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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harry Wilde, Chairman
Paul Manumik, Sr., Secretary
Antone Anvil, Member
Fritz George, Member
Steven White, Member (By Teleconference)

John Andrew, Coordinator

P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. We go back to our meeting from recess last night. We're going to go ahead and talk about some of these things, but when it's time for voting, we have to be quorum. At this time that we're on new business. Proposal to change Subparts C and customary and traditional use, and Subpart D, season, harvest limit, methods and means, regulations. Who's supposed to take that?

MR. ANDREW: Mike (In Yup'ik).

MR. COFFING: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike?

MR. COFFING: Dave Fisher and I are going to do this, and depending on the proposal, I'll present the analysis on the subsistence eligibility proposals, and Dave will start the analysis present the analysis on the bag limits, seasons proposals, that sort of thing.

I handed out, if you're ready to get started, a sheet that I put together for my use,

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, proceed. Yeah. Okay.

MR. COFFING: and I thought it might be a benefit to the Council to see what proposals at least, this is my reading on what proposals I think the Council would find of interest to look. There may be others that the Council members have in mind, too, and we can cover any of them, of course. So what I'm going to do is go through the proposal analysis booklet, the green booklet that you have.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

MR. COFFING: That's what we'll start with. And what I would like to do

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Excuse me.

MR. COFFING: Pardon me? Uh-huh.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before you go into that first page, make sure make sure the board knows that I mean, the Council know the date that the Board's going to meet.

MR. COFFING: Okay. I'll be happy to mention that again.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. COFFING: That's on the letter to the Regional Council members. The Federal Subsistence Board will be meeting in Anchorage beginning April 29th through May 3, 1996. So recommendations and comments on proposals at this meeting will go to the Board and will be presented to the Board as they deliberate on proposals there.

MR. MANUMIK: The dates again?

MR. COFFING: Pardon me?

MR. MANUMIK: The dates?

MR. COFFING: 27th, right, Meredith?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: April 26th?

MR. COFFING: Oh, the dates for the Council for the Board meeting?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

MR. COFFING: April 29/May 3.

Okay. Actually I think Dave Fisher had Proposal 1, and I don't know where he's at now. I think what we'll do is maybe I should ask the Chairman, Mr. Chairman, do we want to try to get any of the two gentlemen in on the phone call before we start

MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

MR. COFFING: the proposals, or do you want me to go ahead and begin the proposal?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think we hook up the phone would be better. So

MR. COFFING: Okay. If we could take a short recess, I'll try to see if we can get connected here.

(Off record)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: If we could start out with a roll call, we have to have a quorum.

(Off record)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Make sure that we're a quorum. Our secretary (In Yup'ik).

MR. MANUMIK: The roll call. Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, here. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Here.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White?

MR. WHITE: Here.

MR. MANUMIK: David O. David? Gene Peltola? Chuck Chaliak? Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Here.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quorum (In Yup'ik). Just barely quorum. (In Yup'ik)

For the audience, to let you know, we have a little bit of problem with quorum, and that's why we delay our meeting here. Last night, due to not quorum, we didn't work on proposals, so we're going to start it this morning. We're on new business when we recessed last night. New business, (A) proposals to change Subpart C, customary and traditional use, and Subpart D, season and harvest limit, methods and means.

For those of you that would like to testify, there's some forms back there to fill out for if you have concern on some of these proposals.

So at this time I will turn the floor over to Mike.

MR. COFFING: Yeah, I want to be sure Steve can hear me. Can you hear me okay, Steve? Steven, can you hear me all right?

MR. WHITE: Yeah.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Thanks. Steven, and Council members, I think we'll start with actually Proposal #41 in your proposal analysis workbooks, and this is a proposal that was put in by the Western Interior Council. The proposal requests that residents of Aniak, Chuathbaluk, and Paimiut be added to the eligibility determination for moose in Unit 18. This is on page 21 of your analysis workbooks there. The green workbook.

Steve, do you have the green workbook with you? Analysis book?

MR. WHITE: Hold on. The proposal is what?

MR. COFFING: 41. It's on page 21.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: In the green book.

MR. WHITE: Proposal 41. That's moose 18?

MR. COFFING: Yeah.

MR. WHITE: All right. Go ahead, I've got them.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Hopefully some of you have had a chance to look the analysis over and understand the proposal. I'm going to be very brief. I'm not going to read the entire analysis, but I'm going to briefly summarize it and then be happy to any questions to help the Council members understand the analysis and the proposal.

Again this proposal analysis proposal comes from the Western Interior Council, the one that represents Unit 19 and 21 and other Interior regions. Essentially what I did is I went back and I looked at harvest ticket information from the Department of Fish & Game, State data, and I looked at some map information that had been gathered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service when it was working on its comprehensive conservation plan back in 1984, '85, '86. And also work that the Subsistence Division, Department of Fish & Game had done in community studies in the region.

And essentially the map information that much of the analysis is based on appears beginning on page 31. You'll see some figures there. On page 31 is a map, a figure showing the areas in Unit 18 that are used by the community of Chuathbaluk, and this is based on some data gathered by the Subsistence Division when it was going some community based study up there in the 80s. And on that figure you see an area over by Paimiut, right on the Unit 18/Unit 21 border there where residents of Chuathbaluk have indicated that they've hunted for moose in Unit 18. There's also an area near Kalskag, Upper Kalskag where Chuathbaluk has indicated they come down and have in the past hunted moose there.

Figure four on page 32 identifies areas that have been mapped for the community of Aniak for moose hunting in Unit 18. It's on page 32. And the area used by Aniak residents that was documented in work that Fish & Game did is the area down the Kuskokwim just to above Tuluksak and east towards White Fish Lake, north towards Paimiut and the Yukon River drainage, and that area across the portage there between Lower Kalskag and Paimiut, and a little bit on just on the north edge of the Yukon there.

Information for Upper Kalskag is presented in figure five, page 33, and it's nearly identical to Aniak in fact. When I looked at the information put together by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for their CCP, the map data is almost exactly the same as for Aniak. You can see that on figure five.

For figure six, and although the proposal did not, and I should make the Council aware of this, that the proposal asked only to include or was requesting only to add Aniak, Chuathbaluk, and Napaimiut. When we do the analysis on these type of proposals, we essentially look for subsistence uses by anybody. It doesn't matter whether they were listed in the proposal or not, but we look for subsistence uses by any communities that aren't currently in, and provide any information relative to that to the Council.

Lower Kalskag is such a case. Figure six shows the areas used by Lower Kalskag in Unit 18 as mapped by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the area is west of Lower Kalskag, also south down along the Kuskokwim River and east towards White Fish Lake.

Figure six is a figure showing areas that are used by Holy Cross. And again, Holy Cross wasn't in the proposal, but when I began looking at the information,

there was map information showing that Holy Cross also came down into Unit 18 and used the area for moose hunting, and I wanted to provide it to the Council. And you'll see here that it is at least the data gathered in '85 by U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the area is primarily that along the Yukon River down towards Paimiut and 12-Mile Slough and that area.

I also found information showing that Stebbins, on page 36, figure eight, there's been information mapped that shows that Stebbins uses the Andreafsky River drainage for moose hunting in Unit 18.

And also St. Michael on figure nine, nearly the identical area of Stebbins for moose hunting in Unit 18.

The last of the figures is figure 10, and that is a figure that shows areas that were mapped by the Fish & Game Subsistence Division showing moose hunting areas in Unit 18 by the community of Togiak. And you can see there that their use is primarily up in the Kilbuck Mountains, along the headwaters of the Kanektok, Goodnews, Kwethlok, Kisaralik River drainages there.

I did not find information for any other communities outside of those already in Unit 18. I did not find, for example, information that Twin Hills comes over into Unit 18 for moose hunting. There were maps showing Twin Hills moose hunting areas. They do not show any uses in Unit 18, so I did not include them here. I did not, also, find any information for villages using Unit 18 that were upriver of let's say Crooked Creek and on up. There was no use documented for them down in this area. Also, no use for any villages above Holy Cross on the Yukon or above Stebbins over in Norton Sound.

So briefly to conclude, and I'm sure what you want what the recommendation is here out of the analysis, I think most of you are familiar with the with how people share and use meat, what methods of processing meat, the season that people hunt moose and so forth. There are a couple of figures, figure 1 and figure 2 show seasonal rounds for the time of year that residents in Aniak reported harvesting or hunting for moose and other resources, and figure 2 is a similar seasonal round chart for the community of Togiak, and I put those in as examples here of time of year that people are hunting here.

This is not a proposal that's going to change bag limits and seasons, however. It's one to determine whether or not communities show a use pattern in an area, and for the Council to consider that when making a recommendation on the proposal.

So what I'm what we end up with in the conclusion on page 29 is to include residents of Chuathbaluk and Aniak, Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Holy Cross, Stebbins, St. Michael and Togiak to the eligibility determinations for Unit 18 moose.

Now, Upper Kalskag currently in the Federal Regulations, Upper Kalskag is currently included, but because it's very close to the Unit 18 boundary, I thought it would be best to specifically say that, you know, to look at the information and lay it out for the Council and the Board and the public to look at. And Lower Kalskag similarly. It's right on the boundary, and whether it's in 18 or 19 I think is irrelevant as far as this proposal goes, as long as the conclusion and the regulation is clearly stated as to which community should be eligible. And if we say Lower Kalskag, we have it covered. If we say residents of Unit 18 and Upper Kalskag and add Chuathbaluk, there may be some question

about Lower Kalskag, whether it's in or out. So stating it will make it real clear.

The proposal asks that Napaimiut be included also, and those of you familiar with the Kuskokwim know that Napaimiut at one time was a permanent settlement. It's now more of a seasonal settlement. There are people that live there seasonally. To my knowledge people don't live there year round. And so rather than specifically state Napaimiut, there was some concern that maybe Napaimiut was not the principal resident or principal domicile of residents, and that the better way to approach it and include the area up to Napaimiut and a little bit above there, there are residents that live along the river that aren't into Napaimiut. Maurice Hofseth is an example. He used to live there and perhaps others, that don't live in Aniak, but live along the river. They probably have a similar use to those residents in Chuathbaluk and Aniak, and we felt that they should probably also be included in this.

So because of that, we're suggesting here that in addition to the communities, that we would say that we'd include the rural residents downstream of the Holokuk River, along the Kuskokwim. That would take in anybody living in Napaimiut. It would take in any residents that live along the Kuskokwim that don't live in Aniak, but live in that general area for this determination.

I think the map information clearly shows that some documentation that people in those communities have used Unit 18. There's harvest ticket data that indicates that as well. It's probably likely that residents of Aniak and Chuathbaluk and Holy Cross are probably not going to exert a lot of new effort down into Unit 18 to hunt by this determination. They have more moose closer to their home, and are probably going to continue to hunt where they always have. So we don't see that this is going to change how this practice is any, or potentially increase the moose harvest down here.

I think that's it. I've been very brief in consideration of time for the Council. I'm going to leave it at that. I'll be happy to address any questions or help out in any other way here with this proposal. That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike,

MR. COFFING: Harry, yeah.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I would like to ask you how we could deal with this. It's more like a conflict some of these proposals between Yukon and Kuskokwim. In Yukon area we try to work with upriver people all the time, so we wouldn't have to be fighting each other. Like what we're doing right now, that in some areas that we do have, Lower Yukon have a privilege to go up to that area and moose hunt. And sometime that people up there helping the Lower Yukon in their area. And that relationship I would like to see continue instead of fighting, Lower and Upper Yukon. That's why on this as on these proposals I look at, there have been already a decision opposing all that, and include some of those villages in the Yukon River, like Holy Cross, Stebbins, St. Michael. They would like to start. It has been our harvesting moose in Unit 18. What will happen if we want to include in the Yukon River like Holy Cross and St. Michael and Stebbins in the Unit 18? It could be decision between Lower Yukon and Upper Yukon or whatever, because these people hunt only along the Yukon River, and the Kuskokwim along the Kuskokwim River in the fall hunting season time.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I think what the Council needs to look at here in consideration of the proposal is essentially look to see if the information

that's presented supports the proposal. And if you feel the information that's presented or available supports the proposal, then your determination would follow. Or your recommendation, whichever way, would follow. And if you feel like the information doesn't support the proposal, then I think likewise your recommendation should follow that.

It seems to me that if, you know, Stebbins, St. Michael, Holy Cross, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Upper/Lower Kalskag and Togiak are already hunting in Unit 18, that's been documented. They're already hunting in Unit 18. I think it's not likely that if the proposal is adopted, I don't think that we're going to see changes in hunting patterns by those communities. I think people will continue to hunt the way they have in the past. So I don't think it's going to change harvest practices, and present any additional harvest there for those folks. I just don't think that's going to happen. People are going to do what they've been doing, and they're probably going to do that regardless of your decision on this proposal.

What this proposal would do, however, by including those communities, would help ensure that they also have a priority, that if there is a shortage of moose in Unit 18, these other villages, Holy Cross, Stebbins, St. Michael, Togiak, Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Upper/Lower Kalskag, would also be part of the pool of communities with Unit 18 communities to ensure a priority.

Now, as it is currently, Federal lands in Unit 18 are closed to moose hunting, except the people that are eligible. So currently on Federal public lands in Unit 18, Federal lands are closed to moose hunting to other residents. State lands are open to them. Federal lands are closed to them.

So if this helps you understand, currently Aniak and Chuathbaluk cannot come into Unit 18 and hunt on Federal public lands. It's closed. If they were added by this determination, by this proposal, it would allow them to come down and hunt on Federal public lands legally. Does that help?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Yes, thank you.

MR. ANDREW: That is good.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: John Andrew ((In Yup'ik)).

MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's explaining the proposal to explaining this proposal. Clarify changes regulations of Unit 18, if these residents are considered hunted in Unit 18. Come into these resources. Residents of Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Napaimiut have harvested moose in the unit and they want to be recognized and be able to hunt in Unit 18, because Aniak, Chuathbaluk, and Napaimiut are in Unit 19, and they've harvested moose from Unit 18 for ages. Or presently hunted in Unit 18 as stated in those maps. And the proposals on these proposals everyone can give testimony on these proposals, but they have to fill out a form before they can have input.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Michael, do you have any

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

MR. WHITE: I can't hear you any.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Steven White is on the phone and is stating that he's stating that the Federal Government and the State has taken over the resources in this region. And he's stating that we've been subsistence hunters all our lives in this region. And he's stating that these regulations and proposals shouldn't be imposed on us, because we have been traditional hunting all our lives, and the State of Alaska shouldn't from our forefathers, and he's stating that all through these years the Lower Kuskokwim, Upper Kuskokwim, Lower Yukon, Upper Yukon have coexisted and hunted our resources, including fish and wildlife, and both Yukon and Kuskokwim villages. And he said that he's got nothing not against this proposal 41. He's for it.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: And Harry Wilde thanks for his Steven White's input on Proposal 41.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more questions concerning proposals? So we continue on. Mike, will you continue, what how are you going to run this? For each proposals, the procedures will be, and maybe you take care of that all the way down on agenda?

MR. COFFING: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I think what's outlined on the agenda, and if it's the desire of the Council, perhaps a suggestion would be for each proposal as you've heard the staff analysis, and we've asked questions and answered, perhaps a motion, any motion to make any amendments or suggested changes or a motion to support or not support the proposal from the Council would be appropriate.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, I think that's the way to take care the procedures of these proposals. We do also have some public comments to take care of before we add or delete or some of this proposals. The floor will have to be open for comment, all that. But if you could tell us concerning the procedures of this, what's on agenda, we would appreciate it. My understanding there's some people supposed to be coming over from other meeting to testify here later on.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Yeah, as I'm looking at your agenda, the process we've laid out, that the Council has laid out here, is the presentation by the staff of the analysis in your analysis booklet. Following that would be John Andrew would provide the summary of any written comments on the proposals, specifically. Once he's presented that, then you could open the floor to any public comments on the specific proposal. After that, then the Council would deliberate on the proposal, make a motion to amend if necessary, if you want to, adopt the proposal or amend the proposal, and take action on the proposal.

One thing we want to be sure that we follow up with here before we move to the next proposal is that after you've made your recommendation one way or the other, then we also want to be sure we have clearly written down the Council's

justification for your decision, so we have a clear record of what you did and also why you did it.

MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. GEORGE: I would like to make a recommendation to make a decision. I'd like to make a recommendation to make an addition to this proposal. It's our brothers from upriver can be welcome to hunt in our area around our villages free of charge, without worrying about a land use permit or something like that. Thank you. Is that possible, Mike?

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure I followed your recommendation exactly, Fritz. Maybe if you could restate it, and I'll try to do it. I want to be sure I write it down here and that I understand it.

MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that he wants to include to on this 41 stating that right now at the present time the upriver villages charge for land use permit, which is \$400.00 per hunter, and he's just stating that he'd welcome the upriver villages to hunt in our region, Unit 18, free of charge without land use permit.

MR. COFFING: Steven, are you still with us? Steven White are you there?

MR. WHITE: Yeah.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Thanks, Steven, just checking. This is Mike Coffing.

I think I'd like to respond to Fritz' recommendation. I think I want the Council to understand that the action you're taking on proposals here do affect only Federal public land. They don't affect corporation lands, or lands that the State has jurisdiction on, private lands or State lands. So there certainly is no land use permit needed for Federal lands anywhere really in this region.

I guess the other thing I would say is that perhaps you move to making amendments or recommendation on the proposal, perhaps John could read the public comments that have come in on the proposal, and then you might want to open up the floor to comments from the public here at the meeting. Thank you.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, we need to understand what proposal you're working on, 41, is it? And that should be given to Steven White as well.

MR. COFFING: He has it.

MR. MANUMIK: Okay.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Mike, our teleconference will last about 12:00 o'clock, so we have to push ourselves in order to have Steven White counted while we're talking about vote on proposals.

I think right now I'm going to open the floor to public comments on our proposals. I think I've got pushing from here and pushing from there. But summary of written public comments by John Andrew.

MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only written comment we got so far on Proposal 41 is from Kwethluk Joint Group to oppose. Justification, it will increase hunting pressure on the low density moose population here in Unit 18 as compared to Unit 19. Many low Unit 18 residents from the Lower Kuskokwim River has not been able to hunt in Unit 19 due to the high cost of land use permit fees imposed by the Kuskokwim Corporation. Kwethluk Joint Group, Kwethluk. Doy. (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Steven?

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: Steven White doesn't agree with this Proposal 41, and Steven White the only time he's stating that many times someone that upriver could vote on it, because the land use permit's in there, the lands upriver, and even against the residents, haven't had they have never imposed land use permits in order to hunt in Unit 18. All these proposals that come from outside areas like this Western Interior Regional Subsistence Council, this proposal and he's stating that he's not for these proposal. He's not in support of this proposal because it's one that affects both Lower Kuskokwim and Upper Kuskokwim residents.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana, Steven. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: And the Proposal #41 is open for public comments or input from this from the Council or from the floor. On all these proposals, different handed out or all of these proposals should be heard by public before they're voted on, and everybody stated could concerning these proposals, and there's two people that filled out for public comments, and that's Debbie and Oscar Larson.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Debbie Lee?

MS. LEE: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My name is Debbie Lee, and I think at this present time I'll take off I've got it down I'll take personal leave from ONC and just give testimony in regard to my experience, and work experience within the villages that you have listed here, proposed c&t within GMU 18.

I reviewed Mike's information that he provided here, and I have little comments, especially in regard to Aniak. I think they would hunt in areas within the Aniak area. I could say that the purpose that that was marked there, and that was used during September, October, and November, the people or residents from Aniak would go down to White Fish Lake, because that's the time to harvest white fish. And I've never noticed of any hunters within that area to go below Aniak to do any moose hunting during the fall season.

At the last moose management meeting, it was indicated to us and a few people that attended, that villagers who go hunting during the fall season would mainly hunt within the surrounding villages that they're from. For example, Kalskags would hunt around Kalskag areas, and they would come down a little below 18. Aniak would mainly hunt within the Aniak area. And Napaimiut, that's a different story, as Mike mentioned. That's a seasonal use area. You do have a lot of people going to Napaimiut and hunting around the Holokuk area, but the majority of the people from Kalskag, Aniak and Napaimiut are usually within the

19(A) or above, you know, above their villages, for example, Holitna and Napaimiut.

I don't know where this person who submitted the proposals got that there's 5,000 back then when moose was discovered, you know, within 18 until 1930s or 40s.

I have talked with a few individuals that would like to be here today to give you the same information I am. They strongly oppose this proposal, considering these three villages c&t uses for Unit 18.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul?

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman. Debbie, are you talking opposing Aniak hunting moose in GMU 18?

MS. LEE: Yes, I'm opposing Proposal 41.

MR. MANUMIK: Just for the purpose of moose?

MS. LEE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Not anything else?

MS. LEE: No.

MR. MANUMIK: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do you have any more?

MS. LEE: No, that's it.

MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman, I've got a question concerning that.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Go ahead, please.

MR. GEORGE: Quyana, Mr. Chairman. What scarcities could the residents of Unit 19 up there make some kind of a proposal to barring us to go up there and hunt in that part of the country? Like it doesn't seem to be fair to exclude the upriver villages, and to tell them that they can't hunt in Unit 18. You understand what I mean?

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

INTERPRETER TINKER: Steven White said that he couldn't hear what Fritz was saying. He wants him to speak louder.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that he doesn't like this proposal, because he's staying that if we support this or not support this proposal, he's stating that can Western Interior Regional Subsistence Advisory Committee make proposal concerning Unit 18, because the way this proposal states that these, Aniak, Chuathbaluk and Napaimiut aren't from Unit 19. They're the same people that hunted all our life, sharing.

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: But these proposals are making, you know, the upriver people and lower villages, it seems like these proposal are what they're trying to do is Lower Yukon or Lower Kuskokwim and Upper Kuskokwim be against each other, because in the past when there was no proposals of any kind, and everybody hunt from Lower Kuskokwim villages and upriver villages hunted together traditionally ever since moose became available in this part for hunting.

MR. WHITE: Quyana.

MS. LEE: Do you want me to answer that?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Can you? I think it would be good if you respond to that question, Debbie.

MS. LEE: I guess my understanding of question is why am I opposing 19(A) residents to be hunting moose under within 18? Well, I'm just like I said I was just out of my opinion and work experience within the Middle Kuskokwim region for the last 11 years, and I have not heard of any residents up there, in my work experience, to hunt moose within GMU 18. And I think this proposal that was passed by the Western Interior was a resident of Aniak. I don't think that the Council itself has really looked at what was being proposal on the rest you know, the other Council members. I just don't think to me, I don't think that this proposal is giving you the correct information, and that's why I'm opposing it. Because I don't see any residents hunting within 18 from those villages. Does that answer your question?

MR. GEORGE: Another one is could you repeat (ph) your tribes upriver sort of make some kind of a proposal barring us from hunting their lands or something like that?

MS. LEE: Well, that's something to do with the Kuskokwim Corporation, I do not have anything to say in behalf of the Kuskokwim Corporation, or I'm unable to speak in behalf of them, so I'm directed I'm the wrong person to answer that question.

MR. GEORGE: Yeah. Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Debbie. Next is Oscar Larson. (In Yup'ik)

MR. LARSON: Good morning, gentlemen. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: On proposals, this 41 proposal that we're he's saying that they've looked over this proposals and after they had joint meeting, Kwethluk residents had voted on these proposals for or against, and all these proposals were sent out and he's reading a letter. (Attached)

A meeting was held December 14, 1995, and they looked over these proposed proposals, 32, 33, 34,

MR. LARSON: 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 46, 54 and 60.

INTERPRETER TINKER: All those proposals. Concerning subsistence regulations, and I've been that if these proposals become effective, which is sometime in June, 1996, and these proposals were sent out to Federal Subsistence Board.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 32 (In Yup'ik) Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee, 96-006. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: And on Proposal 32 from Togiak from Fish and Game, Togiak He's going over what they discussed at that meeting concerning the Proposal 32.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 32, support (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: In that meeting, the Kwethluk community were for the 32, 33, 34.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 33, (In Yup'ik) Bristol Bay Regional Subsistence Advisory Council, 96-043, (In Yup'ik). Proposal 34, (In Yup'ik) Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Planning Committee, 96-048, support (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: Kwethluk supported this proposal.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 36, (In Yup'ik) Yukon-Kuskokwim Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, 96-086, no action.

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 36, no action on Proposal 36.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 37, proposed by Togiak Fish and Game Advisory Committee, 96-065, no action.

INTERPRETER TINKER: No action on 37.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 38, (In Yup'ik) Togiak Traditional Council, BBNA, 96-031, no action.

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 38 from Togiak Traditional Council, Bristol Bay Native Corporation, no action.

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik) Proposal 39, (In Yup'ik) Leona Carr, Portgage Creek Village Council, 96-016, (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 39. He's stating that was a proposal in Unit 17 stating that there was a harvest limit of 40 beaver, but that I think they want to amend it so the Unit 17 hunters can hunt in Unit 18, and a harvest limit for beaver on this proposal. They cannot hunt in Unit 17, and they want to be able to hunt beaver with the beaver population is destroying streams in Unit 18, 17.

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik) Proposal 40, (In Yup'ik) Yukon-Kuskokwim Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, 96-085, (In Yup'ik) do support.

INTERPRETER TINKER: On Proposal 40, and Kwethluk is in support of Proposal #40.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 41, proposed by Western Interior Regional Subsistence Advisory Council, 96-017. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Kwethluk is opposed to Proposal 41. According to Fish & Game and Fish & Wildlife survey on moose population, there's not enough moose in Unit 18 on Lower Kuskokwim. He's saying that they should be able to hunt, and

we've have been hunting moose ever since it become available in this part of the country. And in Unit 18. And that it should include the upper river villages. He's saying that Unit 18, that they need the hunters from Lower Kuskokwim villages when they go up above Kalskag, they have to get land use permit, and

MR. LARSON: Proposal 45, proposed by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, Association of Village Council residents, and the Kwethluk Joint Group, 96-099, (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 45, Kwethluk is still in favor.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 46, proposed by Lower Fish and Game Advisory Committee, and Azachorok Incorporated, 96-100. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: 46. Kwethluk is in support of 46.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 54 by Stevens Village Council, 96-025. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 54. Kwethluk is in support. The last proposal, 60.

MR. LARSON: Proposal 60, proposed by Stevens Village Council, 96-028. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Kwethluk is for that proposal.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Oscar, I'm looking at this proposal packet here, we are only with proposals up through Proposal 46. (In Yup'ik)

MR. LARSON: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry is stating that the proposals aren't in this packet, but Oscar wants to bring the whole proposal packet that they voted on in Kwethluk.

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik) Federal Subsistence Board.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana.

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik) You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. (In Yup'ik) Paul?

MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, Oscar. (In Yup'ik) GMU 18, there aren't enough to sustain all of the residents from upriver to hunt moose in that area. Are you the Kwethluk Joint Group is opposing, if I understand you correctly, Aniak residents not to hunt in Unit 18, but to have Kalskag included in there. Is that what you said? Proposal 41.

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik) existing regulation now (In Yup'ik). Residents of lower Unit 18 including Upper Kalskag. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: According to the regulations Upper and Lower Kalskag are from the same village, but according to this Game Management Unit 18 and 19, the boundary's between the two villages, and he's in favor of upriver villages that have hunted in Lower Kuskokwim in Game Management Unit 18, that they have hunted traditionally, and he's stating that he'd welcome upriver to hunt in Game Management Unit 18, even though there's not very many moose in Unit 18 compared to Unit 19. He's that he welcomes upriver, and downriver Kuskokwim residents sometimes when they hunt in the fall, they don't always get moose.

MR. MANUMIK: Do you're saying (In Yup'ik). Napaimiut.

MR. LARSON: No. (In Yup'ik)

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

MR. LARSON: Unit 18 (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: And Paul's got a question. Kwethluk is against this Proposal 41, because there's not very much moose in Unit 18.

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Traditional hunting moose, our elders have taught us not to tell other villages not to come and like right now even at 18 and 19, the upriver and Lower Kuskokwim fishermen I mean, hunters, and they have never made proposals or regulations against Lower Kuskokwim or the Lower Kuskokwim people never make proposals, 'cause traditionally we've been existing lower and Upper Kuskokwim villages hunted and fished together all through the years.

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik)

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Since there's not very much moose in Unit 18, it doesn't Kwethluk doesn't want Unit 19 hunters to hunt in Unit 18, due to moose population is lower than in Game Management Unit 19.

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that history on that if this Proposal 41, if we if the Council votes to close to the upriver villages from hunting in Unit 18, the upriver villages can do the same thing, make proposal to ban Unit 18 villages from hunting in Unit 19.

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: This board, if they cannot hunt in Unit 18, the 19 the Unit 18 people can make proposal to ban Lower Kuskokwim hunters to hunt in their region.

MR. MANUMIK: Quyana. Doy.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you, Oscar. You very well say it, and understandable. (In Yup'ik)

MR. LARSON: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that Kwethluk Joint Group had a meeting, and he's been looking at the proposals concerning subsistence regulations, and he's stating that he's been looking into the proposals, and he said the people like Kwethluk can manage he would like to see fish and wildlife can be managed like, for instance, Kwethluk can manage hunting in Kwethluk region or Kwethluk area, like upriver villages, various villages can manage their subsistence hunting and including fish and wildlife in their region. These proposals that were made, every time some of these proposals as we looked at them, sometimes it's anti for upriver and lower villages, because this proposal right now, if we if Lower Kuskokwim bans upriver from hunting in Unit 18, it will be it's not good for villages.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Oscar. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry Wilde states that we're concerned with these proposals, not other proposals. We're not talking about birds or other mammals. We're talking about moose in Unit 18 on Proposal 41. He's stating that if he wants to talk about moose management, he can go to Fish & Wildlife and talk to Fish & Wildlife.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Quyana.

MR. LARSON: Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Next, Greg, your turn. Roczicka.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Quyana, Mr. Chairman. My name is Greg Roczicka, for the record.

I guess I'd like to strongly urge the support of this Council for this proposal. It's been reflected in earlier comments from several people that I've heard, and I think everybody here recognizes that when these Game Management Unit boundaries were put on the map, it didn't have anything to do with the long-term customary and traditional use that people have.

I would also ask this Council to consider strongly that regardless of the situation with land use permits upriver, downriver, whatever, they have absolutely nothing to do with this proposal.

Moose populations, they are a concern in GMU 18. However, again it's a separate issue from whether or not which village has a long-term use. I happen to know that I know of one guy right now from Chuathbaluk that caught a moose down by the Tuluksak Bluffs last year.

As far as how long moose have been in the countryside, too, I heard that reference. When I dug my outhouse hole in Kwethluk for my house over there, at four feet down I found moose antler. And I don't know how long it takes to get four foot of pretty hard-packed clay sediment, but it's a long time I'm pretty sure of that. And I found another one at six feet, old camp fires. So but I think, you know, whether moose when they came around and how they go with their population cycles and so forth, and whether it's happened in living memory or not, or passed down memory, you know, for our current generation, you know, that's up to anybody speculation.

I guess I'd offer a suggestion, too, that if you are going to be naming communities within these c&t determinations, that you do include Napaimiut back in there. Either that or say Kuskokwim drainage from Holokuk on down. The recommendation of the staff in the staff analysis left out Napaimiut, and but are including, specifically naming the communities of Kalskag, Aniak and Chuathbaluk. If you are going to specifically name communities, Napaimiut is recognized as a community. So if you're going to name communities, put Napaimiut in there, or if you choose not to name communities, just leave it Holokuk drainage on down for c&t use in GMU 18.

I forgot what else I was going to put in there. Anyway oh, I guess just as a final mention, I don't I see it as support of this proposal as again recognizing what reality is. I have a hard time understanding how currently c&t use in GMU 19(A) extends downriver 150 miles into down the Kuskokwim into GMU 18, and I have a difficult time understanding how it could be opposed that 40 miles of 19(A) be included for c&t in GMU 18. But, again, just basically back to what's right regardless of any kind of the other concerns that are there. We're talking c&t here. The other ones are definitely major issues that people of this drainage have to get together and talk about, but when it comes down to what's right and what c&t use is, these communities I believe definitely qualify.

And with that, that's all I have for now, unless you have any questions.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Greg, let me ask you how you feel about Proposal #1?

MR. ROCZICKA: I wasn't going to speak to that until you came across it, but, yeah, I'm in support of that as well. It again speaks to what the reality of subsistence practice and harvest is. You bring in the issues of economy of effort, the people practice when they're out harvesting. I believe Proposal #1 is worth supporting as well.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. Thank you. Do you have any more?

