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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Mike Quinn, Chairman
18 Peter Buck
19 Leonard Kobuk
20 Elizabeth Mokiuk
21 Myron Savetilik
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23 Regional Council Coordinator - Barbara Armstrong

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Nome, Alaska - 2/22/2008)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, good morning. I'm going to call the meeting to order, and we can just pick up from where we left off. And we're going to start with the statewide proposals and OSM will do the introduction and analysis.

MS. WHEELER: Good morning, Mr. Chair. Council members. This is Polly Wheeler from the Office of Subsistence Management. The first proposal on your agenda for this morning is Proposal 08-01, and you can find it on Pages 72 to 87 in your book.

The analysis is kind of long but my presentation today is going to be very short for reasons that you'll see in a few minutes.

This proposal was submitted by Orutsararmiut Native Council of Bethel. It requests three related points.

The first is that the closing dates of the wolf hunting and trapping season statewide be extended to May 31.

The second point is that the harvest limit be increased to 10 wolves per day for the dates of April 1 to May 31.

And that any restrictions to disturbing or destroying wolf dens be removed from the regulations.

The proponent seeks to expand and increase hunting and trapping opportunities on wolf populations statewide in order to provide for more productive moose and caribou populations, which, as you are all well aware are important subsistence resources to rural Alaskans throughout the state. The proponent states that the reinstatement of historic wolf control activities such as denning or spring baiting will help to promote and maintain more productive moose or caribou populations that are highly important as basic subsistence food resources in rural Alaska.

1 The goal of the proposal essentially is
2 to provide for adequate and sustainable harvest level
3 of moose and caribou. However, as some of you may
4 remember, in May of 2004 the Federal Subsistence Board
5 adopted a predator management policy and I actually
6 have copies of that here in the event that any of you
7 are interested. As described in the policy, the Board
8 administers the subsistence taking and uses of fish and
9 wildlife on Federal public lands through regulations
10 that provide for the non-wasteful harvest of fish and
11 wildlife by Federally qualified rural residents
12 consistent with the maintenance of healthy populations
13 of harvested resources.

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15 Such subsistence taking and uses are
16 for direct personal or family consumption.

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18 The policy goes on to note that
19 wildlife management activities on Federal public lands,
20 other than the subsistence take and use of fish and
21 wildlife such as predator control and habitat
22 management are the responsibility of and remain within
23 the authority of the individual land management
24 agencies.

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26 Given that the proponent of this
27 proposal requests expanded wolf harvesting
28 opportunities to promote and maintain more productive
29 moose and caribou populations, this proposal falls
30 outside of what the Board will do as described in the
31 policy.

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33 The activities requested under this
34 proposal must be done by the individual Federal land
35 management agencies in coordination with the Department
36 of Fish and Game.

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38 Therefore, the preliminary conclusion,
39 which you can find on Page 83 in your books, is to
40 oppose the proposal with the justification that the
41 Federal Subsistence Board is not to promulgate, that
42 means put forward regulations specifically for predator
43 control, and the proponent of this proposal
44 specifically states that the goal of the proposal is to
45 reduce wolf numbers to allow for higher moose and
46 caribou populations. Passage of this proposal would be
47 contrary to sound principles of wildlife management
48 caused by the likely increase of lost pups from removal
49 from adults in the early spring. Proponents can work
50 with the State of Alaska in coordination with the

1 Federal agencies to allow for predator control.

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3 Mr. Chair, that's my presentation.

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5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. It seems a
6 little odd to say that the passage of the proposal
7 would be contrary to sound principles of wildlife
8 management when both, I think, both the State and the
9 Feds want -- or use predator control, or the increased
10 harvest in predators as part of their supposedly sound
11 wildlife management policies, and this proposal just
12 wants to basically kill more wolves, is what you could
13 say was a sound wildlife management policy.

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15 MS. WHEELER: Mr. Chair. Just to
16 clarify, that's a good point, the part of the proposal
17 that was the contrary to sound wildlife management was
18 the denning component. The concern was that in doing
19 the denning it might leave pups unattended, pups to
20 die, and that was the contrary to sound wildlife
21 management part, not the overall predator management.
22 So it was a specific aspect of the proposal.

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24 Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Anybody else
27 got any question.

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29 MR. KOBUK: Mr. Chair, I got a
30 question.

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32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead, Leonard.

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34 MR. KOBUK: What was the outcome of the
35 wolves attacking dogs was in Marshall, was that because
36 of the weather change or not enough animals, of moose,
37 or why was this happening in Marshall, where the dogs
38 were being eaten by the wolves? Never heard much after
39 that was reported on the news.

40

41 MS. WHEELER: Through the Chair, Mr.
42 Kobuk. It also happened in Anchorage and Fairbanks so
43 it wasn't just Marshall where the wolves were running
44 rampant. I don't know, everything that I read in the
45 news said that dogs tied up were kind of easy prey and
46 once the wolves realize that they're easy prey, they
47 just go in and get them. But I don't know what the
48 outcome was. I know in Fairbanks, some of the wolves
49 that they thought were responsible for the killing of
50 the dogs were, in turn, killed, and I believe that's

1 going on in Anchorage, but I don't know, aside from
2 that, what the root cause is, save for maybe easy
3 targets.

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5 MR. KOBUK: In other words they don't
6 have any -lack of moose in that region or it was just
7 the.....

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Not around Marshall.

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11 MS. WHEELER: Not in that part of the
12 world.

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14 MR. KOBUK: Okay, I just wanted to know
15 why that was happening. Okay, thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks Polly.
18 ADF&G.

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20 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
21 The Department's comments are on Pages 85 and 86 of
22 your Council meeting book.

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24 The Department doesn't support this
25 proposal. Any element of this proposal, the season
26 extension, increased harvest limit, or disturbing or
27 destroying dens could result in overharvest of wolves
28 and create conservation concerns in some areas.

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30 No evidence is presented in the Staff
31 analysis or the proposal indicating that the proposed
32 changes are needed to provide for continuation of
33 subsistence uses of wolves by Federally qualified
34 subsistence users, and I think that's a key point, that
35 these regulations are to accommodate subsistence uses.

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37 The proponent would like each Federal
38 land management agency to take action to facilitate
39 active predator management on Federal units. And as
40 many of you know the State of Alaska is actively
41 engaged in intensive management of wolves in some areas
42 of the state in order to restore healthy prey
43 populations. But some instances Federal land
44 management policies limit the effectiveness of the
45 State's efforts, therefore, the State would welcome
46 opportunities to work with the proponents of this
47 proposal to encourage Federal land managers to
48 reevaluate their land management policies that limit
49 the State's active management tools on most Federal
50 lands.

1 So we oppose the proposal but support
2 the interest of some Councils in encouraging
3 cooperation between Federal land management agencies
4 and the State to allow active management of predators
5 on Federal public lands.

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7 Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Any questions
10 for Terry.

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12 MR. KOBUK: I have a question, Mr.
13 Chair. As you very well know St. Michael's and
14 Stebbins are -- the IRAs -- well, the person in
15 Stebbins are private owners of the reindeer, both
16 villages and the person himself, when the bears or the
17 wolves start harassing the reindeers they give
18 permission to the villagers to go after these predators
19 and every time a predator is killed they are given a
20 reindeer or -- to save the herd, in other words. Have
21 you guys ever been contacted by the Village of St.
22 Michael's or Stebbins, the reindeer herders?

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24 MR. HAYNES: Through the Chair, Mr.
25 Kobuk. I don't know if our Nome office, in particular,
26 has been contacted by reindeer herders in that area. I
27 could find out but I don't know myself.

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29 MR. KOBUK: The reason why I brought
30 that up is that's how the village, to protect the
31 reindeer, that they get their money to run the IRAs and
32 to pay bills. They rather protect the reindeers than
33 have the wolves or the bears, because some wolves and
34 bears will just -- they won't eat, they'll just kill
35 whatever they -- I don't know for what reason but
36 that's what they do and so the IRAs allow that to
37 happen.

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39 MR. HAYNES: Through the Chair. The
40 Department has always supported those local efforts to
41 the extent we can because in years past the Department
42 has provided wolf snaring training sessions, it's gone
43 to villages to encourage local people to get more
44 involved and to insure they have the tools they need to
45 go after predators and to do that successfully.
46 It's something that the -- the Department would rather
47 not be doing it, it would rather promote those kinds of
48 opportunities.

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50 MR. KOBUK: Again, we don't use snares,

1 we just either use snowmachines or ATVs to go after
2 these animals within our area.

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4 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks, Terry.
5 Any other agency comments.

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7 (No comments)

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Ken.

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11 MR. ADKISSON: Ken Adkisson, National
12 Park Service. I think it's important to point out that
13 as Polly explained the Board policy regarding predator
14 control, that it's essentially not a Board function and
15 is put off to the individual agencies according to
16 their own legal mandates and policies. And I would
17 just point out that those sometimes differ from agency
18 to agency.

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20 And the Park Service specifically is
21 very limited in what it can do in terms of predator
22 control by law and by policy and, frankly, you know, it
23 states right in our policies that we don't do predator
24 control to benefit other species or to increase a
25 population for human consumption so, you know, whatever
26 we personally think of predator control as a useful
27 management tool, the Park Service, you know, just can't
28 do it. And that's a nationwide thing. And about the
29 only cases we can actually do predator control would be
30 in, say response to a recovery plan, for, say, a
31 designated threatened and endangered species. So we're
32 extremely limited where we can, you know, apply some of
33 those techniques.

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35 Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks, Ken and
38 Polly. Kawerak, anything.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: InterAgency Staff.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: AC's didn't comment.

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48 (No comments)

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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Written public

1 comments on this one, Barb.

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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. We have
4 one letter of opposition from the Defenders of
5 Wildlife, Alaska Wildlife Alliance and Alaska Center
6 for Environment on Page 87 of your book.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, everybody can
11 read that for themselves. Any public testimony.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If not then we can
16 entertain motions on this particular proposal, or
17 whatever you guys think. Judging from the history here
18 I'd say it's pretty well a good bet the Subsistence
19 Board won't pass it.

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21 MR. SAVETILIK: Mr. Chair. Myron
22 Savetilik, I make a motion that we oppose this
23 proposal.

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25 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Thanks, Myron.
26 There's a motion on the floor.

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28 MR. KOBUK: I'll second it, Leonard
29 Kobuk.

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, the motion's
32 seconded. Any discussion.

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34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If not.....

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38 MR. KOBUK: Question.

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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Thank you. The
41 question's been called. All those in favor of the
42 motion say aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Opposed.

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48 (No opposing votes)

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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion passes. Okay,

1 Polly, we can do the next one, '05.

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3 MS. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
4 will speak to the analysis for Proposal 08-05 and that
5 can be found on Pages 88 to 101 in your books. This
6 also is a statewide proposal. It was submitted by the
7 Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and it requests the
8 removal of all unit specific regulations related to the
9 sale of brown bear handicrafts made of skin, hide, pelt
10 or fur. It also requests that the sales of brown bear
11 handicrafts made of claws, bones, teeth, sinew or skull
12 should occur only between Federally qualified
13 subsistence users.

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15 The proponent, the Alaska Department of
16 Fish and Game submitted this proposal in order to
17 refine Federal regulations, which, in its view, allow
18 for unconstrained commercial sale of handicrafts made
19 from brown bear parts and could also create market
20 incentives for poaching.

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22 Under current Federal subsistence
23 regulations brown bear fur and claws can only be used
24 to make handicrafts for sale if the bear were harvested
25 from Units in Eastern Interior, Bristol Bay and
26 Southeast Alaska. Other parts, such as bones, teeth,
27 sinew, or skulls can only be used in handicrafts for
28 sale from brown bear taken in Southeast Alaska.

