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2 SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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4 PUBLIC MEETING

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7 February 24, 2006

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9 Emmonak, Alaska

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12 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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14 Harry Wilde, Sr., Chair

15 Philip Moses

16 Lester Wilde, Sr.

17 William Brown

18 Joseph Mike

19 Edgar Hoelscher

20 Bob Aloysius

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22 Alex Nick, Coordinator

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25 Joseph "Trim" Nick, Yup'ik Translator

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

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3 (Emmonak, Alaska - 2/24/2006)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. We start  
8 meeting again. We don't have very much, but this  
9 morning that we start from National Wildlife Refuge  
10 update. Yesterday we work on Yukon Delta Refuge. But  
11 this morning Togiak Refuge update.

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13 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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17 MR. L. WILDE: Before we go into the national  
18 park refuge, I'd like to go back to subsistence  
19 protocol for use amounts.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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23 MR. L. WILDE: I'd like to move that  
24 the Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Advisory Council goes on  
25 record disagreeing with all the numbers that are in the  
26 protocol in the amounts needed for subsistence  
27 protocol, and that we defer this protocol until such  
28 time that all Regional Advisory Councils from each unit  
29 has an opportunity to look at the numbers and to make  
30 corrections wherever needed.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: Too long.

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34 MR. L. WILDE: That's okay, I just want  
35 to make sure that I'm understood.

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37 (Pause)

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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41 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah, remember yesterday  
42 we were presented with amounts needed for subsistence,  
43 the protocol, this piece of paper that was presented to  
44 us from the state with the numbers stating that Unit  
45 18, amounts needed for subsistence moose is 80 to 100.  
46 If that number is wrong, I know there are other numbers  
47 in the protocol that are wrong, so in order for us to  
48 make sure that we have a good document, we need to make  
49 sure, sorry, that all the Regional Advisory Councils  
50 within the State have an opportunity to look at the ANS

1 numbers from that protocol to make sure that they are  
2 correct before we approve them.

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4 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: There's nothing to  
9 approve. These are just numbers, and the figure you're  
10 talking about is the Alaska Board of Game amount  
11 necessary for subsistence use determination, which has  
12 nothing to do with the protocol. The protocol is how  
13 you would use the process to make changes.

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15 MR. L. WILDE: Well, Mr. Chairman,  
16 according to our minutes -- I mean, according to our  
17 agenda, that's what it's called, the subsistence use  
18 amounts protocol, so I want to make sure that they  
19 understand what we're talking about.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Is Warren still here?

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23 MR. KESSLER: I can get up for Warren.

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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27 MR. KESSLER: Mr. Chairman and Counsel  
28 members. Steve Kessler with the InterAgency Staff  
29 Committee.

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31 What is before you is the protocol. The  
32 protocol is a process, I think much as Mr. Aloysius was  
33 describing, a way of dealing with the relationship  
34 between the Federal and the State on this issue of  
35 amounts necessary for subsistence and subsistence use  
36 amounts. However, the basis, of course, for that  
37 protocol is at this point the amounts necessary for  
38 subsistence under the State regulations.

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40 And I'm not quite sure, but I think  
41 what Mr. Wilde is concerned about is that if we were to  
42 start implementing a protocol based on maybe some  
43 numbers that are not -- don't seem to be logical, then  
44 maybe that takes -- maybe there's a concern for the  
45 entire protocol, is that -- if I understand what  
46 you're, Mr. Wilde, is that correct?

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48 MR. L. WILDE: Pardon?

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50 MR. KESSLER: That you have a concern

1 for the protocol given that the numbers, the State  
2 numbers of the amounts necessary for subsistence seem  
3 so far off.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: That's right.

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7 MR. KESSLER: I think that's what I  
8 understood you to say.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: That's what I meant.

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12 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. It really is  
17 unreal how they come up with these numbers, but if you  
18 look at the Unit 18, there are probably over 2,000  
19 households, right?

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21 MR. L. WILDE: At least.

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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: And they're going to  
24 allocate between 80 and 100 moose. It's just unreal.  
25 And you go down to the next line, it says, Unit 19,  
26 that portion outside of the Lime Village management  
27 area, between 400 and 700 moose necessary. And yet the  
28 population of that area is almost half what the Unit 18  
29 is. These numbers are just really wacky.

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31 So I think we really need to get the  
32 Council here to write a letter to the Subsistence Board  
33 specifying exactly we feel is needed, that we do not  
34 agree with these ANS numbers that the State has, and to  
35 have the two agencies work together to have real  
36 numbers that are necessary for subsistence uses.  
37 Because the more I look at this thing, the more it's  
38 garbage.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Your name.

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42 MR. HILSINGER: John Hilsinger with  
43 Fish and Game. Yeah, I think that in this protocol we  
44 recognize that some of these numbers may be in need of  
45 revision, and that's why the protocol recognizes that  
46 and states that people should make a proposal to the  
47 Board of Game or the Board of Fisheries if they think  
48 the State's ANS numbers are not representative. And so  
49 I would really encourage you to do that.

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1           And also the last part of the protocol deal  
2 deals with prioritizing research, and it prioritizes  
3 research into the subsistence use amounts or the  
4 amounts necessary for subsistence in those situations  
5 where people believe that the numbers are not  
6 representatives. And so I think a proposal to the  
7 Board of Game and a recommendation that we prioritize  
8 research into this area on the moose numbers would be  
9 appropriate from this Council. Thanks.

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11           MR. ALOYSIUS: Is there a shorter way  
12 this besides go through the proposal process?

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14           MR. HILSINGER: Mr. Chairman. I'm not  
15 sure there is. These amounts necessary are in  
16 regulation, and so only the Board of Game or the Board  
17 of Fisheries could adopt a new regulation to replace  
18 those. So I think that that's the best approach, and  
19 the one that's most permanent.

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21           MR. MIKE: I second the motion.

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23           CHAIRMAN WILDE: Joseph.

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25           MR. MIKE: (In Yup'ik)

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27           CHAIRMAN WILDE: Huh?

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29           MR. MIKE: (In Yup'ik)

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

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34           MR. MIKE: Second.

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36           CHAIRMAN WILDE: Joe Mike second.

37 Discussion.

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39           MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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41           CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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43           MR. HOELSCHER: If we're still in  
44 discussion, I agree with Lester. The Board of Game's  
45 amount necessary for subsistence use determinations  
46 like John said needs to be updated, and I think, you  
47 know, we should go ahead and refer to the other RAC  
48 members that, you know, these numbers need to be  
49 updated before we accept, you know, these numbers.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.  
2 I think it's -- I think it would be good, we'll let  
3 that our elder to understand what we're doing here.  
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5 MR. L. WILDE: Translator, could you  
6 please translate the motion so that he understands what  
7 we're discussing, please.  
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9 (Pause)  
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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion.  
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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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15 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: The only thing I have is  
18 that, you know, there's nothing to accept in these  
19 numbers. We could totally disagree with them, you  
20 know. That's the only thing I have is that, you know,  
21 there's nothing in the agenda that says that we have to  
22 approve these numbers.  
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24 MR. L. WILDE: There's a motion on the  
25 floor. Ms. Secretary, did somebody ask for a question.  
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27 MR. ALOYSIUS: You put your motion  
28 so.....  
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30 MR. L. WILDE: My motion is the way it  
31 stands, brother. I'm sure that somebody.....  
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33 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Mic, please.  
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35 MR. L. WILDE: I'm sue that somebody  
36 shortened my motion, but I think it's understood. I  
37 just want to make sure that people understand that we  
38 don't agree with this, not a single part of it until  
39 such time that the other people have an opportunity to  
40 check all the numbers. I feel that the language, even  
41 if I don't have the command of the English language in  
42 order to put a short version of it, I feel that the  
43 language in the motion is needed.  
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45 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.  
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47 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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49 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you. I still  
50 agree with Lester. You know, look at the history. The

1 Unit 18 people, they're subsistence users, sacrificed  
2 for five years so that the moose can populate more.  
3 And I feel that, you know, our Feds and our State reps  
4 should be working together, looking at these numbers  
5 and coming up with a better number than that, because,  
6 you know, 80 to 100, like you said, there's 2,000 plus  
7 out there.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, Unit 18's a long  
10 area out away from Paimiut, the old village of Paimiut,  
11 that border line. That Unit 18 start from there all  
12 the way down here, down to here. Up there to Kotlik  
13 area. It's a long huge area. I remember inside of 12-  
14 Mile there's a sign there, it says that's where the  
15 Unit 18 start, and looking at Russian Mission, there's  
16 some people, they hunt there even belongs -- they have  
17 been living in their, Unit 18, still people from  
18 Bethel, they come over hunting in that area, because  
19 people living in Paimiut a long time ago, their  
20 allotment's still there. They're living in their area  
21 there. So looking at this 80 to 100, boy, I more like  
22 burn up yesterday, because it's really too low if  
23 you're going to live with these numbers.

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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been  
28 called for. Shall we call for a roll call or.....

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30 MR. L. WILDE: Ask for unanimous  
31 consent.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: Go ahead.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like  
36 to ask for unanimous consent.

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38 MR. MIKE: Second.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Unanimous consent is  
41 requested. All who favor say aye.

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43 IN UNISON: Aye.

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45 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.

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47 (No opposing votes)

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. While  
2 we're on the subject of the protocol, I would like to  
3 take the suggestion of Mr. Hilsinger and direct Staff  
4 to draft a proposal to the State Board of Game stating  
5 that the numbers in these -- the ANS are not agreeable  
6 and that we need to take some time to survey the area  
7 and find out the exact numbers of the need for the  
8 subsistence -- the resources within our region. And if  
9 that -- I think just a directive to the Staff is all we  
10 need. I don't think we need a motion unless the rest  
11 of the Council feel otherwise.

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13 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Now then we go  
14 to our agenda.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. This morning  
19 we've short, mostly reports. National wildlife refuge  
20 update. This Yukon Delta Refuge, it's done already.  
21 They had the report yesterday. But Togiak Refuge  
22 update. Alex Nick.

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24 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
25 Every year we ask update from the refuges, and it was  
26 requested by the Chair this go-round, I mean for this  
27 meeting, that all the reports be written and  
28 summarized, you know, at the time when it's presented.