MR. ROCZICKA: I was going to wait to speak to the rest of the proposals until when they came up on agenda.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. That's all the people we have come forward to testify.

We have to continue without break, because we have to.

Next on our agenda is Council debate and recommendation and motion, and amend if desire, motion to adopt proposals or amend proposals. And justification. At this time I think I'm going to turn this meeting over to Mike and you could explain proposals from 1 to 46?

MR. COFFING: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. John, maybe you could help with some direction here. I think where we're at on the agenda is dealing with 41, and I'm going to suggest that before we move on to other proposals, that the Council take some action on 41, and then we'll move on to the next proposal with staff analysis, public comments, and so forth.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, how come you didn't start off with Proposal #1? It seems to me you're picky in picking numbers. What's that reason for?

MR. COFFING: Well, Mr. Chairman, I'm not familiar with Proposal 1. I thought Dave was going to present it, Dave thought I was going to present it. Tom Boyd who was going to come I think was probably going to present that. So with Dave out of the room at the time, I jumped in with one that I'm familiar with that I helped analyze. That's the reason I started with forty- the reason I did not start with Proposal 1.

The reason I started with 41 is because Proposal 40 balances on kind of what you do with Proposal 41. There's information presented in Proposal 41 with map information that's referred to in Proposal 40, so I wanted to begin with general information on Proposal 41 that you will need as you take up Proposal 40.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: So how do you want to conduct this? You want Council handle this 41 right now or what?

MR. COFFING: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

MR. MANUMIK: We need a motion to adopt.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: By a motion to reject it or approve it.

MR. COFFING: That's correct. Mr. Chairman, also we need be sure we get a justification or a reason for your actions on the Council.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Will you do those justification, because we've got Steven White on our line here. We need to have the justification and all that.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, yes, I think it would help for the record, it would help the Federal Board and the public to know why the Council took the action it did, however you decide to vote on this. I think it's very useful for the Board when they will be determining or looking at this proposal also in April/May. When they get your recommendation, it's very helpful if they can understand why you made the recommendation that you did. It helps them understand the issue better, I think, understand the problem. But also it really helps them understand your recommendation.

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: Yeah.

INTERPRETER TINKER: A motion he's asking if there's a motion to for Proposal 41. And he asked Harry that.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry's telling him. On Proposal 41 he's asking the Council to make a motion or

MR. WHITE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik) for adoption with discussion.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: There's a motion on the floor by Steven White, adoption for discussion. If there's any second?

MR. ANVIL: Second.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Antone Anvil. Discussion on Proposal 41.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven.

MR. WHITE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Steven White from Eek. He's saying that every time there's a Council meetings, that he states that these regulations, he's stating our forefathers who we haven't we haven't begin coordinations (ph). And he's stating that he's reading the thing, that Unit 18 moose proposal. That or he's stating just using Proposal 41 concerning moose, he's got a question, is included in this proposal, 'cause Unit 19 people come downriver to hunt and fish on Lower Yukon drainages.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) If there's any more discussion?

INTERPRETER TINKER: And Harry Wilde just stated if there's any discussion, further discussion on Unit 18.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's Harry Wilde is stating that the Council should vote on Proposal 18 (sic), if there's no other discussion from the floor or from the Council.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: For the last time, if there's any other discussion concerning Proposal 41?

MR. MANUMIK: Question.

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

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Antone Anvil asked he's asking if he could speak on Proposal 41.

MR. ANVIL: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Proposal 41. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that he's in support of what Steven White said earlier concerning upriver and Lower Kuskokwim villages have hunted all through these years, and our elders or our elders and forefathers have hunted and our resources were open to anybody. Lower villages were able to hunt in upriver villages, or vice versa, upriver people can hunt our fish and our lower villages. He stated that one elder person from upriver village stated that we'd be they welcome the Lower Kuskokwim village hunters in their region, but everything right now is being imposed on us through regulations or Game Management units, and these boundaries, like Unit 18 and 19, should be the same villages. They're the same villages.

MR. ANVIL: Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana, Antone. Quyana, Antone. Is there any more discussion? (In Yup'ik) Proposal 41. (In Yup'ik). Roll call. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry's said roll call vote on Proposal 41.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Roll call from the secretary.

MR. MANUMIK: Okay. Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White?

MR. WHITE: Yeah.

MR. MANUMIK: David O. David, absent. Gene Peltola, absent. Chuck Chaliak, excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: You have four yeses.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 41.

MR. MANUMIK: Five. Five yeses.

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 41 is passed with four aye votes. That's Proposal 41.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next proposal?

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Maybe before I move on to the next one, I am not sure I heard what exactly the motion was that you voted on, and I guess I'm wondering if I could ask for clarification of the motion and what the outcome on the vote was?

MR. MANUMIK: The motion was to adopt Proposal 41.

MR. COFFING: To support it?

MR. MANUMIK: Uh-huh (affirmative).

MR. COFFING: Okay.

MR. MANUMIK: Or support it, yeah.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, yes, I'm going to go back now to Proposal 40, and again within Proposal 40 there are some references to the maps and figures that are in Proposal 41. Proposal 40 is a proposal that was put in by your Council. It was your Council actually followed up on a proposal or a letter that Kwethluk Joint Group had put in asking for a determination on black bear in Unit 18. Again I'm going to be brief. I'm going to summarize and I trust that the Council can refer to the written material. I don't want to in the interest of time to read everything that's written down there, but I will answer questions toward the end here.

This proposal's from the Council and it asks for a determination, a positive determination of uses of black bear in Unit 18. The proposal that was written by the Council requested that residents of Unit 18 be determined eligible for customary and traditional uses of black bear in Unit 18.

Once again I'll remind the Council that when I did the analysis, I looked at who used who hunted black bear in Unit 18, whether they were in Unit 18 or not. That includes some Unit 19 communities, Unit 22, Stebbins, St. Michael, Togiak and other communities, so

As you might know, there's very little information available on subsistence uses of black bear. There's very little harvest information available. Unlike moose and caribou and some fur bearers that need to be sealed, there is no harvest reporting required for black bear in Unit 18, so there is no harvest data from harvest tickets available to look at to get either an idea of how many black bear are harvested or which communities are reporting harvest through any type of harvest ticket system.

Although the data there isn't much data available from harvest reports, there is data available from the Division of Subsistence community-based surveys where we've done work that indicate that several communities in Unit 18 use black bear and harvest black bear. There's data that indicates that on an average basis there are four to ten black bear harvested for Kwethluk, approximately eight for Nunapitchuk, six for Mountain Village, and six for Chuathbaluk. And that's based on community surveys.

There's not data for every village, because we have not done surveys in every village.

In addition to the Unit 18 communities, there's also information that shows that residents of Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Upper Kalskag, Lower Kalskag, Stebbins, St. Michael, Holy Cross, Togiak, and in this case also Twin Hills hunt in Unit 18, in addition to Unit 18 communities. And I mention that, because that's some indication that it's not only residents in Unit 18 that are hunting in Unit 18, but there are also other residents in other communities outside of this unit that hunt in Unit 18.

There is not, however, specific information about where people hunt for black bear. We know that when people are out hunting for moose that often people harvest black bear in association with moose harvest activities. Perhaps in spring when people are out hunting fur bearers and doing other things in the springtime by snow machine, if there are bears available, people might be harvesting black bears in association with other subsistence activities.

Information shows that the black bear hunting occurs primarily from mid August through early October, or until the bears den up. As I mentioned, most of the much of the hunting occurs in association with the fall moose hunting and caribou hunting in the falltime. Bears are also harvested from early spring, that is, late March through early May when they come out of their dens. Occasionally bears are harvested in the summertime, in June and July, however, during the summer, as you know, most hunting most subsistence activities are focused on salmon fishing, and bears may be harvested occasionally when they come into fish camps and those bears are in many cases used, put up in fact, in most cases uses and put up in the smoke house and used for meat. However, again, those bears may not be reported specifically through any type of harvest reporting mechanism.

As I mentioned, I think there are I'm referring to some figures back in Proposal 41 that you looked at showing areas where Stebbins, St. Michael, Holy Cross, those communities in Unit 19, and also Togiak hunt moose. And based on the information, I think it's likely that they probably also harvest black bear occasionally when they're over in Unit 18 hunting for other resources.

There's some seasonal information shown on pages 10 and pages 11 for when people in some communities where we've done surveys have harvested black bear. And as you can see there, figure 2, page 11, for Kwethluk they're showing some harvest from harvest activities from early April actually through early November for black bear. There's information for Russian Mission on page 12, showing that they were hunting black bear from actually early March through mid December there.

There's some map information showing areas where people have reported hunting for bear. There's information on figure 4 for Kwethluk showing bear hunting areas, that hunting activity occurs primarily along the riparian corridors where there's habitat for them, and certainly people are probably looking for moose. Bear hunting areas for Russian Mission are shown in figure 5.

Most of you are familiar with how people prepare black bear meat and use it, how they preserve it and store it. That's described in the analysis.

The criteria or one of the factors describing traditional uses and handing down of knowledge, are similar for most subsistence hunting activities in the region. Older hunters, experienced hunters teaching younger people how to hunt and participate in a variety of subsistence activities, including black bear hunting.

Black bear meat is shared widely, and there's table 2 on page 17. This is for Kwethluk, and this gives you some idea of sharing and distribution of black bear, and this example was taken from a study in Kwethluk in 1985 that shows that black bear that were harvested were shared with other people in the community, and that residents in Kwethluk also received black bear meat from people from Napakiak, Chuathbaluk and Bethel, and other households in Kwethluk.

Households out here harvest a variety of resources. Table 3 gives you some indication of the breadth of resource harvest that occurs out here for subsistence.

I guess the bottom line is, and what you're waiting for me to say here is what their conclusion is, and the conclusion is here that residents of Unit 18 do harvest black bear in Unit 18 and do use it for subsistence. The conclusion is also that residents that hunt moose in Unit 18 probably also hunt black bear in Unit 18, and for that reason, we've included the communities of Lower Kalskag, Upper Kalskag, Chuathbaluk, Aniak, that part of Unit 19(A) downriver of Holokuk, Holy Cross, Stebbins, St. Michael and Togiak. And in this instance, there was map data showing that Twin Hills was over in here hunting caribou and bear, so Twin Hills is included.

So the recommendation is that there be a determination, a positive determination for black bear in Unit 18 for residents of Unit 18, and the communities that I've mentioned, and areas that I've mentioned here.

That's the end of my presentation on that one.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Mike, I do have some people in Yukon, Mountain Village concerned. They're really concerned about report has been given defense of life and property, black bear in the summertime. And there's some people that kill bears, a couple one anyway, last year or year ago, because this black bear torn up his fish camp and ate up all the dried fish, and so they have to kill it. However, that he had enforcement problem, successful defense the life of his family and also his put up dried fish, and turn up his smoke house. And enforcement told him that he's not supposed to kill black bear out of season. We do have a problem continuously. Because of that problem, people are not even try to defend themselves, even there's a bear problem in their villages. It's something that have to be done, because life of person is more important than a bear, I think, and also try to defend what they have.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, thank you. There is no closed season for black bear in Unit 18. It's open year round, every day it's open. And the bag limit is three bear a year, and there's no harvest reporting required, so, you know, under that scenario, if a black bear would come into a fish camp, you can shoot it legally as long as you have a hunting license. You can harvest that black bear legally and not have to call it a DLP bear. Harvest it, use it. Again, there's no closed season, bag limit's three bears. You just need a hunting license, and you're legal for that.

Brown bears is another situation. There are closed seasons for brown bears. But for black bears, it's not closed.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you, Michael. First time I find out they're open. Any more questions and concerns on Proposal 40?

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Steven?

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: Steven's got a question on Proposal 40 on black bear.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, quyana. Steven, (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's just stating that when one of them make at one of the meetings, Moses Nicolai it was brought up in one of the meetings that black bear has no determination in Unit 18. On this proposal, there was no determination on black bear in Unit 18. That's how come this proposal was made, so that Lower Kuskokwim Unit 18 can be recognized that there is black bear for subsistence.

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: And it's customary and traditional use of the villages, and it should be okay. This land being used.

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: And Harry Wilde is asking for comments or motion to accept or

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Request for the motion on the floor.

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: Fritz moved to make a motion to

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Fritz George moved to accept Proposal 40. If there's any second?

MR. WHITE: Second

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by Steven White. Discussion?

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman?

MR. WHITE: Question.

MR. COFFING: I was

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik), Steven. Go ahead, Mike?

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, I was just wondering if as we're following down our agenda here, if John wants to summarize the public comments, and written comments, and then if there are any people in the public here that want to comment on this proposal before the Council makes it's deliberation, recommendation on it?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Is there's any audience here that want to have a comment on Proposal 40 at this time? Greg? Go ahead.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to put on the record that we'd recommend your support of this proposal as well. We'd view it as just another housekeeping matter basically, that black bear just have never come up for c&t use determination before, and I believe if you want to look at it a little further, neither have ptarmigan or rabbits. But, anyway and also to add in there that we concur with the staff analysis that villages who happen to be around the boundary, you know, in close proximity to the boundary of GMU 18 should probably be included there as well.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Greg. Any others want to have a comment on Proposal 40?

MR. MANUMIK: Let's list it under discussion.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion on Proposal 40?

MR. WHITE: Question.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. Roll call.

MR. MANUMIK: Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White? Oh, Steven White?

MR. WHITE: Yeah.

MR. MANUMIK: David O. David, absent. Gene Peltola, absent. Chuck Chaliak, excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Five in favor and three absent, one excused.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Motion carried. Next? Next proposal?

MR. COFFING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next proposal will be proposals actually two of them, 45 and 46. The analysis for these two proposals is in your analysis book there on page 47, and this is one that deals with Unit 21(E) moose, Yukon. Okay.

If you'll recall, at last October's Council meeting, as you were going through looking at the backlog of proposals, there were I think six or seven that actually dealt with that had come in that dealt with c&t eligibility for Unit 21(E) moose by residents of Unit 18. And those backlogged proposals were combined into two proposals, 45 and 46.

Proposal 45 was a proposal from this advisory council and also AVCP and the Kwethluk Joint Group. And this proposal requested that all residents of all of Unit 18 be considered to be eligible to hunt moose in Unit 21(E).

Proposal 46 was a proposal submitted by the Lower Yukon Fish & Game Advisory Committee, and the corporation there at Mountain Village. And that proposal requested that residents of communities in the Yukon River drainage of Unit 18 be eligible to hunt moose in Unit 21(E).

We had two proposals. One was specific to the Lower Yukon River drainage communities, and the other one was for all Unit 18 communities to be eligible. We've combined these proposals and done the analysis in one analysis here.

Once again I looked at any harvest ticket information I could find that might have shown us which communities had reported in the past hunting moose up in 21(E). And for the period of 1983 to 1994, there were harvest ticket reports from a bunch of communities. They're listed on the bottom of page 49 there, but it's Nenana, Galena, Nulato, Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, Holy Cross, Russian Mission, Marshall, Pilot Station, St. Mary's, Pitka's Point, Mountain Village, Emmonak, Alakanuk, Sheldon Point, Kotlik, St. Michael, Unalakleet, Scammon Bay, Hooper Bay, Chevak, Tununak, Mekoryuk, Toksook Bay, Chefornak, McGrath, Aniak, Upper Kalskag, Lower Kalskag, Bethel, Napakiak, Atmautluak, Kasigluk, Tuntutuliak, Eek, and Quinhagak. There was harvest ticket data showing that all those communities had hunted up in Unit 21(E) for moose.

Other than harvest information, there was some map information, some maps that were put together by the Fish & Wildlife Service when it was preparing it's CCP, comprehensive conservation plan, and also from the Fish & Game Subsistence Division when they were doing community based studies. There were I think we had map information from Marshall excuse me, from Russian Mission, also Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Upper/Lower Kalskag that indicated that they had hunted up in Unit 21(E).

There was information from people living in Bethel here, some elders that were together here, and people that were pilots that lived in Bethel. We were able to get together with some of those gentlemen and talk about hunting patterns back in the 50s and 60s by people living here. And those individuals indicated that there were people from Bethel that were going over, flying over to Unit 21(E) hunting back in the 50s and 60s. That continues today. That information is also incorporated into the analysis.