29

30 The proponents description of persons
31 eligible to sell handicrafts made with these parts
32 would increase the types of bear parts eligible for
33 sale in much of the state, all units, not just those
34 that approve of it, but would narrow the sales only to
35 those between Federally qualified rural residents.

36

37 Between 2002 and 2007, the Federal
38 Subsistence Board considered seven proposals regarding
39 the sale of handicrafts made from some of the non-
40 edible parts of bears. I would add that in this cycle
41 there are three proposals dealing with the non-edible
42 sale of handicrafts made from -- or the sale of
43 handicrafts, not non-edible handicrafts, but sale of
44 handicrafts made from non-edible parts of bears.
45 There's one for Northwest, one for North Slope and then
46 this statewide proposal. Throughout this period, that
47 would be the period 2002/2007, in which the Board has
48 considered all of these proposals, the Board has
49 consistently provided for the sale of handicrafts made
50 from the skin, hide, pelt, fur, claws, bones, teeth,

1 sinew, and skulls from brown bear taken by Federally
2 qualified users from units where it is considered
3 appropriate and the appropriateness is determined by
4 the Regional Advisory Council. Retaining as a legal
5 practice the use of brown bear claws and other non-
6 edible parts for handicrafts for sale is consistent
7 with previous Board action and with Section .803 of
8 ANILCA. Also it is not expected to significantly
9 increase harvest.

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11 No evidence has been found to suggest
12 that current Federal subsistence regulations adversely
13 affect brown bear populations, nor that Federal
14 subsistence regulations have led to an increased legal
15 or illegal harvest of brown bears. Thus the
16 proponent's conservation concerns related to handicraft
17 activities do not, at this time, appear to have merit.

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19 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to
20 oppose the proposal, 08-05 and you can find the
21 justification on Page 93. Basically in our view, the
22 proposal would unnecessarily restrict the subsistence
23 uses of Federally qualified subsistence users as
24 specified in ANILCA Section .803.

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26 There's no evidence to indicate that
27 current Federal regulations adversely affect bear
28 populations nor has any been provided. And there's
29 been no evidence provided to indicate that current
30 Federal regulations have led to an increased legal or
31 illegal harvest of bears.

32

33 Mr. Chair, that concludes my
34 presentation.

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thank you. Any
37 questions for Polly.

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39 (No comments)

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: If not, Terry, you can
42 step up to the plate.

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44 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
45 The Department's comments on this proposal appear on
46 Pages 99 and 100 of your meeting book, and I'll just
47 say a few words in support of this proposal.

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49 Current Federal regulations allow
50 essentially unconstrained commercial sale of

1 handicrafts made from bear parts taken in some units as
2 a customary and traditional activity without
3 substantial evidence demonstrating that such sales have
4 ever occurred. And under these Federal regulations the
5 sale of such handicrafts is limited only by an
6 unenforceable provision that prohibits sales
7 constituting a significant commercial enterprise.
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9 The current Federal regulations also
10 allow the purchase of these handicrafts by persons who
11 are not Federally qualified subsistence users despite
12 such purchases being prohibited under State law and as
13 was pointed out to the Federal Board in 2006, that
14 sales can even occur over the internet.
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16 The sale of handicrafts made from brown
17 bear claws, teeth, skulls, and bones present a
18 particular problem because these are potentially high
19 value items and allowing sales creates market
20 incentives for poaching both in Alaska and in other
21 states.
22

23 Changing the regulation to continue to
24 allow the sale of brown bear fur products to anyone,
25 while limiting sales of handicrafts made with brown
26 bear claws, teeth, bones, and skulls to sales involving
27 other Federally qualified subsistence users would help
28 to eliminate commercial markets and uncover the masking
29 of illegal sales in Alaska and elsewhere.
30

31 Now, this proposal would allow rural
32 residents to continue to sell brown bear fur
33 handicrafts to anyone to the extent that that's allowed
34 under State law. It would allow them to barter brown
35 bear handicrafts with anyone under the Federal
36 regulations and sell brown bear handicrafts to other
37 rural residents under the Federal regulations so we
38 don't see this impairing the ability of rural residents
39 or urban Alaska Natives to obtain these handicrafts
40 that may be needed for ceremonial, religious and
41 cultural purposes.
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43 And I'll stop there and try to answer
44 any questions if you have them, Mr. Chairman.
45

46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, the State's been
47 fighting this for, what, two or three years. And if
48 you guys want the Feds to cooperate with you on other
49 stuff maybe you ought to cooperate with them on this,
50 you know.

1 (Laughter)

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Let's see, got any
4 links or examples of people that are selling bear claws
5 on the internet?

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7 MR. HAYNES: I don't Mr. Chairman.

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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Have you got
10 any harvest statistics that show in there that bear
11 harvest have increased possibly because -- anywhere
12 possibly because of people selling claws and
13 handicrafts and things like that?

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15 MR. HAYNES: Those are questions to be
16 put to Federal Staff because this is a Federal
17 regulation and the harvest of bears to be used for
18 making handicrafts would be bears taken under the
19 Federal regulations.

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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, if you want to
22 submit this proposal and want us to take it seriously,
23 you need some evidence to show that your points are
24 valid and if you don't have the evidence then your
25 points aren't valid until such time.

26

27 Got any examples of enforcement
28 problems where either State or Federal officers have
29 possibly thought something illegal had happened but
30 they were prevented from issuing a citation because of
31 this current Federal regulation allowing the sales?

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33 MR. HAYNES: No, sir, I do not.

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, I know
36 you're just speaking for them but your superiors should
37 bring you to the table with more evidence, you know, if
38 they want us to do these things.

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40 Anybody else got any questions for
41 Terry.

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43 (No comments)

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45 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks, Terry.

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47 MR. HAYNES: Thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Any other agencies
50 want to speak on this.

1 (No comments)
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Kawerak.
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5 (No comments)
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7 CHAIRMAN QUINN: InterAgency Staff.
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9 MR. KESSLER: Nope.
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11 CHAIRMAN QUINN: How about the Northern
12 Norton Sound Advisory Committee.
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14 (Laughter)
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16 MR. ASHENFELTER: No, we don't have
17 any.
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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. I see there's
20 two short written public comments, Barb.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, Mr. Chair,
23 there is two short written public opposing it from the
24 Copper River Native Association and AHTNA, Inc.
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26 Thank you.
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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks Barb.
29 And is there any other public testimony.
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31 (No comments)
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sandy, where'd she go?
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35 MS. TAHBONE: Yeah, I'm right here.
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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I'm surprised you guys
38 don't have something to say on this, this is kind of an
39 issue that Kawerak should be involved in. I mean
40 you've got a department for enhancing rural businesses,
41 you know, these guys are trying to cut into the
42 potential for rural businesses here.
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44 MS. TAHBONE: I think it's already been
45 stated, I mean there's no evidence. They're trying
46 to.....
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48 REPORTER: Sandy, can you.....
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50 MS. TAHBONE: Oh, I have my mouth full,

1 no, there's no comment.

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Okay, then we
4 can consider a proposal. I want to make sure you guys
5 all understand that this is the State's proposal and
6 it's going to change who we can sell these handicrafts
7 to. Currently the Federal Subsistence Board has been
8 kind enough to allow us to sell them to anyone,
9 worldwide, and the State wants to restrict us to only
10 basically sell to each other.

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12 MS. WHEELER: Excuse me, Mr. Chair, and
13 that would be in areas where the Councils have approved
14 that. It's not all units statewide, it's just in areas
15 where it's been approved.

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17 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah. And I noticed
18 looking through this, that there are other proposals
19 from other RACs to open their area to these same sales
20 that aren't already open and I guess our area isn't
21 open yet.

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23 MS. WHEELER: That would be correct,
24 Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So we'll possibly look
27 on working on that in the future. Anyway.....

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29 MR. ASHENFELTER: You could amend 08-05
30 to whatever is appropriate.

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32 REPORTER: Roy.

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34 MR. ASHENFELTER: Mr. Chair. Roy
35 Ashenfelter for general public. You could amend the,
36 what is it.....

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38 MS. WHEELER: 08-05.

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40 MR. ASHENFELTER: You could amend 08-05
41 to open your area to whatever is appropriate, that
42 other units are doing.

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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I'm a little foggy on
45 that, Roy. We'll probably -- actually I -- here's my
46 opinion, let's wait and see how these other proposals
47 go through the Board, and if the Board likes them then
48 we'll craft one similarly and maybe we'll try and get
49 it in under a special action next -- a year from now.

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1 But anyway on to our normal business
2 here. I'll accept a motion on this particular
3 proposal, even a motion to take no action if you guys
4 -- the other areas have opposed it. AHTNA's opposed
5 it. Copper River Native Association's opposed it.
6 What other -- Polly, what other RAC meetings have gone
7 on so far?

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9 MS. WHEELER: Mr. Chair. This RAC has
10 the dubious distinction of being the first to meet in
11 this cycle.

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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, there you go.

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15 MS. WHEELER: You're leading the
16 charge.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We're leading the
19 charge. Personally I think we need a motion to oppose
20 this proposal because we've supported -- I believe
21 we've supported them in the past to allow these sales.

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23 MR. SAVETILIK: Mr. Chair, Myron, I'm
24 opposing this proposal in the form of the motion.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All right, a
27 motion's on the floor.

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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: To oppose it or
30 support it -- oppose it?

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32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: To oppose the
33 proposal, yeah.

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35 MR. BUCK: Seconded.

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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Seconded by Peter
38 Buck.

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40 MR. KOBUK: Question.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, question's been
43 called by Leonard. All those in favor of the motion to
44 oppose say aye.

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46 IN UNISON: Aye.

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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Anybody opposed to the
49 motion.

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1 (No opposing votes)
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. Okay,
4 thanks Polly.
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6 MS. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, well, we'll
9 start with the muskox special action 22B West. Greg
10 and Helen.
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12 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr.
13 Chair. Helen Armstrong, OSM. There's nothing written
14 in the book about this, and I think Ken Adkisson may
15 want to come up as the co-chair of the Muskox
16 Cooperators Group. But at the Muskox Cooperators
17 meeting there was discussion to have a special action
18 and it would be a special action because we're moving
19 into this two year cycle, but a special action to have
20 an .804 analysis done on -- an .804 for 22B West for
21 taking muskox, so we wanted to bring this before the
22 Council and let you discuss whether or not you wanted
23 to make that proposal or not.
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25 And I know Mike was there, I'm not sure
26 who else was there at the meeting, and Tom Gray was
27 there, but Tom's not here today. And I think if you
28 have specific questions of the Muskox Cooperators Group
29 maybe Ken could come up here as well to talk about it.
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31 Thanks.
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Ken.
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35 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. Council
36 members. Ken Adkisson, National Park Service. Maybe I
37 could provide a little bit of background.
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39 At the last cooperators meeting in
40 January where we were basically dealing with the task
41 of trying to transition out of a Tier II hunt to
42 something else, probably a Tier I registration hunt for
43 muskoxen, Tom Gray brought up the issue and basically
44 it was that they were taking the animals that they were
45 allowed to get now and that he felt that in
46 transitioning to a Tier I registration hunt, that would
47 only increase the harvest pressure and they would be
48 unable to get the animals that they needed. There was
49 general support in the Cooperators, though I wouldn't
50 call it unanimous for it. And so, you know, I feel

1 that at some point we're sort of compelled to, as the
2 Cooperators, to come forth with something. But I think
3 there are a number of issues that need -- I don't think
4 we need to do it now and, you know, clearly there's not
5 been a demonstrated need so it's kind of like the
6 request is being put out in advance of the actual
7 problem, and we don't have a demonstrated problem that
8 I see yet.

