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YUKON-KUSKOKWIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 1994  
9:00 A.M.  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Building  
Bethel, Alaska

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

HARRY O. WILDE, SR., CHAIRMAN  
DAVID O. DAVID, VICE CHAIRMAN  
PAUL MANUMIK, SR., SECRETARY  
MOSES A. NICOLAI, MEMBER  
PAUL JOHN, MEMBER  
STEVEN WHITE, MEMBER  
ANTONE K. ANVIL, MEMBER

John Andrew, Coordinator

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PROCEEDINGS

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2 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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4 MR. ANVIL: (Gives invocation) (In Yup'ik)  
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6 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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8 MR. MANUMIK: Harry Wilde?  
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10 MR. WILDE: Yeah.  
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12 MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, here. Moses  
13 Nicolai?  
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15 MR. NICOLAI: Here.  
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17 MR. MANUMIK: Paul John? Steven White?  
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19 MR. WHITE: Here.  
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21 MR. MANUMIK: David O. David?  
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23 MR. DAVID: Here.  
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25 MR. MANUMIK: Henry Napoleon? Chuck Chaliak?  
26 Antone Anvil?  
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28 MR. ANVIL: Here.  
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30 MR. MANUMIK: Six here and four absent.  
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32 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) We would like to  
33 welcome our boards, that they were able to make it, and also  
34 guests and the speakers going to be. You guys are welcome to  
35 our meeting.  
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37 We will be -- continue on our meeting. We're going to  
38 review our -- review and approval of agenda. Review and  
39 approval of minutes. Review proposal -- proposals, Proposal  
40 45, moose, Lower Yukon; Proposal 46, moose, Unit 18; Proposal  
41 47, moose, Unit 18; Proposal 48, moose, Unit 18; Proposal 49,  
42 Wolf, Unit 18; Proposal 50, ptarmigan, Unit 18. And then  
43 review our charter. Review of operation manual -- operations  
44 manual. Recruitment of new members. Regional issues: Lower  
45 Yukon moose; 40 horse restriction; KTC permit, \$400.00; LY and  
46 AK moose CT eligibility in Unit 21; C and T recognition in  
47 Units 17, 19, 21; and recess, call by chair.  
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(In Yup'ik)

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 2 MR. DAVID: I so move.  
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 4 MR. WILDE: Motion by David O. David, approve  
 5 agenda. Is there any second?  
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 7 MR. NICOLAI: Second.  
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 9 MR. MANUMIK: Who seconded?  
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 11 MR. WILDE: Moses. Seconded by Moses.  
 12 Discussion?  
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 14 MR. ANVIL: Question.  
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 16 MR. WILDE: Question's been called for. All in  
 17 favor say "Aye"?  
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 19 ALL: Aye.  
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 21 MR. WILDE: Oppose, same sign? Motion carried.  
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 23 (In Yup'ik)  
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 25 MR. ANDREW: Do we have this proposal booklets  
 26 available?  
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 28 MR. FISHER: Yes.  
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 30 MR. ANDREW: Oh, they're right over here.  
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 32 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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 34 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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 36 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Do you want to handle  
 37 this?  
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 39 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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 41 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) 19.  
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 43 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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 45 (Translator now setting up)  
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 47 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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2 General conversation in Yup'ik while translator setting up)

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4 UNIDENTIFIED: We'll have our regular  
5 translator tomorrow.

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7 MR. WILDE: Yeah. We're waiting for a  
8 translator right now. We'll start as soon as we get that  
9 translator.

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11 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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13 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) We're going to start  
14 October 19, '93.

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16 MR. ANDREW: "The subsistence Regional Advisory  
17 Council for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service convened for the  
18 first time on October 19, 1993 at the U.S.F.W.S. Conference  
19 Room, 10:00 a.m. In attendance were John Andrew, Regional  
20 Coordinator, the following SRAC members: Paul Manumik, Antone  
21 Anvil, Harry Wilde, Sr., Steven White, Paul John and Henry  
22 Napoleon. Three members, Chuck Chaliak, Moses Nicolai, and  
23 David O. David, were absent, but arrived after lunch break.  
24 Also present from the Office of Subsistence Management were Jim  
25 Kirth, Deputy Assistant Regional Director; Taylor Brelesford,  
26 anthropologist; and Dave Fisher, wildlife biologist. Other  
27 people in attendance were with the Alaska Department of Fish  
28 and Game. Invocation was led by Paul John.

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30 "After introductions, SRC Andrew went through the  
31 agenda with the SRAC members and reviewed it. Harry Wilde,  
32 Sr., suggested that the Federal Regulations be translated into  
33 Yup'ik. Also, Paul Manumik stated that other game management  
34 units needed to be included in the discussions. Harry Wilde,  
35 Sr. commented that the agenda is long and wouldn't mind going  
36 into the evening. Paul John said that some meetings go on too  
37 long, and what was in mind, changes (objectives?). A further  
38 suggestion by Harry Wilde, Sr., is to write down the items on  
39 the agenda in the future so they wouldn't be ignored.

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41 "Paul John suggested to view the game management units  
42 as your own bowl in which everybody can use and partake game  
43 from. Henry Napoleon stated that AVCP had a (in draft stage)  
44 resolution preferring to work with the Federal government  
45 rather than State of Alaska, because they would be easier to  
46 deal with (rules and regulations). A question was asked by  
47 Paul Manumik concerning other game management units, other than  
48 Game Management Unit 18, if they can be included. It was

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suggested that the SRAC make recommendations to include other game management units. Paul John commented that before ANILCA he was told not to say that the land was owned, because conflict will arise from it.

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5 "Harry Wilde, Sr., questioned the council whether to use voice or a show of hand for voting. A consensus was reached to use voice, because it was faster. A motion was made to approve the agenda and it was approved.

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10 "SRC Andrew went through the federal subsistence hunting and fishing regulations. Question was raised by Paul John asking if the regulations are applied to subsistence fishing. Jim Kurth responded that the State of Alaska handled the regulations. Harry Wilde, Sr. commented that this year was the first time that subsistence fishing was closed and asked what was going to happen in five years, because not enough females had escaped to spawn. Paul John added that the game live and thrive within the land and voiced concern about hatcheries and spawning creeks. The meeting stopped for a break at 11:05 a.m.

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22 "The meeting resumed at 11:30 a.m. RC Andrew went through the role of the Regional Advisory Council and what its purpose was. The RAC member Paul Manumik asked why the term for the initial council member is only three years. (Answer?) The meeting broke for lunch at 12:45 p.m.

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28 "Meeting reconvened at 1:15 p.m. The other Subsistence Regional Council members David O. David, Chuck Chaliak, and Moses Nicolai were present. The topic of discussion was going through procedures to change the rules and regulations through proposals. David O. David was looking through the Federal Subsistence Management Regulation handbook and commented that the foxes caught September do not have good fur. The fox fur gets better in November. Brelsford stated that the regulations are obtained from the State of Alaska so the Council can propose a change in the regulations. Chuck Chaliak suggested to have a broad single name for all the game management units. Also, Antone Anvil suggested to include some young people in the writing of the proposals since they understand Yup'ik and English. Concerning the deadline for proposals, David O. David stated that November 1, 1993 was too early. Steven White put forward that there is a need to go into the villages and meet with the IRAs and Traditional councils to inform and teach them how to do proposals. Harry Wilde, Sr. noted that there are people that live in different areas, there is a need to be unified and to be supportive of other areas. There was a break for 15 minutes at 2:45 p.m.

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1            "At 3:00 p.m. the meeting went back into session.  
2 Moses Nicolai brought up a concern that the number of meetings  
3 a year (two) for the Regional Advisory Council was inadequate  
4 to discuss other items. Taylor Brelsford recommended the  
5 Council make a recommendation at the October 20 meeting to have  
6 special meetings in order to increase the number of meetings  
7 from two to four a year.

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9            "The Council identified regional issues and came up  
10 with the following:

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12            1. Moratorium on moose hunt below Mt. Village  
13 requesting opening for fall time (moose season from Mt. Village  
14 to the mouth of the Yukon River).

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16            2. 40 horsepower motor size restriction on the  
17 Holitna/Hoholitna.

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20            3. Land Use Permits: Kuskokwim Corporation requires  
21 \$400.00 to use their land and there are similar problems on the  
22 Yukon River on the Holy Cross Corporation land.

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24            4. Customary and traditional use eligibility in Unit  
25 E. Federal Subsistence Board has restricted or banned  
26 hunters with 25 year history.

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28            5. The proposal deadline, November 1, 1993, for the  
29 Federal Subsistence hunting regulations is too early, and is in  
30 conflict with fall subsistence activities. Good involvement by  
31 the SRAC would require change in the schedule.

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33            6. The Federal Subsistence Board should include a  
34 subsistence dependant member from the rural area.

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36            7. Transfer from State to Federal may encourage  
37 looking into the problem of roe sales and use as dog food that  
38 could be part of the problem of declining chums.

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40            "Randy Kacyon, State wildlife biologist, talked about  
41 his willingness to provide numbers for the SRAC. The meeting  
42 adjourned at 5:00 p.m."

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44            "The Yukon Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council  
45 public meeting was held on October 20, 1993.

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47            "The Subsistence Regional Advisory Council met for the  
48 second time at the KVNA Building at 1:05 p.m. The following

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officers were elected: Harry Wilde, Sr., Chairman; David O. David, Vice-chairman; Paul Manumik, Sr., Secretary; and Moses Nicolai, Sergeant-at-arms. Members are Henry Napoleon, Antone Anvil, Paul John, Steven White, and Zachariak Chaliak. A court recorder was present to record the meeting.

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6 "The following are notes taken by Secretary Paul Manumik from public comments:

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9 "Jesse Moses, from Bethel state that he doesn't know what this meeting is about, but what he heard is, it is on subsistence issues and that he was glad. We must carry on our traditional values and our way of lifestyle so that we can continue to live off the land. Whenever the weather permitted us to hunt, we went by kayak and filled them with our native food we caught on that hunting trip. Them days there were no Fish and Game personnel. Some days some game were scarce, so we caught a little and whatever is available.

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19 "Billy McCann, Bethel, formerly from Napakiak: Many years have passed since we started fighting about subsistence issue. Many people have stated that they cannot -- that they support subsistence 100%. My mind was hurt when Alaska Department of Fish and Game closed the Kuskokwim River to commercial fishing along with subsistence fishing. If our State Representatives can't support our subsistence lifestyle, then they don't belong in their office.

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28 "James A. Peter, Bethel: We knew about subsistence from way back, because it was passed on down from generation to generation. We already know. We don't need to be taught. We take what we need. Whenever we get too much, it is shared with our relatives and those families in need. Subsistence should never be closed to us, because we don't make enough from commercial fishing.

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36 "Matthew Beans, Bethel: Deep sea trawlers and purse seiners come from the Lower 48 to fish for commercial and then we are left with nothing to eat from subsistence fishing. Hospitals put in sewage lagoons and in return our rivers are polluted.

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42 "George Whitman from Bethel stated: Subsistence is our way of life. That he was born on Nunivak Island. No stores then. Right now, if I told our younger generation he would not believe me. Only a few items were sold: tobacco, coffee, tea. Our parents use to hunt year round in order to survive off the land. I slept a lot when I was young. When I woke up, I did subsistence hunting 'til I went to sleep again. We were

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told to hunt male animals only so that our game will survive for generations to come.

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3 "David O. David, Kwigillingok: Subsistence way of life  
4s passed on down from generation to generation from our  
5ncestors. It was not passed on down to us so that we may get  
6rich from our subsistence food. It was meant to feed our  
7children. White man only wishes to make money and get rich.  
8White man can get rich and if there is poor, hungry person, he  
9will not help that person. Eskimos will help families in need,  
10giving that person or families extra food for survival. White  
11men should not make laws and rules behind our backs. We are  
12people just like you. We have our own traditional laws and  
13regulations just like you people.

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15 "Antone Anvil, Bethel: Subsistence living is not an  
16easy life, to live our way of life. Other people should not  
17try and make laws and regulations for our subsistence  
18lifestyle. It only makes it a hardship for us. Soon there  
19will be a limit on our take of subsistence.

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21 "Joe Chief, ONC, Bethel, and Greg Roczicka, game  
22specialist, AVCP, Inc., gave their written statements to the  
23court recorder. Roczicka included with his statement AVCP  
24Resolution 93-10-01.

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26 "Public comment on regional issues:

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28 "Winter moose season on the Lower Yukon River: A fall  
29moose season is preferred on the Lower Yukon River rather than  
30winter season. A November 18, 1993, meeting is planned at  
31Erimonak with Alaska Department of Fish and Game (Randy Kacyon,  
32wildlife biologist). RAC member Harry Wilde suggested polling  
33the villages from Chevak to Mt. Village and fill out a proposal  
34form for Lower Yukon moose fall season.