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31 Togiak Refuge has submitted a bulletin  
32 to this Council for last few years. And this Togiak  
33 National Wildlife Refuge is just a bulletin. It's on  
34 Page 148. It's for Council's information what they're  
35 doing in Togiak Refuge. Mr. Chair. And if you have  
36 any questions, I can direct those questions to the  
37 refuge manager, Paul Liedberg, who used to be deputy  
38 refuge manager for Bethel.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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42 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

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46 MR. A. NICK: Yesterday I believe the  
47 Council took home a draft annual report and it's  
48 supposed to be acted upon this morning.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any questions for Alex

1 from Council. If it's not, thank you.  
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3 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.  
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5 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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7 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
8 Chairman. In regards to the walrus mortality, did we  
9 get an update on that.  
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11 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr.  
12 Hoelscher. Walrus is taken care of by the Marine  
13 Mammal Division I believe. Tom? Walrus?  
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15 Mr. Chair. We need approval of -- or  
16 at least some kind of action on your annual report.  
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18 Let me try to explain why we need the  
19 annual report. Last meeting we asked for the topics --  
20 Mr. Chair.  
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22 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, we're not  
23 on that subject yet.  
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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We still have some  
26 things to -- if we try to go through, that way the  
27 procedure works, try to follow our agenda.  
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29 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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31 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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33 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.  
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35 MR. L. WILDE: Yeah. There was an  
36 agreement last night before we left this meeting that  
37 the first that we were going to do this morning was to  
38 work -- was to review that letter that.....  
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40 MR. A. NICK: Annual report.  
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42 MR. L. WILDE: The annual report, but I  
43 kind of started in the wrong direction, so Alex is  
44 right. We agreed last night before we closed that the  
45 first thing we would do this morning was to work on the  
46 annual report, if you all remember.  
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48 MR. ALOYSIUS: If you remember  
49 correctly I just said that we work on it this morning,  
50 I didn't say the first thing.

1 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.  
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5 MR. HOELSCHER: I think we can take  
6 care of that on Item 13, as part of our Regional  
7 Council business.  
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9 MR. L. WILDE: It doesn't matter where  
10 it's taken care of as long as we get our business done.  
11 Let's keep moving. Yeah, we can do it Item 13, Mr.  
12 Chairman.  
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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Shall we continue?  
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah.  
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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next on our agenda is  
19 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.  
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21 MR. HILSINGER: Thank you, Mr.  
22 Chairman. For the record, my name is John Hilsinger.  
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24 And I just had one additional thing to  
25 update you on. And that is to let you know that the  
26 Department and many members of the public are involved  
27 in our review of salmon escapement goals for the entire  
28 Arctic/Yukon/Kuskokwim region. And I wanted to explain  
29 to you how we're going that this year and how it  
30 differs.  
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32 We have been having meetings. We've  
33 invited all of the organizations in the region to  
34 attend those meetings and review all the escapement  
35 data with us. And we've had two meetings to date.  
36 We've had AVCP, Tanana Chiefs, Kawerak, Bering Sea  
37 Fishermen's Association, Fish and Wildlife Service, all  
38 the Sport Fish and Com Fish Divisions of Fish and Game  
39 involved in this review, and the preliminary  
40 recommendations will be out by March 10th of this year.  
41 This is in preparation for the Board meeting that comes  
42 next January, a year from now.  
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44 And so our recommendations will be out  
45 in time, that people will have a month to look at them  
46 before the proposal deadline for the January meeting.  
47 So this is a big change from the time frame that we've  
48 done these things in the past, and it's to give people  
49 more opportunity to review the work and to decide if  
50 they want to put in proposals to the Board based on our

1 recommendations for escapement goals.

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3 And then that review will continue up  
4 until the meeting, and so depending on what kind of  
5 input we get, we may even make additional changes  
6 before the meeting. So the point of that is to let  
7 people know that these things are not final. The  
8 recommendations that we make on March 10th are still  
9 subject to input from the public and from other  
10 scientists and so there's going to be about an eight-  
11 month review process on these goals before they go to  
12 the Board of Fisheries.

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14 I'd be happy to try and answer any  
15 questions if anybody has any on that.

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17 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Questions to John,  
18 Council.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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24 MR. HILSINGER: Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next Association of  
27 Village Council Presidents.

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29 MR. ANDREW: Good morning, Mr.  
30 Chairman. Members of the Regional Council. For the  
31 record, my name is Timothy Andrew. I'm the director of  
32 Wildlife Resources for the Association of Village  
33 Council Presidents.

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35 One of the first topics I was going to  
36 discuss this morning was the avian flu issue, but we  
37 covered it quite extensively last night. And at the  
38 end of my presentation, I'd be more than happy to  
39 answer any questions that you may have about the avian  
40 flu issues. But I'll just go ahead and skip over that  
41 and then go on to the other subjects.

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43 As far as big game, we are continuously  
44 involved in moose discussions in Unit 19, because much  
45 of our hunters on the Kuskokwim River and along the  
46 coastal areas still utilize Unit 19 for moose hunter.  
47 Although the area currently is experiencing a severe  
48 moose decline, there's still allowing for people to  
49 participate in the hunt, utilizing the RM640 permit  
50 system under the State of Alaska.

1                   And one of the concerns that came up  
2 more recently was the Alaska Board of Game had  
3 instituted a regulation that would penalize people for  
4 not returning any kind of permit systems or permit  
5 reports that people are -- that people have to use in  
6 order to hunt in that area. And currently they are  
7 actively enforcing that, because, you know, these areas  
8 are extremely depressed in their moose populations and  
9 they have to get their reports as accurately as  
10 possible.

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12                   Not only in Unit 19, but also in 21(E),  
13 Bob Aloysius was involved in the last meeting in Holy  
14 Cross. Unfortunately I wasn't able to attend, because  
15 we got up to Aniak and the weather turned bad, and plus  
16 I was getting an extremely bad sore throat, and once I  
17 reached Bethel, I just about collapsed.

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19                   But we had submitted a proposal before  
20 the Board of Game for a winter hunt in Unit 21(E) for  
21 antlered bulls only to occur concurrently with the open  
22 portion of Unit 18. That would be within the 20 day  
23 period. I believe it was December 20th until January  
24 10th of each year. And the Board of Game in its March  
25 Interior meeting will be taking up that issue. I  
26 believe it's the weekend of March 10, 11 and 12.

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28                   We continue to advocate for the  
29 subsistence hunters in the Y-K Delta with all the  
30 villages. Regardless of whether or not they are  
31 participating in our compact, we try to expand or keep  
32 our subsistence opportunity for big game animals as  
33 much as possible.

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35                   As far as waterfowl, one of the big  
36 issues that we face today is the avian flu. And we've  
37 talked about that quite extensively last night.

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39                   But we are currently involved in the  
40 Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council. And Myron  
41 Naneng, the President of AVCP and chairman of the  
42 Waterfowl Conservation Committee, is the delegate to  
43 the AMBCC. And I serve as his alternate. If he cannot  
44 attend due to some unforeseen circumstance, I normally  
45 sit in his place at the meeting.

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47                   The Waterfowl Conservation Committee  
48 receives a grant to continue to at least two meetings  
49 within a year, one in the spring and one in the fall.  
50 And we just had a spring meeting this past week on

1 February 21st. I thought it was going to go into 22nd,  
2 that's why I didn't come into this meeting as early as  
3 I wanted to. And avian flu once again was the major  
4 topic of discussion.

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6 The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Goose  
7 Management Plan, which was initially started in 1984 as  
8 the Hooper Bay Agreement, was recently signed, and some  
9 of the new provisions within the waterfowl -- or the  
10 Goose Management Plan includes the utilization of -- or  
11 recommending the utilization of more public land in the  
12 Lower 48 for waterfowl habitat.

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14 We have, excuse me, a huge Yukon Delta  
15 National Wildlife Refuge here millions and millions of  
16 acres, I can't quite remember the total acreage of the  
17 refuge, but it's in the millions. And in the entire  
18 Pacific Flyway down in the Lower 48, we only have  
19 17,000 acres of land in the Lower 48 to utilize for  
20 waterfowl habitat. That's why the farmers are having  
21 such problems with the geese on their farm lands. The  
22 geese are eating up their crops, damaging some of their  
23 crops that they make a lot of money on. So we work  
24 closely with the Oregon Farm Bureau, Washington Farm  
25 Bureau, and any other farm bureaus within the Pacific  
26 Northwest to try and keep them from killing the geese  
27 so that we have more geese for our subsistence hunters  
28 in the area.

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30 And we are currently trying to obtain  
31 funding for the Waterfowl Conservation Committee to  
32 travel to Washington, D.C. to address the issue of the  
33 regulation that requires all hunters within the State  
34 of Alaska to obtain a duck stamp, both Federal and  
35 State duck stamp and a hunting license. As you all  
36 know, during the spring and summer migratory bird hunt,  
37 and even in the fall hunt, duck stamps, Federal duck  
38 stamps, State duck stamps and hunting license were  
39 never utilized, because we've done this for generations  
40 and generations.

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42 And the other thing that I initially  
43 reported when I gave my testimony earlier was the  
44 reorganization that is occurring within AVCP. We are  
45 now in three divisions. What used to be the Department  
46 of Natural Resources is currently in the Realty and  
47 Natural Resources Division. And two of us now head up  
48 the Natural Resources Department, myself, which I cover  
49 wildlife issues, which includes waterfowl as well, and  
50 Jennifer Hooper, who is the director of Water and

1 Forest Resources, covers the fisheries and marine  
2 mammal portion. And so she heads up the department of  
3 the next portion that I'm going to give a report on.

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5 We are continuously involved in the  
6 fisheries arena, both statewide, national, and  
7 international as well. We currently have a Yukon and  
8 Kuskokwim River partners program which you heard from  
9 yesterday from David and Eva. They explained their  
10 program quite thoroughly and extensively. And I'd  
11 encourage each and every one of you and the people that  
12 you represent to contact them about any kind of fishery  
13 issues that you may have on the Yukon and Kuskokwim  
14 Rivers. It doesn't necessarily have to be salmon. It  
15 can be the resident species. You know, if you have a  
16 concern about whatever fish species in your particular  
17 area, please contact them, and they would be more than  
18 willing and happy to work with you.

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20 We are involved in the Western Alaska  
21 salmon stock identification program. This program came  
22 as a result of many, many years of fish battles that  
23 we've had with Area M. And it's not only AVCP, but  
24 Tanana Chiefs Conference and Kawerak as well, because  
25 of our chum that migrate through the area.

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27 We just recently received a  
28 Congressional grant, and we are going to be having a  
29 meeting on March 9th to discuss how that grant will be  
30 implemented. And we are currently in the process of  
31 determining which would be the best possible scientific  
32 tool to determine where those stocks are coming from  
33 that are harvested in the area fishery.