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10 There are other issues surrounding it
11 that I think come into play. One of them is land
12 jurisdictions and land ownership, management
13 responsibilities as well as the distribution of
14 muskoxen. So, you know, whether or not -- and I think
15 we'll be looking at those questions. Whether or not we
16 do a formal .804 at this point, you know, it's hard to
17 say. I was hoping that we might get some sort of
18 discussion and input from some of you folks here, which
19 may provide me with some guidance to go back to the
20 Cooperators with and keep the discussion going.

21
22 Some of the status of where we're at
23 now, and we are entering a new era in muskoxen hunting,
24 a completely new plan as it were, new regulations and
25 we'll be going into that and I could talk a little bit
26 about maybe that now in relation to this.

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28 You've got a series of maps that I
29 provided you yesterday, and if you look at the first
30 map it shows the hunt areas as they will exist for the
31 upcoming hunt, and it shows the subsistence allowable
32 harvest and the drawing for sport -- clearly sport
33 harvest. And I think that if you'll look into the 22B
34 East and the 22B West, you'll find there is no, quote,
35 sport hunting, at all, in those units.

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37 It's strictly a subsistence hunt.
38 It'll be a Tier I hunt. That means there'll be
39 theoretically an unlimited number of permits available,
40 but those permits will only be distributed in the hunt
41 communities in probably a regional center like Nome for
42 22. There have been some significant changes to the
43 seasons, partially to respond to a combination of
44 things that came up out of the Cooperators.

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46 So, you know, my own feeling is that
47 those need to be -- what would happen if an .804 was
48 done right now, it probably would have the effect of
49 simply excluding people from Nome from hunting in hunks
50 of 22B or at least Federal public lands. Whether

1 that's necessary or not is a little hard to say. I
2 think, given certain Federal closure policies and
3 things, it would be, in my opinion a little hard to
4 justify but that's what the Cooperators, they supported
5 Tom Gray and his thing so, you know, kind of more or
6 less, so that's kind of where we're at. But I think,
7 you know, even if we put in a proposal now it would
8 require a Staff analysis, and I don't know how that
9 would turn out. But I think we need to look at the
10 whole issue and probably begin to gather some data and
11 see what's there and also I think looking at a hunt
12 history will help also. Because like I said there's
13 really no indication right now that, you know, although
14 all of the permits, generally the last year or two, I
15 believe, have been filled from the hunts in 22B. So,
16 you know, that's part of the reason you don't see any
17 drawing hunt in there.

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19 So it may well be justified but I can't
20 say that it is. But we really don't know and won't
21 have an idea how the current regime -- the hunt regime
22 will -- until we go through it.

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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, I talked
25 with Tony Gorn about some of this 22B West muskox
26 hunting, Terry, have you got anything official from
27 Tony you can repeat here?

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29 MR. HAYNES: (Shakes head negatively)

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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, at the
32 Cooperators -- I was at the Cooperators meeting and
33 what came out of there for most of these units was more
34 liberal, as far as -- I know they had longer season
35 dates than what was finally done here by the Board of
36 Game so that was -- I believe that was part of Tom's
37 concern was road system access to 22B during the
38 hunting season, but with a January 1st opening date
39 there won't be any road access to 22B, it'll be all
40 snowmachine.

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42 And then the other thing that Tony told
43 me was that 22B registration permits will only be
44 issued in 22B so I guess I can't say that officially,
45 but that's what he told me verbally, so that'll also
46 allow for a little bit of advantage for 22B residents
47 to get those permits before people from other areas get
48 them.

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50 Now, at that meeting when Tom started

1 bringing this up, I think I was asking the question,
2 well, does it take a proposal or an action by the
3 Federal Subsistence Board to do an .804 analysis, but
4 -- and I thought they said yes, like Greg's supervisor,
5 I think I pinned him down on it, or -- well, your
6 supervisor, Greg. But now I'm thinking about this 22A
7 Unalakleet moose hunt and you guys just did an .804
8 because you said it was necessary so how -- now, I'm
9 confused about .804s again.

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11 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: There was a proposal
12 to open the hunt and so we had a proposal on the table
13 and so you'd need a proposal.

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh.

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17 MS. H. ARMSTRONG: You know, I mean we
18 looked at that and we said, wow, this is a really,
19 really small amount that's being proposed for
20 harvesting and so it really needs an .804, but we won't
21 just do one to do one. We have to have a proposal from
22 some entity, it could be a private individual, it could
23 be an agency, it can be the Council, it could be the
24 Muskox Cooperators, anyone, somebody in Hawaii could
25 make a proposal and we'd address it.

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27 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Well, then
28 to add to addressing Tom's concerns, in addition to the
29 shorter season and the permits being available, the
30 Federal public lands in 22B are closed to the taking of
31 muskox except by Federally qualified subsistence users
32 and which for 22B West is the people of White Mountain,
33 Golovin and Nome so at least the Federal public lands
34 are also limited as to who can hunt there.

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36 All right, well, do you -- does the
37 rest of the Council think we need to do anything to
38 address this.

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40 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. Since
41 there's no real proposal on the table I don't think you
42 really have to take a formal action.

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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah.

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46 MR. ADKISSON: But it might be good if
47 you would like just to recommend something back to the
48 Cooperators and at some point in time I can just go
49 back to them and I think what I'm hearing now is, I
50 think, justification that, you know, we should probably

1 give the process a chance to work and see how things go
2 before we, you know, just jump in with a request to
3 further restrict the harvest.

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5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: That's exactly what
6 I'd like to see, is, let this State process work
7 through and if it doesn't meet the needs of -- or the
8 people of the area don't feel it meets their needs then
9 they can address that to the Cooperators and to us and
10 we can work on a proposal or some sort of solution.

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12 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. One thing,
13 perhaps maybe -- and maybe it's a little premature,
14 we'll get into this maybe in a little more depth when
15 we talk about the whole muskox hunt but at some point I
16 might like to hear from Peter Buck on his -- as a White
17 Mountain resident, on his feeling on that, whether
18 there's some kind of need to further restrict it. But
19 like I said right now, I think, you know, we probably
20 don't need to until we see how this plays out but if
21 there's some really strong feeling that he's aware of
22 from the community that they're not getting their
23 subsistence muskox needs met, I'd be interested to hear
24 that.

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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Peter.

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28 MR. BUCK: The residents of White
29 Mountain have -- you know most of the time they've
30 taken their quota and -- but I don't think it's an
31 issue right now, I haven't heard anything on it.

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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, thank
34 you, I think that covers that issue.

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36 MR. ASHENFELTER: I have a comment.

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38 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead Roy.

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40 MR. ASHENFELTER: Good morning this is
41 Roy Ashenfelter, general public. I was also at the
42 Muskox Cooperators meeting and the directive from the
43 Muskox Cooperators, through Tom Gray, was to write a
44 letter to the RAC and that wasn't done unfortunately.
45 There are some very concerns that Tom brought up that
46 Pete also brought up earlier.

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48 The opportunity for taking moose in
49 Unit 22B by residents of White Mountain and Golovin
50 has been reduced significantly by residents of Nome

1 having better equipment, time and effort to go over
2 there and get the animals that people depend on over
3 there for subsistence. What Tom is trying to prevent
4 here is the same situation with muskox. He's seen
5 you've -- you've said this several times, so this is a
6 very important issue, this is food for those people
7 over there. There's a limited amount of muskox, there
8 are 11 of them and they've been maxing out taking every
9 muskox that's allowed to be taken. And the other
10 units, Unit 22D, Unit 23, east and west of Nome here,
11 they haven't been taking all the muskox that have been
12 allowed to be permitted. So there's a big difference
13 there. People are using all the muskox in this area so
14 this was supposed to be pointed out in this letter that
15 was directed to be written, and unfortunately it wasn't
16 followed through correctly.

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18 So that's a very big point here, is
19 that, all the muskox permitted in Unit 22B have been
20 taken and the effect of other things, such as moose,
21 have really been affected by the residents -- those
22 people haven't been able to take their moose or been
23 able to provide their food so what he's trying to
24 prevent is the additional take of muskox by residents
25 of Nome for those people in Golovin and White Mountain,
26 so that they could put food on the table for their
27 families.

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yes, Sandy.

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31 MS. TAHBONE: Sandy Tahbone with
32 Kawerak. I'd like Austin to come up and provide some
33 additional comments.

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sure.

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37 MS. TAHBONE: As you know I'm wet
38 behind the ears with these issues and Austin was at the
39 Cooperators meeting and I'd like him to provide some
40 additional information regarding the ANS issue.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead, Austin.

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44 MR. AHMASUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
45 I guess I'd just like to express a couple of points
46 that I think you're touching on. It's a moot point now
47 because of the Board of Game action but the Cooperators
48 did want a much higher ANS for Unit 22 and wanted that
49 on a subunit basis. So these points about -- for this
50 proposal, Unit 22B special action, I think, at least,

1 are coordinated with the ideas that were presented at
2 the Cooperators Group, of which I was a part of.

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4 And so, you know, these issues of
5 impact from non-local hunters, you know, I think really
6 tried to -- well, the Cooperators tried to address and
7 that was with the higher ANS and so these -- the term
8 to be special action -- I suppose an issue that was
9 tried to -- was hopefully tried to be addressed with
10 the Cooperators but due to the Board of Game action,
11 wasn't.

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13 Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, let me start
16 with Roy. You know I remember you at the meeting, too,
17 and you were sitting with us on the 22C group, weren't
18 you.

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20 MR. ASHENFELTER: Yes. And 22C for
21 those that don't know is the Nome resident area and
22 that's the road area and that's where I hunt out of.

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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And, remember -- you
25 know, I think what came out of our little group
26 meetings for these road accessible units was more
27 liberal than what the Board of Game has actually done
28 here. We've got the January 1st opening. I mean it's
29 unfortunate Tom's not here but we do have Peter who's
30 here from White Mountain, but let me ask you,
31 personally, Roy, do you think this current State season
32 will adequately meet the needs of the residents of
33 White Mountain and Golovin?

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35 MR. ASHENFELTER: It's the same with
36 the exception that -- the amount of take is the same
37 but the difference is, is that Nome residents can go
38 over there and take muskox -- would be able to go over
39 there and take muskox. With the system, the way it is
40 now, if you did an .804 you would be assuring those
41 residents in White Mountain and Golovin the opportunity
42 to continue to max out the take of muskox. The purpose
43 of the State trying to go from Tier II to a Tier I is
44 because there's other units in Unit 22 that weren't
45 taking the permit allowed for muskox, and the point
46 that I've made already is that that issue does not
47 apply to Unit 22B where these people live. They've
48 been maxing out those permits under the Tier II system.
49 So there is a very definite subsistence need that's
50 been qualified and very much needed by the residents of

1 those people because of other things that have impacted
2 -- even under moose situations, I still think that
3 because of the size of the village and the people that
4 need to meet, you know, you live in a village the high
5 cost of living is very, very expensive. So the
6 opportunity to get other animals is very much needed.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks, Roy.
9 Bruce Seppi, can you come up for a second, you've been
10 managing the Federal permits for awhile, or your agency
11 has, have you got harvest statistics for this 22B West
12 hunt for any period of time?

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14 MR. SEPPI: I do have them. We
15 inherited these from Northern Field Office BLM in 2003.
16 So how many people -- before this last season and
17 before this season there were only two residents of 22B
18 so in 2003 there were four permits, 2004 three, 2005
19 three and 2006 seven permits on Federal lands.