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36 "Motor size restriction and land use permits: The area  
37in question, Holitna/Hoholitna, is under State lands for motor  
38size restrictions and for land use permits, under Corporation  
39lands.

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41 "Billy McCann: He is against the 40 horsepower  
42mitation which he feels is against subsistence use. A lot of  
43money is used to prepare for a moose hunt, \$1,000.00 or more,  
44plus the \$400.00 land use permit. He heard the elders upriver  
45are against the land use permit, but feels that the younger  
46generation are for it.

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48 "Dick Andrew, Bethel: We, the Native people, should

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not have to pay for our land use to hunt in our own lands.

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2 "John Borbridge: We fight over land to subsist for our  
3 food for our dinner table. Knives, clubs, spears, guns were  
4 used to fight for our land, but today we use paper written in  
5 black and white. We fight the federal government in  
6 Washington, D.C. Money will go, but the land will last a long,  
7 long time even when there is no more money.

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9 "The land in question is corporation land under the  
10 jurisdiction of the State of Alaska. Randy Kacyon stated "It  
11 is on the agenda." Also, the Federal subsistence Regional  
12 Advisory Council can fill out a proposal concerning the 40  
13 horsepower limitation for the Alaska Department of Fish and  
14 Game and to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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16 "Other business: Travel and per diem must be taken  
17 care of right away. The council members requested that the  
18 travel and per diem be taken care of six months in advance.  
19 Hotel arrangement is not kept up to date or current.

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21 "Harry Wilde, Sr., commented that he will try his best  
22 chairing the new Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

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24 "Greg Roczicka recommended "actions" on the "customary  
25 and traditional" determinations. See Resolution.

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27 "For the winter season, GMU 21E be included with the  
28 Lower Yukon and Kuskokwim River to be recognized in the  
29 customary and traditional use in the Innoko winter hunts.

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31 "Benediction by Antone Anvil, and the meeting adjourned  
32 at 4:45 p.m."

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34 MR. WILDE: Harry asks if the minutes are  
35 approved.

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37 MR. DAVID: It's been moved that it's been  
38 accepted.

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40 MR. WILDE: Accepted by David O. David.

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42 MR. ANVIL: Second.

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44 MR. WILDE: Discussion?

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46 MR. WHITE: Question.

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48 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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1 ALL: Aye.

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3 MR. WILDE: Opposed, same sign? Motion  
4 carried. The minutes are adopted.

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6 We'll have ten minutes break.

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8 (Off record)

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10 (On record)

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12 MR. WILDE: On the business, we're going to  
13 request visitors and speakers and guests, you stand up and say  
14 your piece, and who you are and where you're from. Maybe start  
15 from here?

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17 MR. SIMEON: My name is Calvin Simeon. I'm  
18 Director of Natural Resources for AVCP.

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20 MR. LUKE: My name is James Luke from Mountain  
21 Village, and I work with Kuigpagmiut Corporation on natural  
22 resources problems.

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24 MR. SYMBOL: My name is Jim Symbol. I live in  
25 Bethel, and I'm not here representing any agency. I'm just  
26 interested in the issues involved in subsistence.

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28 MR. KACYON: I'm Randy Kacyon. I'm the area  
29 wildlife biologist for Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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31 MR. FROST: My name is Gavin Frost. I'm an  
32 attorney with the Solicitor's Office in Anchorage.

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34 MR. COFFING: I'm Mike Coffing. I'm with the  
35 Alaska Fish and Game Subsistence Division here in Bethel.

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37 MR. FOX: I'm Frank Fox. I'm from Quinhagak.

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39 MR. PHILLIP: My name is Fred Phillip,  
40 Igillingok. I'm interested in what's happening here.

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42 MR. WILDE: Let's go around the table. Go  
43 ahead.

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45 MR. KURTH: I'm Jim Kurth. I'm the deputy in  
46 the Subsistence Office in Anchorage, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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48 MR. ADERMAN: I'm Andy Aderman. I'm a wildlife

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biologist with -- in the same office as Jim.

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2 MS. MARTINEZ: I'm Gina Martinez. I'm the  
3 administrative officer in the Subsistence Office in Anchorage.

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5 MR. WHITE: My name is Steven White from Eek.

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7 MR. ANDREW: My name is John Andrew,  
8 Subsistence Regional Coordinator for Bethel Region.

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10 MR. DAVID: David O. David, Council Advisory  
11 member.

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13 MR. WILDE: "I am." Where are you from?

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15 MR. MANUMIK: I'm from Sheldon's Point here on  
16 the Lower Yukon.

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18 MR. WILDE: The end of the world. Yeah. I'm  
19 Harry Wilde from Mountain Village.

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21 MR. NICOLAI: I'm Moses Nicolai from Kwethluk.

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23 MR. ANVIL: Antone Anvil from Bethel.

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25 MR. BRELESFORD: Hi. I'm Taylor Brelesford,  
26 and I work as a social scientist in the Federal Subsistence  
27 Program on the team that will work with your Council here in  
28 the Bethel Region. I work with John and Dave Fisher quite a  
29 bit.

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31 MS. FIELD: I'm Sharie Field. I'm also with  
32 the Subsistence Management Office. I'm basically here to  
33 observe your meeting.

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35 MR. MORGART: John Morgart, supervisory  
36 wildlife biologist on the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge  
37 here in Bethel.

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39 MR. FISHER: Dave Fisher with the Fish and  
40 Wildlife Service out of the Anchorage office. I'm a wildlife  
41 biologist there.

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43 MR. WILDE: Our secretary?

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45 MS. DOWNING: Meredith Downing. I'm with R & R  
46 Court Reporters in Anchorage.

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48 MR. WILDE: Our translators, who they are back

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there?

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2 MR. JIMMY: I'm Michael Jimmy. I'm a refuge  
3 information technician, and I work out of Emmonak.

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5 MR. ANDREW: Abe Andrew, RITA. I'm based here  
6 in Bethel.

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8 MR. WILDE: Welcome to our meeting. Now we  
9 continue on our agenda. We're going to talk about -- We're  
10 going to review proposals. John Andrew?

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12 MR. ANDREW: John Andrew is mentioning about  
13 the first proposal in the agenda.

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15 Give one of these, give one to Michael Jimmy.

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17 Taking or assisting in taking of furbearers by firearm  
18 before 3:00 a.m on the day following the day on which airborne  
19 travel occurred. This does not apply to a trapper using a  
20 firearm to dispatch furbearers caught in a trap or snare.

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22 Proposal for regulation change. Furbearers. Taking or  
23 assisting in the taking of a wolverine by firearm before 3:00  
24 a.m. on the day following the day on which airborne travel  
25 occurred; however, this does not apply to a trapper using a  
26 firearm to dispatch a wolverine caught in a trap or snare, or  
27 taking an arctic fox, red fox, coyote, wolf, or lynx if the  
28 person is over 300 feet from the airplane at the time of  
29 taking.

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31 Reason for changing the regulation. The Alaska Board  
32 of Game changed the State regulation concerning this aspect of  
33 airborne action in trapping in June, 1993. Federal and State  
34 regulations should be kept identical to prevent public  
35 confusion. Trappers often use airplanes to access their  
36 traplines in remote areas, but do not use aircraft specifically  
37 to observe and take an individual animal. Consequently, once a  
38 trapper leaves the means of transportation, whether airplane,  
39 automotive vehicle, boat or other, to get to and service the  
40 trapline, the trapper should not be prevented from  
41 opportunistically taking these furbearers with a gun if the  
42 opportunity arises while he or she tends the trapline during  
43 the remainder of the day.

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45 MR. WILDE: Harry is asking what the board's  
46 comments will be. He suggests that we go down to KVNA. They  
47 may have more people to come and attend the meeting.

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MR. ANDREW: Andrew asked if the analysis, staff analysis can be omitted.

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MR. WILDE: Harry again mentioned if they go down to the KVNA Building that there might be more people to be involved. He mentioned that other people from other regional areas, corporation members, aren't around. If they're not involved,, they may have -- they may create a conflict.

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MR. ANVIL: Antone Anvil. If they don't (indiscernible) their rules or regulations -- okay. He mentions that when other people from outside the board makes rules and regulations and the board doesn't know about it, they need to know as soon as possible to be able to pass this information on to other villages.

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MR. DAVID: David O. David mentions even if they don't get anything done right now, as long as they listen to what's being proposed, but nothing get started on, what needs to be read.

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MR. WILDE: Harry mentioned it probably will be a little bit slow when we review the general proposals. Or we could delete them until tomorrow. He asked -- he's asking if that would be okay.

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MR. DAVID: I think they just listen to the proposals first.

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MR. WILDE: I think Harry just wants to hear and listen to the proposals even if they're not passed.

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MR. WHITE: He brought up saying that we do have people here that brought up the proposals, and he'd like to listen and find out what they're about. And he also goes along with Harry Wilde about moving over to KVNA building, and have more people listen in.

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MR. WILDE: Harry mentions about if we -- they follow the procedures that it would be probably a lot better, and they would get a lot more -- a lot more done.

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MR. ANDREW: John mentioned about starting from 400. Maybe it will go a lot faster. Yeah, John wants to start the proposal number two so it will speed up a little bit faster. (In Yup'ik) No action on proposal two. (In Yup'ik) Proposal number 45. Subsistence users, for moose hunting to be open for September 5 to 25.

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1 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Maybe you will -- you  
2 could handle this tomorrow, that .....?

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MR. LUKE: Yeah.

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MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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INTERPRETER: James Luke had -- oh.

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MR. ANDREW: One of the villages from mountains  
10 (oh) proposed to have the moose harvest open downstream from  
11 Mountain Village between September 5 and 25, because the area  
12 has been closed for a number of years. So they would like to  
13 have that opened between five and 25 in September. And they  
14 will be talking about it in KVNA tomorrow for further action.

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16 Number 46. Okay. This is -- Okay. This is regarding  
17 the moose harvest around the vicinity of Mountain Village and  
18 as far as Holy Cross. They had open season in the past from  
19 September 1st to September 30, and the winter was December 1st  
20 to February 28th, and they're proposing to change to make it  
21 August 25 up to September 30.

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MR. NICOLAI: Okay. That man mentions that  
24 they used to hunt moose in August in -- in the past. They  
25 would like to continue and they're proposing to have this hunt  
26 beginning September -- or August 25 for Unit 18 below Mountain  
27 Village, Kanektok and Goodnews drainages.

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MR. COFFING: It's for all of 18.

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INTERPRETER: Yeah, Unit 18.

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MR. NICOLAI: Yeah, and he also mentions he  
34 thinks there's a lot of people that go out hunting, not to --  
35 sometimes a lot of people don't catch a lot of moose and they  
36 have to go back with no catch.

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MR. COFFING: This regulation wouldn't change  
39 anything for the whole Mountain Village. It's just  
40 (undiscernible) downstream from Mountain Village.

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MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. ANDREW: Number 47. Proposal 47. It's  
45 been done by Y-K Delta Subsistence Hunters Association. (In  
46 Yup'ik)

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MR. COFFING: The only thing this will do is it

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will let the federal season be announced by the State of Alaska. That's the only change.

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MR. ANDREW: Okay. Remainder of Unit 18, one antlered moose. A ten-day hunt, one bull, evidence of sex is required, will be announced sometime between December 1st and 18. Open season is September 1st to September 30, and the winter season would be announced by the State of Alaska.

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Public lands in Unit 18 are closed to the hunting of moose, except by rural Alaska residents of Unit 18 and Upper Kalskag.

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The reasons for change, so there will be consistency between State and Federal regulations.

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Effect of proposed change on wildlife populations: There will be little or no effect on wildlife populations.

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Effect of proposed change: Easier for subsistence users to understand when the season will be opened.

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MR. WILDE: Harry wants to talk a little bit about this proposal. Okay. They mentioned already that there will be limited hunt next month between February 4 and Feb- -- 15 the 10th. And it's already been passed so that they can hunt only male -- one male bull.

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MR. FOX: Question. He's asking who -- who made this proposal. He's asking what's the Y-K Delta Subsistence Hunters Association?

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MR. SYMBOL: I can answer that.

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INTERPRETER: There's a person here that's going to answer.

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MR. WILDE: Yeah. Okay. Who is this proposed?

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MR. SYMBOL: There was a group of people that got together in Bethel this winter in November and December. They included -- well, there was about 15 people. I was one of them. Gene Falpola (ph). I don't know, quite -- just a bunch, a group.

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We -- we basically got together initially in response to the 40 horse restriction on the Holitna River, and we wanted to make proposals to State regulations to change that rule.

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And during that time, we discussed other issues, and we made proposals to the federal and quite a number of them to the State to change regulations the way we felt that would be beneficial to the people from the area.

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5 MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, I think the  
6 question was who -- who the members were of that group. He  
7 didn't ask .....

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9 MR. WILDE: Yeah.

