33 Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you.  
36 Council comments. Ray.

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38 MR. ONEY: Yeah, I just have one comment  
39 maybe for Don. You know, we've been having lunches here  
40 in this hotel, and your lunches have been paid already in  
41 advance for this hotel to have lunch here. And those  
42 that have been going out on their own to, you know, take  
43 lunches, you know, you're just paying extra, so if I  
44 could recommend that, you know, we -- in the future that,  
45 you know, if that's the case, then we need to at least  
46 get some -- not let that per diem be deducted.

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48 Thank you. That's all I have.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other Council's comment.

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1 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Savage.

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5 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, I, you know, got my  
6 own vehicle, too, and I also like you members, if you do  
7 have your own vehicle, I know you are not getting  
8 reimbursed for your gas and stuff coming back and forth.  
9 What I'd like to see is that if a Council member does  
10 have his own vehicle and own transportation that he does  
11 get reimbursed for it. I should have mentioned the other  
12 time on the other meetings, but I'd sure appreciate if  
13 that would -- you guys can do something about that, too.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex Nick.

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17 MS. GREGORY: Nick Andrew.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nick Andrew.

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21 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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23 INTERPRETER: He's very thankful for all  
24 of you since yesterday, for having a meeting. We don't  
25 have a member that we not dislike or disagree with. I am  
26 thankful for all of you guys. Thank you very much.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James.

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

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32 (In Yup'ik)

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34 INTERPRETER: Since we are going -- this  
35 is his last, since it's his last meeting, he wants to  
36 thank everybody.

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38 MR. CHARLES: This is my last meeting, so  
39 I want to thank everybody. It's been a pleasure working  
40 with you. It's not easy to make decisions sometimes for  
41 our people. We're working for our people. And it's been  
42 -- even it's not easy, working together makes the  
43 difference, and I want to -- my term is coming up, and  
44 wish you good luck. And this getting out of RAC will put  
45 me out of two more others, CFC and Kuskokwim Salmon  
46 Management Working Group. So it's not RAC only. I'll be  
47 out of two more other groups.

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49 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, again I  
4 would like to thank Staff, all of you, for helping us in  
5 our decision making, for supplying the information so  
6 that we're able to make the decisions that we make.

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8 And I would like to also tell my friend  
9 James Charlie -- Charles, I'm so choked up, I can't even  
10 say your name, that, you know, we -- I personally would  
11 like to thank you for your input and everything in  
12 helping us making decisions on the Kuskokwim, and we're  
13 going to be missing you.

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15 And the last thing I want to tell you is,  
16 make sure you don't try to fly that little plane back  
17 from the group yesterday, because you'll never take off.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think it's -- we  
20 want to thank most employees of -- Federal employees, and  
21 most of all I think what makes the music -- I mean, the  
22 meeting easier for us, we've got to thank these  
23 translators. Without them, it's impossible to have a  
24 meeting, or otherwise we start fighting each other trying  
25 to understand something -- start fighting each other  
26 trying to understand some things. But it's good.

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28 And also that one of the Council comment  
29 hardly they didn't see anyone drinking and smells are  
30 okay and all that. That was part of the idea meeting  
31 here. Otherwise we would have had meeting, three  
32 Councils in Anchorage, but we recommend this with the  
33 help of Chairman of the Board. I think it worked.

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35 Thank you.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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39 (In Yup'ik)

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41 INTERPRETER: She wants to thank all  
42 their workers, especially James.

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44 MS. GREGORY: Especially James, because  
45 he's been here a long time, and (in Yup'ik).

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47 INTERPRETER: She's thankful for him  
48 working here.

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50 MS. GREGORY: I want to thank especially

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1 the Chairman of the Federal Subsistence Board for sending  
2 his designee over so he'll not get only our proposals,  
3 but he will have inside information on what happened  
4 here.

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6 (In Yup'ik)

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8 MS. GREGORY: And she wants to thank you  
9 for not drinking alcohol. And that's always good when we  
10 -- when they let us travel, they expect -- our home  
11 family expect us to work. We have a lot of burden with a  
12 lot of villages when we meet.

