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1 YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA FEDERAL  
2 SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

3  
4 PUBLIC MEETING

5  
6 February 24, 2005

7 1:00 p.m.

8 Toksook Bay Community Hall

9 Toksook Bay, Alaska

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11 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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13 Harry Wilde, Sr., Chair

14 Philip Moses

15 Raymond Oney

16 Lester Wilde, Sr.

17 Mary Gregory

18 Willard D. Church, Jr.

19 Beverly Hoffman

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21 Alex Nick, Coordinator

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23 Sophie Evan, Yup'ik Translator

24 Joseph "Trim" Nick, Yup'ik Translator

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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(On record)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: We're going to start our meeting, but no work session, but if we get to proposals, they will -- translators will be translating it, and also Alex will go in and explaining some things. Right now we're going into our meeting agenda.

MS. GREGORY: Do you want the roll call or what?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we're going to have a roll call. You could have roll call.

MS. GREGORY: Okay. James Charles.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

Meeting come to order, and we'll have roll call.

MS. GREGORY: James Charles. Willard Church.

MR. CHURCH: Here.

MS. GREGORY: Ray Oney.

MR. ONEY: Here.

MS. GREGORY: William Brown. Harry Wilde, Sr.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Here.

MS. GREGORY: John Hanson. Myself, here.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Hanson is excused, because of his family problem.

MS. GREGORY: Okay. Philip Moses.

MR. MOSES: Yeah.

MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde, Sr.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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3 MS. GREGORY: Joseph P. Mike. Greg  
4 Roczicka. Bob Aloysius. Beverly Hoffman.

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6 MS. HOFFMAN: Here.

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8 MS. GREGORY: Who did I not call, one,  
9 two, three, four, five.....

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: James Charles.

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13 MS. GREGORY: .....six, seven. Seven  
14 present. One, two, three, four, five absent.

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16 MS. HOFFMAN: Are they excused or not,  
17 Mr. Chair?

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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21 MS. HOFFMAN: What is their status? Are  
22 they excused or -- oops, sorry. Are they excused or not,  
23 John Hanson's excused, but the rest of them?

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, John Hanson's  
26 excused, and also James Charles. I think he went over to  
27 Anchorage, because of his health, my understanding.

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29 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, members of the  
30 Council, John Hanson is excused. I believe Ray Oney has  
31 -- well, it will be excused by you, your Council, but new  
32 member James Charles is excused due to health clinic  
33 reason. New member William F. Brown of Eek is also  
34 excused due to family emergency. I spoke with Harry  
35 Wilde about this, and also about James Charles. And also  
36 Joseph Mike had health problems and he's unable to attend  
37 these meeting, and it's up to the Council to excuse John  
38 and Joseph, because those were the last minute  
39 cancellation of their attendance, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don.

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43 MR. NICK: And also, Mr. Chair, I almost  
44 forgot that Bob Aloysius and Greg Roczicka should be  
45 coming in this afternoon from Bethel.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. At this time that  
48 we're going to ask one of our elders here to give us  
49 invocation.

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1 Philip, (In Yup'ik).

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3 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think we're going to  
6 have something new and make sure our people here in  
7 Toksook Bay to let them know that who we are. We're  
8 going to start from Beverly, our names, coming this way,  
9 where we're from and who we are.

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11 MS. HOFFMAN: Okay. My name is Beverly  
12 Hoffman. I'm born and raised in Bethel, Alaska, and this  
13 is my third meeting with this Council.

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15 MR. CHURCH: Good afternoon, my name is  
16 Willard Church. I'm from Quinhagak. This is my second  
17 time being on the Y-K Regional Advisory Council, and it's  
18 good to be back here and to see everyone. Thank you.

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20 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: I'm sorry. This is Mary  
23 Gregory. She doesn't see anyone from Toksook Bay here,  
24 but she'll introduce herself as Akanakhak (ph). And  
25 she's been on this Council for three years, and she's  
26 starting another term for another three years. And she  
27 likes participating in this Council in championing Yup'ik  
28 subsistence needs.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mary. My  
31 name is Harry Wilde. I've been with this Council ever  
32 since they start, and I've met a lot of people, and we go  
33 different villages, not in one place. Sometime what we  
34 try to do is Kuskokwim side and Yukon side, and so that's  
35 what we have been doing. Thank you.

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37 MR. L. WILDE: My name is Lester Wilde.  
38 Pardon me. I'm from Hooper Bay.

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40 MS. DOWNING: Your microphone, Lester.

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42 MR. RIVARD: Your microphone.

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44 MR. L. WILDE: Can't hear me? That's the  
45 first time I've ever been requested to turn on the mike.  
46 But my name is Lester Wilde. I'm from Hooper Bay. I was  
47 born there and raised in the rest of the United States,  
48 and finally 12 years ago I moved back down to Hooper Bay,  
49 and I've lived there ever since. I've been on the  
50 Council since after -- I believe the first year that the

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1 Council was in existence, I think I came in about the  
2 second year, so I've been here for a while. And I enjoy  
3 working with the rest of the Council, and being able to  
4 protect my subsistence rights since I live a subsistence  
5 lifestyle in Hooper Bay.

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7 MR. ONEY: Yeah, good afternoon. My name  
8 is Raymond Oney. I was born and raised in Marshal. I'm  
9 now living in Alakanuk for the last 22 years. This is my  
10 second term serving on this board, Advisory Council, and  
11 I very much enjoy being here. Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And I think I'm going to  
14 ask audience here.....

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16 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Philip Moses.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Philip Moses.

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20 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: This is Philip Moses from  
23 Toksook Bay. And his Yup'ik name is Nogagdak (ph). And  
24 he's been on this Council, and he contributes as much as  
25 he can recalling the old Yup'ik ways, and he'd like to  
26 thank the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Fish and Game  
27 for participating and being involved in the discussions  
28 in trying to have the same purpose and the same goals  
29 towards out resources. And when we first started, we  
30 were kind of contentious. Everyone had their own mind,  
31 but now he sees that we're -- you're all working  
32 together.

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34 Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Quyana, Philip. I  
37 think at this time I try to -- I'm going to ask everyone  
38 here that -- who you are and where you're from.

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40 MS. DOWNING: Meredith Downing with  
41 Computer Matrix, and I'm your court reporter.

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43 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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45 INTERPRETER: You need to come to the  
46 microphone to introduce yourselves.

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48 MR. RIVARD: You should come to the  
49 microphone to address the.....

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1 MS. GREGORY: Come up to the table so we  
2 can hear you.

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4 MS. GREFFENIUS: My name is Laura  
5 Greffenius, and I'm a wildlife biologist with the Office  
6 of Subsistence Management in Anchorage. Thank you.

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8 MR. CANNON: My name is Richard Cannon  
9 with the Office of Subsistence Management from Anchorage.  
10 Thank you.

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12 MS. PETRIVELLI: I'm Pat Petrivelli and  
13 I'm with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I'm an  
14 anthropologist.

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16 MR. RIVARD: My name is Don Rivard. I'm  
17 with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of  
18 Subsistence Management. And I'd just like to thank  
19 Philip Moses for ordering such beautiful weather while  
20 we're here.

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22 MS. GOTTLIEB: Good afternoon. I'm Judy  
23 Gottlieb, and I work for the National Park Service in  
24 Anchorage. I sit on the Federal Subsistence Board, so on  
25 behalf of the Board and all of the Staff, we really thank  
26 you for your good efforts here, and thank you for hosting  
27 us today.

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29 MS. GREGORY: Fred, you've got to come up  
30 and tell us who you are.

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32 MR. CAMPBELL: While you're waiting for  
33 him, my name is Rod Campbell. I'm with the Office of  
34 Subsistence Management in Anchorage. I'm a fishery  
35 biologist and also the federal liaison to the State Board  
36 of Fisheries.

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38 MR. UBERUAGA: Good afternoon. My name  
39 is Richard Uberuaga, Office of Subsistence Management in  
40 Anchorage. I'm a fisheries biologist, and I work for the  
41 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council, along  
42 with the Western Interior and Eastern Interiors, so great  
43 to be here. It's beautiful outside.

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45 MR. GERKEN: Good afternoon. My name is  
46 Jon Gerken. I work for Fish and Wildlife Service out of  
47 Fairbanks. I'm a fisheries biologist, and assistant in-  
48 season manager for the Yukon. Thank you.

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50 MR. NICK: Good afternoon. My name is

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1 Alex Nick, I'm with the Office of Subsistence Management,  
2 based out of Bethel, and I'm Regional Council  
3 Coordination, and I welcome everyone to Toksook Bay for  
4 your meeting. Thank you.

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6 MR. WATSON: Hello. I'm Fred Watson.  
7 I'm originally from Bethel, just moved to Toksook Bay. I  
8 work at the clinic, so if you want to check out the  
9 clinic, come on up. It's a beautiful facility. You're  
10 all invited. The coffee's on.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: More back there.

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14 MR. J. ASULUK: Yeah, my name is Joe  
15 Asuluk. I'm originally from here, but not really  
16 originally from here. I'm originally from Newtok, but I  
17 moved here in 1965, and I was here until last year, and  
18 then I start to work for the Fish and Wildlife Service as  
19 an RIT in 1994, and still an RIT, because I need to  
20 discipline my younger people and my children and my  
21 grandchildren, you know, so that they can stay on to  
22 learn how to obey the laws, both traditional and other  
23 laws.

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25 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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27 MR. H. ASULUK: My name is Harry Asuluk.  
28 I'm brother of Joseph Ptarmigan Asuluk. Originally from  
29 Newtok. Was born in Bethel. Quyana. Thank you very  
30 much.

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32 MR. ANDREW: My name is Illy (ph) Andrew.  
33 I'm out of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge. I'm  
34 the refuge information technician supervisor. Also the  
35 native contact person.

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37 MR. REARDEN: I'm Mike Rearden, manager  
38 of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, thank you for  
41 bringing your staff.

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43 MR. REARDEN: You're welcome.

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45 MS. GREGORY: Mike, thank you for coming.

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47 MR. STALLER: My name is Doug Staller.  
48 I'm the deputy manager, Yukon Delta National Wildlife  
49 Refuge. Thank you.

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1 MR. KELLY: My name is Andrew Kelly from  
2 Emmonak, and I'm refuge information technician. Glad to  
3 be here. Thank you.

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5 MR. T. NICK: I'm Trim Nick, translator.  
6 I do this on a contractual, freelance basis.

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8 MS. EVAN: Hi, I'm Sophie Evan.

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10 (In Yup'ik)

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12 MS. GREGORY: That's our translator.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. Thanks for  
15 coming. We have some new Advisory Council. There were  
16 about three of them, new ones. We welcome them for our  
17 meetings and also for Kuskokwim Regional Advisory  
18 Council. These names that you know and you could  
19 recognize who they are. James Charles is from  
20 Tuntutuliak, because of his health had to go to  
21 Anchorage. He's not here. And also we have Willard  
22 Church from Quinhagak, Alaska. He been on the Council  
23 before, so he had some experience of that. And also  
24 William Brown from Eek, Alaska. We welcome these new  
25 Council to Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Advisory Council.

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27 MR. CHURCH: Thank you, Chairman Wilde.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We will try to follow  
30 our meeting schedule. Public comments and testimonies  
31 will be limited to five minutes, and Regional Advisory  
32 Council Comments, only items on the agenda. Regional  
33 Advisory Councils will use presentation procedures for  
34 proposals. Also there will be an evening session from  
35 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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37 Thank you for your cooperation.

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39 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, yeah, I think at  
40 this time it would be appropriate to take care of the  
41 ethics disclosures before we begin and review the agenda.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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45 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, I would like to  
46 begin from you. The ethic disclosures are going to be  
47 the same as that was done in St. Mary's and in Bethel,  
48 with the exception -- I think all of you are familiar  
49 with that, and you know who you represent, with the  
50 exception of Willard Church. Willard Church, I've given

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1 him suggested language of the disclosure.

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3 So at this time, Mr. Chair, I would like  
4 to begin with you.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. My name is Harry  
7 Wilde.

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9 MR. RIVARD: Microphone.

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11 MR. NICK: Microphone.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: My name is Harry Wilde,  
14 and I live in Mountain Village. I subsist hunt, fish,  
15 and hunt and fish wildlife in that area. And I also have  
16 a little commercial fishing permit; however, that I don't  
17 make that much money to affect any of this, what I'm  
18 doing here in meeting.

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20 MR. NICK: For the record, Member Mr.  
21 Harry Wilde does not have any significant financial  
22 interest directly related to the matters before the  
23 Council at this meeting, and may fully participate.

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25 Mr. Wilde, Lester Wilde.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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29 MR. L. WILDE: There's only one Mr. Wilde  
30 here.

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32 MR. NICK: Mr. Lester Wilde.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: My name is Lester Wilde,  
35 and I live in Hooper Bay. I subsistence hunt in the  
36 areas. I don't think that in -- under consideration at  
37 this meeting. I don't feel, I don't believe that the  
38 areas under consideration at this meeting is where I  
39 subsist. But I do not hold any commercial permits and we  
40 are strictly subsistence in our area, and that's what I  
41 do.

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43 MR. NICK: Mr. Lester Wilde, member of  
44 the Y-K Council appears not to have any significant  
45 financial interest directly related to the matters before  
46 the Council at this meeting, and may fully participate.

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48 Mr. Oney.

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50 MR. ONEY: My name is Raymond Oney.

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1 MR. RIVARD: Turn on your mike.

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3 MR. ONEY: Oh, I'm sorry. My name is  
4 Raymond Oney, and I live in Alakanuk. I subsistence  
5 hunt, fish in the areas under consideration at this time,  
6 at this meeting. I do not hold any commercial permits or  
7 conduct any business activities directly affected by any  
8 of the items before the Council.

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10 MR. NICK: Member Mr. Oney has -- I'm  
11 sorry, let me start over. Member Mr. Oney does not have  
12 any significant financial interest directly related to  
13 the matters before the Council at this meeting and may  
14 fully participate.

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16 Mr. Philip Moses, (In Yup'ik).

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18 INTERPRETER: You may make your  
19 disclosure in Yup'ik.

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21 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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23 INTERPRETER: And he feels he has not  
24 tried to profit from his membership on this Council, and  
25 it's been many years, and he hasn't hunted or fished for  
26 a while. It's been a number of years. He hasn't killed  
27 an animal. He has one son and a number of daughters.  
28 And his sons-in-law provide for him and his wife. So  
29 he's being fully supported by his children.

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31 MR. NICK: On behalf of Mr. Philip Moses,  
32 I'm going to do this in Yup'ik, and, translators, please  
33 translate what I said into English.

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35 (In Yup'ik)

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37 INTERPRETER: Philip Moses does not  
38 appear to have any financial gain while on this Council,  
39 or any items to be discussed at this meeting, and may  
40 fully participate.

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42 MR. NICK: Mr. -- I'm sorry, Ms. Mary  
43 Gregory.

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45 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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47 INTERPRETER: This is Akanakhak (ph) from  
48 -- are living in Bethel, and she subsists mostly entirely  
49 on wild game and her son is the one that holds a  
50 commercial fishing permit, but he does not live in the

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1 same household.

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MR. NICK: Member Ms. Mary Gregory does  
4 not have any significant financial interest directly  
5 related to the matters before the Council at this meeting  
6 and may fully participate.

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MS. HOFFMAN: My name is Beverly Hoffman,  
10 and I live in Bethel, Alaska. I am a subsistence person.  
11 I hunt and I fish in areas under consideration. I do  
12 I hunt and I fish in areas under consideration. I do  
13 hold a commercial permit. I guide rafters and guide  
14 fishermen, and also people who look at birds and want to  
15 go out by dog team in areas, but they're not under  
16 consideration by any proposal at this time.

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and I live in Bethel, Alaska. I am a subsistence person.  
I hunt and I fish in areas under consideration. I do  
hold a commercial permit. I guide rafters and guide  
fishermen, and also people who look at birds and want to  
go out by dog team in areas, but they're not under  
consideration by any proposal at this time.

MR. NICK: According to Ms. Hoffman's  
disclosure, Member Ms. Hoffman does not have any  
significant financial interest directly related to the  
matters before the Council at this meeting and may fully  
participate.

Mr. Willard Church.

MR. CHURCH: My name is Willard Church.  
I live in Quinhagak, Alaska. I also subsistence hunt and  
fish. And in addition, I do hold a commercial salmon  
fishing permit, and a commercial herring permit which I  
have not utilized in eight or nine years. And I do  
operate a part-time seasonal guide operation on the lower  
Kanektok River, but it is not in an area that's under  
consideration at this meeting at this time.

MR. NICK: According to Mr. Church's  
disclosure, Member Mr. Church has -- I'm sorry, Mr.  
Church does not have any significant financial interest  
directly related to the matters before the Council at  
this meeting and may fully participate.

And, Mr. Chairman, thank you very much.  
And as a reminder, I would like to cover housekeeping  
items at this time.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, some of the  
housekeeping items that I've listed are covered already  
by your announcement about Mr. Brown's and Mr. Hanson's,  
Charles and Mr. Mike's cancellation of their attendance

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1 at this meeting. And we also covered travel related  
2 issues during the discussion of travel issues in this  
3 morning's training session.

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5 At this time I would like to wait until  
6 Mr. Aloysius and Mr. Gregory (sic) arrive to talk a  
7 little bit about the financial institution waiver,  
8 because there's some apparent misunderstanding about  
9 that, so I'll wait until then.

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11 And also Mr. RIT Joseph Asuluk asked that  
12 with the meeting logistics and make some things a little  
13 easier in terms of meeting preparation and logistics for  
14 this meeting. RIT Asuluk will be assisting during this  
15 meeting as well.

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17 And there is one very important  
18 announcement that I would like to make at this time, even  
19 though Greg Roczicka wanted to be here when I bring this  
20 up, I think some of you are staying at the local high  
21 school. Toksook Bay students from Nelson Island School  
22 should be applauded for the job well done in their  
23 participation on subsistence student art contest. The  
24 grand prize winners are Ms. Brentina (ph) Lincoln of  
25 Toksook Bay, whose art entry won a grand prize and will  
26 serve as the cover from the 2005/2006 subsistence fishing  
27 regulation book. And Isaiah Rivers of Scammon Bay, which  
28 will serve as the cover for the 2005/2006 subsistence  
29 wildlife harvest regulation book.

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31 In addition to the grand prize winners,  
32 there were 17 other students from the Yukon-Kuskokwim  
33 Delta that received honorable mention for their artwork  
34 contest entries. Eleven out of 17 students who received  
35 honorable mention are students from Toksook Bay. Schools  
36 ranging from grades K-2 through grade 12. The students  
37 receiving honorable mention from the Y-K Delta villages  
38 are one student from Atmautluak, two students from  
39 Nunapitchuk, and three students from Tuntutuliak.  
40 Congratulations to all students participating on  
41 subsistence art contest this year.

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43 On behalf of the people who arrived this  
44 morning, the local school is providing breakfast at \$2  
45 per person, lunch at \$4 per person, but the dinner is not  
46 provided in the school. For the guests staying at the  
47 school premises, I understand there's a kitchen guests  
48 could use to prepare their own food.

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50 And with respect to return travel, we ask

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1 Council members to stay -- or to stick with the schedule,  
2 return schedule, because in Bethel all hotels are booked  
3 up this week, and we could not make any emergency lodging  
4 reservations for Friday evening.