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11 MR. SYMBOL: Oh. There is Gene Falpola, Jim  
12 Wycoff, myself, Rose and Jerry Dominic, Don Demius, Al Jones.  
13 There's more. I can't remember everybody's name.

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15 MR. WILDE: Yeah. You .....

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17 MR. SYMBOL: I could -- I could let you know if  
18 you wanted.

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20 MR. WILDE: Yeah. Ever -- ever since that we  
21 didn't take action on this, just review of -- some -- review  
22 the wording and changes. Tomorrow, KVNA, we thought that there  
23 will be more people that we could be able to .....

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25 MR. SYMBOL: Well, the purpose of our group is  
26 to get as much input as possible. We're not trying to make it  
27 just our way. We want it to go the way that the people from  
28 this region will benefit.

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30 And one of the things we -- one of the reasons we put  
31 this in was we thought that -- that the moose population in  
32 Unit 18 around here is kind of weak, and that we were afraid  
33 that if the State announced a hunt, and then the Federals  
34 announced another hunt, that they might give double the amount  
35 of hunting, and that that might be detrimental to the moose  
36 population, so we thought that it would be a good idea if the  
37 State and the Federal Government got together to announce their  
38 winter moose hunt, and that was the whole purpose of this  
39 proposal.

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41 MR. WILDE: Yeah. It's okay with this kind of  
42 announcement and the State and Federal get together ten -- ten  
43 days hunt. It's okay for sport hunters, but it's not good for  
44 subsistence hunters, because subsistence hunting require travel  
45 and cover a lot of areas, especially if people come up from  
46 down in the mouth of the Yukon and the mouth of Kuskokwim, go  
47 40 miles, 60 miles up, and it .....

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MR. SYMBOL: We never -- we never changed the 10 day. We don't care if it's 15 days. What we care is that they get together and have the same. We thought that that was important.

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MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah, that's why we -- we're going to -- before there's approval tomorrow, KVNA Building.

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MR. SYMBOL: Right. And I'd like to say that we represent subsistence hunters also, and that, you know, -- and we shouldn't be classified as sport hunters only.

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MR. FOX: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik) The reason why I'm saying this is because tomorrow's deliberate -- when you're deliberating with the public tomorrow, there will be people coming in from the villages, and there will be people that are interested, and especially for Yukon Delta Subsistence Hunters Association. Therefore I think you -- they should be identified, because there are a lot more subsistence users than the number 15. Especially since we hunt, we live off the land, whether we get citation, we go to court, we pay fines, to feed our children. I don't want -- from now on I don't want to see Subsistence Hunters Association's name, because subsistence is so important for our rights now. That's all I have to say. Thanks.

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MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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INTERPRETER: Yeah, he translated what he said.

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MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? David O. David is mentioning about subsistence hunters that go out. Also repeating what another person's earlier said about not many people when they go out moose hunting, they're not -- they don't catch -- sometimes they go home empty-handed.

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MR. WILDE: Yeah, he's talking about the reasons why we get together. (In Yup'ik)

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MR. ANVIL: That will give everybody a chance (In Yup'ik). Yeah, he mentioned about when we go out hunting in September, and there's some people that don't catch any moose, and he's in favor of the other part when we go in February, you know, it gives other people another chance that wouldn't catch any moose.

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MR. WILDE: Go ahead.

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MR. SIMEON: I wanted to make a comment on the wording of this proposal. I'm kind of worried about the wording on it, because I, myself, I work on trying to find ways to resolve the upriver/downriver conflict on moose hunting. And they have a permit fee upriver, but that does not say no hunting.

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When you have wording such as "only -- "hunting is closed except by residents of Unit 18," this says only residents of Unit 18, nobody from 19 can hunt here. And I can tell you that people from up there, they won't come down here to hunt, because there's no moose.

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I'm worried about the principle, what this says right here, principle says that they can't come hunt down here, and I'm just a little worried about that kind of wording, and I figured I'd just tell -- say what I felt.

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MR. WILDE: Yeah. Tomorrow, we're going to -- I think we're going to recommend our coordinator to -- when he make agenda, make sure that -- put the people to be heard, and the people that could testify on these proposals. And we're going to give that opportunity down in KVNA Building. We're going to put it on agenda, make sure that people have a chance to consider this proposal.

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Go ahead, John.

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MR. ANDREW: Yeah. Okay. Proposal 48. Proposal submitted by ADF&G, asking -- asking to have a change on the ten-day hunt, and to be announced between December 1st and December. It seems as if they would like to make it shorter from between December 20 to January 20 to have the announcement made. That will keep the announcement the same as is, and the regulations.

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MR. BRELESFORD: Mr. Chairman, perhaps we could help the Council on -- on this item by pointing out that the State has now withdrawn Proposal Number 48. It is no longer on the agenda. It -- we -- you don't have to make any further discussion or consideration of Proposal Number 48. It's been taken out. I .....

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MR. WILDE: You want to take it out or leave it here?

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MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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1 MR. WILDE: Oh, okay. Okay.

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3 INTERPRETER: It's been passed. It's  
4 withdrawn, Proposal Number 48.

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6 MR. WILDE: Okay. We can take it out then.

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8 MR. BRELESFORD: Yeah. I believe this change  
9 came after the booklets were printed and sent out to each of  
10 you, .....

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12 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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14 MR. BRELESFORD: ..... so it's recent that we  
15 got word.

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17 MR. ANDREW: Proposal 49. Again the Y-K  
18 Kuskokwim -- Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Hunters  
19 Association. It's on the wolf. Open season. To be able to  
20 hunt August 10 to April 30, and to harvest four. In the past  
21 they used to be able to harvest five wolves.

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23 The -- the other one, proposal 50, also submitted by  
24 the Y-K Delta Subsistence Hunters Association. This is on  
25 Ptarmigan, 20 per day. Proposed regulation, 20 per day, 40 in  
26 possession, open season August 10 to May 30. The change is to  
27 be for August 10 to April 30. It's shortened.

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29 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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31 MR. NICOLAI: He's mentioning about people that  
32 are down by the coast, because these ptarmigans start nesting  
33 and raising their young later than the ones that are inland.

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35 INTERPRETER: He's repeating what he mentioned  
36 earlier.

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38 MR. WILDE: He'd like to keep it as it for the  
39 meeting tomorrow, and he wants to get into it a little bit  
40 further, and to be able to understand a little bit more about  
41 what this proposal stands for. And he knows that there will be  
42 a lot of people commenting about this one. He says when  
43 there's more people involved, that I think it would be a lot  
44 better for people to have a better understanding on this -- on  
45 these proposals, and to get better ideas as to how proposals  
46 can be changed or accepted.

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48 He wants to have a break at 11:30 after this reviewed.

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1 Now, when -- we need somebody to help us review our  
 2 charter here. Charter of regional council. Anybody here that  
 3- here that's capable? Our .....

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 5 MR. BRELESFORD: Mr. Chairman, I know John will  
 6 want to help with the .....

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 8 MR. WILDE: Yeah. I think it's only three --  
 9 three pages here.

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 11 MR. BRELESFORD: Mr. Chairman, while John is  
 12 getting ready, I wonder if it might be helpful to mention for  
 13 the Council members a little bit what additional information is  
 14 in the booklet, and if you might have a chance to look through  
 15 tonight, you would know basically all the -- the background  
 16 information is provided here, and you may have a chance to look  
 17 through that tonight, before the decisions tomorrow.

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 19 MR. WILDE: Well, we figure that that's why we  
 20 have those -- we work on tomorrow with the people to  
 21 understand some of this, you know.

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 23 MR. BRELESFORD: Right. One thing I think we  
 24 wanted to really emphasize is that we tried to gather together  
 25 information in the booklet for the Council, but we want you to  
 26 help us out if there are mistakes or other things we should  
 27 include. So this is teamwork. We're trying to learn .....

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 29 MR. WILDE: Yeah.

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 31 MR. BRELESFORD: .....

32 the best we can about  
 33 what's going on in the region. We tried to carry the ball as  
 34 far as we could before we got here, but tomorrow we hope to  
 35 learn more from the Council, and also from the people, from the  
 36 people from the villages who will be here. So that's what the  
 37 purpose of that part that's called the staff analysis. It's  
 38 trying to write up what we know so far, and then we'll add to  
 39 that during the discussions tomorrow. Thank you.

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 41 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 43 MR. KRUTH: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to just add  
 44 that. This is very new to us, and I think it's exciting.  
 45 In the past, what would happen is the staff would write these  
 46 reports and they were given to me and Dick Pospahala, and then  
 47 we would have to try and come up with a recommendation. And as  
 48 many of you have pointed out in the past, what do we know about  
 49 what it's like out in your villages and in this area. The real

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valuable role the Councils can do is before we make recommendations now, you can tell us the things that we don't know, so we don't have to make a recommendation now without hearing from you first, and so we're very much interested in learning what you have to say about it before we would make a recommendation. Of course, you make your own recommendations directly to the Board as well.

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MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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MR. DAVID: Yes, that's true, but the problem is but the problem I see is if you don't make any recommendations on these, we wouldn't know what you'd have in mind. So I think it's best that you come up with something so we can know what you have in mind, and then we can -- as a board can make corrections or suggestions or whatever to settle what we're after.

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MR. KRUTH: That's a point. You know, we talked about that a lot at the office. We didn't want to come out with something that we said it was a recommendations where people would think we'd already made up our mind. And we used the word in part of that analysis, "conclusions". We tried whenever we kind of were pretty certain that we felt that this was what we were going to say to the Board, we wanted to tell you as much, not try and hide what we were thinking. Sometimes we just don't know. But when we think we know what normally we would recommend, we tried to spell it out, so we wouldn't hide it, and so you can -- so you can see what our thoughts are.

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MR. DAVID: Because if you don't let us -- let us know what your thoughts are, we wouldn't know .....

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MR. KRUTH: Right.

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MR. DAVID: ..... how to tell you of what we know. That's my answer.

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MR. WILDE: I think from now on the staff -- if there's a proposal package that's going to be like this or something else, to make information to the boards, it should be mailed to the boards before we come over. See, I never seen these proposals. Like it's pretty hard to go over, you know, but if we'd been -- received this maybe 15 days ago, we would know exactly just about what your recommend is.

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(Simultaneous speech)

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1 MR. WILDE: Yeah. We -- I never have this.

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3 MR. BRELESFORD: I think we need to apologize  
4 for some delays. These were mailed, but with the delay in  
5 getting them out, some of the Council members did not receive  
6 them in advance, and we owe you an apology for that. ....

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8 MR. WILDE: Yeah.

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10 MR. BRELESFORD: .... We will do better with  
11 it.

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13 MR. WILDE: The first time I see this.

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15 MR. BRELESFORD: And that's -- that creates a  
16 hardship. That is an error on our part that we owe you an  
17 apology for. Some council members I believe did get it in the  
18 mail, but we didn't allow enough time for the mailing, that's  
19 correct.

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21 MR. WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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23 MR. SYMBOL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I have a  
24 question about Proposal 50, and I heard the gentleman speak  
25 that the coastal people do harvest in May for ptarmigan, and we  
26 weren't aware of that, because we're from -- most of the time  
27 we're around here, and by May, you know, not too many people  
28 are out hunting.

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30 MR. NICOLAI: The reason I brought that up was  
31 that because that I know that during -- down the coast area,  
32 they're used for subsistence ptarmigan in late May.

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34 MR. SYMBOL: Uh-huh.

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36 MR. NICOLAI: In culling (ph) out, to have food  
37 on their table, because it's -- there's usually a lot of snow  
38 where they come from.

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40 MR. SYMBOL: Uh-huh.

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42 MR. NICOLAI: And they are -- and they usually  
43 they're kind of late in nesting, too, in the -- down the  
44 coastal area.

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46 MR. SYMBOL: Well, under those circumstances, I  
47 would like to remove Proposal 50 then.

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1 MR. WILDE: Pull it out?  
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3 MR. SYMBOL: Yeah, that's what we'd like to do.  
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5 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? Since I'm from the  
6 coast, I think I have additional to add to that. It's not in  
7 May that we -- that the ptarmigans move through in my area.  
8 It's in April. But they're late. They'd be down there in mid  
9 April. Usually they're -- we start seeing them down there  
10 about the first -- last part of March.  
11  
12 MR. SYMBOL: Well, if people use them .....

13 MR. DAVID: And since I'm from the coast, I  
14 know how they -- how we use down there.  
15  
16 MR. WILDE: Yeah. Me, too. I was born in the  
17 coast, and half way grew up there and moved to Mountain Village  
18 in the -- further in. So it's very much so that people will  
19 (ph) against (ph) us from the coastal area, .....