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21 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, now, wait, how
22 many permits were available, how many were issued and
23 how many were successfully filled.

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25 MR. SEPPI: Okay. In 2003 four were
26 issued, two were taken. In 2004 three were issued, two
27 were taken. In 2005 three were issued, two were taken.
28 And in 2006 seven were issued and four were taken.

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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, were
31 those -- but how many did you have available, I mean I
32 know I happen to be holding a 22B West Federal permit
33 for this current hunting season, and I think if I
34 remember correctly there were eight total available,
35 Federal permits.

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37 MR. SEPPI: I believe there were only
38 seven available.

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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, seven available.

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42 MR. SEPPI: Yeah.

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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So in those previous
45 years figures, how many Federal permits were available
46 at the beginning of the season?

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48 MR. SEPPI: Do you know that, Tom, I
49 don't. I believe it was only seven each of those years
50 but we didn't issue all of them every year, three to

1 four.
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All right. So
4 there were permits available that were never issued?
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6 MR. SEPPI: Yes.
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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. I know it's not
9 your area, but do you happen to have the Tier II
10 harvest statistics for 22B West.....
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12 MR. SEPPI: No, I don't.
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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN:from those times?
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16 MR. SEPPI: No, I don't, not right
17 here.
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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And, Terry, you
20 probably don't have them.
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22 MR. HAYNES: No, sir.
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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Well,
25 Roy's right, there was supposed to be something from
26 the Cooperators group to us to request this .804
27 analysis.
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29 Can -- I'm waiting for Polly to finish
30 what she's going, I want to -- so can we make a motion
31 and pass it to request an .804 analysis and that will
32 have to be a special action before the Subsistence
33 Board this May?
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35 MS. WHEELER: We wouldn't know when
36 they would take it up necessarily, Mr. Chair. There's
37 two kinds of special actions, Mr. Chair, as we talked
38 about earlier, there's the 60 day and then there's the
39 one that goes to the end of the season, that would have
40 to be determined. If you submit a proposal now it will
41 work its way through the process, that much I can
42 promise you but the time certain, I can't.
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44 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair.
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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, Ken.
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48 MR. ADKISSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
49 Council members. Ken Adkisson, National Park Service.
50 You know if we can, still on behalf of the Cooperators,

1 submit a letter and, you know, that seems to be the
2 feeling that that's what we sort of -- the Cooperators
3 wanted, you know, and I dragged my feet on it or
4 whatever, but frankly, you know, everybody was still
5 trying to dig themselves out of the trenches trying to
6 get through the basic proposals with the Board of Game
7 and there's just so much time to do it. And there's
8 some real issues involved in .804 frankly that have to
9 do with, you know, where the animals are, and when
10 they're available and there's differences of opinions
11 as to how many of those animals are on Federal land, so
12 you can pump all the permits you want into there and it
13 still may not do any good. And that will all come out
14 eventually in the analysis but it's not going to happen
15 overnight.

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17 There's some things, I think, that's important
18 to understand about the whole permitting process, is,
19 is that, the Cooperators have been very influential in
20 helping to set the harvest rates. They've also been
21 very influential in determining the allocation of
22 permits between the Federal system and the State
23 system. And one of the reasons that you find there
24 were very few -- a smaller percentage of Federal
25 permits available from the get-go is, is that, people
26 felt most of the animals were not on Federal lands, and
27 the Cooperators wanted a much smaller percentage of the
28 permits to go through the Federal process than the
29 State process.

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31 Then secondly, it's a little hard to
32 evaluate some of the harvest information because
33 basically in some cases there was consistent under
34 harvest and so we kept increasing the number of permits
35 to provide opportunity and, you know, we'd have to
36 really go back and do a pretty thorough analysis of all
37 of the harvest data for 22B including the State Tier II
38 to get that answer.

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40 And then I'm not sure where we're going
41 to wind up. I'm sensitive to what Roy is saying, you
42 know, and what Tom is saying. I think there's also
43 been problems, though, in some of the permitting
44 because originally with a few permits, those were
45 distributed during a very short window of time, later,
46 you know, people were taking them on BLM land and
47 perhaps Bruce has some of the whole history of that but
48 basically, you know, depending on Staff availability,
49 getting these permits out into some of these
50 communities has not been exactly easy.

1 And there's some real advantages to
2 just going with a Tier I system and that is the permits
3 will be available in the village. They'll be,
4 theoretically, in an unlimited number, and they'll be a
5 available throughout the hunt season. So it will be
6 very easy for villagers to pick up permits.

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8 Now, given the current C&T
9 determinations, basically, and the current closure of
10 Federal public lands, you know, basically there is some
11 protection and some pretty good protection for those
12 communities, and the only real question is, is whether
13 this pressure from Nome really affects that harvest.
14 And it may, but it may not. And I'm not sure that the
15 moose example is really a good analogy for that. And,
16 you know, I would also suggest that there are people
17 who are concerned about the moose, that they maybe take
18 a look at how that evolved and go back through the
19 local Fish and Game Advisory Councils and how some of
20 those hunts were structured and how the permits wound
21 up being allocated between the fall and winter hunts
22 and so forth.

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24 I just think we need to give this
25 process a chance and see what happens and if there are
26 problems I can guarantee you that we'll work on fixing
27 them. If there are no problems then, you know, there
28 really is not an issue.

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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, well, I've
31 been kind of leading this discussion. But Peter you
32 did say that you thought things were okay there, I mean
33 you spoke a little bit ago. Ken asked you to speak,
34 could you?

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Let me put you on the
39 spot, Peter since you're White Mountain.

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41 MR. BUCK: Yeah.

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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You tell us, is this
44 22B season -- 22B West season, you know, and the
45 permits are available in 22B, do you think that
46 adequately addresses subsistence needs of the people in
47 White Mountain and Golovin?

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49 MR. BUCK: In my opinion it does.

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1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: okay. All right,
2 thanks. Any of you other guys want to say anything.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Without further
7 direction from the rest of my Council members I'm not
8 going to take this issue to a special action at this
9 time. I'm going to let this season play out. I spoke
10 with Tom about that and like I said at the time that we
11 had the Cooperators meeting we thought there was going
12 to be a longer season, which, actually now that brings
13 one more thing to my attention. This, Ken, I'll
14 address this to you, is the State season, the current
15 22B Federal season is August 1st to March 15th and
16 there is no proposal before the Subsistence Board to
17 change that. So next August, what's going to happen?

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19 MR. ADKISSON: That's a very good
20 question and I think it's something we're going to have
21 to work on. I think the road system is going to be the
22 big issue and that's where the biggest disconnect is
23 going to be.

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25 You're exactly right, and what I didn't
26 show you on the map is what some of the earlier
27 recommendations were, when the Cooperators were
28 formulating that, but largely after the meeting, when
29 the Department began to take down all of the
30 information and tried to put it together into a
31 coherent package, there were about three things, I
32 think that emerged. You know there was a real desire
33 to limit the season to avoid hunting multiple species,
34 basically people from outside coming in hunting
35 muskoxen and taking moose as an adjunct kind of thing.
36 That was a real concern with most of the people there.

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38 The second one was that there was a
39 real desire among some of the groups, largely again the
40 road system, to try to synchronize the cow and the bull
41 harvest for the same period.

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43 And then the third thing is how do you
44 get something that's coherent and is fairly consistent
45 through the area.

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47 So basically, I mean I'll be honest
48 with you, there is a little bit of difference between
49 what happened and came out of the Board of Game and
50 that went in as a recommendation from basically the

1 Department and what was actually said at the
2 Cooperators meeting. But the Board was given the full
3 set of notes and everything from the Cooperators and
4 some of those differences were pointed out and
5 basically it was the best effort of the managers that
6 were going to be working with the hunt to try to build
7 in those various concerns that were expressed at the
8 Cooperators, like the concern over moose, like wanting
9 the bull and cow season to be the same and trying to
10 deal with the road system and so, you know, it's not a
11 perfect thing and it doesn't reflect 100 percent all of
12 the things that were said at the Cooperators meeting.
13 But I think.....

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Wait, wait a minute
16 Ken. Tony, you ain't leaving.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Where are you going?

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22 MR. GORN: I'm going to Unalakleet to
23 count moose.

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25 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, all right.

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27 MR. GORN: So any questions.....

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, you can leave,
30 no it's too late, I think -- go ahead.

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32 MR. ADKISSON: I would -- just a
33 second, before he runs out the door, I mean does that
34 -- does what I'm saying jive with you because if it's
35 not, speak up?

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37 MR. GORN: I didn't even hear what you
38 said.

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40 MR. ADKISSON: Oh.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MR. GORN: But I trust him.

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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, go ahead.

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50 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Ken. Let's try
2 something here, maybe we can satisfy everyone.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We've got a problem
7 with a State and a Federal season that don't line up,
8 and we just spent a lot of work trying to line up a
9 moose season down in Unalakleet, so how about if we do
10 a proposal to change -- request a special -- a proposal
11 that requests a special action to change the Federal
12 season to match the current State season in 22B, that
13 puts a proposal on the Federal Board's table and at
14 that time, if OSM -- don't you shake your head at me,
15 I'm trying to make everybody happy.

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17 (Laughter)

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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Now there's a proposal
20 and you guys can do your .804, does that sound doable?
21 Roy, do you like that idea -- because we do need -- I
22 mean aligning the seasons is a valid goal and if at
23 that time they think they need to do an .804 they can
24 do it.

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26 All right, so.....

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28 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Take a break.

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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, let me finish
31 this and then I think we'll be done.

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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: They want to discuss
34 it and then.....

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, all right, let's
37 take a 15 minute break.

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39 (Off record)

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41 (On record)

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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Could you please sit
44 up here again, Ken.

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46 MR. ADKISSON: Anybody else?

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48 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No, well, I hope not.

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50 MR. ADKISSON: BLM may have a little

1 bit more information on how they want.....

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No, no, we've got to
4 put this issue to rest here and I think I know what I
5 want to do. Let's see, well, Peter can hear me, so
6 first of all here's what I want and I talked with Roy
7 again, we're thinking that the Cooperators wanted a
8 letter to OSM to request an .804 analysis of the 22B
9 West muskox. So can you, as the Co-Chair of the
10 Cooperators, can you craft that letter and send it?

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12 MR. ADKISSON: Yep.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. That takes care
15 of the .804. Now, I'd say we need to address the
16 season thing. So I would entertain a motion from my
17 Council to request OSM to craft a proposal for us to
18 change the current 22, god, well, I'm going to rake
19 Tony Gorn over the coals on all this because nobody's
20 addressed this Federal issue, this is -- you know, Ken
21 we screwed up, the Cooperators should have addressed
22 this issue.

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24 MR. ADKISSON: You know it would have
25 been nice if we'd have had another couple of days to
26 whack on it but I don't think we were going to keep
27 everybody there for another two days and work on it
28 frankly. I mean, you know.

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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All right.
31 Well, if my Council will help me out here, I want a
32 motion -- I would appreciate a motion that we change
33 the 22B West, we have to change 22B West because 22B
34 East season is already aligned. So I would entertain a
35 motion to change 22B West muskox season to January 1st
36 to March 15th.