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6 Those wishing to cash checks here in  
7 Toksook Bay, I understand that it may be possible to do  
8 that on a limited basis in the local stores here with  
9 prior arrangement with management. I also learned the  
10 local stores in Toksook Bay accept some major credit  
11 cards with management approval I believe. Some cash  
12 advancements on a limited basis may be arranged also.

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14 OSM Staff present here has some assigned  
15 duties to assist Council and audience. If you are not  
16 sure who to see first, see me first and I will refer you  
17 to appropriate person who can help you with whatever help  
18 you need during this meeting.

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20 Mr. Chair, I can cover the rest during  
21 the discussion of agenda, but before I'm done, I would  
22 like to remind everyone to use their translating  
23 receivers that you've got, one like this. The  
24 translators are doing their best to translate Yup'ik to  
25 English, English to Yup'ik during this meeting.

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27 And also there is sign-in sheet. If you  
28 have not signed up for this meeting, go ahead and sign  
29 in. And for those people who want to testify, there is a  
30 green testifier sheet up front available for you to  
31 testify -- rather submit request for testimony.

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33 Mr. Chair, thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Now we're  
36 review and adoption of our agenda.

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38 And number 6, review and adoption of  
39 minutes from October 14, 15, 2004 meeting in Bethel.

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41 7, Regional Advisory Council concern and  
42 comments.

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44 8, Federal wildlife proposal for Council  
45 review. Proposal 01, clarify the definition of  
46 handicrafts and preserve (sic) commercialization to bear  
47 handicrafts, OSM Staff. You'll find this on your  
48 booklets on 15. Proposal 2, reduce season length for  
49 wolf hunting, Pete DeMatteo. They go through  
50 teleconference. You'll find that on 54.

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1 Proposal 11, establish a controlled use  
2 area for subsistence moose hunting in a portion of Unit  
3 18. Pete DeMatteo will talk about that on  
4 teleconference, and we find it on 63.

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6 Subsistence fish and wildlife issues.

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8 (A) Wildlife topics. Fisheries Topics.

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10 (1) 805 letters will be read by Alex  
11 Nick.

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13 (2) Update on Yukon River District 4B,  
14 4C driftnet fishery.

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16 Richard, I can't pronounce your name.

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18 SEVERAL IN UNISON: Uberuaga.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uberuaga.

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22 (C) Fisheries Resource Monitoring  
23 Program, Rich Cannon. Hello, Rich.

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25 (1) Project performance report.

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27 (2) Strategic planning.

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29 (3) Partners program.

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31 10. 2004 draft Annual Report, Alex Nick.

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33 11. Office of Subsistence Management  
34 Reports. You find that on Page 75.

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36 (A) Marine waters jurisdiction briefing  
37 and opportunity for the public and the Council input, Don  
38 Rivard.

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40 (B) Rural determinations briefing,  
41 opportunity for the public and Council input, Don Rivard.

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43 (C) Subsistence use amounts, written and  
44 briefing.

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46 12. Agency report. Yukon Delta National  
47 Wildlife Refuge.

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49 (B) Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.

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1 (C) Alaska Department of Fish and Game.  
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3 (D) Association of Village Council  
4 Presidents.  
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6 (E) Village tribal representatives.  
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8 13. Regional Council business.  
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10 (A) Review and comment on revisions to  
11 Regional Council Operation Manual, Alex Nick.  
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13 (B) Nominating for Council officers.  
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15 (1) Chair, Alex Nick.  
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17 (2) Vice Chair, elected council.  
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19 (3) Secretary, Chair.  
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21 (C) Resolutions.  
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23 (D) Topics for Federal Subsistence Board  
24 meeting in May 2005, Council.  
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26 (E) Future meeting. You'll find it on  
27 85.  
28  
29 (1) Fall 2005 meeting date and location.  
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31 (2) Winter 2006 meeting date and the  
32 location.  
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34 14, closing comments.  
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36 15, adjourn.  
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38 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.  
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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.  
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42 MS. GREGORY: I have a question. At the  
43 back of the packet, Page 81, there's a release from the  
44 Federal Subsistence Board regarding the communities and  
45 their populations and the determination to be a rural or  
46 nonrural status.  
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48 (In Yup'ik)  
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50 INTERPRETER: She would like to put that

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1 on the agenda for further discussion. She would like to  
2 include that.

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4 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, it's under item  
5 11.B.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Item 11.

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9 MS. HOFFMAN: Do you see that?

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11 MS. GREGORY: Oh, I see. Okay.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Thank you.

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17 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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21 MR. NICK: Yeah, there is a couple of  
22 agenda topics that were brought to my attention that  
23 needs to be added on your agenda. One is Yukon River  
24 salmon season outlook. I believe it is going to be  
25 presented by Jon Gerken.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Where are we going to  
28 put that?

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30 MR. NICK: I think it will go under  
31 fisheries topic.

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33 MR. RIVARD: 9.B.3.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Fisheries.

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37 MR. NICK: 9.B.3.

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39 MR. RIVARD: 9.B.3.

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41 MR. NICK: 9.B.3.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 93?

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45 MR. NICK: 9.B.3.

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47 MS. GREGORY: 9.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 9.3.

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1 MR. NICK: 9.B.3.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 9.3.

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5 MS. GREGORY: 9.B.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: 9.B.

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9 MR. NICK: And in addition to that, Mr.  
10 Chair, Council charter review also needs to be added on  
11 the agenda. Unfortunately it was my oversight that I did  
12 not bring a copy of that, but it was in your -- where was  
13 it, fall meeting? It was in one of your Council meeting  
14 booklets. Your current -- rather the Council charters  
15 will expire on I believe end of 2004 or five.

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17 MR. RIVARD: 2005. It will be 2005.

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19 MR. NICK: 2005. November 2005, so we  
20 need to get some suggestion from the Council what -- if  
21 any -- what changes you want to see on your Council  
22 charter.

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24 MS. HOFFMAN: But you don't have copies  
25 of that?

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27 MR. NICK: I don't have copies.  
28 Unfortunately, because of my oversight, I did not bring  
29 copy.

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31 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair, we might have to  
32 wait until October meeting to deal with that if we don't  
33 have copies of it.

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35 MR. NICK: It's up to you, but.....

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37 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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41 MS. HOFFMAN: I would not like to add  
42 that onto the agenda, because we don't have a copy of the  
43 charter, and I didn't bring my file to Toksook, and I  
44 would like to just wait until our fall meeting to review  
45 the charter.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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49 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, if it's possible,  
50 we can request a copy from our office in Anchorage. Is

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1 that possible, Don, by fax?

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3 MR. RIVARD: Well, do we have a fax  
4 number?

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6 MR. NICK: We can find out where the  
7 document can be faxed, and then we could make copies of  
8 that if you'd like.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think.....

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12 MS. HOFFMAN: I was going to ask, Mr.  
13 Chair, if there was an urgency to this. Is there an  
14 urgency, sir, that it be reviewed and adopted before the  
15 fall meeting?

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17 MR. RIVARD: Don Rivard with the Office  
18 of Subsistence Management. I'll have to check back at  
19 the office, but what we might be able to do is provide  
20 you all with copies of the charter and be ready to talk  
21 about it at your fall meeting. If it has to be done  
22 sooner than that, you could still give some suggestions.  
23 It's something that I'll just have to double check with,  
24 but I think there would be enough time where it could be  
25 done quickly at your fall meeting.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we'll do it on our  
28 fall meeting. But ahead of time make sure that every  
29 Council will have some kind of paper that -- what they're  
30 going to talk about.

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32 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, the copy of the  
33 charter was mailed to you separately, and also it was in  
34 one of your Council meeting booklets.....

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36 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah, but we don't have it  
37 here.

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39 MR. NICK: .....so at least a few of you  
40 should have a copy.

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42 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair, we can talk  
43 about it at our fall meeting, because -- and if we need  
44 to talk about it right now, we can always put it in  
45 through a motion, so there's ways to get it done.

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47 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, that's the extent  
48 of my agenda additions.

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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3 MS. HOFFMAN: I'd like to make a motion  
4 that we approve the agenda with the addition 9.B.3.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
7 floor to accept the agenda. If there's any second.

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9 MR. CHURCH: Second.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Willard.

12 Discussion.

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14 (No comments)

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16 MR. CHURCH: Question.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called  
19 for. All who be, say aye.

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21 IN UNISON: Aye.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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25 (No opposing votes)

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Yeah,  
28 we're going to number 6. Our secretary will read the  
29 minutes, mostly highlights. Mary.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, the  
32 minutes of October 14, 15 in Bethel. I'll just go  
33 through the approval or motions. The first motion was  
34 made by Beverly Hoffman. I presume you have read the  
35 minutes, so do you want me to read.....

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37 MS. HOFFMAN: Actually I presume that we  
38 all read the minutes.

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40 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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42 MS. HOFFMAN: Is that correct?

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44 MS. GREGORY: Yeah.

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46 MS. HOFFMAN: Does it need to be read?

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48 MS. GREGORY: Did everybody read the

49 minutes?

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1 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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5 MS. GREGORY: No, (In Yup'ik) Oney.

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7 MR. ONEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Yeah,  
8 Raymond Oney, just some typos.

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10 MS. GREGORY: Typos, incorrections.

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12 MR. ONEY: On the first page under roll  
13 call, it's Raymond Oney, not Only. And under Page 10,  
14 under justification under project 05-306.....

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16 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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18 MR. ONEY: On Page 10, project 05-306 for  
19 the Kuskokwim River, on the justification paragraph where  
20 it says Council members were given a resolution prepared  
21 the Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group. I believe  
22 it should be Council members were given a resolution  
23 prepared by the Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working  
24 Group. Those are the only two that I recognize as  
25 amendments.

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27 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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29 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chairman.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Betty.

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33 MS. HOFFMAN: Beverly Hoffman.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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37 MS. HOFFMAN: Also missing from the  
38 minutes, under fisheries topics, under (c) environmental  
39 impact and concerns of proposed coal-fired Bethel area  
40 power plant on the Kuskokwim River fish stock, there was  
41 no mention of those presentations in the meeting, unless  
42 I missed it. I don't see anything on that, and I want to  
43 make sure that that is included in these minutes.

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45 And the other thing that I would like to  
46 see in the future is when a roll call vote is taken, all  
47 who voted for and all who voted against. I would like to  
48 see the names of who voted and -- how the Council voted  
49 on roll call votes.

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1 And that's it for me.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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7 MR. L. WILDE: Hearing no other  
8 corrections or any deletions in the minutes, I'd move  
9 that we approve the minutes as written -- or as  
10 corrected.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any second to  
13 the motion.

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15 MR. ONEY: I'll second the motion.  
16 Raymond Oney.

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18 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, can I have one  
19 small request, please. Because some of us, we don't have  
20 speed write or whatever, Bev, could you provide me with  
21 your changes when we get back to Bethel? Change request  
22 or addition to the agenda -- or rather minutes,  
23 corrections? Could you provide that in a written form?

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: You mean my -- what I said  
26 or.....

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28 MR. NICK: Yeah. Yeah.

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: Because it was a whole  
31 presentation with a lot of different people on it, and it  
32 probably was in the records, but I just want to make sure  
33 that it's included in the meetings that this happened,  
34 and that people gave presentations.

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36 MR. NICK: Okay. Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more question.

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40 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik) Ray Oney?

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Second by Ray  
43 Oney. Discussion.

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45 (No comments)

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47 MS. HOFFMAN: Question.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called  
2 for. All who favor say aye.

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4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose say no.

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8 (No opposing votes)

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Minutes  
11 of October 14-15, 2004 is approved.

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13 MS. GREGORY: With addition.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next on our agenda is  
16 Regional Advisory Council concerns and comments.

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18 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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22 MR. L. WILDE: I had a concern, but for  
23 the life of me I've been trying to think for the last  
24 five minutes what it is, but I believe that during the  
25 agenda, if we should -- should I remember what it was, we  
26 have the option of suspending the rules.

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28 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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32 MS. HOFFMAN: There is a concern that I  
33 have. There's a Senate Bill 40 that is being heard in  
34 front of the Department of Transportation that has to do  
35 with the creation of a Kuskokwim Port Authority that  
36 could have great effects on our fish and wildlife, and  
37 our environment in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, and I am so  
38 concerned about the creation of that port authority, and  
39 the powers that it would give the Governor to appoint  
40 people to that authority that might create facilities  
41 such as a coal-fired power plant in the Kuskokwim Delta  
42 to provide power to Donna Creek Mine, and I am concerned  
43 about the effects that it would have on our environment,  
44 social impacts, but mostly concerned about fish and  
45 wildlife. And I just wanted to bring it up at this  
46 point, because this Council in the future might -- a  
47 proposal might come forward in regards to this, and so I  
48 just want to alert the Council that that bill is going to  
49 be heard. Testimony is going to be heard Tuesday at 1:30  
50 in Bethel, but people that need more information on this

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1 proposed bill, and the effect that it might have and  
2 exactly the language in it can request that from  
3 Legislative Office in Bethel.

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5 MS. GREGORY: What's the Senate bill  
6 number?

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8 MS. HOFFMAN: Senate Bill 4041.

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10 And my only other comment is it's good to  
11 be here and participating on this Council.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Beverly.

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15 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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19 MR. L. WILDE: Well, the one concern I  
20 had was representing people, representing some of the  
21 things that we passed in our meetings and being able to  
22 go to the villages that I'm most concerned about in my  
23 area, Hooper, Scammon and Chevak. And I was just  
24 wondering if there is some means and ways to be able to  
25 attend at least one meeting in a year, or it doesn't have  
26 to be very often, but to be able to travel to these  
27 villages and so we'd be able to meet with the people that  
28 are in the villages and get their concerns and get their  
29 ideas on some of the issues that we have to deal with  
30 during the year. And I was wondering if there is some  
31 type of funding that we might be able to get for gasoline  
32 or something in that where we're able to the villages  
33 when requested to go and meet with them. And I don't  
34 know if we should bring that up as a topic or if it can  
35 be worked out by Staff.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Don Rivard.

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39 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
40 Lester, what I'll need to do is talk with folks in my  
41 office about this. And it also could be at -- I don't  
42 want to hold off for that long, but it could also be a  
43 topic in your next annual report, not the one for 2004,  
44 but 2005. We'll try to get some answer to you before  
45 then, but it could also be included as one of your topics  
46 for your annual report 2005 as an idea you'd like to see  
47 happen.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: Well, the thing is, you  
50 know, we -- I could do that, but gasoline in our area is

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1 twice as much, maybe almost three times as much what you  
2 pay for per gallon over in Anchorage. We don't always  
3 have excess or budgeted for gasoline to go to those  
4 villages. Even just -- you know, I'd be more than  
5 willing to give my time just to go and get the reaction  
6 or the suggestions, or some of the considerations that we  
7 have in what we do.

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9 MR. RIVARD: If I may, for clarification,  
10 would it be you would set up some kind of town meetings  
11 and.....

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13 MR. L. WILDE: No. The traditional  
14 council in Chevak and Scammon Bay have requested a couple  
15 times for me to come over and talk to them on some of the  
16 things, but I've covered it on the phone and, you know,  
17 under my own expense, but it always seems better to be on  
18 a one to one basis with them whenever we're talking  
19 subsistence, and some of the regulations that are put in  
20 place concerning subsistence resources in our area,  
21 because it's all subsistence where I come from.

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23 MR. RIVARD: Okay. We'll check into that  
24 and get back to you real soon.

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26 MR. L. WILDE: Thank you.

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28 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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32 MR. ONEY: I also have a letter here that  
33 I'd like to present. After going through the training  
34 this morning, I don't know if this letter has gone  
35 through the Office of Subsistence Management yet, but if  
36 that's the case, then I would like to turn this letter  
37 over to Don for considering if it should be brought up at  
38 this meeting. I believe it refers to item number --  
39 Proposal 11 that we're going to be discussing during this  
40 meeting. And here's some letters.

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42 MR. RIVARD: Don Rivard. Mr. Oney, and  
43 through the Chair, is this -- are these public comments  
44 you've gotten from other people that want to comment on  
45 the proposal?

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47 MR. ONEY: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, yes, I  
48 believe it has. It is.

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50 MR. RIVARD: Okay. So those are public

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1 comments, and those can be read during the proposal  
2 deliberations. We've got a procedure for that.

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4 MR. ONEY: Okay.

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6 MR. RIVARD: So they will be public  
7 comments that will get read into the record.

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9 MR. ONEY: Okay. Then I'll go ahead and  
10 present them to the Chairman and also to Alex Nick.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more Council  
13 comments. Willard.

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15 MR. CHURCH: Willard Church from  
16 Quinhagak. Yeah, over the course of the early part of  
17 the winter I've been working with the natural resource  
18 director down in Quinhagak who is employed by the Native  
19 Village of Quinhagak, and he has been working on putting  
20 together a hunter survey to try to make a determination  
21 on whether or not the active hunters in the community  
22 would support the possibility of developing a moose  
23 management strategy for the area within the vicinity of  
24 the Kanektok River and the Arolik River drainages.

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26 And based on his house to house survey  
27 where he surveyed only hunters who are still active, this  
28 is what his results were. There were 30 active hunters  
29 that accepted the plan or the need for developing a  
30 strategy, with seven that did not accept the idea and  
31 five that were undecided.

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33 But based on his survey, he did explain  
34 to the hunters what the conditions would be, including  
35 the possibility of enforcement of closures.

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37 And we would like to find out what the  
38 Office of Subsistence Management can do to assist us in  
39 our negotiations and work with the Togiak Refuge to kind  
40 of help this become a reality so that we can support  
41 increasing our moose population down on our river  
42 drainages.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any response from --  
45 Don.

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47 MR. RIVARD: Don Rivard, through the  
48 Chair. Mr. Church, would you just elaborate a little bit  
49 more, you want to set up some kind of moose management  
50 group, planning group?

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1 MR. CHURCH: Well, we've been.....

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3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Your microphone.

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5 MR. CHURCH: We've been knocking this  
6 back and forth between the Village of Quinhagak and the  
7 Togiak Refuge over the course of two years. And  
8 initially we did not support the idea of developing a  
9 strategy for increasing the moose population, because  
10 there was some cultural concerns that we wanted to  
11 explore a little further. But with our new natural  
12 resource director, we decided to go out and survey the  
13 active hunters, you know, talk to the hunters directly  
14 rather than through, for example, the tribal council. We  
15 wanted to get the opinion of the hunters that were in the  
16 field. And over all, the majority do support the idea of  
17 developing a strategy.

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19 And this is the first step that we want  
20 to take is to find out if OSM can assist us and Togiak  
21 Refuge in putting something together, maybe a series of  
22 meetings that they can possibly fund to get Togiak Refuge  
23 staff up to Quinhagak and maybe some other information  
24 support that might be out there that we can review during  
25 the meetings.

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27 But the ultimate goal would be just to  
28 try to get our population up to a certain point to where  
29 we can eventually go out and participate in hunts on  
30 Federal public lands, which at this time are closed under  
31 Federal regulations. But we've seen the results of the  
32 strategy down in the Togiak River valley, and, you know,  
33 that looks pretty promising, and we've heard about the  
34 migrations of moose that have been slowly moving over  
35 into the Goodnews, and then there have been an increase  
36 of moose showing up on the Kanektok and Arolik Rivers  
37 also. And then with the moratorium north of us in the  
38 lower Kuskokwim, including the Eek River, you know,  
39 there's a good chance that moose are going to be  
40 migrating more over to our area. And we want to try to  
41 help that population to grow also.