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21 MR. SYMBOL: Uh-huh.  
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23 MR. WILDE: ..... because in the wintertime,  
24 the ptarmigans up in the wilderness most of the time. And  
25 towards spring they start moving down the coast, so -- and  
26 sometime that coast is full of ice. People cannot go out  
27 hunting. The only time they have to depend on something to,  
28 you know, for their diet, so .....

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30 MR. SYMBOL: Well, if this will cause a  
31 hardship, we want to remove it.  
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33 MR. WILDE: We'll take it out. (In Yup'ik)  
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35 MR. KURTH: I might just ask that if you want  
36 withdrawn, if you would write a letter to the Board to do  
37 that, because it was submitted by a group of people, and, you  
38 know, if the Council wants to do something, they've elected a  
39 chair, but we don't really know who has the authority.  
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41 MR. SYMBOL: We can do that.  
42  
43 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah. He will, hopefully.  
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45 MR. KURTH: Okay. Thank you.  
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47 MR. FOX: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik)  
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1 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
2 MR. COFFING: What's Frank saying?  
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4 INTERPRETER: Oh, that he mentioned that the  
5 board members should be the ones to be able to .....

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7 MR. FOX: The reason -- I'll interpret myself.  
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9 INTERPRETER: He's interpreting.  
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11 MR. FOX: The reason -- I have addressed the  
12 Council to -- because it's really difficult to remove something  
13 once -- when it's in the proposal book -- or for proposal,  
14 things like this. I have advised them to kill that proposal by  
15 their motion, majority motion. That way it -- I think it would  
16 be better. It's for your protection, too.

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18 MR. WILDE: Frank, it sounds like you learned  
19 that from State.  
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21 (Laughter)  
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23 MR. WILDE: Okay. We're going to present all  
24 the proposals tomorrow, and then the board's opportunity that  
25 the person that -- who's in that meeting, if you want to  
26 pull out, the board will decide to -- by motion to pull it out,  
27 take it out. Okay?

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29 MR. SYMBOL: Yeah. I keep forgetting that you  
30 guys are the advisory group, .....

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32 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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34 MR. SYMBOL: ..... not the Board. So I'll --  
35 you should recommend against this one.  
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37 MR. WILDE: At this time, we're going to review  
38 the charter. I see that there are two pages, the charter.  
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40 MR. ANDREW: He said the charter had been  
41 reviewed earlier this winter.  
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43 "Title VIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands  
44 Conservation Act and the implementing regulations called for  
45 the establishment of the Subsistence Regional Advisory  
46 Councils. Ten Regional Councils were chartered on February 9,  
47 1993.  
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11 "Official designation: identifies the official name of  
the Regional Council;

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14 "Objectives and scope of activity: identifies the  
purpose of the Regional Council, which is to provide a  
structure that allows rural residents having personal knowledge  
of local conditions and resources to have a meaningful role in  
the management of fish and wildlife and of subsistence uses of  
those resources on public lands in the region;

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21 "Period of time necessary for the Council's activities  
and termination date: identifies the expected life of the  
Regional Councils. Regional Councils are chartered for two  
years and must be rechartered on December 2 of even numbered  
years;

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27 "Official to whom the Council reports: identifies the  
formal recipient of Regional Council information and  
commendations, the Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board.

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31 "Support services: identifies which agency will  
provide the administrative support for the Regional Councils,  
in this case the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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35 "Duties of the Council: identifies the authorized  
duties of the Regional Council (further detailed in the Section  
on Regional Council Duties in this manual) and levies the  
requirement for the Regional Councils to operate in conformity  
with FACA.

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41 "Estimated operating costs: estimates, in gross terms,  
the expected costs and staffing requirements for a Regional  
Council for one year;

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45 "Meetings: identifies the number of the meetings the  
Regional Council will hold (minimum two per year) and who can  
call the meetings (Regional Council, Regional Council Chair,  
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Coordinator, with the advance approval of the Board Chair or Regional Coordinator, who also approve the agenda);

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3 "Membership: specifies the size of the Regional  
4 Councils (variable by region), the appointing authority  
5 Secretary of the Interior with the concurrence of the  
6 Secretary of Agriculture), the procedures for filling a vacancy  
7 (similar to initial appointments), the terms of office (three  
8 years except for the initial appointments to provide for  
9 staggered terms), the election of a chair, the removal of a  
10 member for repeated absences, and the reimbursement of travel  
11 expenses. Members are not paid for Regional Council  
12 activities;

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14 "Designated Federal Officer: identifies the Regional  
15 Coordinator as the Designated Federal Officer pursuant to FACA;  
16 and

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18 "Authority: identifies ANILCA as the authority for the  
19 Regional Councils.

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21 "Charter Renewal: Because of the two-year limit  
22 imposed by FACA on advisory committees, charter renewal  
23 packages must be prepared every other year for submission to  
24 the Secretary of the Interior.

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26 "Approximately nine months before expiration of their  
27 charter, Regional Councils should review the existing charter  
28 and make recommendations to the Board for suggested changes.  
29 Any items in the charters are a matter of regulation; however,  
30 Regional Council may recommend some items be changed. Items  
31 that could be changed with adequate justification and  
32 recommendation from the Regional Council include: a name  
33 change; a boundary change; the size of the Regional Council  
34 membership; specific Subsistence Resource Commission  
35 appointments; and the criteria for removing a member. Among  
36 the items that are set in regulation are: the objectives and  
37 scope of activity; the duration of the charter; individual to  
38 whom the Regional Council reports; the duties of the Regional  
39 Council (except specific Subsistence Resource Commission  
40 appointments); the advance approval of the Regional Coordinator  
41 for calling meetings or establishing agendas; and the term of  
42 office for members.

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44 "The Board will consider Regional council and staff  
45 advice and forward its recommendations to the Secretary of the  
46 Interior approximately six months before expiration of the  
47 charters. Charters are approved by the Secretary of the  
48 Interior."

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1 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) If there's no  
 2 questions, get to the agenda.

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 4 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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 6 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 8 MR. DAVID: David O. David asked if there's  
 9 going to be a couple of meetings.

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 11 MR. WILDE: Harry mentioned that a couple of  
 12 meetings is not enough, because maybe some people don't  
 13 understand, that they may have to have more meetings that just  
 14 holding a couple of meetings. (In Yup'ik) Harry's mentioning  
 15 and asking the board if there are so many other important  
 16 issues, should they propose another meeting.

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 18 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik) John  
 19 Andrew that they had a meeting in the past in October and it  
 20 had been brought up that if they needed to have a meeting, that  
 21 they could hold a special meeting.

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 23 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 25 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik) David  
 26 David mentioned about the same subject, about proposals of  
 27 meetings.

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 29 MR. WILDE: And Harry mentioned that it's up to  
 30 the board.

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 32 MR. ANVIL: Yeah. Antone Anvil is mentioning  
 33 about having our meetings during the winter before we have our  
 34 subsistence fishing and hunting during the spring and summer,  
 35 because it will take a lot of our time. Or take us away from  
 36 our home to prevent -- or to keep us from hunting during the  
 37 summer. Spring and summer. So it's wise to have our meetings  
 38 during the winter.

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 40 INTERPRETER: Is this too low?

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 42 MR. WILDE: And Harry's mentioning about the  
 43 purpose of the board. He's asking if the board could have  
 44 proposals also, instead of having the Federal and State bring  
 45 proposals on taking of fish and game.

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 47 MR. DAVID: David O. David's mentioning about  
 48 having problems after we have our commercial season fishing.

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(In Yup'ik)

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MR. WILDE: Harry mentioned that if they follow or abide by the charter, that it could be -- I think the meetings or advisory council would -- could be -- would run smoother. Yeah. Harry mentioned that we have people from different areas of the State that are having problems with subsistence, hunters and gatherers. We have a lot of proponents, so we try to go by the charter.

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MR. DAVID: David O. David mentioned if there's any kind of new proposals to ask the board for special meeting.

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MR. WILDE: And Harry's going -- Harry backed him up.

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MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. WILDE: Yeah, go ahead?

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MR. MANUMIK: Paul's mentioning about the charter, had meetings, and even -- the board -- board members staying the even number of years.

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MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. WILDE: Harry wants to talk about when it come up on the agenda. When we come to that on the agenda.

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MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. WILDE: Harry mentioned that if they -- if they have any kind of problems with the board or with -- with the people in the home areas, if they have problems, that they could have a special meeting concerning the issues.

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MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, what she's passing out is final draft.

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MR. WILDE: Final draft.

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MR. DAVID: And besides, we didn't ask federal federal people to be on the Council. They asked us, they appointed us. So in turn, after they appointed us, I don't see why we can't make suggestions to them and recommend -- or recommendations to Federal and tell them to do -- that we want to do this and that. So if we -- I'm going to -- I don't quite

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agree with what's in the draft here that says -- that says "two meetings a year". That's not quite enough, because there are problems coming around from your side to our people that gets 3- that could be into problems that we run into. Those are needs -- those things need to be ironed out between you and -- you and this Council, as well as the Federal Board, Subsistence Board. If I'm clear?

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8 MR. WILDE: You are clear, and I think you are right in understanding. These draft -- just a draft, we don't 10 we didn't even respond to these. And all of a sudden it's a final draft before even review or nothing on this draft. I don't know -- I cannot understand. There might be some of the things that this board -- this Council not agree with in this draft. I think it's this Operations Manual, this Council, Advisory Council, they should input some of these things before 16 comes to be a final draft. That's I think the problem this Board -- Council is going to have.

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19 MR. KURTH: Mr. Chairman, I might just respond. 20 don't think that it was meant -- meant that this was this was final. I mean, it's now ready for you to work, because it was sent to some other agencies and other people, and I think what we're trying to say is now we've got all those other comments, and some of them were good comments and changes. Now 25's -- we're not going to propose any changes now, you know, this is what we have for you to review and work with Earlier versions, other people that were interested had and given some comments, so -- we didn't mean to mean that this is by any means final. It's -- from our government's side, we're not going to change it any more until you tell us what you want.

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32 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? In that case, where other people don't say anything about the draft, I don't see why they should, because they're going to -- they're not got going to be working with this. We are going to. This board is 36 this Council is going to be working with this, with this draft, so I think it's time now for us to tell you what we -- what we'd like to see in here from our side.

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40 MR. KURTH: Well, that's what we -- we very much want to hear what you have to say.

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43 MR. FOX: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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47 MR. FOX: Frank Fox is making a comment and he's explaining to the Chairman that he used to sit where he

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was, and explains how he used to take care of problems that come up, and it's hard to set up meetings. And they should really meet more than two meetings a year, because problems come up. So therefore he thinks that there should be more than two meetings and more funds set up for the -- for the Council.

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6 He's further explaining the principles of ANILCA and the board's responsibilities. He was further explaining the content of ANILCA, and the Frank (ph) for subsistence in their. 9I mean, in people's views (ph). As an example he's using navigable waters, and non-navigable waters in .....

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12 MR. WILDE: In generally -- generally speaking of wordings in regulations, so he was saying that it is the Council's role to get these things -- the activities that they do, that the board -- the Council should present these. And it's sort of -- he sort of makes a point of having more than two meetings in a year.

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19 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik) The guy who is speaking is talking about the difference between the -- in the past they used to use less advanced technology, like dog teams and all of that. And today they're using less -- I mean, more advanced technology, making it easier for everybody to hunt. And seeing these proposals, -- It's harder -- I mean, with today's technology to harder to make regulations, and he's explaining their role and the Council's role. And to them it's very important that they recognize as much -- as much as they can.

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30 MR. WILDE: David, go ahead.

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32 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik) We don't have funds for a special meeting. We don't have funds available for so -- for this and that. (In Yup'ik) If the meeting -- if we put in -- if we say there are more meetings, there would be money available, they have got to make the money available for that purpose, you know. (In Yup'ik)

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39 INTERPRETER: David O. David is explaining in today's -- I mean, the white man's way of making proposals and the roles of the organizations. And he is talking about funds that should be used.

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44 MR. DAVID: We can't do it, because money is not there. Yeah. If we set the meeting -- if we say that we'll have a number of meetings in a year, there has got to be some money available for those meetings and possibly for the special meetings, too.

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1 INTERPRETER: What he is saying is they can't  
do it, because -- because the money isn't there, so the funds  
should be there for them.

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5 MR. WILDE: Yeah. Let's look at our final  
draft operations manual. Maybe there are some questions that  
we have right now, maybe they're in there. Let's find out  
first. Let's work on this first, and then we could talk about  
the things that we need to be -- need to be talked about. (In  
Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: Look at the operations manual.

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14 MR. WILDE: I think it would be good if someone  
that -- who worked on this plan, manual, operations manual, if  
they -- if they could talk about it in Yup'ik, not English. We  
could read English, but we could -- cannot understand most of  
the English. No, we could understand. All of us, we could  
understand English. Go ahead and someone help us with --  
review with us this. Maybe you could?