It's interesting that some of those Bethel pilots that were flying back then also recalled seeing people from Unalakleet who were also flying into 21(E) to hunt.

Matthew Beans, whom all of you know, who used to live at Mountain Village, living in Bethel now, reported hunting up in Unit 21(E) for the first or his first time at least in 1978.

So it appears that the pattern of use by Lower Yukon villages up into 21(E) by boat occurred primarily in the mid to late 70s, is kind of when that began.

Most of the harvest activities in Unit 21(E) occur during the fall season. There's data from the Division of Subsistence that indicates that residents of Russian Mission hunt most both during the fall and the winter, and that residents of Kwethluk accessed the area primarily during the wintertime. Access to 21(E) by Nunapitchuk hunters is primarily by boat during the falltime, up the Johnson River and on up into the drainages north of Kalskag.

In addition to those communities in Unit 21(E), which is Grayling, Anvik, Shageluk, and Holy Cross, the community of Galena, Emmonak, St. Michael, Tununak, Cheforak, McGrath, Lower Kalskag, Bethel and Eek also report harvesting moose during the winter season.

In table 2, you see there a listing of harvest ticket data summary for Unit 21(E), and it gives you some idea there of the community that through the harvest ticket reporting system of the state show that they have hunted up there. It's harvest information for their community there. I'll point out that some communities have hunted a few years, some only one year, and some have hunted for several years. Now, the second column over, there number of years reported hunting, just as an example, St. Michael, there's one year of data showing that a hunter from St. Michael went there. And if you look at Mountain Village and Emmonak and Alakanuk, Grayling and Anvik, and Bethel, you'll see that for the 12 years of data that are used in this analysis, for 12 of those years each of those years, there are residents from a few communities that have reported hunting there reach year.

Most of the hunting activity and the harvest activity is during the fall season.

Table 3 is sort of a summary of table 2, and that's at the top of page 53. And that table shows you it's kind of broken out by where in which unit, or which portion of the unit hunters reside in, and if you look there, for example, Unit 18, the Yukon portion of Unit 18, you see that on average for that 12-year period there were 59 hunters per year that report hunting up there. 96% of the harvest by the Lower Yukon villages in Unit 18 occurs during the fall season. The some that's unreported, unknown, we don't know what season it's harvested. But again, overall you can see that most of the harvest is occurring during the fall season.

I'll point out that residents of 21(D) which would be that would be Galena, in that area, the time of year that they were hunting down there, although there weren't very many hunters, the time of year they were hunting down there was primarily in the wintertime. Thirty-three percent of the harvest occurred during the wintertime.

Unit 19 and Unit 22, Unit 19 being the Aniak, Chuathbaluk, Kalskag area, Unit 22 being the Stebbins, St. Michael area, you can see there that there is some effort over there in the wintertime in 21(E).

On page 53, there's a description there of the communities for which there is information from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service mapping efforts back in '85 indicated that these communities primarily along the Lower Yukon, also Kasigluk, Atmautluak, Nunapitchuk, Aniak, Upper/Lower Kalskag, Akiachak, and Bethel and Napaskiak, Mekoryuk, Chevak and Chefornak, as well as most of the communities along the Lower Yukon do go up into 21(E) to hunt moose.

There's also information that shows that some communities don't go up there, and the available map information show that Sleetmute, Crooked Creek, Red Devil, Tununak, and Galena do not go into 21(E) for moose hunting.

There's some examples of some moose hunting areas documented by ADF&G, Subsistence Division, figures 1 through figure 4 show some subsistence hunting areas for the communities, and this is to give you kind of a taste of where people are going hunting, and, you know, if you look at figure 2 for Aniak, you can see that they're using primarily the southern portion, or the southwestern portion of Unit 21(E). On the other hand, when you look at figure 1 for Russian Mission, you can see that their uses of 21(E) extend well up above Shageluk on the Innoko River.

Information about how moose meat is preserved and prepared, how individuals, subsistence hunters in communities hand down knowledge about subsistence hunting, passing on of traditional knowledge and fishing and hunting skills, you're familiar with. Patterns of sharing and use of moose. And harvest of a diverse group of resources is also presented there in table 4. Excuse me, in table 5.

And table 4 is some moose hunting information for a variety of communities there, and this comes from Subsistence Division studies. And there you see now, we don't have every community there, because we haven't done studies in every community, but you can see there are listed the communities from Galena on down the coast all the way to the Emmonak, Sheldon Point, around to Tununak and then some on the Kuskokwim. Some idea of how many households are actively hunting moose, percentages of households that harvested moose, information about sharing and receiving, and an estimate of the number of animals harvested from that community study.

Unlike the other proposals where we basically have one conclusion, what we laid out here is three possible conclusions, three possible approaches, and I think that the number of approaches or conclusions are really limitless. The Council I think could probably come up with its own. But when we were putting together the information, and looking at what does the information point to, what conclusion can we draw from the information, and looking at the proposals, it appeared that there were at least three, and I'm sure more, ways to approach it.

One is that you could determine under preliminary conclusion option number one, you could say that, well, although map information and harvest ticket data is

available for some communities, and that data shows that they go up into Unit 21(E) and hunt, there exists some communities where we haven't done any surveys. There's some communities where we haven't done subsistence surveys. There are some communities that perhaps people don't fill out harvest tickets and report them, report their harvest if they went up in there and hunt. So the thought was that just because you don't have information showing that a community absolutely goes there, if there are communities around there, around the neighboring communities that do, it may be safe to assume that in fact other communities use 21(E) as well. Conclusion number one essentially concludes that, yes, residents of Unit 18 should have customary and traditional use of moose up in 21(E). All residents and all communities. That extends all the way down to Platinum, which is quite a ways away from Unit 21(E). It would also include the other villages for which there was harvest ticket information or map data: Stebbins, St. Michael, Unalakleet, Aniak area and so forth. That's one possibility.

The second option that is laid out here is that perhaps rather than include all communities, perhaps the next step is to let's include the communities for which we have information from, for which we have harvest ticket information that shows they go there and hunt there, or for which we have map information that shows that, yeah, they have documented that they go up there and hunt. Let's look at those two pieces of data and base your determination on that. Base the recommendation on that.

There are a couple of tables provided, table 6a and table 6b. Table 6a is for the Yukon River and the coastal area. Table 6b is for the Kuskokwim area. And in those tables, for each of them, you can see that the communities are listed. There are little check marks here of as to answer two questions. One is does the map information, subsistence map information that is available show the community uses 21(E). The second piece of information in that table is kind of the question, is does the available harvest ticket data indicate that the community uses 21(E)? Well, looking down through that on table 6a, you can see that, for example, for Galena, the map information indicate that they do not use 21(E). The harvest ticket information, however, if you go across, harvest ticket information shows that they do use 21(E). Likewise down the list. So for the communities of Russian Mission down through Unalakleet, the map information indicates that they do use 21(E), the subsistence map information. There's also map information that show that Chevak, Mekoryuk, and Chefornak use Unit 21(E). The map information shows that Scammon Bay, Newtok, Tununak, and Toksook Bay and Nightmute, however, do not use 21(E).

Well, this information is provided to the Council to help you kind of balance and weigh what information is available and what that information points to.

If you look at the harvest ticket data, harvest ticket information summary here, you can see that there are only five communities listed on that table 6a excuse me, all but five communities listed on that table have harvest ticket data showing that they use 21(E) for hunting moose.

There's similar information presented for the Kuskokwim communities in table 6b. That's kind of the last page here of the tables and figures. And once again we have map information for Chuathbaluk, Aniak, Upper and Lower Kalskag, that they do use Unit 21(E). There's map information for Akiachak, Kwethluk and Bethel, Napaskiak, Atmoutluak, Nunapitchuk, that they do use 21(E) for subsistence moose hunting. The available information though shows that the villages of McGrath down to Crooked Creek do not use 21(E) for hunting moose, that Akiak does not use 21(E) for hunting Moose, Oscarville, Napakiak, Tuntutuliak, Kongiganak, Eek,

Quinhagak, and Platinum. The map information show that they do not use 21(E). Data is missing for Tuluksak, Kasigluk, Kwigillingok, Kipnuk and Goodnews Bay. There's no data, no map data available.

On the other side, we look at the harvest ticket information. The harvest ticket data from the State indicates that McGrath, Aniak, Upper Kalskag, Lower Kalskag, Bethel, Napakiak, excuse me, Napaskiak, Atmautluak, Kasigluk, Tuntutuliak, Eek, and Quinhagak do use Unit 21(E) for moose hunting. There's no harvest ticket data showing uses in 21(E) by other communities than those I've mentioned here.

So the second option that I've mentioned is looking at both, look at where there's harvest ticket data and/or map data, use those together and determine that if there's either map data or harvest ticket data, then only those communities should be eligible. And by doing that, you can see that there will be some communities that won't be eligible, either those for which information is missing or where information shows they don't use 21(E). That would narrow it down to a smaller group of communities.

The third option is based essentially on only the map information. And that option essentially says this: harvest ticket data showing that one person from a community used 21(E) one time is not sufficient evidence to include that community to hunt there. That one year out of 12 by one person is not enough information, not enough evidence to show that that whole community, every household in that community, every resident should be eligible to hunt up there. Therefore, let's look at only the map data, let's look at where map information has been documented that that community hunts up in Unit 21(E). But that again would focus it down to even a small set of communities. And if we did that under this option, if this understanding this option, this last option, then you can look at where does map data indicate use in Unit 21(E)? And every one where it's marked yes would be included. Every one marked no or missing would not be included.

So I think that kind of wraps up the options. And I think there are other options, and I think maybe some of the other options might include some of the discussion items that we had over in Marshall at the Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee meeting, and I think perhaps Greg is going to address that during public comments, so I'll stop with that.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Mike. If there's any public comment from the audience? Go ahead.

MR. WILLIAMS: Do you want me to sit up

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Do I need to okay. Yeah. From listening to the report that I forgot your name.

MR. COFFING: Mike.

MR. WILLIAMS: Mike here stated that there are some residents that did not have any reports indicated in reference to subsistence use in Game Management Unit 21(E). It can be misleading and erroneous to totally base these harvest ticket uses as a way of formulating regulations in subsistence use by some residents. And for that reasoning, I do not want to support or affirm that such data would be correct, due to lack of reports missing or not included or turned in by those

customary and traditional usage of, for reasoning like those previous Advisory Council members that state that such regulations and boundaries stated by the managements has created a division and a disunity or in other words, disunity created by such boundaries and subsistence use by residents not stated, does not mean that those residents do not use such areas such as Game Unit 21(E) due to their beliefs that such Federal regulations or Fish & Game regulations has created problems in such in other words, I cannot really base your report as being a way of rally defining that some unit villages do not use other areas for hunting purposes. Customary and traditionally those communities may use those other areas, like you stated earlier. If there is evidence that other villages have utilized such game management units that you've mentioned, they should be included as well.

That's mainly what I wanted to say. Is that understandable, or do I need to explain myself further?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's understandable.

MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg, your turn.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was requested by the Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee to draft up the letter of February that you have, being passed around, dated February 21, and delivered to this Council. For your information as well, they are sending two representatives from that committee are going to the Western Interior Council in Holy Cross to bring the same message up there, and I would just read it into record, which they requested me to do.

It's addressed to

MR. COFFING: Steve doesn't have this. Maybe you could read it for Steve.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, I'm reading it in. That's why I was going to read it into the record.

MR. COFFING: Mention to Steve what you're doing.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. And specifically for Steve, since you're not here to see this, it's a letter addressed to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, Mr. Harry Wilde as Chairman, regarding customary and traditional use determinations in GMU 21(E), Proposals #45 and 46.

Dear Mr. Wilde: The Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee recently met in the village of Marshall on February 15 through 16, 1996. Nine of the 14 Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee villages had representatives in attendance, along with Henry Deacon of Grayling, Phillip Demientieff of Tanana Chief's Conference sub-regional offices, two representatives from the Holy Cross Tribal Council, as well as staff from AVCP's Natural Resource Department, State Fish & Wildlife Protection Division, and the Federal Subsistence Program. It was our hope that delegated members of the Western Interior and Y/K Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils would also be present at this meeting; however, only one of the four appointed, Mr. Deacon of the Western Interior Council, made it to Marshall.

The issues surrounding Proposals #45 and 46 were discussed at length. The unanimous consensus of the LYMMC was that there should be more time and opportunity provided for area residents from GMU 18 and 21(E) to get together and attempt to find some mutually acceptable resolution to their respective concerns. It is our understanding that the Y/K Delta Regional Council expressed the same desire on the subject at meetings last fall, but as yet such a meeting has not materialized. We respectfully request at this time the Y/K Delta Regional Advisory Council recommend the Federal Subsistence Board continue deferral of these two proposals to allow for this to occur. We are making the same request to the Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

Thank you for your consideration and support, and it's signed by the chairman of the Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee, Pius Akaran from Kotlik.

And I

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Greg. Do you have another?

MR. ROCZICKA: Yes, I passed out an additional letter from AVCP essentially echoing the same recommendation, and, you know, although, you know, we do see this as a high priority that needs to be resolved, allowing this continuing the deferral on this proposal is not going to adversely affect any hunting practice or the traditional efforts of any of the users at present.

I just would pass on a little bit of discussion that went on at that lower Yukon Moose Management Committee meeting. One of their greatest concerns was that they want to do everything they can to prevent getting in the same situation that they perceive has happened on the Kuskokwim, and I guess I'd reflect back to the back and forth discussions that went on just now on Proposal #41 where we were talking on just a few peripheral communities, and even a matter such as that got the discussion it did here at this table, and so they'd just like to go at it very slowly and give it a chance for the people still to get together, and hopefully we can get Regional Council representatives there along with the advisory committees sometime through the next year so that they can have a chance to try to work out some of this amongst themselves. And we would also in that meeting when we get it scheduled, would ask some of the Kuskokwim communities that have indicated that they feel they should have c&t use within that area also to attend the meeting.

That's again echoing through AVCP, we'd request that this Council recommend that the Federal Subsistence Board defer action on these proposals.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Take no action?

MR. ROCZICKA: Continue deferral.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg, my understanding that they're going to have a meeting at Holy Cross. Is there going to be any representative from Lower Yukon or any other place for that meeting. I don't know why we have to defer this proposal all the time. Every time when we have a meeting it does come up. If we take it out from our agenda, it's going to be the final taking out, and I don't know what kind of supporting we're going to give them. But it has been on our proposal for quite a while. I mean, on our agenda.

Paul?

MR. MANUMIK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I was going to ask how long are we going to keep deferring this

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

MR. MANUMIK: proposal, these two proposals here? How long are we how long is this Game Management Unit for the Lower Yukon going to work and come up with some kind of a plan that will work there that's to benefit everybody that utilize that area over there on the Yukon side?

MR. ROCZICKA: Uh-huh. I guess I would ask that you defer it at least until we can get a meeting together for people to sit down and talk about it, you know. At your meetings last fall, this Council designated two members to attend, and Western Interior designated their two members, and, you know, through the year we scheduled meetings three different times. People weren't able to make it. And I understand how that can get frustrating with people going different ways and the weather fouling things up and so on, but as yet, you know, people haven't had a chance to sit down and talk about it. And I guess as far as how long, one more year, or through another regulatory cycle is really not going to make a great deal of difference as far as moose hunting goes on up there. At least we could say we tried and made the effort, and hopefully can make things easier for, specifically for Lower Yukon residents, who are the ones that are most affected by this proposal, and who are the main ones that instigated it in the first place back in 1990 when the feds took over and this whole cycle, this whole proposal process went into play.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Greg,

MR. ROCZICKA: Oh, you asked me about if anybody was going up to the Western Interior, like I mentioned earlier, they appointed Cornelius Benedict from Emmonak and Stan Shepard of Mountain Village to attend the Holy Cross meeting.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Greg, I think if this gash (ph) and the Middle Yukon people are going to have a meeting at Holy Cross, your group from Lower Yukon should go up there, meet with those. We would like to take this these two proposals out of our agenda, you know. It's right now that we need to know more about what kind of problem they're having. I know they're not supporting each other right now, but we would like to know after you guys have a meeting up there at Holy Cross, if we need to support it or not, or we'll take it off from our agenda.

Mike?

MR. COFFING: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to mention that I think ideally what we want to avoid is having one council take one position strong, and another council take another position strong, and end up with two councils that have strong positions, recommendations then going to the Federal Board, and the Board hears recommendations two different directions, one from upriver, one from Unit 18 here, and they don't mesh. And it's hard for the Federal Subsistence Board then to know what's the best solution.