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35 We also are involved in the AYKSSI, or  
36 AYK Sustainable Salmon Initiative. I'm the  
37 representative for AVCP, and we have meetings  
38 throughout the entire year, quite extensively. We've  
39 received \$5 million grants every year with the  
40 exception of this past year, which we received a \$3  
41 million grant, to make available to various tribal  
42 organizations, any research group to determine what is  
43 happening with our fisheries stock, and to determine  
44 the reason why we had such declines in our salmon  
45 stocks in the recent years, particularly in 1998 and  
46 also in 2001 when we hardly saw any salmon come back in  
47 those years. But we've seen a continued increase in  
48 our salmon stocks within these several years, and  
49 hopefully the trend will continue.

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1                   We are involved in the AYK Coalition,  
2 which is a member of -- or the membership is derived of  
3 AVCP, Kawerak, and Tanana Chiefs Conference. Since we  
4 all have pretty much common concerns with our salmon  
5 resources, we've developed this coalition, and  
6 initially questioned some of the escapement goals that  
7 were developed by the State of Alaska, which John  
8 Hilsinger reported earlier.

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10                   We are very much involved in the  
11 escapement goal review team as a unit. We've  
12 contracted with a couple of professional, scientific  
13 consultants who has much more credentials than we can  
14 possibly ever come up with within the three areas of  
15 the State here. Dr. Daniel Goodwin and Dr. Charles  
16 Kruger and Dr. Eric Knutson is part of the people that  
17 we contract with.

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19                   We are involved with the State fish and  
20 game advisory committees. We try and go attend every  
21 meeting that occurs in our region. Central Kuskokwim,  
22 the Lower Kuskokwim Fish and Game Advisory Committee,  
23 Central Bering Sea, and the Lower Yukon Fish and Game  
24 Advisory Committee. So we're continuously moving about  
25 going to these different meetings and also the regional  
26 meetings as well.

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28                   We're also involved in other nonprofit  
29 organizations, research organizations like YRDFA. We  
30 try and send a representative to YRDFA, and also try to  
31 maintain involvement in the Kuskokwim Fisheries  
32 Research Committee or Coalition. Jennifer Hooper is  
33 the advisor to the Yukon River panel, and also serves  
34 on the joint technical committee.

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36                   And as far as marine mammals, Jennifer  
37 Hooper is the representative to the Indigenous Peoples  
38 Commission on Marine Mammals. It's a statewide  
39 organization that addresses the marine mammal concerns  
40 of subsistence hunters from Southeast Alaska all the  
41 way up along the coastal areas to the North Slope.

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43                   We currently maintain the organization  
44 (In Yup'ik), which translates as Watchers of the Sea  
45 Mammals. Although we've made numerous attempts to try  
46 and get Congressional funding, unfortunately a lot of  
47 our funding has gone into the specific marine mammal  
48 management groups, like the Eskimo Walrus Commission  
49 based out of Nome, the Alaska Nanook Commission which  
50 is based out of I believe Nome as well, Nome or

1 Kotzebue, the Alaska Sea Lion and Sea Otter Commission,  
2 and the Harbor Seal Commission. A lot of the Federal  
3 funding, or the Marine Mammal Protection Act funding  
4 goes into those four organizations and pretty much  
5 leaves us out of the funding arena, because our  
6 organization is not looking at a specific marine  
7 mammal, but looking at the whole marine mammal issues  
8 in overall, or overall issues.

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10                   There's a few concerns that AVCP has,  
11 and one of the major concerns that we have is the  
12 abuses under the name of subsistence that is occurring  
13 within the area. And one of the major issues that we  
14 have dealt with over the last couple of years is a  
15 family out of -- that come into St. Mary's from out of  
16 state or out of the region, coming in, subsistence  
17 fishing throughout the subsistence openings that occur,  
18 and then shipping out large quantities of salmon out of  
19 the region. And I don't know what that family's intent  
20 is on amount of salmon that they ship out, but we  
21 believe it is for commercial purposes. We have  
22 reported this issue to -- or we've reported this  
23 instance to the Fish and Wildlife Service law  
24 enforcement and we've also reported it to the Alaska  
25 Bureau of Wildlife Enforcement. And as far as we can  
26 see, there is nothing that has been done in this case  
27 so far. So we'd like to get that clarified and try to  
28 avoid that situation in the upcoming fishing season.

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30                   The other issue that we're concerned  
31 about is trespass on village corporation and trust  
32 properties, which I've talked a little bit about when  
33 we were addressing the Proposal 06-30, the proposal to  
34 allow nonresidents to come in and hunt in our area. It  
35 is currently going on on the Kuskokwim side primarily,  
36 what I've heard, in the Eek area during the caribou  
37 hunt. In fact there was a picture that was posted on  
38 one of the transporter's or guide's web site showing a  
39 camp that was clearly on somebody's native allotment.  
40 And I wish Charlie Brown was here to tell us a little  
41 bit more about it, but it's pretty close to where his  
42 relatives' native allotment is. And in fact it's  
43 probably right on there.

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45                   And we are also concerned about the  
46 increases in citations for the fall subsistence  
47 migratory bird hunt for some of our hunters that are  
48 not utilizing the hunting license, or the Federal and  
49 State duck stamp program. But we are trying to, as I  
50 said earlier, get money to travel to D.C. to address

1 our Congressional delegation about this issue.

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3                   And just yesterday we talked about the  
4 amounts needed for subsistence and the SUA. We are  
5 very concerned about these numbers being artificially  
6 extremely low, because when the State management system  
7 considers the harvestable surplus, they look at  
8 subsistence needs first. And, you know, if the  
9 subsistence needs of moose in particular was 80 to 100  
10 in the area, and there was a harvestable surplus -- I  
11 mean, the harvestable surplus would be a huge amount in  
12 Unit 18, probably 2,000 or so. I'm not sure what the  
13 total moose population is in the area, but, you know,  
14 it will be a pretty good sized number. And you and I  
15 and everybody else know that the amounts needed for  
16 subsistence is quite a bit higher, probably in the  
17 thousands. And so the harvestable surplus in realistic  
18 numbers is quite a bit lower.

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20                   But there is a caveat in trying to  
21 achieve the larger ANS amount, because, you know, if we  
22 set the ANS amounts too high, when the moose  
23 populations get below a certain level under the State  
24 system, we'd have to go into a Tier II situation. The  
25 State would have probably no choice to either go into a  
26 Tier II system, or into an RM, like the RM 640 permit  
27 system to allow subsistence hunters to hunt in the  
28 area.

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30                   But we will work with the State  
31 management system to try and reflect what the true ANS  
32 amount is for various animals in the area, including  
33 moose and also with fish as well.

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35                   One of the issues that one of our  
36 executive board members brought up during the Waterfowl  
37 Conservation Committee meeting was the lower Kuskokwim  
38 moose moratorium. Robert Sundown from Fish and  
39 Wildlife Service reported the other day that the moose  
40 population in that moratorium area is increasing, and  
41 quite rapidly. We are concerned that if it does open  
42 up, the major population center that we have on the  
43 Kuskokwim River, Bethel, a huge number of people from  
44 Bethel would go out moose hunting and really affect the  
45 moose population to, you know, quite possibly down to  
46 the numbers that are close to the numbers that were  
47 there before the moratorium starts. One of the  
48 examples that this Board member used was whenever  
49 there's a subsistence fishery opening on the Kuskokwim  
50 River around the Betel area, there's like 40, 50, maybe

1 100 boats that go out during that limited subsistence  
2 fishery opening, and have a great effect on the amount  
3 of fish that are harvested, or they have a big effect  
4 on the escapement of the salmon going up river. But we  
5 will be working with Bethel or the Orutsararmuit Native  
6 Council, and the State fish and game managers, and the  
7 Federal managers as well in trying to address this  
8 issue.

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10 The other issue that we're working on,  
11 and I forgot to mention earlier, I had wrote it in the  
12 very end of my notes, is during the October of 2005  
13 convention, the Congressional delegates directed that  
14 AVCP administration to pursue tribal conservation  
15 districts for each and every one of our villages.  
16 Since then we've attended a national meeting in Las  
17 Vegas. Myron and I attended that meeting. And that  
18 meeting was primarily made up of tribal conservation  
19 districts from the Lower 48. Indian Nations -- or the  
20 organization that sponsored the meeting was Indian  
21 Nation Conservation Alliance.

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23 And during that meeting we were able to  
24 accomplish a huge number of things, number 1 being  
25 NRCS, or the National Resource Conservation Service, in  
26 Alaska. It's an organization that hardly any of us  
27 know about within our villages. And when we were  
28 there, we addressed their need to develop some outreach  
29 programs so that each and every one of us are able to  
30 participate in the program, and also develop this  
31 tribal conservation district that we're interested in.

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33 And we also met some key individuals  
34 that we can utilize to develop tribal conservation  
35 districts. And within the next few months we will be  
36 working with specific administrative units of AVCP to  
37 develop what we call a seven generations plan so that  
38 we can initiate this tribal conservation district. And  
39 this tribal conservation district is a means to  
40 preserve what we currently have now. I mean, some of  
41 the land and water resources that we depend on for  
42 healthy animals so that we can be healthy as well.

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44 We have some development issues that  
45 are coming and they're coming up quite rapidly for the  
46 area, number 1 being the Donlin Creek development  
47 project. Number 2 is the increasing amounts of people  
48 wanting to come into the area and take advantage of our  
49 harvestable surplus of our big game animals. And other  
50 soil and water conservation issues that we may need

1 within the region.

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3 And, Mr. Chairman, that pretty much  
4 concludes my report, and I would be happy to answer any  
5 questions.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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11 MR. ALOYSIUS: Tim, are you guys  
12 involved in abandoned beaver dam and stream restoration  
13 projects?

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15 MR. ANDREW: What's that?

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17 MR. ALOYSIUS: Restoring streams that  
18 are plugged up by abandoned beaver dams.

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20 MR. ANDREW: We've talked about the  
21 beaver dam issue. We're talked about it with primarily  
22 the state fishery managers, and we've taken this issue  
23 to the Alaska Board of Fisheries. And there's a lot of  
24 resistance or hesitance to not -- undoing what nature  
25 does, like, for example, beavers. They're part of the  
26 ecosystem, and they don't like to go in and -- for us  
27 to go in and chop them up or blow them up with dynamite  
28 or do anything to alter what nature is doing in the  
29 streams.