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22 MR. ANDREW: I'll do part of the summary. (In  
Yup'ik) (Interpreter does not translate)

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25 INTERPRETER: John is translating the summary  
of changes in the final draft of Operations Manual as it is  
written. He's translating the summary as written.

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29 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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31 INTERPRETER: John is skimming through the  
introduction and the background of the Operations Manual. He  
is skimming through pages and briefly explaining what they are  
page by page. He's now on page 12 and explaining the tree here  
of the organization and staffing. Skipping on to 16, he's  
translating as he's (indiscernible) of the regions, and  
explaining the chart. On page 16 as it is written. He's  
skipping on to 22, page 22. He's now on page 24, meeting  
notices.

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41 MR. ANDREW: At least 15 days before the  
meeting, there should be a public notice. It should be made in  
the Federal Register.

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45 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) What page?

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47 MR. ANDREW: Page 25. "Meeting Attendance,"  
48m at second paragraph.

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1 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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3 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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5 INTERPRETER: John just translated the "Meeting  
Attendance" on page 25.  
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8 MR. WILDE: And Harry Wilde is asking John to  
translate the second paragraph of the "Meeting Attendance".  
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11 MR. ANDREW: And John is translating as it is  
written. Page 25. "The Regional Council shall meet at the  
call of a quorum of the Regional Council, Regional Council  
Chair, Board Chair, or Designated Federal Official at least  
twice a year, with the advance approval of the Board Chair or  
the Designated Federal Official, who shall also approve the  
agenda. As early as possible in the fiscal year, the Regional  
Council shall determine its regularly scheduled meetings. In  
general, the two regularly scheduled meetings will be tied to  
the annual review of subsistence hunting and fishing  
regulations."  
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23 MR. WILDE: Harry Wilde wants to have an action  
from the Council, because to him this part of the -- this part  
of the manual is important to him.  
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27 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)  
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29 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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31 INTERPRETER: That guy who was just speaking  
was making a suggestion that they make meeting arrangements  
before everybody needs to hunt, (indiscernible). And Harry  
Wilde wanted to make motions after lunch, so in recess until  
after lunch.  
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37 (Off record) 11:30 a.m.  
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39 (On record) 1:00 p.m.  
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41 (Interpreter not present)  
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43 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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45 MR. MANUMIK: Second paragraph?  
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47 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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1 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)  
2 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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4 MR. ANDREW: (Page 25 of Operations Manual) (In  
5 Yup'ik)  
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7 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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9 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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11 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Twenty-five.  
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13 MR. ANDREW: Page 25, at line one, two, three,  
14 four, five. Line five (In Yup'ik)  
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16 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)  
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18 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah.  
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20 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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22 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)  
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24 MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Call of the  
25 Chair, a special meeting (In Yup'ik).  
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27 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) Yeah.  
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29 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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31 MR. MANUMIK: If my understanding of this  
32 wording is correct, the first line states that the Regional  
33 Council shall meet at the call of a quorum of the Regional  
34 Council. That means a quorum of the nine member council can  
35 call a special meeting. Is that my understanding, Taylor?  
36  
37 MR. BRELESFORD: I think it says two things.  
38 First of all, that the meeting can be called by the quorum of  
39 either the Council, .....

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41 MR. MANUMIK: Uh-huh.  
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43 MR. BRELESFORD: ..... the Regional Council  
44 Chair, the Board Chair, or the Designated Federal Officer,  
45 which would be John Andrew.  
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47 And then it says you have to meet at least twice a  
48 year.  
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1 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah.

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3 MR. BRELESFORD: Everybody signed on to meet  
 4 two times a year, but you may have special issues and you'll  
 5 think it's wise to meet an extra time, or additional times, and  
 6 then you would have to make the arrangements for those special  
 7 meetings. But it says at least two times a year, it doesn't  
 8 say no more than two times. So the opportunity for special  
 9 meetings I think is actually open .....

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11 MR. MANUMIK: Open, yeah.

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13 MR. BRELESFORD: ..... to the Council. And you  
 14 might be interested to know that, for example, the Southcentral  
 15 Council from around the Cook Inlet area will be meeting this  
 16 Friday in a special session, the second time this year that  
 17 they've had a special session already, because they're talking  
 18 about the customary and traditional determinations on the Kenai  
 19 Peninsula. So I think the special meetings is something the  
 20 Council may want to take advantage of.

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22 (Mr. Paul John arrives)

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24 MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Welcome to our  
 25 meeting. (In Yup'ik)

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27 INTERPRETER: Harry's repeating what we're --  
 28 what we're having the meeting for, the purpose why we're here.

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30 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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32 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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34 MR. ANVIL: (In Yup'ik)

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36 MR. JOHN: Mr. Chairman?

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38 MR. WILDE: Ee-ee?

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40 MR. JOHN: Paul's mentioning about the meetings  
 41 that were proposed for the Advisory Council, and that two  
 42 meetings are okay, but then if they do have a special meeting,  
 43 that he's all for it.

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45 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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47 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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2 MR. WILDE: He's mentioning about the charter  
and if there's some kind of proposals, that they didn't like,  
you know, that they can bring it up and possible special  
meeting to help get that proposal out of the way.

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7 MR. DAVID: That's not the way -- that's not  
the way he said it. He said that this board can have power to  
not -- to not support any proposal so it doesn't go to the  
board and -- I mean, what I'm trying to say is that this board  
will not support any proposal that they don't like to have it  
go on to the board.

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14 He didn't -- he didn't say anything about special  
meeting, but Paul John did -- stated earlier that there should  
be more than two meetings for -- stated here, and also have the  
Chair be able to call a special meeting. That's what Paul John  
said. And it wasn't said here.

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20 So I would -- That's the reason why I needed this. I  
want to make sure that you people get the information that's  
said into -- that's said here in our town, and make sure that  
you people get it, too.

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25 MR. BRELESFORD: Okay. Thank you.

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27 MR. DAVID: But if we can get Pat Afcan down  
here to do the translating, he's good.

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30 MR. BRELESFORD: Well, Mr. Chairman, maybe we  
could express appreciation for the care in making sure that we  
get the straight picture of the details that have been  
exchanged between the Council members. I think that's very  
important for us, so I thank you.

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36 I believe it would be an appropriate recommendation for  
the revisions -- this is a draft, and you're being asked to  
make comments and propose changes, so perhaps one of the  
important changes you would want to act on is the suggestion  
that this Operations Manual provide more than two regularly  
scheduled meetings a year. Whether the Board will adopt that,  
I can't promise about, but this is your opportunity to make  
recommendations for changes in the language right here.

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45 MR. WILDE: I think that's what we're doing  
right now.

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48 MR. BRELESFORD: Yeah. It's a good discussion.

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1 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, whether the --  
 whether the Board approves what the recommendation comes from  
 this board, we have got to let them know what we'd like  
 to .....

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 6 MR. BRELESFORD: Right.

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 8 MR. DAVID: ..... them to approve.

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 10 MR. BRELESFORD: Good.

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 12 MR. DAVID: Otherwise, if we don't say it, the  
 Board's going to hear use this Council to play around with the  
 whole Y-K region. So we have got to be able to let the Board  
 get the message from this Council, and let the -- let them know  
 that this Council are representing the Y-K region, and let them  
 know that -- what the Y-K region wants.

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 19 So I don't think it would hurt to increase this number  
 into three, if -- since this is only a draft.

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 22 MR. BRELESFORD: Your point's well taken.

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 24 MR. WILDE: Well, it's going to be just a  
 recommend to the Board. The Board, you know, they had the  
 power to do whatever.

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 28 MR. BRELESFORD: I think it might be well to  
 respond to one other comment, and to highlight again the fact  
 that you have a direct voice to the Board. There's no filter.  
 You don't pass through the staff, you don't pass through any  
 committees. You speak -- actually, your Chairman will speak  
 directly to the Board on every proposal that comes along on any  
 manner that your Council acts upon. The Congress said they  
 wanted people in the villages to have a direct voice. The  
 Regional Councils have a special channel directly to the Board,  
 and I think you were emphasizing how important that is, and  
 that's actually the way this one is structured.

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 40 MR. DAVID: So -- Mr. Chairman, in that case,  
 the way I would like to see this written, it is in general the  
 three regular scheduled meetings, plus special meetings.

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 44 MR. WILDE: Call of the Chair?

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 46 MR. DAVID: To be called by the Chair.

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 48 MR. WILDE: I think that that might be two

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options then.

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2 MR. DAVID: Yeah, because, remember, this  
 morning I told you, I said, with two meetings, we're -- those  
 two meetings are going to be funded for sure. And even if we  
 want to have -- if by any chance some problem comes up in our  
 region, some problem comes up, even if we want to have two  
 special meetings, it's possible that the Board would say that  
 there's no money available for another special meeting. But --  
 So to -- what I'd like to see, is increase this two into some  
 other figure, number and then possibly special meetings with  
 that. (In Yup'ik)

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13 MR. WILDE: Yeah. I think the Board may look  
 at two options here. If they didn't want to give us three  
 scheduled meetings, they could give us call of the Chair  
 special meeting. Do you understand what I'm saying?

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18 MR. BRELESFORD: I do.

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20 (No interpreter present)

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22 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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24 MR. MANUMIK: At the call of the chair.

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26 MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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30 MR. WILDE: Ee-ee.

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32 MR. DAVID: How many times does the Federal  
 Board, Subsistence Board meet a year?

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35 MR. ANDREW: Council.

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37 MR. FISHER: Four times a year.

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39 MR. DAVID: Four? Four times?

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41 MR. FISHER: Four times a year.

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43 MR. ANDREW: Council or Board?

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45 MR. WILDE: No, the Board.

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47 MR. ANDREW: Board.

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MR. WILDE: Board.

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2 MR. BRELESFORD: The information from this part  
3 of the table was that it meets four times a year on average.

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5 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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7 MR. BRELESFORD: But they meet immediately on  
8 special items by teleconference. For example, the special  
9 action from the Yukon Delta on moose recently was a special  
10 item, and the Board met again, but by teleconference. So --  
11 Gina's comment is that they normally meet about four times  
12 every year.

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14 Mr. Chairman, I wonder if these comments for revisions  
15 in the Operations Manual ought to be in the form of a motion?

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17 MR. WILDE: That's what I'm waiting for right  
18 now. I give -- Regional Council Boards make sure they get what  
19 they .....  
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21 MR. BRELESFORD: If there are any additional  
22 comments.

23  
24 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah.

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26 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik) I move  
27 that we -- that this Council have three meetings per year plus  
28 special meeting at the call of the Chair.

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30 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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32 MR. DAVID: I'm going to -- (In Yup'ik)

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34 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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36 MR. WHITE: Second.

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38 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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40 MR. MANUMIK: No, Steven White.

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42 MR. WILDE: Steven White. (In Yup'ik)

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44 UNIDENTIFIED: Question.

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46 MR. WILDE: Yes, question. (In Yup'ik)

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48 ALL: Aye.

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1 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) They all make motion  
 2 to adopt those recommendations. (In Yup'ik)

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 4 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) page 25, Transacting  
 5 Business. (In Yup'ik)

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 7 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Do you have any more  
 8 problems besides meetings on this proposed Operations Manual?  
 9 (In Yup'ik)

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

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 13 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)?

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 15 MR. DAVID: Page 38.

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 17 MR. WILDE: Thirty-eight.

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 19 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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 21 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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 23 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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 25 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) I think the problem  
 26 we're having right now also, another problem, concerning the  
 27 travel. In this Operation Manual it says that consecutive --  
 28 three meetings missed automatically you'll be .....

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 30 MR. MANUMIK: Terminated.

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 32 MR. WILDE: ..... terminated. But we've got to  
 33 think about in the wording we have to put that travel, when the  
 34 weather is bad, I cannot attend the -- attend the meeting,  
 35 maybe three -- three times. If that person will be  
 36 automatically terminated, it should be wording there something  
 37 that understandable, because of the weather, it -- act of God,  
 38 that we -- you cannot be in a meeting, it shouldn't (sic) be  
 39 excused.

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 41 MR. DAVID: No, it should be excused.

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 43 MR. WILDE: Or be -- shouldn't be terminated  
 44 because of that. (In Yup'ik) Go ahead.

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 46 MR. BRELESFORD: Mr. Chairman, I think we can  
 47 actually reassure you right away that there's recognition that  
 48 sometimes you can't come to the meeting, because of some --

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something beyond your control, like the weather. So what it says here on page 25, .....

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MR. WILDE: Twenty-five (In Yup'ik).

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MR. BRELESFORD: ..... in the second paragraph.

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MR. WILDE: Twenty-five, (In Yup'ik)

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MR. BRELESFORD: It -- in that second sentence reads, "If a member misses three consecutive meetings without excuse, .....

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MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah. Uh-huh.

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MR. BRELESFORD: ..... he or she may be asked to resign."

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MR. WILDE: Yeah. Yeah, it's there. Uh-huh.