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43 And is there any funding available that  
44 can help support setting up a series of meetings and  
45 exploring this strategy development a little more theory  
46 so we can understand all aspects of what's going to be  
47 involved in developing a strategy and then make some  
48 determinations then after we see how it's all put  
49 together and what role we need to play as a community.

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1 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, Mr. Willard, we  
2 have -- our office has supported those kind of efforts in  
3 other parts of the state in the past, so I'll just need  
4 to -- I'm going to need to go back, and a lot of times  
5 those planning efforts are usually through a funding  
6 agreement with the State and they've taken the lead. But  
7 we can look at some other possibilities.

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9 Have you spoken with the Togiak refuge  
10 manager about these ideas as well and maybe what his  
11 ideas are?

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13 MR. CHURCH: I haven't spoken to the new  
14 refuge manager about this yet. I left that up to the new  
15 director, and he is eventually going to contact him and  
16 discuss it with him. But we've been talking off and on  
17 with one of their staff, Pat Walsh, and this has been on-  
18 going for about a year now, or almost two years since  
19 they initially introduced the idea.

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21 MR. RIVARD: Okay. I will take this back  
22 to my office and ask the appropriate people, and we'll  
23 get back to you as soon as we can. Within a couple of  
24 weeks we should have some kind of preliminary answer for  
25 you.

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27 MR. CHURCH: Okay. Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair, regarding -- I  
32 want to ask Mr. Willard, does your council know this, or  
33 just an independent group of people who are doing this?

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35 MR. CHURCH: Initially the idea for a  
36 household survey was presented to the tribal council, and  
37 they supported doing the household survey. The natural  
38 resource director, who is employed by the tribe, was the  
39 one involved in conducting the survey and gathering the  
40 results. In addition, I also sit on the city council for  
41 Quinhagak, and I'm well aware of it.

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43 MS. GREGORY: Yeah. For me, I have to  
44 let the whole village be behind it before I could accept  
45 something like that, and support it.

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47 Thank you for explaining.

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49 MR. CHURCH: You're welcome.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other comments from  
2 Council.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If it's not, we'll go to  
7 the next on our agenda, number 8, Federal wildlife  
8 propos.....

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10 MS. GREGORY: I have a comment. I'm  
11 sorry. I was taking notes.

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13 I am so glad to be in Toksook Bay. I  
14 haven't been here for a long time, and I'd like for the  
15 people who are from Toksook to know that I am very happy  
16 to be back in my old relative country, and people are  
17 telling me, long time no see, which makes me feel good.

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19 I'll do the rest in my language.

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21 (In Yup'ik)

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23 INTERPRETER: I am grateful for returning  
24 to Toksook Bay. Many of the people are no longer here,  
25 particularly the elders, but my uncle's still around, and  
26 I am staying with his daughter. And I am seeing a lot of  
27 my peers from around here who are happy to see me. And  
28 we're being fed well, for feeding us well.

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30 I would like to request for those that  
31 have -- it would be good if somebody from the village  
32 would invite the public, announcing through the VHF that  
33 this meeting is going on, and perhaps to come and listen,  
34 and perhaps make comment, and if they have any questions.  
35 Since a lot of the regulations that we're dealing with  
36 affect the people and the decisions that are made, I  
37 would like to see some community members from Toksook to  
38 come and participate in this meeting, if someone could  
39 announce by VHF.

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41 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mary. Don  
42 Rivard.

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44 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, if you're going  
45 to move on to the next item, then I just need to get Pete  
46 DeMatteo on the telephone.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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50 MR. RIVARD: All right.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. We are starting  
2 our proposals at this time.

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4 MS. GREGORY: Number 8.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Number 8 on Page 2.

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8 (Pause - establishing phone contact with  
9 Pete DeMatteo)

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11 MR. DEMATTEO: This is Pete DeMatteo.

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13 MR. RIVARD: Hi, Pete. Don here. We're  
14 ready for the proposal analyses.

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16 MR. DEMATTEO: Okay.

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18 MR. RIVARD: And so we're going to get  
19 you on the line here. Is that okay, Mr. Chair?

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay.

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23 MR. RIVARD: We've got seven Council  
24 members here, so we have a quorum, Pete, and we're ready  
25 to go with Proposal 1.

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27 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, is it okay for  
28 me to just jump in now?

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30 MR. RIVARD: Go ahead.

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32 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, members of the  
33 Council, the first proposal that we will deal with is  
34 Proposal WP05-01, and that is in your books. It begins  
35 on Page 17 through 26 of your Council books.

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37 This proposal was submitted by the U.S.  
38 Fish and Wildlife Service, and the proposal requests that  
39 the definitions of handicraft and of skin, hide, pelt or  
40 fur be changed to clarify the Federal Subsistence Board's  
41 stated intent to allow the sale of handicrafts made in  
42 Alaska by rural Alaskans from bear fur and claws.

43  
44 The proponent also requests that the  
45 regulatory language that allows the sale of such  
46 handicrafts be modified to clarify that both the external  
47 covering of the bear and the claws can be used in  
48 handicrafts for sale.

49  
50 Finally, the proponent requests that

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1 commercial sales of such handicrafts be disallowed.

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3 Proposal 05-01 was submitted in an effort  
4 to clarify the Federal subsistence regulations with  
5 regard to handicrafts and the inclusion of bear claws in  
6 a definition of fur.

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8 Since 2002, several proposals dealing  
9 with black and brown bears and their uses have been  
10 submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board. Most  
11 recently, in May of 2004, the Board addressed a proposal  
12 requesting the allowance of handicraft items made from  
13 the fur of brown bear. The Board supported this request  
14 in specific units, but lengthy discussion over the  
15 intended inclusion or exclusion of bear claws in the  
16 Federal definition of fur prompted the proponent to  
17 submit this proposal in order to provide additional  
18 clarification on the inclusion of bear claws in the  
19 definition of fur, the definition of handicraft, and also  
20 disallowance of commercial sale of the handicrafts.

21

22 This proposal affects all regions of the  
23 State because it clarifies a definition, but it does not  
24 change the current allowance for the sale of handicraft  
25 articles made from the fur or claws of a brown bear.

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27 Mr. Chair, the existing regulations can  
28 be found in your books on Page 17, and just below there  
29 are the proposed regulations, and in the first paragraph  
30 there on Page 17, it would add the language to the  
31 existing regulations that handicrafts means a finished  
32 product, and would add, made in Alaska by a rural  
33 Alaskan from nonedible byproducts of fish or wildlife,  
34 which is composed or in some significant respect of  
35 natural materials. It would also add language to the  
36 following part of the sentence, in which the shape or  
37 appearance of the natural material has been substantially  
38 changed by the skillful use of hands by sewing, and also  
39 adding weaving, lacing and beading.

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41 The next paragraph, skin, hide, pelt or  
42 fur means any tanned or untanned external covering of an  
43 animal's body, and would exclude the language which  
44 reads, excluding bear. And add, however, for bear, the  
45 skin, hide, pelt or fur, and delete of a bear, is, and  
46 clarifies, means the external covering with claws  
47 attached.

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49 And in the next paragraph, it would more  
50 definitely clarify the articles made by adding the

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1 language skin, hide, pelt or, and add it to the language  
2 of fur of a black bear, and also it designates including  
3 claws.

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5                   The next paragraph, it does the same  
6 thing, but it specifically mentions for bears that are  
7 taken in Units 1 through 5, 9(A) through (C), 9(E), 12,  
8 17, 20 and Unit 25.

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10                   And lastly it would add the language, if  
11 you are a business as defined under Alaska Statute, you  
12 may not purchase, receive or sell handicrafts made from  
13 the skin, hide, pelt or fur of a black or brown bear,  
14 including claws.

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16                   It should also be noted that the  
17 Southeast Regional Advisory Council submitted a proposal  
18 this year, which is Proposal 3. This proposal proposes  
19 to limit the bear parts useable for handicraft items to  
20 bear fur, claws, bones, teeth and skulls, as well as to  
21 modify the definition of handicrafts. This request to  
22 modify the definition of handicraft will be considered  
23 within the context of this proposal.

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25                   The customary and traditional use  
26 determinations for brown and black bear for all game  
27 management units in the State are included in appendix A  
28 behind the analysis and if anyone cares to look at that,  
29 it is on Pages 29 through 35 in your Council book.

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31                   Also there's an extensive regulatory  
32 history in your analysis, and it covers -- it's on Page  
33 18 through 20, and also in appendix B, which is behind  
34 the analysis, Page 36 through 46. It includes a more  
35 extensive regulatory history that covers regulations  
36 going back since the beginning of the Federal subsistence  
37 program in the year 1990.

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39                   Mr. Chair, we won't go through the entire  
40 regulatory history here, but there are a few key points  
41 that are worth mentioning.

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43                   In 2004 a proposal to allow the sale of  
44 handicraft items made from the fur of a brown bear was  
45 considered by the Federal Board. During deliberations on  
46 the proposal, which was 04-01, the Board was informed  
47 that the black bear handicraft regulations implemented in  
48 2002 were not fully consistent with State regulations.  
49 While the Board had intended to align regulations wit the  
50 State in their adoption of proposal 02-01 in May of 2002,

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1 the new 2002 federal regulations maintained a definition  
2 of fur that included claws, while allowing the state  
3 (sic) of handicrafts made from fur, and thus allowing for  
4 the sale of claws. And as noted, while State regulations  
5 allow for the sale of back bear fur, claws are not  
6 included under State regulations. Thus, in spite of  
7 Board intentions, the regulations passed in May 2002 did  
8 not completely align with the State regulations.

9  
10 During the May 2004 Board meeting, the  
11 Office of Subsistence Management Staff described plans to  
12 correct the inconsistency and make the Federal  
13 regulations wholly consistent with the State regulations.  
14 It is the stated intent of the Board when the black bear  
15 handicraft regulations passed year 2002. However, the  
16 Board decided to keep Federal Regulations in place to  
17 allow for the use of both fur and claws in handicrafts  
18 for sale.

19  
20 After consideration deliberation of a  
21 proposal, 04-01, the Board's initial motion was to adopt  
22 the proposal for the Eastern Interior, Bristol, Bay and  
23 Southeast Alaska regions. And these are for Units 1  
24 through 5, Unit 9(A) through (C), 9(E), 12, 17, 20 and  
25 25. And the motion failed, and this was upon  
26 reconsideration of proposals the following day, the same  
27 motion passed.

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29 The initial wildlife regulations  
30 published in the Federal Register on July 1st, 2004,  
31 provided a definition of fur that did not include claws  
32 as well as language that clarified the Board's intent to  
33 allow the use of bear claws in handicrafts by  
34 specifically stating that fur or claws may be used in  
35 handicrafts.

36  
37 During a Board work session on July 19th,  
38 2004, the Board determined that while the new definition  
39 met their intent, it wanted to retain the former  
40 definition of fur, because the May 2004 meeting  
41 transcripts clearly demonstrated that Board members  
42 specifically instructed the Office of Subsistence  
43 Management Staff to not change the definition.

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45 New regulations were therefore published  
46 in August of 2004 using the previous definition of skin,  
47 hide, pelt, and fur, and using regulatory language  
48 stating that black bear fur and brown fur could be used  
49 in handicrafts for sale.

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1                   The key to allowing the sale of  
2 handicrafts made with claws remains within the definition  
3 of skin, hide, pelt or fur, which consists of the  
4 statement the skin, hide, or pelt of a bear shall mean  
5 the entire external covering with claws attached.

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7                   Mr. Chair, if anyone is interested in  
8 looking at the cultural history, which is extensive, that  
9 can be found in your books on Page 20 through 23 of the  
10 analysis. This section is included as a means to provide  
11 additional information on cultural practices with regard  
12 to bear laws that has not previously been provided as  
13 part of the consideration of this issue.

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15                   I won't go into any detail here, but as  
16 you can see from reviewing this section, Alaska Native  
17 groups all over this state had a reach history of using  
18 bear claws and also teeth and fur in all kinds of ways,  
19 from Tlingit headdresses to fishing lures, to  
20 incorporating them into all kinds of jewelry and regalia.  
21 While they are limited, there is some evidence of some  
22 groups being involved in the sale of some of these items.

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24                   During deliberations on Proposal 04-01,  
25 the Board spent considerable time on the issue of whether  
26 or not claws were customary and traditionally used in  
27 handcraft items, and whether these items were sold. It  
28 should be noted that the proponent of Proposal 04-01 did  
29 not specifically request the use of claws in handicrafts  
30 for sale, and as a result the Staff analysis for 04-01  
31 did not address this issue of allowing claws to be  
32 incorporated into handicrafts for sale. However, some  
33 would argue that whether or not a practice was customary  
34 and traditional is irrelevant, since a reasonable  
35 interpretation of ANILCA is that as long as the use, for  
36 example, harvest for personal or family consumption, as  
37 long as that use of the bear is customary and  
38 traditional, no additional determination is necessary for  
39 each specific part of the bear.

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41                   A comparable case involving  
42 interpretation of traditional handicrafts of sea otter  
43 supports this interpretation. The Didrickson decision  
44 concerned the definition of handicraft under the Marine  
45 Mammal Protection Act. Although that statute is, of  
46 course, different than the ANILCA, the court's  
47 responsibility (sic) is potentially relevant here,  
48 because the court concluded that the term handicraft  
49 should be interpreted broadly to allow the use of a wide  
50 variety of natural materials and methods of production by

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1 Alaska Natives. In large part, the Ninth Circuit Court  
2 of Appeals based its decision on its findings that  
3 neither the statute nor the legislative history of the  
4 Marine Mammals Protection Act reveals any intent by  
5 Congress to exclude sea otters or any other species from  
6 Native uses.

7  
8 Using the same reasoning, it is likely  
9 that the Court would similarly conclude that the term  
10 handicraft as stated in ANILCA should be interpreted  
11 broadly and that Congress did not intend to exclude bear  
12 claws from being used by rural Alaskans in handicrafts  
13 when it passed ANILCA.

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15 Mr. Chair, if this proposal were to be  
16 adopted, it would affect -- have a number of effects,  
17 and I'll state them as follows. If adopted, this  
18 proposal would change the definition of handicrafts to  
19 clarify that it refers to articles made by Alaska -- by  
20 rural Alaska residents from non-edible by-products of  
21 fish or wildlife which is composed wholly or in some  
22 significant respect of natural materials.

23  
24 The definition is more closely aligned  
25 with that outlined in Section 803 of ANILCA.

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27 The proposed definition also includes  
28 weaving, lacing, and beading in the list of possible  
29 methods to develop handicrafts. Presently only sewing is  
30 included.

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32 Including language specifying that the  
33 handicraft can be either traditionally or contemporary in  
34 design, which is drawn from Proposal 05-03, also provides  
35 additional clarity.

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37 These additions are consistent with the  
38 definition of handicraft included under the Marine  
39 Mammals Protection Act, and again, provide further  
40 clarification that will assist rural Alaskan artists in  
41 understanding regulations and providing for allowable  
42 uses.

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44 The proposed regulatory language also  
45 clarifies that both the external covering of the bear and  
46 the claws can be used in handicrafts for sale. This  
47 clarification clearly articulates that Federal law is  
48 different than State law, which does not allow the claws  
49 of a black or a brown bear to be sold.

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1                   Adopting this proposal maintains  
2 consistency with regulations adopted by the State of  
3 Alaska in 1998 for the use of black bear fur in  
4 handicrafts and 2004 for brown bear fur in handicrafts  
5 with one exception. The exception is that the Federal  
6 regulations include claws in their definition of fur, and  
7 State regulations do not allow for the sale of bear  
8 claws. It would also be consistent with National Park  
9 Service regulations which allow the making and selling of  
10 handicraft articles out of non-edible fish and wildlife  
11 byproducts, in this case brown bear, on lands over which  
12 the National Park Service has jurisdiction.

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14                   Additionally, adopting this proposal  
15 provides additional clarification by stating in  
16 regulation that the authorization for use in handicrafts  
17 applies for all terms, skin, hide, pelt and fur, and  
18 maintains that the same definition of skin, hide, pelt  
19 and fur so the user is not left wondering what the  
20 difference is between a fur and a pelt, or a fur and a  
21 hide.

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23                   Current Federal language also allows the  
24 sale of handicrafts made from fur, with the claws  
25 attached, but does not explicitly allow the sale of  
26 handicrafts made from the pelt or the skin or the hide  
27 with the claws attached. Adoption of the proposed  
28 regulatory language does not provide for any additional  
29 opportunity for subsistence users, rather it only  
30 provides clarification of previous Board decisions to  
31 allow the use of claws in handicrafts for sale.

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33                   The extent of existing opportunities is  
34 unknown, but is likely to be limited given harvest limits  
35 for black or brown bear. You can refer to the appendix A  
36 in the back of the analysis for a full listing of  
37 subsistence bear harvest limits by unit.

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39                   While handicrafts made from brown bear  
40 fur and claws reportedly have significant economic value  
41 and can be sold at high prices, subsistence harvest  
42 limits restrict the availability of raw materials.

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44                   Under ANILCA, the bears must be harvested  
45 for customary and traditional uses, for example for  
46 personal and for family consumption. Bears cannot be  
47 harvested solely for raw parts to be made into  
48 handicrafts, so it is not expected that a drastic  
49 increase of bear harvests will occur should this  
50 regulation be adopted.

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1                   Illegal harvest of both brown and black  
2 bears is an ongoing issue in the State. However, this  
3 proposal addresses bears that are legally taken for  
4 subsistence under ANILCA.

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6                   The elements of this proposal that  
7 restrict the sale or purchase of such handicrafts by  
8 Alaska business, and which clarify that the handicrafts  
9 must be made in Alaska by rural Alaskans are consistent  
10 with the current interpretation of the Board's intent as  
11 expressed in the question and answer brochure which can  
12 be found in the back of the analysis, appendix C,  
13 approved by the Federal Subsistence Board and was  
14 distributed by the Office of Subsistence Management in  
15 August of 2004.

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17                   While the recent commercialization of  
18 handicrafts made from brown bear fur and claws could lead  
19 to an increase in demand and harvest of some populations,  
20 managers should be aware of this and carefully monitor  
21 harvests.

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23                   The sustainable yield of brown bear is  
24 low, and except under special circumstances in limited  
25 areas, regulations should continue to be conservative to  
26 avoid over-exploitation.

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28                   It should be noted that the use of black  
29 bear fur for handicrafts has been legal under State  
30 regulations for six years, and while the Alaska  
31 Department of Fish and Game has not collected data to  
32 assess the effects of this regulation, no problems have  
33 been reported.

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35                   Similarly, little to no information  
36 exists regarding the legal sale of handicrafts made from  
37 the byproducts of fish and wildlife harvested on lands  
38 and waters under the National Park Service jurisdiction.  
39 Again, no issues have been reported.

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41                   Mr. Chair, the preliminary conclusion  
42 could be found on Page 25 of your book. And the  
43 preliminary conclusion is to support the proposal with  
44 modification, to add additional language to further  
45 clarify the definition of handicraft as well as the -- to  
46 add language to clarify -- that clarifies exemption of  
47 those operating as a business.