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31 MR. ALOYSIUS: The concern is abandoned  
32 beaver dams. You know, there's four creeks that drain  
33 into the lake behind Kalskag, and all those streams are  
34 plugged up. And those are primary streams for  
35 whitefish, sheefish, lush, pike, and occasionally  
36 there's salmon go up there and spawn. But in the last  
37 few years that hasn't happened, because those streams  
38 are plugged up, and all the streams above those  
39 abandoned beaver dams are turning into crud, and the  
40 same thing is happening to that lake, because there's  
41 not enough water to flush out all the crud every spring  
42 like it used to. So, you know, we have nothing against  
43 beaver, you know, per se, but it's what is happening  
44 after they leave. And those streams are just dying.  
45 The same thing is happening with Whitefish Lake.

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47 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, we're very much  
48 aware of beavers and their destruction of subsistence  
49 areas. It's not only in Whitefish Lake, it's actually  
50 all across the Delta. And they've seen Beaver even out

1 in the Bering Sea, swimming out to Lord knows where,  
2 maybe they're building a dam across the Bering Strait  
3 there. I don't know. But these -- the beaver, they're  
4 very industrious animals. If you go up and chop a hole  
5 through their dam in one day, the next morning you go  
6 up and check, they'll have it all blocked off.

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8 But the abandoned beaver dams, yes, I do agree  
9 that they are wrecking havoc. And we will continue to  
10 push and push and push to try and get somebody to do  
11 something about it. You know, we've talked until we're  
12 red in the face with both Federal and State managers.

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, I just recently  
15 received information from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
16 Service, the Native American Liaison in Washington,  
17 D.C., because I've been going to the Native American  
18 Fish and Wildlife Society meetings for the last four  
19 years, and I got to be friends with Pat in D.C. And  
20 he's been keeping me up to date. And he sent me a  
21 packet on how, you know, we could use some Fish and  
22 Wildlife Service money to do a project on clearing out  
23 some of these streams that are abandoned by -- you  
24 know, that are plugged up by abandoned beaver dams. So  
25 I'll get with you before you go.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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29 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
30 Chairman. Tim, in regards to, you know, the five  
31 endangered species, when does the count be -- when is  
32 the count, and is there decrease or increase on those  
33 species.

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35 MR. ANDREW: There's -- I don't think  
36 there has been any kind of counting activity that has  
37 occurred on the spectacled eiders or the Stellar's  
38 eiders. In one year that -- they found out where they  
39 winter. The winter right out in the middle of the  
40 Bering Sea, out in the ice pack. But they move, those  
41 holes in the Bering Sea move every year, so it's real  
42 difficult for them to pinpoint exactly where those are,  
43 so they're not able to do it every year. And it's  
44 quite expensive, because they have to use radio collars  
45 to track these birds.

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47 The cackling Canada goose, their  
48 population are pretty much stable.

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50 The black brant I believe has

1 experienced a little bit of a decline.

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3 The emperor goose is not rebounding.  
4 They're still on a little bit of a decline, but not a  
5 major decline.

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7 MR. HOELSCHER: White front.

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9 MR. ANDREW: The white front goose  
10 populations, there are so many out there that -- I  
11 mean, you see them. I mean, we've reached our  
12 population objective on that, but we continue to keep  
13 it on the Goose Management Plan so that we can keep  
14 that population stable.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions to  
17 Tim from Council.

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19 (No comments)

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana, Tim.

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

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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think at this time  
26 we'll have 10 minutes break.

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28 (Off record)

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30 (On record)

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we'll start  
33 again our agenda. Tribal representative, if there's  
34 any tribal representative want to say something.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's none,  
39 corporation representative here.

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41 (No comments)

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: But I do have. I am a  
44 member of a corporation in Mountain Village. I think  
45 lion is waking up I think concerning corporation.  
46 Your corporation land is overrun by someone. So that's  
47 what I'm saying that lion is going to be wake up I  
48 think. They start getting concern, their land. Like  
49 most of them, it's south side of Yukon in Unit 18. All  
50 of that is corporation land, or most of it is in Unit

1 18 all the way from up in Paimiut/12-Mile area down to  
2 up here. Some of the corporation members, they're  
3 start talking, we are more like our lands more like  
4 controlled by someone. So I think one of these days  
5 Lower Yukon corporations, they're going to get  
6 together. I think it's about time to get together.

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8                   They were wondering, you know, upriver,  
9 above Holy Cross and above, there's corporation lands  
10 and all those lands, and they've got even their own  
11 land and allotments, we've got a lot of allotments  
12 there and down in the coast there's allotments, Kasonuk  
13 (ph) and Black River and all these. Look like one of  
14 these days that corporation people going to get  
15 together and start talking and planning and all that.  
16 It is something good. And it's very important to our  
17 young people, people that where they could have a place  
18 to hunt and all that.

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20                   So that's the only thing that I have.

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22                   I don't know when they going to have a  
23 planning meeting, but I know it will be together.  
24 That's all I have on corporation from my area.

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26                   Next on our agenda is annual report.  
27 Why don't we go down, get to Regional Council business.  
28 If we get there, we could handle that. We could start  
29 now.

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31                   MR. ALOYSIUS: I thought we were going  
32 to do the annual report right after, as the first item  
33 in 13.

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35                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

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37                   MR. ALOYSIUS: I thought the  
38 understanding was that the annual report would be  
39 addressed as the first item in number 13.

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41                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oh, 13. Yeah. Okay.  
42 Annual report.

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44                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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46                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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48                   MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, I have several  
49 comments to make on the report. Issue number 1 is that  
50 the Council heard verbal reports on plans to begin

1 Donlin Creek mining explorations. There are ongoing  
2 explorations in Donlin Creek, so that had to be  
3 clarified. And recommendation and action on issue  
4 number 1, down there where it says water quality and  
5 quantity must not be left out of the study, because  
6 water quality and quantity is one of the important  
7 purposes of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.  
8 Can you explain what you mean by that?

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10 MR. A. NICK: Excuse me, Bob. Issue  
11 number?

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: Recommendation and  
14 action on issue number 1. It's one, two, three, four,  
15 five, six, seven -- eighth line up from the bottom of  
16 the page where you talk about water quality and  
17 quantity must not be left out of the study because  
18 water quality and quantity is one of the important  
19 purposes of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.  
20 I don't know what you mean by the important purposes.

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22 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Aloysius,  
23 that in the ANILCA, under the purposes of the National  
24 Wildlife Refuge Systems, what it requires is that it  
25 requires that the conservation unit, you know, makes  
26 sure that there's water quality and quantity within the  
27 conservation unit. I hope that clarifies the question.

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: The next page, issue  
30 number 3. Life cycles of salmon species.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Bob.

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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: The Alaska Department of  
35 Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
36 fisheries managers currently lack accurate data on the  
37 life species of salmon and fresh water species. I  
38 wasn't sure if that's other fresh water species,  
39 because, you know, that would make it more clearer.  
40 And when you talk about the Federal Subsistence Board  
41 must become fully aware of the life cycles of  
42 populations of salmon and non-salmon, including rainbow  
43 trout, lake trout and other important subsistence  
44 species. You know, it would be great if you'll spell  
45 them all out, you know. The five kinds of whitefish we  
46 have, the three kinds of pike, lush, sheefish, black  
47 fish, needle fish and any other fish that we might have  
48 in our -- or not might, but that we have in our creeks,  
49 lakes and streams and sloughs in Unit 18. And the same  
50 thing with the next page when you're talking about

1 other fresh water species.

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4 The next paragraph, the last line is in  
5 the future the absence of appropriate data could lead  
6 to adverse impact on subsistence uses and potentially  
7 lead toward compliance. It doesn't make sense. And  
8 potentially lead toward compliance with ANILCA Section  
9 .804.

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10 MR. L. WILDE: Where are you at, Bob, I  
11 lost you when.....

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: On the fourth page, the  
15 second paragraph down. Currently there is insufficient  
16 data on fisheries to support some of the Federal  
17 Subsistence Board's action that have been inconsistent  
18 some important Council recommendations to the Board.  
19 In the future the absence of appropriate data could  
20 lead to adverse impact on subsistence uses and  
21 potentially lead toward compliance with ANILCA .804. I  
22 don't understand what you mean by potentially lead  
23 towards compliance.

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25 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Tom Kron  
26 could probably assist me on this, but based on the  
27 transcripts, like I mentioned yesterday, I review the  
28 transcripts trying to find words to put into the  
29 issues, and also to the actions, on, you know,  
30 recommended action on the annual report. And I  
31 explained yesterday when I introduced the draft  
32 document that, you know, I have very little to work  
33 from. And what Tom could do is he could explain what  
34 could lead to compliance with Section .804, with your  
35 permission, Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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40 MR. KRON: Mr. Chairman. Again, you  
41 know, these are your words as Alex pointed out earlier.  
42 And I think what you can do with this sentence, for  
43 example, is impacts on subsistence uses, period. You  
44 know, ANILCA is there to protect the subsistence  
45 resources, and the subsistence uses. But again I think  
46 for the purposes of this point, you could just put a  
47 period after subsistence uses.

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48 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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50 MR. ALOYSIUS: The language, it doesn't  
51 specify action you're going to do to lead toward

1 compliance with this section. That's my concern. It's  
2 just in the future the absence of appropriate data  
3 could lead to adverse impacts on subsistence uses.  
4 Okay. That's great. That should be the end of that  
5 sentence there. And another sentence should read to  
6 clarify what would happen to potentially lead towards  
7 compliance with this Section .804.

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9 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. What we tried  
10 to is we tried to use the transcripts to try to come up  
11 with a draft on this document. Like I mentioned  
12 yesterday, it was difficult because it was somewhat  
13 unclear. And we had to strike out two issues that were  
14 recommended, because we didn't have anything to work  
15 from. And for that reason I tried to work with Bev  
16 Hoffman and Greg Roczicka and Lester, but Lester  
17 couldn't, you know, find time, you know, to work with  
18 me on the wording of the annual report.

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20 The annual report is your report, it's  
21 not the coordinator's. It's the Council's report. And  
22 when we ask for topics, for example, you need to come  
23 up with an issue so we could write it down as an issue,  
24 and then based on what you want, then we recommend  
25 action.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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29 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. To  
30 respond to Mr. Aloysius' question about the adverse  
31 impacts, you know, those are the kinds of things that  
32 you see in proposals, consideration of closure areas,  
33 restriction to subsistence users, the restrictions to  
34 non-subsistence users, restriction of use among  
35 subsistence users and giving priority there. So those  
36 are the kinds of things that I think are addressed  
37 here, but again these are your words. And again on all  
38 of those adverse and potential adverse impacts to  
39 somebody, this Council is involved in the process  
40 before the Board would make any action on those things.  
41 You make recommendations, and your recommendations  
42 carry tremendous weight with the Federal Board.