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38 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. Council
39 members. Just one thing, I guess, to think about. I
40 mean, you know, we can do that, too, but, you know,
41 frankly no one's had a chance to really sit down and
42 think all of this stuff through and, you know, maybe if
43 you want to propose a season change now, you know, then
44 it would be good to run that one by the Cooperators as
45 well. I think one of the things we need to ask
46 ourselves is what happens if there are no changes in
47 the Federal system, and how will that effect things.
48 And if there are no season changes in the Federal
49 system, basically what that means is anybody who has a
50 Federal permit could use that permit the beginning of

1 August on Federal public lands. The worst that could
2 happen then is the Federal system could suck up all the
3 allowable harvest, which is probably doubtful but it
4 could happen, and then we'd have to, you know, try to
5 work with the State and make some adjustments. You
6 know, because the outsiders are not going to be able to
7 hunt with those Federal permits on Federal lands any
8 way, shape or form. I mean you've got the C&T for B
9 so, you know, it's people of B basically and Nome. And
10 so, you know, I'm just not totally convinced other than
11 avoiding confusion that we really need to make season
12 adjustments.

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14 Again, you know, we may be trying to
15 get way out ahead of somewhere than where we need to
16 be.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, I ain't got my
19 fifth member here anyway, okay, then we'll put this
20 issue to rest. We'll get the letter from the
21 Cooperators requesting an .804, and we'll see how that
22 season goes and if we need to adjust Federal seasons in
23 the future we can do so.

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25 All right, so we're done with that and
26 we'll move on to No. 11, call for proposals to change
27 Federal subsistence fisheries regulations.

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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That ends March
30 27th.

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32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: That ends March 27th.

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34 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Has there been
37 anything brought to the Council's attention that we
38 need to change?

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40 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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44 MR. KOBUK: What page is that on?

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, it's not. I
47 guess we've got to do that ourselves. And other than
48 -- oh, Barb, what were we going to get about that
49 Pikmiktalik fish research deal?

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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. The full
2 report for the Pikmiktalik will be before you at your
3 fall meeting.

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5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, that's right.
6 Okay. So we have until March 27th, if anything comes
7 up we'll have to work through the computer and the
8 phone and whatever to address that.

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10 We'll move on to No. 12.

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12 MR. KOBUK: Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, okay, go ahead
15 Leonard.

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17 MR. KOBUK: Since I've been off the
18 board a little while, is there anyone that would tell
19 me about what's happening in the Pikmiktalik area
20 because I haven't heard anything since I got off the
21 board.

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23 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I just told you.
24 That full report will be before you at the fall
25 meeting. The full report.

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27 MR. KOBUK: Okay, thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, you're going to
30 have to wait until October to get that.

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32 MR. KOBUK: All right.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: There should be
35 something in the minutes from the previous meeting,
36 last October, because we did talk about that and the
37 funding for that. So when you got time to go over your
38 minutes from the last meeting.

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40 MR. KOBUK: All right. Okay, thank
41 you.

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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, Polly, let's go
44 on to agency reports and Office of Subsistence
45 Management.

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47 MS. WHEELER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If
48 you look in your books on Page -- there's three
49 briefings from the Office of Subsistence Management,
50 two of which are information items.

1 On Page 102 in your books there's a
2 briefing on the rural/non-rural request for
3 reconsideration. Basically the long and short of that
4 is there were six requests for reconsideration filed on
5 the rural/non-rural findings and those requests are
6 making their way through our internal process and will
7 be before the Board, or I believe actually before the
8 Staff Committee and the Board at this point, so that's
9 the gist of it.

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11 On Page 104 in your books there's an
12 update on the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program.
13 That's just telling you that there's been a number of
14 projects funded under that program since the start of
15 the program. And as Barb just said you're going to
16 have a full report on the Pikmiktalik project at your
17 fall meeting. I do know that Jim Magdanz with
18 Department of Fish and Game is working on -- he
19 finished up a project, actually with Kawerak on
20 customary trade in the Norton Sound area. I believe he
21 gave you a briefing on that at your last meeting. We
22 have copies of that report. He's working on several
23 other projects, too, and he can maybe give you -- he'll
24 give you an update -- I'll contact Jim and ask him to
25 give you an update at your fall meeting, too, on a
26 project that he's working at looking at sort of a --
27 looking through time at how salmon harvest patterns
28 have changed in the Norton Sound area. So obviously
29 he's not here at this meeting but I can ask him to give
30 you an update on that project at the fall meeting since
31 that was funded through this program.

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33 The last briefing that I wanted to give
34 to you -- I don't know about wanted, but that I will
35 give you, is on the Customary and Traditional Use
36 Policy, the Draft Policy. We talked a little bit about
37 that yesterday and the briefing on that is on Page 103
38 in your books. And just to remind you, especially for
39 those of you that are new -- or back on the scene after
40 a small break, in the fall -- last fall a Draft Policy
41 was presented to each of the Councils, the Draft Policy
42 on Customary and Traditional Use findings was developed
43 in response to a request from the Deputy Secretary of
44 Interior, Lynn Scarlett, and that request was actually
45 prompted by a request on the part of the State of
46 Alaska.

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48 The Draft Policy that was presented to
49 you last fall lays out the existing Board process for
50 addressing customary and traditional use

1 determinations. Part of that process is to consider
2 the eight factors that Rose mentioned yesterday in a
3 general holistic way rather than in a rigid manner.
4 One thing that Rose had mentioned yesterday is that we
5 -- is that when you have C&T analysis before you, they
6 have to go through each of the eight points, each of
7 the eight factors as a checklist, we actually don't do
8 that. As is pretty clearly laid out in the policy,
9 it's sort of a general application. We look at the
10 eight factors, but if the eight factors are
11 demonstrated in a holistic way, then that's an
12 indication of a positive customary and traditional use
13 determination.

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15 The process that's outlined in the
16 Draft Policy doesn't represent a change from the way
17 that C&T determinations have been made in the past, it
18 basically simply clarifies the approach that's taken by
19 the Board.

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21 We had a three month public comment
22 period which was supposed to end December 1st, 2007 but
23 in response to a request from one organization, we
24 extended it by seven days, I believe. We received a
25 total of 13 comments on the Draft Policy. As you might
26 imagine these comments spanned a broad range of
27 perspective, saying we're happy with what you're doing
28 right now to what you're doing right now is not how
29 we'd like to see it be done and pretty much everything
30 in between. And actually I have copies, if you're
31 interested, recognizing that you have a lot of paper to
32 carry around with you. I did bring copies of the draft
33 comments, if you're interested, you don't have to take
34 them with you, but if you want to take them with you
35 and take a look at them, you're welcome to it. It's a
36 lot of paper and I'll carry whatever copies you don't
37 feel compelled to take, I'll bring them home with me
38 and bring them to the next Regional Advisory Council
39 meeting.

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41 So basically where we're at right now
42 is that the Board is going to consider the comments
43 that are received and hope to draft a final policy for
44 Secretarial approval this spring.

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46 That's pretty much it. If you have any
47 questions I'd be happy to answer them.

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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. Well, I don't
50 have any questions. Anybody else.

1 (No comments)
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: It doesn't look like
4 anybody else does.
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6 Thanks, Polly.
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8 MS. WHEELER: Sure.
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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Ken, you're up next.
11 It says, Staff, you could just make Fred come up and do
12 the report.
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14 MR. TOCKTOO: What.
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16 (Laughter)
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18 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. Council
19 members. Ken Adkisson, National Park Service.
20 Basically the brunt of what I was going to talk about
21 under the Staff was the muskox situation and I don't
22 know if we've beaten that one to death enough that you
23 think you want more information.
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25 (Laughter)
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27 MR. ADKISSON: Let me just some up what
28 happened from the Board of Game.
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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.
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32 MR. ADKISSON: Basically we moved from
33 a Tier II situation across the Peninsula to basically a
34 Tier I registration hunt. I'd just like to sum up what
35 I think that means, as far as the users.
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37 Permitting is going to be a lot more
38 simpler. Basically you'd be able to pick up a permit
39 at any time during the season and go hunt. You won't
40 have to apply, like with the Tier II permits, where you
41 have to apply in advance during a certain specific
42 window of time. So permitting and opportunity will
43 actually be increased. The down side of that is
44 whether the harvest is so great that the seasons have
45 to be closed by emergency order and so forth. That
46 remains to be seen whether that's going to happen. I
47 think you can see from the maps in front of you,
48 especially along the more sensitive road corridor
49 systems, I think we've come up with what may be the
50 best attempt at this time to address those basic

1 concerns. It may not be perfect but we can give it a
2 shot and see how it works and, you know, go from there
3 and adjust it, if we need to, down the road.

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5 I'd just like to comment on one thing
6 about the whole process, is that, you know, it's never
7 been really easy working under dual management but the
8 Cooperators have been really instrumental, I think, in
9 offering a good example of how things can be made to
10 work and especially with the Federal Program now going
11 to two year cycles, coordination with the State's going
12 to become even more difficult than what it is. So, you
13 know, you can play a lot of what-if games if you have
14 the time, but in some cases you're not going to be able
15 to know what you need to do until you see what the
16 other side does. So in the case we didn't know how the
17 Board of Game was going to take the Cooperators
18 recommendations to move from Tier II to Tier I, they
19 could have come up with something entirely different,
20 and then the Federal Program would have been in a
21 position to react to that, so we don't know. But we do
22 know now what this is and we can see how it works and
23 adjust the Federal regulations if necessary to, you
24 know, sync with where we're at.

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26 So basically what you see in the three
27 maps is where we're at with muskoxen hunting on the
28 Seward Peninsula at this time. It's completely Tier I
29 across the whole Peninsula as far as the subsistence
30 hunt goes. Where the allowable harvest allows, there's
31 limited sport hunting allowed by drawing, and you can
32 see how the quotas break up on that.

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34 So that's pretty much it with the
35 muskoxen, unless you have questions.

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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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39 MR. ADKISSON: You have a question on
40 muskox, Mike?

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No. No.

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44 MR. ADKISSON: Okay.

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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You have more?

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48 MR. ADKISSON: Yeah, just a few things.

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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

1 MR. ADKISSON: There's been a major
2 Staff change within the Park Service part of the
3 program, I don't know how many of you have really
4 worked with Judy Gottlieb but she's been our Board
5 member for many, many years, and she'll be retiring
6 here very shortly within a month or two. I think maybe
7 even later this month. So we're going to lose her
8 services on the Federal Program, and from my experience
9 she's really been a big supporter of, you know,
10 subsistence and subsistence priority and through her
11 work on the Board and also trying to get out to
12 villages and try to see what conditions are actually
13 like and everything, so we're going to miss her.

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15 Other than that research wildlife, you
16 know, we'll continue to cooperate with the Department
17 on various things, we'll be -- but this year, upcoming
18 year, most of our efforts are going to be focused in
19 Unit 23 with a brown bear survey, a sheep survey, some
20 moose work and continued muskoxen work up there.

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22 As far as our inventory and monitoring
23 program with the National Park Service, our Arctic
24 Network, which includes Bering LandBridge, the three
25 areas centered around Kotzebue Sound, and the Gates of
26 the Arctic National Park and Preserve, the program is
27 wrapping up or moving towards completion of what we
28 call its Phase III report, which will finalize some of
29 our sampling and monitoring protocols. Right now what
30 I can tell you is that some of our work will shake out
31 so that things like bears, muskox, moose come out very
32 high -- we'll be continuing to put money and resources
33 into monitoring those resources.