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49                   And on the same page you can see the  
50 modified proposed regulation should read.

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1 MR. RIVARD: Pete.  
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3 MR. DEMATTEO: I would add the.....  
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5 MR. RIVARD: Pete.  
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7 MR. DEMATTEO: .....the bold -- yes?  
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9 MR. RIVARD: Pete, let me interrupt. I  
10 just wanted to make sure that you know that they have in  
11 -- the Council has in front of them the errata sheet that  
12 replaces what's in the book on Page 25 and 26.  
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14 MR. DEMATTEO: Okay. That's good,  
15 because that's what I'm reading from, the errata sheet,  
16 and we're all.....  
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18 MR. RIVARD: Okay. I just want to make  
19 sure that.....  
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21 MR. DEMATTEO: .....on the same page.  
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23 MR. RIVARD: Good. Thank you.  
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25 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, as you can see  
26 there, it would add the bold -- the type that is in bold,  
27 it would add that language, and also the language that is  
28 highlighted in dark gray. And anything that has got a  
29 line drawn through it, that's called strike out, that  
30 would take that language out of the existing regulation.  
31  
32 Mr. Chair, I'll conclude with this  
33 modified proposal provides clarification of the  
34 definition of handicraft as well as the use of claws in  
35 handicrafts that are for sale. the definition of  
36 handicrafts includes components offered by the proponent  
37 of Proposal 3, and provides additional clarification as  
38 to the definition of handicraft. The proposal does not  
39 provide for additional harvest opportunity for  
40 subsistence users that could potentially impact the bear  
41 population. The proposal assists law enforcement efforts  
42 to clarify -- in clarifying regulations. The Board's  
43 intent to restrict the commercial sale or purchase by  
44 businesses and to require that the products be made  
45 within Alaska by rural Alaska residents.  
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47 Mr. Chair, with that, I'll stop here.  
48 Thank you.  
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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Pete. You

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1 listened to Proposal 1. Alaska State Fish and Game  
2 comments for the Proposal 1.

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4 MS. HOFFMAN: Is that -- are you able to  
5 do that, are you with Fish and Game, Jon?

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7 MR. GERKEN: No.

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9 MS. HOFFMAN: Oh, sorry.

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11 MS. GREGORY: There's no Alaska people  
12 here.

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14 MS. HOFFMAN: Well, we must note that,  
15 Mr. Chair.

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17 MS. GREGORY: No Alaska people.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next on our presentation  
20 is Federal, State and tribal agency comment.

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22 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair, before you go on  
23 though, it does state on Page 16 that the ADF&G opposes  
24 this.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Any Federal,  
27 State and tribal agents comment. InterAgency Staff  
28 Committee comment. Fish and game advisory committee  
29 comment. Summary of written public comment.

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31 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, for the record, I  
32 would like to go back a little bit, and on page 16 of  
33 your book, ADF&G opposes the proposal. And in your book  
34 it also says that there are no public comments, but we  
35 have three public comments that I would like to read into  
36 the record, Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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40 MR. NICK: Sorry about that. First  
41 public comment comes from Alaska State Troopers. We  
42 received a letter from Alaska State Troopers that they  
43 were in opposition of the proposal, and I would like to  
44 read just a couple of paragraphs from the letter that  
45 states, this proposal, if adopted will further the  
46 opportunity for hunters to commercialize black and bear  
47 claws and body parts, while increasing the incentive to  
48 harvest bears only for these valuable parts and leaving  
49 the rest to waste. Law enforcement is an important and  
50 necessary part of sound wildlife management principles

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1 and the conservation of healthy populations of fish and  
2 wildlife. Law enforcement concerns are valid and need to  
3 be included in the Board's deliberations.

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5 We believe that allowable -- I'm sorry.  
6 We believe that allowing the sale of bear parts will  
7 increase illegal take and waste of bears, will exacerbate  
8 the black market issues which go against North American  
9 trend that is more restrictive concerning sale, and is  
10 not consistent with customary and traditional practices.

11

12 The Department of Public Safety is  
13 opposed to Proposal Number 1 and 3 which would change the  
14 definition of handicraft and allow the sale of bear claws  
15 and body parts. And this is from Captain Randell Hahn I  
16 believe.

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18 And we also received public comment from  
19 Ahtna, Incorporated on Proposal 1. Their comment reads,  
20 we support Proposal WP05-01 to clarify the definition of  
21 handicraft and prevent the commercialization of bear  
22 handicrafts. We support rural subsistence users being  
23 able to make handicrafts out of the skin, hide, pelt,  
24 including claws for black and brown bears. We support  
25 efforts to prohibit commercialization of the skin, hide,  
26 pelt, or fur of a black bear or brown bear, including  
27 claws.

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29 And the last written comment we received,  
30 I'm going to try to summarize. It's a letter received  
31 from -- addressed to John Hanson from Paul Beans, board  
32 chairman of Azachorak, Incorporated of Mountain Village.  
33 I'll try to summarize the comment.

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35 Azachorak, Inc. supports no fly zone for  
36 the.....

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38 MR. RIVARD: That's the wrong proposal.

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40 MS. GREGORY: It's the different.....

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42 MR. NICK: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

43 Yeah, I'm sorry. It's my mistake.

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45 That's the extent of the public comments.

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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you, Alex.

48 On number 8, Regional Advisory Council deliberation,

49 recommendation and justification.

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1 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No, (In Yup'ik).

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5 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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9 MR. NICK: Yeah, with your permission, we  
10 would like to read the ADF&G comment, which is in your  
11 book, Page 53.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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15 MR. NICK: The ADF&G comment reads, do  
16 not support. This proposal does not address concerns  
17 raised by the Department in the request for  
18 reconsideration submitted to the Federal Subsistence  
19 Board in 2004 regarding the Federal regulation  
20 authorizing the sale of handicraft items made from the  
21 skin and claws of brown and black bears. It is unclear  
22 how the proposal changes would address conservation  
23 concerns associated with the sale of handicrafts made  
24 from bear fur and claws in the absence of a tracking  
25 system that documents how many bears are being harvested  
26 for the purpose of making handicraft items for sale. Mr.  
27 Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Public  
30 testimony. Do we have public testimony for Proposal  
31 Number 1.

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33 (No comments)

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35 MR. RIVARD: Pete, are you able to hear  
36 everything?

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38 (No comments)

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40 MR. RIVARD: Pete DeMatteo, are you able  
41 to hear everything?

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43 (No comments)

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45 MR. RIVARD: Pete, are you able to hear  
46 everything?

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48 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes, I have.

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50 MR. RIVARD: Okay. Good. Just checking.

51 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's none public  
2 comments, we're now going into Regional Advisory Council  
3 deliberation, recommendation and justification.

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5 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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9 MS. GREGORY: With all the oppositions to  
10 the proposals, I have no problem with the proposal,  
11 except for the claws, because right now people are making  
12 mukluks, they make geokuluks (ph) out of bear leggings,  
13 and they sell them. So if we do that, then just leave  
14 the claws out then, you know, it's -- most of the problem  
15 I seem to hear from reading those different comments is  
16 that they don't want the claws to be there, or what's  
17 that aphrodisiac from the bear? I think they're worried  
18 about those things. But as far as the main part of the  
19 -- the skin, it's concerned they're already -- we've been  
20 doing that for years, making mukluks out of the bear  
21 leggings. But we don't hardly ever use the claws, unless  
22 for decorations. That's where I stand.

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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: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
29 this Council support WP05-2 with.....

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31 MR. RIVARD: It's 1.

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33 MR. L. WILDE: Oh, I'm sorry, -1, with  
34 modified proposed regulations to read as follows. I  
35 think I'm going to read the whole thing.

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37 (a) Handicraft means a finished product  
38 made in Alaska by a rural Alaskan resident from nonedible  
39 products of fish and wildlife, which is composed wholly  
40 or in some significant respect of natural material. The  
41 shape and appearance of natural material must be  
42 substantially changed by the skillful use of hands by  
43 sewing, weaving, lacing, beading, carving, etching,  
44 scrimshaw, painting, or other means, be either  
45 traditional or contemporary in design. The handicraft  
46 must have substantially greater monetary and aesthetic  
47 value than the unaltered\natural material alone.

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49 Skin, hide, pelt or fur means any tanned  
50 or untanned external covering of an animal's body;

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1 however, for bear, the skin, hide, pelt or fur means the  
2 external covering with claws attached.

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4 If you are a federally qualified  
5 subsistence user, you may sell handicraft articles made  
6 from skin, hide, pelt or fur of a black bear (including  
7 claws).

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9 If you are a federally qualified  
10 subsistence user, you may sell handicraft articles made  
11 from the skin, hide, pelt or fur of a brown bear  
12 (including claws) taken from Units 1 to 5, 9(A)-(C),  
13 9(E), and Units 12, 17, 20 and 25.

14

15 If you are a business as defined under  
16 State Statute 43.70.110(1), you may not purchase,  
17 receive, or sell handicrafts made from the skin, hide,  
18 pelt, or fur of a black bear or brown bear (including  
19 claws) as part of our business transactions.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: That's your motion?

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23 MR. L. WILDE: That's my motion, Mr.

24 Chair.

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26 MS. GREGORY: I second the motion, Mr.

27 Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion been made and  
30 second by Mary. Motion by Lester. Any discussion. Don.

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32 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, Don Rivard. I  
33 believe Lester Wilde was reading from the errata sheet,  
34 and that corrects something that wasn't included in the  
35 book, and you did not include that in your reading, the  
36 part that's in gray on the first section. You did not  
37 read that as part of.....

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39 MR. L. WILDE: No, I did not.

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41 MR. RIVARD: You did not. Did you do  
42 that purposely, not to include that? That was the  
43 correction from the book.

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45 MR. L. WILDE: Oh, that was?

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47 MR. RIVARD: The book is in error, on  
48 Pages 25 and 26.

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50 MR. L. WILDE: Well, are you stating.....

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1 MR. RIVARD: That part that's in gray is  
2 what -- is the.....

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4 MR. L. WILDE: Is the modified?

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6 MR. RIVARD: It's the addition that  
7 should have been in the original language in the book  
8 here on Page 25 and 26. It was inadvertently left out.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. I failed to mention  
11 that.

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13 MR. RIVARD: Yeah, you did not include  
14 that part.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, I'd like to include  
17 that also in the motion with the consent of my second.

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19 MS. GREGORY: I consent.

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21 MR. RIVARD: Okay. So that statement --  
22 maybe you could read the whole paragraph again just to  
23 correct it, if you would, please?

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25 MR. L. WILDE: Modified proposed  
26 regulation, the first paragraph should read:

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28 Handicraft means a finished product made  
29 in Alaska by a rural Alaskan resident from nonedible  
30 byproducts of fish and wildlife, which is composed wholly  
31 or in some significant respect of natural materials. The  
32 shape and appearance of natural material must be  
33 substantially changed by the skillful use of hands by  
34 sewing, weaving, lacing, beading, carving, etching,  
35 scrimshawing, painting, or other means, and incorporated  
36 into a work of art, regalia, clothing or other creative  
37 expression, and can be either traditional or contemporary  
38 in design. The handicraft must have a substantial  
39 greater monetary and aesthetic value than the  
40 unaltered\natural material alone.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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44 MS. HOFFMAN: In the discussion part of  
45 it, Mr. Chair, I'm wondering just for clarification, the  
46 State law reads that rural subsistence users can make  
47 handicrafts out of brown and black bear, just not the  
48 claws, is that correct?

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50 (No audible answer)

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1 MS. HOFFMAN: And then if we adopt this  
2 or support this, right now it would mean that, you know,  
3 we aligned with the state and the way that they view the  
4 law, that we are supporting handicrafts made by rural  
5 Alaskan residents. They can make products from bear  
6 hides, including the claws. And I'm just wondering if  
7 anybody knows here what the State wants people to do with  
8 the claws? I'm just wondering.

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10 MR. RIVARD: Pete, can you address that?

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12 MR. DEMATTEO: No, I cannot. I was  
13 hoping maybe someone there on the Council would have  
14 information on that more locally.

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16 MS. HOFFMAN: But you can -- the State  
17 allows for the sale of bear handicrafts by rural Alaska  
18 residents as long as it's not to a commercial business?

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20 MR. DEMATTEO: Don, could you repeat  
21 that, please?

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23 MR. RIVARD: You didn't hear it  
24 correctly?

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26 MR. DEMATTEO: There's too much echo.

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28 MR. RIVARD: Okay. Does the State allow  
29 the sale of handicrafts made from bears?

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31 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes, they do.

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33 MR. RIVARD: And is -- what's the  
34 difference between the State and the Federal.....

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36 MS. GREGORY: Just the claws.

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38 MR. RIVARD: .....regulations?

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40 MR. DEMATTEO: The one includes the claws  
41 and one does not. You may not -- say in Alaska statute,  
42 Alaska laws, you may not purchase, receive or sell  
43 handicrafts made from the skin, hide, pelt or fur of a  
44 black or brown bear including the claws.

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46 MS. HOFFMAN: All right. The statute,  
47 Alaska State statute says that you cannot? Can you read  
48 that again? Can you repeat that?

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50 MR. RIVARD: Are you saying that.....

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1 MR. DEMATTEO: Well, if we're talking  
2 about commercial sale, and we're talking about a  
3 business, okay, under Alaska statute it says if you are a  
4 business as defined under Alaska Statute 43.7.11.110, you  
5 may not receive, purchase, or sell handicrafts made from  
6 the skin, hide, pelt, or fur of a black or brown bear  
7 which include the claws.

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9 MS. HOFFMAN: Right. I.....

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11 MR. DEMATTEO: You cannot purchase,  
12 receive or sell.

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14 MS. HOFFMAN: I guess the clarification I  
15 wanted was, say, that rural Alaskans can sell handicraft  
16 under State law, black and brown bear handicrafts, just  
17 without the claw.

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19 MR. RIVARD: If I may, if you go to your  
20 book on Page 38, this may help. It talks about the State  
21 regulation, and I think Pete was kind of reading some of  
22 that. If you look at the second -- well, the real first  
23 full paragraph, it says by State law, you may not sell  
24 any part of a black bear or brown bear with the exception  
25 of black bear fur incorporated into a handicraft, even if  
26 black and brown bear were to be classified as fur  
27 bearers.

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29 MR. DEMATTEO: But, if I may add, under  
30 State regulations, you can sell the fur of a black bear,  
31 okay, but the claws are not included under the State  
32 regulation.

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34 MS. HOFFMAN: And you cannot sell brown  
35 bear, but under this proposal, you'd be able to do both  
36 and that includes the claws?

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38 MR. DEMATTEO: Under the proposal, if you  
39 go back to the original proposal, which is way in the  
40 front, the proposal itself proposes that made in Alaska  
41 by rural Alaskan from not-edible byproducts of fish and  
42 wildlife, which is composed wholly of some significant  
43 respect to the animal. Okay. And it says skin, hide,  
44 pelts or fur means any tanned or untanned external  
45 covering of an animal's body, and then it would add,  
46 however, for bear, the skin, hide, pelt means the  
47 external covering with the claws attached. So if  
48 adopted, it would include the claws. Does that help.

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: And the brown bear?

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1 MR. DEMATTEO: It doesn't delineate.

2 It's just bear.

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4 MR. RIVARD: If I may, Mr. Chairman, this  
5 proposal -- there's already a regulation in place that  
6 allows for the sale of handicraft from black and brown  
7 bear. There's only three Councils that have agreed, that  
8 approved doing this, and the board went along with that in  
9 their last meeting. The Regions. What this proposal  
10 here is doing, it's just clarifying the language that the  
11 Board intended. It didn't make it -- it wasn't made real  
12 clear, and they did intend to include claws. So we're  
13 not debating whether this proposal, you know, should be  
14 in place or not -- or this regulation should be in place.  
15 It's just defining what it means by handicraft, or what  
16 can be allowed under handicraft, and it does include  
17 claws. So that's the difference between the State and  
18 the Federal regulation. The State does not allow  
19 handicrafts with claws. It does not allow the sale of  
20 claws. I hope that helps.

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22 MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, to continue  
23 answering that woman's question, and I'm sorry, I didn't  
24 catch her name.

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26 MR. RIVARD: Beverly Hoffman.

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28 MR. DEMATTEO: From what I just read, it  
29 doesn't delineate between black or brown bear, but the  
30 next line, it says, if you are a federally qualified  
31 subsistence user, you may sell handicraft articles made  
32 from the skin, hide, pelt or fur of a black bear,  
33 including the claws. So one defines -- means what the  
34 hide is, that's the entire external covering with the  
35 claws attached. The next one says that if you are a  
36 federally qualified subsistence user, you may sell  
37 handicrafts made from external covering of a black bear,  
38 including the claws attached. Does that help?

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40 MS. GREGORY: Thank you, Pete.

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Willard.

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44 MR. CHURCH: Yes, Willard Church,  
45 Quinagak. This is my personal opinion. I think in the  
46 name of contemporary art, and in support of creative  
47 expression, the Council should support this proposal,  
48 because in the art world, you know, there are some  
49 changes doing on with the traditional art work which is  
50 becoming more contemporary in design, and I think we

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1 should support the artists with this proposal here,  
2 giving them the opportunity to use claws in their  
3 designs.

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Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion from  
8 Council on Proposal 1.

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10 (No comments)

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Now we're ready for vote  
13 on Proposal 1. I'm going to request for roll call.

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15 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Just give me a  
16 minute to put the names down. Vote on proposal.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

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20 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Philip Moses.

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22 MS. DOWNING: Your microphone.

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24 MS. GREGORY: Oh, I'm sorry. Philip  
25 Moses.

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27 MR. MOSES: Yeah.

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29 MS. GREGORY: Ray Oney.

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31 MR. ONEY: Yes.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde, Sr.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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37 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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41 MS. GREGORY: Myself, yes. Willard  
42 Church.

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44 MR. CHURCH: Yes.

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46 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.

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48 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.

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50 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, all seven

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1 votes, the vote is unanimous.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Proposal 1 is passed.  
4 And we're going to have a 10-minutes break. Before we  
5 break, someone dropped a glasses.

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7 MS. GREGORY: Glass case. 50 bucks.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ten minutes break.

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11 (Off record)

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13 (On record)

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next on agenda is.....

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17 MR. RIVARD: Microphone, Harry.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next on agenda is  
20 Proposal 2, reduce season length for wolf hunting. Pete  
21 DeMatteo.

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23 MR. RIVARD: Go ahead, Pete.

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25 MR. DEMATTEO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
26 Proposal 05-02 was submitted by Karen Deatherage of the  
27 Defenders of Wildlife Organization of Anchorage. The  
28 proponent wants to change the starting dates for wolf  
29 hunting to begin on September 15 for wolves in Units 1,  
30 3, 4, 5(A), 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14(C), 15, 16, 17,  
31 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, and 26. It's also important to  
32 mention that although it would change the starting date,  
33 the wolf hunting seasons for these areas would still end  
34 on April 30th.

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36 The proponent claims that the wolf pelts  
37 hold no value during the month of August. The proponent  
38 would like to see the elimination of harvest of wolves on  
39 Federal public lands, and the proponent also maintains  
40 that in section 802 of ANILCA mandates that nonwasteful  
41 uses of fish and wildlife resources by the priority  
42 consumption uses on Federal public lands.

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44 Any alignment with State regulations are  
45 not justification for liberalizing wolf seasons.

