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2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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7 VOLUME I

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9 Aurora Inn  
10 Nome, Alaska  
11 February 21, 2007  
12 10:30 o'clock a.m.

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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Mike Quinn, Chairman  
18 Peter Buck  
19 Vance Grishkowsky  
20 Peter Martin  
21 Elizabeth Mokiuk  
22 Myron Savetilik  
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24 Regional Council Coordinator - Barbara Armstrong

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Nome, Alaska - 2/24/2005)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, good morning. I'm Mike Quinn and I get the responsibility and credit of calling this meeting to order. And then I'll also do the roll call, so I guess we'll start with that.

I'll just go by the signs.

Myron, I see he's here -- I know he's here.

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

CHAIRMAN QUINN: But he stepped out. Okay. Peter Buck.

MR. BUCK: Here.

CHAIRMAN QUINN: Mike Quinn is here. Clifford Weyiounanna.

(No comments)

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Absent.

CHAIRMAN QUINN: Vance Grishkowsky.

MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Here.

CHAIRMAN QUINN: Elizabeth.

MS. MOKIYUK: Here.

CHAIRMAN QUINN: And Peter Martin.

MR. MARTIN: Here.

CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Elizabeth, I'd like to welcome you to the Council. Nice to see a new face here and thanks for taking the time.

So, Barbara, I have a question, do we have a quorum to actually do a meeting?

MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, you do, Mr.

1 Chair, you have a quorum.  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, then we'll  
4 continue. Well, I thanked Elizabeth, I guess I'll sort  
5 of -- well, Elizabeth, why don't you introduce  
6 yourself.  
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8 MS. MOKIYUK: I'm Elizabeth Mokiyuk  
9 from Savoonga and I serve as the secretary, Native  
10 Village of Savoonga.  
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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. I guess we'll  
13 just go through everybody again. Mr. Martin introduce  
14 yourself.  
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16 MR. MARTIN: Peter Martin, Jr.,  
17 Stebbins. Being involved with the IRA for the past  
18 four years but finally got out and I'm taking a break.  
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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Vance.  
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22 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Vance Grishkowsky,  
23 Unalakleet representing sportfishing and recreational  
24 use, guiding.  
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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Again, I'm Mike Quinn.  
27 My seat is also a sport/commercial seat. They didn't  
28 specify, but Peter and Elizabeth are both subsistence  
29 seats, I believe.  
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31 Mr. Buck.  
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33 MR. BUCK: Yeah, my name is Peter Buck,  
34 and I represent the subsistence part, White Mountain,  
35 and just glad to be here.  
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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks. I'm  
38 going to put things on hold for a second and get Myron  
39 here.  
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41 (Off record)  
42  
43 (On record)  
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45 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Morning. We were just  
46 introducing ourselves, so, Myron, you're next, why  
47 don't you introduce yourself.  
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49 MR. SAVETILIK: My name's Myron  
50 Savetilik, Shaktoolik.

1                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: And you're also a  
2 subsistence seat.  
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4                   MR. SAVETILIK: Yes.  
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6                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Okay, we're  
7 going to check our agenda, it must be in here, uh?  
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9                   MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's not it.  
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11                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: That's not it.  
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13                  MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's in your book.  
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15                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, it is in my book.  
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17                  MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Ask everyone to  
18 introduce themselves, too, there's some new people out  
19 there.  
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21                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. I guess I got  
22 to make all you people out there introduce yourselves  
23 as well. There's at least one new person anyway. So  
24 I'm just going to start on this side of the room.  
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26                  MR. HAYNES: Terry Haynes. Division of  
27 Wildlife Conservation, Alaska Department of Fish and  
28 Game, Fairbanks.  
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30                  MS. PERSONS: Kate Persons. Wildlife  
31 biologist for Fish and Game here in Nome.  
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33                  MR. RISDAHL: Greg Risdahl. I'm the  
34 newest Office of Subsistence Management biologist,  
35 Anchorage.  
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37                  MR. SPARKS: Tom Sparks. BLM,  
38 Anchorage Field Office stationed here in Nome.  
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40                  MR. TOCKTOO: I'm Fred Tocktoo,  
41 National Park Service, Nome.  
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43                  MR. ADKISSON: Ken Adkisson, National  
44 Park Service here in Nome, Subsistence Program Manager  
45 for the Western Arctic National Park Lands.  
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47                  MR. KORCHIN: I'm Paul Korchin with  
48 KNOM radio in Nome. That's K-O-R-C-H-I-N.  
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50                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm Helen Armstrong.

1 The cultural anthropologist that works with this  
2 Council from OSM in Anchorage.

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4 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I'm Barb Armstrong,  
5 coordinator for Seward Penn.

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. I want to ask a  
8 question here before we move on to the next item.  
9 There's two State people, the Park Service people and  
10 the BLM people, I never see anybody from law  
11 enforcement attend these meetings, I don't think,  
12 except for there was a Park Service guy here at the  
13 last meeting. Is it your guy's opinion that generally  
14 we don't need enforcement officers here to deal with  
15 questions and stuff that might come up?

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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.

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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We don't need them?

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.

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23 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. That satisfies  
24 my question. Okay. So now the agenda, which is right  
25 here, right, Page 2?

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27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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31 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mike, I have one  
32 addition to the agenda.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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36 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's to add Proposal  
37 32 to the agenda after Proposal 51 and 54. You need  
38 to add Proposal 32. It's in your packets. Proposal  
39 32.

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41 Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Then I guess  
44 I'm looking for a motion to.....

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46 MR. BUCK: I move to accept the agenda.

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48 MR. MARTIN: Second.

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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, moved by Mr.

1 Buck, seconded by Mr. Martin. Discussion.  
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3 (No comments)  
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5 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.  
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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Question. All those  
8 in favor say aye.  
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10 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Those opposed.  
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14 (No opposing votes)  
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16 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. Okay.  
17 Now, we're going to go through the minutes from the  
18 last meeting. I'm not going to go actually through all  
19 these. I'm hoping and assuming that everybody's read  
20 them, I mean the Council members have read them. I  
21 know, Elizabeth, you weren't here for the last meeting,  
22 hopefully you've looked these over and got an idea of  
23 what we talked about and that kind of explains what the  
24 stuff on the agenda is dealing with.  
25  
26 So I'm looking for a motion to adopt  
27 our minutes.  
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29 MR. SAVETILIK: Motion to approve the  
30 minutes as presented, Mr. Chairman.  
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32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Is there a second.  
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34 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Second.  
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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Seconded by Vance.  
37 Any discussion.  
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39 (No comments)  
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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And question, all  
42 those in favor say aye.  
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44 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Any opposed.  
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48 (No opposing votes)  
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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. All

1 right, we're at election of officers, and unfortunately  
2 our Council has gotten kind of small. We still haven't  
3 had all the seats filled that we were hoping to. I  
4 guess I can make a motion, uh?

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6 MR. BUCK: I'll make a motion to delay  
7 the election of officers until the next meeting, fall  
8 meeting.

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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Next winter meeting?

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12 MR. BUCK: Yes.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, that's the next  
15 winter meeting which is one year from now. So we will  
16 delay our election of officers -- the motion is to  
17 delay the election until one year from now. Current  
18 officers will stay in place, correct, Barb?

19  
20 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. And if you're  
21 going to do that and delay the elections until your  
22 winter meeting, I would ask that you would designate  
23 someone that we can be in contact with for you and that  
24 way you can also know who to contact if you have any  
25 questions that need to go forward to us, someone that  
26 we can work with, someone who can be your voice, and  
27 right now Mike is the secretary of the Council and he's  
28 the only one here. That's my suggestion.

29  
30 Thank you.

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32 MR. MARTIN: I'd like to have Mike  
33 Quinn continue to be the contact person for the  
34 Council, if it's okay with the Council.

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36 MR. SAVETILIK: I'll second that if  
37 that's a motion.

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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Motion and  
40 seconded, any discussion.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If not, question, all  
45 those in favor aye.

46  
47 IN UNISON: Aye.

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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Any opposed.

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1 (No opposing votes)  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, motion carries.  
4 But, Barb, I mean most of the time you're getting a  
5 hold of us directly, aren't you, either through faxes  
6 or emails?  
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8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, I do. I have  
9 each and every one of you under email except for Peter  
10 Buck and Clifford Weyiounanna and Elmer Seetot, but I  
11 contact them through.....  
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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And you can fax them.  
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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I fax them the  
16 information.  
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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.  
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20 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So I'm in contact  
21 with everybody, I have everybody's phone number, I'll  
22 find anybody that is on the Council, Vance, knows that.  
23 So I know how to get a hold of everybody.  
24  
25 Thanks.  
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27 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. So if  
28 anything comes up that you want or need an official  
29 spokesman, I'll be it, I guess.  
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31 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, you'll be it.  
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And I'll be sure to  
34 confer with you and your other employees before  
35 anything official goes farther.  
36  
37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes. Please contact  
38 us and there's Helen Armstrong, she's your  
39 anthropologist and Greg Risdahl is your biologist.  
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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, now that I'm  
42 almost 50 we probably need an anthropologist.  
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44 (Laughter)  
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46 MR. BUCK: I have a question on these  
47 seats. On Page 4 you got one vacant seat there, I was  
48 just wondering how come that wasn't filled?  
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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, you have one

1 vacant seat and that's Grace's seat.

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3 MR. BUCK: Oh, okay.

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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Her resignation came  
6 after so we weren't able to fill it for this time right  
7 now but it will be filled by next winter, at your  
8 winter 2008 meeting, and we are -- the panel is working  
9 right now on interviewing people for those seats, empty  
10 seats. Two of your Council members did not reapply and  
11 that's Clifford and Vance.

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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: But your.....

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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: But their last  
16 meeting will be this fall.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, okay. You guys  
19 got one more meeting.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, they have one  
22 more meeting this fall.

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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. And by  
25 that time the new applicants.....

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27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The new members  
28 should be back in for your winter meeting and so at  
29 your winter meeting you should have a full board.

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And 10 is the max  
32 number?

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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. But I thought  
37 three of those 10 were sport/comm's?

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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Well, Helen, correct  
40 me if I'm wrong, right now they're working at that,  
41 that is gone now, am I right -- just a second.

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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Helen Armstrong.  
44 Mr. Chair, there is an agenda item later to talk to  
45 that 70/30. There was a lawsuit and we were ordered  
46 not to have the 70/30 until it got resolved. And so at  
47 the moment we're just kind of loosely filling  
48 positions, but not following a strict 70/30 -- you know  
49 70 subsistence user, 30 percent sport/commercial. But  
50 we will be asking you later in the meeting for comments

1 on that issue, so we'll be discussing it later on.

2

3 Okay.

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5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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7 MR. MARTIN: Mr. Chairman, I have a  
8 question, too. Last fall I asked a question if St.  
9 Michael could put -- would fill a seat -- a position on  
10 the seat so what is the word on that?

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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: What's that?

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14 MR. MARTIN: St. Michael's.

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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. That's for  
17 this year.

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19 MR. MARTIN: Uh-huh.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We're interviewing  
22 those people right now to see if they still want to be  
23 on the Council and see if they'll make it on the  
24 Council.

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26 MR. MARTIN: Okay.

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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So we had about four  
29 or five applicants from Seward Penn area for the empty  
30 seats that we have right now.

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32 MR. MARTIN: Okay, thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: But because of the  
35 timeframe and the way the process works they will not  
36 be seated -- whoever is selected will not be seated  
37 until one year from now. So whatever those applicants  
38 are, they will not be on the Council next October, it  
39 will be a year, next February of '08 before they're  
40 seated.

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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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44 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair, I had one  
45 more thing I wanted to add. As the acting Chair, I  
46 mean if Cliff is not, I don't know if he'll be still  
47 acting or not, we're uncertain about that, but there  
48 would need to be somebody representing the Council at  
49 the Federal Subsistence Board meeting in May. And so  
50 if Cliff is unable to do it then you would be the next

1 one up.  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You don't want me.  
4  
5 (Laughter)  
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7 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Well.....  
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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sure.  
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11 (Laughter)  
12  
13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: .....you'll have to  
14 be there, because -- since you're here at this meeting  
15 and hearing the things on the proposals then you  
16 probably would have to be at that May meeting to  
17 support the proposals and the Council's  
18 recommendations.  
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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.  
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: All right.  
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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: That's fine.  
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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. We'll call  
27 you.  
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29 (Laughter)  
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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, now we're  
32 into village concerns, and I'll start on the left here  
33 with Myron, any concerns or comments that people from  
34 your area have, feel free.  
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36 MR. SAVETILIK: Myron Savetilik,  
37 Shaktoolik. With the recent weather, global warming  
38 that we have, we haven't been able to go out. The  
39 caribou are kind of far right now and we have to go at  
40 least between 80 to 100 miles to get them. But other  
41 than that everything is just at a still place to where  
42 -- you know, how are winter is going. But other than  
43 that we're still waiting for things to happen with  
44 everything that's -- with our hunting.  
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46 That's it, thanks.  
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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Peter Buck.  
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50 MR. BUCK: Yes, the moose season in

1 White Mountain was okay but the moose didn't have any  
2 fat on them. I don't know what's wrong with them this  
3 year. And the reindeer they didn't have any fat on  
4 them either. But other than that, the warm weather  
5 restricting snowmachines, you can't go anywhere, it's  
6 too hard, icy and too tough on the snowmachines and no  
7 snow. So that's going to affect the spring hunting.

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. I  
10 represent the Nome area. Despite my best efforts I  
11 haven't been able to get anybody to say anything  
12 negative or positive about all this stuff, so I guess  
13 there aren't too many real concerns lately. What  
14 concerns I have are probably being addressed by the  
15 stuff that's on this agenda here. We'll get to those.

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17 That's about all I know for this area.  
18 We got the same weather problems but it seems like  
19 every year you have one sort of weather problem or  
20 another, so I guess we got to deal with it as we go.

21  
22 Vance.

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24 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Vance Grishkowsky of  
25 Unalakleet. Since our last meeting last fall, we had  
26 that December winter moose season and to my knowledge  
27 no one from Unalakleet was able to get a moose during  
28 that season. I think there was some attempts but due  
29 to weather and snow conditions and things of that  
30 nature it was pretty much unsuccessful. There's still  
31 grave concerns down there on the king season.  
32 Everybody kind of wonders what can be done, what's  
33 going to happen, hopefully it'll be better and there's  
34 definitely concerns there on that king fishery.

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36 There's a lot of activity on the river.  
37 The caribou haven't come down so fishing is taking  
38 place. A lot of trout or Dolly Varden are being  
39 caught.

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41 I think one of the things that took  
42 place this year that had a big impact on Unalakleet, at  
43 least all the cabins on the river, I'd like to mention  
44 that almost every cabin was broke into by bears this  
45 fall and there's just a -- they were notorious. some  
46 of them cabins looked like Katrina went through them.  
47 There's more bears than there ever has been.

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49 And we are seeing some moose back in  
50 the area.

1 So I think that covers it.  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Elizabeth.  
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5 MS. MOKIYUK: I didn't ask any  
6 questions but don't have any village concerns right now  
7 because I'm just learning.  
8  
9 (Laughter)  
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11 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, fair enough.  
12 Peter.  
13  
14 MR. MARTIN: Around the village, the  
15 beginning of moose season we had a little bit of snow  
16 so people went out and I think got about two or four --  
17 and toward the end of the months snow melted down and  
18 the hunters got hot -- I think all the sun in the  
19 villages, we've had a problem with that (ph).  
20  
21 In another area, issue I'd like to  
22 bring up is I'd like to have information on the fish  
23 studies that have been conducted at the Pikmatalik  
24 River.  
25  
26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks. So you  
27 got a report to take care of?  
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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's just a short  
30 one. We didn't have the Chair for Seward Penn to  
31 attend the Federal Board fisheries meeting since Seward  
32 Penn did not have any fish proposals this year so Cliff  
33 didn't attend that.  
34  
35 And on Page 14 is your annual report.  
36 It's still a draft, if you should see any errors in  
37 there or need more additions you need to let me know  
38 otherwise it's going to be submitted as written at this  
39 time. So you have until after the meeting is over with  
40 and then I will submit it for you.  
41  
42 Thank you.  
43  
44 MR. BUCK: Then there wasn't a response  
45 from this -- for all these concerns?  
46  
47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, this is just  
48 being submitted.  
49  
50 MR. BUCK: Okay.

1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It's a new one.  
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3 MR. BUCK: Okay.  
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That other one you  
6 got a response from already -- to. A lot of these  
7 proposals that -- a lot of these concerns that you had  
8 are ongoing since Grace was here. And the response  
9 went out already and then you should be getting a  
10 response for this one once we submit it by -- at your  
11 fall meeting.  
12  
13 MR. BUCK: Okay, sounds good.  
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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. We're  
16 going to move on to No. 9 now, I guess, wildlife  
17 proposal reviews. We've got four of them listed here  
18 that we're going to review.  
19  
20 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Four statewide.  
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22 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, four statewide,  
23 okay, I see.  
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes. And then two  
26 regional and then crossovers.  
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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.  
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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.  
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32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.  
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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And the person that  
35 will be doing it will be Greg.  
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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Greg?  
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.  
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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, all right, so Greg  
42 you get to start. Would it be easier if we did like  
43 all four statewide proposals together and then I guess  
44 we're going to have comment from the State on those  
45 proposals and then comment -- yeah.  
46  
47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.  
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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, so Greg you  
50 want to clue us in on these four statewide proposals?

1 MR. RISDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
2 Members of the Council. I want to say I'm pleased to  
3 be here and honored. I think this is a pretty cool  
4 thing to be doing.

5  
6 The proposals are all in the Advisory  
7 Council book here. The first one Wildlife Proposal 07-  
8 01 is on Page 18 if you'd like to follow along. I'm  
9 essentially going to go through it in a more cursory  
10 manner and if you have any questions about any details,  
11 feel free to stop me at any time.

12  
13 Proposal No. 01 was submitted by the  
14 Alaska Department of Fish and Game. It requests that  
15 the claws be removed from the Federal definition of fur  
16 and that the sales of handicraft articles made from  
17 claws, bones, teeth, sinew, or skulls of black and  
18 brown bears be allowed for sale only between Federally-  
19 qualified subsistence users statewide.

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21 The proponent submitted this proposal  
22 believing that the definition of fur, if it is not  
23 changed, it would allow for unconstrained commercial  
24 sale of handicrafts made from bear parts and possibly  
25 create more incentives for poaching.

26  
27 The Federal Subsistence Board has  
28 consistently supported the sale of handicrafts made  
29 from the skins, hides, pelts, or furs of black bears  
30 statewide and brown bears in three regions, including  
31 the claws, by Federally-qualified subsistence users.  
32 Between 2002 and 2006 the Board considered six  
33 proposals regarding the sale of handicrafts from non-  
34 edible parts of bears.

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36 Under current regulations brown bear  
37 hides with claws can only be used in handicrafts for  
38 sale if the bear were harvested from the Eastern  
39 Interior, Bristol Bay or Southeast Alaska. Other  
40 parts, such as the bones, teeth, sinew or skulls can be  
41 used only from brown or black bear taken from Southeast  
42 Alaska.

43  
44 The effects or potential effects of  
45 this proposal would include changing the Federal  
46 definition of fur requiring the removal of claws from  
47 all hides, including furbearers such as fox and mink.  
48 It would remove unit specific restrictions, it may  
49 potentially allow the sale of handicrafts from bear  
50 parts only to other Federally-qualified rural residents

1 and it would negate the intent of the Board and  
2 Regional Councils in recognizing the diverse customary  
3 and traditional uses of bear parts and bears throughout  
4 the state.

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6 So the Office of Subsistence Management  
7 has preliminary concluded to oppose the proposal and  
8 the reasons being there is no evidence to indicate that  
9 the current Federal regulations adversely affect bear  
10 populations; there is no evidence to indicate that  
11 current Federal regulations have led to an increased  
12 legal or illegal harvest of bears; and current Federal  
13 regulations apply only to bears harvested under Federal  
14 subsistence regulations on Federal public lands; and,  
15 of course, all meat from bears harvested under Federal  
16 regulations must be salvaged.

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18 That's a summary of that proposal, Mr.  
19 Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You just said all meat  
22 must be salvaged; is that -- really, on a Federal hunt,  
23 both black and browns, all meat has to be salvaged?

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25 MR. RISDAHL: Mr. Chairman, that is my  
26 understanding that if a bear is harvested under Federal  
27 subsistence regulations the meat must be salvaged.

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And what does the hide  
30 have to be salvaged, too? I guess I'm unfamiliar with  
31 hunting under Federal rules for bears.

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33 MR. RISDAHL: I don't know specifically  
34 about the hide to be honest. I think the main intent  
35 of the Federal regulation there was to require the  
36 salvage of the meat for food purposes. In contrast to  
37 the State regulations, certain times of the year the  
38 meat is required to be kept of black bears, for  
39 example, but late in the season -- the later season it  
40 is not required.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.

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44 MR. MARTIN: Greg, could you define  
45 Federal subsistence users?

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47 MR. RISDAHL: The question was, could I  
48 define Federally-qualified subsistence users?

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50 MR. MARTIN: Yes.

1 MR. RISDAHL: Well, I'm new at all this  
2 so my definition's going to be pretty brief. The way I  
3 understand it a Federally-qualified subsistence user is  
4 a person that is hunting under the Federal subsistence  
5 regulations.

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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Do you want me to  
8 bail you out?

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10 MR. RISDAHL: Yeah, yeah, please,  
11 please, Helen, bail me out.

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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Greg is pretty new.  
14 Let me just -- anybody who lives in a rural -- a  
15 Federally-recognized rural community, we talked about  
16 that this morning in the training, is then a Federally-  
17 qualified subsistence user. So anyone who lives in  
18 that community, so anybody who lives in this entire  
19 region is a Federally-qualified subsistence users, all  
20 people. So it's not a Native-based program at all,  
21 okay.

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23 MR. MARTIN: Thank you.

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25 MR. RISDAHL: Thanks Peter. Thanks  
26 Helen.

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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, we'll move  
29 on to 02 then.

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31 MR. RISDAHL: Okay, Wildlife Proposal  
32 02 was submitted by the Bureau of Land Management and  
33 it would simply change the wording in the Federal Code  
34 of Regulations 50 CFR 100.25(h) from calendar to  
35 regulatory.

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37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You really need to  
38 take each one of these separately, make recommendations  
39 on each one and hear other comments on each one.

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So you want me to do  
42 it one at a time?

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44 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think so. I think  
45 you need to do them separately, unless you want to -- I  
46 mean you should do them separately.

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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, then we're  
49 going to be swapping chairs a lot here and we'll just  
50 stick to 01 for now. And next will be the Department

1 of Fish and Game's input.

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3 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
4 Again, my name's Terry Haynes with the Department of  
5 Fish and Game in Fairbanks. I represent Wildlife  
6 Conservation Division on our Federal Liaison Team. A  
7 summary of our comments on Proposal 07-01 are on Page  
8 19. Page 33 and 34 have more detailed comments. And  
9 you'll see that our comments this year are a lot more  
10 detailed than they have been in previous years and  
11 that's in part because there are some broader policy  
12 issues that are summarized in these comments that  
13 really are kind of beyond the purview of the Council  
14 but the Department felt it was important to point out  
15 certain broader concerns that we have with the Federal  
16 regulations and some of the conflicts that are a  
17 product of having State and Federal regulations.