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35 I think that's basically it for what I
36 had to -- oh, and I also passed out a flier on a major
37 muskoxen project that's coming down the pike that will
38 actually begin with some sort of preliminary work and
39 testing actually later, perhaps in March, that will
40 involve a study of muskoxen in Northwest Alaska,
41 essentially the Cape Thompson population, animals as
42 represented by Cape Krusenstern and muskoxen down here
43 on the Seward Peninsula, basically from the Bering
44 LandBridge National Preserve. And the basic objectives
45 of the study are laid out in that flier for you. It's
46 basically to try to address, collect data on population
47 parameters, recruitment, production, survival and look
48 at habitat variables and look at health variables and
49 see what they can put together across the a landscape,
50 and try to get a better feel for, you know, where these

1 animals are going and what they're responding to.
2 Because right now the muskox on the Seward Peninsula
3 are, you know, their whole population dynamic is much
4 different from those up in the Cape Thompson area and
5 understanding why that is and what they're responding
6 to, I think, will contribute a lot to how we eventually
7 manage muskox.

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9 So that's it, basically.

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11 CHAIRMAN QUINN: I just was looking at
12 Unit 23 muskox season, there aren't enough muskox
13 spreading out into like those Selawik Hills and some of
14 the Nulato Hills and stuff to have a season yet in 23,
15 or into that Selawik Refuge?

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17 MR. ADKISSON: That may come down the
18 pike and it's really questionable right now where those
19 muskoxen, like that appear in Selawik, the Selawik area
20 are coming from, and my guess they're largely coming
21 from the Seward Peninsula, they're not coming from the
22 Cape Thompson animals up there.

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24 In fact ADF&G just flew a survey of the
25 Cape Thompson area which goes, basically all the way
26 from like Shisolik down at the bottom of Cape
27 Kruzenstern, just there right at Kotzebue, all the way
28 up to like the Cape Lisburne area, and they actually
29 found fewer animals this year than they had found in
30 the past so they're either dying or going somewhere and
31 I'm not sure anyone has a really good answer for that.

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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. One of the
34 things I wanted to get from all these government
35 agencies this round, you know, I pinned George down
36 yesterday on spending some enforcement money, at least
37 on that Unit 22 moose hunt, what kind of effort are
38 your superiors making for doing enforcement work in our
39 region, on your lands, I mean you've got quite a bit of
40 land on that Bering LandBridge. I know you got some
41 guides that work in the area, you know, people from
42 other areas, do we get a guy down here at all to patrol
43 or do we need enforcement work, a guy with the Park
44 Service uniform on.

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46 MR. ADKISSON: We do, we have one
47 ranger, Mike Thompson, and I think he was at one of our
48 earlier meetings and introduced himself.

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50 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah, that's right.

1 MR. ADKISSON: Basically, you know,
2 that's our essential law enforcement presence, that one
3 ranger. There's been some effort and I think it's been
4 successful, maybe just some cross-deputization, so
5 basically within the Preserve, to a certain extent,
6 State wildlife officers can enforce certain
7 regulations, the Fish and Wildlife special protection
8 officer can enforce certain regulations and then we can
9 enforce certain regulations. And we're making an
10 effort to get out more and more in the Preserve. But
11 there was a period there when we really didn't have
12 much of a ranger presence.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks. And BLM
15 is next.

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17 MR. SPARKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
18 Council members. It's been a few months since I've
19 been up here so it's good to see everybody again.
20 Bruce Seppi's joined me, we thought we'd kind of cover
21 a few things.

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23 In the past this group's been
24 interested in the special recreation permits that the
25 Anchorage Field Office has given out and those are for
26 primarily big game guides but they're also for
27 commercial uses on public lands, competitive races,
28 even group activities, and just to let you know that we
29 haven't authorized any new users. We've involved the
30 board here on any new authorizations that we're
31 anticipating, but there is five out of the Nome office
32 and there's three that are handled out of the Anchorage
33 office, Anchorage Field Office, that impact the Seward
34 Peninsula, that you folks represent.

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36 The other thing that we've given
37 information out before is what's going on with the land
38 transfer program. This is primarily the Native
39 Corporation transfers and we have given all the land
40 that eight villages are entitled to so far and I'll
41 just read those off real quick, it's King Island,
42 Solomon, Teller, Brevig Mission, Wales, Mary's Igloo,
43 Golovin and White Mountain. And we're anticipating,
44 hopefully, that four more will be closed this fiscal
45 year, and those are Shishmarek, Koyuk, Shaktoolik,
46 Satniskauk. That's fairly important to this group.
47 As you know, once the corporation's receive their final
48 entitlement, their over selections to lands are
49 rejected by the Federal government. So any selections
50 that the State may have had under the corporations

1 became a valid State selection. If there is no State
2 selection then it becomes Federal public lands and
3 subject to Federal subsistence regulations. If it's
4 selected by the State then they're not subject to
5 Federal subsistence regulations, they're still managed
6 by the State.

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8 We're also involved in the transfer of
9 lands to individual Natives, primarily the new
10 Veteran's Allotment Act, and the Nome office has
11 handled 14. We're about done region-wide, there's two
12 scheduled for this coming up field season, and the rest
13 are going through an adjudicative process.

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15 So in a nutshell, that's what's been
16 going on.

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18 We also have been giving information
19 out to you in the past on the Kobuk Seward Land Use
20 Plan and that plan is in the final throws of being
21 approved. We're anticipating that early June that's
22 going to come out, a Final Record of Decision it's
23 called. The plan's been found consistent by the State
24 of Alaska but that will really dictate what managers of
25 that Federal land can do in terms of permitting
26 authorizations that are within the discretion of the
27 Anchorage Field Office.

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29 And Bruce has got some information on
30 some wildlife issues, but maybe before he gives his
31 spiel, if there's any questions that the group may have
32 for me, I'd be happy to answer those.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Tom, when this new
35 Kobuk Seward Management Plan is supposedly done in June
36 will we see any significant change in anything that
37 affects us?

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39 MR. SPARKS: Just to let you know that
40 in this area there was early on in the planning efforts
41 an attempt to limit the number of special recreation
42 permits in specific areas. And that was not brought
43 forward in the final recommendation by the Bureau of
44 Land Management, so unless there's an overriding
45 concern on subsistence game, the field ops managers,
46 when they look to authorize that activity, they may
47 have a difficult time. So it's something that this
48 group may want to keep their eyes on in terms of the
49 number of commercial guiding outfits. That's one
50 issue.

1 One that doesn't affect this area that
2 is very much a big activity to the north, is outside of
3 Kotzebue in the Squirrel area, the Bureau of Land
4 Management is going to now start to permit
5 transporters, and that is a new change that is a result
6 of the Kobuk Seward Land Use Plan. And there may be a
7 further planning effort for the Squirrel River in terms
8 of management, there's been a lot of conflicts in that
9 area over transporters and commercial guides using a
10 fairly small area.

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12 In terms of other things that may
13 affect, that I see, you're asking my opinion, the
14 current land base been withdrawn for mineral entry.
15 And the land use plans will eventually cause a lifting
16 of those, that's a recommendation in that plan. And
17 many lands have been closed, the Federal lands have
18 been closed to mineral entry under Federal law for over
19 30 years, and those will start opening up.

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21 So there are some subtle changes in
22 that plan that you may want to keep your eyes open.

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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: How about access, has
25 that plan changed anything as far as starting to
26 restrict certain types of access to these lands?

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28 MR. SPARKS: It's the same as the
29 current land use plan and that is there's a limitation,
30 you talking ATV travel, is that.....

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32 CHAIRMAN QUINN: One of the things,
33 yeah.

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35 MR. SPARKS: It's a 2,000 pound limit
36 now, if you want to take a vehicle across Federal
37 public land, over 2,000 that's managed by BLM, you get
38 a -- you are required to get a permit for that.

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40 There is an area within the land use
41 plan that's on the Seward Peninsula that is just north
42 of Nome here, the Kikluwaek (ph) Mountains, we are not
43 done transferring land to the State of Alaska within
44 there, they have taken some parts of the Kikluwaek
45 Mountain Complex but that area has been designated as a
46 special recreation area in the land use plan and it
47 suggests that at some point in the future, if it comes
48 necessary to look at perhaps designating trails or
49 working through a process, but currently we really
50 don't see the use there now. You know we certainly

1 recognize there's a few four-wheeler trails that have
2 penetrated into the mountain range, primarily they're
3 going into areas that are now owned by the regional
4 Native corporation, but it's something that may come
5 out in the future but currently it's 2,000 pounds,
6 pretty much go anywhere you want.

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8 There's other regulations, you know,
9 about basically taking things and spinning donuts and
10 those kind of things.

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12 (Laughter)

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14 MR. SPARKS: You know you're not
15 supposed to be, you know, basically purposely damaging
16 the tundra and so we are sensitive towards that.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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20 MR. KOBUK: Mr. Chair, I have a
21 question.

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23 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sure, go ahead,
24 Leonard.

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26 MR. KOBUK: Whereabouts is all this
27 activity going to happen on the Bureau of Land
28 Management?

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30 MR. SPARKS: It's going to be within
31 the Kobuk Seward Land Use Plan and that basically, it
32 kind of goes from Unalakleet all the way up north into
33 the Kotzebue area.

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35 MR. KOBUK: So it's just mostly going
36 to be in the north area.

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38 MR. SPARKS: Yes.

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40 MR. KOBUK: From Unalakleet.

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42 MR. SPARKS: Primarily, yeah. Yeah.

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44 MR. KOBUK: Okay, just wanted to know,
45 thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, Bruce.

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49 MR. SEPPI: Mr. Chair. Members of the
50 Council. You probably don't know me, I'm Bruce Seppi,

1 I'm a wildlife biologist with the Anchorage Field
2 Office, the Bureau of Land Management in Anchorage.
3 I'm actually here in place of Geoff Byersdorf, he's the
4 new person who's been recently hired as a subsistence
5 coordinator for the field office. He meant to be here
6 today, he wanted to be here, but he had prior
7 commitments before he took this job so I'm here in his
8 place.

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10 I just wanted to mention about muskox
11 permits. I have been the point of contact for muskox
12 permits since our last subsistence coordinator position
13 became available. Geoff Byersdorf will be taking that
14 over now.

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16 One thing I should mention in 2008, and
17 I didn't mention during the muskox discussion here,
18 that we've issued so far five permits and all of them
19 have been from Nome residents.

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21 We are discussing issuing the permits
22 here from Nome in the future, but a management decision
23 hasn't been made on that. We're hoping that that will
24 happen so we won't be going back and forth in emails
25 and phone calls and that sort of thing, they'll be
26 issued right here in Nome out of Tom's office.

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28 There has been much discussion about
29 moose in 22A and I attempted a fall classification for
30 moose from Unalakleet on the whole Unalakleet water
31 shed last fall. As you well know the weather is, in
32 fall and spring, and other times, hard to do a lot of
33 flying and I didn't accomplish that survey because of
34 the bad weather last fall. So we're cooperating with
35 Fish and Game, in fact, we're paying for the flights
36 that Tony is doing right now, this week, to try to get
37 a better count on moose over in 22A so that's been a
38 priority for us and hopefully he'll get that done,
39 weather will allow him to get that done.

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41 That's really the only additional
42 things I had to say.

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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, any questions
45 for either of these two gentlemen.

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, thanks.

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1 MR. SPARKS: Thank you very much.

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And next is the State,
4 Terry, you're going to have to do that, and actually
5 you can bring up the subject you asked me about
6 earlier.

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8 MR. HAYNES: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
9 Tony Gorn or Peter Bente would be here but trying to
10 get that moose survey conducted done down in the
11 Unalakleet area is a higher priority for them.