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47 August wolf hunting on Federal public  
48 lands conflicts with non-consumptive users of federal  
49 public lands in August.

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1                   The proponent also states that almost all  
2 Federal seasons start on August 10th as to most all State  
3 seasons and most seasons end on April 30th. The  
4 proponent wants all Federal seasons in the subject units  
5 to start on, as I mentioned before, September 15th.

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7                   Note that the proposal does not affect  
8 Units 2, 8, 22, and 23.

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10                  The Federal seasons for wolves were  
11 adopted from the State regulations in 1990. Since 1990  
12 the State has made several changes for season and harvest  
13 limits. In 1994 the Federal Subsistence Board adopted  
14 changes to align Federal seasons and harvest limits with  
15 State regulations.

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17                  MR. L. WILDE: Excuse me, Mr. DeMatteo.  
18 Pete.

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20                  MR. RIVARD: Hold on, Pete.

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22                  MR. L. WILDE: Our elder is having  
23 problems with his -- he can't receive.

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25                  MR. RIVARD: We're having a little bit of  
26 technical difficulty with one of the receivers, Pete.  
27 Hold on. And slow down your presentation a bit for  
28 interpretation purposes, Pete.

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30                  (Pause - fixing receiver)

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32                  MR. RIVARD: Are we ready? Okay. Go  
33 ahead, continue, Pete.

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35                  MR. DEMATTEO: Mr. Chair, since then,  
36 since '94, the Federal Subsistence Board has made minor  
37 season and harvest changes. You can refer to the  
38 analysis for comparison between the Federal and the State  
39 regulations.

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41                  Wolves in general range -- their range  
42 covers about 85 percent of the State of Alaska. Wolf  
43 population densities are as high as one wolf per 25  
44 square miles in the favorable habitat areas and also as  
45 low as one wolf per 150 square miles in marginal habitat  
46 areas for wolves.

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48                  MR. RIVARD: Hang on. Okay. Go ahead,  
49 Pete.

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1 MR. DEMATTEO: Wolf population densities  
2 and abundance are primarily dependent on prey species  
3 availability, disease and impact from harvest and control  
4 programs on wolves. The current population in the State  
5 of Alaska is considered to be healthy and the total  
6 numbers of wolves throughout the State is approximately  
7 7,000 to 10,000 wolves in estimation.

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9 Most wolves are harvested during winter  
10 months when the pelts are prime and travel conditions are  
11 suitable. Wolves are also harvested traditionally during  
12 the early fall on an opportunistic basis before the pelts  
13 are prime. This fur is not used for sale, but is used on  
14 a personal basis for the production of hats, gloves,  
15 parkas and other fur handicrafts as this fur is  
16 considered less than prime, but is still functional.  
17 Very little, if any, wolf meat is used for human  
18 consumption throughout the State. Table 1 on Page 59 of  
19 your Council books shows the statewide hunting harvest  
20 records. It does not consider the unreported harvest in  
21 the table. Table 2 found on Page 60 of your Council  
22 books shows the statewide hunting harvest on a monthly  
23 basis.

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25 Mr. Chair, if this proposal was adopted  
26 by the Federal Board, the proposal would shorten the wolf  
27 hunting seasons on Federal public lands by 45 days in  
28 four units that were mentioned and by 36 days in 17 units  
29 that I mentioned previously. All seasons in the subject  
30 units, in the affected units would start on September  
31 15th. If adopted, State and Federal regulations would be  
32 out of alignment, causing confusion for the hunters and  
33 it would also cause law enforcement problems.

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35 The adoption of the proposal would  
36 eliminate the opportunity for subsistence users to  
37 harvest wolves during the early fall while hunting for  
38 moose, deer and caribou. It would also eliminate the  
39 opportunity for subsistence users to harvest wolves  
40 during early fall when fur is used primarily for personal  
41 use. Most wolves harvested during the winter when pelts  
42 are prime. The ones that are harvested in winter are  
43 more for trade or commercial sale.

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45 The proposal, if adopted, does not  
46 address any specific biological problems referring to  
47 wolves in the State, as the current population is  
48 considered to be healthy in all the affected units that I  
49 mentioned previously.

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1                    Hunters would still be able to hunt  
2 wolves on Federal public lands during August and in early  
3 September under State regulations unless the Federal  
4 Subsistence Board specifically closes Federal public  
5 lands to wolf hunting during August and early September  
6 to non-federally qualified users.

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8                    The current Federal subsistence  
9 regulations are designed to allow an opportunistic take  
10 of wolves while hunting for other ungulates, for example,  
11 early fall seasons, take wolves for personal use before  
12 pelts that are subprime. Moving the season to September  
13 15th will eliminate this subsistence opportunity.

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15                    Current Federal seasons provide  
16 regulatory consistency between the State and Federal  
17 regulations. Consistency with State regulations is  
18 important in areas throughout the State with mixed land  
19 ownership patterns.

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21                    Reducing seasons by 45 days in four of  
22 the units and 36 days in 18 of the units mentioned would  
23 create confusion for all users. And hunters could still  
24 hunt under the State regulations during August and  
25 September regardless of this proposal.

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27                    No evidence of a conservation issue is  
28 present at this time, Mr. Chair.

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30                    And with that, the preliminary conclusion  
31 is to oppose this proposal. Thank you.

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33                    CHAIRMAN WILDE: We will ask Alaska  
34 Department of Fish and Game for their comment for  
35 Proposal 2.

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37                    MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, Alex Nick with the  
38 Office of Subsistence Management. ADF&G comment is to  
39 not support the proposal. Adoption of this proposal  
40 would reduce opportunity for federally qualified  
41 subsistence users and eliminate their opportunity to  
42 harvest wolves opportunistically during moose and caribou  
43 season that begin before September 15 in many areas of  
44 the state.

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46                    Consistency with State regulations also  
47 is important in areas with mixed land ownership patterns.

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50                    Finally, adoption of this proposal would

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1 not have the effect sought by the proponent unless  
2 Federal public lands also were closed to wolf hunting by  
3 non-federally qualified subsistence users. No evidence  
4 of a conservation issue is indicated that would support  
5 implementation of such closures.

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7 Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Alex. Next,  
10 Federal, State and tribal agency comments.

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12 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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16 MR. NICK: Yeah, there's comment from  
17 Ahtna, Incorporated on Proposal WP 02. Their comment is  
18 that they do not support Proposal WP05-02 to reduce wolf  
19 hunting season from August 1 to April 30 to September 15  
20 to April 30th. We do not support aligning State of  
21 Alaska and Federal seasons for hunting wolves just for  
22 the sake of aligning hunting seasons under two management  
23 systems.

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25 We support the more liberal hunting  
26 season so that more wolves can be taken to reduce the  
27 wolf population. Reducing the number of wolves will  
28 prevent them from killing calves of caribou and moose in  
29 Unit 11 through 13. Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next, number 4,  
32 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.

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34 MR. NICK: There are no -- there's none,  
35 I'm sorry.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Fish and game advisory  
38 committee comments.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Summary of written  
43 public comments.

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45 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, I just read a  
46 summary of comments from Ahtna Corporation.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Alex. Public  
49 testimony on Proposal 2.

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1 MR. HENRY: Mr. Chairman, on your  
2 proposal.....

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4 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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6 MR. RIVARD: Why don't you come up here  
7 to the microphone.

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9 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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11 MR. HENRY: Joe Henry from Nuaakapiak  
12 Traditional Council. On that proposal set -- wolf  
13 hunting is, to me it's too early. We know we don't hunt  
14 wolf around here on the coastal area, but I'm thinking in  
15 the future time those young people might be interested  
16 to go out for wolf hunting. As we know nowadays, we had  
17 hardly any snow, you know. In September time there is  
18 hardly any snow to go out for snow machine for wolf  
19 hunting. If that proposal can be moved to somewhere  
20 around maybe February, March, or something, you know.  
21 That's my short comment.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. Regional  
26 Advisory Council deliberation.

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28 MR. RIVARD: Harry, your microphone.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Recommendation and  
31 justification.

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33 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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37 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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39 INTERPRETER: Since Ahtna is opposed to  
40 this recommendation, I will go along with the Ahtna  
41 recommendation. Their recommendation is not to change or  
42 shorten the season for wolf hunts. I follow the Ahtna  
43 recommendation to oppose this proposal.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other comments from  
46 Council.

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48 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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1 MS. HOFFMAN: I guess my only comment was  
2 one of the other reasons that she gave for the proposal  
3 that I actually kind of agree with, that wolf pelts hold  
4 no apparent value during the month of August. Their fur  
5 is not as thick during August, so, you know, that part of  
6 the proposal I can agree with her, but I, too, will  
7 concur with the Department and the Staff recommendations.

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9 MR. L. WILDE: Is that a motion?

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11 MS. HOFFMAN: No, that's not a motion.  
12 On, I should have put it in the form of a motion.

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14 MR. L. WILDE: We haven't had a motion to  
15 adopt Proposal Number 5 (sic).

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17 MS. HOFFMAN: I will put it in the form  
18 of a motion to oppose WP05-02.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Beverly. I do  
21 have a comment on this proposal. And I don't make very  
22 much comments sitting here. I have never seen so many  
23 wolf tracks in my time i go out to subsistence moose  
24 hunting up in Mile 12, Paimiut Slough area. Because this  
25 fall there's so much moose track, just like dog team been  
26 go through, right through that side of the slough, beach.  
27 So much in my 50 years of moose hunting in that area, the  
28 first time I ever see that many tracks. So there must be  
29 a lot of tracks up there.

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31 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, there's a  
32 motion. We never got a second.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

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36 MR. L. WILDE: You need a second.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
39 floor by Beverly. If there's any second.

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41 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman, I second.  
42 Raymond Oney.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray seconded it.  
45 Discussion.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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1 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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3 INTERPRETER: I speak in Yup'ik because  
4 we have translators. When we went pike fishing on Gweek  
5 (ph), my husband went up to the trees and came back and  
6 said there's wolf tracks very close. And also this fall  
7 as we approached the holidays, Christmas, they were told  
8 not -- for children not to travel in the back part of  
9 Bethel. They're much closer than they have before. I  
10 think it's okay to have them open as is from August 1  
11 through April 30th.

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13 MR. CHURCH: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Willard.

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17 MR. CHURCH: Willard Church, Quinhagak.  
18 Looking at the table 2 on Page 60 where the Department of  
19 Fish and Game has their monthly wolf harvest survey  
20 information from 1979 to 20001, looking at the month that  
21 were indicated in the proposal, the harvest is minimal.  
22 The proposal itself, it would reduce the harvest  
23 opportunity for those folks that do want to harvest  
24 during those months where the harvest is minimal. At the  
25 same time, you know, if you do have wolf problems in your  
26 area, and there's any chance of wolves coming in to your  
27 community or people wanting to go out and shoot them  
28 during that time of the month, you know, we don't want to  
29 make it illegal. So I recommend opposing also.

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31 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion from  
32 Council.

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34 MR. ONEY: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, Raymond  
35 Oney.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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39 MR. ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
40 Yeah, we've worked very hard in this moose moratorium on  
41 the Yukon. I know it took us quite a few years to build  
42 up the population in our area, and as we heard from  
43 Willard, they're starting to see moose in their area  
44 also, and that's one thing that I'd like to, you know,  
45 keep on top is that -- is the wolves, because wherever  
46 there is a population of wolves -- excuse me, of moose,  
47 then you know there's wolves right behind, so, you know,  
48 I'd like to, you know, make sure that, you know, those  
49 are controlled before, you know, we get right back. You  
50 know, we had to go quite a few miles up the Yukon to go

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1 get our moose as Harry mentioned. We had to go a good  
2 70, 80 miles up the Yukon into Paimiut area to get our  
3 moose. And I would just -- and they recently opened Unit  
4 18 to moose hunting. So I would oppose this proposal  
5 also.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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13 MS. HOFFMAN: You know, at the same time  
14 that I oppose this proposal, I also want to express the  
15 need -- Ray Oney used the word control, and I think  
16 that's important. I think sometimes when the subject of  
17 wolf comes up, everybody gets on edge and concerned  
18 about, and sometimes I worry that people want to totally  
19 eliminate the wolf, and get scared about the wolf.  
20 Myself, I enjoy seeing an occasional wolf in the wild,  
21 and so I want to make sure that this Council, while we  
22 oppose this that, you know, I'm able to express that  
23 control is important and not elimination of a species.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Beverly. Any  
26 more comments from Council.

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28 (No comments)

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30 MR. L. WILDE: Question.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question been called  
33 for. Request for a roll call.

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35 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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37 A no vote or a yes vote is -- which one  
38 is prominent? To oppose. Can you explain that to me,  
39 please?

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41 MR. L. WILDE: She made a motion just to  
42 oppose. If you say yes, you oppose.

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44 MS. GREGORY: Okay. Thank you. Beverly  
45 Hoffman.

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47 MS. DOWNING: Microphone, Mary.

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49 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.

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1 MS. HOFFMAN: Yes.  
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3 MS. GREGORY: Willard Church.  
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5 MR. CHURCH: Yes.  
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7 MS. GREGORY: Myself, yes, I guess.  
8 Harry Wilde, Sr.  
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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.  
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12 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde, Sr.  
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14 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.  
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16 MS. GREGORY: Ray Oney.  
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18 MR. ONEY: Yes.  
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20 MS. GREGORY: Philip Moses.  
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22 MR. MOSES: Yeah.  
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24 MS. GREGORY: Motion carry. Unanimous.  
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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried  
27 unanimously. Now we're on the last proposal, Proposal  
28 Number 11, establish a control use area for subsistence  
29 moose hunting in a portion of Unit 18.  
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31 Pete DeMatteo.  
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33 MR. DEMATTEO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
34 Proposal 05-11 was submitted by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
35 Regional Council. And this proposal analysis begins on  
36 Page 65 of your Council book. This proposal would create  
37 a Federal controlled use area for all moose seasons,  
38 lower Yukon River drainage within Unit 18. On Page 68 of  
39 your book in the analysis, there's map 1 on Page 68, and  
40 there's a rough approximation showing the area that this  
41 proposal would like to see a Federal control use area  
42 created, and that's on the upper left of the map.  
43 There's sort of a triangle area that's a rough  
44 approximation.  
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46 The proposal was submitted due to local  
47 concerns of aerial moose spotting by lower Unit 18 moose  
48 hunters who fly from the lower drainages of Unit 18 to  
49 the lower portion of the Yukon River. Local residents  
50 have reported observations of lower unit residents

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1 spotting moose from privately owned aircraft in the lower  
2 Yukon River with the intent to locate moose for harvest.  
3 Local residents favor additional access restrictions for  
4 federally qualified subsistence users who access the  
5 lower Yukon River via privately-owned aircraft during the  
6 Federal moose seasons. Residents within the proposal  
7 area feel that spotting moose from an aircraft creates an  
8 unfair advantage over rural users who do not practice  
9 this method of locating moose during the moose seasons.

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11 Mr. Chair, you'll see the proposed  
12 language at the bottom of Page 66 of your Council book.  
13 There's a paragraph there. It says that the Lower Yukon  
14 Controlled Use Area, consisting of that portion of --  
15 basically it's that approximated area that's on the  
16 following Page, 68, the upper left-hand corner. It would  
17 create a Federal controlled use area within that area.

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19 The residents of Unit 18 and Upper  
20 Kalskag have a customary and traditional use  
21 determination to harvest moose in the remainder of Unit  
22 18.

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24 The recent establishment of a five-year  
25 moratorium on moose hunting in the Kuskokwim River  
26 drainage of Unit 18 has caused some expected  
27 redistribution of local moose hunters from the lower Unit  
28 18 to the lower Yukon River drainage.

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30 In years when large numbers of caribou  
31 winter in southern Unit 18, the effects of the moratorium  
32 on the moose population and subsistence users of the  
33 lower Yukon River can be minimal.

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35 A review of the most recent population  
36 data of moose does not reflect the need for additional  
37 regulatory restrictions in the proposal area. The  
38 current total moose population estimate obtained from the  
39 2002 moose census of the proposal area is approximately  
40 674 moose. In fact, the fall 2004 composition count  
41 reveal that the bull/cow ration of the affected  
42 population meets the State's minimum management objective  
43 of 30 bulls per 100 cows. The fall 2004 composition  
44 counts show that the calf/cow ratio was approximately 87  
45 calves per 100 cows, and this is high. This would be  
46 considered very high in any part of the State. This much  
47 higher than average calf component is attributed to low  
48 predation rates from wolves and brown bear within the  
49 affected area.

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1 Current harvest rates for the affected  
2 area do not reflect a need for additional regulatory  
3 restrictions either. Total moose taken in Unit 18 by  
4 fly-in hunters will not adversely affect the  
5 sustainability of the moose population or local  
6 opportunity to harvest moose. The reported total harvest  
7 of moose taken by lower Unit 18 fly-in hunters during the  
8 period of 1998 through the 2003/2004 regulatory year was  
9 a total of one moose.

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11 Lower Yukon River residents are meeting  
12 their large animal subsistence needs through moose  
13 harvest and caribou when the Mulchatna and Western Arctic  
14 Hers are accessible during winter.

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16 The total reported harvest for the  
17 proposal area by Unit 18 residents for the 1996 through  
18 2002 period is 268 moose, which is an annual average  
19 harvest of 38 bull moose.

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21 Mr. Chair, if this proposal were adopted  
22 by the Federal Board, this change would restrict access  
23 for federally qualified subsistence users who utilize  
24 privately-owned aircraft to access the proposal area for  
25 the purpose of hunting moose during the Federal seasons.  
26 The proposed regulation change would prevent qualified  
27 users from accessing traditional hunt areas in the lower  
28 Yukon River drainage of Unit 18 via privately-owned  
29 aircraft. Impacts from lower Unit 18 fly-in hunters are  
30 not adversely affecting the sustainability of the moose  
31 population.

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33 Also, the proposal fails to meet the  
34 criteria for the establishment of a controlled use area.  
35 The affected area lacks the moose population concerns  
36 that would warrant the need for additional access  
37 restrictions. The current harvest levels reflect that  
38 local residents are meeting their subsistence needs,  
39 therefore additional access restrictions would not  
40 address their stated concerns.

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42 The Federal Subsistence Board's  
43 jurisdiction also does not include flight rules for  
44 pilots and their passengers who spot moose over Federal  
45 jurisdictions and those who spot moose and access State  
46 jurisdictions via privately-owned aircraft.

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48 The Board has not established any Federal  
49 controlled use areas during the existence of the Federal  
50 subsistence management program; however, Federal

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1 subsistence regulations parallel the controlled use area  
2 restrictions established by the Alaska Board of Game.  
3 The establishment of a Federal only controlled use area  
4 would not effectively control access because of the  
5 complex land ownership within the affected area. Because  
6 of this, the proposed controlled use area would fail to  
7 adequately address the proponent's request.

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9                   Local concerns of aerial moose spotting  
10 should be directed toward the local State and Federal  
11 land managers who can address these issues through law  
12 enforcement channels.

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14                   Mr. Chair, with that, the preliminary  
15 conclusion is to oppose the proposal.

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17                   Thank you.

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19                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Pete. Alaska  
20 Department of Fish and Game comment.