So I think although deferring it is not what any of us want to do, we want to see the problem resolved, I think there is understanding by the board and also staff and I think from the councils that the best solution and the one that's going to work is the one that the councils and the people that are affected work out themselves. So I would say, you know, talking more is probably good.

And in your recommendation, you know, you can make a recommendation for an option that's presented, or your own option. You can make a recommendation for what you want to see happen with the proposal, and then ask but we'd like for a decision on the proposal to be deferred by the Board until the two councils and the affected residents have a chance to talk to try to work out something as a consensus that works for all the people. And then come back in maybe next year with a joint recommendation that everybody can support.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Mike, we understand that, but we're not we don't like to put it continuously. There's three meetings in a row, Council, that this item has been on our agenda. It's something that have to be done, we have to completely move this proposal out, those two proposal out or not. So an effort, this have to be done I think instead of bring it to us all the time without any consider with two parties.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, I guess I realize it's been an issue that's been on the table for a long time. I guess from the meetings that I've been at, you've it only, these whole c&t determinations just became an active part of the process last fall, and that was the first time I had seen it acted on, you know, specifically, as far as a proposal that would get addressed at a regulatory level.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh.

MR. ROCZICKA: So I guess I saw it as only the one meeting, and there was the expressed intent at that time, and like I said, both councils did appoint people to try to get a meeting together, and although, you know, despite everybody's best attempts, that meeting has not happened yet, and I guess that's where we're coming from there. And then plus the concerns that were echoed from the Lower Yukon Moose committee.

They came to that conclusion on their own. There was no reflection as to any kind of what had happened with past board's. None of that had happened prior to them making that recommendation that they'd prefer to see this deferred.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any other if there's no other, any other, we thank you, Greg. Randy, do you have any? Yeah. Thank you.

MR. KACYON: Yeah. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just going to echo what Greg said, that the Lower Yukon Moose Management Plan wants to defer this. I guess I would have to support that. And one of the reasons I see is the experience we had a couple years ago or last year with the August moose season. We ended up with a request for reconsideration. I don't want to see that happen, I guess, people battling over things. I think and it may be a good idea for the Western Interior Regional Council and this Council, the Lower Kuskokwim Advisory Committee I mean, Lower Yukon Advisory Committee, and the Central or Middle Yukon Advisory Committee getting together to discuss this, and I think we can come up with some kind of maybe a better c&t finding for the 21(E).

The other comment I had is, you know, based on the moose check station data that we have for at least the last ten years, it does show that Lower Yukon Villages do use 21(E), especially between September 15 to 25th, and I've got documented information on that, that I can provide to this committee next time.

And the other comment I had was, that Mike made and I disagree with a little bit, is I agree that the harvest ticket information is sometimes missing, and it only may represent one person going up there for one year, but I also think the

map information indicates the same thing, and we can't I think the map information sometimes is lacking also. I think a lot of times the map may extend all the way from the Kuskokwim to 21(E), but that doesn't mean that everybody from the Kuskokwim goes up there in 21(E), because I've been up there for ten falls, and I've never seen anybody from the Kuskokwim go hunting over there in the fall, except by aircraft. And I guess maybe the map should be a point to point rather than a big gray area, saying that they use this area all the way to 21(E). And, you know, a good example of that is I went pig hunting last year in Hawaii, so does that give me customary and traditional use of pigs in Hawaii, you know, the whole western hemisphere?

I don't think this point to point data is very accurate. I think we need to find some consistency in the data. If people consistently use 21(E), then that map should reflect that consistency. And if people hunted over there in 1981 from say Akiak, and they didn't go over there until 1995 again, so there's all these years of missing information. You can't just say that people hunted over there just because they used it once.

But I do think that the Lower Yukon villages all the way from Russian Mission down to Sheldon Point have a legitimate gripe about c&t use of that area, because I've known at least three generations of people from Mountain Village that go up there every fall.

And but I do support what the Lower Yukon Moose Management Planning Team wants to do, because I think if they get together with the folks upriver, they can come up with a better idea of what c&t use, what time of year the use should take place, and how many villages should be included, and I think we may come up with some better analysis by those villages.

That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Paul?

MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, thank you. And I'd like to ask a question to Mike, maybe Mike and maybe Randy can answer part of it. And the question I have is for Proposals 45 and 46, would it be possible for this Regional Advisory Council to go ahead and adopt whatever findings that we have on customary and traditional use with a clause at the end of each proposal with additional pending findings to be adopted as time requires? Would that be feasible for these two proposals?

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. Paul, I think essentially you want to give some direction to the Federal Board on what you want them to do with the proposal, and

MR. MANUMIK: No, no, stop here. The reason why I ask is because we need to have some record, something on record to show for 21(E) on c&t.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. Paul, I'm not sure what you're suggesting. This Council could recommend adopting the proposal. You could recommend amending it and then adopt your amendment and then adopt the proposal. You can do just about anything you want. I think that essentially just provide whatever clarification you need on what the Council's intent is, provide the clearest and most succinct direction to the Federal Board on what this Council wants done with this proposal when the Board meets in April and May, and your recommendation, whatever it may be, can also include some wording that you want

the Councils and affected users to also continue discussing this issue, and maybe make some modifications or changes to it later.

MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. My question was we have quite an extensive findings that are recorded on I mean, from your report here, but my question was if this Council can go ahead and adopt these findings for the Federal Subsistence Board to look at, pending if there are any further findings, that they will be incorporated into these proposals for Unit 21(E) under customary and traditional use.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. Paul, I guess what I'm hearing is that you'd want any additional information, whenever that information becomes available, to be incorporated into the analysis and consideration in how to act on the proposals. And if that's the case, then what I would suggest is that the Council recommend not taking recommend deferring the proposal at this time until you have sufficient information that you think is needed to make the decision you need to make.

MR. MANUMIK: Yes. Exactly. Yeah.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Mike, if you'll remember, that this was already presented to Subsistence Board, and their answer was work with upriver and downriver, and that that's this is the one that I presented over there when they had a board meeting. And last year we were supposed to get together with upriver people, but we didn't make it. I don't know. I think me, myself, I would prefer to take no action until what has happened between Lower Yukon and Upper Yukon, and then whenever we'll put it on a working item if they decide how to do it, and I think we would be able to put it on the Council's agenda and then work on it, because if we continuously put it on agenda, to me it's just a waste of time, because the same thing, the same proposal, never take no action. Yeah.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Coffing again. More as a technicality, I think what I would if the Council's recommendation to the Federal Board is to take no action, then once the Board meets, and they if the Board does determine to take no action on it, then it will die. It won't be on the table any more, and it will have to be proposed again. It will have to be written up and proposed again. If you suggest take no action, then that's what they do. If you suggest deferral, then it stays alive, it stays on the table, and it doesn't have to be written up and proposed again. It can be simply taken up again and you kind of basically keep it moving, and it won't you won't kill it, which is what will happen if you take no if no action is taken on it. It's more of a technicality, but if you would like to see continued discussion on it, and you want to keep it alive, then a deferral would be, I think, the recommended way to go.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. If there's any other what is the desire of

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: the Council? We could take this two, 45 and 46.

MR. COFFING: I think I heard Steve White.

MR. ANDREW: Steven White, yeah.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes. I am requesting what action the board want, both of these, 45 and 46 at this time. I am opening the floor for motion or something from the board. Take both of them. They're same concept anyway.

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: Support (In Yup'ik) 45 (In Yup'ik) discussion (In Yup'ik).

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. There's a motion on the floor to support 45 only after discussion. If there's any second?

MR. MANUMIK: Second.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Paul. Discussion?

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Steven, go ahead.

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik) Proposal 45, 21(E) (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that Unit 21(E) is unaccessible only in all terrain. And there's some people that hunt in Unit 21(E) by flying. There's no road. Or it's most of the time residents in Lower Kuskokwim or Lower Yukon concerning moose have access only by snow machine or by plane to hunt in Unit 21(E).

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana, Steven. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: This proposal was presented to the board last meeting and it's been in there, the upriver and lower villages should meet before any board accept this proposal. And he's stating that there's going to be a meeting in Holy Cross sometime this spring, and it will include Lower Yukon villages or representatives from them. And this proposal should proposal will be brought up. These proposals should be presented after the Holy Cross meeting.

MR. WHITE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: There's not he's stating that in that Holy Cross meeting they should include somebody from this region, from Lower Kuskokwim region, and when this issue is brought up in Holy Cross meeting. Right now everybody's subsistence users right now have access to 21, because they have modern equipment like snow machines, big motors and airplanes. In the past when there was no planes or snow machines, everybody went by sled or dog team.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana, Steven. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry's is asking the Board if what should be done with these proposals 45 and 46. He's asking Moses I mean, Steven White to address his motion again concerning these proposal 45, 46.

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: And Steven White states that he made a motion to accept Proposal 45.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven, (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Paul Manumik is asking Steven if it was Lower Yukon Advisory Committee, and AVCP want these proposals deferred until the Holy Cross meeting.

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that he wants somebody from this region to attend and explain to the Lower and Upper Yukon parts when they meet in Holy Cross.

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's asked about

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. MANUMIK: Ee-ee. (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that the Lower Yukon villages and Upper Yukon villages is they want to defer Proposals 45 and 46 until they meet up in Holy Cross.

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

CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any second to the motion?

MR. MANUMIK: Yeah, (In Yup'ik) We're under discussion.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Discussion, if there's any more discussion? If there's not, roll call.

MR. MANUMIK: Roll call. Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White? Oh. Steven White?

MR. WHITE: In favor.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White's motion I mean, response was yes to the motion. David O. David is absent. Gene Peltola is absent. Chuck Chaliak is excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, you have five yes, and three absent, one excused.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, at this time we're going to break for lunch and come back 1:30.

(Off record - 12:15 p.m.)

(On record - 1:30 p.m.)

(Interpreter not present at start of afternoon)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. BAVILLA: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. Wassilie Bavilla from Quinhagak. I'm been asked to represent the Native Village of Quinhagak IRA. (In Yup'ik) Proposal 36, Unit 17(A) moose. (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. (In Yup'ik) I'm sorry that we start speaking Eskimo. I find out that you didn't have no translator there, and the concern was Proposal 36, Wassilie Bavilla is from Quinhagak. (In Yup'ik)

MR. BAVILLA: Yeah. My name is Wassilie Bavilla, that we had a public meeting over in Quinhagak, that we're supporting Proposal Thirty- to include us in Proposal 38, Unit 17(A). Thanks.

MR. COFFING: 36.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. At this time that (In Yup'ik). You guys got any questions, Council? Yeah. Quyana.

MR. BAVILLA: Thanks. Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before we start, before we're working on Proposal 49, I want to (In Yup'ik) Joe Lomack, quyana, (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANDREW: Francis.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Francis Charlie. (In Yup'ik) Quyana. (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: The meeting's been called back to order.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: The next proposal is 49. Mike?

MR. COFFING: Yeah. Thanks, Mr. Chairman. Okay. Maybe it would help me, maybe just a general question out of context here, but has the Council taken action on 36 or are you going to do that after 49?

(Whispered conversation in Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Maybe after 49, we could work on 46

MR. ANDREW: 36.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: I mean 36, 37, and 45. Or you want to rather take 36 first? What you rather do, finish this one and move to this? Right now that Steven White don't have any Proposal 49.

MR. COFFING: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I would be ready to move on to any proposal you'd like to. We have

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, I think we'll take care of this paper first. It's Proposal 36, 37, 45.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Mr. Chairman, I don't have that paper, so I'm not sure what you're looking at there. Forty-five we did just before lunch, unless you want to come back to it, but if you would like me to proceed with Proposal 49, I'll be happy to do it. Okay. Mr. Chairman, would you like me to proceed with Proposal 49 then?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. COFFING: Okay. This is a proposal and a proposal analysis that is not in your handout. This was brought to our attention Monday after the Seward Peninsula Council had met. This is a proposal that deals with the customary and traditional use eligibility for Unit 22. Now, Unit 22 is Norton Sound area, Stebbins, St. Michael, up in that area. The proposal would provide a positive customary and traditional use determination for all the residents in Unit 22 to have to be eligible for subsistence caribou hunting on federal lands in Unit 22.

The reason that we wanted to bring this to your attention on the Council is this unit is next to Unit 18, and we felt that the Council might have knowledge of residents in Unit 18 perhaps that go up into Unit 22. As the proposal is written now, for caribou hunting excuse me.

Dave, do you have your proposal booklet with you? I don't have that proposal in front of me, all I have is the analysis. It's not in that one.

MR. FISHER: For Unit 22? 49?

MR. COFFING: Yeah, it's not in there. In not in that book. It should be in the proposal booklet.

MR. FISHER: No, I don't have it.

MR. COFFING: Well, in essence, Mr. Chairman, I think what would be useful for this Council to consider is if there are residents in Unit 18 that hunt caribou in Unit 22, and if so, this Council might want to recommend those communities be added to eligibility for Unit 22 caribou, if you so desire. The Seward Peninsula Council was only looking at communities in Unit 22. They weren't looking outside of Unit 22.

The conclusions at the end of this analysis is to support that proposal with a modification. And the very last page, next to the last page essentially has what the recommendation is. And the recommendations for Unit 22 caribou are that residents in Unit 22, except St. Lawrence Island, would qualify for subsistence uses in Unit 22. There's no mention of anyone well, and residents of Unit 21(D) west would also qualify, and residents of Unit 23 and 24. There's currently no mention of residents in Unit 18.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, Unit 22, this is caribou concerning Arctic Herd? That's what they are?

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, well, that's part of it, and if I could clarify. There is a determination for Western Arctic Herd currently in there. Let me pull up the determination specifically here, and look from it and read from so I'm correct here. You can see that and I'm looking, for your benefit, on page 122 of your regulation book. I'm on page 122. I'll give you a moment to find that. And I'm at the very top left column of that page.

And up there you see it says Unit 22, Western Arctic Herd only, rural residents of 21(D) West, of the Koyukuk west of the Koyukuk and Yukon Rivers, and residents of Unit 22(A), 22(B), 23, 24 and 26(A). Below that you see Unit 22, except for the Western Arctic Herd, no determination. This proposal if adopted would essentially say caribou, Unit 22, residents of Unit 22 let me pull this up. Residents of Unit 22, and also residents of 21(D) West, west of the Yukon and Koyukuk Rivers, and rural residents of Unit 23 and 24.

So what the Council wanted to do is rather than just look at separate herds, Western Arctic Herd, and other caribou, they wanted to just say, let's say caribou. Just caribou in general, and make a determination for caribou for all of Unit 22. And that's what this would do. It would say caribou anywhere in Unit 22, residents of Unit 22, and residents of Unit 24 and 25, would be eligible for subsistence.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: And that Unit 18 is not eligible?

MR. COFFING: That's right. Currently. That's why we wanted to bring it to this Council.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think right now that Unit 18 is now start involving in the Western Arctic Herd, and when it was past north side of the Yukon River, it didn't say Western Arctic Herd. It didn't say. Only the caribou. I don't know what the Board wants, but as me as from Yukon River, I would like to see Unit 18, north side of Yukon River, and the people in the Yukon River eligible for this herd with not only Unit 22. How that would be worked, I mean, if it's

MR. COFFING: Well, yeah, Mr. Chairman, I wonder if we have Steve White on. I'm not sure Steve heard your comment there, but perhaps

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Steven. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: This Proposal 49 is for caribou, Western Arctic Herd only. He's reading this again, Western Arctic Herd. That residents of 21(D). And that on this proposal, only Unit 22 can hunt caribou from this Western Arctic Herd, and he's stating that the herd north of Yukon, they would like to be able to hunt this Western Arctic Herd. He's stating that north of Yukon River villages should be able to hunt and Unit 21(D) to hunt Western Arctic Herd caribou.

MR. WHITE: Quyana.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, if I might add here, I think what would be useful, if there are Council members that have knowledge of communities in Unit 18 that hunt caribou in Unit 22, that would be worthy of mention here. One of the things, of course, we'll want to add is some justification, and some of that justification could be your local knowledge of what you know has happened there.