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19 At this meeting I'm strictly -- I'm  
20 going to focus specifically on the part of our comments  
21 that address the proposal and that's pretty much what  
22 you see on Page 19.

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24 This is a Department proposal that is  
25 consistent with the past two years, we've expressed  
26 concerns about the new Federal regulations that allow  
27 the use of bear claws -- that claws used to be excluded  
28 from the definition of hides. And when the Federal  
29 Board changed the Federal definition of skin, hide,  
30 pelt or fur to include claws, that's allowed Federally-  
31 qualified subsistence users to use the claws in making  
32 handicraft items, and the Federal regulations are  
33 pretty loose in our judgement. So the Department  
34 submitted this proposal to recommend that claws be  
35 excluded from the definition so that we don't promote  
36 illegal use or commercial use of claws.

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38 These regulations conflict with the  
39 State regulations so there is a problem in areas of the  
40 state where the Federal regulations are in effect.  
41 Federally-qualified subsistence users have to insure  
42 that they're harvesting brown bears on Federal lands.  
43 And as you know in some places it's difficult to know  
44 where Federal lands end and State lands begin.

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46 So we believe that the Federal  
47 regulations provide for opportunities that could  
48 potentially lead to illegal uses or commercial uses  
49 which would go beyond the scope of the Federal  
50 regulations. So the Department submitted this proposal

1 to address that issue.

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3 Thank you.

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5 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I've got a question.  
6 I see were you're coming from on this proposal, but out  
7 of curiosity sake, has there been some instances where  
8 there's been a lot of commercial use of the claws and  
9 things, I mean is that happening?

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11 MR. HAYNES: Through the Chair. We  
12 don't know because there's no tracking system in the  
13 Federal regulations. There have been a couple of  
14 instances in the past year, in the state, of bears  
15 being -- brown bears being harvested and the claws  
16 removed, whether that was something that was going to  
17 be done, whether or not there was a regulation, I don't  
18 know.

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20 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Yeah.

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22 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You're talking about  
23 animals that were left in the field and only the claws  
24 were removed?

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26 MR. HAYNES: Correct.

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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And investigations  
29 were conducted and if any people were found, citations  
30 were issued, correct?

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32 MR. HAYNES: That's correct.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. So that's  
35 somewhat different than somebody who's selling claws.  
36 That was an illegal harvest and it was taken care of  
37 through the Enforcement Division?

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39 MR. HAYNES: Correct. And the problem,  
40 of course, is in the absence of a tracking system, we  
41 have no way of really keeping tabs on what's going on  
42 so it puts us in a bit of a quandary. But no specific  
43 illegal or commercial uses have been brought to my  
44 attention at this point.

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46 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I was just kind of  
47 curious on that to see if there was some movement or  
48 something's happening or people are doing that sort of  
49 thing. I was just curious.

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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So at least as of this  
2 date, you have absolutely no statistics to support your  
3 fears?

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5 MR. HAYNES: That is correct.

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. I see in -- if  
8 anybody else has any questions, don't let me stop you,  
9 but I got one. One of the comments to this proposal  
10 was from the AHTNA region and they mentioned that your  
11 wording here doesn't specify between different species  
12 so skin, hide, pelt or fur means any tanned or  
13 untanned, blah, blah, blah, but does not include calls  
14 and they were worried about the effects of that on  
15 other furbearing animals that are legal to sell furs,  
16 including the claws.

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18 Now, do you see any problem there?

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20 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. I was  
21 trying to think back to how that regulation -- how that  
22 definition applied prior to the change and to my  
23 knowledge that's not ever been an issue with  
24 furbearers, you know, trappers don't have to remove the  
25 claws from furbearers. I can't remember exactly how  
26 that's been sorted out.

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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, okay.

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30 MR. HAYNES: But I guess from the State  
31 perspective since claws are not part of our definition,  
32 it's not really a -- claws are not a part of the  
33 definition in the State regulations so I'd have to  
34 refresh my memory as to how we've sorted that out.

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36 MR. ADKISSON: Do you want the State  
37 handy-dandy?

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39 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Ken.

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41 The State definition of skin, hide and  
42 pelt, means any untanned external covering of any game  
43 animal's body but do not include a handicraft or other  
44 finished product. Skin, hide or pelt of a bear means  
45 the entire external covering with claws attached. So  
46 the State definition does distinguish skin, hide and  
47 pelt as it applies to bears versus other animals.

48  
49 So we would -- that would be our intent  
50 is to have the Federal regulations follow what the

1 State definition is and it would exclude furbearers and  
2 focus only on bears.

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4 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah. Now all of the  
5 Federal lands that you're worried about have a bag  
6 limit, correct, for bear, either brown or black.....

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8 MR. HAYNES: Correct.

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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....in most cases  
11 that bag limit is one brown bear per year, or -- well,  
12 I don't know, a lot of it's one bear per year, some of  
13 it's maybe one every four still, depending on where  
14 these Federal lands hunt or where they are?

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16 MR. HAYNES: That's correct.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And for black bears,  
19 most of the area I'm familiar with is three bears a  
20 year.

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22 MR. HAYNES: Yeah, that's frequently  
23 the case.

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25 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So none of this area  
26 you're concerned with has any bear populations that are  
27 in trouble, overharvested, you know, any of that?

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29 MR. HAYNES: Well, brown bear  
30 management is a sensitive area, they are a species of  
31 concern on a lot of different levels of bear management  
32 around the world and the concern is that the Federal  
33 regulations provide an incentive to harvest more bears  
34 than people have in the past and that.....

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And the State's  
37 already doing that in certain areas themselves?

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39 MR. HAYNES: That's correct.

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Why aren't you worried  
42 about possibilities of mixing and matching bear skins  
43 taken under State regs from one area where it's not  
44 legal to sell it but taken in a predator control unit  
45 where it is legal to sell it?

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47 MR. HAYNES: Well, this is an issue  
48 that Federal regulations provide for a use that the  
49 State regulations do not and.....

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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No, State provide for  
2 the sale of bear skins from certain units.

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4 MR. HAYNES: But Federal -- State  
5 regulations do not allow the claws to be part of those  
6 furs if they're sold. And the State regulations don't  
7 allow you to use the claws for making.....

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Separately from the  
10 skin?

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12 MR. HAYNES: Right.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: In a predator control  
15 unit? You currently got one or two predator control  
16 areas that under State regs that people harvesting the  
17 bear can sell the hide of the bear?

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19 MR. HAYNES: Right. And the.....

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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: They have to sell the  
22 hide with the claws?

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24 MR. HAYNES: That's correct.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. So the  
27 direction I was taking was that, you know, all this  
28 Federal land has a bag limit and we have both Federal  
29 and State enforcement people in place to see that those  
30 bag limits are met with and that salvage requirements  
31 are met with. I believe from my experience, most  
32 Federal officers are duly deputized to enforce State  
33 regs and most State officers are duly deputized to  
34 enforce Federal regs, so you have two government  
35 agencies enforcing this Federal regulation, do you feel  
36 they are inadequate and that they cannot -- the current  
37 level of enforcement cannot take care of whatever  
38 illegal harvest may occur because of your supposed  
39 fears of people selling claws on eBay?

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41 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman, we don't  
42 have evidence of that now. Again the proposal is  
43 expressing a concern as this regulation gets -- more  
44 people become aware of it, there is the potential for  
45 increased harvest of brown bears for specifically -- to  
46 use the claws and then perhaps to fashion handicrafts  
47 that are sold on the market. There is a market for  
48 those claws. And so a lot of what's in our proposal is  
49 the potential for problems rather than substantial  
50 evidence that we have a problem now.

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Well, as  
2 you can probably tell I don't agree with you. All  
3 right, that covers your testimony for that proposal?

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5 MR. HAYNES: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: How about other agency  
8 comments or any comments from our Council members yet.

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10 (No comments)

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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Nobody's here from  
13 Kawerak apparently so we're not going to hear from  
14 them.

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16 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I've got one question  
17 here, on this preliminary conclusion on the bottom of  
18 Page 23, I'm just curious why they've included like fox  
19 and mink, was it just as a justification for the bear  
20 claws or is there actually some merit to including  
21 those animals?

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23 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Greg.

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25 MR. RISDAHL: Mr. Chairman. Vance.  
26 Members of the Council. I believe the reason why that  
27 was put in there is because of the wording of the  
28 original proposal. The way it was stated, it appeared  
29 that it would not differentiate between bears and  
30 furbearers, other predatory animals, for example, which  
31 would therefore require the removal of their claws as  
32 well.

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34 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Okay.

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, that's what was  
37 brought out in that letter from AHTNA, was that the  
38 definition seems to address several species of animals  
39 that a Federal trapper or hunter -- or it would be a  
40 hunter in this case, may have to remove the claws from  
41 because of the State's proposed wording.

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43 If you go to Page 32 and read the  
44 letter from the AHTNA Tene Nene' Committee, they're  
45 worried that the wording is too broad and would force  
46 claw removal from other species pelts.

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48 Well, let's go through this here,  
49 InterAgency Staff Committee comments.

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1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: There's nobody here  
4 from -- well, I'm here from the AC, but we didn't have  
5 any kind of meeting so I guess there's no comment from  
6 there.  
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8 Summary of written public comments.  
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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. You have  
11 two written public comments and like you mentioned, one  
12 is from AHTNA Tene Nene' Subsistence Committee opposed  
13 along with David McHoes from Skwentna, also proposed  
14 this proposal on Page 32 of your booklet.  
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16 Thank you, sir.  
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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, any public  
19 testimony on this proposal.  
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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There isn't any, Mr.  
22 Chair.  
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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Do any of  
25 the Council members have any further comment on this  
26 proposal.  
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28 (No comments)  
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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, our Staff is  
31 recommending we oppose and I certainly oppose it. Is  
32 it all right if I make the motion?  
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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: (Shakes head  
35 negatively)  
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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No. Okay, so we need  
38 a motion from a Council member to either oppose or  
39 support this proposal.  
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41 MR. BUCK: I'd like to support the  
42 AHTNA Subsistence Committee to oppose -- I make a  
43 motion to oppose this proposal.  
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45 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Thank you. Is there a  
46 second.  
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48 MR. MARTIN: I second it.  
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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Discussion. I

1 just want to say that I like to see increases in  
2 opportunities for all hunters in Alaska to profit from  
3 their legal harvest. If these type of problems result  
4 in overharvest or other problems they can be -- those  
5 problems can be solved through changes in bag limits,  
6 means of hunting, things like that. If you're seeing  
7 -- and they can also be solved by proper enforcement of  
8 the bag limit.

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10 I just don't see a problem if somebody  
11 in a small village legally harvests a bear and sells  
12 the claws on eBay. As a matter of fact, I think that's  
13 one of the nicest things I've heard of and I hope it  
14 continues. And instead of the State seeing it as a  
15 solution I would suggest you see it as a solution. In  
16 many areas of the state you're wanting to increase the  
17 bear harvest anyway. So please take back to the people  
18 in Juneau, that, at least, from my standpoint and since  
19 hopefully this Council will oppose this proposal, we'd  
20 like to see more opportunities for people to profit  
21 from a legal harvest of an animal. And maybe working  
22 with the Feds on this, and if tracking's a problem, I  
23 don't know, develop something. I think there's other  
24 solutions besides just opposing the sale of animal  
25 parts.

26  
27 So anybody else have any discussion.  
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29 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I've actually got  
30 some mixed issues on the issue. I see your point  
31 totally, and I think it's a good point. And I also see  
32 some the other side of it where there could be  
33 concerns. As of yet there haven't been but that  
34 doesn't mean there's isn't a problem that could arise,  
35 but then if one does arise maybe that's what we should  
36 act on, and I don't know. I have mixed feelings on it  
37 as well.

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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, is there a  
40 question.

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42 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.  
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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, the motion is to  
45 oppose this proposal. All those in favor say aye.  
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47 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.  
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1 (No opposing votes)

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. Okay,  
4 now we'll move on to 02, Greg.

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6 MR. RISDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
7 Members of the Council. Wildlife Proposal No 02 was  
8 submitted by the Bureau of Land Management and it would  
9 simply change the wording in the Federal Regulations  
10 from calendar year to regulatory year.

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12 The belief here is that the change  
13 would increase compliance with the regulatory  
14 requirement, facilitate improved harvest data  
15 collection and lead to better overall management  
16 resulting in positive impact on the resource.

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18 The issues here are there's not a clear  
19 understanding among all subsistence users about the  
20 fish and wildlife regulations and permit reporting  
21 requirements or what the harvest reports are used for.  
22 Rural Alaskans continue to subsistence hunt and fish to  
23 feed their families as their forefathers did for  
24 generations prior to government regulations. Many  
25 rural Alaskans derive most of what they eat every year  
26 from the land and the sea. There are concerns about  
27 the effect that strict application of the ineligibility  
28 provision would have on the subsistence way of life,  
29 and the application of the penalty clause in some areas  
30 of rural Alaska will defeat the primary objective of  
31 the regulation resulting in an overall loss of the  
32 harvest data and that many people would probably  
33 continue to hunt even if they were denied a permit.

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35 A little bit of background history  
36 regarding the regulation. The consequence for failing  
37 to report what you harvest after having received a  
38 permit was originally derived from the State  
39 regulations. It's been in the Federal regulations  
40 since the inception of the Federal Subsistence  
41 Management Program in 1990. This is the first  
42 proposal, however, concerning the Federal regulatory  
43 penalty clause in the history of the Federal  
44 Subsistence Program. The current situation allows  
45 individuals that did not comply with the permit  
46 reporting requirements in a regulatory year which is  
47 July 1 through June 30th for wildlife to legally  
48 participate in subsistence harvests later in that  
49 calendar year during the open seasons through the end  
50 of December.

1                   The State of Alaska has different  
2 regulations for hunting and subsistence fishing  
3 permits. The current State of Alaska hunting  
4 regulations use the term regulatory year wording in  
5 parallel hunting regulatory provisions.  
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7                   Since the inception of the Federal  
8 Subsistence Program in 1990 there's been very limited  
9 enforcement of this Federal regulation. The BLM  
10 Glennallen Field Office has for the first time begun  
11 enforcement of the regulation, I believe this past year  
12 was the first year. Over the years different Federal  
13 field offices have sent out different numbers of  
14 reminder letters to individuals that had received  
15 permits trying to get them to send in their reports.  
16 Some field offices have even collected harvest permit  
17 reports by going to permit holders houses on an  
18 individual basis to meet with hunters just to try to  
19 get some information.  
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21                   The effects of this proposal would  
22 affect all Federal public lands and waters in Alaska  
23 where Federal permits are used for subsistence hunting  
24 and fishing. The proposed change would have the most  
25 effect on situations where Federal subsistence permits  
26 overlap the calendar year. And that pretty much covers  
27 most of the species, brown bear, caribou, goat, moose,  
28 sheep, muskox, salmon and trout.  
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30                   If adopted, the proposal would not  
31 change the regulatory consequences for failure to  
32 report their harvest.  
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34                   The proposal would not allow  
35 individuals to legally participate in subsistence  
36 harvest later in the same regulatory year if they did  
37 not comply with the permit reporting requirements.  
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39                   The OSM office preliminary conclusion  
40 is to support the proposal. The reasons are that the  
41 management program regulations are becoming more and  
42 more complex and monitoring needs, as well, as becoming  
43 more complex. Last year there were 77 different  
44 hunting and fishing permits in Alaska that involved  
45 most of those same species that I already mentioned,  
46 brown bear, caribou, elk, goat, moose, sheep, muskox,  
47 salmon, trout, char. A total of over 5,117 permits  
48 actually were issued and 92.7 percent of those permit  
49 reports were returned so we are getting very good  
50 reporting. Good harvest data, as a biologist, I know

1 is critical to sound management of fish and wildlife  
2 resources. And the various Federal agencies and the  
3 State are working together across the state with  
4 subsistence users to get that information.

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6 The ineligibility provision allows  
7 considerable flexibility for Federal field staff and  
8 enforcement officers to consider the importance and  
9 time sensitivity of the harvest information. There is  
10 great flexibility to adjust the wording on the permits  
11 to the situation to make it easier for people, and the  
12 current regulation allows field staff and enforcement  
13 officers to be responsive to unavoidable circumstances  
14 that might keep people from turning in their reports.

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16 That's it, thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: State.

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20 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. The  
21 Department of Fish and Game comments are summarized on  
22 Page 35 and more details provided on Page 47. But the  
23 Department supports this proposal. It is important  
24 that the Federal regulation work in a way that allows  
25 people who don't follow the rules to be denied permits  
26 for the next year.

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28 And there is considerable flexibility  
29 in how that regulation is applied so I don't think the  
30 intent is to really, you know, swing a heavy hammer,  
31 but to encourage people to follow the rules and the  
32 State has a couple years experience now with the  
33 failure to report requirement and, you know, not a lot  
34 of hunters are failing to report and those that are  
35 failing to report still have avenues to -- in case they  
36 were out of state, family illness, other factors that  
37 could have prevented them from reporting in a timely  
38 fashion. So the actual number of people affected by  
39 these regulations is pretty small, but it is important  
40 that people recognize that if you're issued a permit  
41 you do need to return that information to, even the  
42 Federal agency affected or to the Department so we can  
43 record that information and use it for management  
44 purposes.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks. Doesn't  
47 this proposal bring the Feds into alignment with what  
48 the State's already got?

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50 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman, yes. The

1 Federal regulation just had that quirk where they had  
2 regulatory year here and calendar year here

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4 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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6 MR. HAYNES: It just didn't match up.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Anybody else  
9 want to say anything about this.

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11 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Mr. Chairman. I  
12 think it's probably a good idea. I mean it's probably  
13 better if this coincides and matches up and there is  
14 already so many rules and regulations out there, that  
15 if this coincides more with the State, it's probably  
16 better for everybody.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah. Okay, Barbara.

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21 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We have one written  
22 public comment, AHTNA Tene Nene' Subsistence Committee  
23 supports this proposal to change the wording from  
24 calendar to regulatory because it would clear up the  
25 confusion of ineligibility provisions for those failing  
26 to returning a moose and caribou permit at the end of  
27 the hunting season to BLM.

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29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Any Council comment or  
32 deliberation.

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34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We're looking for a  
37 motion either support or oppose. The Staff recommends  
38 we support, sounds pretty good to me.

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40 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I make a motion we  
41 accept Proposal WP07-02.

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43 MR. SAVETILIK: Second.

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45 MR. BUCK: Second.

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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Motion by  
48 Vance, we'll say second by Mr. Buck. Any discussion.

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50 (No comments)

1 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All those in favor say  
4 aye.  
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6 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.  
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10 (No opposing votes)  
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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. All  
13 right, 03.  
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15 MR. RISDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
16 Wildlife Proposal No. 3 is actually a combination of  
17 three separate proposals submitted by the Eastern  
18 Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council,  
19 the Upper Tanana Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory  
20 Committee and the Wrangell St-Elias National Park  
21 Subsistence Resource Commission.  
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23 The proponents here request that the  
24 Federal regulations allow the sale of raw or untanned  
25 hides and capes of mountain goat, dall sheep, caribou  
26 and moose that have been legally harvested on Federal  
27 public lands by Federally-qualified subsistence users.  
28 The proponent states that adoption of the proposal  
29 would not increase harvests but would allow Federally-  
30 qualified subsistence users to fully utilize the  
31 animals they harvest for food and to obtain the cash  
32 needed to access traditional hunting areas.  
33  
34 Some of the issues surrounding this  
35 proposal. The proponent states that the adoption of  
36 the proposal would align Federal subsistence harvest  
37 regulations with the State of Alaska hunting  
38 regulations which also allows for the sale of raw or  
39 untanned hides and capes from legally harvested  
40 mountain goats, sheep, caribou and moose. The current  
41 Federal subsistence regulations do not allow for the  
42 sale of unmodified, non-edible byproducts of fish and  
43 wildlife. They must be made into handicrafts before  
44 they can be sold under Federal regulations. Raw or  
45 untanned capes and hides do not meet the Federal  
46 definition of handicrafts. However, OSM believes that  
47 the proposed sale of raw or untanned hides and capes  
48 from these species harvested under Federal subsistence  
49 regulations may be consistent with the Federal  
50 definition of customary trade.

1                   As far as the history goes, there is a  
2 long history of using untanned hides and capes for  
3 barter or for sale that began actually prior to the  
4 arrival of Europeans in Alaska and continues today.

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6                   As mentioned, it's already legal for  
7 Alaska residents to harvest ungulates under State  
8 hunting regulations on public lands except National  
9 Parks and Monuments and sell the raw or untanned hides  
10 and capes. It happens all the time, hunters shoot  
11 something and they sell the cape, they don't need it.  
12 Someone else benefits from that.

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14                   The effects of the proposal, the  
15 adoption of this regulation would allow Federally-  
16 qualified subsistence users to sell the raw or untanned  
17 hides and capes of mountain goat, dall sheep, caribou  
18 or moose that have been legally harvested under Federal  
19 subsistence regulations on Federal public lands, except  
20 for National Park and National Monument lands.

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22                   The OSM preliminary conclusion is to  
23 support the proposal. We feel that the current harvest  
24 limits will not be affected by the proposal. There are  
25 no conservation concerns at this time anticipated as a  
26 result of this proposal. The proposal should have no  
27 other detrimental affects on other user groups. And,  
28 of course, again, it would allow Federally-qualified  
29 subsistence users to fully utilize the animals that  
30 they harvest for food and other purposes.

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32                   Thank you.

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34                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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36                   MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. The  
37 Department of Fish and Game comments on this proposal  
38 are summarized on Page 48 and presented in more detail  
39 on Page 58.

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41                   To summarize we basically see this as a  
42 regulation that would duplicate existing State  
43 regulations -- some question of whether State  
44 regulations by and large. There is the question about  
45 whether the State regulation applies on National Park  
46 and Park Monument lands, but by and large we see this  
47 as a use that's already provided for under State  
48 regulations and it would be an unnecessary duplication.

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50                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, you're confusing

1 me because it seems like if you're hunting on Federal  
2 lands under Federal regulations, then you've got to  
3 salvage and dispose the parts of the animal as required  
4 by Federal regulations and if -- now, I realize there  
5 are, in some areas a person can hunt under both State  
6 or Federal regulations on State land -- I mean I'm  
7 sorry on State land.

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9 Helen, you better come sit up here.

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11 (Laughter)

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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Please.

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Please.

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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm guessing Terry  
18 can help you, too, he's been at this as well as I have.  
19 What was your question?

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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, I'm just kind of  
22 confused why the State's opposing this proposal.

23

24 (Laughter)

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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You need to ask  
27 Terry that question, not me.

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29 (Laughter)

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, what I said was  
32 I believe that on certain Federal lands a person can be  
33 either hunt under the State regs or under the Federal  
34 regs because the seasons are -- everything's the same.

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36 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's true.

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38 CHAIRMAN QUINN: But in a lot of  
39 Federal lands you can't. We're going to have a  
40 proposal come up here for 22(D) remainder where only  
41 local residents can hunt that land and they can only  
42 hunt it under Federal regs, I believe.

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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's correct.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So if I go up to this  
47 little slice of Federal land and shoot a moose, I've  
48 got to do everything else following as per the Federal  
49 regs, is that -- I mean does the State disagree with  
50 that?