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44 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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46 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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50 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you. In regards

1 to Mr. Aloysius' points there, if you read Section  
2 .804, I guess it explains, you know, what this means on  
3 the preference for subsistence use.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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9 MR. L. WILDE: Did you mean compliance  
10 or noncompliance with ANILCA Section .804 in your last  
11 sentence where it states, in the future the absence of  
12 appropriate data could lead to adverse impact on  
13 subsistence users and potentially lead toward  
14 noncompliance. Is that what you meant? That doesn't  
15 make sense to me either.

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17 MR. A. NICK: What I try to put here  
18 is, you know, based on your discussions, your past  
19 discussions on the issue when, you know, talked about  
20 potential topics for your annual report. And based on  
21 your previous discussions on similar issues in the past  
22 from your transcript, what this means is that in the  
23 future what could happen is it could lead to complying  
24 with Section .804 of ANILCA, which means restricting  
25 subsistence uses.

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27 MR. L. WILDE: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman,  
28 I just don't -- without top of my head, I can't  
29 remember ANILCA Section .804, that's why I'm having a  
30 little problem with the wording.

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32 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. If you look  
33 in your Council Coordinator's Manual right here in  
34 front of you, Lester, that new blue book, it's there.  
35 Yeah.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Basically that sentence  
38 doesn't make sense. And, you know, I have to agree  
39 with Lester that maybe you're talking about and  
40 potentially lead toward noncompliance with this  
41 section, you know.

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43 MR. A. NICK: Page 62. Mr. Chair, with  
44 your permission, I could interpret this into Yup'ik, if  
45 you'd like.

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47 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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1 MR. L. WILDE: What I can't understand  
2 is why in the future the absence of appropriate data  
3 could lead -- the absence of appropriate data could  
4 lead to adverse impact on uses, and potentially lead  
5 towards -- I think the word in noncompliance instead of  
6 using compliance with ANILCA Section .804, because I  
7 think that's what would make a little -- because if  
8 you're -- if there is insufficient data, I don't know  
9 how that would lead towards compliance. It would lead  
10 towards noncompliance. So there's just a word change  
11 there I think is needed.

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13 MR. ALOYSIUS: That's exactly what I  
14 was trying to find out. Thank you.

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16 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, we can change  
17 that word compliance to noncompliance in the document  
18 if that makes sense.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: That makes more sense.

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22 MR. A. NICK: Okay.

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24 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman, may I  
25 continue.

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27 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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29 MR. ALOYSIUS: The recommended action  
30 on issue number 3, there's a word left out in Yukon-  
31 Kuskokwim Delta Wildlife, add the word Refuge, and the  
32 next line and FIS could use, spell out what FIS is.

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34 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, yesterday Eva  
35 Patton explained that to you when the question was  
36 asked. It's Fisheries Information Service I believe.

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38 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes, I understand that,  
39 but I would like to have it spelled out on this  
40 document.

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42 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Aloysius.  
43 We can do that.

44 MR. ALOYSIUS: And the next thing is on  
45 issue number 4, talking about the non-salmon  
46 spawning.....

47 MR. A. NICK: Sorry?

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49 MR. ALOYSIUS: The affected streams,  
50 lakes and watersheds are also important for non-salmon.

1 Non-salmon what? Species?

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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Yes.

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MR. ALOYSIUS: The issue number 4, the  
6 last sentence, the affected streams, lakes and  
7 watersheds are also important for non-salmon spawning.  
8 Do you mean non-salmon species? Is that what it is?  
9 Clarify that by adding the word species after non-  
10 salmon.

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Issue number 5 is one of the things  
13 that we talked about at length, and there was not a  
14 discussion regarding stipends versus per diem. It was  
15 a topic talking about both at the same time. And in  
16 the last sentence of that paragraph, or the second to  
17 the last, it says, in recognition of the rural areas  
18 uniqueness and the high cost of living, some -- it  
19 doesn't say -- it's not some, many agencies and  
20 organizations Council members participate in pay  
21 stipends and per diem, it's not instead of, while  
22 they're attending meetings. That is what the crucial  
23 question was. Why do we only get per diem when other  
24 organizations and agencies offer stipends and per diem.

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MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Aloysius.  
27 Excuse me. Again, I apologize for putting this into  
28 that word, because I was working off of the  
29 transcripts, and, you know, what the transcript says is  
30 how I figure it, you know, that's what people say, and  
31 I'm pretty sure that's what I saw and heard people  
32 said, and I put them on the document.

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MR. ALOYSIUS: And on the same page  
35 this last two paragraphs on the page, in the beginning  
36 we just said the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence  
37 Regional Advisory Council, parenthesis, Council.  
38 That's what we went with all the way through the  
39 document, except on the last two paragraphs where you  
40 said the Regional Council. So I would just scratch  
41 Regional to be consistent throughout the document.

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And on the last page, the last sentence, if you  
44 have any questions about this annual report, please  
45 contact Alex Nick. You know, I wasn't sure if you have  
46 any comments, concerns or questions.

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That's all I have for this. Thank you.

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MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Again, we

1 will do what you ask us to do. The rest of the  
2 document is formatted. The issues and recommended  
3 actions are not. You know, those are your words, but,  
4 you know all of the annual reports for the Regional  
5 Councils are formatted, so we try to use the format.  
6 But we will put those in there.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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12 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, Alex  
13 and I have noted Mr. Aloysius' edits and changes and  
14 those can be made. Thank you.

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16 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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20 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. With the  
21 corrections -- I believe that with the corrections  
22 that Bob made, and the corrections that were put in,  
23 just little minor things, I mean, you did a good job on  
24 this, but just need a little clarification and a little  
25 work on it. And I think with the document as is now,  
26 after being corrected, that this represents pretty much  
27 what we've discussed as far as the .804 letter.

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29 And with that, I'd make a motion to  
30 approve the content and the draft as corrected.

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32 CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on  
33 the floor to approve draft. Now second. If there's  
34 any second.

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36 MR. MIKE: I second it.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by Joseph.  
39 Discussion

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41 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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45 MR. HOELSCHER: Just to let our  
46 Regional Coordinator know, to correct those two typos  
47 in there. Thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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1 MR. A. NICK: Yeah. Mr. Chair. I also  
2 mentioned yesterday there are some parts of the  
3 documents which I switched inadvertently when I was  
4 trying to work on this to meet deadlines. So I'll  
5 correct those also. Thank you.

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7 MR. ALOYSIUS: Question.

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9 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been  
10 called for. All who favor say aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed same sign.

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16 (No opposing votes)

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried.

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20 Now then we'll go now to our agenda  
21 down to Regional Council business. Review of Council  
22 Charter, Tom Kron.

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24 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. I'll start  
25 off with the Council charter.

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27 As you'll remember, about a year ago  
28 the Council recommended some changes on the Council  
29 charter. And that's supposed to have been made I  
30 believe last fall. But there's a new Council charter  
31 that's in your books now that the Council will be  
32 following. I'm sorry. It's on Page 153 in your  
33 booklets. And Tom will assist me to answer any  
34 questions you may have on the document.

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36 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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40 MR. ALOYSIUS: What changes have been  
41 made?

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43 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Aloysius.  
44 One of the changes that were made -- I mean, we didn't  
45 make it, this Council didn't make it, because it was  
46 already -- rather the charter's done by the Secretary's  
47 Office, and all the Councils will have to follow it.

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49 I think one of the changes that I could  
50 note at the moment is the ethics disclosures, that that

1 is not being done nowadays starting from this meeting  
2 unless there's significant interest by Council members  
3 on the agenda item. That's how I understood that.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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7 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. Mr.  
8 Aloysius. Again, to follow up on what Alex said, I  
9 think Council members will remember earlier, a year  
10 ago, two years ago, you know, we were asking you to do  
11 ethics disclosures at the start of each meeting. The  
12 interpretation from the Solicitor's Office was that at  
13 that time we needed to do them. They've reviewed the  
14 situation and they're now telling us that, no, it's not  
15 necessary for everyone to do an ethics disclosure at  
16 the beginning of every meeting. But as you take up  
17 proposals, if you feel like you have a conflict on a  
18 specific proposal, they basically, you know, say go  
19 ahead and say something to the Council, or the Chair  
20 can say something. But they're not asking all of you  
21 to do ethics disclosures at the start of every meeting  
22 like they used to.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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26 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Again, this  
27 Council charter is a revised charter which all the 10  
28 Councils will be following in Alaska.

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(Pause)

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32 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. It's up to  
33 the Council if you want to go through section by  
34 section, but if the Council members have any questions  
35 on the new charter, Tom and I will try to answer those  
36 questions.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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40 MR. KRON: Yeah. Again to follow up,  
41 as you can see on Page 55, the charter was signed by  
42 the Secretary of Interior on October 25th, 2005, so  
43 basically last fall. And again, you know, now is an  
44 opportunity if you'd like to make changes or if you  
45 have comments to enter changes for next time this would  
46 be updated. But again, this is the latest update on  
47 the charter for this Council. For your information.  
48 But again, if you have comments, we'd like to hear  
49 those. Or changes that need to be made so that the  
50 next time it's updated, those can be addressed.

1 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Questions.

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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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9 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. There's nothing  
10 here that I could see on membership about voluntarily  
11 relinquishing your membership. It says removal of  
12 members, but there's nothing to address if a person  
13 just want to cease their membership. How is that  
14 addressed?

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16 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Alex.

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20 MR. A. NICK: Under 9, membership,  
21 under vacancy, it says whenever a vacancy occurs among  
22 Council members appointed under paragraph 9, the  
23 Secretary will appoint an individual in accordance with  
24 paragraph 9 to fill that vacancy for the remainder of  
25 the applicable term.

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27 We've had one resignation this year.  
28 One member resigned. And his seat is vacant currently.  
29 The Secretary will appoint someone to fill that vacancy  
30 in the fall, this fall.

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32 MR. ALOYSIUS: I understand that, but  
33 I'm asking where's the procedure for people to resign?  
34 I mean, there's nothing in here that addresses that  
35 issue.