On the other hand, the Council might want to be careful, too. It may be that you don't want to include all of Unit 18, because then you're including everybody to be eligible for Unit 22, and it's likely that my thought is it's likely that it's probably the Lower Yukon villages primarily that go over there, and not Bethel, not Eek, not Quinhagak, and so forth.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, to let you know, that there's eligibility those people could hunt north side of the Yukon River, customary and traditional use from Russian Mission down to St. Michael and Stebbins, and Hooper Bay and Chevak. Those people. Those areas that customary and traditional use should be included on this Unit 22.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I think I understand now. So what I'm hearing from you is that those villages, specific villages listed eligible north of the Yukon should also be added for Unit 22, and only those villages, right?

MR. MANUMIK: Well, Mike, this is Paul. I know of residents from Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay, Sheldon Point, Alakanuk, Emmonak, Kotlik do go to Shaktoolik area to hunt this Western Arctic Herd, but then like Mr. Wilde says here, I would like to include anyone else who any other village who has participated in this hunts to do this Western Arctic Herd to be included in that in this proposal here, Proposal 49.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thanks, Paul. I might refer the Council members to actually page 98 of your regulation book, and in there we can see specifically the list of those communities that Harry was referring to. Page 98 of the regulation booklet, the orange Federal regulation booklet. And there you see in Unit 18 north of the Yukon River Alakanuk, Andreafsky, Chevak, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Kotlik, Kwethluk, Marshall, Mountain Village, Pilot Station, Pitka's Point, Russian Mission, Mt. Mary's, St. Michael. They're St. Michael is already included. Scammon Bay and Sheldon Point would be added according to your recommendation.

Mr. Chairman, I guess I would for a point of clarification ask whether you wanted whether it was the intent of the Council to keep Kwethluk listed in there in your recommendation for Unit 22?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any comment from the public concerning caribou 22.

MR. ROCZICKA: Quyana, Mr. Chairman. Greg Roczicka of AVCP. We're in support of this proposal to include those villages north of the Yukon, and we'd mention that this is another one that we also had as backlog c&t proposal for Lower Yukon residents in GMU 22. So, thank you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Fritz? Yeah, quyana.

MR. GEORGE: Quyana, Mr. Chairman. I've got a question concerning let's say sooner or later this Western Arctic Caribou Herd are going to probably cross the Yukon and sort of decide what if they decide to settle in the gula (ph) behind the Yukon and Kuskokwim. If that do happen, then maybe later on we're going to add some villages so we can be able to hunt, is that correct?

MR. MANUMIK: Those that are all listed here. (In Yup'ik)

MR. COFFING: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I think did you get the answer to your question, or do you want me to answer, respond to that?

MR. GEORGE: Please?

MR. COFFING: Okay. Well, I guess what I would point to is that the proposal that's there now is saying let's not be specific to Western Arctic. Let's make a determination for caribou anywhere caribou or any herd in Unit 22. So essentially if villages have a tradition of hunting in 22, then and that information isn't available now, in theory that information could be brought at a later time, and perhaps another proposal to include them could be possible.

MR. GEORGE: Yeah. Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion from the public? (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 49 is for Unit 22 for residents of Unit 22, to determine is Western Arctic only, residents of Unit 21(D) west of Koyukuk and Yukon Rivers, and all residents of Unit 22(A), 22(B), 23, 24 and 26(A). And he's stating that all villages from Russian Mission on down all the way north into the Hooper Bay, Chevak, and Scammon, including communities north of Yukon, Stebbins, St. Michael. If there's caribou, and there's a proposal that the villages that were mentioned can hunt, and there's a limit of five caribou within Unit 22. Since caribou was introduced in this region, everyone was open to hunting.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any more comment? Yeah, Mr. Lomack. (In Yup'ik)

MR. LOMACK: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that Stebbins, and St. Michael, including (indiscernible) bear (ph). He's stating that those village used to there used to be caribou in this region, including and right now he's stating that caribou from St. Michael/Stebbins area, this Western Arctic Herd, is growing and it's and the caribou are starting to migrate down toward Yukon side. Right now Western Arctic Herd. And he's presenting Mike his paper, photocopy of his and right now the caribou, Western Arctic Caribou Herd has grown, and right now he's stating that everybody should be included in this proposal. The caribou in the past or when they first was introduced had ownership. They were owned by you (ph), and he's naming those companies that have owned those caribou, and everybody had within the villages including upriver villages, that they used to have herd and when they were first introduced to caribou into this region, there was some hundreds of them at the time. And the Kilbuck Caribou Herd are starting to migrate downriver to Lower Kuskokwim and Marshall. Kuskokwim River.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. LOMACK: Kilbuck Mountain.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah. Uh-huh.

MR. LOMACK: Kilbuck Mountain (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: There are he's stating that he's just stating that Kilbuck

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: And it's 49. Understand that he's mentioned his name, where he came from. Mr. Francis Charlie, we're accepting

MR. CHARLIE: Quyana. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He wants to thank he says he's happy and glad. He said he cannot understand or read English, but he can talk in his language. He's stating that we should be fighting for our subsistence rights, and all these animals or furbearing animals, they are here to be we should they should be managed by we shouldn't be over-harvesting, make regulations, make sure that we don't over-harvest so that future generations will be able to hunt. And he's just stating that caribou, that when were introduced to upriver, up north, are from this region. And he wants to thank he said he wants to thank upriver (ph), and he wants to state that everybody should be sharing all the subsistence animals, including this should be shared by everyone.

MR. CHARLIE: Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana, Francis. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's opened the board the board have heard, to make a motion on Proposal 49, including

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: Fritz make a motion to accept 49, Proposal 49, including those villages north of Yukon River.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANVIL: Second.

INTERPRETER TINKER: Seconded by Antone Anvil.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. GEORGE: Question.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Question (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: Question has been called. Roll call vote on Proposal 49.

MR. MANUMIK: Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Steven White?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven White, (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: In favor.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White's motion vote was yes. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: David O. David is absent. Gene Peltola is absent. Chuck Chaliak is excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, you have five yes, and three absent, one excused.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Quyana. Next proposal.

MR. COFFING: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, bear with me. Again I'm going to ask for clarification. Your action on 49 was to modify it to include the villages, and then you support the proposal with that modification, is that correct?

MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Thank you.

MR. GEORGE: Did you get that?

MR. COFFING: Uh-huh. Got it. Okay. Mr. Chairman, I'm ready for maybe 36?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thirty-six.

MR. COFFING: Would that be okay?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: It's okay.

MR. COFFING: Proposal 36 is the one that Mr. Bavilla spoke about earlier, and this is a proposal from this Council, introduced by Mr. Steven White last fall. This proposal requests that, and I'm on page 40 of your analysis booklets there. This proposal requests that Quinhagak be added to the determinations for customary and traditional eligibility for moose in Unit 17(A).

Currently the current determinations for 17(A) moose is for the residents of Unit 17, also the residents of Kwethluk, Platinum and Goodnews Bay. This proposal would include Quinhagak with those I've just mentioned.

I was down in Quinhagak in December and spoke with elders there, and got together with a group of people to talk about their uses over in Unit 17(A). And I think the analysis speaks for itself here. Residents there told me that their community, people in their community have a long history of hunting over in 17(A) for a variety of species, including moose. Some people that live in Quinhagak today lived for several years in Twin Hills, and when they were over there, they hunted moose in Unit 17(A). Most of the people that live in Twin Hills now are actually original residents of Quinhagak, and Quinhagak residents continue to maintain their ties with both Togiak and Twin Hills, and travel over there. They interact with people through commercial fishing activities, but also subsistence activities and other cultural events, such as religious holidays and so forth.

Residents also told me that they continue to travel up the Kanektok River up into the headwaters of the Kanektok, cross over into the drainages of the Kisaralik, up through Trail Creek up into the Upper Togiak drainage, and hunt that portion of 17(A).

There's a map on page 43, and although we have not mapped subsistence hunting areas for Quinhagak specifically, when I was there, I did have a map and people gathered around the map and described areas that they used in general, and the

time of year that they used those areas. And what I learned there is that people travel up into the headwaters, as I mentioned, of the Kanektok by snow machine. People traditionally did that by dog team. Some elders in Quinhagak told me they'd done that on foot in the past. And although the travel methods may have changed over time, people continue to use those areas for a variety of things including furbearer hunting and trapping and also caribou hunting and moose hunting in association with those other activities.

Some areas of 17(A) are accessed by boat as well, and people have boated up the Togiak River from Quinhagak when they were living in Twin Hills. And people from Quinhagak have also been invited to come to Togiak and to go to Twin Hills and go hunting with their Eluks (ph) over there, to go moose hunting, or go hunting up the Togiak River and Togiak Lake. And they have done that.

Residents also reported that they travel up the Kanektok River by boat, and they go up to near Klak Creek and they can boat up that a ways and then hike over just hike over a ridge and get into one of the lakes there. And if you look on the map, if you follow up the Kanektok River, you'll see the name of a lake there. And my writing on that map is a little small, so I'm not sure I'm going to pronounce it right, but anyway people would go up Klak Creek, park their boat and then hike over for bear hunting and caribou hunting and moose hunting. But they would hike over into that lake and hunt the lake area during fall time. And people continue to do that now.

There hasn't been a moose hunting season in Unit 17(A) since I think December of 1980 is when that season was last open. So since January 1 of 1981, there has not been an open moose hunting season over in Unit 17(A), therefore there is no State harvest ticket data that would indicate that anybody's harvested moose in Unit 17(A), since the season has been closed.

Residents also pointed out travel routes from Quinhagak over to Goodnews and then across the Peninsula there to Togiak, and people continue to use those travel routes for going to Twin Hills and Togiak and hunt when they're going back through there.

The recommendation and the conclusion here in the analysis is to include Quinhagak in that determination for moose in 17(A). And I'll repeat, the moose season is still closed. There is no open moose season there. So adding Quinhagak to this determination would not automatically provide them moose-hunting opportunities there, because the season's closed. There are some proposals that we'll talk about in a little bit that propose opening up that moose season, but this wouldn't allow people to harvest, it would just acknowledge their eligibility for moose over there.

That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. (In Yup'ik) Proposal 36. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that this proposal was talked about in last year's meeting concerning moose in Unit 17(A). Existing regulation was residents of Unit 17, and residents of Goodnews Bay, Platinum, and Kwethluk, and proposed regulation he's stating that Mr. White brought this up. And is there any other comments on Proposal 36. And Oscar Larson.

MR. LARSON: Good afternoon, board members. My name is Oscar Larson. I didn't bring along my existing Federal regulations. Could you clarify the existing season and bag for this particular Unit 17(A), Mike?

MR. COFFING: Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I did that earlier, and I'll do it again. And that's in the analysis on page 41 here. And currently residents of Kwethluk, Platinum, Goodnews Bay and all the residents of Unit 17 are eligible. That's the way it is now. So you have all the residents of Unit 17, and then in Unit 18 you have Kwethluk, Platinum and Goodnews Bay. This would add Quinhagak.

The moose season in terms of bag limits and seasons, the moose season is currently closed. There is no open moose season. It has been closed for about the last for about the last 16 years there, since 1980.

MR. LARSON: Mike, since this season's closed, or this unit is closed for moose season since 1980, will it include to include the season and bag limit if this proposed regulation is to be supported? Thanks.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. No, this proposal is only for c&t, only for recognizing who's eligible. There is a separate proposal, and that's Proposal and in fact, we may not get to it today, but there will be Proposal 37 and 38 will address the moose season. And I think this week the Togiak Traditional Council, the Togiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee, the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, and Fish & Game staff are meeting to discuss the possibilities for a moose season over in Unit 17.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry's asking the board if they could accept Proposal 36.

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Steven? Yeah, (In Yup'ik).

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that sometimes you could prepare. He's stating that one of the elders from Quinhagak brought this up and that's how come he

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry asking Steven White if he's for Proposal 36.

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: And Steven's answered.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. GEORGE: Second, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: On the Proposal 36, Steven White (In Yup'ik), Fritz George second (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: If there's any discussion concerning 36 proposal? If there's
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MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead, Steven.

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: On Proposal 36, he's saying that they wanted to be
Quinhagak one of the elders brought it up that they should be included to the
residents of Goodnews Bay, Platinum, and Kwethluk, and one of the elders from
Quinhagak brought this up. That's how come he brought this proposal to this
board. And he's stating that he is for this Proposal 36. And he's stating what
this Proposal 36 is. It's on 17(A) moose.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana, Steven. Discussion. (In Yup'ik) Oscar
recognize (In Yup'ik).

MR. LARSON: Yeah. Quyana, Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik) Proposal #36, Kwethluk
Joint Group (In Yup'ik) no action (In Yup'ik). Quyana.

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that Kwethluk joint meeting on Proposal 36, no
action was made at that meeting in Kwethluk.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any more discussion? Francis?

MR. CHARLIE: Quyana, Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He wants to thank the Chairman. He forgot to mention his
name. He's Francis Charlie from Hooper Bay. He wants ask he wants to ask,
he wants to find out if Federal and State, its staff, he's understanding that
both Federal and State proposals and

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, Francis. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry's stating that he wants to explain to him subsistence
he's stating that this board works on Federal and

MR. CHARLIE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He wants to find out if the question was is Federal and
State working together on this proposals.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Yeah.

MR. CHARLIE: Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik). Go ahead, Greg.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Quyana, Mr. Chairman. Greg Roczicka, AVCP. We are also
in support of this proposal, and concur with the preliminary the conclusion
of the staff analysis. Thanks.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Greg. Any more discussion? If there's not, roll
call.

MR. MANUMIK: Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White?

MR. WHITE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: David O. David is absent. Gene Peltola is absent. Chuck Chaliak is excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, you have five yes, five in favor, and three absent and one excused.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 36 is passed.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Next proposal?

MR. FISHER: Who made the motion on 36?

MR. COFFING: Steven White I think. Mr. Chairman, a clarification. The motion that you just voted on, was that motion by Steven White that you voted on?

MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

MR. COFFING: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, there are three proposals left, two of them, which are Proposals 32 and 33, deal with a caribou season in Unit 17(A). Proposal 1, which is a statewide proposal, deals with use of motorized vehicles for hunting. I'll be happy to do Proposal 1, the motorized vehicle proposal for you, and Dave Fisher's going to do Proposals 32 and 33.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, go ahead.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Steven, for your benefit, we're going to start here with Proposal 1. That is on page one of your green booklet. And I think what I'd like to do here is to explain to the Council, I hadn't read through this until this morning, so I understand what it's doing now.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Before you do, let me (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He wants Harry is saying that if anybody wants to use the headphone if you can

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead.

MR. COFFING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think the way I want to simplify this for you is to tell you this: There are regulations statewide that restrict using vehicles while you're hunting. And for our area here, basically the current Federal regulations say that if you're hunting by boat, that before you can shoot out of the boat, you have to have the motor shut off. That's the way it is now. The regulations also currently for our area say that you cannot shoot from a snow machine. And what I mean by that is even if you're out hunting, and you want to shoot a caribou or something from a snow machine, even if you shut the snow machine off, legally you cannot sit on that snow machine and shoot. Or be on the snow machine and shoot. Now, people may not hunt that way, but that's the regulation now.

This proposed regulation would change that. And essentially what this regulation would allow you to do, it would make it more consistent, although not entirely consistent, but it would make it more consistent with the current State regulations. If this proposal is adopted, it would mean that you could shoot from a snow machine if the snow machine was sitting still. You could use it for a rest and shoot from it. However, you still couldn't shoot from it while you're travelling on it. You can't have a snow machine, and it says motorized vehicle, motorized land vehicle or air vehicle, that would be an airplane or something like that. But I'm using a snow machine as an example here, because that's what most people that are out there on the land are hunting from. That or a four-wheeler.

This proposal, if adopted, would allow you to shoot from your snow machine. You couldn't be driving it while you shoot, but you could still shut it off and sit there and use the windshield or the handlebars as a rest to steady yourself and shoot. That then would be legal.

If the proposal is adopted, it would also allow you to shoot from your boat without having to shut the motor off. You could not be under power with the boat. The motor couldn't be pushing the boat. But you could still not have to shut the motor off before you could shoot. That's the way it is now. This would change that.

So this proposal is put in here by Fish & Wildlife Service to better accustom the regulations to what people are actually doing here, shooting from snow machines sitting still or four-wheelers or whatever, or boats with motors still running.