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22                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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24                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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26                   MR. NICK: ADF&G comment states this  
27 proposal would establish a controlled use area in Unit 18  
28 below Mountain Village and prohibit the use of aircraft  
29 for moose hunting there. The concern raised in this  
30 proposal is a perceived conflict between local hunters  
31 using boats and hunters using aircraft to access moose  
32 hunting areas. In the area addressed in this proposal,  
33 only one moose has been reported taken by hunters using  
34 aircraft since the 1997/98 regulatory year.

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36                   Current Federal subsistence regulations  
37 prohibit non-federally qualified subsistence users from  
38 hunting moose on Federal public lands in Unit 18.  
39 Consequently, only federally qualified subsistence users  
40 would be restricted if this proposal was adopted.  
41 Landing areas suitable for aircraft on wheels are limited  
42 in the area described in this proposal. Areas accessible  
43 for landing aircraft on wheels in the proposed controlled  
44 use area probably would not be accessible to hunters  
45 using boats in the fall months, although these same area  
46 could be accessed during the winter moose season by both  
47 aircraft and snow machine. Aircraft hunters wanting to  
48 hunt in this area probably would use float planes and  
49 land in navigable waters.

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1                   We understand that the Yukon-Kuskokwim  
2 Delta Regional Advisory Council submitted this proposal  
3 as a way to prevent conflicts subsistence and other  
4 hunters in Unit 18 that have been reported in other parts  
5 of the state. However, adoption of this proposal likely  
6 would not have the desired effect as the Federal  
7 subsistence regulations currently limit moose hunting in  
8 Unit 18 to federally qualified subsistence users residing  
9 in Unit 18. Mr. Chair.

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11                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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13                   Federal, State and tribal agency  
14 comments.

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16                   MR. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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18                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Camai. Mike.

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20                   MR. REARDEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A  
21 lot of what I'm going to say is already written in here,  
22 but I think we communicate if we speak face-to-face on  
23 it.

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25                   And one thing I want to make clear is all  
26 of you know me, and this is not a conflict of interest.  
27 If I were going to go moose hunting on the lower Yukon,  
28 I'd go use my boat in Kotlik, so I wouldn't fly down  
29 there anyway, so this isn't a personal thing to me at  
30 all.

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32                   But when you look at this, a lot of the  
33 area that's included in this proposal is to Federal land.  
34 It's State land, State-managed land. It's private land,  
35 land that the corporations own, but the State manages  
36 those lands for wildlife. So what you'd essentially be  
37 doing is closing just the Federal lands in that conserv  
38 -- in that area there that you're talking about.

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40                   And in Unit 18, because of a regulation  
41 that you guys passed a long time ago, only residents of  
42 Unit 18 or Lower Kalskag can hunt moose in Unit 18. So  
43 if somebody comes from Aniak, they couldn't hunt moose on  
44 the lower Yukon. If somebody comes from Grayling, they  
45 couldn't hunt moose on the lower Yukon. Only people from  
46 Unit 18 or Lower Kalskag could hunt on Federal lands in  
47 the lower Yukon for moose.

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49                   And so now you've narrowed it down to  
50 about 10 airplane owners that own float planes in the

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1 entire Unit 18 that you would be denying access to. That  
2 would be all it would do. It doesn't stop any more  
3 people than that.

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5 I think the issue, guys, we're really  
6 after is the use of people using airplanes down there to  
7 spot moose and talk to people on the ground and tell them  
8 where they were and tell them to go hunt, isn't that  
9 right? I mean, I had those phone calls, too, and I've  
10 got in-laws down there telling me about this happening.  
11 People from right in that area down there out there  
12 flying and spotting moose and telling people on the  
13 ground where to go. And that's illegal to do that  
14 anyway, and it needs to be addressed in a different way,  
15 and I would encourage you to -- if that's a continuing  
16 problem, is to work with us and with law enforcement  
17 people and we can put a stop to that, because that use  
18 should not be occurring. But what we -- but this  
19 proposal here is not going to stop somebody from flying  
20 over the area and looking at moose. We don't have any  
21 control over that.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, it's not really --  
24 what this proposal mean is it's not plane go around and  
25 look for moose or spot a moose. It's a plane that landed  
26 in that area. Right now where most of subsistence camps  
27 and buildings and all that stuff is right in that certain  
28 portion of area. I remember that up in around Holy Cross  
29 Controlled Use Area, those people didn't stop. They had  
30 controlled use area up there. I don't think the people  
31 down there be against people -- a plane could come  
32 around, look around, you know, and maybe fine a spot -- a  
33 plane spot a moose where it is. There's villages that  
34 they've got airport, they could land and they could get  
35 the boat and go out look for that area if they want to.

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37 But we don't down there -- the only thing  
38 what they want is I think when I mostly talk with the  
39 areas, they want to protect their fish camps and others.

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41 MR. REARDEN: And, Mr. Chairman, this  
42 would not do that, because the closed area that you have  
43 here would not include that area where you have navigable  
44 waters. Those are State waters, and State-managed lands.  
45 So this would not do that. The only place that this  
46 would limit hunters from landing would be those areas off  
47 the river that are Federal lands.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any questions for Mike  
50 from the Council.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mike, what area we're  
2 discussing, what's the -- what part of the area is  
3 Federal and what part is State? You say that there was a  
4 large percentage of it was State lands?

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6 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman, if you look  
7 on Page 75 of your regulation book here, it's kind of a  
8 rough map, because it's large, but -- it covers a huge  
9 area, but all of the white area on there is land that's  
10 managed by the State.

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12 MR. RIVARD: Mike, they all have this map  
13 in front of them as well.

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15 MR. REARDEN: All right.

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17 MR. RIVARD: It's a little bit easier to  
18 see.

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20 MR. REARDEN: Okay. Well, this area here  
21 on this map that you guys have up there, do you all have  
22 this one here? All right. Well, all the white areas  
23 down there are private lands, they're corporation lands,  
24 and those are the ones that the Federal agen -- or that  
25 you guys don't have any control over. WE don't have any  
26 authority to establish regulations on those lands. And  
27 the navigable waters that people land on are also State  
28 waters. So it's very limited as to where airplanes could  
29 land on Federal lands there, and they wouldn't even be  
30 nearby the allotments or fish camps anyway.

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32 Now, the only way to do it would be if  
33 the State established a controlled use area down there.  
34 Now, if -- then it would be like up around Paimiut  
35 wherein it would be closed to using airplanes anywhere in  
36 the area. But this way, it's so restrictive, it's just  
37 the Federal lands.

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39 MR. L. WILDE: So if we wanted to get a  
40 proposal -- this proposal for a controlled use area,  
41 you're suggesting that we go to the State, and what  
42 department of the State? And is the way to do it to  
43 present a proposal to the State advisory council?

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45 MR. REARDEN: If you wanted to pursue  
46 this and have an area like that, that would make a much  
47 more effective area than what you're proposing here,  
48 because it would include those areas where the fish camps  
49 are and the things like Harry was talking about. I don't  
50 want to even guess what the State would do, but if I were

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1 to guess, I would suggest that it's unlikely that the  
2 State would impose a controlled use area out there,  
3 because the moose populations are healthy down there, and  
4 normally they do that in areas where you have a lot of  
5 competition and a few moose, and this is one of the  
6 fastest growing moose populations in the State of Alaska  
7 right now. So they have to look at it from a  
8 conservation concern as the Federal Subsistence Board  
9 does also.

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11 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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15 MS. HOFFMAN: I just want to go over a  
16 few points, because I have concerns with this proposal.  
17 Only one moose was taken by aircraft since 1997 or '98,  
18 and I -- and only Federal subsistence users can hunt in  
19 this area and maybe there's only 10 airplanes. I'm just  
20 having a lot of problems with this, and maybe I'll  
21 address more of my concerns after hearing some of the  
22 public comment, but I guess my concern is, you know, my  
23 own family has used airplanes since my father flew in the  
24 50s, and that would eliminate somebody like me, this  
25 proposal?

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27 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman, it would  
28 eliminate you, Bev, on Federal lands. However, on all  
29 the State lands that are down there, which is all the  
30 white areas that are open to hunting, it would still be  
31 accessible by aircraft. So actually the way it is right  
32 now, if this passed, airplanes could land where the  
33 people and the fish camps are, but they couldn't land  
34 where they're not.

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36 MS. HOFFMAN: But I want to just kind of  
37 go over that one fact again, that there's only been one  
38 moose taken in this area by aircraft since 1998?

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40 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman, I suspect  
41 that's the only reported moose. There's a lot of reports  
42 that don't get in from the lower Yukon. In fact, you  
43 know, the reported harvest, and I'm sure Pete's relying  
44 on the harvest tickets that come in for this data. I  
45 think we all agree that probably more than 36 moose got  
46 killed on the lower Yukon this year. That population is  
47 growing, people are much more successful. But I believe  
48 that's probably right, very, very few moose are killed on  
49 the lower Yukon using airplanes.

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1 MS. HOFFMAN: And, Mr. Chair, and I ask  
2 one more question, please? The 268 moose that were taken  
3 that was in this area by -- there was a figure of 268  
4 moose taken in this area since 1996.

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6 MR. REARDEN: Yes, I think that's the  
7 reported harvest. Isn't that correct, Pete?

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9 MR. DEMATTEO: Yes, Mr. Chair, that  
10 figure that I threw out was 268 moose. That was for the  
11 total reported harvest for the proposal area in Unit 18  
12 from 1996 through 2002.

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14 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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18 MR. ONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
19 Mike, how soon do you think we'll be getting feedback on  
20 the moose got in Unit 18, that 10-day moose hunt that we  
21 had just recently?

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23 MR. REARDEN: Sometimes there's as much  
24 as a two-year lag on getting all the harvest tickets  
25 added up, so it could be a little while. We'll have  
26 population numbers I would hope in a few weeks. We're  
27 trying to do the survey right now, but as far as the  
28 harvest this next year, or this last year, especially the  
29 winter season, it could be a year and a half before those  
30 information are all available.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, I do have one  
33 question here. You're managing Yukon Delta National  
34 Wildlife Refuge. How big is that Yukon Delta National  
35 Wildlife Refuge?

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37 MR. REARDEN: The acreage in the refuge  
38 is 22 million acres. It's the area that reaches from, of  
39 course, St. Michael down to just north of Quinhagak and  
40 up to almost Holly Cross and up to Aniak. So it's all  
41 that area. But inside that, of course, are all the  
42 private lands, and there's about 7 million acres of  
43 private lands that belong to the corporations inside that  
44 boundary.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any more  
47 questions.

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49 (No comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We will continue using  
2 our procedure here. We're just off of it for a while  
3 there. InterAgency Staff Committee comments.

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5 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, no comments.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Summary of written  
8 public comments.

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10 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, we just received  
11 one written comment from Azachorak, Incorporated, the  
12 village corporation for Mountain Village. This was  
13 addressed to John Hanson. I will just read the letter to  
14 record.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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18 MR. NICK: It says, Mr. Hanson,  
19 Azachorak, Incorporated supports a no fly zone for the  
20 area located below Mountain Village to the mouth of the  
21 Yukon River for moose hunting purposes. We do not object  
22 to commercial airline flying within the region, just for  
23 hunters wanting to fly in the area for moose hunting  
24 purposes. Azachorak, Inc., is the land owner for a  
25 portion of the area described in the attached map.

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27 Azachorak feels this is an important  
28 issue for other communities along the lower Yukon River  
29 to take into consideration. It is important we maintain  
30 and protect our lands for the purpose of our shareholders  
31 and community members. This is one way of insuring this  
32 by taking a stand on this issue.

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34 If you have any questions or comments,  
35 please call Matt Joe, office manager.

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37 Thank you for your consideration on this  
38 important issue. Have a nice day, sincerely Paul Beans,  
39 Chairman, Board of Directors.

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41 Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you. Any more  
44 written comments. Beverly.

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46 MS. HOFFMAN: What corporation was that  
47 from again? I missed it.

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49 MR. NICK: This is Azachorak, Inc., which  
50 is the village corporation for Mountain Village.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any more  
2 public written comment, public testimony. Beverly, do  
3 you.....

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5 MS. HOFFMAN: No, I thought Ray Oney had  
6 some. Did you?

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any public testimony for  
9 Proposal 11.

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's not, Regional  
14 Advisory Council deliberation, recommendation, and  
15 justification.

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17 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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19 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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21 MR. ONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I  
22 believe we discussed this at our last meeting in October  
23 at Bethel. And as Mike mentioned, you know, if we go for  
24 this proposal, then we're going to be controlling about  
25 10 people, 10 privately-owned aircrafts. And what I'm  
26 afraid of is these 10 privately-owned aircrafts turning  
27 into guides for moose hunting in our area. And that's  
28 what I'm afraid of. And that's the reason why, you know,  
29 I would support this no fly zone for Unit 18.

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31 Thank you.

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33 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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37 MS. HOFFMAN: But the way the regulations  
38 read, only Federal subsistence -- is that correct, only  
39 people who are Federal subsistence -- I mean,  
40 subsistence users can hunt, not -- you can't -- guided  
41 hunts aren't allowed. That's my understanding, that you  
42 can't become a guided hunter. Only those of us that have  
43 subsistence rights can hunt.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I don't know. We work  
46 hard to increase the moose down there. So whoever people  
47 -- people who try to increase moose in their area, that's  
48 the kind of problem you're going to have. You can  
49 control nothing even in your land, corporation land. You  
50 cannot control your own land. There will always be

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1 someone control it for you. And we've got nothing to say  
2 so. Our corporation land, I am one of the board of  
3 corporation in Mountain Village. I do all I can to  
4 support the people over there. We've got nothing to say  
5 in our corporation land. Somebody's always control it.  
6 You never see anybody that from corporation come over to  
7 this kind of meeting and testify, because they do not  
8 controlling their own land.

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10                   It is very hard when we try to start this  
11 moose increase down there six years. We do everything.  
12 We talk with our children, our grandchildren, and every  
13 time when they go hunting, we make sure and talk to them  
14 before they go, don't do this and don't do that. Some of  
15 them, the younger children, they say, we are tired of  
16 hearing how you guys been living when you don't have no  
17 fish and game. Well, we're not lying, we're not telling  
18 lie to them. We told them that, well, we didn't have a  
19 law in our time from the generation. We've been hunting  
20 all this time, and then we don't control nothing. We  
21 just -- the law, only thing we have, you catch that much  
22 for yourself, don't go out there and hunt something that  
23 you can waste. Well, it's something that still continues  
24 today. I think it is about time that something has to be  
25 done like right now that you cannot even build anything  
26 or something out there. The only thing that you have to  
27 get the permission first, even your own land, corporation  
28 land.

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30                   So this one here, that people down in the  
31 lower Yukon, those villages council who had tried to  
32 start increase of the moose, that's what they want. They  
33 want just plane with the pontoons landing in the river  
34 and start hunting moose. That's the only thing that they  
35 didn't want. They don't want to go in there in fish  
36 camps, in their fall camps, winter camps, and access  
37 through their own camps or houses. I don't think anybody  
38 will be happy if you go in there and if I go in there in  
39 your house, and break in and stay in there, and hunt.  
40 It's -- that's the main thing that our elders been  
41 telling us, that we work hard and try to increase,  
42 because we had no way, we don't live like a long time  
43 ago, go out there and hunt anything that we want.

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45                   MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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47                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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49                   MS. HOFFMAN: Before we go into further  
50 discussion, maybe there should be a motion on the floor

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1 in regards to this proposal.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Request for a  
4 motion.

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6 MR. L. WILDE: I thought you were going  
7 through -- we still never got to Regional Advisory  
8 Council.....

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. That's what I'm  
11 doing right now. We're going in Regional Advisory  
12 Council deliberation, recommendation.

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14 MR. L. WILDE: Now you can ask for a  
15 motion.

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17 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman, I move we  
18 adopt the proposal.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: I'll second it.

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the  
23 floor to adopt the proposal and seconded. Discussion.

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25 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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29 MS. HOFFMAN: Beverly Hoffman, Bethel. I  
30 want to go on record as opposing this particular proposal  
31 for the reasons that the refuge manager stated, that the  
32 areas that you're talking about are not Federal lands,  
33 that the areas that you're concerned with are State  
34 lands, but it still gets back to that point that it  
35 eliminates subsistence users from other parts of Unit 18  
36 just because we might own a supercub to come into that  
37 area and hunt. That bothers me that you're dividing  
38 people. The folks on the lower Yukon have done a great  
39 job in working together with Federal and State people to  
40 increase the population of the moose, and we're trying to  
41 do that in the lower Kuskokwim, or middle Kuskokwim area,  
42 too.

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44 I just feel that there are regulations in  
45 place right now, State regulations that video tapes  
46 airplane numbers, all of that. You know, you could so  
47 easily press charges against anybody that is doing wrong  
48 in this area.

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50 Mike pointed -- the refuge manager did

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1 point out that although there was one moose documented  
2 taken by aircraft since 1996, maybe there's more, you  
3 know, that aren't documented. And I think it's, you  
4 know, important that if this is such a concern and such a  
5 big problem, and it's messing up the moose population,  
6 I'd really like to see visually, you know. I could  
7 support this resolution more easily, but right now, you  
8 know, I'm from Bethel, and I think a lot of it is  
9 probably directed toward Bethel subsistence people that  
10 have airplanes. And so, you know, that's a problem for  
11 me. It's just a problem for me. My dad has used  
12 airplanes to go hunt since I was a little girl, and that  
13 was 50-some years ago. And so I guess I want my -- I  
14 just want to hear some of your thoughts on that, because  
15 I'm just having a problem with this proposal.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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23 MR. L. WILDE: I hate to differ with my  
24 friend who's the refuge manager for the Yukon Delta  
25 National Wildlife Refuge, but the proposal states that  
26 the Lower Yukon Controlled Use Area consisting of the  
27 portion of Unit 18 with a straight line beginning from  
28 the confluence of the Pastolik River to Mountain Village,  
29 from Mountain Village to the easterly point of Askinuk  
30 Mountain, approximately three-quarter miles west of  
31 Kingokakthlik Lake, or pretty close pronunciation, to  
32 that.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Kingokakthilik.

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36 MR. L. WILDE: Okay. That was the  
37 correct one, continuing to Cape Romanzof, then north  
38 along the coastline back to the confluence of the  
39 Pastolik River is closed during moose hunting season to  
40 the use of aircraft for moose hunting, including  
41 transportation of any moose hunter or whatever. The  
42 description states, and within the area that's given to  
43 us, pink is supposedly Federal lands. And in the area  
44 that is being discussed, most of that land is Federal  
45 land.

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47 MS. GREGORY: Yes, I saw that, too.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: Not State land.

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1 MR. REARDEN: Mr. Chairman, however, the  
2 navigable waters that Harry brought up where concern was  
3 are typically the lands where people can land float  
4 planes -- I mean they're the waters where people land  
5 float planes, and.....

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7 MR. L. WILDE: But navigable waters is  
8 not even mentioned in the proposal.

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10 MR. REARDEN: Right. But those are  
11 managed by the State of Alaska. We don't have any  
12 authority over that.

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14 Actually the reason I wanted to get up  
15 here is I understand your concerns, and I know exactly  
16 what Harry's saying, and I think it's a concern that  
17 people have. People have really worked hard on the lower  
18 Yukon to bring those moose back, and I'm really happy,  
19 frankly, that you guys are so cautious about allowing  
20 things like this. I think that means, you know, that  
21 you're continuing to watch out for those moose. That's a  
22 good thing.