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37 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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39 MR. KRON: Yeah. Mr. Chairman. You  
40 know, people have all kinds of issues they have to  
41 address, and sometimes they have, you know, family  
42 emergency or medical issues. We've had Council members  
43 across the State for various reasons, you know, things  
44 happen in their life, and they decide they can't serve  
45 on the Council, and they resign. And, you know,  
46 basically it's up to the individual Council members to  
47 decide. You are volunteers, and you're the foundation  
48 of the program and we appreciate all of your work, but  
49 again there's understanding that sometimes people just  
50 can't do it. They may, you know, have been very

1 committed and involved initially, but they resign. And  
2 then the process deals with that, and it takes a long  
3 time to get somebody reappointed, but it's up to the  
4 individual Council members to make that determination,  
5 you know, when they feel like they can't do it any  
6 more.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

10 MR. ALOYSIUS: I realize that, but I'm  
11 still saying that should be addressed in this charter  
12 and spelled out. It's like removal, you know, there  
13 should be a section there called -- dealing with  
14 voluntary removal or voluntary resigning. There's  
15 nothing in here that addresses that. That's what I'm  
16 saying. I understand all the conditions why people  
17 would resign, but it should be addressed in this  
18 document. Any other charter and organizations  
19 addresses that specific issue, that people may resign  
20 for any reason, and it should spelled out in this  
21 document, too. Thank you.

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MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

28 MR. L. WILDE: If that's a concern to  
29 some of the members, I think maybe next time that this  
30 be suggested when the time for renewal of the charter  
31 comes up to the Secretary. He got that.

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34 MR. KRON: Mr. Kessler was just  
35 commenting to me that, you know, things like this for a  
36 change on the charters, this I would assume would apply  
37 probably to all the charters for all 10 Regional  
38 Counsels to add this kind of language. And probably  
39 the thing to do would be to add it to your annual  
40 report that you just reviewed, but add that as an item  
41 and an explanation that this is something that should  
42 be added to the charter. And then the Board could  
43 address it.

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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MR. ALOYSIUS: I so move.

MR. HOELSCHER: Second.

50 MR. L. WILDE: What kind of motion is I  
so move.

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay. Clarification. I  
2 move that the voluntary resignations of members be  
3 included in the charter, spelled out for personal or  
4 other reasons, that would have a person resign.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there a second to  
7 the motion.

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9 MR. MIKE: I second it.

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11 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by Joseph  
12 Mike. Discussion.

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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom. I mean, Bob.

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18 MR. ALOYSIUS: I would ask the Staff to  
19 write it out in such a way that it would -- you know,  
20 using other example to the charters and see how they  
21 word voluntary resignation or whatever you want to  
22 call. Okay.

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24 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Discussion.

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26 (No comments)

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28 MR. HOELSCHER: Question.

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30 CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question is being  
31 called for. All who favor it say aye.

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33 IN UNISON: Aye.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Oppose, say no.

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37 (No opposing votes)

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39 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Now  
40 we continue our agenda, amend dates of location of our  
41 next meeting. Alex Nick.

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43 MR. A. NICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As  
44 you remember, last meeting I believe or our meeting  
45 before that or last meeting, you had choose 2006 fall  
46 meeting date and location, which is October 5 and 6 in  
47 Bethel, this coming fall, and we need confirmation of  
48 that date. Mr. Chair.

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50 Mr. Chair, again it's on Page 156, 156

1 in your booklets. There's a calendar of meeting  
2 window.

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4 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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8 MR. ALOYSIUS: A question for Staff.  
9 Have those dates been confirmed and the place.

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11 MR. A. NICK: You need to confirm those  
12 now so that we could do our preparations. You've  
13 chosen these dates. You wanted to meet on October 5  
14 and 6, 2006 in Bethel. What I need from you is -- what  
15 we need from you is confirmation of those dates and  
16 location.

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18 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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22 MR. HOELSCHER: Was that the consensus  
23 of the Council to meet in Bethel?

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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yes.

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27 MR. L. WILDE: Yes.

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29 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair, that was the  
30 consensus of the Council to meet in Bethel. They  
31 confirmed that last, but we need to make sure -- I need  
32 to make sure that, you know, those are the dates you  
33 want to meet in fall, and you want to meet in Bethel.

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35 MR. L. WILDE: One question I have, Mr.  
36 Chairman,

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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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40 MR. L. WILDE: I notice there's other  
41 -- those dates would have no conflicts with our Staff,  
42 would it, for attendance purposes?

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44 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Wilde,  
45 Tom can help me on this. According to these regions,  
46 it looks like if there's any conflict, there will be  
47 very little, because they have their staff, regional  
48 team rather.

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50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tim.

1 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
2 I just called our office, and the AVCP convention this  
3 fall is going to be 3, 4 and 5, and I don't know if any  
4 of your Regional Council members are going to be  
5 delegates to the convention, but this year, this coming  
6 fall is going to be the election of the president, and  
7 election of the chairman, and the election of executive  
8 board members from Units 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. So I don't  
9 know -- and normally the elections occur either the  
10 second or third day of the convention.

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12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. What date will  
13 be convention over there?

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15 MR. ANDREW: That's going to be 3, 4,  
16 5, and that's going to be held at -- normally it's held  
17 at the Cultural Center. And I don't know if that could  
18 possibly conflict into any of your possible schedules.  
19 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you.

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23 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Excuse me.  
24 Mr. Chair, you set these dates last fall during your  
25 October meeting. But it's up to the Council, you know,  
26 if you want to stick with your dates or shift them  
27 around a little bit.

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29 I was approached by at least two  
30 Council members with a complaint that, you know, some  
31 of these meeting dates pop even though you scheduled  
32 your meetings about at least a year ahead of time or  
33 six months ahead of time.

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35 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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37 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah. My concern is  
38 that there's three Regional Council meetings on the  
39 same days, and I hate to say this, but, you know, like  
40 I said yesterday, it would be nice to have bodies in  
41 that table representing the different agencies, not a  
42 piece of paper. And it looks like you're going to have  
43 -- you know, maybe the people we want to be there are  
44 going to be Dillingham or Nome. So that's my concern.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Tom.

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48 MR. KRON: The organization at OSM is  
49 such that there would be different Staff working.  
50 Different Staff work with Nome and Dillingham and Sitka

1 than work with you here. So I'm guessing it would be a  
2 real challenge for the recorder. I'm not sure we've  
3 got enough machines for three meetings, or four  
4 meetings, but in terms of Staff support from OSM, it  
5 shouldn't be a problem. And again for Fish and Game,  
6 you know, in terms of their support, the organizations  
7 are such that they have different staff for the Arctic,  
8 Yukon, Kuskokwim region than they do for Bristol Bay,  
9 for example, but there would potentially be a concern  
10 with Nome. But essentially what the calendar reflects  
11 is what the requests were. But I guess my general  
12 assumption would be that the overall conflict should be  
13 minimal in terms of Staff support, but there probably  
14 would be some.

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16 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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18 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Edgar.

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22 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you. Another  
23 concern I would have since AVCP will bring in tribal  
24 delegates, that's 50 plus times so many, that's over  
25 100 people. You know, I would suggest that our  
26 Regional Coordinator assure that we have lodging places  
27 also.

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29 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr.

30 Hoelscher. I try to do that. What I usually do is I  
31 work with the hotels or lodging places at least three  
32 to four months ahead of time. And this is the reason  
33 why we need to know where you're going to meet.

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35 MR. ALOYSIUS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I  
36 have to agree with him, because last fall we got kicked  
37 out of our last night.

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39 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. No matter how  
40 much the Staff tries, not only myself but our Staff in  
41 Anchorage, you know, we work together on the Council  
42 lodging. And no matter how much we try, you know,  
43 there's always a SNAFU somewhere, and that happens to  
44 be one of them, you know, last October meeting.

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46 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. So what date is  
47 now the next meeting.

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49 MR. L. WILDE: It's up to us.

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1 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Huh?  
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3 MR. L. WILDE: We haven't made up our  
4 minds.  
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6 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Will you please  
7 someone make up his mind.  
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9 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. For  
10 discussions purposes I would like to move that the next  
11 Council meeting be held in Bethel on October 5th and  
12 6th.  
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14 MR. ALOYSIUS: Second.  
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16 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question. All who  
17 favor say aye.  
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19 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Opposed say no.  
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23 (No opposing votes)  
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25 CHAIRMAN WILDE: No. Motion carried.  
26 Yeah. Guyana. Okay. Alex.  
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28 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Every year we  
29 ask even though it's way ahead of time, we ask when and  
30 where you want to meet next winter. That's what the  
31 next page is, the winter 2007 Regional Advisory Council  
32 meeting window. It will fill up during this meeting  
33 for sure, but it would be good to have at least a  
34 tentative meeting date and location, you know.  
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36 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.  
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38 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.  
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40 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman. You know,  
41 every time we've had this February meeting, we've  
42 always had problems with weather. It seems like no  
43 matter where we go, we always have problems with  
44 weather. And I notice that our window goes all the way  
45 into March, so instead of a February meeting, we might  
46 think about having a meeting in March sometime. I  
47 guess it would mainly depend on what part of the week  
48 we would like to meet for us, if we discuss that.  
49 Would the weekend be better than the first part of the  
50 week, or what do you feel?

1 MR. ALOYSIUS: We can always meet  
2 Thursday and Friday.  
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4 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And also I think it's  
5 important like we don't want to over meeting with AVCP  
6 and those people that -- well, some of our board are  
7 member of AVCP and others. We've got to make sure that  
8 let's find out when they're going to have meeting and  
9 all that and I think.....  
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11 MR. L. WILDE: What days would we --  
12 anybody have problems with meetings on Thursday and  
13 Friday, or would you prefer a Monday or a Tuesday  
14 meeting?  
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16 MR. ALOYSIUS: We always meet Thursday  
17 and Friday.  
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19 MR. L. WILDE: It's time for a change.  
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21 (Laughter)  
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23 MR. L. WILDE: Maybe we'd get better  
24 weather.  
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26 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. I'll  
27 make things easier. I'll give you the location by  
28 inviting you to Hooper Bay, We do have a hotel there,  
29 and, you know, we accommodations there where we can  
30 meet your needs.  
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32 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman, that's  
33 what you were wondering about the other day why Hooper  
34 Bay shouldn't be the next meeting, and I concur with  
35 Edgar. We'll invite you to Hooper Bay for the next  
36 meeting. All you have to do is pick what date you want  
37 to come down. Just don't pick February and be prepared  
38 to at least stay an extra day, because we never know  
39 what the weather is going to be down there.  
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41 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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43 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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45 MR. ALOYSIUS: I move that our winter  
46 2007 Regional Advisory Council be in Hooper Bay on  
47 March 15 and 16.  
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49 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there any second to  
50 the motion.