1 MR. HAYNES: No. But I don't --  
2 there's nothing in the State regulations that prevent  
3 you from.....

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5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: But I didn't harvest  
6 that moose under State regulations, I harvested under  
7 Federal. And currently Federal regulations do not  
8 allow me to sell the cape. I can keep it. I can mount  
9 it for me, but I can't sell it. So technically I could  
10 be subject to a citation if I did sell it.

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12 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. That's  
13 probably something I probably should check into. You  
14 know, there aren't a lot of instances like that but  
15 there are some and if there is any confusion about  
16 what's allowed or disallowed under the regulations then  
17 we might need to amend our comments.

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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And it -- well, it  
20 just seems like several of these other advisory  
21 Councils view it the same way and that's why they put  
22 in the proposal.

23  
24 Well, Greg, is there a specific --  
25 let's see -- well, this is the State regulation. Is  
26 there Federal regulations that currently prevents a  
27 subsistence user from selling capes, hides, antlers?

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29 MR. RISDAHL: Mr. Chairman, the way I  
30 understand it is the Federal requires that the animal  
31 parts be made into handicraft before they can be sold,  
32 which, as you correctly and astutely understood, that  
33 under Federal regulations if an animal is harvested,  
34 that -- those parts can not be sold unless they're made  
35 into handicraft. Under this proposal, those parts  
36 could be sold when they're green or raw. And as you  
37 also mentioned, if they're hunting under Federal  
38 regulations, and they tried to sell this product it  
39 might be okay under State regulations but they're not  
40 hunting under State regulations, they're hunting under  
41 Federal regulations in some instances. So this just  
42 makes it legal for them to do so.

43  
44 Thank you.

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46 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Mr. Chairman.

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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Vance.

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50 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Probably some of this

1 stuff has all come about by the fact that we've allowed  
2 a cash value for subsistence for exchanging and  
3 bartering and that sort of thing and it's just another  
4 avenue to pursue it. And I think if we open that up to  
5 cash transactions this is what we're going to get.

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CHAIRMAN QUINN: Greg.

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MR. RISDAHL: As noted, too, Mr.  
10 Chairman, if I may say, it does align, or unify the  
11 State and Federal regulations so it is less confusing  
12 and people can sell those green capes and hides under  
13 either regulation without concern of breaking the law.

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CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, that's what I  
16 seem to read here, Terry, and I'm kind of confused why  
17 the State is opposing it. It doesn't seem to me -- let  
18 me read from your deals here. You're saying this  
19 probably would increase regulatory complexity but from  
20 all I could see it would decrease it because now the  
21 Federal requirement and the State requirement would be  
22 equal and, you know, a guy like me can go out and if I  
23 cross an imaginary line and I'm a State hunter here and  
24 if I go back across that line I'm a Federal hunter,  
25 and, sure there hasn't been any instances of people  
26 being cited for it but that's only because enforcement  
27 people I haven't put enough effort into checking,  
28 which, that's fine, but some day that may -- a certain  
29 enforcement officer could come up and decide to enforce  
30 the Federal reg. It just seems like this is a  
31 simplification on the part of the Feds.

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MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman, those would  
34 be good points to make in your comments.

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CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All right. I  
37 guess I'll just ask if anybody else has anything to  
38 comment on your proposal.

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Ken, you've been pretty quiet.

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(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN QUINN: It's going to be a  
45 little different with me running the meeting.

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(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, if you don't  
50 have anything to add.

1 MR. ADKISSON: (Shaking head no)  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You're satisfied with  
4 the OSM's analysis and all that?  
5  
6 MR. ADKISSON: Yes.  
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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.  
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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.  
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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Barb.  
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14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There are no written  
15 public comments on this proposal.  
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17 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. And I'm going  
18 to assume there's no public testimony.  
19  
20 (No comments)  
21  
22 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Does the Council want  
23 to say anything.  
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25 MR. SAVETILIK: Mr. Chair. Just for  
26 your information I support this proposal.  
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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, I'm  
29 looking for a motion saying such.  
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31 MR. SAVETILIK: I.....  
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We need a motion from  
34 the Council.  
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36 MR. SAVETILIK: I move to support WP07-  
37 03, to support.  
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39 MR. MARTIN: Second  
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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Second by Mr. Martin.  
42 Discussion.  
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44 (No comments)  
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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We've pretty well  
47 discussed it.  
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49 MR. BUCK: Question.  
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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All those in favor say  
2 aye.

3  
4 IN UNISON: Aye.

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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.

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8 (No opposing votes)

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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. And I  
11 assume we'll want to break for lunch, we'll do 04 and  
12 then we'll break for lunch so continue on Greg.

13  
14 MR. RISDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman  
15 and Council. Wildlife Proposal No. 4 is a combination  
16 of two similar proposals that were submitted by the  
17 Eastern Interior Alaska Regional Advisory Council and  
18 the Upper Tanana Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory  
19 Committee.

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21 The proponents request that the Federal  
22 regulations allow the sale of antlers or horns of  
23 mountain goat, dall sheep, deer, elk, caribou, moose or  
24 muskoxen that have been naturally shed or removed from  
25 the skull of an animal harvested on Federal public  
26 lands under Federal subsistence regulations. The  
27 proponents state that the adoption of the proposal  
28 would align Federal subsistence harvest regulations  
29 with the State of Alaska hunting regulations allowing  
30 the sale of antlers or horns that have been naturally  
31 shed or if legally harvested completely removed from  
32 the skull of the animal, except in Unit 23.

33  
34 In Unit 23 State regulations  
35 specifically prohibit the sale of caribou antlers and  
36 this is something that comes from awhile back and I'm  
37 sure we'll eventually get into this discussion. But if  
38 the antler is not naturally shed or made into a  
39 handicraft the sale of it is prohibited and there has  
40 evidently been some concern in the past about the sale  
41 of caribou antlers on the Asian antler market.

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43 The proponents believe that the  
44 adoption of this proposal would not increase harvest  
45 and it would, again, allow Federally-qualified  
46 subsistence users an opportunity to fully utilize the  
47 animals they harvest for food and to obtain the cash  
48 needed to access traditional hunting areas.

49  
50 Some of the history behind this. There

1 is a long history, in fact, of trade in raw horns and  
2 antlers in Alaska that began prior to the arrival of  
3 Europeans and it continues today. Federal subsistence  
4 regulations, however, have not dealt with the  
5 collection and sale of naturally shed antlers. Each  
6 Federal agency, the Bureau of Land Management, Forest  
7 Service, Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service deals  
8 with antler collecting on their own lands under their  
9 own jurisdiction and it varies. For example on Park  
10 Service lands it is illegal to collect shed antlers.  
11 On Fish and Wildlife Service lands, National Wildlife  
12 Refuges, antlers can only be picked up by a special use  
13 permit.

14  
15 Current Federal subsistence regulations  
16 do not allow the sale of unmodified non-edible  
17 byproducts of fish and wildlife, they have to first be  
18 made into handicrafts as we discussed in Wildlife  
19 Proposal 03. Unmodified antlers or horns do not meet  
20 the Federal definition of regulation handicrafts, and  
21 we feel that the sale of antlers from animals harvested  
22 under Federal subsistence regulations would be  
23 consistent with the Federal definition of customary  
24 trade.

25  
26 The effects of the proposal. The  
27 regulation would allow hunters to sell horns and  
28 antlers from animals legally harvested under Federal  
29 subsistence regulations. As indicated authorization to  
30 collect animal parts from animals not harvested under  
31 Federal subsistence regulations is not within the  
32 Board's jurisdiction. It is, again, under the  
33 authority of the various land managers on their own  
34 lands. Therefore we feel the proposed regulation  
35 should be modified to exclude reference to shed antlers  
36 because it's outside the Federal Subsistence Board's  
37 jurisdiction.

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39 So our preliminary conclusion is to  
40 support this proposal but only address horns and  
41 antlers that are from animals that are harvested under  
42 Federal subsistence regulations.

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44 Justification. Regional variation and  
45 uses of horns and antlers can be addressed by a region  
46 specific regulation such as those for bear handicrafts  
47 and customary trade of fish. Current harvest limits  
48 are not expected to be affected by the proposal. The  
49 proposal will not affect any other user groups. And  
50 let's see what have I got here, again, it would allow

1 the Federally-qualified subsistence users the  
2 opportunity to fully utilize those animals that they  
3 harvest for food and get some additional cash for the  
4 antlers, in this instance, or horns of the animals that  
5 they take.

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7 Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead.

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11 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. The  
12 Department's comments are summarized on Page 60, and  
13 presented in more detail on Page 71. Our comments are  
14 similar to what we said on the previous proposal. This  
15 use is by and large provided under State regulations.

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17 And a point I didn't make on the  
18 previous proposal is that we believe that these uses  
19 are proposed in 07-3 and 04, if these are customary and  
20 traditional uses under the Federal regulations, which  
21 is what must be provided for under the Federal program,  
22 then there's a need to make customary and traditional  
23 use determinations if you're going to authorize the  
24 selling of these parts. In other words -- and the  
25 State is not obligated to do that under our  
26 regulations, so that is a distinction between the scope  
27 of the Federal regulations and the State regulations.  
28 So even though we think this use is largely provided  
29 for under the State regulations and we may have  
30 differences about -- we may need to pursue the question  
31 about where seasons are different and so forth, but we  
32 believe that it needs to be demonstrated that these are  
33 customary and traditional uses. In other words that  
34 there is a tradition of selling the raw antlers and  
35 horns before it should be authorized in Federal  
36 regulations.

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38 We do appreciate the fact there is the  
39 exception made for Unit 23 in here which would be  
40 consistent with the State provisions if this proposal  
41 is adopted.

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43 And that pretty much covers it, Mr.  
44 Chairman.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All right,  
47 Barbara, do you want to give us the written public  
48 comment.

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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. We have

1 one comment on this proposal and it's from the AHTNA  
2 'Tene Nene' Subsistence Committee and they support the  
3 proposal, 04.

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5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, wait, though.  
8 Today's the 21st, so I'm assuming some of these other  
9 Councils have already met and.....

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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.

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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, no.

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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We only have other  
16 Council meeting that's meeting right now and that's  
17 Bristol Bay, today.

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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So like Interior and  
20 Kotzebue.....

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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, they haven't.

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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: They haven't met yet?

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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Nope, we're the  
27 first two Councils, Bristol Bay and Seward Penn.

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, so we're breaking  
30 new ground. Okay. I don't imagine here's any public  
31 testimony.

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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: This is kind of  
36 parallel with 03, and I see the problem with the  
37 differences in shed and harvested and the various  
38 regulations by different land agencies. Does everybody  
39 understand the proposed modification, where the Feds --  
40 OSM just wants it to pertain to harvested animals and  
41 we'll let the land owners duke it out on shed antlers.

42

43 Anybody. Any other Council members  
44 have any other comments.

45

46 MR. BUCK: I keep running into this  
47 definition on Page 61 and on -- for 03 and 04, that  
48 customary trade means exchange of cash for fishing,  
49 wildlife resource, not otherwise prohibited by Federal  
50 law or regulation to support personal and family needs

1 and does not include trade which constitutes a  
2 significant commercial enterprise.

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4                   Where does this derive from? Where  
5 does this come from?

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7                   MR. RISDAHL: Peter this is from the  
8 actual Federal regulations.

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10                  MR. BUCK: Okay.

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12                  MR. RISDAHL: That's the definition in  
13 the regulation.

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15                  MR. BUCK: Okay, I see.

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17                  MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Maybe I can add a  
18 little bit. We did have, a number of years ago, and I  
19 can't remember, Peter, whether you were on the Council  
20 then or not, but we did have -- once we took over fish  
21 management, then the customary trade issue became a  
22 bigger issue, I mean this really started coming in from  
23 there from the issue because people do trade fish. So  
24 we had extensive meetings and a committee and lots of  
25 Staff work that worked on the whole issue of customary  
26 trade and came out with definitions of what it meant  
27 then we had worked on handicraft, so it's been an  
28 evolving process over the years of those regulations  
29 and where it's come from has been the work of the  
30 Councils. And in some cases, with customary trade of  
31 fish, there are specific regulations for the specific  
32 regions. Peter asked me this morning whether there  
33 were limits in this region and I did check, Peter, and  
34 there are not any fish, customary trade of fish, there  
35 are no cash limits. So some of these issues are region  
36 specific as well.

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38                  MR. BUCK: I just remember when this  
39 was an issue we were talking about definitions of  
40 customary and traditional -- the definition anyway, and  
41 I was just wondering where this comment came from.

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43                  MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Customary and  
44 traditional or customary trade?

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46                  MR. BUCK: Customary trade.

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48                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Customary trade,  
49 yeah, that's been something that's evolved in our  
50 regulations over time.

1 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I've got a question  
2 here.

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4 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Vance.

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6 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: On Page 62 at the top  
7 it says existing National Wildlife Refuge regulations.  
8 On the 27.61, the removal of property, is that the  
9 basis for this Part IV on the top of 63 where it says  
10 the antler of caribou taken in 23 unless the antler is  
11 naturally shed or is made into an article of  
12 handicraft, do you know what I'm saying?

13  
14 MR. RISDAHL: Yes, I understand your  
15 question, Vance. I personally did not write this,  
16 however, I have experience from my past life in Montana  
17 as a fish and game biologist for 20 years, the wildlife  
18 refuges there in Montana and Wyoming, some allow the  
19 collection of shed antlers, some do not. As I  
20 mentioned they're allowed only by special use permit.  
21 For example on the Teton National Park area -- or Teton  
22 National Wildlife Refuge, south of Yellowstone National  
23 Park, the collection of those shed antlers is allowed  
24 only by the Boy Scouts of America under a special  
25 permit and those kids go out every year and they go out  
26 and they collect lots and lots of these antlers and  
27 they sell them for charity purposes or whatever.  
28 Likewise in an area that I've hunted for many years on  
29 the Charlie Russell Wildlife Refuge, they don't allow  
30 the collection of antlers. You can hunt there and they  
31 have regulations that coincide identically with the  
32 State regulations but the actual collection of shed  
33 antlers is against the law, they just don't have a  
34 special use permit allowed for that. So it varies by  
35 Refuge and by land management agencies, and so that's  
36 where that came from.

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38 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Thanks.

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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, Vance, the Unit  
41 23 part comes because that's what the current State reg  
42 is. You know, you guys in Unalakleet can go out and  
43 shoot some caribou and then you can sell the antlers,  
44 you can't do that in 23. However, if you legally  
45 harvest shed antlers or make your harvested antlers  
46 into a handicraft you can sell them in 23, but you  
47 can't just sell regular antlers.

48  
49 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Shed antlers.  
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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No, harvested antlers.

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3 M. GRISHKOWSKY: No, harvested. Oh,  
4 harvested.

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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Harvested antlers just  
7 in 23. The people in 23 had some problems and somebody  
8 there made a proposal to the Board of Game some years  
9 ago and the Board passed it. So this is an effort to  
10 make sure that this new Federal -- this change in  
11 Federal regs mirrors the State so that there's no  
12 problem there.

13

14 Okay. so we're looking for a motion to  
15 either support or oppose this proposal.

16

17 MR. BUCK: I'll make a motion to  
18 support this proposal.

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20 MR. SAVETILIK: I second.

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22 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Motion made  
23 and seconded.

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25 Discussion.

26

27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No discussion.  
30 Someone want to call the question.

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32 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All those in favor say  
35 aye.

36

37 IN UNISON: Aye.

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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.

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41 (No opposing votes)

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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. All  
44 right, so it's a quarter after, I imagine everybody  
45 wants a break. Come back at 1:30, does that work,  
46 okay.

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48 (Off record)

49

50 (On record)

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I guess we'll call the  
2 meeting back to order. We have to quickly make a  
3 clarification on our previous vote on Proposal 04. Who  
4 made the motion on that?

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6 REPORTER: Mr. Buck, and Myron.

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8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Peter Buck.

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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Peter.

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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And Myron seconded.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yes.

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16 REPORTER: Yes.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Peter, I'll ask  
19 for you to clarify your motion because there's both the  
20 Proposal 04 and then there's the OSM's recommendation  
21 to modify the proposal so if you could just clarify  
22 what your motion was.

23  
24 MR. BUCK: Support with modification.

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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Support with  
27 modification.

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. So your  
30 proposal was to support with modification and that's  
31 what we voted on and approved.

32  
33 All right.

34  
35 So, now we're going to do regional  
36 proposals and we'll start with 38. Greg, you're still  
37 in the hot seat, Page 72 in the booklet.

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39 MR. RISDAHL: Wildlife Proposal No. 38  
40 was submitted by the Seward Peninsula Subsistence  
41 Regional Advisory Council, that's you guys. It  
42 requests the elimination of the moose hunting closure  
43 on Federal public lands to non-Federally-qualified  
44 subsistence users in Unit 22(D) remainder. It also  
45 aligns the Federal subsistence hunting season dates  
46 with the State regulations.

47  
48 As far as issues surrounding this  
49 proposal, the Federal wildlife closure review for this  
50 hunt area, and the Office of Subsistence Management

1 recommended that a proposal be initiated to modify or  
2 eliminate the closure stating that because the moose  
3 population in remainder Unit 22(D) has improved and is  
4 stable conservation measures and the opportunity  
5 provided by the Federal closure are no longer  
6 necessary. And then you folks, the Advisory Council,  
7 passed a motion in October 2006 at the meeting there to  
8 open Federal public lands to all users and change the  
9 Federal regulation to mirror the State regulation  
10 aligning the harvest season dates.

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12                   Currently only rural residents of Unit  
13 22 have a positive customary and traditional use  
14 determination for moose in this unit.

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16                   A little bit about the biological  
17 background. Moose started populating the Seward  
18 Peninsula in the late 1930s and were well established  
19 by the 1960s. From the 1960s to the 1980s the  
20 populations grew quite rapidly in most parts of Unit  
21 22, however, in the 1990s, the early 1990s high winter  
22 mortality along with declining calf recruitment  
23 suppressed populations and reduced densities pretty  
24 much throughout Unit 22. The current management goals  
25 of the State ADF&G are to increase and stabilize the  
26 population at 2,000 to 2,500 moose and maintain a  
27 minimum bull/calf -- bull -- excuse me cow ratio of 30  
28 bulls per 100 cows.

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30                   I'll contrast real briefly the  
31 population demographics between Unit 22 and Unit 22(D)  
32 remainder. The spring 2006 moose population estimate  
33 in Unit 22(D) was around 1,565 animals during their  
34 February/March flights. This is approximately 17  
35 percent less than the long-term average of about 1,900  
36 moose taking into account the very high populations  
37 they had back in the 1980s. The bull/cow ratio was  
38 right on track at 30 bulls per 100 cows. The long-term  
39 range in the bull/cow ratio has been between 24 and 44  
40 bulls per 100 cows. The recruitment rate was actually  
41 up in 2006 by about 19 -- excuse me -- was up 19  
42 percent from the long-term average of 16 percent. The  
43 cow/calf ratio was 24 calves per 100 adults, which is up  
44 from the long-term mean of 19 calves per 100 adults.  
45 That was all Unit 22(D).

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47                   As far as Unit 22(D) remainder, which  
48 essentially encompasses the -- if I can say this  
49 properly, Agiapuk and American drainages, there was  
50 around 599 animals sighted there. The calf adult ratio

1 in '06 was 35 calfs per 100 adults. This was also up  
2 about 30 percent from the long-term average, which was  
3 taken from 1988 through 2006. In contrast the long-  
4 term average was 24 calfs per 100 adults. Likewise  
5 the recruitment rate was up about 26 percent -- excuse  
6 me was 26 percent, up seven percent from the long-term  
7 average of 19 percent.

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9                   Essentially this means that the  
10 population may be continuing to grow in Unit 22(D)  
11 remainder as well as Unit 22(D).

12  
13                   A little bit about the harvest history.  
14 Since 2001, the moose hunting seasons along the Nome  
15 road system have been shortened and harvest quotas  
16 established, which has caused some shifting of hunting  
17 pressure to other areas of Unit 22, including in Unit  
18 22(D) remainder.

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20                   As most of you folks know, the area is  
21 remote and difficult to access and used primarily by  
22 local residents from Teller and Brevig Mission who use  
23 snowmachine and boats to access the area. And, of  
24 course, most hunting takes place in September. From  
25 1992 to 2005 the harvest in Unit 22(D) remainder range  
26 from six to 21 moose. However, a lot of the moose  
27 harvest supposedly goes unreported and the Alaska  
28 Department of Fish and Game did a community-based  
29 assessment program in 2000 and found that about 62  
30 percent of the harvest went unreported, so basically a  
31 little more than double -- was actually a little bit  
32 more than double the number of moose harvested, and  
33 they've continued to use that -- what do you call it,  
34 that estimate to suggest that the harvest is about  
35 double what is being reported on an annual basis.

36  
37                   Unit 22 residents probably take about  
38 78 percent of the total moose in Unit 22(D) remainder  
39 based on this community assessment that was done. The  
40 total moose being taken in Unit 22(D) remainder has  
41 been around 40 moose annually.

42  
43                   The effects of this proposal include a  
44 benefit to non-residents and non-rural Alaskans by  
45 giving them access to Federal public lands for moose  
46 hunting. We don't believe that the moose harvest in  
47 Unit 22(D) remainder will increase that much to become  
48 a significant problem or cause any conservation  
49 concerns. It does align Federal and State hunting  
50 season dates, simplifying the regulations overall

1 reducing confusion which is definitely a benefit to  
2 both subsistence and non-subsistence users. However,  
3 aligning the season dates does eliminate 25 days from  
4 the Federal subsistence season.

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6 If implemented the proposal would  
7 essentially eliminate hunting during the rut in Unit  
8 22(D) remainder which could potentially reduce the  
9 overall moose harvest slightly.

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11 The preliminary conclusion of OSM is  
12 that because more restrictive regulations and the  
13 Federal public lands closures are no longer necessary,  
14 we support the proposal to eliminate the moose hunting  
15 closure on Federal public lands to non-Federally-  
16 qualified subsistence users in Unit 22(D) remainder and  
17 align the Federal subsistence hunting dates with the  
18 State regs. Again, it's because the moose population  
19 in the area has increased and has remained relatively  
20 stable since 1997. Bull/cow ratios are consistently  
21 high, recruitment rates are better than they've been in  
22 a long time. The harvestable surplus appears to not  
23 being exceeded even though there's already a five month  
24 Federal season, including a one month cow season and a  
25 non-resident season on non-Federal lands.

26  
27 Thank you.

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29 MS. PERSONS: Thank you, Mr. Chair,  
30 Council. Kate Persons. The State supports eliminating  
31 the closure on Federal lands.

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33 And I just wanted to add a little bit  
34 of recent harvest information that we have from this  
35 last year's hunting season. The total harvest, and  
36 this includes a survey, a village-based survey done in  
37 Brevig by Kawerak, this last year, found a reduction in  
38 village harvest in Brevig. There was seven moose taken  
39 -- or reported during the door-to-door surveys taken by  
40 residents of Brevig and that compares to 21 taken when  
41 the village was last surveyed in 2001, and we've been  
42 using, as Greg said, that 21 figure to estimate village  
43 harvest through the last, whatever it is, five years.  
44 And so if you use that seven number on top of the  
45 reported harvest by residents and non-residents, we  
46 have a total harvest of 31 moose this last year, which  
47 is well below what we believe is sustainable. We think  
48 about 45 moose can be taken out of the area.