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24 One thing you could do, if the concern is  
25 really on the private lands down there, where the fish  
26 camps and all those things are, is there's nothing that  
27 says that corporations down there cannot say -- they  
28 could say that you cannot hunt on these lands by use of  
29 any airplane. You could do that, I mean, because people  
30 cannot access your lands with airplane if you tell them  
31 they can't do it. You own those lands. Those are  
32 private lands. I don't control those, and the State  
33 doesn't control the access on those lands. Fish and Game  
34 or nobody else does. You guys do that. So that would be  
35 another way to do it. And I understand your concerns,  
36 and it's more of a discussion than a disagreement anyway,  
37 Lester, but if you're really looking to protect the fish  
38 camps and that kind of thing, then the corporations could  
39 do that with their lands.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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45 MR. L. WILDE: What Mike says is true,  
46 but one thing that you must realize is all that area down  
47 there has a lot of wood, a lot of trees, and a lot of --  
48 and very few places where that's clear where you're able  
49 to spot moose. If you've got airplanes flying around  
50 that area, just for sighting, those moose aren't going to

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1 stay out in the areas where you can hunt them. They're  
2 going to crawl back into the trees where it's going to  
3 make it even harder for us people that are down there  
4 with boats to even see them. That will make the harvest  
5 of that moose in the area, once we start getting planes  
6 flying around there, just like any wild animal, those  
7 moose are going to go in there and going to be harder to  
8 spot. They're hard enough to spot as it is right now,  
9 unless you're flying directly over them in the  
10 wintertime.

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12 So I think this proposal has merit, and  
13 I'm going to vote for it.

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15 MR. CHURCH: Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Willard.

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19 MR. CHURCH: Willard Church, Quinhagak.  
20 A question for Mike. I know over in the Togiak Refuge  
21 they do issue out big game permits to permit big game  
22 operators to hunt on Federal lands. What's the case with  
23 the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Refuge?

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25 MR. REARDEN: We also issue a few permits  
26 for guides on the Yukon Delta, a couple of them on  
27 Nunivak Island for Muskox. One up in the Kilbuck  
28 Mountains for brown bear, and there's actually one in the  
29 upper Andreafsky near St. Michael for brown bear. But we  
30 do not allow transporters or guides to hunt for moose in  
31 Unit 18 on Federal lands.

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33 MR. CHURCH: Thank you, Mike. So  
34 currently at this time there are no federally issued  
35 permits for big game operators to hunt in that specified  
36 area that the Y-K Regional Advisory is proposing for a  
37 CUA. And, you know, looking at that, do you have any  
38 plans with the moose population growing with leaps and  
39 bounds, like you had mentioned earlier, on opening that  
40 area to the possibility of future big game operators  
41 permitted to operate in that section?

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43 MR. REARDEN: No. And for a good reason.  
44 I think that with the number of people that are down  
45 there and the need for moose, that it would be  
46 inappropriate to have commercial guiding in that area for  
47 moose, and so we have not -- no plans to do that.

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49 MR. CHURCH: Okay. With the navigability  
50 status of that portion of the river, that being under

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1 State jurisdiction, do you as a Federal employee and the  
2 refuge manager have any type of enforcement authority to  
3 enforce a CUA on State navigable waterways?

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5 MR. REARDEN: No.

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7 MR. CHURCH: Okay. So the problem that  
8 I've been hearing brought up in regards to that area  
9 where people do have concerns that live in that vicinity,  
10 that live in that area there, is access to privately  
11 owned and corporation properties, and people breaking  
12 into their fish camp cabins, and basically disturbing  
13 their private property.

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15 And then I'm kind of in the old bit of a  
16 dilemma here, because of, you know, being part of the  
17 evolving culture. You know, years ago when people  
18 started hunting, you know, they were very limited with  
19 their modes of transportation. But looking at the  
20 hunting culture today and how it has evolved with the  
21 adoption and mechanized equipment, you know, our  
22 grandparents, they used dog sleds, they used boats with  
23 very small outboard motors when they could afford them,  
24 but today you look out there, and you see the young  
25 people. You know, they have big aluminum boats and 100  
26 to 150, 200 horsepower outboards, and they're accessing  
27 areas that are much more accessible now than it was back  
28 in our grandfather's day. And they're using snow  
29 machines that travel long distance that are very reliable  
30 and they're mechanically sound.

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32 And then you look at the younger people  
33 that are growing up in our society today that are  
34 learning how to fly airplanes. They're out there buying  
35 airplanes. I'm kind of in a little bit of dilemma,  
36 because do I want to limit native people's opportunities  
37 to access areas which in the past may not have been  
38 accessible because of the limits of transportation that  
39 were used. You know, our younger people, they're flying  
40 planes. You know, they want to go out there and access  
41 places which have been historically accessed by the non-  
42 native culture.

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44 You know, it's kind of a touchy situation  
45 here. You know, I like the idea of having that  
46 opportunity myself, you know, but I don't like the idea  
47 of having everybody and his cousin come into my area and  
48 harvest moose that we're trying to grow into a larger  
49 population and reduce my opportunities. At the same time  
50 I look at the future where maybe our children will go out

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1 there and use airplanes and harvest moose, and they want  
2 to go into our traditional areas. You know, what are we  
3 going to say to them? You know, there might be a time  
4 and place for everything here, and looking at the opinion  
5 of the people that live in that area, you know, I think  
6 since I don't live there, I would have to support it.  
7 And that's some of the reasoning behind why I would do  
8 that.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Little Wasak (ph), you  
13 come here, down here.

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15 MR. KELLY: My name is Andrew Kelly, and  
16 I'm from Emmonak. And the villages that you are talking  
17 about are my villages that I go to. I'm not trying to  
18 change anybody's mind, but I want to share you something  
19 that I know.

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21 Years ago there used to be moose out  
22 there. When the moose is spotted, everybody used to go  
23 out and kill that moose on the same day. but then one  
24 day these villages of Kotlik, Emmonak, Alakanuk, Nunam  
25 Iqua, Scammon and Mountain Village got together and said,  
26 let's have a moratorium and try to let the moose grow up.  
27 Before that time, all the people used to go up river,  
28 including myself, every year Innoko area or Holy Cross  
29 area to catch our moose. And it was very expensive. But  
30 right now we're very happy that we have moose out there.  
31 We don't have to go up river, you know, far away to get  
32 our moose.

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34 Now, these villages that I go to are very  
35 good villages, and before the moose season starts, my  
36 phone starts ringing, because I'm a refuge information  
37 technician in that area. They do not want to do anything  
38 wrong. They're always asking me what's right, and when I  
39 don't know the answer, I call my supervisor, Louie  
40 Andrew, and he provides me with the answers.

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42 Now, I think the people need to be  
43 informed out there. If anything is going to be done to  
44 change the hunting regulations, they need to be told.  
45 Maybe it would be good to have a meeting either in  
46 Alakanuk or Emmonak to talk about this. Let them have an  
47 input of what's going on here, because it's -- you know,  
48 you are talking about their harvest, you know, their  
49 subsistence. So I just wanted to say that with you.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think we have already  
2 a motion and second, and we've been discussing. We  
3 request public for testimonies. Alex.

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5 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, on Page 70 of  
6 your book under effects, I believe it's on third  
7 paragraph, it tells you about the Federal Subsistence  
8 Board's jurisdiction, and it was brought to my attention  
9 that, you know, we're asking -- you're asking Federal  
10 Subsistence Board something they can't do. There may be  
11 a way to get around this and work something out, but  
12 that's where we stand right now, because the fact that it  
13 won't -- it most likely will be rejected, because of the  
14 policies that the Federal Subsistence Board will have to  
15 follow, excuse me.

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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: Mary Gregory. I think we  
24 -- I think it will be okay to support as it is written.

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26 MS. GREGORY: I'd rather be wrong than --  
27 wrong and be corrected later than to reject somebody's  
28 proposal that I feel very close relationship with, being  
29 a subsistence user.

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31 And (In Yup'ik).

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33 INTERPRETER: I think it will be okay to  
34 use this as it is written.

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36 MS. GREGORY: They can find avenues for  
37 us to do that, and they're smart people out there.

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39 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly, Lester.

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45 MS. HOFFMAN: Okay. I just wanted to  
46 once again express that I am going to vote against this  
47 proposal, but that's not because I'm not concerned or  
48 it's not because I don't want the -- I want to see any  
49 abuse or misuse, whether it be by aircraft or boat or  
50 foot any abuses of people's lands and the moose

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1 population. But I just wanted to go on record, so that  
2 it's understood that while I vote against this, because  
3 of all those reasons I stated before, I'm just in full  
4 support of some of those concerns of abuse, and what to  
5 do with them, and that's seek legal -- get to the State  
6 laws and take care of those people, even if it is a  
7 relative. Doy.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, whether the  
12 Subsistence Board backs us on the adoption of this  
13 proposal or not, Alex Nick stated that we need to find  
14 other avenues, but this is a start. This is at least a  
15 foot in the door of something that we would like to see,  
16 and if it helps that start, then as -- in fact I was in  
17 the discussion -- when this proposal idea came as a  
18 suggestion, I was in the discussion at the time, and I'm  
19 still in full support of this.

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MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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MR. ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
26 I'd like to take back my comments that I made earlier  
27 about what Mike said about the 10 privately-owned  
28 aircrafts turning into guides later in the future. Since  
29 Beverly had mentioned it, I take my comments back on  
30 that.

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But, you know, when people speak, you  
33 know, we -- like I mentioned earlier that this was  
34 brought up during our October meeting in Bethel when  
35 Kotlik introduced it I believe. You could correct me if  
36 I'm wrong. And again from Mountain Village. And the  
37 same proposal book, you know, goes out to the villages,  
38 and they have a change to comment, too. And then we have  
39 written comments like this, and it's majority -- and I  
40 feel that it's a majority from what I hear from my area,  
41 because it's affected my area, then I would have to  
42 support a no fly zone.

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Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more comments from  
47 Council.

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(No comments)

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: What?  
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5 MR. L. WILDE: Question.  
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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.  
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9 MR. L. WILDE: Question.  
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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question's been called  
12 for. I'll request for a roll call.  
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14 MS. GREGORY: Philip Moses. I'm sorry.  
15 Philip Moses.  
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17 MR. MOSES: Yeah.  
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19 MS. GREGORY: Ray Oney.  
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21 MR. ONEY: Yes.  
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23 MS. GREGORY: Lester Wilde, Sr.  
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25 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.  
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27 MS. GREGORY: Harry Wilde, Sr.  
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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.  
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31 MS. GREGORY: Mary Gregory, yes. Willard  
32 Church.  
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34 MR. CHURCH: Yes.  
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36 MS. GREGORY: Beverly Hoffman.  
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38 MS. HOFFMAN: No.  
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40 MS. GREGORY: Two, four -- six yeahs and  
41 one nay. Six yeahs, one nay, and that was Hoffman. You  
42 requested who, so I'm following that, okay?  
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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carry. Don.  
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46 MR. RIVARD: Mr. Chair, that concludes  
47 the participating by Pete DeMatteo. If it's okay, we'll  
48 just bid him good-bye.  
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50 MS. GREGORY: Pete, thank you for being

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1 here. This is Mary. Too bad you couldn't make it.

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3 MR. DEMATTEO: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
4 Chair, members of the Council.

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6 MR. RIVARD: Okay. 'Bye-bye.

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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We could still continue.  
9 I was going to break for 5:00 o'clock, but the way I  
10 understand, that there will be no evening session. Is  
11 that right?

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13 MR. RIVARD: Well, Mr. Chair, you're the  
14 one that makes that final call, but I was just suggesting  
15 that.....

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17 MS. GREGORY: We could still have our  
18 evening.....

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20 MR. RIVARD: .....because of our agenda  
21 items that are remaining, we probably can easily do all  
22 of those agenda items tomorrow. We still could do  
23 something tonight if that's your desire, but I think we  
24 could get all our agenda items taken care of tomorrow.

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26 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Beverly.

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30 MS. HOFFMAN: I've been asked by Toksook  
31 girls to play basketball with them tonight, but on  
32 another note, I'm also scheduled out on the 5:00 o'clock  
33 flight tomorrow back to Bethel, so I want to make sure  
34 that we can cover this before then. I prefer not to have  
35 an evening session, but only with the insurance that we  
36 could cover everything tomorrow in a timely fashion.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think it could be done  
39 tomorrow, because if we get into reports, they'll go  
40 faster.

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42 MS. GREGORY: And don't blame nobody if  
43 we have to stay over not to finish tomorrow. You never  
44 know what happens.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Right now let's  
47 go to item 9, subsistence fish and wildlife issues, (a)  
48 wildlife topics.

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50 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, as of the time we

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1 travelled yesterday, we did not have any wildlife topics  
2 for discussion today.

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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex, so no one to take  
5 that right now. How about fishery topics.

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7 MR. NICK: Mr. Chair, Don is distributing  
8 a copy of 805(c) letter, so I'll wait for him to do so.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead, Alex.

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12 MR. NICK: Mr. Chairman, since we have  
13 interpreters, I'm going to do this in Yup'ik, and I want  
14 Council members to be aware that this is only a draft  
15 letter. It's not signed yet.

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17 (In Yup'ik)

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19 MR. NICK: This 805(c) letter I will read  
20 in summary in Yup'ik. It is addressed to Chairman Harry  
21 Wilde, and it's coming from the Chairman of the Federal  
22 Subsistence Board. This is in regards to actions made at  
23 the January 11th through the 13th meeting of the Federal  
24 Subsistence Board. And these are actions for -- towards  
25 the proposals that you acted on at your October meeting  
26 as to the 05/06 regulatory year. These proposals that  
27 you acted on in October affected the 05/06 regulatory  
28 year. The Board also acted on some proposed changes to  
29 the c&t determinations. The record available in  
30 transcripts on line on the website.

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32 The Board utilized a consent agenda on  
33 those proposals -- do I need to follow in line? This --  
34 he's actually just translating the letter as written.

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36 These proposals were deemed non-  
37 controversial and, therefore, did not require a separate  
38 discussion. So he's on the second paragraph. The  
39 consent agenda items for your Council were Proposals  
40 FP05-07, FP05-08, which the Board adopted.

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42 And he's now in the third paragraph.

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44 With respect to issues to issues specific  
45 to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta subsistence resource region,  
46 the Board took the following actions. Please note that  
47 should the Board reject a Regional Advisory Council's  
48 recommendation, the rationale for the rejection is  
49 provided as required in Section 805(c) of ANILCA.

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1                   Proposal FP05-01 was submitted b Mr.  
2 Gerald Nicholia of Tanana. This proposal would establish  
3 Federal subsistence use amounts for chinook, coho, and  
4 summer and fall chum salmon for the Yukon River drainage.  
5 The proposal was withdrawn by the proponent.

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7                   Proposal FP05-02 was submitted by the  
8 Association of Village Council Presidents and others in  
9 the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. This proposal would relax or  
10 lift the windowed fishing schedules in the lower Yukon  
11 River when subsistence run strengths permits. The  
12 Council supported the proposal, while the Eastern  
13 Interior Alaska nd the Western Interior Alaska  
14 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils opposed the  
15 proposal.

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17                   The Board rejected FP05-02 contrary to  
18 the recommendation of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
19 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, but consistent  
20 with the recommendations of the Eastern Interior Alaska  
21 and Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory  
22 Councils.

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24                   MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chairman.

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26                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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28                   MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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30                   INTERPRETER: I was there at the Federal  
31 Subsistence Board meeting. They rejected the Y-K  
32 proposal following the two Eastern and Western RACs  
33 recommendations. This was -- this proposal by AVCP, they  
34 rejected this proposal considering escapement of the  
35 species of salmon and so that they would be able to swim  
36 upriver for spawning.

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38                   MR. NICK: Quyana, Mary.

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40                   (In Yup'ik)

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42                   INTERPRETER: This proposal -- or it was  
43 said that this is not necessary, because they are  
44 reaching escapement goals -- when those goals are  
45 reached, those closures are no longer followed.

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47                   The second paragraph, second page, the  
48 Board will, however, publish clarifying language in the  
49 public relation book to better inform the public of how  
50 the subsistence fishing schedule can be relaxed by the

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1 in-season manager.

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4 Proposal FP05-03 was submitted by the  
5 Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory  
6 Council. This proposal would limit subsistence and  
7 commercial gillnets with six-inch or larger to 35-mesh  
8 maximum depth in the Yukon River. The Yukon-Kuskokwim  
9 Delta and Western Interior Alaska Subsistence RAC also  
10 opposed the proposal, while the Eastern Interior Alaska  
11 Subsistence RAC supported the proposal.

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13 The Board rejected FP05-03 as recommended  
14 by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Western Interior Alaska  
15 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, but contrary to  
16 the recommendation of the Eastern Interior Alaska  
17 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. This proposal  
18 would be more restrictive on subsistence users than  
19 existing State regulations, and, therefore, would have  
20 detrimental effects on subsistence users. The Board  
21 acknowledged that there are several ongoing studies that  
22 will investigate the impacts of gear characteristics on  
23 returning salmon and the subsistence use pattern. The  
24 results of these studies may help answer whether female  
25 chinook salmon are targeted by deeper nets.

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27 Proposal FP05-04 was submitted by the  
28 Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory  
29 Council. This proposal would expand the subsistence  
30 drift gillnet fishery to include Subdistricts 4B, 4C and  
31 District 5. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Eastern  
32 Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils opposed  
33 the proposal. The Seward Peninsula Subsistence Regional  
34 Advisory Council took no action and deferred to the home  
35 region. The Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional  
36 Advisory Council supported the proposal with  
37 modifications to apply the provisions to Subdistricts 4B  
38 and 4C only, to allow drift gillnet harvest of chinook  
39 salmon from June 10 through July 14, to allow chum salmon  
40 harvest after August 2, and to reduce the window when  
41 drift gillnets could be used in the final 18 hours of the  
42 windowed opening.

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44 The Board adopted FP05-04 contrary to the  
45 recommendations of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Eastern  
46 Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils  
47 and consistent with the recommendation of the Western  
48 Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.  
49 the Board adopted additional modifications to limit the  
50 regulation to chinook salmon harvest and to require a  
Federal permit. The Board believes that passage of this

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1 proposal will allow subsistence users in Subdistricts 4 B  
2 and 4C to utilize the same gear type as allowed  
3 downstream and may alleviate overcrowding.....

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5 MS. GREGORY: (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: Alleviate.

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9 MR. NICK: (In Yup'ik)

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11 Thank you.

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13 (In Yup'ik)

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15 INTERPRETER: May alleviate overcrowding  
16 and safety concerns with existing drift gillnet fishing  
17 in the upper portion of Subdistrict 4A. Also, the  
18 conservation measures contained within the modifications  
19 follow recognized principles of fisheries manager. The  
20 evidence presented to the Board indicated that expansion  
21 of this gear type should not be detrimental to the fish  
22 resource and would provide a more efficient gear type to  
23 subsistence users in the middle Yukon River area. The  
24 Board understood the need for an aggressive outreach and  
25 education effort to inform the public of this additional  
26 subsistence opportunity in Federal public waters.

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28 Proposal 05-05 was submitted by the  
29 Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory  
30 Council. this proposal would establish a five-day fall  
31 chum salmon opening for federally qualified subsistence  
32 users in Subdistrict 5D. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and  
33 Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory  
34 Councils opposed the proposal, while the Eastern Interior  
35 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council supported the  
36 proposal.