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13 Both Tony and Peter left the meeting
14 early yesterday because there was a Board of Game
15 teleconference to address moose hunting in the
16 remainder of Unit 22. And at its emergency
17 teleconference yesterday, the Board of Game passed an
18 emergency regulation to open the moose season in the
19 remainder of Unit 22 for the period February 22nd to
20 the 29th. The bag limit will be antlered bulls only.
21 And the Unit 22 remainder includes the Golsovia River
22 drainage and all drainages south of the Golsovia River
23 drainage to the Unit 18 boundary. And hunters are
24 being asked to report their harvest to the Fish and
25 Game officer here in Nome during that period, so there
26 will be some opportunity for hunters down in that
27 southern part of Unit 22A.

28

29 A comment regarding the muskox issue
30 that you've been discussing, Tony Gorn does plan to
31 radio collar 20 muskox in April in Units 22B and C, and
32 kind of follow their movements. And because of the mix
33 of State and Federal lands in those two subunits, it's
34 pretty important, I think, to know where muskox are
35 going to be and what their movement patterns are like.

36

37 Regarding the discussion about the
38 Board of Game actions on Muskox Cooperators Group
39 recommendations, the Board of Game has been pretty
40 consistent over the past 10 or 12 years in responding
41 pretty favorably to recommendations that come out of
42 planning groups, cooperative working groups because
43 they recognize the time and effort that goes into those
44 planning efforts and that if those groups have
45 representation from the wide range of interests and
46 agree upon recommendations about what regulations
47 should look like, then the Board is quite often very
48 responsive. So I think they're appreciative of the
49 work that the Muskox Cooperators Group has put into
50 really looking at what's the best way to regulate and

1 manage muskox hunts in Unit 22.

2

3 In case you plan to ask me about State
4 enforcement activities I'll say that I don't know
5 exactly what is going on. But as many of you know the
6 brown shirts are back, they've been separated from the
7 Troopers Division, they had been merged during previous
8 administration and now they've been separated again and
9 I would anticipate that would probably mean a more
10 higher presence of brown shirts, of the Fish and
11 Wildlife Protection officers, where they are active.

12

13 The final point I'd make is that there
14 is a new Wildlife Conservation Division Staffer in the
15 Nome office, a woman named, Gay Sheffield, who's
16 primarily a marine mammal biologist but she will be
17 working with Tony on some of his survey work. Gay has
18 been working out of the Fairbanks office but she spends
19 a lot of time out in Gambell and Savoonga. I don't
20 know if you've met Gay or not. But she spends a lot of
21 time out with the hunters, out on the ice, and she's
22 very excited about being in Nome and much closer to the
23 action.

24

25 Mr. Chairman, that's all I have. If
26 you have questions I'll try to answer them.

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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, is she more or
29 less taking the job that Tony held before Kate retired?

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31 MR. HAYNES: No. I think there's still
32 plans to hire a replacement for Tony.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, okay.

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36 MR. HAYNES: I'm not sure what the
37 timing of that is going to be.

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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.

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41 MR. KOBUK: Mr. Chair. I have a
42 question for him.

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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead, Leonard.

45

46 MR. KOBUK: You said there was going to
47 be some openings for hunting moose in Unit 22A,
48 whereabouts in Unit 22A is this going to happen.

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50 MR. HAYNES: It's the southern part of

1 the unit, down near the Unit 18 boundary.

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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: It's your area, you
4 guys asked for this area.

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6 MR. HAYNES: Right down for your area.

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8 MR. KOBUK: Oh, okay, well, I wasn't on
9 the board when it was asked for and my concern is how
10 much moose?

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12 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, Stebbins Village
13 Council asked for the season, it's your area there
14 around St. Michael/Stebbins, you got another seven days
15 to hunt moose down there.

16

17 MR. KOBUK: Oh, okay, I heard about
18 that one. But my other question is, do you know the
19 moose population in that area? Like I said I haven't
20 been on the board and no one's mentioned anything about
21 this in St. Michael's.

22

23 MR. HAYNES: Through the Chair. I
24 don't have specifics. The moose population in that
25 southern part of the unit is much healthier than it is
26 in the Unalakleet area, so the Department is not
27 concerned about this additional week of hunting
28 opportunity creating any kind of conservation concerns.

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30 MR. KOBUK: The reason I asked that is
31 because since the caribou quit coming around for many
32 years that's all they've been doing now is hunting
33 moose.

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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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37 MR. KOBUK: That's the only question I
38 have.

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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks, Leonard.
41 All right, thanks, Terry.

42

43 MR. HAYNES: Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We're supposed to have
46 someone from BIA but he stepped out it looks like. Oh,
47 that's right, Pat, okay.

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49 MS. PETRIVELLI: I don't think we have
50 anything.

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right.
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3 MS. PETRIVELLI: Oh, did you want us to
4 say something?
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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: No, I need to say
7 something.
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9 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, Barb.
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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I just wanted to
12 come up and say thank you for being here. When I first
13 came up here on the 20th I had a quorum of five, then
14 that fell apart 5:00 o'clock the next morning, but then
15 Peter Buck just walk in about 9:30, 10:00 o'clock on
16 the flight and I was so thankful that -- this is the
17 first time that I've been here for almost 17 years that
18 I've had any quorum problems with Seward Penn and it
19 wasn't because of you not wanting to be here, it was
20 because of the weather. And so I am very thankful that
21 you are here and we are done with the meeting.
22
23 And, Mr. Haynes, failed to mention to
24 you that this might be his last meeting depending on
25 what happens during the course of the summer and he
26 might retire before your fall meeting so say your thank
27 you's to him and bye. And I think we'll also add on
28 the Nome Eskimo Community to be attending our meetings,
29 and I'll be talking to Mr. Ahmasuk on that.
30
31 And with that, thank you so much.
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks, Barb.
34 Then we can move on to new business. We've got three
35 things to do under new business, future Council topics,
36 elections and then the 22E moose.
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38 I want to put elections first and what
39 I want to do.....
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41 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: I can just speak on
42 that shortly.
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44 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, go ahead,
45 we'll let Barb speak on future council topics.
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47 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Future Council
48 topics is when we have Federal Board that meets in
49 first or last part of April, and first part of May, and
50 if there are any concerns that you have that would like

1 to be spoken before the Federal Board, please give them
2 to me or the Chair and we'll ask, we'll ask the Federal
3 Board, and that's why we always put that there as a
4 reminder.

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6 Thank you.

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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Then next
9 is the elections. Barb, I'm not quite.....

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11 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, I can do that,
12 too.

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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Well, I'm thinking at
15 least what I'd like to do is table elections to the
16 next meeting since once again we don't have everyone
17 here. Can I do that or do I need a motion to do that.

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19 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You would need a
20 motion to do that but we've been delaying elections
21 since 2006 and you know that. And then if it happens
22 for today, I think we can have elections, we do have a
23 quorum. I've talked to both the guys that aren't here,
24 Mr. Gray and Elmer Seetot, of course, declines all --
25 all positions except for the secretary position, and
26 Tom Gray had no comment so I'm sure he's okay with it
27 if he was elected because I did mention to him that, I
28 said, well, elections are going to happen if I get a
29 quorum and we need to have these elections happen at
30 this time.

31
32 MR. KOBUK: Mr. Chair. I'd just like
33 to get on with the elections so we could take care of
34 it today and be done with it.

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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, you bet. Then
37 we'll entertain motions for elections of officer.

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39 MR. KOBUK: Leonard Kobuk, St. Michael,
40 I would like to vote for Tom Gray as Chair.

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42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Don't we need a.....

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44 MR. BUCK: I second it.

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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, we have
47 nominations for Tom Gray for Chair, do we have any
48 other nominations.

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50 MR. KOBUK: And I would like to

1 nominate.....

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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Kobuk, the Chair
4 needs to -- let's elect the Chair first.

5

6 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, we're going to
7 go for the Chair, we have a motion for Tom Gray as
8 Chair, and a second by Peter Buck.

9

10 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yep. Do we have any
11 more nominations.

12

13 MR. KOBUK: Question.

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15 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, question.
16 All those in favor of the motion say aye.

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18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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20 MR. SAVETILIK: Mr. Chair, before we go
21 on, I recommend that I close the nominations for the
22 Chair.

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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you,
25 Myron. And how do you want to go with this vote, do
26 you want to just ask to say yea or nay?

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28 MR. SAVETILIK: Since Mr. Gray's
29 already been voted for, he's the only person that was
30 on the -- for -- and it was closed so he automatically
31 becomes the Chair.

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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Ask unanimous
34 consent.

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36 MR. SAVETILIK: Yes.

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38 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, thank you, Mr.
39 Gray is your Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We'll entertain
42 motions for vice Chair.

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44 MR. KOBUK: Leonard Kobuk, St. Michael,
45 I'd like to nominate Myron Savetilik vice Chair.

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47 MR. BUCK: I second it.

48

49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, seconded. We
50 can call a question.

1 MR. KOBUK: I'll call for the question.
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, and we vote all
4 together or individually.
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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: You want it as a
7 unanimous consent, please speak to your mike if you
8 want it as a unanimous consent.
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10 MR. KOBUK: I'll ask for a unanimous
11 consent.
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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. We're going
14 to.....
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, you can ask
17 for the vote.
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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. All those in
20 favor say aye.
21
22 IN UNISON: Aye.
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24 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And opposed.
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26 (No opposing votes)
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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, that's
29 unanimous. And then we'll entertain motions for
30 secretary.
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32 MR. BUCK: I nominate Leonard Kobuk.
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34 MR. SAVETILIK: Second.
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36 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Are there any other
37 nominations, or you can speak to say that this is a
38 unanimous consent also.
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40 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Sandy.
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42 MS. TAHBONE: Can I -- it's.....
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44 REPORTER: Sandy, please.....
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46 MS. TAHBONE: Maybe I can quicken
47 things up a little bit. My understanding is you don't
48 need a second for nominations, but then you need to
49 close nominations and then ask for unanimous -- that
50 way it might speed it up. So you nominate but you

1 don't need a second.
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3 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.
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5 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's right.
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7 MS. TAHBONE: You don't need to second
8 nominations.
9
10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, we have a
11 nomination for Leonard Kobuk as secretary.
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13 MR. KOBUK: Mr. Chair, can I nominate
14 someone else?
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16 (Laughter)
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18 MR. KOBUK: Okay, I'd like to nominate
19 Elizabeth.
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21 MS. MOKIYUK: Decline.
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23 (Laughter)
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25 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Elmer said he could
26 run for secretary.
27
28 MR. BUCK: I move that nominations
29 cease.
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31 (Laughter)
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Do you want to be --
34 Leonard.
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36 MR. KOBUK: I would like to nominate
37 Elmer.
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: He just closed it.
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41 MR. BUCK: I closed the nominations.
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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, Peter closed
44 nominations.,
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46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, Peter closed
47 nominations.
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49 MR. BUCK: But there was no second.
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1 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: That's okay, you
2 don't need a second.
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4 MS. TAHBONE: Yeah, you do for.....
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6 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Oh, okay.
7
8 MR. BUCK: You need a second.
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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: You do to close.
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12 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Okay. Okay.
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14 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Barb, can I second.
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16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, you can second
17 it.
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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, I'll second the
20 closure.
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22 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: But before you
23 seconded, he did the thing.....
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25 REPORTER: Barb. Barb.
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27 MS. B. ARMSTRONG:to nominate
28 someone else so -- oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Before
29 you seconded, though, Mike, he spoke up to say to
30 nominate someone else so you got to follow through with
31 that one.
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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, then we
34 have two nominations, we have Elmer and Leonard and
35 then we have a motion to close nominations.....
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37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.
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39 CHAIRMAN QUINN:and I seconded
40 the motion to close so we have two nominations and we
41 need to vote.
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43 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes. Okay, do you
44 want to vote by piece of paper with names.
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46 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yes, let's vote by
47 piece of paper with name.
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49 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
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1 (Pause)
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3 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Okay, I have all the
4 votes. Leonard Kobuk one. Leonard Kobuk two. Elmer
5 Seetot one. Leonard Kobuk three. Elmer Seetot two.
6 So Mr. Kobuk is the secretary for the Seward Peninsula
7 Council.
8
9 Thank you.
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11 Okay, Mr. Chair, you have the floor.
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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. But am I
14 supposed to finish this meeting?
15
16 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, you can finish
17 this meeting.
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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. Then we're
20 ready to move on. Let's take a five minute break, go
21 to the bathroom, whatever you need to do and come back
22 here at 11:00 o'clock.
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24 (Off record)
25
26 (On record)
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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Let's see, Ken, you
29 were going to do 22E moose.
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31 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair. Council
32 members. Ken Adkisson, National Park Service.
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34 I've given you a handout to basically
35 summarize a brief history of the moose regulations in
36 22E. You can see from Table 1, from the 2001/2000 hunt
37 year, that 22E had one of the most liberal moose
38 seasons anywhere in the state for a very long time.
39 Essentially an eight month long season, which also
40 provided for a cow harvest.
41
42 The Department of Fish and Game's
43 management objective for moose in 22E is 200 to 250
44 animals. 22E was subject to some of the same
45 influences in the late '80s, in the '90s that saw
46 decline across the Seward Peninsula in moose numbers.
47 And at one point in there the population had dropped
48 down way below the management objective.
49
50 Based on a lot of work with the