49  
50 Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I'm curious why, Greg,  
2 you said that they're going to lose hunting during the  
3 rut because there's an October 1st to November 30th  
4 season.

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6 MR. RISDAHL: Well, if that's true you  
7 are right. Is that they're late season -- well, then  
8 that is definitely something that doesn't need to be  
9 stated because they are definitely in the rut in  
10 October.

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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And then you said  
13 they're going to lose some time in August but the State  
14 season opens August 10th, let's see, proposed -- oh,  
15 okay, 10 days, okay, 10 days. All right. All right, I  
16 got it.

17  
18 Okay, well, all the same people are  
19 here, so I imagine all the same people aren't going to  
20 comment.

21  
22 There's no written comments.

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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. There  
25 aren't any written comments on this Proposal 38.

26  
27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, Ken, cool.

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31 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. Council  
32 members. Ken Adkisson, National Park Service.

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34 This may be more of a housekeeping  
35 exercise, I hope, rather than really a significant  
36 regulatory change. But in the history of the 22(D)  
37 remainder hunt, at one time we used to actually issue  
38 Federal permits and since a fair number of hunters, I  
39 believe, are now coming from Nome this has created a  
40 good deal of confusion over what's legal especially  
41 when we had the season differences. And it may be  
42 prudent, if you adopt this proposal, and the result of  
43 it is that it aligns the Federal season with the State  
44 season, it may be prudent to simply insert some  
45 additional language similar to that that already exists  
46 like 22(B) west of the Darbys and so forth, that states  
47 that the harvest will be by State permit and  
48 consequently the reporting will be through the State  
49 system and that provides, I think, for more timely  
50 decision-making and tracking of the harvest and

1 probably also reduces some of the work load on Federal  
2 managers in dealing with the confusion of who gets what  
3 permits and where do you go to get them.

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5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I'm thinking that's  
6 already in place Do you know Kate. I mean if you go  
7 into 22(D) remainder, can you hunt this Federal land  
8 without having the State harvest ticket, moose ticket?

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10 MS. PERSONS: Not anymore. There was a  
11 time, as Ken said.

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13 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. Council  
14 members. I guess I think that's kind of the way the  
15 thing sort of works now in practice, but I think it  
16 would behoove us to just clean it up and make it clear.  
17 We did have a case this last hunting season where  
18 someone did go to the ADF&G office and they were told  
19 they needed to get a Federal permit, which we didn't  
20 have and so I had to doctor up one from year's past to  
21 give to the Nome residents. But, you know, anyway be  
22 that as it may.

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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, I guess I'm  
25 confused because I thought you had to have the -- so  
26 are you saying they got a doctored up Federal permit in  
27 addition to the State tag or they -- go ahead.

28

29 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Terry  
30 Haynes. If I'm reading the regulations correctly the  
31 State requires a harvest ticket for the hunt. By  
32 default if there's no specific provision in the Federal  
33 regulations for a permit, then Federally-qualified  
34 hunters hunting under the Federal regulations also use  
35 the State's harvest ticket requirement.

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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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39 MR. HAYNES: So I may be missing Ken's  
40 point.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Yeah, that's  
43 what I thought, it's already been fixed, whether you're  
44 hunting on State or Federal land you still need the  
45 State moose tag to be hunting in 22(D) and that's your  
46 -- as a resident that's your permit. And even if  
47 you're hunting on Federal land under Federal regs --  
48 okay, so did anybody come in and want that -- hunt the  
49 August 1st date and have a State tag, even though the  
50 State season wasn't open?

1 MS. PERSONS: That hasn't happened in  
2 the early part of the season but it has happened that  
3 people have hunted with the State harvest ticket in the  
4 latter part of September, I believe.

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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, okay.

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8 MS. PERSONS: Yeah. But the difference  
9 in 22(B), I think, is that it's not a harvest ticket,  
10 it is a registration permit.

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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah. Okay, so do we  
13 need to say anything else or is it fairly well taken  
14 care of?

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16 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. There is a  
17 question about if you have the regulations in alignment  
18 in 22(D) remainder, which is the intent of the  
19 proposal, everything should be pretty clear.

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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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23 MR. HAYNES: If you end up with Federal  
24 season dates that don't exist in State regulation,  
25 there are some who argue that the State should not be  
26 providing the paperwork.....

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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sure.

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30 MR. HAYNES: .....to authorize that  
31 hunt.

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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All right.  
34 Well, so this proposal should solve all those problems.

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36 MR. ADKISSON: Yeah, it sounds like it.

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38 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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40 MR. ADKISSON: That's good to clarify,  
41 I appreciate that. Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Anybody on  
44 the Council got anything extra to say?

45  
46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Then we're looking for  
49 a motion to either support or oppose this proposal.

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1 MR. SAVETILIK: Mr. Chair. Myron  
2 Savetilik. I move to support this proposal.

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4 MR. MARTIN: Second.

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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Seconded by Mr.  
7 Martin. Discussion.

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9 (No comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And question.

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13 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, all those in  
16 favor say aye.

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18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.

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22 (No opposing votes)

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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion to support 38  
25 passes. And we move on to the three proposals there  
26 dealing with furbearers, or more than three.

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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, we're on Page  
29 81. My name's Helen Armstrong, OSM. 81 starts with  
30 the executive summary, 83 is the analysis. These are  
31 Proposals WP 07-39 through 45 submitted by Kawerak.  
32 And they request customary and traditional use  
33 determinations for residents of Unit 22 for beaver,  
34 Arctic fox, red fox, hare, lynx, marten and wolverine  
35 in Unit 22.

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37 I grouped these together because  
38 they're all furbearers and there's not a lot of really  
39 specific information on all of them so I have just  
40 lumped them together.

41  
42 You heard the analysis last year, we  
43 deferred the proposals, we were waiting to hear what  
44 other Regional Councils outside of the region had to  
45 say about these proposals. And we were also quite  
46 inundated in our office at the time working with rural  
47 determinations so they were deferred from last year.

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49 The proposal is going from an all rural  
50 residence determination, which means that all people

1 statewide have a C&T to hunt in Unit 22 for those  
2 resources narrowing it to Unit 22 residents only. And  
3 this narrowing then would cut out anybody who comes  
4 into Unit 22 from outside the region, which is why we  
5 wanted to hear what other Councils had to say.

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7 I'm not going to go through all of the  
8 information that's presented in the book but we did  
9 have evidence as you all know well that people have  
10 hunted and trapped these resources for many centuries  
11 and even though they're not all available throughout  
12 all of the unit so that not all of the communities are  
13 harvesting them but there's plenty of information that  
14 these were commonly taken, have been and still continue  
15 to be taken today. In terms of, you know, some of them  
16 are available in some villages and not others, that  
17 certainly was the case but it depends on the movement  
18 of some of these animals.

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20 Beaver were plentiful and available in  
21 all of the Unit 22 villages. The Arctic fox, hare,  
22 wolverine, lynx and marten were also plentiful and  
23 available within close proximity to the villages. It's  
24 also well known that subsistence users are  
25 opportunistic and they harvest what they need. And we  
26 were told at the Northwest Regional Council meeting  
27 that people would, you know, wherever they're at, this  
28 is commonly known, that wherever you're at, you're  
29 traveling you get what you can. So it's assumed that  
30 if people are traveling in for other resources they may  
31 be harvesting these as well if they saw something and  
32 they needed it.

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34 I'm not going to go through all the  
35 eight factors.

36  
37 But the effects of the proposal would  
38 be that adopting the proposals would have no effect on  
39 the users in Unit 22 but it would exclude people from  
40 outside the unit, which could have an impact on them.  
41 They would then, if they harvested these resources,  
42 they would be doing it illegally. And there wouldn't  
43 be -- we don't expect any effect on other non-  
44 subsistence hunters or trappers if this proposal were  
45 adopted.

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47 The Staff recommendation is to support  
48 with modification to make a positive customary and  
49 traditional use determination for beaver, Arctic fox,  
50 red fox, hare, lynx, marten and wolverine to all rural

1 residents in Unit 22, Unit 23 south of Kotzebue Sound  
2 and west of and including the Buckland River Drainage,  
3 Unit 21(D) west of the Yukon River, Unit 18 north of  
4 the Yukon River, Kotlik, Emmonak, Hooper Bay, Scammon  
5 Bay, Chevak, Marshall, Mountain Village, Nunam Iqua,  
6 Pilot Station, Pitka's Point, Russian Mission, St.  
7 Mary's and Alakanuk.

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9                   The justification is that although  
10 there's not really detailed harvest data on all of  
11 these resources for each community there's enough  
12 information to generally fulfill the eight factors and  
13 to recommend that all residents of Unit 22 should have  
14 a positive C&T for these resources. And there is  
15 information from research that's been conducted by  
16 ADF&G, Fish and Wildlife Service and Regional Councils  
17 that furbearers have been harvested in Unit 22 by other  
18 subsistence users from surrounding regions or units.

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20                   Thank you, Mr. Chair. That concludes  
21 my analysis.

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23                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Have any of the other  
24 Councils drafted similar proposals?

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26                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, they haven't  
27 drafted them and they haven't met yet to give us their  
28 recommendations, but they met last year and we did hear  
29 from the -- that's why these have been included and I  
30 may have skimmed over that too much but that the other  
31 surrounding units be included.

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33                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, this proposal  
34 has been in existence for over a year.

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36                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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38                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: And the Federal  
39 Subsistence Board deferred it last year.

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41                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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43                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: So I'm assuming that  
44 other Councils, Bristol Bay, Interior, you know, North  
45 Slope, are aware that we've.....

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47                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I see where you're  
48 going.

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50                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: So have any of them

1 tried to offer their own?

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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, they haven't.  
4 So what you're getting at is no one else who's being  
5 excluded now has said, hey, wait a minute, we -- yeah,  
6 no, they haven't.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. And I guess I'm  
9 not clear why -- but I'm not clear why this C&T  
10 determination would currently exclude other people  
11 because -- well, oh.....

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13 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Not currently. The  
14 current one is all rural residents. But if it were  
15 passed to be just Unit 22 then.

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17 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, no, yeah, but I  
18 don't understand why that would exclude others because  
19 there's -- I mean if there's a -- I mean just because  
20 there's a C&T determination doesn't mean others are  
21 excluded, it has to do with the seasons and.....

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23 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It does. If you  
24 don't have a positive C&T then under Federal  
25 regulations you can't harvest that resource unless you  
26 have a positive C&T determination. It's either  
27 specifically positive for your community or your region  
28 or it's all rural residents.

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30 So if it says only Unit 22 residents,  
31 then if you're from Unit 23 or 21(D) and you come in  
32 and you take, you know, an Arctic fox then you're  
33 harvesting them illegally if you're doing it under  
34 Federal regulations.

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, our last -- uh,  
37 I got to go over the minutes, what did we do at the  
38 October meeting, didn't we.....

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40 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: We did discuss that  
41 quite awhile. And I know -- I spoke on behalf of  
42 Unalakleet on that and I talked to quite a few people  
43 down there and they kind of like things as they are,  
44 they didn't mind people from 21 coming over or 22  
45 coming over and doing some activities. I mean there's  
46 beaver hunting in the spring, some of those folks came  
47 over and did and they saw no reason to shut them off.  
48 That's what took place there from our area.

49

50 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Let me clarify. So

1 it would -- would they want it to just stay as it is,  
2 all rural residents?

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4 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Yeah.

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Now is this just under  
9 hunting regs or is this a C&T for trapping regs as  
10 well?

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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's for hunting and  
13 trapping. It's a customary and traditional use  
14 determination for taking.

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16 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I think last year,  
17 too, in our discussion, we decided that if there was a  
18 shortage or something or it ever came about, we would  
19 probably bring this into light again.

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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right. Where some  
22 of the confusion came in is that there's some people  
23 who have misunderstood what C&T does or when it's  
24 implemented. And C&T is sort of the first step of  
25 narrowing the pool of users. You have all rural  
26 residents and then, you know, if it's decided by the  
27 Board, recommended by the Councils then you narrow that  
28 to a pool of people in an area or a region or  
29 communities, and then if there's a shortage you can  
30 narrow it further. You can say, well, only the people  
31 of, you know, Unalakleet can take moose in Unit 22(A)  
32 or something like that. I'm just using a hypothetical,  
33 and that's a Section .804 analysis. But when you say  
34 only residents of Unit 22 can take X, Y and Z  
35 resources, then no one else can harvest them under  
36 Federal regulations. It is a narrowing, but I think  
37 there's been misunderstanding of that regulation.

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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So.....

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41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: In most other parts  
42 of the state it's for the furbearers and for some of  
43 these smaller animals, they've just left it as all  
44 rural residents because there's not the level of  
45 competition that you get for, you know, the large  
46 mammals.

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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead.

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50 MR. BUCK: If this proposal was

1 deferred for -- what's the changes that we're going to  
2 be making to this proposal?

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4 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: What changes are we  
5 going to make?

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7 MR. BUCK: Yeah.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: The difference  
10 between what you heard last year and what you've heard  
11 today is that we went and got input from the  
12 surrounding Councils and they said, yes, we do go into  
13 Unit 22 and we do take these resources so we expanded  
14 it to include the outlying -- I mean you can do it two  
15 ways. You can say we're going to do C&T for Unit 22  
16 and all these additional communities that are listed on  
17 Page 88, I mean communities and regions or you could  
18 just leave it to all rural residents. It's basically  
19 going to have the same effect, and without competition  
20 it's not probably going to have any real impact. But I  
21 do recognize and I understand that I think Kawerak  
22 would like to designate these are our resources and  
23 this is where we use them and I think that's quite  
24 understandable.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, that's  
27 understandable but I hate to see it become a proposal  
28 that excludes people from other areas if the resource  
29 isn't at such a level that they need to be. So I'm  
30 looking at the trapping regs here at the back of this  
31 Federal book and we'll just use beaver and it's all  
32 rural residents for 22(A), (B), (D) (E) they give a  
33 season and a bag limit. Well, since the C&T is all  
34 rural residents, does that mean only rural residents  
35 can hunt and trap beaver on Federal land in Unit 22?

36

37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It means all  
38 Federally-qualified rural residents in the state.

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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Which means somebody  
41 that lives in Anchorage or Fairbanks isn't?

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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right. Exactly.

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45 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And they can't.

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47 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: They can't, no.  
48 They can't. But according to the regulations when it's  
49 all residents, if somebody from Barrow wanted to come  
50 and harvest beaver in Unit 22 they could.

1 (Laughter)

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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But they don't. I  
4 mean that's the thing, they don't.

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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I wasn't aware that it  
7 had reached that point. I mean I thought that all  
8 rural residents was just a C&T determination.

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10 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It's really almost a  
11 lack of a C&T determination. I mean it's never -- they  
12 never made a C&T determination so in the absence of one  
13 it says all rural residents.

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, but -- yeah,  
16 okay. But what we have now is, again, is this State  
17 and Federal land difference where people who live in  
18 certain parts of the state can come and do stuff on  
19 State land but they can't do it on the Federal land  
20 even though the seasons and bag limits mirror each  
21 other.

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23 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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25 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yes.

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27 MR. HAYNES: I might qualify that just  
28 a bit. Currently an Anchorage resident can come up and  
29 trap on certain Federal lands in Unit 22 under State  
30 regulations.

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32 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, I should have  
33 said that.

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, so.....

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37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I should have said  
38 that. But under Federal regulations they can't.

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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So the State  
41 regulations apply?

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43 MR. HAYNES: State regulations apply  
44 everywhere unless superseded by Federal regulations.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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48 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: So unless it's  
49 closed.

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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.  
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3 MR. HAYNES: And there are two  
4 exceptions -- two general exceptions, Federal  
5 subsistence regulations, which may exclude -- which  
6 automatically exclude urban Alaska residents under  
7 those regulations.  
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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Uh-huh.  
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11 MR. HAYNES: And then under National  
12 Park and Park Monument lands, the National Park Service  
13 determines who's eligible on those lands.  
14  
15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Uh-huh.  
16  
17 MR. HAYNES: But unless there's a  
18 specific closure of Federal lands to non-Federally-  
19 qualified subsistence users, those lands are open under  
20 State regulations.  
21  
22 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.  
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24 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm sorry, I should  
25 have clarified that.  
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27 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, it's too  
28 bad Kawerak's not here.  
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30 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I've got a question  
31 for Helen though.  
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.  
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35 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: On this proposal,  
36 again, and I remember we talked about it last year, but  
37 to date there really hasn't been any conflicts for this  
38 to even -- I mean it seems like it's putting the cart  
39 before the horse here.  
40  
41 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's right. I'm  
42 not aware of any conflicts. I mean you all would be  
43 more aware than I would if there were conflicts in the  
44 region.  
45  
46 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: It may be something  
47 in the future we have to look at but presently it  
48 doesn't hold water.  
49  
50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And I hate to see us

1 be the first ones to jump out there and do this, you  
2 know, and hey, you guys in Barrow, you can't come and  
3 shoot the wolves on our land.

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5 (Laughter)

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Well, the  
8 rest of the people probably said what they want to say.  
9 Anybody on the Council got anything else to add.

10

11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Otherwise we need a  
14 proposal to either.....

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16 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, you want to do  
19 your part, I'm sorry.

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21 MR. HAYNES: I want to complicate your  
22 lives.

23

24 (Laughter)

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I read your stuff.

27

28 (Laughter)

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30 MR. HAYNES: Our comments are  
31 summarized on Page 82 and presented in more detail on  
32 Pages 91 and 92. In essence, you know, the Department  
33 encouraged deferral of this proposal last year so that  
34 the analysis could be expanded to address communities  
35 and areas outside of Unit 22 which has been done.  
36 However, there's some in the State who feel like -- two  
37 things.

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39 Number 1, the analysis should be more  
40 detailed.

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42 And that the determination of making  
43 C&T determinations should be deferred until this policy  
44 for how the findings are going to be made is developed  
45 by the Office of Subsistence Management.

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47 So our official position is that, you  
48 know, action should be deferred on this proposal.

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50 But speaking to the proposal as

1 presented before you today it has addressed questions  
2 that the State raised last year. I think we would  
3 agree with you, too, that why make these narrower  
4 determinations if they're not necessary. I think the  
5 intent of the proposal last year was more to  
6 acknowledge customary and traditional uses by residents  
7 of Unit 22, not necessarily to restrict other people  
8 who might have a customary and traditional use of parts  
9 of Unit 22 but specifically to recognize this pattern  
10 of use and then to have something on the books in case  
11 the time came where restrictions might need to be  
12 imposed.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, that sounds real  
15 logical. We've already laid the groundwork so if the  
16 day comes we can certainly act in time to do whatever  
17 we need to do.

18

19 Okay. Well, so somebody needs to make  
20 a motion.

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22 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I'd like to make a  
23 motion at this time that we do not accept WP07-39-45.

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25 MR. BUCK: I second it.

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27 MR. SAVETILIK: Is it defer or do not  
28 accept it?

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30 MR. BUCK: Do not accept it.

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32 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Oppose.

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34 MR. SAVETILIK: Okay, thanks.

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. So a motion has  
37 been made to oppose all these, 39 through 45.

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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And Peter seconded  
40 it.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And Peter seconded it.  
43 Is there any discussion.

44

45 (No comments)

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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If not, somebody could  
48 call the question.

49

50 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.

1                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: All those in favor of  
2 the motion say aye.  
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4                   IN UNISON: Aye.  
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6                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.  
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8                   (No opposing votes)  
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10                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: And motion passes.  
11 All right. So now we're into crossover proposals,  
12 Helen.  
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14                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Actually we still  
15 have some more to go on those. We just did the  
16 furbearers, we have 46 and 47 and then 48 and 49.  
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18                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh.  
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20                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I broke them out  
21 into.....  
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23                  REPORTER: Helen, your microphone.  
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25                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'm sorry, we have  
26 -- I wasn't on speaker.  
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28                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.  
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30                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We have 46 and 47  
31 and 48 and 49, I can do this very quickly, though, for  
32 you.  
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34                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sure, go ahead.  
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36                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. 46 and 47  
37 same thing, Kawerak's requested C&T for spruce, grouse  
38 and ptarmigan. I just put them into different  
39 categories because we were talking about furbearers and  
40 then we were talking about spruce, grouse and  
41 ptarmigan. These also were deferred.  
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43                  These, even more so, had very, very.  
44 very little information. And, you know, if I -- I mean  
45 there's a part of me that says we had so little  
46 information we shouldn't give them C&T but there's the  
47 other part of me that says everybody knows people take  
48 grouse and ptarmigan if they're out hunting and they're  
49 hungry and they need to something to eat and they see a  
50 grouse they're going to eat it. So even though we

1 don't have much information, in this case it was not an  
2 all rural residence -- that's the other reason I  
3 separated them. The original determination came from  
4 the State, they did them broad in scope and they  
5 included rural residents of Units 11, 13, 15, 16,  
6 20(D), 22, 23 and Chickaloon. And what the State had  
7 just made these broad determinations, didn't matter  
8 that, you know, in fact people from Unit 11 are not  
9 coming over to take grouse in Unit 22 but they just did  
10 these broad ones, so it's a little bit less broad than  
11 all rural residents but it was still quite broad and so  
12 it's a little different.

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14                   There wasn't anything in the literature  
15 that supported upholding giving all of those  
16 communities, except for 23 C&T for grouse and  
17 ptarmigan. But otherwise I actually found very little  
18 data on the resources at all, some, you know, but not  
19 -- we don't have, you know, the harvest data is not  
20 collected, that's too much, that sort of thing. We do  
21 know that spruce, grouse and ptarmigan are known to  
22 have been hunted and trapped by the residents, hunted  
23 customary and traditionally for many centuries. Grouse  
24 are harvested by Shishmaref, Wales, Brevig Mission,  
25 Teller, Mary's Igloo, King Island, Nome, Solomon,  
26 Council, White Mountain, Golovin, Elim, Koyuk,  
27 Shaktoolik, Unalakleet, St. Michael and Stebbins. I  
28 don't think they're found in Savoonga, are they  
29 Elizabeth?

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31                   MS. MOKIYUK: (Shakes head no)

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33                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Savoonga and  
34 Gambell, grouse weren't found there. Ptarmigan are  
35 plentiful and within close proximity to all of the Unit  
36 22 villages. We did -- they do have some data on  
37 grouse, there were, you know, in one report, 177 were  
38 harvested in Unit 22 in the fall and nine harvested in  
39 the spring and we know that ptarmigan are harvested.

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41                   So I'm not going to go through all of  
42 the information but, again, what I did was I looked at  
43 who has C&T in Unit 22 for other resources and caribou  
44 is harvested in Unit 22 by people from Unit 22(D) west,  
45 Unit 23, Unit 24 and in Unit 18 north of the Yukon  
46 River, and wolf is harvested also in Unit 22 by  
47 residents of Unit 21(D) and 23 and Kotlik, so what I  
48 did was I made the assumption these people have C&T to  
49 come into the unit and -- Unit 22 and, that, therefore,  
50 we could make an assumption that they might, upon

1 occasion, be taking ptarmigan and grouse and that would  
2 be just fine.