Is that clear enough? Do you want me to go through the analysis any more, in any more detail for you?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: I think it's clear enough, but I would like to make it I would like to make it clearer by Yup'ik for the audience sake. I think I will ask our coordinator here make sure that (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: He wants John to read in Yup'ik what

MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's reading this proposal. The first page. He's stating that we cannot hunt or shoot from snow machines or on boat excuse me, from boat while the boat or the snow machine is on. You can shoot only when the boat is actually stopped or by the river bank. The same thing with snow machine or four-wheeler. And John's reading this proposal, existing regulations on page one.

Taking wildlife from a motorized vehicles, except from a motor-driven boat if the motor has been completely shut off and the boat's progress from the motor's power has ceased. And

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Bill McCann from Napakiak.

MR. McCANN: Personally, I'm going to ask you about the proposal that you brought out, specially on the aircraft. If it's on aircraft?

MR. ANDREW: It's part, yeah.

MR. COFFING: Yes.

MR. McCANN: Right now the aircraft, we have a law of aircraft, we cannot hunt any animal within 24 hours.

MR. ANVIL: (In Yup'ik)

MR. McCANN: Billy McCann.

MR. ANVIL: (In Yup'ik)

MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANVIL: Yeah.

MR. McCANN: (In Yup'ik) Bethel. So what's going to happen to that aircraft on the 24 hours limit also, because every time I go with the aircraft, I have to stay overnight 24 hours before I shoot animal. And one time I had the aircraft, and I got it for hunting, put on float and lock on rim (ph). I can't do it no more. Out of luck. So what happens there? Can I go hunt with airplane and shoot from the airplane after I shut my motor off? Not sit there 24 hours. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: There's a law that you cannot shoot if you're hunting by plane, you cannot hunt caribou or moose same day on the you can hunt 24 hours later if you're hunting by plane.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Dave, will you respond to that?

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry Wilde is explaining to Steven White about this proposal, same day, same hunt, if you're hunting moose or caribou, you have to wait 24 hours in order to before you hunt.

MR. COFFING: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I'll try here. You know, there are some, and I want Dave to correct me here if I'm wrong, there are some game that you can shoot the same day you fly. It doesn't apply to all game. Fur bearers, for example. So I guess what I wanted Billy to know is this isn't going to make it any easier for people that are hunting caribou and bear and big game to go out,

fly the same day and shoot. It's not meant to change that at all. It's not meant to change that at all.

I think maybe we ought to think of it in context of subsistence hunters and really what people are using out here to go hunting, and although people access their hunting area, I don't think there are subsistence hunters that are currently going out with airplanes and shooting from airplanes or chasing people chasing animals with airplanes and shooting them while the motor's running, but

I guess I can't tell you exactly why aircraft are in there, but I think the reason they're in there is to cover all the bases so there isn't maybe a loophole there for people that might be using aircraft. That would be my response. And I guess I'll let anybody offer any thoughts they have. Dave, do you have any?

MR. FISHER: Well, in 1994 the State regulations, they made a change in '94 that

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

MR. FISHER: the State permitted the taking of game from a motorized land or air vehicle as long as that vehicle is not moving.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, we need to have speaker every time when you guys speak, because there's someone listening in this over there. He was requesting that half the time he don't hear what you were saying. I think it would be good to have a speaker in front of you every time when you talk. Quyana.

MR. FISHER: I'll repeat for you, Steve. Sorry to leave you out there. There's been a State regulation in place since 1994, and these regulations permitted the taking of game from a motorized land or air vehicle as long as that vehicle is not moving, and the engine is not running. However, there's an exception made for Unit 23 where you can take caribou from a snow machine when the engine is running. And all Proposal #1 would do, would make Federal regulations in line with the current State regulations. Right now the way it is, the Federal regulations are a little bit more restrictive than the State regulations, so this would align the regulations across the board.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: On this proposal it's just he's stating that it's to recognize as Dave Fisher had said, shooting from snow machine or from boat. Reading through this proposal, motor-driven boats and snow machines can be used to take caribou and moose; however, shooting from snow machine is prohibited. Motor-driven boats and snow machine may be used to take caribou, however, shooting from a snow machine in motion is prohibited. And he's stating that he's reading proposal, existing regulations. He's asking the floor if there's any comments towards Proposal 1.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Greg, go ahead.

MR. ROCZICKA: Quyana, Mr. Chairman. Greg Roczicka, AVCP. We are in support of this proposal as well. And one of the things that's not mentioned there about shooting, for example, from a snow machine is it also it prevents possibly wounded animals and stuff. When you have something to rest and shoot across, it makes for a more accurate and better hunting practice also. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana, Greg. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: AVCP support Proposal 1. And he's looking to the board to make a motion on Proposal 1.

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

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven White has moved supporting this proposal, if there's any second?

MR. GEORGE: Second. (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by Fritz George. Discussion. If there's no discussion, roll call.

MR. MANUMIK: Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Harry Wilde, yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White?

MR. WHITE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: David O. David, absent. Gene Peltola, absent. Chuck Chaliak, excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, you have five yes, three absent and one excused.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Next proposal?

MR. FISHER: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The next two proposals are #32 and 33, and I'll try to be pretty brief on these. They're fairly easy. But before I do that, I'd like to kind of show you on the map here what we're talking about.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay.

MR. COFFING: Dave, just remind them that this is the ones that were handed out. They're not in the booklet.

MR. FISHER: Yeah. These two proposals were handouts, so they won't be in your booklet. They'll be handouts. Both proposals deal with yes, sir?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven White, just to let you know that these are just a handout, you don't have it in front of you.

MR. FISHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Both proposals deal with caribou hunting in Unit 17(A) west of the Togiak River, and I'd like to show you here on the map the area we're talking about. It's this area right here. It's actually between the Togiak River and Unit 18.

The c&t determinations for that include rural residents of 9(B) and residents of 17, as well as residents of Lime Village and Stoney River. These people are eligible to participate in caribou hunting, caribou harvest seasons in 17(A). Also the residents of Kwethluk are eligible for that.

Proposal 32 was submitted by the Togiak Fish & Game Advisory Committee, Proposal 33 was submitted by the Bristol Bay Subsistence Advisory Council. Proposal 33 is actually a carry-over of a special action that the Board adopted last year. And like I say, both proposals deal with caribou hunting in Unit 17(A), and this has to do with the recent expansion of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd, and also the expansion of the Kilbuck Caribou Herd. In late 1994 and the early part of 1995, animals from both herds came down out of Unit 18 into 17(A), and at that time there was a special action submitted to allow for a hunting season in 17(A).

Now, a special action is only good for one year or when the current season expands, so Proposal 33 and 32 would make that special action, would make that a permanent regulation.

There is a difference between the two proposals. Thirty-two would allow for a caribou season regardless of how many caribou are present in that portion of 17(A). Proposal 33 would allow for a caribou season when there's a substantial number or 10,000 animals present. This would be determined by the Togiak Refuge staff and the Fish & Game staff in Dillingham.

Basically the staff recommendation on these two proposals was to take no action on 32 and support Proposal 33. I'll be happy to entertain any questions anybody may have. It might be just a little confusing to you, but

CHAIRMAN WILDE: What is the desire of the audience here? Do you have any comment on any one of those? Yeah. (In Yup'ik) Wassilie, (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Wassilie Bavilla from Quinhagak.

MR. BAVILLA: You lock it? Yeah. On this Proposal 33, since they're talking about 17(A) concerning caribou hunting. Since it's moving south between Quinhagak and Jacksmith Bay and Quinhagak. I mean, excuse me, to Goodnews Bay. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's in favor of Proposal 33. He's in support of Proposal 33.

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: He wants to accept Proposals 32 and 33 separately instead of voting on both of them at the same time. He's asking the board

CHAIRMAN WILDE: I'm going to open the floor for discussion or motion for Proposal 32.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah?

MR. MANUMIK: Wassilie, were you talking about 33?

MR. BAVILLA: Yeah. Support it.

MR. MANUMIK: And then, Mr. Chairman, Harry's talking about 32, so

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thirty-two (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's asking if he's got proposal different.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, Greg.

INTERPRETER TINKER: Greg Roczicka from AVCP.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah, quyana, Mr. Chairman. Greg Roczicka, AVCP. We are in support of Proposal #33, which is also consistent with the latest amendment that was made to the Quailnguut Caribou Management Plan at their meeting last November where they expressed a desire that there be an opening in that area when significant numbers of caribou are present. That was to address the Mulchatna Herd, and the intermixing of both herds. Specific numbers as of yet have, you know, not been established. They weren't really in agreement with the 10,000, and there's work in progress to adapt the regulatory language to accommodate that.

As far as Proposal 32, we would recommend that no action be taken at this time on that proposal. It's you know, we don't how the situation may change from year to year as far as the numbers go. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Thank you, Greg. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: AVCP proposes 32 no action from AVCP.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven White, (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's asking

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He said he couldn't hear when AVCP speaker.

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: Wassilie Bavilla from Quinhagak moved for Proposal 33 and he's asking the Council right now if they want to accept Proposal 33. Or make a motion to accept it.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Council, opening the floor now for accept or reject this Proposal 33?

MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Fritz George motion to Proposal 33.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Fritz George has moved. How you move, Fritz?

MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Supporting accepting Proposal 33. If there's any second? I will ask one more time if there's any second?

MR. MANUMIK: Second.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Second by Paul. Any discussion.

MR. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Fritz?

MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah.

MR. GEORGE: Quyana. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Fritz, he's reading on issues, the season would be announced by Togiak National Refuge, and would occur between August 1 and April 15, but

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. I think that Mike, will you respond to that? How come it's so late, opening the month of that certain month, the concern is that in that certain month that these caribou seem to maybe they're (In Yup'ik).

MR. GEORGE: My concern is my elders in my home town, Akiachak, when we met some time ago, our elders didn't support the very late opening in the season. The pregnant cows, they say when they're chased down with snow machine or when they're harassed by someone, maybe even an airplane, miscarriages took place, and they come out dead, the caribou fawns. And my question, Harry, is why is it open too late, the middle of April, when the pregnant cows are pretty big, about one more month to go before the baby caribou is born.

MR. COFFING: Yeah. Thanks, Fritz, I'll respond. I think the primary reason there are several. One is that currently there's interest in keeping the season dates between the State regulations and Federal regulations as similar as possible so that people aren't confused about whose land are they on, and is it open now where I'm at, and where I want to go hunting, or is the State season different from the Federal season? There's interest in keeping some consistently between the State and Federal reg- you know, season regulations. I think that's the primary consideration. The State season is April 15th. It is August 1 to April 15th, and I think that's the primary reason for wanting to have the Federal season dates the same is to reduce the confusion and the chances that somebody might be on the wrong piece of land and not know it, and be illegal if the season dates are different. I think that's the primary reason.

MR. FISHER: That is one of the primary reasons. Along that Togiak River drainage, there are some State lands, and there's also some private lands, so that's taken into consideration with this season. Also, for this part 17(A) for the Mulchatna and the Kilbuck Caribou that come down in that area, those animals would probably be gone by probably March or so. They would migrate back to their calving areas and be out of Unit 17(A). So there wouldn't be any animals there as late as April. There haven't been in the past, and I not for there could be some in the future, but I doubt. But the main reason was to parallel the State and the Federal regulations.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Wassilie, you have

MR. BAVILLA: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Wassilie Bavilla from Quinhagak. He's stating that he was stating that instead of a closing date of April 15, it should be March 1 on this proposal.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Francis?

MR. CHARLIE: Quyana, Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's not in favor of that latest I mean, the late closing date. April 15 is a little too late. He states that when and this caribou, sometimes it's hard to determine a female or males. Sometimes even though they get hunters sometimes hunt, when they hunt gets

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. (In Yup'ik) Go ahead.

MR. WILLIAMS: (In Yup'ik) Proposal 32, 33 handout. (In Yup'ik).

CHAIRMAN WILDE: They're supposed to have it over there. You have to look around, find the things yourself.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven, (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He said he's asking if Steven understood what Fritz George suggested of moving the April 15 closing date to like say March, because by then, April 15th is calving time.

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that they were meeting up at Akiachak, the elders weren't in favor of this April 15th closing date on Proposal 33. And Wassilie Bavilla suggests that or recommended that it should be from August 1st to March 1st before calving season starts. And Francis Charlie was in favor was not in favor of this April 15 closing date.

MR. WHITE: Yeah, Mr. Chairman? (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He says he didn't hear Francis. He was he's stating that there are that April 15th He's stating that when people hunt, they chase the caribou. He's stating that in last minutes I mean minutes of the last meeting, he's stating that he's in favor of Wassilie Bavilla's opinion that April not April 15, he's in favor of Wassilie Bavilla's March 1 closure. He said he couldn't hear what was being said because

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Harry there has been He's telling Steven White that on this Proposal 33, the board can amend the August 1 and April 15 closing date.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: End of March? How you guys want to amend it? Go ahead.

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

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, the only thing I wanted to offer, I heard March 1st being mentioned, and I thought it might help the Council if you knew what if you knew when the caribou season closed in the area on both sides of it. When does it close in 18 and when does it close in parts of 17, so that maybe you can whatever date that you're going to suggest as a modification, it be one of those that is adjacent to it. So instead of having maybe two or three different seasons or instead of having four or five different closing dates, try to keep it down to maybe a couple.

And I thought maybe one way to do that is refer you to a map in your regulation booklet. On page 95 for Unit 17. If you could if you want to take a look at that, I can real quickly tell you when the season dates close in that area for those different units, and it might give you a better picture and a better understanding of how you might want to suggest a closing date for Unit 17(A). It's on page 95.

Well, on page 95, I guess the first thing I want to mention to you, that Unit and I know we're not talking about Unit 19, but I think it would be useful for you to know, that Unit 19(B), which is at the very top, the caribou season closes April 15th. And what I've done is I've just written those in on my map here. April 15th for Unit 19(B). Unit 17(B), it closes April 15th. Unit 17(C) it closes April 15th. Over in Unit 18, which is on the left side of that, the Federal season closes March 15th, and the State season closes March 31st in Unit 18. There is a portion of Unit 17(A) and 17(C) down along the Nushagak Peninsula just a little bit east of Twin Hills, that's for the Nushagak Peninsula Herd, and that season closes March 31st.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Mike, will you please talk direct to phone, because

MR. MANUMIK: Steven doesn't hear you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Steven is never hear you even you talk.

MR. COFFING: Steven, can you hear me all right?

MR. WHITE: Yeah.

MR. COFFING: Okay. I'll try again. Steven, I don't know whether you have a regulation book or not, but we're looking at a map do you have a regulation book there?

MR. WHITE: No, I don't have one. I'm listening you know, I listen to you, but I have seen regulations way ahead of this time.

MR. COFFING: Okay. Thanks, Steve. Well, I was going through the map and describing when the current Federal seasons close for areas around Unit 17(A).

MR. WHITE: Uh-huh.

MR. COFFING: Okay. So Unit 19(B) is closed Unit 19(B), 17(B) and 17(C) all close April 15th. Unit 18 closes March 15th under the Federal regs, and under the State regs, Unit 18 closes, at least this area that we're talking about closes March 31st. There's a portion down along between Manokotak and Twin Hills, down on the Peninsula where there is a Federal hunt for Nushagak Peninsula caribou, and that season closes March 31st. So, you know, it seemed

that that area that we're talking about in Unit 17(A), you've got a March 31st season on both sides of it, and an April 15th season on at least the northeast side of it there. So whether you know, maybe that would help you come up with a season date. I don't know that March 1st is a good one, because it's going to maybe add some confusion. But perhaps March 15th, March 31st, or April 15th would be doable. That's all I have.

MR. WHITE: Yeah, my recommendation would I would recommend March 31st to implement that hunting season in area 33, merge it with 18.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Steven White (In Yup'ik).

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay. We have to speed up, because I've got one hour or otherwise I will not go home today, only tomorrow. So I've never been home for two weeks now. I've got to make it home.

Yeah. Steven, what amendment (In Yup'ik).

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's asking what

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's in favor of March 31st closure date instead of April 15th. But he's saying that in Proposal 33 to be between August 1st and March 31st instead of April 15th.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Discussion. Is there second to amendment?

MR. GEORGE: Second.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by Fritz. Discussion on amendment?

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman. (In Yup'ik) closure from April 15th to March 31st. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He wants to amend the closing date, instead of April 15th to March 31st.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) At this time roll call.

MR. MANUMIK: Yeah. Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White?