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MR. BRELESFORD: So I think we can reassure you about that part.

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MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, and he'd still be in.

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MR. WILDE: Yeah. I think it would be good to work in other areas that they do excuse anything that problem, that they could let the office know what kind of problem they have, if it's the weather, if it's a family problem or .....

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UNIDENTIFIED: Death in the family.

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MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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MR. BRELESFORD: I think it's also important to see that as you continue in that sentence, it points out that the Regional Council itself exercises some leadership about when those absences might be excused or unexcused.

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MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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MR. BRELESFORD: I think there's a great deal of recognition that the Council understands the circumstances of the Region, and you would be the best people to recognize when there is a problem about attendance. That's not something that the Board or the staff is going to have direct familiarity with.

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1 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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3 MR. BRELESFORD: You would be better informed  
4 and normally you would be the ones who would say, "We're afraid  
5 this member is not living up to the responsibilities, and it's  
6 time to make a change." That normally should come from the  
7 Council, not from the outside, not from the staff, not from the  
8 Board.

9

10 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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12 MR. BRELESFORD: And this says specifically --  
13 it talks about the role of the Regional Council right there.

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15 MR. WILDE: Will you translate that?

16

17 MR. BRELESFORD: Sure.

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19 MR. WILDE: Yup'ik.

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21 MR. BRELESFORD: (In Yup'ik) And that's about  
22 far as I could go, I'm sorry.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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30 MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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32 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

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34 MR. WILDE: Ee-ee.

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36 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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38 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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40 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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42 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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44 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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46 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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48 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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1 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)  
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3 MR. WILDE: Question (In Yup'ik).  
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5 ALL: Aye.  
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7 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Motion carried. Those  
8 two additional that we were talking about concerning excuse.  
9 One if you have other one that now that if you have a problem  
10 with your family or your wife, you can't able to be -- attend  
11 the meeting, (In Yup'ik). So those two items are passed.  
12 Okay? (In Yup'ik)  
13  
14 Do you guys want -- do you want us to go down if we  
15 approve it or not?  
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17 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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19 MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman, (In Yup'ik)  
20 Operations Manual (In Yup'ik).  
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22 MR. JOHN: Second.  
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24 MR. WILDE: Seconded by -- Paul John seconded?  
25 Question's been called for. All who favor say "Aye"?  
26  
27 ALL: Aye.  
28  
29 MR. WILDE: Oppose, same sign? Motion carried.  
30 (In Yup'ik) We welcome you to our meeting.  
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32 MS. ALEXIE: Thank you.  
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34 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?  
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36 MR. WILDE: Yeah?  
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38 MR. DAVID: If they -- if she has to report --  
39 record whatever is said in Yup'ik, I think we ought to have  
40 someone to do the interpreting, instead of having that machine  
41 over there just sitting there -- sitting over there for  
42 nothing, or we can have the guy next to it do the interpreting.  
43  
44 MR. WILDE: We're supposed to have translator  
45 here.  
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47 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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1 MR. WILDE: Yeah, if that's possible, if you  
2 could go up there and find us a translator?

3 MR. ANDREW: I'll try.  
4

5 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, I would recommend (In  
6 Yup'ik). You're a coordinator, anyway.  
7

8 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Yeah, go ahead?  
9

10 MR. BRELESFORD: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to  
11 be certain that I didn't miss a motion. I know Mr. White made  
12 a motion and it was seconded by Mr. John .....  
13

14 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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16 MR. BRELESFORD: ..... just a moment ago, but I  
17 never heard what the motion -- and it passed.  
18

19 MR. WILDE: The motion was this Operations  
20 Manual .....  
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22 SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: No, no.  
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24 MR. WILDE: I mean, Operations Manual include  
25 include those two items that we wanted to add into it.  
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27 MR. BRELESFORD: Amendments?  
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29 MR. WILDE: Amendments. Two amendments, well,  
30 commendation more like.  
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32 MR. BRELESFORD: You endorsed the Operations  
33 Manual with those two amendments?  
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35 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah.  
36

37 MR. BRELESFORD: Okay.  
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39 MR. WILDE: At the same time approved this.  
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41 MR. BRELESFORD: Right. Okay. "Approved" is  
42 better.  
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44 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) "Recruitment of new  
45 members." (In Yup'ik) Five minutes break. (In Yup'ik)  
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47 (Off record)  
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(Still no interpreter present)

MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) recruitment of new members. (In Yup'ik)

MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) Correct me here. Taylor, I'm confused over here. Who makes the selection of the new board members? Does the Board or the Secretary of Interior does that?

MR. BRELESFORD: The Board makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior.

MR. ANDREW: Uh-huh.

MR. BRELESFORD: The Secretary has the appointing authority.

MR. ANDREW: Uh-huh.

MR. BRELESFORD: So he's the actual one who makes the final decision.

MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Henry Napoleon, Chuck Ghaliaik, Antone Anvil (in Yup'ik) 1994 (in Yup'ik).

MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANVIL: Mr. Chairman, (in Yup'ik)

MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. JOHN: Mr. Chairman, (in Yup'ik)

MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. DAVID: I so move.

MR. WILDE: Yeah.

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1 MR. JOHN: Second.  
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3 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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5 ALL: Aye.  
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7 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Motion carried.  
8 Antone Anvil, we support him that he's going to be serve more  
9 terms on this Council.  
10  
11 However, we don't have these two other persons. I  
12 don't know what they want. I think before we do, we have to  
13 notify them, or notify their village and notify them if they  
14 still want to serve on their boards as Advisory Council, and if  
15 they don't want to serve, I suppose the Village of Hooper Bay,  
16 Nunapitchuk, they'll get who they want. They usually -- they  
17 do that, you know. It always will be better to let the village  
18 decide if a person don't want to serve on it yet. (In Yup'ik)  
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20 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?  
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22 MR. WILDE: Ee-ee?  
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24 MR. DAVID: With that, I still think if this --  
25 what you said in Yup'ik has to be translated into English, I  
26 still think that we should have an interpreter or a translator  
27 to let Fish and Wildlife people know what we talked about, and  
28 since John here is our coordinator, I would have him do the  
29 interpreting for us for the -- for the purpose of recording  
30 what has been going on at the meeting. (In Yup'ik)  
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32 MR. WILDE: Who's working here in the office?  
33 Who is more like a supervisor?  
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35 MR. ANDREW: I think John Morgart might be  
36 meeting right now.  
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38 MR. WILDE: Okay. Go tell him to -- we need  
39 coordinator.  
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41 UNIDENTIFIED: Recorder.  
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43 MR. DAVID: Interpreter.  
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45 MR. WILDE: Interpreter. We need interpreter.  
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47 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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21 proposal? MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) 40-horse (in Yup'ik).  
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 3 MR. MANUMIK: Forty-six.  
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 5 MR. WILDE: Forty-six?  
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 7 MR. MANUMIK: Yeah.  
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 9 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Do you want to  
 10 translate? Yeah. Go ahead.  
 11  
 12 MR. SYMBOL: No, I don't know how to translate,  
 13 but I -- did you say that you were going to discuss the 40-  
 14 horse tomorrow at KVNA?  
 15  
 16 MR. WILDE: No, we're going to get into it  
 17 right now, and -- but most of it, the propose of people, you  
 18 know, that who have a concern about 40 horse and all those  
 19 other things, we're going to repeat them at KVNA tomorrow.  
 20 Also the State have some proposals concerning 40-horse  
 21 restriction.  
 22  
 23 MR. SYMBOL: Yeah. We turned in several  
 24 proposals to the State about the 40-horse limit, doing away  
 25 with it, and I would like to comment when it's .....

26  
 27 MR. WILDE: Yeah, tomorrow we're going to give  
 28 people an opportunity, people to be heard also, comment on the  
 29 proposals also.  
 30  
 31 MR. SYMBOL: Thank you.  
 32  
 33 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. (In Yup'ik)  
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 35 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)  
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 37 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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 39 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik) We could put in a  
 40 proposal for her to -- for the Board to consider her as the  
 41 person.  
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 43 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
 44  
 45 MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Lower Yukon  
 46 issue (in Yup'ik) regional issue. (In Yup'ik)  
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 48 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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1 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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3 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)  
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5 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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7 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)  
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9 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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11 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, (in Yup'ik)  
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13 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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15 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)  
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17 MR. JOHN: Mr. Chairman, (in Yup'ik)  
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19 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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21 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)  
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23 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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25 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)  
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27 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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29 MR. NICOLAI: Mr. Chairman?  
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31 MR. WILDE: Yeah?  
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33 MR. NICOLAI: (In Yup'ik)  
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35 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay. We are talking  
36 about Lower Yukon moose, that area that was closed -- supposed  
37 to be closed only for five years, and still closed today. And  
38 even though that proposal going to be repeated tomorrow, they  
39 would like to hear it. This Board would like to hear it.  
40 James, will you -- you're the resource man, Kuigpagmiut. Is  
41 this possible that you could give us a detail of what is .....?  
42  
43 MR. LUKE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)  
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45 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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47 MR. LUKE: (In Yup'ik) At least for a couple  
48 years experimental hunt. (In Yup'ik)  
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1 (Interpreter now present)

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3 MR. LUKE: Mr. Luke of Mountain Village is  
 4 talking about the moose seasons, talking about moose seasons in  
 5 the Lower Yukon, especially those four villages near his place,  
 6 and he's mentioned something about the open season for the  
 7 State moose season up to Piumute Slough, and he would like to  
 8 have the rest of the lower area included, and the Villages of  
 9 Scammon Bay, and those coast villages, Scammon Bay, Chuvak  
 10 should be included in the hunting of moose in that area. And  
 11 that they would like to ask the Federal Subsistence Board to  
 12 open or allow moose hunting. And he earlier discussed the  
 13 mandate they were given by the State of Alaska to work together  
 14 to form the moose management plan in the Lower Yukon area, and  
 15 he went on to ask about .....

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17 INTERPRETER: Well, let me address this guy and  
 18 the other folks first. Please, excuse me.

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20 MR. WILDE: Koyana. I think -- (In Yup'ik)

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22 INTERPRETER: Okay. Yes, Mr. Chairman.  
 23 Mr. Chairman has asked me to advise the non-Yup'ik speakers  
 24 that if they are missing some information during these  
 25 discussions that they have a secretary there who is writing  
 26 down what they are talking about, and if you people need more  
 27 information that you're missing, you can see Mr. Paul Manumik,  
 28 who is the secretary of the Board, and get some highlights from  
 29 him if you so desire.

30

31 Mr. Chairman, I apologize. (In Yup'ik) What I  
 32 expressed to the Chairman was that I apologize for coming in so  
 33 late, but Chuck and I have been very, very busy with events  
 34 that we have had to deal with for the past two or three weeks.  
 35 (Indiscernible) We way over our heads with the very many  
 36 things that we need to deal with, and -- but Mr. Jim Kurth  
 37 advised me that from now on that he will advise us to be  
 38 available for translation work with the WACC -- or rather  
 39 subsistence people whenever they're planning on having a  
 40 meeting, so hopefully this is the last time we will have  
 41 insufficient translators for translation service.

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43 And I would like to ask the board members, for those of  
 44 you who are able to speak English, to please translate what you  
 45 have said into English so that the other folks can understand  
 46 what is going on, and I'll do what I can to translate whatever  
 47 can hear from way back here properly, and to the best of my  
 48 ability. (In Yup'ik)

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1 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Koyana.  
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3 MR. JOHN: Mr. Chairman?  
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5 MR. WILDE: Ee-ee?  
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7 MR. JOHN: Mr. Paul John of Toksook Bay. In  
8 regards to the person who was discussing Lower Yukon villages  
9 use of subsistence resources, those people in those villages  
10 hardly make money as well. And they also have access to  
11 welfare and food stamps, but in the old days we never had those  
12 things available. And it was our subsistence life to take what  
13 we can from the natural resources, and (indiscernible) the  
14 Lower Yukon. Mr. Paul John has learned from our discussions  
15 (ph), he's for the use of natural resources down on the Lower  
16 Yukon, and in the old days when there were no food stamps and  
17 welfare assistance available, and the new stores around at all.  
18 People had to make use of the natural resources which was  
19 available to them, even down those villages, and even when  
20 people took a great number of natural resources to meet their  
21 needs, and said to have been depleted, they would once again  
22 renew their numbers once again when -- when after they had to  
23 become depleted. But their were things (ph) to tell them  
24 that the Great Spirit who creates all these things available,  
25 make things available for the use of mankind, and to give  
26 back the -- gives them more resources to help them survive.  
27 This is all he had to say.  
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29 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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31 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)  
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33 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) 40-horse restriction.  
34 In Yup'ik)  
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36 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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38 INTERPRETER: Could you please translate?  
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40 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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42 INTERPRETER: John, could you please translate  
43 what you have been saying? Thank you.  
44  
45 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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47 MR. ANDREW: This 40 horsepower restriction is  
48 the issue that came up not too long ago. It only applies to  
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Hoholitna and Holitna drainage upriver, up in 19 -- 19B area. This has become a problem since it became into law under the State. It restricts people from going up river from here to Bunt in their area, up hunting area up there. Right there's a proposal, I think it came from Kwethluk Joint Group and one other group referring to this 40-horse restriction. It shall be up before the Board of Game in March.