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38 The Board rejected FP05-05 as recommended  
39 by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Western Interior Alaska  
40 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils, and contrary to  
41 the recommendation of the Eastern Interior Alaska  
42 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. The Board holds  
43 that passage of this proposal would be inconsistent with  
44 the principle of sound fisheries management and would  
45 restrict or eliminate the in-season manager's authority  
46 to manage the subsistence fisheries based on run strength  
47 or time.

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49 Proposal FP05-06 was submitted by the  
50 Association of Village Council Presidents, Eek

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1 Traditional Council, and Organized Village of Kwethluk.  
2 This proposal would relax or lift the windowed fishing  
3 schedules on the Kuskokwim River with salmon run strength  
4 allows. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence RAC  
5 supported the proposal, while the Western Interior Alaska  
6 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council opposed the  
7 proposal.

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9 The Board rejected FP05-06 contrary to  
10 the recommendation of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta  
11 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and consistent with  
12 the recommendation of the Western Interior Alaska  
13 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. The proposed  
14 regulation is not necessary, because it is already in  
15 practice and implemented in-season when the abundance of  
16 salmon run is sufficient to remove the subsistence  
17 windowed fishing schedule. The Board will, however,  
18 publish clarifying language in the public regulations  
19 book to better inform the public of how the subsistence  
20 fishing schedule can be relaxed by the in-season manager.

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22 Proposal FP05-07 was submitted by the  
23 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory  
24 Council. This proposal would revise the rainbow trout  
25 customary and traditional use determination for Kuskokwim  
26 River to include lower Kuskokwim River communities. The  
27 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Western Interior Alaska  
28 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils supported the  
29 proposal.

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31 The Board adopted FP05-07 as recommended  
32 by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Western Interior Alaska  
33 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils.

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35 Proposal 05-08 was submitted by the  
36 Western Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory  
37 Council. This proposal would revise the rainbow trout  
38 customary and traditional use determination for the  
39 Kuskokwim River to include the mid-Kuskokwim River  
40 communities. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and Western  
41 Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils  
42 supported the proposal.

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44 The Board adopted FP05-08 as recommended  
45 by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and the Western Interior  
46 Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils.

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48 In closing, the Federal Subsistence Board  
49 would like to express its appreciation for the Yukon-  
50 Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council's

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1 active involvement in and diligence with the regulatory  
2 process. The 10 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils  
3 continue to be the foundation of the Federal Subsistence  
4 Program, and the stewardship shown the Subsistence  
5 Regional Advisory Council Chairs and their  
6 representatives at the Board meeting was noteworthy.

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8 If you have any questions regarding the  
9 summary of the Board's actions, contact Alex Nick at 1-  
10 800-621-5804, extension 257, or at 1-907-543-1037.  
11 Sincerely, Mitch Demientieff, Chair, Federal Subsistence  
12 Board. Copies, cc's to the Y-K Delta RAC, Subsistence  
13 RAC, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Team, Office of  
14 Subsistence Management, Interior Division Chief, OSM,  
15 FACA Coordinator, OSM.

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17 This is the extent of the letter, draft  
18 letter. Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. Next on our  
21 agenda, number 2, update on Yukon River District 4B and  
22 4C drift gillnet fishery, Richard Uberuaga.

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24 (Off record conversation - waiting for  
25 Mr. Uberuaga)

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27 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, can we  
28 suspend the rules and go to the next report after that?  
29 If Rich is here, then we could go back to him.

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31 MS. GREGORY: Second. I second the  
32 motion.

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34 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The motion is second.  
35 All who favor say aye.

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37 IN UNISON: Aye.

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I didn't hear everybody.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: He's here, Mr. Chairman.

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43 MR. UBERUAGA: Good afternoon. As most  
44 of you know, at the last Federal Subsistence Board  
45 meeting, the Federal Board adopted new regulations for  
46 drift gillnet fishing in District 4B and C up at the  
47 Galena area. Previous to this decision, drift  
48 gillnetting was not allowed. It was only setnet and  
49 fishwheel fishing. So now there's a new gear type that  
50 they'll be using up there this summer. And the season

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1 will be for king salmon, chinook salmon, only from June  
2 10th to July 14th. And the drift fishing will only occur  
3 once a week, 18 hours at the end of the regular fishing  
4 period. It will only occur at the 18 hours of the end of  
5 the regularly scheduled period.

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7 MR. L. WILDE: Prior to the end or after?

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9 MR. UBERUAGA: Prior to the end. The  
10 last 18 hours of the 48-hour fishing period. I believe  
11 it's 48 hours. So they'll be using a 35-mesh depth net,  
12 no deeper.

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14 What we are doing right now in the Office  
15 of Subsistence is we're developing a permit. This is for  
16 federally qualified users only. You will need a permit.  
17 We're finalizing that permit in the next few weeks. That  
18 permit's to keep track of the number of people who are  
19 fishing and some other information on what they harvest.

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22 We're also working on putting up good  
23 boundary markers so people will know where to fish, so  
24 they don't get in trouble fishing on State waters.

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26 Let's see, what else. We'll be doing  
27 some form of in-season assessment. In other words, we're  
28 going to have some people up there, we have people up  
29 there now with the refuges, but we want to know what  
30 people are catching, how many they're catching during the  
31 season while it's going on.

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33 There won't be that many openings. I  
34 think there's five openings from June 10th/July 14th, you  
35 know, once a week, one 18-hour period, that's five or  
36 maybe six opening periods, so, you know, the fish don't  
37 really get up there until the first of July anyway, and  
38 so there -- we want to keep track of what's going on very  
39 closely, and make sure that we have an idea, a good idea  
40 of the harvest.

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42 Also, our FIS Division of the Office of  
43 Subsistence is developing an assessment program after the  
44 seasons over, so they'll be conducting some surveys and  
45 interviews and follow-up questionings of the fishermen  
46 who participated, so we can get a better, clear idea. We  
47 want to be sure we know that this new change in gear  
48 type, what the effects of it are.

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50 So that's a brief update, and like I say,

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1 we're going to be watching this fishery very closely,  
2 because it was so controversial. And we intend to be  
3 sure of what occurs. So that's all I've got, thank you.

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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any question from  
6 Council.

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8 MR. ONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Ray.

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12 MR. ONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
13 Rich, how it's going to affect the other users up and  
14 down the Yukon?

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16 MR. UBERUAGA: Well, we hope to find that  
17 out. We don't know for sure what's going to happen. You  
18 know, in that area right now a lot of people are  
19 traveling a long ways from Galena downstream to fish in  
20 4A where you can legally drift gillnet. So we don't know  
21 how it's going to change their patterns. You know, right  
22 now the people in 4B, Galena and then Ruby area, above  
23 Ruby, they're fishing setnets or fishwheels. So we don't  
24 know how many people are going to shift from fishwheels  
25 and setnets to this drift gillnetting. What we do know  
26 is there's not a lot of sites for good drift gillnetting,  
27 so we think what we know what's going to happen, but we  
28 don't really know. So we have to be sure we can keep  
29 track of what happens, see if there's a change, if people  
30 start fishing set nets and drifting, fishing wheels and  
31 drift gillnetting, you know, so we want to have a good  
32 idea of what happens, so that's why we're going to watch  
33 it very close.

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35 MS. HOFFMAN: Mr. Chair, with a limited  
36 areas that people are going to be able to fish with  
37 gillnets, it could cause problems, right? Issues of  
38 corking and all that?

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40 MR. UBERUAGA: Well, the intent, of  
41 course, of the original proposal was to alleviate  
42 crowding problems down in 4A. So in that respect it may  
43 alleviate problems rather than create problems.

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45 MS. HOFFMAN: That's what you hope.

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47 MR. UBERUAGA: Well, you would think that  
48 would be the case, but.....

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50 MS. HOFFMAN: Yeah.

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1 MR. UBERUAGA: Thank you.

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3 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Uberuaga, Mr.

4 Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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8 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Uberuaga, in the event

9 that you find that there's over -- well, you know,

10 there's -- on the Yukon, there are certain agreements

11 that have been signed on the Yukon, mainly with the Panel

12 and the Canadian agreement and that. In the event where

13 it seems that a larger amount of -- or a larger amount of

14 harvest occurs in that area where this new fisheries is

15 introduced, is there going to be any recommendations by

16 the managers at the time as to how, whether that is going

17 to be continued or discontinued, or are you going to be

18 able to make recommendations to that effect?

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20 MR. UBERUAGA: I can't answer that

21 question really at this time. All I can say is that what

22 we observe and learn from this, that information, we will

23 convey it to the Councils and to the public and to all

24 interested people as fast as we can. Once we understand

25 what's going on. And I would remind you that this is --

26 our regulatory cycle is an annual cycle. If we give you

27 a bunch of new information that you feel necessitates a

28 change, then you as a Council or as an individual can, of

29 course, submit a new proposal for -- I mean, this

30 proposal -- regulations can be changed annually, every

31 year, so -- but our intent is to give you information of

32 what we learned, so -- thank you.

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34 MS. GREGORY: Mr. Chair, Lester.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mary.

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38 MS. GREGORY: That lady standing over

39 there in the corner, can you come up? I can't remember

40 your name, that's why I'm telling you to come up. She

41 the Federal Subsistence Board member, and if I remember

42 correctly, there's not that many villages involved with

43 this, is that correct?

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45 MS. GOTTLIEB: That's correct, Mary, Mr.

46 Chair. I'm Judy Gottlieb from the National Park Service.

47 I think this was in response to a request from three

48 communities who were going pretty far to get salmon, so I

49 believe our thinking was they'll probably get the same

50 number of salmon, just closer to home, and hopefully

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1 avoid conflicts, and not take any more than they need.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Philip.

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MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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INTERPRETER: Since we're regarding drift  
8 gillnet fishery, we seem to be discussing boundaries and  
9 a regulatory change. The fishermen from the Yukon as  
10 well as the Kuskokwim area have harvested for subsistence  
11 use and in previous years that I've used -- fish  
12 commercially in the Bristol Bay area, in Dillingham.  
13 More recently there is a windowed regulation for harvest  
14 of subsistence fisheries. With those -- we did not have  
15 these windows in previous years. The lands within Alaska  
16 has been used by our people and been regulated. When we  
17 read regulations that are changed or not adopted for  
18 whatever reason, these changes are recorded in documents.  
19 Through the years we orig -- in the early days did not  
20 have Councils, we had no regulations. But it was an  
21 unwritten rule, but a spoken rule that young men who are  
22 harvesting fish take all they need, and only what they  
23 need. These regulations I see changing. Our forefathers  
24 as Yup'ik people had one written rule -- not written, but  
25 spoken rule, and that is how we were regulated as far as  
26 our harvest of fish and game.

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The agencies now are imposing regulations  
29 and taking this proposing that we're discussing, for  
30 example, I don't like the concept of the rivers having --  
31 being controlled or ownership by either the State or the  
32 Federal or one or the other. That is not a good feeling.  
33 Much of the land -- that those of us that choose the land  
34 do not regulate what happens in the rivers.

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Rules and regulations come up and change  
37 and evolve over time depending on issues. That was not  
38 how our people were. Although we were from different  
39 areas and locations and far apart and in between, we all  
40 had the same rules for harvest. There were no Councils.  
41 We used our elders, and their advice and did not deviate  
42 from the rules that were set down.

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As far as subsistence harvest for food, I  
45 think it is not a good idea to impose closures, and  
46 particularly in winter when we have shortages, and with  
47 the coming of new resources in the spring.....

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A lot of -- there's changes in our diet  
50 as well, where a lot of our people are eating the non-

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1 traditional foods, but those of us that are -- that  
2 prefer our traditional foods, and we cannot live on  
3 commercial store-bought food. Although it's a different  
4 situation with our grandchildren, and they could eat and  
5 are used to this diet staple.

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7 I wish that there not be any controversy  
8 as far as the fish is concerned. And this happens time  
9 and time again, year after year. I will hear through the  
10 course of our deliberations, there will be closures, and  
11 then there will be openings. And there will be  
12 commercialization of our resources. And with the  
13 closure, some people will not meet their annual quotas as  
14 far as harvest, in particular to the riverain  
15 communities, Yukon and the Kuskokwim, since that is their  
16 main diet. And for those of us on the coast, it doesn't  
17 affect us as much. Since this is the main diet for the  
18 traditional users of the rivers, for the Yukon and the  
19 Kuskokwim, I think it will be best to regulate fish for  
20 -- and to give priority for traditional use.

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22 And we also discussed ungulates, moose.  
23 These land mammals, land animals are also an issue of  
24 controversy both on the Yukon and the Kuskokwim.

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26 Harvest of subsistence resources takes a  
27 lot of effort, and we take as much as we need, not  
28 excessively. And a lot of hunters take as much as a wife  
29 can handle, because it's a partnership where the female  
30 partner helps in the harvest.

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32 I just wanted to add these things so of  
33 the different issues and regulations that you have been  
34 discussing.

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36 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, quyana. Yeah,  
37 thank you. And we have one more agenda before recess.  
38 Yeah.

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40 (In Yup'ik)

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42 MR. ASULUK: Yeah. Quyana, Mr. Chairman.  
43 My name is Joe Asuluk, RIT from Bethel, but from Toksook  
44 also. I will -- I would like to say something, but I  
45 will say it in Yup'ik so I can be corrected by my elders.  
46 You know, nobody's perfect, of course. I make mistake,  
47 you make mistakes.

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49 (In Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: So these proposals or these  
2 draft documents, if we listen to them carefully and  
3 understood their contents, and discuss these among  
4 ourselves and identifying issues that could hurt us, we  
5 would live quietly, and all the food that we get from the  
6 land are gifts from God. And we need to be careful in  
7 how we receive those gifts. So if you, the Council, pass  
8 proposals or support a proposal, whether they are in  
9 draft, we need to completely understand them completely.  
10 And once we have a complete understanding, it is crucial  
11 that we communicate it clearly, because there are so many  
12 people now.

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14 A long time ago when I was a boy, there  
15 weren't so many people. When I first came here in 1965,  
16 the census in Toksook Bay was 175. And then today we  
17 have five to 600 people.

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19 We need to be cautious and careful. We  
20 need to be cautious and careful. The white people are  
21 not trying to stop us from eating our food. Nobody's  
22 trying to eat us -- nobody's trying to stop us from  
23 eating our food. That's their job that we continue to  
24 eat. And we all eat. We eat from the land, us Yup'ik  
25 people, and we take what we need. So please understand  
26 that we need to be careful and cautious and communicate  
27 clearly.

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29 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you. For  
30 the last for this evening, we're going to ask Jon, lower  
31 Yukon salmon season outlook.

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33 MR. GERKEN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair,  
34 Council members. Jon Gerken, Fish and Wildlife Service.  
35 I'm going to go over the preliminary 2005 Yukon River  
36 salmon run outlook.

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38 Both Federal and State Yukon River  
39 fisheries managers are planning to start the season using  
40 the Alaska Board of Fisheries windowed subsistence salmon  
41 fishing schedule beginning in late May or early June.  
42 Similar to the last four years, a joint information sheet  
43 reviewing the 2004 fishery.....

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45 MS. GREGORY: Can you speak to the mike,  
46 because we can't hardly hear you.

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48 MR. GERKEN: Similar to the last four  
49 years, a joint information sheet reviewing the 2004  
50 fishery and discussing the 2005 outlook will be published

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1 and distributed to Yukon fishermen in May. And last year  
2 it was a green sheet for those of you on the Yukon.

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4 I submitted a handout which contains the  
5 2005 salmon run outlook information. It was summarized  
6 from draft U.S./Canada Joint Technical Committee reports  
7 sections, and they were authored the Alaska Department of  
8 Fish and Game. There's contact information for specific  
9 questions regarding that outlook on the front page of  
10 that, and those contacts specifically are Tracy Lingnau,  
11 summer season manager for Fish and Game, and Fred Bue for  
12 the fall season. However, I would like to provide a  
13 small summary of what the outlooks going to look like for  
14 chinook, summer chum, fall chum, and coho.

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16 The chinook salmon assume a below normal  
17 return of the six-year old fish, and a stronger return of  
18 the five-year old fish. The 2005 run is expected to be  
19 below average and not as strong as the 2003 and the 2004  
20 runs. Given the uncertainties associated with the recent  
21 declines in productivity, it is anticipated the run will  
22 provide for escapements, support a normal subsistence  
23 harvest and a below average commercial harvest.

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25 For the summer chum salmon, runs in 2005  
26 will be dependent upon the poor escapements occurring in  
27 2001 and in 2000. If ocean conditions are more conducive  
28 to survival, it is anticipated the run will be below  
29 average to average, and provide for escapements, support  
30 a normal subsistence harvest and possibly a below average  
31 to average commercial harvest.

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33 Fall chum salmon. Yukon River 2005 fall  
34 chum salmon run will be comprised of the parent years of  
35 1999 to 2002. The major contributor anticipated is to be  
36 the age four fish returning from the 2001 parent year.  
37 The 2005 fall chum salmon run size is projected to be  
38 below average and is expected to be in the range of  
39 584,000 to 776,000. The 2005 projected run size should  
40 support normal subsistence fishing activities, should  
41 provide some opportunity for commercial ventures if the  
42 markets do exist.

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44 And then the coho salmon, the major  
45 contributor to the 2005 coho salmon run will be age four  
46 fish returning from the 2001 parent year. Based on  
47 limited years escapement observations, the 2005 coho  
48 salmon run is anticipated to be above average or average.

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50 And that's all I have. I didn't read

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1 straight through that document, primarily because it was  
2 a Fish and Game document. I just wanted to provide, Mr.  
3 Chair and the Council, kind of the highlights of what was  
4 found in that preseason preliminary outlook.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I've got a  
7 question for you concerning -- you say that it depends on  
8 Pilot Station sonar, coho, how it's going to run this  
9 summer. Maybe there will be no Pilot Station sonar.  
10 This sonar where the Fish and Game or Fish and Wildlife  
11 camp is belongs to two ladies. The reason I'm saying  
12 that, they say that we didn't get -- they didn't give us  
13 no kind of payment for using that place this summer.  
14 They will not accept any more contract from State or  
15 Federal for that sonar station. This sonar station, it  
16 happen to be where they operate, where the station is,  
17 happen to belong to my wife and her sister. That's the  
18 reason that I'm saying that there may not be any more  
19 Pilot Station sonar. If they want to deal with sonar  
20 right in there, they have to deal with these two ladies.

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22 MR. GERKEN: Okay. Well, Pilot Station  
23 sonar is run by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game,  
24 so it is a State process. And I'm not aware of, you  
25 know, the rental agreements or anything like that, so  
26 that would have to be brought up with the State, but I do  
27 appreciate the head's up and I will pass it along to the  
28 State managers.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions,  
31 Lower Yukon fishermen.

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33 (No comments)

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Nothing. Yeah. Thank  
36 you.

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38 MR. GERKEN: Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I've got just almost  
41 6:00 o'clock. Shall we.....

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43 MS. GREGORY: Recess

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: .....recess for tomorrow  
46 morning, 8:00 o'clock. We'll have recess until tomorrow  
47 morning, 9:00 o'clock. Try to be on time so we could  
48 finish this.

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50 (PROCEEDINGS TO BE CONTINUED)