1 MR. MIKE: I second it.  
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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Joe. discussion.  
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5 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. I ask of  
6 the Hooper Bayers if those are good days and we won't  
7 interfere with any other activities going on in that  
8 village at that time.  
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10 MR. L. WILDE: Let's see. Edgar, do  
11 you know, the Louie Bunyon Festival comes around in  
12 March some time, and I don't exactly what days those  
13 are, but I don't think that will be any conflict  
14 towards them. I think it would enhance your  
15 participation in one of the holidays that we consider  
16 holidays for Hooper Bay, the Louie Bunyon Memorial  
17 Festival.  
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19 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.  
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21 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.  
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23 MR. ALOYSIUS: Is that a week long  
24 festival or weekend?  
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26 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. This  
27 year it's slated for 16, 17. It used to be all week  
28 long. Now it's coming down to two. But we will tell  
29 the people or the organization who run this, you know,  
30 that you guys will be in there possibly wanting to  
31 enjoy evening activities. And it should conflict,  
32 because there's some meeting places you can use.  
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34 MR. ALOYSIUS: Okay. Then I'd like to  
35 amend my motion to read March 15th and 16th.  
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37 MR. L. WILDE: That's how it was.  
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39 MR. ALOYSIUS: Oh, that's what I said.  
40 Okay.  
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42 MR. HOELSCHER: Mr. Chairman. Before  
43 we act on the motion, the reason why I invite you to  
44 Hooper Bay, you had an opportunity to hear the people  
45 from Emmonak and the surrounding villages an have they  
46 watch you and how you do your work on behalf of them.  
47 And it would be a good opportunity for our village and  
48 other villages who do subsistence hunt. Thank you.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Maybe me and

1 Peter, Mike, I always call them my bro, because we grew  
2 up together and mostly been down in Hooper Bay area.  
3 I've never been down there for close to 20 years now.  
4 So it will be a chance to see our old town down there.  
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6  
7 There was a second and discussion. All  
8 who favor say aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

11  
12 CHAIRMAN WILDE: So we'll have a  
13 meeting in Hooper Bay.

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15 For the last, Regional Council Advisory  
16 officers, we decide to move it to the next meeting,  
17 because we don't have any -- I would like to see the  
18 rest of the Council with us. That way we wouldn't have  
19 a problem later on.

20  
21 So at this time, closing comment from  
22 Council.

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24 MR. MIKE: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

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26 INTERPRETER: I want to thank everyone  
27 for our hosts and the people in Emmonak for treating us  
28 well, and for participating in our meeting. And  
29 particularly hearing about the avian flu. I think it  
30 is going to be a bigger issue, and we need to outreach  
31 and education with other venues like through the Yup'ik  
32 dance gatherings, bingo gatherings in the villages. In  
33 my home village of Kotlik that is a good way to  
34 present, or do outreach. And I have been offered help  
35 from other resources to do outreach on the avian flu  
36 information.

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38 MR. MIKE: Quyana.

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40 CHAIRMAN WILDE: And any more comments  
41 or closing comments. Go ahead, Lester.

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43 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
44 Chairman. Actually, you know, on our agenda, we did  
45 like everybody stated, we did approve it, and  
46 apparently we had to suspend rules to hear an agency  
47 report and bump out somebody else. I would suggest  
48 that we make a directive that we stick with our agenda  
49 and not bump out other agencies just because a reporter  
50 has to meet a plane.

1 MR. L. WILDE: I'd also like to, Mr.  
2 Chairman, go on -- not -- I guess I'll wait my turn  
3 since the elder is next, if he has any comments.

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5 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)

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7 INTERPRETER: I could say a little bit.  
8 I have attended these meetings in Emmonak in the past,  
9 too. I appreciate the community, and in particular to  
10 those members from the members who have come and  
11 participated and provided input into issues addressed.  
12 Since I started, I appreciate public input in the  
13 communities that we meet, because we invite the public,  
14 and they are part of the process to be -- to  
15 participate, to address problems, and to present them  
16 to this group. A lot of them that have spoken the last  
17 few days, I really appreciate from community members  
18 towards subsistence, particularly to the hunt of moose  
19 in Unit 18. I appreciate that.

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21 I do say and try to include traditional  
22 knowledge especially on subsistence issues, since I  
23 grew up with subsistence, with respect for resources.  
24 And we consumed on our harvests regardless of their  
25 age, even if they're aged, fresh, cured, that was our  
26 food. And respecting our resources and food,  
27 especially fish.

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29 And as we deal with fisheries issues,  
30 this body, group meets, particularly regarding  
31 fisheries, particularly on the Yukon and the Kuskokwim  
32 resources. I am, as they say, a coastal person, I am  
33 from the coast, from the Bering Sea coast. And when  
34 deal with fisheries issues, I feel like an observer  
35 rather than a participant, because they deal with  
36 fisheries on the river systems. Although we have  
37 different fisheries resources, the river people have  
38 their own fisheries resources or fish foods. But I do  
39 observe and listen and participate as we deal with fish  
40 issues.

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42 I always encourage people not to play  
43 with the fish. In negotiating regulations reflecting  
44 on our traditional elders, fish was utilized  
45 completely. It was the issue of contention, or it  
46 wasn't played with or tinkered with, and that was our  
47 system of working with fish, all kinds of fish. And I  
48 encourage this group to carry on the same.

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50 Although I do not understand English

1 and I do not understand what is being addressed, I only  
2 am able to understand through the transition. I may  
3 not hear all the details of the issues being addressed,  
4 and when I'm listening as we negotiate on these issues.  
5 We in the early days did not meet regarding resources.  
6 There was no regulation. We had advisers, which were  
7 the elders who told us how to treat these resources.  
8 Today we have many managers, we have many bureaucrats,  
9 we have many -- a lot of paperwork, for a lot of  
10 bureaucracy, and developing regulations through  
11 meeting, they constantly change. Today and over the  
12 last few days we are working to change regulations, and  
13 we say that these documents, they have improper  
14 language to address certain issues.

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16                   That was not our way of dealing with  
17 issues traditionally. Our Yup'ik people, even though  
18 they were from different regions all had the same  
19 tenets and values towards land and the animal and fish  
20 resources. And these were passed down to our children.  
21 Men taught the men, and the women taught the women.  
22 And this was taught. The children were educated prior  
23 to marriage, and children were reared to be partners in  
24 marriage, and their lifestyle was a subsistence  
25 lifestyle, and their education was therefore towards  
26 that end.

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28                   I repeat myself over and over again,  
29 and share traditional knowledge. Although I do it time  
30 and time again, I share it with my group, although it  
31 is not our way any more, and my times have changed even  
32 for myself. I keep this knowledge and I will not  
33 forget what I've seen and learned, and the hardships we  
34 had. And I didn't realize how poor we were and how the  
35 subsistence lifestyle was our way of living. Today we  
36 have assimilated to the Western system. When I think  
37 of our forefathers, I feel sorry for them, for their  
38 hardship. But in their way, it was not seen as such.  
39 It was our way of life. We didn't see ourselves as  
40 impoverished or poor, but subsistence and our way of  
41 life and our food was our way of living through the  
42 summer, through the winter, through the seasons.

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44                   And particularly for fish, there were  
45 no regulations, no laws. There were no -- people  
46 travelled to other areas and shared what they had. And  
47 we shared with those around us and our relatives to  
48 make sure that they were not in need. And especially  
49 for those from other areas.

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1                   If a person lives or hunts and fishes  
2 and strives to get what he wants, they will harvest in  
3 time. If a man will still harvest what he needs, and  
4 has been hunting for, and he comes across another  
5 hunter, that hunter that harvested was to share with  
6 the other person, and in this way he's managing his  
7 harvest and when he returns home and comes to his  
8 partner, to the woman or wife, he will relinquish, or  
9 give that fish to the wife to care for the resource,  
10 and the wife cares for the harvest and may pass on to  
11 within the community, and the man does not manage where  
12 the resource will go, because that is the woman's job  
13 when the resources reaches the home. The home  
14 traditionally is a matriarchal home, and she is -- the  
15 wife and the woman is in charge, and the man is -- his  
16 job and his duty is outside of the home. And that was  
17 traditionally how we lived.

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19                   I'll leave it at that. And that is my  
20 final comment to share with you today. Thank you.

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22                   MR. MOSES: Quyana

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24                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana.

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26                   (Applause)

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28                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before we have  
29 closing, Tom, if it's possible for next meeting, I  
30 wonder if that's possible to send a copy of agenda just  
31 like this plain agenda to corporation -- I mean, to  
32 tribal, because I have been using these here. I  
33 brought it to city to get a copy. Other people, that  
34 the villages ask me if I have extra agenda. It cost me  
35 \$1 to make a copy. So it would be good if you guys  
36 could even do that like this plain agendas. It would  
37 save us -- well, it would save me the money, you know,  
38 instead of using the money out of our pocket. Tom.

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40                   MR. KRON: Yeah, Mr. Chair. We can  
41 work with Alex. A lot of times it takes a while to get  
42 the agenda ready, and when the books go to the printer,  
43 at that time the agenda that is in the books is ready.  
44 And we can work with Alex to basically make sure we've  
45 got addresses and names of the tribal organizations  
46 here on the Y-K Delta and send them an agenda with  
47 probably a short invitation letter inviting them to the  
48 meeting as well. But then they would have that, the  
49 agenda portion of the books.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you.

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5 MR. L. WILDE: Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Lester.

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9 MR. L. WILDE: I would like to thank  
10 the people of Emmonak for their attendance with us in  
11 this meeting, because it saved us -- or put some light  
12 on some subjects that we wouldn't otherwise have seen.  
13 And it shows us that are interested in our subsistence  
14 resources, and that you want to be a part of us  
15 whenever any decisions are made concerning our  
16 livelihood and regulations of our resources that we use  
17 in our subsistence.

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19 And another complaint. I'd like to  
20 make one suggestion to Staff, that if and when people  
21 are requesting to, or organizations are requesting to  
22 make a presentation to the Regional Advisory Council,  
23 that you request that they present you with their  
24 topics so we'd be able to -- so you could incorporate  
25 them into our meeting booklets. I know you tried that,  
26 and I know you try that, but we need to do that,  
27 because when we have -- before go to the meeting, we  
28 take this book and we go through it to familiarize  
29 ourselves with the topics that are going to be  
30 discussed during the meeting. And whenever a presenter  
31 comes to us at the last minute, or during the meeting,  
32 present us with their material, it takes a lot of time  
33 to go through those. And sometimes we have to fly  
34 blindly into them and not be able to understand the  
35 whole thing before we discuss. So that is an important  
36 request that I'm making, that all material from the  
37 presenter please be placed into the Advisory Council  
38 handbooks before they're present to us. And it might  
39 be a good idea if in the event that these people are  
40 not going to be able to get that material in there,  
41 that they be excluded from the meeting.