1 communities and input from them you can see the result
2 for the 2002/2003 hunt, which is Table 2. So basically
3 most of the winter season dropped off. Went from a
4 March 31 season closing to a December 31 season closing
5 and the cow hunt also dropped out. At the same time
6 the sporthunt, non-subsistence hunt on the State side
7 also went by the Board and dropped out.

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9 So that was basically the situation
10 from 2002/2003 up until just very recently. And in
11 November, based on new biological information from a
12 couple of years worth of survey work and census work in
13 22E the Board of Game was presented a proposal and
14 basically adopted what you see in Table 3.

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16 Essentially the proposal, I believe,
17 originated with the Department and it called for a
18 lengthening of the season and restoring a limited sport
19 hunt, similar to that that's being conducted in 22D
20 remainder, the American and Agiapuk River areas of 22D.
21 Roy is here and I believe he can address what the Fish
22 and Game Advisory Committee did, but my basic
23 understanding of that is that they supported the
24 lengthening of the season but did not support the sport
25 hunt. The Board of Game did lengthen the season and
26 did keep the sport hunt, so we're -- so now where we're
27 at is summarized in Table 3.

28
29 And the basic problem that we're
30 presented with on the Federal side is that as far as
31 subsistence goes there's now a season that runs August
32 1 through January 31st [sic] instead of closing on
33 December 31st. Our regulations still close the
34 subsistence moose hunt on December 31st [sic], so since
35 Federal public lands are closed there, the State
36 regulation doesn't apply so Federally eligible
37 subsistence users currently are in no position to take
38 advantage of that extra month hunting opportunity, at
39 least, legally. And so it would be really advisable to
40 probably, you know, at least align the seasons if
41 that's satisfactory. I suppose there could be
42 discussion on how much of the original season should be
43 restored to.

44
45 The other, perhaps, issue is, is that,
46 concern over, you know, harvest of cows led the Board
47 of Game to basically adopt a one antlered bull for that
48 January part of the hunt. Whether that needs to be a
49 similar parallel thing or not needs to occur on the
50 Federal side remains to be seen.

1 Back for the 2001 when the discussions
2 were going on about making the restrictions, you'll see
3 that the State settled for one antlered bull, but
4 you'll see that the Federal system, while they
5 paralleled the State season, adopted one bull.

6
7 That's basically what I have on the
8 current regulatory season.

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10 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. So
11 currently the local people can't take advantage of this
12 January 1st to January 31st season on Federal land
13 because the Federal season closes December 31st?

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15 MR. ADKISSON: That's correct. And I
16 haven't really done an analysis but I know that there's
17 data out there that basically shows a lot of the moose
18 harvest would occur in the winter time.

19
20 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right. So we
21 could possibly request a special action to change the
22 Federal season.

23
24 MR. ADKISSON: That's correct, unless
25 there's somebody from OSM that wants to comment on
26 that, that's my understanding.

27
28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. So does anyone
29 want to make a proposal to that effect, or a motion to
30 that effect. We need to at least extend the Federal
31 season another month so the local people can hunt on
32 the Federal lands as well as the State lands.

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34 MR. KOBUK: Mr. Chair.

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36 MR. ADKISSON: Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead.

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40 MR. ADKISSON: Excuse me. There's one
41 other issue perhaps to consider in that, you may want
42 to deal with it separately or together. But similar to
43 what happened in 22D, the last cycle for the Federal
44 Program, they opened up moose hunting, opened up that
45 portion of 22D that had been closed and so the question
46 remains, I think, here is whether folks think they can
47 tolerate a sport hunt in there, too. And unfortunately
48 there's nobody right now from 22E on the committee.

49
50 One way of dealing with that would be

1 to do two things, I think, and this is entirely perhaps
2 up to you.

3
4 But, one, adjust the season to parallel
5 with the State and, two, remove the closure in Federal
6 public lands.

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8 Currently the population is almost 600
9 moose in there, which is about almost two and a half or
10 so times the management objective for the unit. So
11 moose seem to have recovered quite well in 22E.

12
13 I think whatever goes in will get
14 subject to an analysis and hopefully be able to, you
15 know, get some comment from the communities up there
16 that are primarily affected, Shishmaref and Wales. But
17 like I said, what I can tell you is that the Northern
18 Seward Peninsula Fish and Game Advisory Committee did
19 vote to basically eliminate the sport hunt provision.
20 But their recommendation wasn't accepted by the Board.
21 The Board kept a limited sporthunting, basically citing
22 the way that things were working in 22D remainder.

23
24 Thank you.

25
26 MR. KOBUK: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Go ahead, Leonard.

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30 MR. KOBUK: Are we trying to align with
31 the State on the moose season?

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33 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Yeah. See the Federal
34 season at the bottom there is currently August 1st to
35 December 31st, but the State season now has a January
36 1st to January 31st antlered bull season. If we don't
37 extend the Federal season then the people that want to
38 hunt up there that are eligible, the Federal
39 subsistence users, they can't hunt on Federal land in
40 the month of January.

41
42 MR. KOBUK: Leonard Kobuk. I make a
43 motion to align the Federal with the State on the
44 months.

45
46 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: And request a
47 special action.

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49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: And request a special
50 action.

1 MR. KOBUK: And also request a special
2 action.
3
4 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks, Leonard.
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6 MR. BUCK: I second it.
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8 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, the motion is
9 seconded. Any discussion. Okay, Roy, take the stand.
10
11 MR. ASHENFELTER: Roy Ashenfelter. I'm
12 the Chair of the Northern Norton Sound Advisory
13 Committee. The representative from Shishmaref is Mr.
14 Kisouguk, and the reason for the attempt by the
15 Northern Norton Sound Advisory Committee to change the
16 regulation to be different from what the State took
17 action on was that he pointed out to the Advisory
18 Committee that a winter hunt in January and on would
19 help the village of Shishmaref. And so -- and that he
20 wanted it to -- if they're going to allow a new hunt
21 for a sport hunt, they should continue or expand the
22 subsistence hunt also, but the State didn't do that.
23 And so this action by the Federal Advisory Committee
24 would be very helpful to the village of Shishmaref.
25
26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, thanks, Roy.
27 Any other discussion.
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29 (No comments)
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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Or someone wants to
32 call the question.
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34 MR. KOBUK: I'll call the question.
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36 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All right, thanks,
37 Leonard. Question's been called. The motion's to more
38 or less align the Federal season with the State season
39 and request a special action to the Subsistence Board
40 to do that at this coming May meeting. All those in
41 favor of the motion say aye.
42
43 IN UNISON: Aye.
44
45 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Any opposed.
46
47 (No opposing votes)
48
49 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. Okay,
50 Terry.

1 MR. HAYNES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 Could you clarify if your motion was to lift the
3 closure to non-Federally qualified subsistence users.

4
5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: No. No, we -- that
6 motion didn't contain that at that time. Okay, then
7 we're ready to move on to No. 14, we need to confirm
8 our October meeting. There's a calendar in the very
9 back of your booklet, not the very last page, but the
10 next to the last page. It shows that our Seward
11 Peninsula Council meeting will be October 2nd and
12 October 3rd, there's a calendar there, that shows you
13 what days of the week it is and what not.

14
15 MR. BUCK: I make a motion to have the
16 meeting October 2nd and October 3rd.

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18 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. You move to
19 approve that date.

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21 MR. BUCK: Yeah. Yes, you got it here,
22 you got the 1st and 2nd here.

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24 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, that's there,
25 reserved.

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27 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay.

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29 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yes, the 2nd and
30 3rd.

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32 MR. BUCK: I make it the 2nd and 3rd.

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34 CHAIRMAN QUINN: It's the 2nd and 3rd,
35 right, Barb.

36
37 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

38
39 MR. KOBUK: And I'll second that
40 motion.

41
42 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, motion has been
43 seconded.

44
45 MR. BUCK: Question.

46
47 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay, the question's
48 been called. All those in favor of the motion say aye.

49
50 IN UNISON: Aye.

1 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Any opposed.
2
3 (No opposing votes)
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5 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries. And
6 then we have to set our meeting date for next winter or
7 spring. And Barb pointed out that February 23rd, the
8 weekend of February 22nd through the 28th is the
9 Rendezvous weekend in Anchorage so that's maybe not a
10 good time to have a meeting. March 7th is the start of
11 Iditarod, which means things will get pretty exciting
12 here in Nome starting around the 14th through the 21st
13 or so.
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15 MR. SAVETILIK: These two.
16
17 MR. BUCK: Okay, these two.
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19 CHAIRMAN QUINN: We can be the first
20 ones to meet again if you guys want to meet in the
21 first or second week there.
22
23 MR. BUCK: I'll make a motion to have
24 the meeting on February 10th and 11th.
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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Okay. A motion's.....
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28 MR. SAVETILIK: Second.
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30 CHAIRMAN QUINN: A motion's been made
31 10th and 11th.
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33 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Question.
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35 MR. KOBUK: Question.
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37 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Was it seconded.
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39 MS. B. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.
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41 MR. KOBUK: Yes.
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43 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Oh, Myron seconded,
44 okay. Okay, question's been called, February 10th and
45 11th. All those in favor say aye.
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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 10th and 11th. So that concludes our meeting. I want
5 to thank everybody for coming as well. I guess we made
6 things work despite the weather and we got through some
7 pretty important stuff in a timely manner. Hopefully
8 everybody will be more or less satisfied with what we
9 did here. And if not we'll do it again next fall.
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11 (Laughter)
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13 CHAIRMAN QUINN: So I'll entertain
14 motions to adjourn.
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16 MR. SAVETILIK: I move.
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18 MR. BUCK: Second.
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20 MR. KOBUK: Second.
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22 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Seconded.
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24 MR. BUCK: Question.
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26 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Question's been
27 called. All those in favor of adjourning say aye.
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29 IN UNISON: Aye.
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31 CHAIRMAN QUINN: All those opposed.
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33 (No opposing votes)
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35 CHAIRMAN QUINN: Motion carries, we're
36 done.
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38 (Off record)
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40 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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