3

4                   So the preliminary conclusion was to  
5 support with modification to give a positive C&T for  
6 spruce, grouse and ptarmigan to rural residents of Unit  
7 22, Unit 23 south of Kotzebue Sound and west of and  
8 including the Buckland River drainage, Unit 21(D) west  
9 of the Koyuk, Koyukuk and Yukon River, Unit 24 and Unit  
10 18 north of the Yukon River, Kotlik, Emmonak, Hooper  
11 Bay, Scammon Bay, Chevak, Marshall, Mountain Village,  
12 Nunam Iqua, Pilot Station, Pitka's Point, Russian  
13 Mission, St. Mary's and Alakanuk.

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15                   That's my brief analysis. The rest is  
16 all in the book.

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18                   Thank you.

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20                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: And that was 46 and 47  
21 and 48 and 49?

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23                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, no, 48 and 49  
24 are different.

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26                   MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, the others are  
27 different.

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29                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Okay, so Terry  
30 you guys wanted to say something.

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32                   MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Our  
33 comments are summarized on Page 94 and presented in  
34 more detail on Page 100. Basically the same comments  
35 we had on the previous proposals, that we would  
36 recommend deferral until there's a policy on how these  
37 findings are going to be developed is produced by the  
38 Office of Subsistence Management.

39

40                   And the Department's view is also that  
41 there needs to be additional information presented in  
42 the analysis for these communities outside of Unit 22.

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44                   I would agree that information is  
45 pretty limited on some of these species because they're  
46 not a primary resource, they're not always described --  
47 these uses are not always described in great detail  
48 when there is a subsistence study conducted and that  
49 could be a result of people not thinking to ask the  
50 questions or people in the particular community not

1 thinking to mention that they harvest something  
2 periodically.

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4 But I think the information presented  
5 in here, you know, there may not be a lot more out  
6 there.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Any other  
9 agencies or groups to comment.

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No written comments  
14 Barb.

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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. There  
17 aren't any written comments on these proposals.  
18 Thanks.

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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks. I'll  
21 assume there's no public testimony. Council  
22 deliberation.

23

24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I just want to say  
27 that probably our lives are complicated, right now we  
28 don't really need this too badly. So I guess we need a  
29 motion.

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31 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Well, I guess I might  
32 as well make another motion here that we -- are we  
33 going to oppose this W -- or are we going to defer?

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You make the motion  
36 and we'll follow your lead.

37

38 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I make a motion we  
39 oppose this WP07-48 and 49.

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41 MR. SAVETILIK: Second.

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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, motion's made  
44 and seconded. Any discussion.

45

46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Somebody call the  
49 question.

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1 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All those in  
4 favor of the motion say aye.

5

6 IN UNISON: Aye.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.

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10 (No opposing votes)

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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries.

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14 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, Mr. Chair, two  
15 more. 48 and 49, those are on Page 95 and these, I  
16 promise, will be very brief. These also were submitted  
17 by Kawerak for C&T for all residents of Unit 22 and  
18 year-round seasons and unlimited harvest limits for  
19 ground squirrel and porcupine. These also were  
20 deferred and the Board's never made any C&Ts on these  
21 before.

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23 The issue with ground squirrel and  
24 porcupine is that they are considered unclassified  
25 wildlife by our Federal subsistence management  
26 regulations. And as unclassified wildlife they already  
27 have no harvest limit and no closed season unless  
28 there's unit specific restriction and there are none in  
29 this case. And unclassified wildlife have no C&T  
30 determinations. So since they're unclassified we are  
31 opposing the proposal saying that we don't need a C&T  
32 determination.

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34 Now, I did talk to Austin about this  
35 and he said, well, he wants it to be classified but  
36 that's not what he asked for and he told me that after  
37 the analysis, so he can resubmit something later if  
38 he'd like to but as it is right now it stands that we  
39 don't do C&T determinations on unclassified wildlife.

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41 And I did do a little bit of digging  
42 into some history and found out that those were listed  
43 as unclassified in 1995. I think the Board said, why  
44 are we wasting our time on ground squirrels and  
45 porcupines, let's just make them unclassified we don't  
46 have to do seasons and harvest limits on them, so our  
47 recommendation is to oppose the proposal.

48

49 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead.  
2  
3 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Our  
4 comments are summarized on Page 101, presented in more  
5 detail on Page 104.  
6  
7 Since Federal regulations do not  
8 include these species, porcupine and ground squirrel,  
9 and unlimited opportunity is being provided under State  
10 regulations, we do not support this proposal.  
11  
12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks Terry.  
13 Well, we'll just breeze through this, the same people  
14 are all here. Testimonies are probably all the same.  
15 Anybody on the Council want to say anything. Again,  
16 I'd like to say our lives are complicated enough, we  
17 got other, bigger fish to fry. Anybody want to make a  
18 motion.  
19  
20 MR. SAVETILIK: I move we oppose the  
21 proposal, Mr. Chair.  
22  
23 MR. BUCK: Second it.  
24  
25 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, motion's made  
26 and seconded. Any discussion.  
27  
28 (No comments)  
29  
30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If not question.  
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32 MR. MARTIN: Question.  
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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All those in  
35 favor of the proposal say aye.  
36  
37 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And opposed.  
40  
41 (No opposing votes)  
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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. We'll  
44 take a real short break and get to the other stuff.  
45  
46 (Off record)  
47  
48 (On record)  
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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, we're ready

1 to get back to work, we're going to start on WP07-26.

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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And that's Helen,

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5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yes.

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7 (Pause)

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN:

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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr.  
12 Chair. Proposal WP07-26 is on Page 106 in your book.,  
13 This proposal is the proposal that Peter Martin  
14 submitted at the Council meeting last fall and it  
15 requests that St. Michael and Stebbins be added to the  
16 current C&T use for moose in Unit 18 remainder. St.  
17 Michael and Stebbins residents do not have a C&T for  
18 harvesting moose in Unit 18.

19

20 At the Seward Peninsula Council meeting  
21 last fall Peter said that Stebbins and St. Michael hunt  
22 in the vicinity of the Pastoliak River, which is in the  
23 northwest portion of Unit 18. If you look at the map  
24 on Page 108, you'll see that the area there that's got  
25 the lines on it and the Pastoliak River is there on the  
26 far left of that area that's hatched and that's where  
27 Peter said that they hunt. Right now the C&T for Unit  
28 18 remainder is all of the rural residents of Unit 18  
29 and upper Kalskag.

30

31 I wanted to just draw your attention to  
32 -- there was an error in the map. I was on vacation  
33 and this went into the books when I was gone and it was  
34 a map from another proposal that got put in here, but  
35 Unit 18 remainder, you can see on here, I've  
36 highlighted the yellow part and they put the remainder  
37 word too low there. So it's that section which is  
38 called Unit 18 remainder which what was requested. But  
39 the problem that I found in that is that when I started  
40 looking at the literature to see where people had  
41 hunted I actually found evidence that people had  
42 hunted, there was a report done in 1980 in the  
43 Andraefsky River, and that's over here in that drainage  
44 and that was out of the Unit 18 remainder area. So I'm  
45 kind of jumping ahead to some of my information.

46

47 Do you want me to do an abbreviated,  
48 Mike, are you looking for abbreviation here?

49

50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You bet.

1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay. All right, I  
2 won't go into all of this. But there was some  
3 information about harvest that occur in the area. It's  
4 like many harvest that are farther away from people's  
5 homes, it's not where their main harvest is but there  
6 is some harvest there. And in 1980 there was a  
7 household survey that found that five moose were  
8 harvested by Stebbins residents, so they're not taking  
9 a lot of moose anyway. We do know as was discussed a  
10 little bit earlier by Greg that harvests are often  
11 under reported and so if you look at the harvest  
12 reports you will find much fewer numbers than you would  
13 if you actually went and talked to people house to  
14 house. The harvest surveys in -- research conducted by  
15 ADF&G, Kawerak and Maniilaq for moose harvest in May of  
16 2002 through April 2003 said that Stebbins reported a  
17 harvest of moose in Unit 18 from a community harvest  
18 total of 20 moose, so there is a small harvest going on  
19 and that data is probably considered much better than  
20 anything you'd get from the harvest ticket reports.  
21 The same is true for St. Michaels. Their primary  
22 hunting is in Unit 22(A). And then in Bob Wolfe's  
23 study in 1980 he found that Stebbins residents would  
24 make hunting trips by snowmachine to the Andraefsky  
25 River, Andraefsky Mountains, and that people also had  
26 fish camps on the Pastoliak River.

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28 So the Staff recommendation is to adopt  
29 the proposal but modify it and so rather than saying  
30 Unit 18 remainder it describes the area that's in the  
31 hatched area. And I did talk to Peter before the  
32 meeting started to see if that was acceptable and he  
33 said it would be. So it would read Unit 18, that  
34 portion that includes the Pastoliak and Andraefsky  
35 River drainages and it would be for rural residents of  
36 Unit 18, St. Michael and Stebbins and Upper Kalskag.

37  
38 That's my abbreviated version.

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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Terry, I guess we'll  
41 get you in there.

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43 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
44 The Department's comments are summarized on Page 105  
45 and presented in more detail on Page 114.

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47 And in summary we're not convinced that  
48 substantial evidence is presented to show that the uses  
49 of this portion of Unit 18 is a customary and  
50 traditional pattern of use by St. Michael and Stebbins.

1 We don't dispute the fact that they are harvesting some  
2 moose in that area, there seems to be some effort  
3 taking place but we believe there needs to be more  
4 information presented to support that case.

5  
6 The other problem we have, too, is that  
7 we're waiting to see what the written policy that  
8 Office Subsistence Management would have for making  
9 these customary and traditional use determinations. So  
10 that would help us to understand how they're deciding  
11 what is and what is not a customary and traditional  
12 use, how the criteria are used cumulatively to make  
13 that determination.

14  
15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, Terry, all you  
16 got to do is go down there and look at the last names  
17 on the post office boxes and you can see that people  
18 migrate back and forth and live -- you know, there's  
19 people from Kotlik living in Stebbins and people from  
20 St. Michaels living in Kotlik and Emmonak, and it's  
21 totally ridiculous for you guys to oppose this. I  
22 realize that the people who draw up this opinion have  
23 never been to this area, and haven't the slightest idea  
24 what goes on there but it's ridiculous for you to  
25 oppose it.

26  
27 Peter, go ahead.

28  
29 MR. MARTIN: Last fall I had a call  
30 from Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional Chairman, Harry  
31 Wilde, he wanted to invite me over to their meeting, I  
32 think it was in December, and I talked with him and he  
33 asked me about this proposal, and they said that they  
34 would probably support this proposal. I talked with  
35 Barb again she brought up the issue that it would be  
36 brought up at this meeting. I never did go down there.  
37 Never did call back.

38  
39 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman.

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: (Nods affirmatively)

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43 MR. HAYNES: One of the values of these  
44 Regional Council meetings is to bring out additional  
45 data like this that can be then presented to the Board  
46 or added to the analysis because, you know, when there  
47 is discussion occurring between people in these  
48 neighboring areas, that does bring out additional  
49 evidence of these relationships.

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1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I'd like to add,  
2 too, if there's any other information that anybody  
3 knows if I've made that area too narrow or if it should  
4 be broader and say more than that hatched area, then I  
5 needed to know that too.

6  
7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, I mean you said  
8 yourself that there was some evidence of people going  
9 over into the Andraefsky and harvesting moose.

10  
11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

12  
13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And currently the Unit  
14 18 moose population is fabulous. You know, Peter's  
15 okay with your modification but if it was me I wouldn't  
16 be okay with it, I'd want my -- you know, as someone  
17 who represents the whole area, I don't see why they  
18 shouldn't be able to drive over to Andraefsky and hunt  
19 moose, and the way you worded your modification they  
20 can't.

21  
22 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Oh, no, they can.  
23 It would be the hatched area on Page 108, it would be  
24 the Andraefsky River drainage and the Pastoliak River  
25 drainage.

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27 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, you included  
28 Andraefsky.

29  
30 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, I'm sorry, I  
35 didn't read it.

36  
37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But what I didn't  
38 know, you know, is do people go over to the Yukon  
39 River, I mean I didn't find anything like that in the  
40 literature but actually Donald Mike, who's one of our  
41 coordinators for Southcentral, he's from Kotlik and he  
42 said it wouldn't surprise him if people went farther  
43 than this. So I just thought I'd put it out there, if  
44 you had evidence that you went into more of that area  
45 than what I found then I should know that.

46  
47 MR. MARTIN: People from Kotlik area  
48 has gone over to Unit 22. You know, in talking to my  
49 people in Stebbins and St. Michael, they have a desire  
50 to cross over to Unit 18 and do moose hunting. And I

1 have talked to some people down the Yukon too and it  
2 was okay, we do a lot of sharing with those  
3 communities.

4

5 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Mr. Chairman. I have  
6 a question for Terry.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yes.

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10 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Terry, when you were  
11 talking there I was kind of curious for discussion  
12 purposes. We were looking at the customary and  
13 traditional for that area and stuff, but earlier in  
14 this paper here it said that those moose just moved in  
15 there in the last 30 or 40 years, maybe, right?

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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: 1940s.

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19 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: '40s. So how far  
20 back do we go for the customary and traditional use, I  
21 guess, is my question?

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23 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, as Terry says  
24 we don't have a policy, we don't have that really  
25 written down and the Board has looked at it on a case  
26 by case basis and they have given C&T in other cases  
27 where the use has been very recent. I think looking at  
28 it from a perspective of if they're subsistence hunters  
29 they harvest what's available to them. So if there's  
30 something that's moved in, they're going to harvest it  
31 and they should have C&T for it. But there are a lot  
32 of different philosophies on that. So it is something  
33 that there's a lot of discussion on.

34

35 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I also have one  
36 question here for Peter. On that area in 18, is the  
37 majority of hunting done like on Pikmatalik or is done  
38 over on the Pastoliak or where?

39

40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Pikmatalik's not in  
41 18.

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43 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: No, I know it's in 22  
44 but it's closer and I'm just thinking, it's.....

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, okay.

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48 MR. MARTIN: In the last meeting last  
49 fall I asked the question if it would be possible to  
50 cross over into Pastoliak area and do some fall

1 hunting, we had a question about that, find out if it  
2 was legal because we didn't want to do something  
3 illegal about moose hunting then. That's where this  
4 proposal come up, you know, if it's okay with the  
5 Board, the Council, like to support this proposal,  
6 WP07-26 with modification.

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8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Peter.

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10 How long have you guys been hunting  
11 over in that area, like the Pastoliak area because most  
12 of you living in Stebbins are mostly from that area,  
13 right, the Kotlik area?

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15 MR. MARTIN: Yes. We do a lot of our  
16 sharing with the Kotlik area people. We hardly even go  
17 up north except wintertime, some of our hunters go up  
18 north by snowmachines.

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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, kind of  
21 like some of these other proposals where I made the  
22 comment our lives are complicated enough, you know,  
23 your modification seems to complicate Peter's proposal  
24 a slight amount. It'd certainly be a lot easier to  
25 just add St. Michaels/Stebbins to the C&T determination  
26 for all of Unit 18 than to put in your modification and  
27 designate a new area that they have C&T for.

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29 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: The problem I found,  
30 though is what they proposed was for Unit 18 remainder  
31 and I was going to do that except that Andraefsky River  
32 drainage isn't in the remainder area so we could say  
33 Unit 18 remainder and the Andraefsky River drainage.  
34 It's not really clear on the map, I've written myself a  
35 note to.....

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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, I know.

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39 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....add that.

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And to tell you the  
42 truth I think it changed just from one year to the  
43 next, what was Unit 18 remainder one year changed the  
44 next year.

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46 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: It could have. What  
47 it is right now is that it's within that dotted line  
48 area on Map 1 on Page 107, and that doesn't -- it cuts  
49 off the Andraefsky River drainage. But I'm going to  
50 have that overlayed on the other map so you can

1 actually see that.

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: But what you got here  
4 on Page 105 just says Unit 18 moose, customary and  
5 traditional use determination -- oh, okay, I'm sorry,  
6 Unit 18 remainder.

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8 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh.

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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Helen, and this  
13 proposal is coming up in front of YK region?

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: In March, uh-huh.

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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, thanks.

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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, I guess  
20 we bantered it around enough, there probably won't be  
21 anybody else out there to say anything.

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23 No written comments.

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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: There are no written  
26 comments, Mr. Chair.

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28 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I have one more  
29 question on this proposal.

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead.

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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Your mic.

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35 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Looking at Page 106  
36 here where it's -- you know it describes the rural  
37 residents and stuff, just supposedly what would happen,  
38 and I'm sure this is the protection on it, but could  
39 that eliminate the normal season in any way if there  
40 was an abundance of moose taken on the customary and  
41 traditional?

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43 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, customary and  
44 traditional use determinations are separate from -- but  
45 I mean if you do have -- they're separate from the  
46 harvest and methods and means.

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48 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Right.

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50 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But if you did

1 increase the harvest to the point where there wasn't  
2 enough.....  
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4 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Right.  
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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....then you could  
7 do an .804 and then just limit it to those people who  
8 are closer to it.  
9  
10 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Okay, Thank you.  
11  
12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. So we're  
13 ready for a motion.  
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15 MR. MARTIN: I make a motion to support  
16 Proposal WP07-26 with modification.  
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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: With modification,  
19 okay.  
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21 MR. BUCK: Second it.  
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23 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, motion is  
24 seconded. Discussion.  
25  
26 (No comments)  
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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If there's no  
29 discussion.  
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31 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.  
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Question's been  
34 called. All those in favor of supporting the proposal  
35 with modification say aye.  
36  
37 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.  
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41 (No opposing votes)  
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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries.  
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45 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.  
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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Thank you, Helen.  
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49 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, that  
50 concludes my presentations on analysis.

1                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Greg, can we put these  
2 next two together since they're from the Kotzebue  
3 folks, there's 52, 53, 51 and 54, can we kind of them  
4 all together?

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6                   MR. RISDAHL: Mr. Chairman and members  
7 of the Council, actually they're talking about  
8 different species. I think they're different enough  
9 that they probably should be taken separately, however,  
10 they are short.....

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12                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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14                   MR. RISDAHL: .....and I can go fast.

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16                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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18                   MR. RISDAHL: Wildlife Proposal 52 and  
19 53 begins on Page 115 with the executive summary. The  
20 Proposal was submitted by the Native Village of the  
21 Kotzebue Council and it requests a shortened season and  
22 removal of the two fox limit for both Arctic fox and  
23 red fox hunting in Unit 23. The proponent states that  
24 the harvest limits for these two species are arbitrary  
25 and too small to adequately accommodate subsistence  
26 users. The change would allow users greater  
27 opportunity for subsistence harvest while they are  
28 pursuing other activities such as attending fish traps,  
29 camping or observing marine mammal carcasses.

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31                   A customary and traditional use  
32 determination has not been made for Arctic fox or red  
33 fox in Unit 23, therefore, all rural residents are  
34 eligible to hunt these species at this time.

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36                   Now, there's not a lot of information  
37 on the biology or harvest of these species. But both  
38 Arctic and red fox are considered quite abundant in  
39 Unit 23. The human harvest of both species, either by  
40 trapping or hunting is relatively insignificant when it  
41 comes to the effects of the populations and there is  
42 really no biological reason to limit the harvest of  
43 either species.

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45                   I'll mention briefly that there's not a  
46 lot of harvest going on. There was a lot more in the  
47 '40s and '50s when prices were good, probably up  
48 through the '70s when I was trapping as a youth.  
49 Currently only a few subsistence, recreational and  
50 professional trappers pursue furbearers in Unit 23. A

1 lot of the harvest is actually taken opportunistically  
2 by local residents while engaged in other activities.

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4           The effects of the proposal, already  
5 alluded to, there'd be very little effect on either fox  
6 species by removing the harvest limit. It would allow  
7 some additional opportunities to take the species.  
8 However, the proposal, the way it is written, it would  
9 create three different State and Federal hunting and  
10 trapping season opening dates, currently there are two.  
11 This could create some confusion.

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13           Therefore, the Staff preliminary  
14 conclusion would be to support both proposals with  
15 modification to keep the September 1 opening date for  
16 both species just to keep it as similar as possible  
17 across the board and change the hunting harvest to no  
18 limit for both species.

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20           Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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22           CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, Terry.

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24           MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Our  
25 comments are summarized on Page 115 and presented in  
26 more detail on Page 119.

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28           Part of our concern has been addressed  
29 in the proposal as modified and that is to retain a  
30 September opening date in order to reduce the confusion  
31 that might exist if an October opening date was  
32 established. We do have concerns about their being no  
33 harvest limit provisions as opposed to the current two  
34 Arctic fox and 10 red fox, that divergence between  
35 State and Federal harvest limits could be a problem  
36 just given the lay of the land in Unit 23.

37

38           And that adds confusion to the  
39 regulations when they don't line up. So we are  
40 concerned about that and for that reason we'd recommend  
41 that a good step would be to modify the preliminary  
42 conclusion to retain the existing harvest limits.

43

44           CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. But currently  
45 in Unit 23, under your trapping regulations, the State  
46 trapping regulations, both species have no limit,  
47 correct, or you don't have the trapping regulations in  
48 front of you?

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50           MR. RISDAHL: That is correct, and I

1 have some regs in my briefcase there.

2

3 MR. HAYNES: Yes. And those will  
4 continue to apply.

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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, sure. So I see  
7 your point about having two different bag limits under  
8 State and Federal regs but, you know, maybe you guys  
9 ought to submit a proposal to the Board of Game to go  
10 no limit on Arctic fox and red fox under your hunting  
11 season, too. I mean it's not like they're being  
12 overharvested and both species carry rabies and present  
13 a danger to the public. So, you know, there's other  
14 solutions besides opposing this proposal.

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16 You could let those guys above you know  
17 that.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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23 MR. HAYNES: That's all I have to say  
24 on the proposal.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN:

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28 MR. HAYNES: Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sure. All right. Oh,  
31 okay, Ken, have at it.

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33 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chairman. Council  
34 members. Ken Adkisson, National Park Service. I just  
35 wanted to let this group know that the National Park  
36 Service fully intends to support these proposals.

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38 You should also, I think, be aware that  
39 there's some quirky things in it.

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41 The season change, remember, the State  
42 makes a distinction between like trapping and hunting  
43 and that's why some of the seasons look a little  
44 different. The proponent of these proposals actually  
45 changed the hunting season to more reflect and, I  
46 think, align with some of the trapping season when they  
47 thought they would actually be doing it but I don't  
48 think they would object to a slightly longer season.  
49 The point is to increase their opportunity.

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1                   Probably more important for the  
2 proponent and the Park Service is, is that the Park  
3 Service has its own set of quirky regulations related  
4 to, quotes, trapping with a firearm, which is  
5 essentially illegal under Park Service regulations. So  
6 basically what this proposal would do would better  
7 align, quotes, the taking with the more non-restrictive  
8 trapping regulations, and basically allow people with a  
9 firearm, especially in the Parks and Monuments to fully  
10 exercise their subsistence opportunity. You know,  
11 everyone agrees that there's no biological problem.

12  
13                   The Park Service does have some concern  
14 with creeping liberalization of bag limits but in this  
15 case we feel it's fully warranted and like I say we  
16 fully intend to support these proposals to improve the  
17 harvest opportunity for local residents especially in  
18 the Parks and Monuments up there.

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20                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. So Staff made a  
21 modification and that's how they see the proposal. Any  
22 Council deliberation.