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43 MR. A. NICK: Mr. Chair. Mr. Lester  
44 Wilde. We try to do that. Any time when an individual  
45 or a tribal member requests, we try to include them.  
46 But like Tom explained earlier, the process of  
47 developing an agenda is -- sometime, you know, we need  
48 to wait for other issues that are coming from, you  
49 know, like the Staff, ADF&G, AVCP, and for that reason,  
50 like, for example, Chairman Wilde requested that all

1 reports be written this time, but, you know, we  
2 received very few written reports, agency reports or  
3 organization reports, but we will still try to do that.  
4 And I work with the Chairman very closely to, you know,  
5 keep on top of issues and topics that need to be on the  
6 agenda. Whatever we receive, we try to include them on  
7 the agenda.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MR. L. WILDE: I just want to make a  
12 correction to my -- to what I stated. I know we can't  
13 exclude anybody from the meeting, but the subject  
14 matter that they want to talk about be placed on the  
15 next meeting or whenever they're able to that material  
16 to you on time.

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18 MR. A. NICK: Yeah, we'll try to do  
19 that. Thank you.

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21 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman.

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23 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Bob.

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25 MR. ALOYSIUS: Yeah, I have two hours  
26 of comment to make. No.

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28 (Laughter)

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30 MR. L. WILDE: That's all right, we  
31 have time.

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33 MR. ALOYSIUS: First of all, I thank  
34 very, very much the residents of Emmonak who came to  
35 join us and to help us through the process that we've  
36 been through for the last two and a half days. And I  
37 would respect -- too bad Ray isn't here, Ray Waska.  
38 He's a host of host. He had almost all the Board -- I  
39 mean, all the Council over to his house last night, and  
40 him and Charlie Brown talked to us every night until  
41 the wee hours of the morning it seemed like. But  
42 that's the kind of things we really need to make us  
43 feel at home when we go to a village, and it's hard to  
44 find that atmosphere in a lot of other villages,  
45 because they're so Westernized, you know. And it's  
46 really heartwarming to see the people come here and  
47 join us and be part of the discussions and the  
48 deliberations, and also the hospitality that they give.

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1                   And right off the bat I want to  
2 apologize to anybody if I hurt their feelings or  
3 anything, if I get too, you know, emotional. Sometimes  
4 I forget my cool and I forget to be kind and gentle.  
5 So I apologize if I hurt anybody's feelings.  
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7                   One of the most important things that  
8 we tend to forget on our daily lives is what our elders  
9 remind us every day. We need to have respect. Have  
10 respect for yourself, for everybody, and also  
11 especially have respect for the food that we just take  
12 for granted every day. And it just, you know, makes me  
13 feel so fortunate that we have so much today compared  
14 to our ancestors. You know, our ancestors lived in,  
15 what, maybe fourth world conditions, but they made it.  
16 And they were always happy, and they always celebrate  
17 whatever they did and whatever they had. And they  
18 never thought that they were poor. And I don't think  
19 they were poor. they had their own homes, they had  
20 their own kayak, they had their own sled, their own  
21 dogs. Everything they had, they owned. And most of it  
22 they made themselves.  
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24                   But today, we take an example of a  
25 simple family of four. They're so far in debt they're  
26 right on what they call the prosperity line, because  
27 they break even every month. And they don't own  
28 anything. Everything belongs to the bank. Their boat,  
29 snowmachines, engines, cars, trucks, house, shed. You  
30 know, everything belongs to the bank. So we're the  
31 ones who are really poor. And most of all, we're poor  
32 in spirit, because we forget the simple fact that we  
33 have so much that we have to be thankful for everyday.  
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35                   So I honor and glorify our ancestors  
36 for being as hearty and strong and determined as they  
37 are, because their dreams and vision is for us to be  
38 healthy, happy, honest and sober. And have it easier  
39 than they did. And, you know, their dreams and visions  
40 are fulfilled today.  
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42                   Getting back to the deliberations we  
43 have here, you know, I would really appreciate, you  
44 know, the Staff to write up, you know, the meeting  
45 rules, conduct and procedures that we're to follow.  
46 And remind us that we have to follow those rules of  
47 conduct also. And getting back to basic education of  
48 our native people, be on time, sit down, be quiet and  
49 listen. We forget to do that. And try not to  
50 interfere with what's going on, because you have time

1 for breaks. It's very distracting to have people  
2 walking around, drinking coffee, and going for coffee  
3 and things like that before break time. It's very  
4 distracting.

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6                   And like Ray Waska said the other  
7 morning, he said that we need to explain each and every  
8 item that we're going to be discussing, and try to keep  
9 on it instead of wondering off.

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11                   And again I want to reiterate that it's  
12 important for agency staff to be here and not on paper,  
13 because you can't talk to a piece of paper, and you  
14 can't ask them questions. And you're not going to get  
15 anything out of a piece of paper. So it's important  
16 that we try to get those bodies here so we can ask them  
17 questions and get answers from them.

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19                   And it's really important that, you  
20 know, that the directions given to the Staff about the  
21 numbers be rectified some way. And, you know, I would  
22 also ask the Staff to compose a letter or draft a  
23 letter to the Federal Subsistence Board to address that  
24 issue about in especially Unit 18, having over 2,000  
25 households, and yet they're only allocated 80 to 100  
26 moose for their subsistence needs. It's ridiculous.

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28                   When we get home and we are concerned about  
29 avian flu, each and every one of us can go home and do  
30 one thing. Have yourself or your spouse or whoever  
31 does your cooking, cook your ducks, geese, swans,  
32 whatever thoroughly to be safe. It's as simple as  
33 that. And it's in that handout and what was given to  
34 us yesterday, that if we're concerned about the  
35 edibility of the waterfowl that come up here every  
36 spring, if you want to be safe, and if it looks safe  
37 and cook it, cook it thoroughly. That way everything  
38 that's in there that's not supposed to be edible will  
39 be cooked.

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41                   And is it possible for the Staff to  
42 bring a PowerPoint so they could project something on a  
43 screen and we can follow. You know, Randy Rogers is  
44 really good at that whenever we have Moose Management  
45 Working Group meetings in Unit 21(E) and 19(A). I  
46 mean, it's right there. And you can follow it really  
47 well, and you can ask questions, well, what is this,  
48 what is that, and where did you get this, you know,  
49 instead of having to thumb through papers and fumble  
50 around.

1                   And I especially want to thank our  
2 elder for reminding us of who we are and where we came  
3 from. And with the knowledge and the wisdom we have  
4 from our ancestors, we can succeed in anything we do.  
5 And at the same time educate our children, our  
6 grandchildren, and any of our loved ones on the proper  
7 way to be a human being. Quyana.

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9                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Counsel, any more  
10 comments, closing comments.

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12                   (No comments)

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14                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's not, for  
15 the closing (In Yup'ik).

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17                   INTERPRETER: I want to ask our elder  
18 to say closing prayer to pray for our save return home.

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20                   CHAIRMAN WILDE: Right now that we're  
21 going to -- (In Yup'ik).

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23                   INTERPRETER: Andrew Kelley, Sr.

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25                   MR. KELLEY: My name is Andrew Kelley,  
26 and I'm from Emmonak, and I would like to take this  
27 time to thank all of you for coming to Emmonak, to  
28 bring us this very, very important issue.

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30                   I've been to your meetings in Kotlik,  
31 Manokotak, Toksook Bay, Bethel. And each time I attend  
32 your meetings, tremendous amount of information  
33 surfaces, which touch our people, and those are very  
34 important things that you talk about.

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36                   Now, I would like to share a few things  
37 with you. Last year I went to Hooper/Chevak area, and  
38 I'm not too sure of that area. And I want to thank  
39 very much Lester Wilde for helping me out. He was very  
40 valuable in my presentations. I show slide shows and  
41 other stuff like that. And I wasn't too sure of that  
42 area, and he knew the contact people, who to contact in  
43 each village. And I want to thank Mr. Wilde about  
44 that.

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46                   Now I feel that -- one time I was  
47 called to attend a meeting in Fairbanks, fisheries  
48 meeting. And I didn't expect this question. They  
49 picked me out, maybe it's because I had gray hair, and  
50 he asked me, how can we better manage the fish in the

1 Yukon. Without even thinking, I said to them, we need  
2 to educate all the fish users up and down the Yukon.  
3 That's what we need. If they get that sense of  
4 ownership, they will be more careful, and they will  
5 have better control of who is doing this and that.

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7 Up at Ruby when I was up to Ruby for a  
8 meeting, we were brought into a classroom. That  
9 classroom contained fisheries education of the Yukon  
10 River. I wish each and every village had that, at  
11 least one classroom to teach our young people about  
12 life cycle of a salmon. I think that's very important  
13 that we will understand the many dangers the fish faces  
14 during its lifetime, and they will have more respect  
15 for that resource.

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17 Now, the other thing. I spent 15 years  
18 in the school working, and I had to do some fighting  
19 for my people, for my own people. Some teachers came  
20 with the superior attitude, and that's not good. And  
21 sometimes that's bound to happen with fish -- I mean,  
22 you know, with biologists, too. I think we need to  
23 orient the newcomers who come out here thinking that  
24 they know it all. And it bothers me to see Fish and  
25 Game to import people to manage our river system. You  
26 can't learn our river system overnight. We need locals  
27 to work in that area.

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29 Now, I feel that all this very  
30 important resources in our area, natural resources,  
31 should be in the classrooms. Instead of teaching our  
32 children who Columbus is, Christopher Columbus, or  
33 Ernest Hemingway or Vitus Bering, we need to start  
34 teaching our young people about our natural resources.  
35 And they're very valuable to know, and they should be  
36 taught those things. And I wish I could take Mr. Moses  
37 with me to my village travels. Those kinds of things  
38 are needed to be heard by our students in all the  
39 schools.

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41 I appreciate all the good comments all  
42 of you guys made, especially Mr. Moses, Mr. Aloysius  
43 and Harry Wilde.

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45 And I think one suggestion I would make  
46 is that before you go to a village, select a loud  
47 mouth, so to speak, who can inform the community that  
48 you are coming. That's what I did. That's my label.  
49 I make announcements during the Eskimo dance practices,  
50 and I read this section, area of concerns in English,

1 and I translated that over VHF. And I want to thank  
2 the Community of Emmonak for responding to your  
3 meetings.  
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5 And thank you very much for your time,  
6 and thanks for coming.  
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8 CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you.  
9 Let's all stand up for the closing.  
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11 MR. MOSES: (In Yup'ik)  
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13 (Closing Prayer)  
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15 MR. ALOYSIUS: Mr. Chairman. I move  
16 that we adjourn.  
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18 MR. L. WILDE: Second.  
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20 CHAIRMAN WILDE: We are adjourned.  
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22 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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