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8 MR. WILDE: Yeah. My understanding from Randy  
 9 today, my understanding, if I don't misunderstand, there are 46  
 10 proposals concerning 40-horse restriction. And he's going to  
 11 present it to us tomorrow at the KVNA meeting. (In Yup'ik)

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13 INTERPRETER: He's now in the process of  
 14 translating what he had said to the Yup'ik area (ph).

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16 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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18 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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20 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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22 MR. WILDE: Maybe someone knows over there.

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24 MR. DAVID: My question was are there some  
 25 people that go into a restrictive 40-horse area by airplanes to  
 26 their moose hunting over there?

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28 MR. KACYON: (Nods affirmatively)

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30 INTERPRETER: Maybe Coffing knows.

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32 MR. COFFING: Maybe -- Mr. Chairman, maybe I  
 33 can answer David.

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35 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay.

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37 MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. Yes, David, the  
 38 area is not closed to aircraft. It's only closed to 40-  
 39 horsepower or larger. There are people that go in with  
 40 aircraft, and it's primarily -- it -- you know, the little bit  
 41 of data we have on aircraft use up there, it looks like it's  
 42 primarily guided hunters that go in, nonresidents, or people  
 43 that are dropped off and hunt using rafts to float. That type  
 44 of activity. But the answer is, yes, there are aircraft in  
 45 there.

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47 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, I have a comment to  
 48 make on that, on the 40-horse thing.

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1           You know, you people know very well -- that makes these  
 2- that makes these regulations, you know very well that the  
 airplanes have better horsepower than 40-horse, so you people  
 have broken -- have broken your own regulations by running  
 airplane -- landing airplanes into the area which has a bigger  
 6- much bigger horsepower than 40. So I would say that this  
 70-horse thing ought to be wiped out if you allow planes to  
 stand there and do their hunting. (In Yup'ik) That 40-horse  
 thing ought to be wiped -- to be -- shouldn't be there if  
 you're allowing airplanes which has over 100 horsepower engines  
 that are -- that are landing in the area to do their moose  
 hunting. So I don't -- I'm not -- I'm not for 40-horse. You  
 know, if should be if you allow the airplanes, you've already  
 opened the -- opened the area wide open for every -- for  
 anything that has a motor or -- to make the thing go, whatever  
 you are on go in that area. (In Yup'ik)

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18                   INTERPRETER: They're just now translating what  
 he said into Yup'ik.

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21                   MR. DAVID: You have broken your own -- you're  
 violating your own regulations by allowing airplanes to land in  
 the area, and you have -- you're not even aware of that. So  
 you Fish and Wildlife, Fish and Game people are to be tried for  
 25 there -- there -- you should be cited for breaking your own  
 regulations as far as I'm concerned.

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28                   MR. WILDE: They could try to do something  
 about it tomorrow after they listen to the proposed  
 regulations. Okay. Let's take it out for proposing in the --  
 tomorrow -- we're going to put it on the agenda for tomorrow.  
 We're going to consider it tomorrow after we hear testimony  
 from the people, also after we hear other proposal from the  
 State and then this Council, Advisory Council will .....

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36                   MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, I forgot -- I left  
 out one thing.

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39                   MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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41                   MR. DAVID: We ought to -- we ought to have  
 Fish and Wildlife people cite Alaska Department of Fish and  
 Game people when they allow the planes to land in the area.

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45                   (Laughter)

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47                   MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman? Mr. Chairman, (in  
 Yup'ik).

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1 MR. WILDE: On the restriction on 40 horsepower  
 2 rule upriver and be voted on tomorrow. I'm leaving that item  
 3 on .....

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5 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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7 MR. WILDE: The next item is TCC \$400.00 permit  
 8 for hunting upriver. Next on our agenda. I just cut a piece  
 9 of it from last -- I think this is the last Tundra Drums  
 10 report. Game Unit 19, a reminder for pilots, guides, and  
 11 hunters and non-shareholders, that you've got to have a permit  
 12 of \$400.00 in order to hunt in their area. And come from upper  
 13 Aniak office. (In Yup'ik)

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15 INTERPRETER: Mr. Harry Wilde is now simply  
 16 translating the article that he has read so far.

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18 MR. ANDREW: We discussed this matter, too, a  
 19 couple of days ago. And upper river below Stoney River and  
 20 lower Kalskag, there will be no one allowed to hunt without a  
 21 permit, without this permit, and they're (indiscernible)  
 22 hunting. There's not much the Federal or the State Government  
 23 could do about this mandate, only the corporations should  
 24 discuss it and resolve it.

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26 MR. WILDE: So my understanding that because of  
 27 there's no land in there concerning about the federal land in  
 28 that area right now where the problem is, this Advisory  
 29 Council, we don't have no voice for it from here, from this  
 30 body? Is that --? Because there's no federal land in that  
 31 area where the closed season is?

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33 MR. FROST: Mr. Chairman, I might be able to  
 34 speak to that.

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36 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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38 MR. FROST: You're -- you would still have a  
 39 voice, but your voice would be primarily directed at State.  
 40 The comments you would make to the Board relevant to this issue  
 41 wouldn't carry the same weight. The Board is obligated -- the  
 42 Board must follow your recommendations.

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44 MR. KRUTH: The Federal Board.

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46 MR. FROST: Correct. The Federal Board. As  
 47 long as those recommendations relate to the subsistence taking  
 48 of fish and wildlife. Because there are no public lands, as

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that's currently defined, in this area, then your recommendations on this matter would not relate to subsistence taking of fish and wildlife, so the Board would not be obligated to follow your recommendations. It couldn't at this time. Now, if the definition of federal lands is changed, then that might change, but at this point your voice would only be to the State, and the State is not forced as the Federal Subsistence Board is to follow your recommendations. So .....

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MR. WILDE: But then .....

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MR. GAVIN: Go ahead.

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MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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INTERPRETER: (Translating what Mr. Frost said into Yup'ik.)

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MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. JOHN: Mr. Paul John of Toksook has stated that the problem up in the upriver area is mainly stemming from the influence of the -- of a culture who is present up there and influencing their younger folks who are responsible for the management of the KTC to do this kind of thing. He says that the people, older people he knows upriver have no objection to the use of the land for natural -- subsistence uses. They have always done that, and everyone from the lower areas have used it many years past. But these influential folks have had these younger people decide that the other people cannot use their land without paying a fee and this is something that had been influenced by the other cultures who are very much prevalent upriver now.

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MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman?

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MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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MR. CHARLES: I do have a question. As far as the federal involvement with this concern over the land use permit fees by a privately held corporation, I understand that there are a number of easements and there are corridors contained in those KPC lands in question that are accessible and available for use by the general public as they're -- if they're travelling through the area or making their way to either federally or state-held lands. Is that correct? If there is, then I think it might behoove the Feds as far as the

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federal land holdings were -- what I believe are federally designated land sites, corridors for access, that they should inform the general public about the availability of these lands, if any. And if so, and if there are available, any limitations that might be placed on there. And I think the Breds need to make a very determined effort to let the public know where these lands are available, if any.

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8 MR. MOGART: Mr. Chairman, there are indeed some corridors available, and that's a good point. And I don't know the locations of all of them off hand, but I do know that on 22G lands, for example, for Nunivak Island, there is a corridor across the lands out there, so that's a good point.

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14 MR. WILDE: Before they translate it, I don't know, as far as I understand, if there is any -- I don't know how the federal worked that thing out. It's high water mark I'm talking about, that that is access to everyone. It's available to everyone that you could have a camp in high water mark.

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21 MR. MOGART: Below high water mark.

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23 MR. WILDE: Below high water mark, yeah.

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25 MR. MOGART: Right. On sand bars, things like that.

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28 MR. WILDE: Yeah, side of the rivers, high -- below high water mark, you could be able to camp. And if you see -- my understanding, if I go -- if I see moose in high water mark, I could catch it? Is that right or different?

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33 MR. MOGART: During -- during moose open season

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36 MR. WILDE: In the open season .....

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38 MR. MOGART: Right.

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40 MR. WILDE: ..... I'm talking about, yeah.

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42 MR. MOGART: Yeah. If it's -- if it's off corporation land, which means below the high water mark, and it's seen there and can be shot there, then that's not corporation land, and it's not subject to corporation rules.

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47 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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INTERPRETER: Okay. (Translates into Yup'ik.)

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MR. CHARLES: Mr. Chairman?

MR. WILDE: Yeah?

MR. SYMBOL: I wondered if you could address  
and -- the federal people to determine whether that would  
include islands that are flooded in, you know, like break-up or  
9- or I could do it. Are islands -- have the islands been  
flooded to the native corporations in the Kuskokwim River?

MR. MOGART: Some were.

INTERPRETER: (Translating into Yup'ik.)

MR. WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. BRELESFORD: Mr. Chairman, my understanding  
is that there's a technical survey problem involved in  
identifying exactly the line along the river bank, and it will  
take many, many years before any boundaries are actually marked  
to delineate the ordinary high water mark.

The training I've received was that where there's  
vegetation, you are generally above the ordinary high water  
mark, so that if the vegetation is flooded in the odd spring,  
occasionally, but it remains viable, there's -- it's dry land  
long enough for the willows to take root and remain most years,  
year in, year out, that is above the ordinary high water mark.

Spring flooding or exceptional flooding, the ten-year  
flood plain, things of that sort, those would not be the  
ordinary high water mark. Those would be exceptional  
circumstances.

So the guidance I was given was that if -- that the  
vegetation line marks the difference between ordinary high  
water mark and the uplands, the navigable water corridor and  
the uplands.

MR. SYMBOL: So as far as the islands go?

MR. BRELESFORD: The same rule would apply.  
What if it's .....

MR. MOGART: Right. Some of the islands .....

MR. BRELESFORD: ..... vegetated, it's above

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the ordinary high water mark.

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MR. SYMBOL: Okay.

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MR. SYMBOL: That's what I'm .....

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MR. MOGART: Right.

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MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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MR. BRELESFORD: ..... to tell you the difference between upland .....

MR. WILDE: I think .....

MR. BRELESFORD: ..... and river corridor.

INTERPRETER: (Translating into Yup'ik.)

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MR. SYMBOL: The -- are you -- old growth, new growth? Old growth?

MR. WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, (in Yup'ik).

MR. WILDE: Okay.

MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

MR. WILDE: Yeah?

INTERPRETER: John has asked to consider the matter of high water mark, low water mark area and to add -- to consider having (indiscernible)

MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik) I don't quite agree with that. Whoever told you that wherever the vegetation grows, it could be considered -- considered not as high water mark, because down where I live, we have -- we have tides every day, and there's vegetation that grows in the summertimes where the water covers every day with the tide water. And the river water, I don't know much about it, but whatever high water they have up there anywhere where the vegetation is covered is high water enough for me. If you can't pitch your tent where you think it's dry and covered the next day, like what Paul said, that couldn't be considered as the high water mark, or -- didn't have -- it shouldn't be considered as a highland, or whatever it's called. So whoever told you that has never been out of the office to do his hunting.

MR. GAVIN: As a matter of law though, he's correct though, David.

MR. DAVID: Yeah.

MR. GAVIN: He's correct as a matter of law, the way that the courts have decided, and I think that's where Taylor's coming from. I'm not disagreeing -- I'm not disagreeing with you that perhaps there is a problem with vegetation, I was just saying that Taylor is correct as a matter of law.

MR. DAVID: Yeah. I'll take your word.

MR. WILDE: I would like to recommend the State or Federal, this Board, this Council have to have accurate or right information, not maybe this one, maybe that one. That's

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not information to our people. Our people's concern is their concern. The problem we have to deal with, it should have a positive, not a maybe. That's what we're dealing with right now. And we're going to put this agenda tomorrow for audience, and more people going to be over there, and we're going to dealing with. We would like to know from the State and Federal positively how this thing works. If they have -- what's a high water mark? If they have any corridors aside of the rivers. We -- I think people have a right to hear this, because it's a problem if we keep on continuously saying maybe, maybe, maybe not, it's going to be continued the problem. So I think we would like to urge Federal and State -- tomorrow, we're going to request from State and Federal hopefully this problem will be taken care of, because this is not a new problem. This is a problem that recently it's come up. It's not traditional problem. To -- if we do it in traditional way, we wouldn't have no problem. So I think that we need to have positively identification of what this Council is going to be requested from the State and Federal.