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14 MS. GREGORY: And I want to thank  
15 Chairman Wilde.

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17 (In Yup'ik)

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19 INTERPRETER: These meetings are not easy  
20 to run. So please support him and his vice chair in the  
21 new year. And she wants to thank AVCP for coming and  
22 attending each meeting. And.....

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24 MS. GREGORY: And for attending each  
25 meeting. And our translators.

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27 (In Yup'ik)

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29 And also our helper Ms. McClenahan for  
30 helping us out.

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32 Quyana.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other Council. Phillip.

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36 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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38 INTERPRETER: He is very thankful and  
39 before he even got worried or scared he is going home.  
40 It's not time to go yet, but Alex, you know, before he  
41 participated, he would always tell me what would happen.  
42 He kept me informed so that he'll know what is to happen.  
43 And kept him informed, and he hasn't been worried or  
44 scared. And when his friend sees him alone, he want to  
45 carry him around.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Thompson.

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49 MR. THOMPSON: Quyana, Chair.

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1 (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: Thank you, Chair. He wants  
4 to thank each and every one of you. Sometimes we  
5 disagree, but now it's like we're working to help each  
6 other. And please try to continue that, and try to be  
7 like that. And he's very thankful for people who  
8 translate, because it's not easy. They have to think a  
9 lot, and they are thankful for those who interpret.

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11 And also the Staff. It's not like the  
12 past, the things that we're trying to work on. They're  
13 helping us and revising until it's workable, and he  
14 encourages that to continue, to be that way. And when we  
15 want something to be done for those of us who are sitting  
16 here, our -- the people in our homes are encouraging us  
17 to -- for us to represent them.

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19 For the people I represent, even though I  
20 didn't want to, I say no, even though he doesn't want to,  
21 sometimes he says yes, because the people at home  
22 encourage him and want him to do that. Sometimes it  
23 makes him feel bad when he's sitting, but he tries to  
24 follow what you represent. We're not just -- it's not  
25 from our own minds, but we're trying to help our homes,  
26 our family, our friends. Thank you very much.

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28 And he also would like to thank our  
29 Chairman, because when we're going to do something, he  
30 would call us.

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32 I never have a lot of problems with his  
33 travel, but sometimes we have problems with our travel,  
34 and that needs to be worked on. Sometimes that stops us  
35 from doing things, and to pay from one's own pocket can  
36 be hard on us. Thank you very much. We've gone this far  
37 successfully.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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41 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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43 INTERPRETER: She just forgot, our --  
44 don't buy any food, because have own food. We don't like  
45 the non-native food. WE brought lots of food, and we ate  
46 at our rooms.

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48 MS. GREGORY: Don't let them buy our  
49 lunch again, because as a subsistence people, we eat  
50 subsistence food. And we didn't -- I only ate three of

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1 the meals that were provided, and they're all sandwiches,  
2 and we don't eat those kind. It's for our younger  
3 people. We get the gas.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other comments. From  
6 audience?

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8 MR. SAVAGE: Mr. Chairman?

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike Savage.

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12 MR. SAVAGE: Yeah, I sure appreciate Tim  
13 there. I wish I was in his shoes where I can kind of try  
14 to tell my dad what to do. If I did that, you know, he'd  
15 tell me to go get my own stick. So I'd have to get my  
16 stick to get scolding.

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18 But, you know, to see people working  
19 together. I'm part Athabascan and Yup'ik. I understand  
20 Yup'ik because my mom forced that into me as I was  
21 growing up. And I understand a lot of them, but I cannot  
22 speak my dad's language, because he wasn't forceful on  
23 that.

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25 But I sure appreciate working with  
26 everybody, getting to know everybody. The Staff, I'd  
27 like to thank them. The interpreters. I didn't listen  
28 to them this time, because I usually try to listen and  
29 try to not let anybody know I could understand Yup'ik.