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24                   (No comments)

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26                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: No written comments,  
27 Barbara.

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29                   MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. There  
30 aren't any public written comments on this proposal.

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32                   Thank you.

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34                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. So anybody want  
35 to make a motion.

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37                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I make a motion we  
38 accept WP07-52 and WP07-53.

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40                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: As written or as  
41 modified?

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43                   (Pause)

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45                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Yeah, that proposal  
46 would be with modification.

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48                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Is there a  
49 second.

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1 MR. SAVETILIK: Second.  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So seconded. Any  
4 discussion.  
5  
6 (No comments)  
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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If not, someone call  
9 the question.  
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11 MR. MARTIN: Question.  
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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All those in favor of  
14 supporting these two proposals with modification say  
15 aye.  
16  
17 IN UNISON: Aye.  
18  
19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Those opposed.  
20  
21 (No opposing votes)  
22  
23 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. Greg,  
24 continue on.  
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26 MR. RISDAHL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
27 The Staff analysis for 51 and 54 were combined. These  
28 proposals were submitted by the Native Village of  
29 Kotzebue Council also. They request creation of  
30 Federal hunting seasons for beaver and muskrat in Unit  
31 23.  
32  
33 The proponent requests that these  
34 seasons be created to accommodate subsistence hunting  
35 during spring, summer and fall for food and fur. The  
36 State has done away with the beaver sealing requirement  
37 and harvest limits in Unit 23 because both effort and  
38 take are well below sustainable units [sic].  
39  
40 There's currently no customary and  
41 traditional use determination for beaver or muskrat in  
42 Unit 23, therefore, all rural residents would be  
43 eligible for these species if there were a Federal  
44 hunting season. Currently there are no beaver and  
45 muskrat Federal hunting seasons in Unit 23, however,  
46 under the Federal trapping regulations beaver may be  
47 taken with a firearm from November 1st through June  
48 10th with no limit. Muskrat may not be taken with a  
49 firearm at all. And beaver cannot be taken with a  
50 firearm on Park Service lands.

1 I'll mention the State regulation  
2 history real quick, too, just for comparison purposes.  
3 Residents may hunt beaver year-round with no harvest  
4 limit under State regs or trapping regs, provided that  
5 either the meat or the hide is salvaged. State  
6 trapping season is open year-round with no harvest  
7 limit and there is no hunting season for muskrat under  
8 State regs. However, muskrats can be taken using a  
9 firearm from June 11th through October 31st under State  
10 trapping regulations.

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12 It does seem complicated.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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16 MR. RISDAHL: All these differences.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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20 MR. RISDAHL: Okay. As far as  
21 biological background, similar to the situation with  
22 the fox, there's not a lot of information available but  
23 it's pretty widely known and accepted that beaver and  
24 muskrat populations are high in Unit 23. They occupy  
25 good quality habitat as well as marginal areas,  
26 therefore, there are no biological concerns to limit  
27 the harvest of either species.

28  
29 The harvest history is similar, again,  
30 to the other furbearer species. They were trapped much  
31 more heavily back in the '40s and '50s and right on up  
32 through the '70s with just a few people today doing it  
33 on kind of an opportunistic level for the most part for  
34 recreation, subsistence, there are very few trappers  
35 out there. Much of the harvest is taken by locals  
36 while engaged in other activities.

37  
38 The effects of the proposal essentially  
39 would provide more opportunities for subsistence users  
40 to take muskrat and beaver for food by hunting. It  
41 would make Federal and State regulations more  
42 consistent and subsistence users would have an  
43 alternative to harvesting beaver and muskrat other than  
44 just under the general Federal trapping regulations.  
45 And they would be allowed to take beaver and muskrat  
46 with a firearm throughout Unit 23 including on Park  
47 Service lands.

48  
49 The preliminary conclusion, therefore,  
50 of the Staff was to support wildlife Proposal 51 for

1 beaver to make it a year long [sic] hunting season with  
2 no limit and for 54, to modify that proposal to make it  
3 a year long [sic] hunting season with no limit also.  
4 So both would be year long [sic] hunting seasons with  
5 no limit.

6

7 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Terry.

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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Excuse me.

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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Barbara.

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15 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Greg, that would be  
16 Proposal WP07-51 With modification, and also with 54  
17 with modification, they're both modified, right?  
18 Correct?

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20 MR. RISDAHL: Oh, pardon me, Barb,  
21 actually, yeah, there is a mistake in the book. I  
22 wasn't looking at the book and I crossed it out on  
23 mine. In 51 that really isn't a modification so you  
24 could actually cross out the words with modification  
25 under support proposal WP07-51 because that is not a  
26 modification, that is actually what they're asking for.  
27 And therefore where the regulation reads the modified  
28 Federal regulation for beaver should read, that is --  
29 should be crossed out also.

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31 So we're supporting the beaver season  
32 as proposed but we're modifying the muskrat season to  
33 make it no limit, no closed season, open year-round.

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35 Thank you for catching me on that.

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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead, Terry.

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39 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
40 Our comments are summarized on Page 120 and presented  
41 in more detail on Page 124.

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43 This is another case where we don't see  
44 a need for a duplicate Federal regulation when  
45 opportunity is already provided under State regulation.  
46 However, if the Board moves forward to adopt Proposals  
47 51 and 54, before they can institute a Federal season  
48 for these species they're going to have to make  
49 customary and traditional use determinations, which are  
50 not presented in this analysis and are required --

1 those kinds of determinations must be made before there  
2 can be a Federal season.

3

4 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Anyone else  
5 want to say anything.

6

7 (No comments)

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Council members.

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11 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: That kind of puts it  
12 as a standstill doesn't it?

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I don't know.

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16 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: That kind of.....

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, the State  
19 probably has a valid point that the C&T determination  
20 hasn't been made. Since this proposal didn't come from  
21 us and doesn't have to do with our region, I'd say a  
22 logical direction for us to take would be to defer any  
23 action on it.

24

25 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I mean, Mr. Chairman,  
26 as I see it, this is not a whole lot different than we  
27 looked at except for the fact that -- or the last  
28 proposal, except that here we haven't determined the  
29 customary and traditional use, but they're just trying  
30 to align it with the State season, right, wasn't that  
31 the purpose of this, to line it up? No?

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33 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. They wanted  
34 to create these Federal seasons to provide additional  
35 opportunity as I understand the proposal.

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37 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Okay. They already  
38 have that year-round on the State as I see it.

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40 MR. HAYNES: For muskrats, Mr.  
41 Chairman, the State does not have a muskrat hunting  
42 season. Muskrat harvest is allowed under the State  
43 trapping regulations and they can either be trapped or  
44 taken with firearms under the State trapping  
45 regulations.

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47 The beaver hunting season that's  
48 proposed under Federal regulations would match the  
49 current State season.

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1 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Yeah. Okay.  
2  
3 MR. BUCK: I'd like to say that this is  
4 Unit 23, Kotzebue area, I'd recommend that we support  
5 this proposal supporting Kotzebue.  
6  
7 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I have one more  
8 question on that. The beaver, is that customary and  
9 traditional or is it just the muskrat, if they both  
10 align with State and Federal on the beaver, what's the  
11 situation there, is it just the muskrat involved on it,  
12 or am I not correct?  
13  
14 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Maybe I'm  
15 not understanding your question.  
16  
17 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Okay. Presently  
18 under the State law, where did I see this here, it's  
19 year-round for beaver and muskrat, correct?  
20  
21 MR. HAYNES: No.  
22  
23 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: No?  
24  
25 MR. HAYNES: If you look on Page 121,  
26 the existing State regulation for hunting -- for beaver  
27 hunting in Unit 23 there's no limit and no closed  
28 season and that's what's being requested in Federal  
29 regulation.  
30  
31 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Right.  
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33 MR. HAYNES: The State currently does  
34 not have a an open muskrat hunting season, and that is  
35 also being requested in this proposal. So the net  
36 effect of the proposal and Greg will correct me if I  
37 misinterpret something is to basically.....  
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39 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Oh, yeah, I see it  
40 now.  
41  
42 MR. HAYNES: .....create a muskrat  
43 hunting season in Federal regulations.  
44  
45 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Yeah, when I looked I  
46 saw that. I was looking and I read that as no closed  
47 season instead of no open season on the muskrat, that's  
48 right, I'm sorry. I see that.  
49  
50 MR. RISDAHL: Mr. Chairman. Members of

1 the Council. I don't know the specifics here but this  
2 is something to think about. The Federal regulations  
3 do provide for trapping of these species, both beaver  
4 and muskrat and evidently, therefore, there is a  
5 customary and traditional use determination for  
6 trapping of these two species and I guess we're  
7 carrying this over to provide that opportunity with  
8 firearm year-round, basically allowing the same kinds  
9 of activities year-round except with a firearm as well  
10 as trapping, which in some instances includes a  
11 firearm.

12

13 Thank you.

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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19 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Helen Armstrong. I  
20 also think that if -- I mean we'd have to check with  
21 our solicitors but I'm pretty sure that in the absence  
22 of a C&T determination it's automatically all rural  
23 residents. So it's not that there hasn't been one,  
24 it's just that it's all rural residents. I mean there  
25 hasn't been one but that wouldn't preclude them from  
26 having a season and a harvest limit, I believe, but  
27 we'll double check with the solicitors when we go back.

28

29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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31 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Ken's got a question.

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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Ken, go ahead.

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35 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chairman. Council  
36 members. Ken Adkisson, National Park Service. One of  
37 the things that's been said is that there's no need for  
38 these regulations because adequate opportunity is  
39 provided under State regulation. The only thing I  
40 would say in regard to that is, is that the National  
41 Park Service is probably the major land owner in Unit  
42 23 and because of the quirks in the Park Service  
43 regulations and residency zone requirements and things  
44 that relate to the Park Service, that opportunity  
45 really doesn't exist on those lands and this proposal  
46 is being put forward to provide that opportunity that  
47 doesn't now exist. And so, again, like the other  
48 proposal, the Park Service fully intends to support  
49 these proposals.

50

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks. All  
2 right, if somebody wants to make a motion we can  
3 entertain that.

4  
5 MR. BUCK: I'll make a motion to  
6 support this proposal with the modifications, Proposal  
7 51 and 54, I move to adopt.

8  
9 MR. SAVETILIK: Second.

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11 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, a motion is made  
12 and seconded in support with modification. Discussion.

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14  
15 (No comments)

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17 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If not, call the  
18 question.

19  
20 MR. MARTIN: Question.

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22 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Question's been  
23 called. All those in favor of supporting with  
24 modification say aye.

25  
26 IN UNISON: Aye.

27  
28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Those opposed.

29  
30 (No opposing votes)

31  
32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. Okay,  
33 that finishes -- no, it doesn't, okay, Proposal 32,  
34 who's going to do that, Barb, me?

35  
36 (Laughter)

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Greg's going to do  
39 it, Proposal 32.

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, well, we already  
42 did this at.....

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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: They kind of know  
45 what it's about.

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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We already did it at  
48 the October meeting, didn't we, but this is our chance  
49 to do it officially before the -- okay, just be real  
50 brief, hopefully the rest of you guys remember what I

1 started.

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3 MR. RISDAHL: Okay, thank you, Mr.  
4 Chairman. Actually I just got this the day before  
5 yesterday so even though I inherited all of these  
6 proposals, this one I just got.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MR. RISDAHL: This proposal was  
11 originally submitted last year as WP06-30 and it was  
12 deferred by the Federal Subsistence Board and it was  
13 resubmitted by Henry S. Powers, III, of Bethel  
14 requesting the elimination of the Federal regulatory  
15 closure restriction for Unit 18 remainder moose hunting  
16 from September 1st through the 30th.

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18 And I'll just kind of skip to the chase  
19 here since you folks have been through this and ask you  
20 asked me to do so.

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22 Let's see here, where do I want to jump  
23 in, the effects of the proposal, we'll go straight to  
24 the effects, and if there's questions about some of the  
25 background we can definitely go back to it. But  
26 basically the population there has grown rapidly and  
27 continues to grow and is definitely capable of  
28 supporting an increased harvest.

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30 If this proposal is implemented as  
31 proposed to include only Unit 18 remainder, a portion  
32 of the people that use this population for hunting  
33 would not have that opportunity, basically downstream  
34 from Mountain Village where the removal of the closure  
35 is probably also justified. Here in this area we also  
36 believe that there would be little biological effect on  
37 the moose population. The increased harvest expected  
38 would be on the order of 18 to 35 bull moose per year  
39 annually and there is no justification to maintain this  
40 closure to non-Federally-qualified users during the  
41 winter season.

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43 The adoption of the proposal could lead  
44 to some conflicts, however, State lands already has  
45 many open areas there -- or pardon me, State lands are  
46 already open and some of those, of course, are closer  
47 to the villages. Adoption of the proposal may actually  
48 help spread hunters out and align Federal and State  
49 regulations.

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1                   Therefore, the Staff preliminary  
2 supported WP07-32 with modification to also lift the  
3 closure in the lower Yukon River area downstream from  
4 Mountain Village as well as Unit 18 remainder for both  
5 the fall and winter moose hunting seasons.

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7                   Thank you.

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9                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead, Terry.

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11                   MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
12 The Department's comments are on Pages 10 and 11 of the  
13 handout. But in short, there's no reason to maintain  
14 this closure of Federal public lands to non-Federally-  
15 qualified hunters in the remainder of Unit 18. So we  
16 support the proposal as modified in the preliminary  
17 conclusion to lift the closure altogether and not just  
18 for the fall season.

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20                   And I want to also mention that, you  
21 know, we really acknowledge the contribution that Unit  
22 18 residents made, especially when they had this five  
23 year moratorium that allowed the moose population to  
24 really rebound in that part of Unit 18. They made a  
25 tremendous investment and they're seeing the return for  
26 that investment now with literally more moose than they  
27 know what to do with. So the five year moratorium is  
28 really providing benefits, not only for Unit 18  
29 residents, but for other rural residents, too, and  
30 beyond that the health of the moose population there  
31 means that there's no longer a necessity to not allow  
32 other hunters to come into that area and we don't  
33 expect that many non-local hunters will come out there  
34 because it is a long ways from the major population  
35 centers and a pretty expensive trip.

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37                   So we support the proposal as modified.

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39                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: I'm having a hard time  
40 gathering just what is Unit 18 remainder now.

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42                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Mike, it's this --  
43 the yellow area that's in the dotted lines that we  
44 talked about in my proposal. It's not yellow, but it's  
45 on Page -- yes, this part up here, it's on Page 4 of  
46 the orange sheet as well and it's also on Page 107.  
47 It's mislabeled, from my reading in the regulations,  
48 unless I'm wrong, my reading of the regulations is that  
49 remainder word should go up here inside this area in  
50 the northwest corner. Did I read that right?

1                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: That makes sense,  
2 downstream of Mountain Village which would be in the  
3 Delta of the Yukon.....  
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5                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.  
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7                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....that makes sense.  
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9                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, the map was  
10 done -- it was mislabeled, so the remainder should be  
11 up here within those dotted lines there.  
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13                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well.....  
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15                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right here, this  
16 area.  
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18                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.  
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20                  MS. H. ARMSTRONG: This should have  
21 been moved, it should say Unit 18.....  
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23                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, that part I  
24 understand but what you -- what the Feds have printed  
25 in this book leaves out -- I believe it leaves out part  
26 of the unit when they're discussing moose hunting.  
27 They've got it closed for, let's see, I think it shows  
28 here what's -- what all is closed and then they've got  
29 a -- they got Unit 18 south of and including the  
30 Kanektok, that's all closed, but then Unit 18 remainder  
31 just covers this area downstream from Mountain Village  
32 and north of the Romanzof Kusilvak line and they don't  
33 even talk about the Yukon River drainages above  
34 Mountain Village. I mean according to this booklet  
35 there ain't even a season.  
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37                  There's a C&T determination for that  
38 portion of the Yukon River drainage up stream of  
39 Russian Mission whereas the State has a -- who's got a  
40 State handy-dandy.  
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42                  MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I've got the reg  
43 book.  
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45                  CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah. See the Feds  
46 are calling the area downstream of Mountain Village  
47 Unit 18 remainder, the State is calling the area up  
48 stream from Mountain Village Unit 18 remainder, so  
49 we've got a discrepancy in the Federal definition and  
50 the State definition of Unit 18 remainder. And that

1 means that Mr. Powers' proposal is confusing. And the  
2 State pretty much -- everything in Unit 18 that's in  
3 the Yukon River drainage is all the same season.

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5 I spoke to Mike Rearden at the Delta  
6 Refuge, and I think he led me to believe that this  
7 proposal is really supposed to cover -- I think  
8 actually Harry Powers wanted this proposal to cover the  
9 State's definition of Unit 18 remainder and not the  
10 Fed's definition. But if you -- you know, from talking  
11 to both the State biologist and Rearden and a bunch of  
12 other people, the whole area's got this tremendous  
13 moose population and the whole area should be open and  
14 that was what -- I don't know this is kind of messed  
15 up.

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17 Terry, do you see the difference?  
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19 MR. HAYNES: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman.  
20 It'd probably be useful to have a Federal map that  
21 clearly shows the areas defined in Federal regulations  
22 to clear that up because there may be some uncertainty  
23 about whether -- well, I don't know what Mr. Powers'  
24 intent was.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.  
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28 MR. HAYNES: But that needs to be  
29 cleared up.

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, that needs to be  
32 clearer too. Let's see -- well, so what is the State  
33 supporting, let me read yours again. I would think the  
34 State is looking at Unit 18 remainder as what they've  
35 defined as Unit 18 remainder and that's the area up  
36 river from Mountain Village.

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38 MR. HAYNES: Well, you know, the moose  
39 population has grown substantially in this area and  
40 there's no need for that closure. Now, I didn't think  
41 about -- I wasn't doing a side by side comparison of  
42 what the remainder of Unit 18 might be, if there's a  
43 difference between what's in State regulations and  
44 Federal regulations. But we just acknowledge that the  
45 moose population in this general area is very healthy  
46 now and didn't think so much about existing hunt area  
47 boundaries.

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49 MR. RISDAHL: Mr. Chairman, if I may.  
50 I'm pretty unclear on this, too, because like I say, I

1 just got it Tuesday. Maybe it would help if we learned  
2 specifically what the Council would recommend being  
3 open, which sounds like what the State would suggest,  
4 that there's a good moose population throughout the  
5 area and just define that area and we can take that  
6 back and contact Mr. Powers to see if that's what he  
7 intended and then go from there.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And, Mr. Chair,  
10 we'll clarify the maps and the boundaries and we'll  
11 worry about that part. If we know -- we have a  
12 proposal that we understand in concept what it is you  
13 want to do then we can clarify the details later and I  
14 think that will be acceptable because obviously there's  
15 some confusion with the maps and the boundaries and  
16 State and Federal and everything else.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, okay, here let  
19 me -- Terry here's a quote from ADF&G comments.

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21 The draft Staff analysis recommends  
22 supporting the proposal with modification to include  
23 the lower Yukon River area below Mountain Village which  
24 is technically what the Feds are calling 18 remainder  
25 as well as Unit 18 remainder throughout both the fall  
26 and winter seasons. So, yeah, you guys, you're viewing  
27 Unit 18 remainder as the area up stream from Mountain  
28 Village and asking that the proposal include the area  
29 down stream as well.

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31 MR. HAYNES: I think that's correct,  
32 Mr. Chairman. And we just didn't think to -- we  
33 weren't looking at maps, I guess, when we wrote the  
34 comments.

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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38 MR. HAYNES: But the written  
39 description does suggest what you're saying is correct.

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And I know that from  
42 Rearden, his talks with the Council and the villages in  
43 that area, that's the idea he's portraying to them is  
44 that all of the Yukon River drainage in Unit 18 is  
45 going to be open to non-Federally-qualified users.

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47 All right, let's see there are three  
48 written comments, I see.

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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes. Mr. Chairman,

1 we have three written comments and they all oppose this  
2 proposal. And they are Algaaciq Tribal Government of  
3 St. Mary's and one from Ohogamiut Traditional Council,  
4 and one from John H. Lamont, Mountain Village.

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6 Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. I think you  
9 guys can read those over.

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11 I guess as far as Council deliberations  
12 I'll say that -- well, I started this because I'm  
13 somewhat familiar with the area, I live with a woman  
14 who's from Emmonak and we've gone down there and hunted  
15 and it just seems pretty ridiculous to exclude people  
16 from hunting an area who otherwise have some ties to  
17 the region when the moose population is so high. Our  
18 Council already did a proposal for Federal lands in 22  
19 remainder, to open that because the population was  
20 good.

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22 And I've spoken to both State and  
23 Federal people in that area, the moose population is  
24 actually reaching a point where they got to kill cows  
25 and calfs because there's too many of them. So there's  
26 no biological reason to oppose this proposal. I,  
27 certainly, from my standpoint would like to see the  
28 opportunities for those same local people to not only  
29 harvest moose but to partake in commercial activities  
30 that could allow them an income from the harvest of  
31 those animals as well, such as what some of our own  
32 Council members do in Unit 22.

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34 So anyway I guess I'm not allowed to  
35 make a proposal so does anybody else want to -- or a  
36 motion I should say.

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38 MR. BUCK: What's your feelings on  
39 this.

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41 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: It kind of seems like  
42 the consensus is we're all kind of in agreement but I  
43 think maybe we're a little unsure on how to state this  
44 motion with the background we just had.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, the State's got  
47 it lined out pretty good. The proposal should be  
48 modified to include the Unit 18 below Mountain Village.  
49 So Unit 18 remainder as far as the State is concerned  
50 is the area up river from Mountain Village and the area

1 down river is separate but should be included in the  
2 proposal and that's what I'd like to see supported from  
3 a personal standpoint.

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5 (Pause)

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7 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Maybe I  
8 could suggest something for you that you might want to  
9 -- because of the uncertainties of how these subareas  
10 of Unit 18 really exist, maybe you could just say the  
11 intent of your recommendation is to have the area, you  
12 know, the entire Yukon River drainage within Unit 18  
13 open; is that what you're suggesting to have.....

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, I mean that's  
16 what I'd like to see and nobody's bothered to make a  
17 motion so far.

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19 MR. HAYNES: That's not suggesting what  
20 you do or don't do, but if that was your intent, you  
21 might just say the intent of our motion is to recommend  
22 that this geographic area be open to moose hunting by  
23 other residents. That way, I think, Federal Staff  
24 could take that back and translate that into however  
25 these subareas within Unit 18 actually occur.

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27 So I think if the Staff understand your  
28 intent that you'll be okay and one way to do that will  
29 be to just define a geographic area. You know if you  
30 were looking at the State map, for example, you know,  
31 is the intent -- is it easier to look at a subarea on  
32 the State map or is it just easier to say here's what  
33 our intent is.....

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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37 MR. HAYNES: .....verbally.

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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, anybody that  
40 wants to make a motion feel free.

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42 MR. MARTIN: I make a motion to support  
43 Proposal WP07-32 with modification.

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45 MR. BUCK: Second it.

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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, motion is made  
48 and seconded. Discussion.