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20 So, Steven, go ahead.

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22 MR. WHITE: Yeah. Koyana, Mr. Chairman.

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24 INTERPRETER: (Translating into Yup'ik).

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26 MR. WHITE: Mr. Steven White wants to have these problems related to land issues clarified first before any action is taken, and possibly work with AVCP and those agencies, because they're interested in how these problems can be resolved, because people from the outside have drive (ph) into our lives so much that they are causing a great deal of disturbance.

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34 He remembers before Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of the State -- Alaska became a State that he had been told, or people had been told that even if Alaska became a state that statehood would not have any effect on subsistence use of wildlife and natural resources for the people in the villages, and now after all that has happened, things have changed, and people are telling them this and that, that they have tried to work with -- worked with the Tyonek lawyer who had served as an advisor and claiming a great deal of land and what would happen after they claimed land. Said everywhere the people seem to have claimed lands for the sake of subsistence use, because once the lands are taken away from them by the Federal Government and a lot of lands have been converted to wildlife refuges, that there would be problems and use of lands for our resource use, and this had happened anyway even after the State

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had assured the people that they would never have anything to do with their subsistence way of life. And now they're deeply into subsistence management of the natives use of natural resources and everything -- including lands and stuff, and he'd like to see these problems resolved, perhaps with the help of AVCP, Incorporated, in order to get these issues clarified and taken care of first, before we go proceeding into things that we need to make decisions on.

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9 INTERPRETER: I think that's about the size of  
10, and if I -- if anybody saw something that I -- important  
that I might have left out, please do tell these folks.

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13 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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15 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik) Who introduced this  
\$400.00 KTC permit to our agenda?

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18 MR. WILDE: I don't know. We've been  
continuously having it. That -- I don't know who introduced  
it. I suppose it's one of the problems of -- from people from  
the Lower Kuskokwim tried to go moose hunting in that area,  
that's their problem. I think -- yeah. (In Yup'ik)

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24 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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26 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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28 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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30 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman, on the item -- on the  
issue that where we -- where our hands are tied on any issue,  
those items shouldn't even be on our agendas, like this KTC  
permit. The only thing we probably can do is like you  
suggested that we hand this over to AVCP convention and let  
them play around with it there, because we don't -- we can't do  
anything much without those people from upriver.

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38 MR. WILDE: Yeah. I think because of it's a  
problem of our people that we serve sitting here. I think we  
could be able to make a resolution and present it to AVCP and  
Calista. Calista one -- Calista is the one that introduced  
this kind of problems to us. They -- you know, they  
introduced, Calista saying that in our land you've got to have  
a permit in order to go out -- because the owner underneath of  
that land in the corporation surface belongs to corporation,  
and the underneath this belongs to Calista, so since they would  
have a lot of say-so concerning this kind of problems. (In  
Yup'ik)

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1 INTERPRETER: Mr. Harry Wilde is translating  
 2 what he has been saying earlier into Yup'ik.

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 4 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

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 6 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) If you guys wanted to  
 7 make a resolution and present it to Calista and AVCP, also some  
 8 other corporation, because it's our concern of our -- concern  
 9 of our people, and a problem arise concerning hunting and  
 10 subsistence hunting. I think we could be able to do that, but  
 11 you have to put it on the record, and make sure that someone  
 12 make a motion. We could -- if the Board wants it, they could  
 13 approve it. (In Yup'ik)

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 15 MR. DAVID: Yeah. I so move.

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 17 MR. WILDE: Yeah. There's a motion on the  
 18 floor. (In Yup'ik)

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 20 MR. ANVIL: (In Yup'ik)

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 22 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. (In Yup'ik)

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 24 MR. JOHN: Mr. Chairman?

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 26 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh?

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 28 MR. JOHN: Mr. Paul John has said this one  
 29 before, they make a motion for a resolution to be directed to  
 30 Calista and AVCP. He'd like to make clear the fact that this  
 31 information should be also passed on to the elders and also  
 32 that then the AVCP convention that they should disseminate this  
 33 information to the elders, both from Upper Yukon and Upper  
 34 Kuskokwim River, or lower areas, to include them in the  
 35 decision making process.

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 37 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Yeah.

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 39 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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 41 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 43 MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

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 45 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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 47 MR. MANUMIK: That's not a motion.

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1 MR. WILDE: Motion of -- any more discussion,  
2 I'm trying to say.

3 MR. MANUMIK: Question on the motion.  
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5 MR. WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)  
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7 INTERPRETER: Earlier Antone Anvil had made a  
8 motion suggesting the formation of a resolution to be directed  
9 at Calista and AVCP in regards to the problems of this land,  
10 our subsistence use or the land use, and now that they have  
11 gotten to that, and are voting on whether they should pass the  
12 resolution or not.

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14 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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16 ALL: Aye.  
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18 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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20 INTERPRETER: It passes unanimously.  
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22 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Yeah. So that's what  
23 we're going to do. We decided to -- what we decide to do now  
24 that approve, we're going to -- this problem is continuously  
25 the problem by our people in lower areas. And anything that  
26 both lower areas, Yukon and Kuskokwim, have the same kind of  
27 problem, but -- and we're going to let -- we decided to make a  
28 resolution to Calista and AVCP and a copy will go to Federal  
29 and State. Okay?  
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31 Okay. Let's .....  
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33 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)  
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35 MR. WILDE: And the corporation in riverside.  
36 Along the river.  
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38 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)  
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40 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Next on our agenda, it  
41 says like this. (In Yup'ik)  
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43 INTERPRETER: He's saying from the text of the  
44 books there, regulation book. And we'll take care of this  
45 proposal after they have a break.  
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47 (Off record)  
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(On record)

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2 MR. WILDE: Okay. Let's come back to order.  
3 (In Yup'ik) This is what we're going to talk about next on our  
4 agenda. It says "LY and LK moose CT eligibility in 21A". (In  
5 Yup'ik)

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7 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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9 INTERPRETER: John Andrew is translating what  
10 the Chairman has just indicated that we would discuss.

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12 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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14 INTERPRETER: Can John Andrew translate what  
15 he has said? I think he can do a lot better job.

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17 MR. ANDREW: This is Lower Yukon and Lower  
18 Kuskokwim moose, customary and traditional eligibility. It's a  
19 request to have Lower Yukoners and Lower Kuskokwim people be  
20 recognized as C and T users in 21E. And there are two letters,  
21 one coming from this Council, the other coming -- other request  
22 coming in from Kwigillingok (ph) on record. And it's my  
23 understanding we have better than 200 such C and T requests  
24 still pending statewide.

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26 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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28 INTERPRETER: He's skipping over one item,  
29 because it's merely for information purposes, and so going on  
30 to the next item.

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32 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) C T recognition in  
33 Unit 17, 19, 21. (In Yup'ik)

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35 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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37 INTERPRETER: John Andrew has simply translated  
38 what the president has said.

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40 MR. ANDREW: Last year when we first came up  
41 with this customary and traditional use history to be  
42 recognized in 17 -- in Units 17, 19 and 21, and their subunits,  
43 to be recognized C and T users as far as furbearers and black  
44 bears are concerned. This is basically the same request coming  
45 from this group, the Kwethluk Joint Group. Back in -- I  
46 think -- I believe it was back in November. (In Yup'ik)

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48 MR. WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

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1 INTERPRETER: John Andrew reads this page to  
2 still be pending and worked on, so that will require  
3 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech)

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5 MR. ANDREW: On items -- those items D and E  
6 are done with, but I asked them to take up ordinary high water  
7 mark just for their information, because we've got a paper to  
8 show to our Council members. (In Yup'ik)

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10 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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12 INTERPRETER: He says this he's going to use  
13 that since they use our (ph) own here.

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15 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

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17 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) This is -- second  
18 page. This is the -- this definition of the ordinary high  
19 water mark's been controversial in our area both on the  
20 Kuskokwim and the Yukon. This is what this whole package is  
21 about, but I'll just translate the first page of it. You can  
22 obtain this from our subsistence office over in Anchorage. Or  
23 get a copy of it from over here.

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25 MS. MARTINEZ: Do we have that, Jim?

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27 MR. ANDREW: I'll translate the first page, and  
28 the rest you can read to yourself.

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30 MR. KURTH: Nobody from the Anchorage office  
31 has seen it before yet.

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33 MR. ANDREW: Bull shit.

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35 INTERPRETER: John Andrew is simply going to  
36 read the material in Yup'ik, so there's no need to -- for  
37 translation. Read the book.

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39 MR. COFFING: Is that what he's reading?

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41 INTERPRETER: The text.

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43 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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45 MR. JOHN: (In Yup'ik)

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47 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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1 MR. WILDE: Yeah.

2 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

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4 INTERPRETER: They are now going to spell out  
 5 what they are going to have on the agenda for tomorrow's  
 6 meeting.

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8 MR. ANDREW: They're going to take proposal 48  
 9 out of there, and but there are two important ones.

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11 MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik) But the one  
 12 regarding ptarmigans was requested to be removed from the  
 13 agenda.

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15 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik) They will not discuss  
 16 the ptarmigan issue in the afternoon. They will continue on  
 17 proposals on the .....

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19 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik) And tomorrow meeting  
 20 at the beginning (going through proposed agenda in Yup'ik).  
 21 Establish a quorum, welcome and introduction. (In Yup'ik)

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23 INTERPRETER: Spelling out the technical  
 24 procedures for the meeting.

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26 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?

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28 MR. WILDE: Yeah?

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30 MR. DAVID: (In Yup'ik)

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32 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. There's -- maybe first I  
 33 could give you information why we're going to have an executive  
 34 session at this time. We have a recommendation to Regional  
 35 Council from the attorney of AVCP concerning this paper.  
 36 Before we do -- give it to public, we're going to have this --  
 37 Board is going to look at this paper, and then tomorrow we're  
 38 going to put it on the agenda and present it to people. So  
 39 that's what executive for. I think it's appropriate right now  
 40 that -- and it's a motion on the floor already that we could  
 41 get into executive session. We have no more -- we don't have  
 42 any more on the agenda.

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44 MR. FROST: Mr. Chairman?

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46 MR. WILDE: Yeah?

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48 MR. FROST: Before you get into that, I just

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had one question.

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MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.

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MR. FROST: I understood that you were -- you would not be discussing in any way the ptarmigan proposal, is that correct?

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MR. MANUMIK: Right.

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MR. FROST: Okay.

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MR. WILDE: No, tomorrow.

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MR. MANUMIK: Tomorrow.

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MR. FROST: Tomorrow.

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MR. WILDE: Tomorrow, yeah.

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MR. ANDREW: Tomorrow they will take action on the proposals in the morning, in the morning session.

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MR. FROST: Okay.

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MR. ANDREW: I have to draw up another agenda for them.

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MR. FROST: Okay.

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MR. WILDE: All these proposals we're going to talk about tomorrow.

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MR. FROST: Including the ptarmigan proposal?

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MR. WILDE: Including the ptarmigan tomorrow.

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MR. FROST: That's fine. Thanks.

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MR. WILDE: And we're going to try to do it the right way, the way that .....

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MR. FROST: Right.

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MR. WILDE: ..... we are given to -- how to handle this. We're going to -- we're going to make sure that people talk about it for a while, and then we're going to debate, and maybe we vote it out or .....

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1 MR. FROST: I just misunderstood. Thank you.  
2 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah.  
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4 MR. DAVID: Mr. Chairman?  
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6 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh.  
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8 MR. DAVID: Are you going to ask permission  
9 from this council to go ptarmigan hunting today?  
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11 (Laughter)  
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13 MR. BRELESFORD: He's thinking about it. He's  
14 dressed for a good hunt.  
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16 MR. WILDE: Has there been a second to this  
17 executive session?  
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19 MR. WHITE: Second.  
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21 MR. WILDE: (In Yup'ik)  
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23 MR. KRUTH: Mr. Chairman?  
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25 MR. WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah?  
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27 MR. KRUTH: Are you -- are you done then with  
28 the rest of your agenda, to where our staff is not needed for  
29 the rest of the day?  
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31 MR. WILDE: No. No. We're just going to talk  
32 about this, because we're going to put it on the agenda.  
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34 MR. KRUTH: Right. I understand that you want  
35 to have an executive session. My question is, do you need the  
36 staff to stay for when you're finished, or are we done for the  
37 day, .....

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39 MR. WILDE: No.  
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41 MR. KRUTH: ..... so they can go back to their  
42 hotel?  
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44 MR. WILDE: Yeah. They aren't really needed,  
45 but, however, tomorrow we go at 9:00 o'clock. The meeting  
46 should be ready at 9:00 o'clock. We should have everything  
47 ready, like a translator and everything, at KVNA Building. So  
48 that's all. And that's the only information that I would give,  
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4:15 p.m.

(Council went into executive session)

(END OF DAY'S SESSION)

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