MR. WHITE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: David O. David, absent. Gene Peltola, absent. Chuck Chaliak, excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, on the amendment to closure date of March 31st, you have five yes, three absent, and one excused.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Steven White, (In Yup'ik) Roll call, Secretary?

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, on the main motion to adopt Proposal #33, with the amendment included. Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White?

MR. WHITE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: David O. David, absent. Gene Peltola, absent. Chuck Chaliak, excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, you have five yes, three absent and one excused.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Quyana. (In Yup'ik) Proposal 32.

INTERPRETER TINKER: Proposal 33 passed. Next Proposal 32.

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman. The analysis that Dave Fisher provided to you and spoke about incorporates both 32 and 33, and the recommendation the conclusion actually was to adopt 33 and take no action on 32. That's what we're suggesting. So with that, we'll leave it with the Council.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: What is the desire of the Council? The floor is now open to a motion on 32.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven, (In Yup'ik).

MR. WHITE: Yeah.

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: To Steven White, on Proposal 32 no action should be take, because Proposal 32

MR. WHITE: Yeah, (In Yup'ik)

MR. ANDREW: No action on (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik) Steven White moved no action on 32. Is there any second?

MR. ANVIL: Second.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Seconded by Antone. Discussion?

MR. GEORGE: Question.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: The question's been called for. Roll call.

MR. MANUMIK: Proposal #32, no action. Harry Wilde?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Paul Manumik, yes. Moses Nicolai, absent. Fritz George?

MR. GEORGE: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Steven White? Steven?

MR. WHITE: Yeah.

MR. MANUMIK: (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

MR. MANUMIK: Okay. His response was yes to 32. And Moses Nicolai is absent. Fritz George? Oh, I'm sorry, I'm going back. David O. David, absent. Gene Peltola, absent. Chuck Chaliak, excused. Antone Anvil?

MR. ANVIL: Yes.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, on Proposal 32 you five yes to take no action, three absent and one excused.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana. Next proposal? You've got a couple more?

MR. COFFING: No, Mr. Chairman, I think that's all that we have today on the proposals for you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. Thank you. Quyana. I should clap my hands, but I didn't.

MR. WHITE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah? (In Yup'ik)

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Establish the time and place of next meeting.

MR. WHITE: Yeah. Quyana. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's asking to be excused.

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman. Before you go, Steven, (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Paul Manumik suggested that they've met in Yukon already, and he's suggesting that next meeting be in Kuskokwim region. And he's stating that Paul Manumik suggested that meeting be held in Akiachak, and Fritz

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: So our next meeting at suggested to be the next meeting is

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay. (In Yup'ik) Akiachak, October 3 and 4. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: And next meeting October 3rd and 4th. The place of the next meeting is Akiachak. And he's excusing Steven White until next meeting.

MR. WHITE: (In Yup'ik) Good luck.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Okay. Thank you. We have no more teleconference. However, that we've got some more to work on. One on our agenda is review extending is that extending?

MR. ANDREW: C&T. Existing.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Customary and traditional use, review and backlog of customary and traditional use proposals. Mike Coffing?

MR. COFFING: I grabbed for the mike here. I want Steve to hear me.

(Laughter)

MR. COFFING: Mr. Chairman, yes. I want to be real brief. I know time is of the essence. I have one handout here. I'd like for you to take one of these and pass them on. There's some on the back table there for people in the audience.

What I'm handing out here, there are two items. This is a summary of the existing customary and traditional use eligibility determinations as they are today for Unit 18 and also units that are adjacent to Unit 18. The other paper is the second part of item (b), and this is you'll recall last fall we had a list of proposal backlog, and we prioritized those. And out of that came there were a bunch of them for moose in Unit 21(E), black bear, and some other.

Since we've dealt with some of those proposals, this list now is smaller. So in essence, what I would like for the Council to do is to look at what you have left, look at what remains on this backlog, and again I guess I'm looking for some guidance. Staff is looking for guidance from the Council on the remaining customary and traditional use proposals that are backlogged. Give us some direction on priority one, two, three and so forth. Which ones you'd like us to work on perhaps for next cycle.

John? Excuse me, Mr. Chair. John, could you maybe perhaps explain what we want to do here so that so it's clear? This is the remaining backlog. This is all we have left, and we're just wanting some direction from the Council again on prioritizing these, which ones you want, which ones you think are important,

MR. ANDREW: Uh-huh. Okay.

MR. COFFING: most important, on down the list.

MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: John is speaking backlog on c&t proposal for Region 5, the Yukon-Kuskokwim. And he's reading proposal, where the proposal came from and he's reading this one, Mike, the backlog c&t proposal for Region 5, Yukon-Kuskokwim, of proposals submitted by Akiachak on Proposal 43, from Akiachak IRA, Proposal 42. AVCP, Proposal 38. And Bristol Bay Native Association, Proposal 113. Akiak and Akiachak IRA on Proposal 26. And

MR. ANDREW: You're asking them to prioritize what we've got in here listed?

MR. COFFING: Yes.

MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that the Council should prioritize these proposal.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do you want to respond right now?

MR. COFFING: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I guess I want to lay this out in front of you to see if you, if the Counsel you know, we dealt with some of the proposals and reduced the backlog. I wanted to get some direction from the Council, what do you as Council feel is a priority for staff, me and John, to pulling together proposal analysis, on which ones you'd like us to be working on in the future here. We may

MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: John is stating that they want to have the board which proposals should they should prioritize these proposals that are being brought up.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: What is the desire of the Council? Fritz?

MR. GEORGE: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: The way it is?

MR. GEORGE: Yeah. (In Yup'ik) The way it is.

MR. ANDREW: You've got that Michael?

MR. COFFING: I think what I'm hearing you say is that you want moose one, caribou two, black bear three, brown bear four, and marmot. Is that right?

MR. GEORGE: Yeah.

MR. COFFING: Okay.

MR. ANDREW: In that order, the way it's listed.

MR. COFFING: Okay.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: We cannot vote on it, so we just recommend, go ahead and do it. Correct?

MR. MANUMIK: Mr. Chairman, I have one question, Mike.

MR. COFFING: Uh-huh.

MR. MANUMIK: Concerning 21(E) on moose, even though that proposal is not settled there in the Yukon, in 21(E), the way it is prioritized I mean, the way it is listed here on your backlog. I would go along with just the way it is, the way it's listed.

MR. COFFING: I think that if the 21(E) proposals that we've been discussing today here are deferred, that they're going to end up being probably priority one.

MR. MANUMIK: One, yeah.

MR. COFFING: Does that make sense to you?

MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

MR. COFFING: Priority one. And then we'll come down this list and work through it that way. So that one's going to stay toward the top.

MR. MANUMIK: Yes.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Okay.

MR. COFFING: That's fine. I'm

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Do you have any more?

MR. COFFING: No. Doy.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: He's stating that there's

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Other new business. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: on new business, under (c), he's stating that subsistence should be number one priority, and he's stating that some of the board members have never showed up to meetings. And he's stating that it's important to have board members present, and he's saying that this board is important, and they should have been selected or become the board members, they should be attending the meetings. And under new business there's alternate for board. And he's stating that they can't make any motions since there's only four board members, they cannot. There would be they were going to select alternates, alternate board members, but since there's only four of them, they

can't make alternates until that is changed. And since there's not alternates and there's been he's stating that all the entities in Bethel, Fish & Wildlife Conservation, AVCP, or other agencies in Bethel, with February meeting, they should let this board know so the meetings wouldn't be overlapping each other.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: I want to make sure that we don't have to conflict with YKCC or AVCP or other entities here that are having meeting together.

Not only that, we were talking about we need to have somehow alternates for our members. I think the only time that we would do our business the way the business is supposed to be going if we have alternates.

And also, another recommendation that we would like to put court records transcript as official minutes.

Those are the ones we would like to. However, that we don't have no quorum here, we can't do nothing. Those things that we need. Earlier that we're supposed to have a quorum this afternoon earlier, we were saying that we're going to ask the we're going to ask someone here, staff, we need to have alternates for these Council here. We've got to have something. We've got we cannot be continue working like this. We need help from staff. We need your help in order to do a better job than what we're doing right now. So if you could help us some way, that somehow, we would appreciate it. We need alternates, because there's some so many some of the Council involved in so many things, they were not able to attend. And these things that we need, I think that's far enough, and understandable what I'm saying.

Next on our agenda is Council or staff or agents comment. I would like to hear your comment as a staff or agent or council. Let me take staff, agents comment first. I'd like to hear your comment. (In Yup'ik) Mike? I think, Mike, how you feel about what we're doing right now. The way we're doing, we're just like a cripple here sitting. We couldn't even really accomplish nothing, because just like walking on one leg. I would like to hear from you.

MR. COFFING: Well, Mr. Chairman, I guess, you know, I think all the Federal staff hope that all the Councils have a chance to get a quorum and get all the members in for meetings and discuss the proposal analysis, discuss the proposals in full, give them their full consideration, and get input from really the experts out here that are on this Council. That's why you were selected. You're knowledgeable of the issues, and I think the more people you have that show up for your meeting that are members, the better this Council is going to function. And I think, you know, all of us share your frustration of cancellation of meetings and difficulty in getting quorum. It's hard on everybody, and I guess I would just echo what you said about getting people in, and maybe having some mechanism that we can get some representation on the Council, or alternates or whatever, so that when we do get together, we're able to get our business done and do the best job possible. And we're all here to work for the resources and work for the people in the region, and it's hard to do that unless we have everybody involved.

So I especially the patience of each of the Council members that are, your dedication to sit through some difficult times, and with cancellations of meetings, and you don't get a paid a lot for being here. I realize that. You don't get paid anything for being here in fact. And I just want you to know that I think the Federal staff, all of us, appreciate the dedication that each

of you have to continue working through the Council and trying to make this Council and public process work successfully.

That's all I have. Thanks for letting me be part of it.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Okay. Any other staff want to have a comment?

MR. DENTON: I might say again here, repeat what Mike said, I greatly appreciate

COURT REPORTER: Please would you come up to the microphone?

MR. DENTON: Oh, yeah.

COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

MR. DENTON: I keep forgetting. Is that we greatly this is Jeff Denton from BLM, and we greatly appreciate your efforts under really kind of adverse conditions on this meeting. I do know that we are becoming more aware all the time of the need to get the quorums. We have problems with all meetings, because there's so few people, of you folks that are involved in so much, that it's very difficult to make these meetings. We do make a concerted effort when we do the screening to ask people that are potential nominees if they will make the effort to make these meetings. And we do actually talk to several people about people's ability to make these meetings. And much of the problem of getting a quorum is circumstances beyond all of our control. And so I'm hoping that we're more aware of it now, and if we can come up with ways to improve that, we'll give it every effort. And we need your help probably, too, if you have suggestions, too, of ways that we can better screen folks so that you can get your quorums for these meetings. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Well, thank you. Any other agency? Yeah, go ahead. Come to a phone here. I'm sorry.

MR. STROM: Yeah, Denny Strom for the Fish & Wildlife Service here at Bethel. And I would like to commend the Council for their support of some of the management programs that we've done here with like the Lower Yukon Moose Management Committee, and the upcoming one that we'll be doing on the Yukon or on the Kuskokwim here. Your support is going to really make that effort work. Thanks.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah, thank you. Next let me ask AVCP, Greg? Go ahead.

MR. ROCZICKA: Yeah. Quyana, Mr. Chairman. I guess I live in that same frustration that you do as far as trying to get meetings together, and a limited number of people involved in so many things. I know when we do try to get meetings together, I call every place I can think of, Lower Yukon, up and downriver, and all the different places, and try and also the State and the Federal staff, and around the region or that have anything to do with the region to do everything we can so that any meeting is not in conflict with something else. And, of course, with the weather getting thrown in and all of that, you end up postponing, and then meeting the time gets shorter and shorter, and here we are at the end of February, you know, trying to get everything done. I'll continue to try to do that.

I guess your suggestion of alternates is one that we thought of as well, and I think we ought to put something into the process and perhaps Dave Fisher here,

when you get back, you can pass that on to Taylor, since I understand he's the supervisor of the whole Regional Council program throughout the State, that we that some regulatory language be drafted up that can be put into the Federal Register and go through all the necessary administrative and bureaucratic hoops to get this into place, because as I understand it now, it's not there's no provision for that, for an alternate, and I think that's something that I think can be taken care of just through administrative processes, and getting it in the Federal Register, and having it get its blessing up through the Secretary of Interior for the Subsistence Program.

And along with everybody else, I'd appreciate my thanks and appreciation for you guys giving your time and effort for no easy job. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Any other agencies have comment? If there's not, I'm going to ask staff, do you have a comment?

MR. ANDREW: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Go ahead, John.

MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman, quyana. Thank you very much. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: John is stating that, he said that it's kind of hard to be coordinating the meetings. At first when this board was selected, they used to attend the meetings. Right now there's too many meetings going on that conflicts, like for instance Fish & Wildlife Goose Management was having a meeting and one of the board members was excused to go up to attend that meeting. Sometimes he would he said he would like to have a secretary, sometimes it's hard trying to get everything, like this meeting, he has to do everything himself. A secretary but he's been working And he wants to thank the Refuge.

MR. ANDREW: And outside of our minor problems with arrangements, the Council membership attendance, I would like to thank the Refuge for providing us support, especially providing our Council members and our guests with a vehicle to transport them around. That I could not do with my little, tiny truck. And I appreciate the people that come in to testify right before us. That makes things slightly easier for our Council to work with. Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Yeah. Thank you. And I think one of the comments that come from me, at least two comments. One is we were talking about earlier there's some way that like someone that meeting in someone's place, like one of the Council, they never get no nothing, or compensate something from the meeting. Like they just volunteer their time, that sit, and they couldn't do nothing beside that. We were talking about that earlier, if that's possible, so way that it should be paid or some kind of per diem or something for the meeting, even though we're having a meeting the same place where the Council was. I hope that is possible that you guys could, staff could look into this, how it would be done.

And the other of that, I want our coordinator to find out how many people how many Council are missing two times, because our charter requires if the Council miss two times, it will be automatically terminated as a Council. I think it would be good right at this time that if our coordinator look into that and let us know who has been missing twice.

Also that it may be last time, I would like to ask Councils if they've got any comment? Paul?

MR. MANUMIK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. During months of each during the days of each month, first, the second and the third week are very, very hard for me to get away from. I'm very heavily filled up for those two weeks. The second and the third week. So the first and the last week are open, most of the time are open for me. That's all I have. It's very hard for me to travel on the second when this meeting is the Regional Council is meeting on the second or third week. It's hard for me to be here. I have two statewide seats that I'm on, and one from Bethel here. YKHC. (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Uh-huh. Fritz, do you have anything?

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

INTERPRETER TINKER: Fritz is stating that he didn't like the way the board went yesterday, quit early and extended the meeting today. He's stating that he'd like on the next meeting, he'd like to see the meeting continue from morning until evening instead of having to cut off like yesterday early.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Antone, do you have anything?

MR. ANVIL: Yes. I have problem, too, you know, that I'm on the Waterfowl Conservation Committee and on Subsistence, and then this so happens that they both had the same meeting at same time, you know. I just can't be in two meetings at the same time, so I was glad that AVCP president had agreed that I come to this Subsistence meeting, you know. And it's very hard for, you know, some other Council that they have some place to go, and then they have another meetings so very important, they have to take and miss the meeting, and I think it would be better to send out a word to whoever is going to run for the Council seat, you know, to inform them that they're that if they want to be on the Council, they have a job to do, and they have to attend all the important meetings. And I think this Subsistence Council is very important for our area, you know, Yukon-Kuskokwim area, and everywhere, wherever it's designated that we have to attend no matter what, you know, as long as you're not sick, to be cannot attend the meetings, you know. But it's for the Council that are applying for the seats, you know, I think they should be informed that they have a very important decision to make, that they have to that there's a lot of work, and very important for our area that we are on this Council. Quyana.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Quyana, Antone. (In Yup'ik)

INTERPRETER TINKER: Any request to

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Even though it's not here on agenda, benediction. I'm going to ask Joe Lomack if he could (In Yup'ik).

MR. LOMACK: (In Yup'ik) (Gives benediction)

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Someone make a motion to adjourn?

MR. GEORGE: Move.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: Moved. Second?

MR. ANVIL: Second.

CHAIRMAN WILDE: All those who favor it say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

(Off record - 3:50 p.m.)

(END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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