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50 (No comments)

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We'll say as modified  
2 by the State.  
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4 Okay, so does someone want to call the  
5 question.  
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7 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Question.  
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9 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.  
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11 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All those in favor say  
12 aye.  
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14 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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16 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.  
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18 (No opposing votes)  
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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, motion carries.  
21 Okay, let's take a break, anybody want to use the  
22 bathroom or get a drink or something.  
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24 (Off record)  
25  
26 (On record)  
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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, we're back in  
29 business and we're going to change the agenda a little  
30 bit to let some of the government agency Staff people  
31 make their reports. I guess, Kate, you're going to go  
32 first.  
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34 MS. PERSONS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
35 Council. I'm just going to take a few minutes to  
36 update you on our activities since Tony's report last  
37 to you in October.  
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39 And we were able to do some moose  
40 composition surveys this fall in November. We worked  
41 in 22(C) and the report of that work is on the front  
42 page of the handout that Barb passed around. And the  
43 important thing to notice there, the results of this  
44 year's survey are on the bottom row of that table, and  
45 the most significant thing is that 22(C) is the one  
46 place in Unit 22 is where we've consistently had very  
47 good calf production and survival. And we did have a  
48 growing moose population that we decided to try to cap  
49 off, we have a cow hunt to stabilize the population to  
50 prevent over-utilization of the winter habitat. And

1 we've consistently had calf/cow ratios of above 20  
2 calves per 100 cows in the fall. And for the first time  
3 this fall we only had 20, and, you know, if it were 20  
4 any place else in Unit 22 I'd be dancing a jig on this  
5 table because it would be so much better than what  
6 we've found in other places, but in Unit 22(C) that's a  
7 real disappointment. And we've seen that low of a  
8 calf/cow ratio only once before, that was in 2001, and  
9 in that year it followed a very difficult winter of  
10 deep snow and there was a lot of mortality from  
11 starvation from that spring below and we were expecting  
12 probably that calf production and survival would be  
13 down and it was, but this year it was a surprise. Last  
14 spring we -- well, last winter should have been an easy  
15 winter on moose, when we weighed 10 month old moose  
16 calves in this very area they were some of the most  
17 large and robust 10 month old calves that had been  
18 measured anywhere in the state so we were expecting a  
19 bumper crop and we didn't get the survival anyway.

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21                   And the one thing that we do know is  
22 that there are several families of bears, there's a sow  
23 -- I haven't seen the sow but I've heard about her from  
24 quite a number of people and the reports are, I think,  
25 believable of a sow with four yearling cubs that was  
26 seen multiple times in the Snake and the Nome River  
27 drainage this summer, and then I've seen myself a sow  
28 with three cubs and that's quite a -- well, and then  
29 there are those that claim that there is actually  
30 another sow with three cubs and so we may have quite a  
31 number of bears operating in the Nome and Snake River  
32 drainage that may account for an increase in predation  
33 that may explain this but we really don't know. So  
34 it's going to be important when we do our census of  
35 22(C) this spring to see how, overall, in 22(C) the  
36 calf adult ratio is.

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38                   Then we were also able to do  
39 composition work in 22(D) but there we had very poor  
40 snow conditions and moose were not distributed in the  
41 way they normally are at the time of year when we do  
42 the surveys and so these results are a little bit  
43 uncertain. We didn't find a lot of moose in the  
44 headwaters or on the side slopes where we normally do  
45 this time of year, they'd already -- many of them had  
46 moved down into the main part of the drainage and  
47 probably these -- the bull/cow ratio and the calf/cow  
48 ratio, I guess, we'd consider them sort of minimums  
49 because we spent more time down in the river bottoms.  
50 But the bull -- what was good was that we saw a really

1 even distribution between small, medium and large bulls  
2 and that's a huge change from five years ago when we  
3 reduced harvest and put in these registration hunts.  
4 And then it was hard to find bulls and what we did find  
5 was yearling bulls and so we've got a much better age  
6 composition of bulls now and it's just very visible and  
7 it's good to see. But it was disappointing to find  
8 only 17 calves per 100 cows after finding 33 the year  
9 before. But even 17 is better than we were finding  
10 five years ago. And in Unalakleet we'd be happy for  
11 that.

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13                   We had three winter registration moose  
14 hunts in the area around the Nome Road system this  
15 winter in January. We always have a winter hunt in  
16 22(B), that's at the request of people from Golovin and  
17 White Mountain. Part of the quota is reserved for the  
18 winter hunt and there was a five moose quota. Four  
19 moose were taken, they were all taken by people from  
20 White Mountain, and the season was closed on the 20th  
21 of January.

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23                   And for the first time we had a winter  
24 hunt in 22(D) Kuzitrin, and always in the past the  
25 quota has been taken in the fall but it wasn't this  
26 year. So we had a four moose quota, those four moose  
27 were taken and the season closed on January 25th.

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29                   The final tally for the fall brown bear  
30 hunt was 42 bears and that compares to a five year  
31 average of 46. And as Vance mentioned early in the  
32 meeting about seeing a lot of bears in the Unalakleet  
33 drainage, the Unit 22(A) bear harvest was the highest  
34 on record. Twenty-two bears were reportedly taken and  
35 that compares to an average of 13 in the fall.

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37                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I have a question,  
38 Kate.

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40                   MS. PERSONS: Yes.

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42                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Did that include  
43 spring and fall?

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45                   MS. PERSONS: No, this is just fall.

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47                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Just fall, okay.

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49                   MS. PERSONS: This is just fall, yeah.  
50 And I can't remember about -- it seems like the spring

1 harvest was high, too, yeah, so this is just fall,  
2 and.....

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4 MR. MARTIN: What area mainly was this?

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6 MS. PERSONS: It was all 22(A) but most  
7 of this harvest was in the Unalakleet -- much of it was  
8 in the Unalakleet drainage which is where we really  
9 kind of want to see it to help the moose but also some  
10 of it was in the Golsovia. I'm trying to think, I  
11 don't recall any really down around your area.

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13 MR. MARTIN: No, not around there.

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15 MS. PERSONS: And the other thing about  
16 the harvest in 22(A) that's different is that such a  
17 large proportion of it was of female bears, 16 out of  
18 those 22 bears were female so I don't know if it's  
19 going to make a difference with the moose down there  
20 but we sure hope it helps.

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22 Then the next table on the third page  
23 looks at muskox harvest, to date, and you can see that  
24 the only place where the harvest is approaching the  
25 quota is in 22(D) southwest and, you know, everywhere  
26 else the harvest is far from the quota and we have a  
27 little less than a month of the season left to go.

28

29 In November the Seward Peninsula Muskox  
30 Cooperators met and the Board of Game had asked the  
31 cooperators to come up with a recommendation on the  
32 amount of muskox necessary for subsistence, and that's  
33 what this meeting was all about and it was a struggle.  
34 A lot of hard work. The group worked on this for two  
35 days and considered a lot of different options and came  
36 up with a total number of 204 to 254, which is double  
37 what the Seward Peninsula amount necessary for  
38 subsistence is on the books right now. And it was  
39 based on the average number of households that applied  
40 for these various muskox hunts around the unit and then  
41 that's the low number, the 204 is the average number of  
42 households and then 25 percent was added to that to  
43 create a range and account for increasing interest in  
44 muskox as they become more available and more important  
45 to subsistence users. And the Department, or our staff  
46 is going to write this up in a Board of Game proposal  
47 form and send it around to all the people that attended  
48 the meeting and hopefully they'll agree we captured  
49 what they wanted us to and then it will be submitted to  
50 the Board at the next meeting.

1                   We've got a lot of field work on our  
2 schedule this spring. Some of this won't happen if we  
3 don't get more snow. But on the agenda is some moose  
4 surveys over in 22(A), just recruitment surveys in the  
5 Unalakleet drainage is the highest priority.

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7                   A moose census of western 22(B) and  
8 Unit 22(C) and that's in conjunction with BLM, they're  
9 helping with funding and personnel.

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11                   We have a muskox census scheduled for  
12 the whole Peninsula and that involves all of the  
13 agencies.

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15                   And then muskox composition work in  
16 22(C) and western 22(B), and again we're going to do a  
17 calf weight study in 22(B) and (C).

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19                   And the Board of Game is scheduled to  
20 meet next November in Bethel. At that time they'll be  
21 considering proposals to change any regulations in Unit  
22 22, State regulations and the proposal deadline is  
23 August 12th. And I should mention for your benefit,  
24 Vance, that Tony and I are planning to come over to  
25 Unalakleet in April after all this field work is done  
26 and meet with people in the community and start working  
27 on a proposal for the next Board meeting to address the  
28 moose situation.

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30                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I think that'd be  
31 real good. I have one question here, too, just out of  
32 curiosity sake, on this quota for the muskox and  
33 underneath it, of course, is the harvest, now are there  
34 permits sent out for that harvest to each individual;  
35 is that.....

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37                   MS. PERSONS: Uh-huh.

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39                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: There is?

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41                   MS. PERSONS: Yes.

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43                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Well, why is there  
44 such a low return on those. I mean at this point we're  
45 looking at it and hardly anybody's doing it.

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47                   MS. PERSONS: Yeah, I know.

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49                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: What's the deal?

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1 MS. PERSONS: Go figure.  
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3 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: And I'm just asking  
4 out of curiosity, not to put you on the spot.  
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6 MS. PERSONS: Yeah. Yeah.  
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8 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I'm just curious of  
9 why nobody's doing it.  
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11 MS. PERSONS: Well, typically the  
12 majority of the harvest does happen like in March, the  
13 last two weeks of the season and we know that in 22(E),  
14 for instance, there's going to be a big rush on it come  
15 first of March.  
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17 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: It will probably fill  
18 then?  
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20 MS. PERSONS: Well, in the past it  
21 hasn't but every year we've been issuing more and more  
22 and more permits. And actually in 22(E) it's not even  
23 a Tier II hunt, it's just wide open and any Alaska  
24 resident can go to Wales and Shishmaref and pick up a  
25 permit and go muskox hunting. There is trophy  
26 destruction if it leaves the unit.  
27  
28 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Sure.  
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30 MS. PERSONS: But in these other  
31 places, there are limited numbers of permits but in  
32 some places we've issued double the number of permits  
33 that, you know, we can take.  
34  
35 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Uh-huh.  
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37 MS. PERSONS: And each year we've  
38 issued more and more and.....  
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40 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: They're not being  
41 utilized.  
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43 MS. PERSONS: Yeah, and they're not  
44 being used.  
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46 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Okay, I was just  
47 curious.  
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49 MS. PERSONS: So we'll see.  
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1 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Thank you.  
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3 MS. PERSONS: But I mean there's still  
4 a chance in this last three weeks.....  
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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: They still want an  
7 amount necessary for subsistence.  
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9 (Laughter)  
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11 MR. BUCK: Maybe they don't like  
12 muskox.  
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14 MS. PERSONS: Yeah.  
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16 (Laughter)  
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18 MS. PERSONS: And then finally this is  
19 my last RAC meeting. I'm retiring at the end of the  
20 April from the State and, you know, I think back over  
21 the last 10 years and I just feel like we've developed  
22 a really good working cooperative relationship between  
23 our Unit 22 wildlife staff and this RAC and the Federal  
24 Staff that supports the RAC and the wildlife work in  
25 Unit 22. And it's a darn good thing because we've had  
26 a lot of really difficult issues to work through with  
27 declining moose populations that have caused all sorts  
28 of difficulties, you know, restricting seasons and  
29 complicated muskox regulations and it's just been great  
30 to be able to work with you guys. We've had just such  
31 a cooperative spirit and I'm so glad that we've been  
32 able to avoid the kind of counter-productive turf  
33 battles that have popped up in other places between  
34 State and Federal management.  
35  
36 So, anyway, thank you and keep up the  
37 good work.  
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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, well,  
40 thanks Kate, and we certainly appreciate all your  
41 effort over the years. You've been a part of it.  
42 We'll just hope that things continue as well as they  
43 have.  
44  
45 MS. PERSONS: They will.  
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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Thank you,  
48 Kate.  
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50 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. If I might.

1 I want to echo what you said, I've had a chance to work  
2 with Kate and area biologists from around the state in  
3 my capacity as our liaison team representative and when  
4 people talk to me about the State's working  
5 relationship with Federal agencies and Regional  
6 Councils, I frequently point to the Seward Peninsula  
7 Regional Council and our Staff here in Nome, who have  
8 an excellent working relationship, and you're not  
9 always on the same page, don't always see things the  
10 same way but there's a constructive relationship and  
11 you address the issues and that's what it's all about.  
12 In some areas of the state we don't have that developed  
13 yet, but I've really appreciated Kate's work because  
14 she -- you know, it's logical.

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16                   When people live out in these regional  
17 centers and rural areas they understand that, you know,  
18 leave the fighting to the folks in Juneau but on the  
19 ground out here.....

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21                   (Laughter)

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23                   MR. HAYNES:   .....you have to work  
24 together, you have to be able to communicate to make  
25 any progress and I really think this has been a great  
26 situation out here and I appreciate all Kate has done.

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28                   MR. BUCK:   I'd just like to say that  
29 when I first met Kate she was helping me and my family  
30 cut fish and hang fish, put away a whole bunch of it  
31 and ever since then she's always supported subsistence  
32 and I know she's -- just glad to have her.

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34                   MS. PERSONS:   Well, maybe I'll come out  
35 and cut fish with you again this summer, I won't be  
36 sitting behind a computer.

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38                   CHAIRMAN QUINN:   Mr. Sparks.

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40                   MR. SPARKS:   Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
41 Members.   Elizabeth, it's good to see you.   I  
42 interviewed you last year, as you may recall, so I'm  
43 glad you've been seated.   I'm going to make my  
44 presentation very brief.

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46                   There's a field report that I passed  
47 out.   Kate alluded to some composition studies that BLM  
48 did in the fall in Unit 22(A).   I'll just point out a  
49 couple things.   About nine water sheds were flown, 62  
50 moose were seen, it included 34 cows, four calfs, 24

1 bulls; the bulls included seven yearlings, nine less  
2 than 50 inch racks and eight over 50.

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4 BLM is still cooperating with ADF&G.  
5 Kate mentioned a couple of projects that are coming up  
6 this spring that we're going to be doing in terms of  
7 funding and flying and it depends on the snow  
8 conditions. And that's that report.

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10 There's been some changes, too, I think  
11 the Board should be aware of in terms of the Anchorage  
12 Field Office that manages most of the Seward Peninsula.  
13 Jeff Denton has moved on, he was the biologist for the  
14 Anchorage Field Office. He's gone on to the Mineral's  
15 Management Service. And currently Bruce Seppi, who  
16 wrote that report there before the Board here, is  
17 acting in his step until his permanent replacement is  
18 announced. And also with BLM statewide, we have a new  
19 state director, his name is Tom Lonnie. The Anchorage  
20 Field Office manager is still the same, Gary Reamer.

21

22 And that's basically all I have other  
23 than the land use plan that's still going on. The  
24 final EIS, Environmental Impact Statement, will be out  
25 this spring, it'll be the end of April or first of May,  
26 there'll be a protest period a couple months after and  
27 then a Record of Decision will be signed by the state  
28 director after the protest period.

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30 So that's all I have and I'd be happy  
31 to answer any questions.

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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, we'd sure like  
34 to see some of these latitude and longitude coordinates  
35 as soon after the animal is spotted next time.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MR. SPARKS: Well, I thought some of  
40 you might have caught on to that. Thank you, Mr.  
41 Chair. I actually talked to the biologist there  
42 because that report was sent to me with the lats and  
43 longs on and he respectfully requested that I delete  
44 those off as quickly as possible but you could take  
45 that up with Mr. Seppi.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thank you, Tom.

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1 MR. SPARKS: Thank you, very much.

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Ken, do you need to do  
4 something.

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6 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. Council  
7 members. Ken Adkisson, National Park Service. I'll be  
8 pretty quick about this.

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10 Kate already mentioned the outcomes of  
11 the Seward Peninsula Muskoxen Cooperators Group, which  
12 we're actively involved with and that, I think, was a  
13 big positive step forward and I just thank all the  
14 people from the village and the people who came to that  
15 meeting and the hard work they put in, and really  
16 working through coming up with those recommendations  
17 for the amount needed for subsistence. They really  
18 dealt with some tough and mathematical issues in a day  
19 and a half, roughly two days, came through, I think  
20 with some, you know, really positive results.

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22 Basically we're still short staffed but  
23 trying to cooperate interagency-wise.

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25 We did do a brown bear survey last  
26 spring in the 22(E) area. We're still working over the  
27 statistics on that to actually come up with a measure  
28 of abundance. One of the key things we were trying to  
29 do in it though was sort of try out some new methods to  
30 see if we can come up with a cheaper way of looking at  
31 bear numbers that we can maybe apply without having to  
32 use such expensive methods say as, you know, mark and  
33 recapture studies, which such up tons of funds and try  
34 to be able to come up with some way of doing more  
35 frequent bear counts, maybe not with quite the accuracy  
36 but over time perhaps better trend information.

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38 On the Seward Peninsula we'll be  
39 cooperating interagency-wise on the upcoming Seward  
40 Peninsula Muskoxen count, that's a population estimate.

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42 We'll also be working with the  
43 University of Alaska-Fairbanks and some folks there.  
44 We'll also be working with the State in some of the  
45 composition work and at the same time continuing some  
46 of the work to try to look at body conditioning for  
47 ungulates through nitrogen content and urine samples  
48 and see if that can help us understand, you know, maybe  
49 some of the better relationships between the  
50 animals, their condition and their habitat.

1                   Other than that, basically, a lot of  
2 our effort from the Western Arctic National Park lands  
3 is going into the Unit 23 area. We've got muskoxen  
4 composition and population work scheduled for Cape  
5 Krusenstern. We've got some interagency efforts with  
6 sheep, bear and moose up in that area so pretty busy.  
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8                   We're also funding a nature baseline  
9 harvest study in the village of Kiana and that's one of  
10 the reasons that Jim Magdanz isn't probably down here  
11 now is they're actually beginning field work on that  
12 study.  
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14                   That's all I have unless there's some  
15 questions.  
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17                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks Ken.  
18 I'll stay under this column here just to finish it out.  
19 There's nobody here from BIA, right.  
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21                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: The plane got  
22 diverted back to Anchorage and she couldn't make it in.  
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24                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, did she have  
25 anything important to say?  
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27                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I don't think so.  
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29                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, well, do  
30 you want to do something with this letter.  
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32                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I need to do the  
33 Council composition, too, whichever one you want to do  
34 first.  
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36                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, I can't I  
37 finish No. 12?  
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39                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Sure.  
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41                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: I'm doing A of number  
42 12.  
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44                   MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, you're  
45 doing.....  
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47                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: The letter to AFN  
48 regarding OSM funding.....  
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50                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I can do that.

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: This is a letter from  
2 AFN.

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4 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: A letter from AFN  
5 was handed out.

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: And the response to  
10 AFN is on Page 134 in your book, this is just  
11 informational, there's no comment or decision that  
12 needs to be made on this.

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14 But AFN requested in September that --  
15 they essentially were asking for increased funding for  
16 the Regional Councils in the budget for 2008 and they  
17 also asked that we -- we had a vacancy with our  
18 assistant regional director, who used to be Tom Boyd,  
19 was for many years, he retired, and they asked that  
20 that be filled ASAP. So then our response, which  
21 wasn't until January 22nd, from the -- the letter from  
22 AFN had been to the Secretary of Interior, he then  
23 asked the director of Fish and Wildlife Service to  
24 respond, since Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead  
25 agency on subsistence matters and the budget in  
26 particular.

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28 And he does comment in there that he  
29 visited Alaska in the summer and that he had the good  
30 fortune of spending time at subsistence camp and  
31 learned first hand how vital subsistence is. And so I  
32 think that's actually really critical that he did come  
33 up here. He goes on to assure AFN that the Regional  
34 Council system is really important and the foundation  
35 of the program but then goes on to say that the budget  
36 cuts we have are real and they're severe and they're  
37 happening government wide. And because of inflation  
38 and salary increases that we're having cuts of at least  
39 \$300,000 a year. And we're anticipating in '08 we're  
40 going to have a half million dollar cut to our budget.  
41 So one thing they're exploring and the decision hasn't  
42 been made yet is that we would go to a two year cycle  
43 where we do fish one year and wildlife the next year.  
44 You would still have your Council meetings the same as  
45 you've been having but they would be shorter because  
46 you wouldn't be dealing with fish issues in the  
47 wildlife cycle and vice versa. And fish is already  
48 pretty short here anyway so you could have some quite  
49 short meetings.

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1                   So that's how we're going to deal with  
2 it but there's not going to be additional money to put  
3 into -- more into the Regional Council system.

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5                   And then the last point they made was  
6 that we have just had approved the appointment of Peter  
7 Probasco who has been our deputy, he's now our  
8 assistant regional director. And it doesn't say this  
9 in the letter but we are -- they're -- I'm not sure  
10 they're advertising yet, but they will be advertising  
11 shortly for our deputy regional director so we hope to  
12 have that filled soon, too.

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14                   Okay, just informational.

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16                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: So you're saying on  
17 this bi-annual regulatory -- two year regulatory cycle  
18 we're still going to have two meetings a year but it'll  
19 be a game meeting one part and a fish meeting the other  
20 part?

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22                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's correct. You  
23 would have a fall meeting where you would take  
24 proposals and people would be able to make proposals  
25 and, you know, discuss what situations are and then the  
26 winter meeting where we would address the proposals.

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28                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: And the Federal  
29 Subsistence Board then will just do a fish meeting one  
30 year and a game.....

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32                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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34                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Whereas now they do  
35 two meetings a year.

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37                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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39                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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41                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: But that's not  
42 definite, that's what they've proposed.

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44                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: That's a proposal,  
45 yeah, okay.

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47                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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49                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, thanks.  
50 Then I guess we can go back to No. 10, call for

1 proposals to change Federal subsistence fisheries  
2 regulations. And we haven't addressed any fisheries  
3 stuff lately, uh>?

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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So then we can go to  
8 No. 11 the Council composition, and that all concerns  
9 the lawsuit and stuff.

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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right. This is on  
12 Page 125 of your books. In 2003 the Secretary of  
13 Interior amended the Council charters and stipulated  
14 that Council members would represent either subsistence  
15 or commercial/sport users and they set a goal of 30  
16 percent representation of commercial and sport users on  
17 each Council. That wasn't an absolute because there  
18 were some Councils like the North Slope Council was  
19 never able to find anyone who was a commercial or a  
20 sport user. And some of the Councils also increased  
21 their memberships, Southeast, Southcentral, YK have 13  
22 members and the rest have 10. And then they allowed  
23 three years to completely implement the new system.

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25 So this is the 30 percent, it's the  
26 70/30 system that you've heard people talk about.

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28 In August of 2006 the court ordered the  
29 Board to stop using the 70/30 system at the end of the  
30 calendar year and to promptly begin developing a plan  
31 for a balanced membership that will meet ANILCA and  
32 FACA requirements. FACA is the Federal  
33 Administration.....

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Federal Advisory.....

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37 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: .....Advisory  
38 Committee Act. And the judge said that the Board  
39 hadn't provided enough justification for choosing the  
40 70/30 measure of balancing Council representation.

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42 So it wasn't that we couldn't do the  
43 70/30 it was just that we had to go back and discuss  
44 this with the Councils, they rushed it through the  
45 first time, if I remember correctly when it was taken  
46 to the Councils the first time it was more like this is  
47 what we're doing, rather than what do you think about  
48 this, and so the judge said we can't do that.

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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Helen.