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31 So a lot of places where I go and a lot  
32 of meetings I attend, I listen to the elders, how they  
33 talk, how their lifestyle is, what's being wasted, what  
34 they're missing. And I like being in Bethel airport,  
35 because that's where I hear a lot of subsistence use  
36 where the elders talk about it. I try not to look at  
37 them. I just sit behind them and listen to them. And  
38 that's where I get a lot of my work done of respecting  
39 the elders, what they want. And I will always do that.  
40 I will do that I guess no matter where I am and what I  
41 do.

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43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim.

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47 MR. T. ANDREW: I just wanted to respond  
48 to Mike. I just wanted to respond to Mr. Savage. I'm  
49 not trying to tell my dad what to do. I'm trying to tell  
50 the rest of you what to do.

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1 MR. MCCANN: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Billy McCann.

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5 MR. MCCANN: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: Bill would like to thank  
8 everyone for having a successful meeting, and he thanks  
9 the Staff and he also thanks the interpreters. Sometimes  
10 he doesn't understand, but he's thankful that the  
11 meeting's over and he understood. Sometimes he doesn't  
12 understand, so he asks questions, and he really wants to  
13 know what's going on. Sometimes he thinks he lets you  
14 waste time when he's asking questions, and the Chairman  
15 lets him speak when he wants to. He wants his son to  
16 live right now. He's very thankful. Next time when we  
17 meet, let us try to be good again.

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19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Comments from audience  
22 concerning this meeting. If there's not -- Alex.

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24 MR. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd  
25 like to thank all the Regional Council members,  
26 especially James and those who might not be reelected  
27 during this go around, for allowing me to work with you.  
28 James is very easy to work with. He's one of the Council  
29 members that, you know, I wish I could work with until I  
30 retire. And there are several of you that I feel that  
31 way. It does not mean that I feel that way for all of  
32 you. All of you make a lot of difference.

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34 And with that, I also would like to thank  
35 all the Staff, the team members, especially my  
36 supervisor, Don Rivard, for pushing to get things done,  
37 and sometimes even though we try, some things just slide  
38 by us, you know, and some days, you know, we can't even  
39 meet our own deadlines because of so much that needs to  
40 be done. I'd like to thank all of the OSM Staff, the  
41 authors of the proposals, and the team members, everyone  
42 that helped. And I thank all of you for showing up every  
43 day. It makes you look good.

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45 Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim.

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49 MR. T. ANDREW: I'd like to -- thank you,  
50 Mr. Chair. I'd like to thank you, the Regional Advisory

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1 Councils, for allowing AVCP to be a vital part of this  
2 process. Otherwise you would not hear from perhaps the  
3 village perspective or the regional perspective on some  
4 of these proposals. And I look forward to continue  
5 working with the Regional Advisory Council members, with  
6 the Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence  
7 Management, Department of Fish and Game, and hopefully we  
8 can all work together and provide for subsistence  
9 opportunities, and continue that which continue to feed  
10 our families and provide for future generations. Quyana.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Tim. My  
13 understanding that our rooms are paid until tomorrow  
14 morning, so we've got no room down in Anchorage, only in  
15 Fourth Avenue. So it look like we're going to stay  
16 overnight here.

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18 And also we're going to work with Pat  
19 McClenahan concerning Yukon River proposal that we were  
20 talking, so we Yukon people, that you know we deferred  
21 that one proposal, customary trade determination.

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23 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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25 Can we adjourn the meeting first and you  
26 guys can.....

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we will adjourn  
29 the meeting. I just say that, because I didn't hear of  
30 that. At this time if there's anyone to make a comment.  
31 I'm going to ask, even though he's not on agenda, we're  
32 going to adjourn, but I'm going to ask our elder to close  
33 us with a prayer.

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35 (In Yup'ik)

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37 INTERPRETER: You can close, Phillip.

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39 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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41 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair, I move we

42 adjourn.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The motion, adjourn.

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46 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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