1 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Um.  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So it says the court  
4 concluded, well, why did the court conclude, apparently  
5 somebody sued?  
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7 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yes.  
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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Who?  
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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Safari Club.  
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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Because they didn't  
14 like the 70/30 split?  
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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: They actually sued  
17 us on a whole lot of things and that was just the only  
18 part that the won on. And I think it was Safari Club,  
19 am I remembering this right?  
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21 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: On what grounds would  
22 it be?  
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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Don't they have a --  
25 yeah, the Safari Club here says they support the 70/30  
26 membership.  
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28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: They do support the  
29 70/30 membership -- is that -- that's not right, is it?  
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31 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman. Yes, the  
32 Safari Club, I think, supported the 70/30, the -- this  
33 ruling was part of an appeal, was it not, of that  
34 decision. I don't remember who the appeal.....  
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36 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think it was from  
37 NARF, maybe.  
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39 MR. HAYNES: NARF, yeah, I think that's  
40 right.  
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42 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.  
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44 MR. HAYNES: The Native American Rights  
45 Fund.  
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47 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, you're right.  
48 It was the Safari Club -- in 1998 Safari Club.....  
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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: The Safari Club did

1 the original lawsuit.

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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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5 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: To get the 70/30.

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: To get the 70/30.

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9 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Right.

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11 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And so the Native

12 American Rights Fund appealed and wanted a little

13 more.....

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15 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Oh, yeah, they --  
16 no, Safari Club sued us saying that we needed to have  
17 representation from sport and commercial users and then  
18 we created the 70/30 part and then some -- I think it  
19 was NARF that intervened saying this wasn't, you know,  
20 it wasn't right, and so then the court said we had to  
21 -- they weren't saying we couldn't do the 70/30 we just  
22 had to have an administrative record of how we got  
23 there, we didn't have that.

24

25 Okay.

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27 So we have recently published a request  
28 for public comment, and that's in your book, and send  
29 news releases out. There are comments that we've  
30 gotten from the public on Page 126 and I'm going to  
31 actually go through a few of those, and now what we're  
32 doing is asking for your official recommendation and  
33 what you think we should do with the membership.

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35 A few things just to know is that FACA  
36 says that the points of view represented on the Council  
37 must be balanced with the functions to be performed by  
38 the Council. And the Council's functions are on Page  
39 129 in case you wanted to look at that. The court has  
40 also said that a fairly balanced Regional Council must  
41 include consumptive users of fish and wildlife on  
42 public lands other than subsistence users because those  
43 users are directly affected by the subsistence  
44 priority. So the court has told us that we need to  
45 listen to consumptive users of fish and wildlife other  
46 than subsistence and that not every user groups needs  
47 to be represented on the Councils to provide a balanced  
48 membership. So in some regions you might have quite a  
49 few but you don't need to have all of those.

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1                   The court said that while 70/30 is one  
2 way of meeting FACA requirements, the Board should  
3 consider other ways of achieving balanced membership on  
4 the Councils, the judge said if there ever was a  
5 situation that called for thinking outside the box,  
6 this is it.

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8                   The Board and Secretaries must be able  
9 to show that they have considered points of view  
10 represented by other consumptive users of fish and  
11 wildlife as well as subsistence users when recommending  
12 and appointing Council members. And our question is  
13 how can that best be done so we'd like to get the  
14 input.

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16                   In terms of the comments, you can read  
17 through those but I just -- we did get -- I mean we got  
18 some from individuals but I thought that it might be  
19 good to -- do you want me to just point out some of the  
20 highlights from the comments or do you want to read  
21 through them or do you not even care?

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23                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: I don't know, I mean  
24 we can glance through these comments as you talk about  
25 some of the other stuff.

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27                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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29                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: I've already kind of  
30 looked through them.

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32                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You've already  
33 looked through them, okay.

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35                   Well, I think that's pretty much it.  
36 So you can take it from here or you can support 70/30,  
37 you can throw it out, you can come up with some other  
38 idea, it's up to you, it's the wish of the Council.

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40                   MR. BUCK: I'd like to say that I  
41 oppose the 70/30 membership. The subsistence user  
42 should be the top priority for the Federal Board and  
43 establishment of 70/30 membership loses -- the  
44 subsistence user suffer on that.

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46                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, Helen,  
47 isn't the first requirement of membership on any of  
48 these Councils to be a resident of the area?

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50                   MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yes, it is.

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And, therefore, isn't  
2 anyone who is seated on one of these Councils a  
3 Federally-qualified subsistence individual?

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5 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I mean they should  
6 be but I think you could hypothesize that there might  
7 be somebody who's on the Council who doesn't hunt or  
8 fish. I mean just because you live in the region.....

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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, no, no, that's  
11 not what I'm saying. For our purposes.....

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13 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Qualification  
14 purposes.

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16 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Qualification  
19 purposes.....

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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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23 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....anybody who lives  
24 in this region is recognized as a qualified subsistence  
25 user, whether they use the resource or not is a choice  
26 they personally make.

27  
28 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, yep.

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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. So anybody,  
31 whether they're a sport/com seat or a subsistence seat  
32 is a Federally-qualified subsistence user. And you can  
33 see that, in fact, by the make up of this Council. We  
34 have three people on this Council who represent the  
35 sport/comm seats but all three of us are equally  
36 Federal subsistence users. We actually have a fourth  
37 member who's a subsistence seat but is also engaged in  
38 sport and a commercial activity on Federal lands. And  
39 it just seems to me that -- and, okay, I can remember  
40 from my orientation that we're not told you represent  
41 sport/comm users or you represent Stebbins users, we're  
42 here to represent everybody who lives in this region.

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44 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And not just  
47 subsistence users and not just sportsmen, not just, you  
48 know, whatever you want to be.

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50 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: Mr. Chairman, I'd

1 like to say something here, too.

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3                   You know at this point when I got on  
4 this board I didn't have a clue what I was getting into  
5 or if there would be controversy on it because of  
6 subsistence and sportfishing and all that, but I got to  
7 say overall I think everything here has went pretty  
8 smooth and I think for the most we're all on the same  
9 page and I know just from sitting here I really  
10 appreciate all the effort that the agencies have put in  
11 here to bring in statistics and important information  
12 to help make some decisions on some of the things that  
13 face us. And I think overall I'm not sure this, you  
14 know, happens with all boards, but I think as a board  
15 here I feel real good about everything we've done at  
16 this point. And that's both for subsistence and  
17 commercial and sport, I think we've done pretty well  
18 together, I think.

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20                   I just had to say that.

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22                   MR. BUCK: I think that we've done real  
23 good too with the sports and -- like Tom is a sports in  
24 White Mountain and we're glad for him, he gets rid of  
25 all the bears and stuff, but -- and there's no conflict  
26 right now but whenever a resource is diminishing, I --  
27 that's like the part that the subsistence users should  
28 be the ones that last.

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30                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: You've already got  
31 Federal law protecting you to do that, you know, so us  
32 here, whether we prefer one type of use or another, we  
33 have to go by what the Federal law requires us to do,  
34 and I mean we can see right here -- I mean you can see  
35 what's happened over the last few years in Unit 22,  
36 that's exactly what this Council has done is made  
37 recommendations to restrict other users in favor of  
38 subsistence users. 22(D) is closed to -- well, the  
39 State's done it too but, you know, there was a time  
40 when everybody could come out to Unit 22 and hunt just  
41 about anything they wanted because populations were  
42 good and now that's not the case. And you can't hunt  
43 moose in a lot of 22(D) or (B) unless you live in the  
44 area, on Federal lands.

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46                   MR. GRISHKOWSKY: The muskox.

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48                   CHAIRMAN QUINN: The muskox thing,  
49 yeah, I mean it's all worked pretty well and.....

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1 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: The muskox was all  
2 introduced too by the Roberts-Pittman Act with  
3 sporthunting, I mean that's where it all came from or  
4 it wouldn't be here. So there's been a lot of good on  
5 both ends of this thing.

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And the things we do  
8 have to be legally justifiable in accordance with those  
9 regulations. So, you know, you can say that the Safari  
10 Club won that point of their lawsuit, it's just a  
11 matter of whether three out of 10 should be sport/comm  
12 or two out of 10 or one out of 10 or whatever, but I  
13 certainly think that the 70/30 has represented a fairly  
14 even make up of the people who live in the area and  
15 then you can see that from other units where they can't  
16 even seat a sport/comm because they don't have any.  
17 Either nobody applies or nobody participates in those  
18 kind of activities. You said the North Slope one  
19 hasn't seated anybody and I don't think the YK has any  
20 either. So, you know, the end result is these Councils  
21 represent the make up of the people who live in that  
22 region.

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24 MR. SAVETILIK: Mr. Chair, there was a  
25 motion to oppose this 70/30 and I didn't think there  
26 was a second so, Peter, had stated that he opposed this  
27 letter.

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, were you making  
30 a motion or just stating an opinion, Peter.

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32 MR. BUCK: It was just a statement.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sure, okay.

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36 MR. BUCK: Yeah, because I'm satisfied  
37 the way this Board has operated but I still oppose the  
38 70/30, it's just me.

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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, you know, the  
41 rest of you are here, it's too bad that Clifford and  
42 Tom aren't here and there aren't a few other people.  
43 Let's see we got six out of 10 today, there should be  
44 four others here.

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46 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Well, let me talk a  
47 little bit about some of the complications of the 70/30  
48 when it was a hard and a fast rule.

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50 What the Board ran into difficulties

1 with is sometimes you might get some -- you might get  
2 only one really qualified, you know, somebody you knew  
3 who would really perform well, I mean qualified in that  
4 they're -- you know they're going to participate well,  
5 they have a good reputation, they're going to do their  
6 homework, that sort of thing, a person who's a sport.  
7 And then you have way more subsistence users who apply.  
8 And what they've had to do is kind of take maybe some  
9 lesser people to make sure they fulfill the quota of 30  
10 percent and then they don't have some of those  
11 qualified subsistence users. So it's been a little bit  
12 difficult in some of the regions.

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14 This region has not had that problem of  
15 finding qualified sport/commercial people. And so  
16 that's been good. But there have been regions where  
17 they've had more difficulty than that, where it's just  
18 not as prevalent.

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20 So one of the things you might think  
21 about would be maybe a little more flexibility or maybe  
22 a different percentage or maybe, you know, I mean maybe  
23 think about it. Part of the problem is trying to apply  
24 one rule to the whole state when it just doesn't  
25 necessarily work very well. And I had this woman from  
26 Safari Club in Washington talk to me about what's wrong  
27 with North Slope and she was absolutely convinced that  
28 they just weren't finding people up there and that they  
29 were there and I said, you need to go up there, there  
30 are not sport and commercial hunters up there, so it is  
31 a difficulty.

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33 I'm not trying to give my view at all,  
34 I really am neutral on this. I'm just trying to help  
35 you kind of think about it in other ways.

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37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Thank you. I think  
38 this is the region -- this is a Council where it's  
39 really worked well with the 70/30 because these guys  
40 have lived up here forever.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Off and on.

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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, off and on,  
47 and then they've melted in real well with supporting  
48 the subsistence users and then laid back when even if  
49 it was affecting their guiding areas. And so I really  
50 applaud you guys for having been able to work together

1 and dukeing things out and you had the voice. And when  
2 it was in a certain area where they were not hunting or  
3 anything they kept quiet and they listened to you guys  
4 to make the decisions on your own and then voted which  
5 way it was going. So I think it worked really well  
6 here in the Seward Peninsula area. So with that, that  
7 was my opinion, thank you.

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9 And I'm just waiting for the next one  
10 up since I'm up here.

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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, it sounds like  
13 you guys are going to be kind of forced into doing  
14 something that will satisfy everyone a little bit  
15 because you probably won't satisfy everyone all the  
16 way. So if somebody wants to make any kind of  
17 proposal, that's fine. Have there been -- well, I  
18 guess you said there hasn't been too many other Council  
19 meetings so nobody else has had.....

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21 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: None.

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23 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....a lot of chance  
24 to discuss this.

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26 How does Northwest Arctic Council get  
27 along, I know they got at least one sport/comm?

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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: They get along real  
30 well with him, Robbie.

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32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I thought -- oh, no,  
33 I'm thinking of the caribou group.

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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No -- yeah, you're  
36 thinking -- but the Northwest Arctic has one sports  
37 guy.

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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: That's all they could  
40 seat.

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42 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And he was only  
43 there for five years and all the other guys that -- all  
44 the local guys didn't even apply for the 70/30  
45 position.

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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Um.

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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: But Robbie did and  
50 then he works real well with the Council members and

1 gets right in with them. I was there one fall at the  
2 meeting that I attended, so I was impressed too.

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4 Thanks.

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6 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I think what you  
7 said is true, though, about what we find is people who  
8 are -- who get the commercial seat or the sports seat  
9 often also are very strong subsistence users and it's  
10 been kind of interesting to watch how those people  
11 often have really defended subsistence to the surprise  
12 of some of the people who've seen them operate in the  
13 other field as well, you know, so I think it is true;  
14 people speak up for subsistence rights as well.

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16 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, if no one  
17 wants to make a motion we'll just take no action, I  
18 guess, on this at this time and let's see.....

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20 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: We can take your  
21 comments but just not have it as a motion if you want.

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23 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, well, yeah,  
24 yeah.

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26 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: I mean you can make  
27 the comment that some people felt -- everybody, I think  
28 --I don't' know if it's a consensus or not, felt that  
29 this has worked well, but that people were, you know,  
30 at least some people were opposed to a 70/30 so.

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32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I don't think you'd  
33 get any complaints here if it was 80/20 or -- you know,  
34 because it works so well here. I could see other  
35 places in the state where you got a small subsistence  
36 area surrounded by millions of urban residents and you  
37 could -- you know, like Kenai, I bet there's a whole  
38 bunch of people there who might be subsistence users  
39 but have no interest in being subsistence users and  
40 their viewpoint is a sport guy or a commercial guy.

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42 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: That's the area  
43 where it's been surprising.

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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You don't want to  
46 go.....

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48 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: No, but actually  
49 they've -- they do speak up for subsistence.

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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, do they?  
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3 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.  
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.  
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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, okay, well, you  
8 know, I suspect between NARF and SCI that you guys will  
9 be forced to have some sort of middle of the road  
10 position.  
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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay, so no action  
13 but we'll at least take your comments forward.  
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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, please.  
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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Okay.  
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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, so we're on  
20 to new business, No. 13.  
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Does that mean me?  
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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, that's you  
25 Barbara.  
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27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Mr. Chair.  
28 Your charter that I brought up at your last meeting is  
29 on Page 136 and since I have not received anything  
30 from you at the time at the last meeting to make any  
31 changes to your charter, this is it, this is what's  
32 going to be turned in as is. So that's all I wanted to  
33 say about the charter.  
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35 MR. BUCK: Is it 9 members or do we  
36 have 10 members, on number 9, membership? Nine members  
37 or 10?  
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We currently have 10  
40 members. For right now we have nine.  
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42 MR. BUCK: Okay.  
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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: It will be 10 by  
45 winter 2008.  
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47 MR. BUCK: Okay.  
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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Well,  
50 along those same lines, I was discussing with other

1 people, you know, people who still might want to apply  
2 and get on the Council, and if I remember correctly  
3 you'll reopen the application period this summer?

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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, the application  
6 period opens like in October.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, not until October?

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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: September/October,  
11 yeah. And then it stays open until January. Sometimes  
12 around mid-January, the application period is open  
13 until then.

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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17 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And we sent all the  
18 notices out.

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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And normally the  
21 people are seated by February. If they apply in  
22 October.....

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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....they're seated by  
27 February.

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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: By next February.

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So if there are people  
32 out there who are still interested in applying.....

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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, we.....

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....they can apply  
37 again.....

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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, we let  
40 everybody know that.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....in October.....

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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....and they could,  
47 theoretically, be seated by.....

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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....February if  
2 everything else works out for them.  
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4 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, a year later.  
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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No, it's.....  
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8 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: A year later.  
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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: A year later.  
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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, a year later.  
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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: It's that long?  
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.  
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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh.  
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20 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Because you see  
21 you're going to be a full board as of February 2008,  
22 it's now 2007.  
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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.  
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26 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And then Vance and  
27 Cliff's last meeting will be at fall 2007, and then  
28 their seats are not going to be filled until February  
29 2008. It rolls over, the three year.....  
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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And you're  
32 interviewing for those seats now?  
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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: We are interviewing  
35 for those seats now.  
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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, okay. All right.  
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: So it takes  
40 awhile.....  
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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.  
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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: .....but they get  
45 filled.  
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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.  
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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay on that topic.  
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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, future Council  
2 topics for the May 2007 Board meeting. Well, I mean  
3 we've gone over plenty of topics today.

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5 (Laughter)

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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Does anybody have any  
8 other topics they want to.....

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10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: This is the topics  
11 where some concerns that Council members may have to  
12 discuss with the Federal Board. The Chair or your  
13 designee will have a time to speak with the Federal  
14 Board on your behalf with whatever topics or concerns  
15 that you may have, that's what this means. And if you  
16 have any please forward to me then I will write them up  
17 and give them -- or forward them to your designee who  
18 will be attending the Federal Board in May of this  
19 year.

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21 And then while I'm at that topic, I  
22 want to apologize to you about earlier where there was  
23 a motion made on that elections for your officers, I  
24 think we should have moved it just up to your fall  
25 meeting. At that meeting then, and then from then on  
26 you might move it to the winter meeting and then he  
27 might designate someone to be the.....

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Okay, I  
30 understand. Okay, so we need a new motion.

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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Please, I'd  
33 appreciate it.

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We need a motion to  
36 postpone the election of officers until the October  
37 2007 meeting.

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39 MR. MARTIN: So moved.

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41 MR. BUCK: Seconded.

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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Discussion.

44  
45 (No comments)

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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Somebody call the  
48 question.

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50 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All those in favor say  
2 aye.  
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4 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.  
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8 (No opposing votes)  
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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And carries.  
11 Alrighty, that's a good point, Barb, I'm glad you  
12 brought that up.  
13  
14 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Thank you.  
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16 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, our next  
17 meeting, 10th and 11th here in Nome.  
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19 (Council nods affirmatively)  
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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You got a calendar in  
22 this thing?  
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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yep, in the back,  
25 Page 139.  
26  
27 CHAIRMAN QUINN: 10th and 11th, that's  
28 a Wednesday and Thursday again.  
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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: If those dates are  
31 okay with you, I need confirmation from you, please,  
32 that those dates are okay.  
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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I don't have any  
35 objections.  
36  
37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Does anyone  
38 else have any problems?  
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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I don't.  
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42 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I'm going to try to  
43 be here.  
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45 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.  
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47 MR. GRISHKOWSKY: I'm presently  
48 scheduled to be in Idaho but we'll see what happens.  
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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Then we'll

1 change it.  
2  
3 (Laughter)  
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.  
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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Then a  
8 date and place for the next meeting, not the next  
9 meeting, the February 2008.  
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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. This is the  
12 meeting that you should have a full Board of 10.  
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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: A full board.  
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.  
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18 REPORTER: Barb. Mike. Microphones.  
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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, yeah, thanks.  
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.  
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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, since we're  
25 going to have a full board, obviously and I've heard  
26 you guys say this, you don't really want to have a  
27 meeting anywhere except here, right?  
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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's the thing.  
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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Despite -- despite  
32 certain people's requests otherwise.....  
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34 (Laughter)  
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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....your office just  
37 has.....  
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's correct.  
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41 REPORTER: Mike.  
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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....too much of a  
44 problem making everything work going anywhere else.  
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46 (Laughter)  
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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Which is totally  
49 understandable. And since it's my tax dollars you're  
50 spending.....

1 (Laughter)  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....okay, so first  
4 we'll say next -- or that meeting will be in Nome, does  
5 anybody have a problem with that or would like to  
6 suggest something else.  
7  
8 (No comments)  
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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If we do all this now,  
11 can it just be changed again in October?  
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13 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, you can change  
14 it in October if you do it now, confirming that other  
15 meeting is the same thing, you can always change it at  
16 your fall meeting because you will be asked.  
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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I've also heard you  
19 guys say that we're better off to have our meeting  
20 early in the calendar -- or the meeting window, early  
21 in the meeting window rather than late, so -- but we  
22 can meet anywhere from the 18th of February to the 21st  
23 of March.  
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, sir.  
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27 CHAIRMAN QUINN: The only thing I could  
28 say it would have been interesting if, you know,  
29 several times I asked Helen if the other Councils had  
30 done anything but they haven't because.....  
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32 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.  
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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....we're one of the  
35 first ones to meet and it would have been interesting  
36 to see how other councils would have acted on the.....  
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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The crossovers.  
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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, and even on like  
41 some of this other -- I can't remember everything, but  
42 anyway.....  
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44 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Well, you have the  
45 whole window right there, you don't have to be first.  
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47 (Laughter)  
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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You can be last.  
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1 (Laughter)  
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, does anybody  
4 have any suggestions or preferences.  
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6 MR. BUCK: I think February 20th and  
7 21st sounds good to me.  
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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, since you guys  
10 have been talking about budget cuts, wouldn't it be  
11 nice if you could go like to Nome and then to Kotzebue  
12 and then to Barrow and.....  
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14 (Laughter)  
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16 CHAIRMAN QUINN: .....then go home  
17 instead of going home every night.  
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19 (Laughter)  
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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I mean I realize you  
22 don't necessarily go to all those meetings, but I think  
23 you do, right, and Greg probably would.  
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: The only ones that I  
26 have concerns for.....  
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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And Terry will.  
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30 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: .....is there's the  
31 Fur Rondy week, and the.....  
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33 (Laughter)  
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35 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: .....and the  
36 Iditarod here is.....  
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38 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Hey, well, we could  
39 schedule a meeting here during Iditarod.  
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41 (Laughter)  
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43 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No. I'd never have  
44 a place to stay.  
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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You do at my house.  
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48 (Laughter)  
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50 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I know that. So it

1 doesn't really matter actually.

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3 MR. BUCK: This meeting that we have on  
4 the 21st it was just in time to -- we just got out of  
5 our basketball tournament in White Mountain and then  
6 there's a lull right now right in this place so that's  
7 why I said February 20th and 21st.

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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11 MR. SAVETILIK: It sounds good to me.

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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, let's entertain  
14 a motion then.

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16 MR. SAVETILIK: I move that we meet the  
17 20th and 21st of February 2008, right, here in Nome.

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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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21 MR. MARTIN: Second.

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23 MR. SAVETILIK: At 10:30 p.m.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Is there a second.

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29 MR. MARTIN: Second.

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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33 MR. BUCK: Question.

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Question's been  
36 called. All those in favor of the meeting on the 20th  
37 and 21st here in Nome say aye.

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39 IN UNISON: Aye.

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.

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43 (No opposing votes)

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45 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And carries. Okay,  
46 then somebody want to make a motion to adjourn, there's  
47 nothing else, Barb.

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49 MR. SAVETILIK: I move to adjourn.

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Nope.  
2  
3 MR. BUCK: Second it.  
4  
5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Discussion.  
6  
7 (No comments)  
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9 MR. SAVETILIK: Question.  
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11 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Question's been  
12 called. Motion is to adjourn. All those in favor say  
13 aye.  
14  
15 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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17 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries, we're  
18 adjourned. Thank you everyone.  
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20 (Off record)  
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22 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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