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6 VOLUME I

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9 Northwest Arctic Borough Chambers
10 Kotzebue, Alaska
11 August 21, 2013
12 9:00 a.m.

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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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17 Enoch Shiedt, Chairman
18 Percy Ballot
19 Verne Cleveland
20 Michael Kramer
21 Hannah Loon
22 Calvin Moto
23 Raymond Stoney
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27 Regional Council Coordinator, Melinda Burke

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Kotzebue, Alaska - 8/21/2013)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, morning all.
We'll start with the agenda. We'll do a roll call,
please to establish a quorum.

MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
We'll have a roll call for the Northwest Arctic Borough
Subsistence -- correction Northwest Arctic Resource
Committee roll call will be myself, Raymond Stoney.

Victor Karmun.

(No comments)

MR. STONEY: Victor, Mr. Chair, is
not.....

CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, he called in he
said he won't make it today.

MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Hannah.

MS. LOON: Here. Present.

MR. STONEY: Hannah's here. Michael.

MR. KRAMER: Here.

MR. STONEY: Percy Ballot.

CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Percy will be in this
afternoon due to work issues at Buckland, he said he'll
be here this afternoon.

MR. STONEY: So he'll be here this
afternoon?

CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes.

MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
Verne Cleveland.

(No comments)

1 MR. STONEY: Verne.
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3 MR. CLEVELAND: Here.
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5 MR. STONEY: Walter Sampson.
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7 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Walter called in that
8 he got -- he's in Anchorage for hospital appointments.
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10 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
11
12 Enoch.
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14 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Here. Attamuk.
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16 MR. STONEY: Calvin Moto.
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18 MR. MOTO: Here.
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20 MR. STONEY: Okay. We can resume, we
21 got a quorum. Mr. Chairman.
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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,
24 Raymond. And before we convene we're going to ask
25 Willie for an invocation, please.
26
27 Thank you.
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29 MR. GOODWIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 That's is our custom, in our region, before a meeting
31 such as this we always look to God for assistance,
32 let's take the time to do that.
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34 (In Inupiaq)
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36 Amen.
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38 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Willie.
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40 Okay. Welcome all. And we'll
41 introduce ourselves and we'll start from the public out
42 there, starting from Ken.
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44 MR. ADKISSON: Good morning. My name's
45 Ken Adkisson. I'm the subsistence program manager with
46 the National Park Service, Western Arctic National Park
47 lands and I'm based in Nome.
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49 MS. AYRES: LeeAnne Ayres with US Fish
50 and Wildlife Service Refuge here in Kotzebue.

1 MR. STEVENSON: Good morning. Dan
2 Stevenson with National Park Service here in Kotzebue.

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4 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning, Council
5 members. My name is Carl Johnson and I'm with the
6 Office of Subsistence Management. I'm the Council
7 coordination division chief there.

8
9 Thank you.

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11 MR. GOODWIN: Good morning. I'm Willie
12 Goodwin from Kotzebue. I work at Alaska Park Service
13 as the Native liaison.

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15 MS. SHAEFFER; I'm Samantha Shaeffer
16 and I'm the liaison assistant for Willie.

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18 MR. SHULTS: Good morning. Brad Shults
19 with the National Park Service.

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21 DR. CHEN: Aloha. My name is Glenn
22 Chen. I'm with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. I'm
23 Subsistence Branch Chief for the Alaska region.

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25 MR. MCKEE: Chris McKee, biologist with
26 Office of Subsistence Management.

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28 MS. JOHNSON; Good morning. Marci
29 Johnson, biologist for the National Park Service here
30 in Kotzebue.

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32 MS. BRAEM: Good morning. I'm Nikki
33 Braem, I work for Division of Subsistence, Fish and
34 Game in Fairbanks.

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36 MS. BURKE: Good morning. My name is
37 Melinda Burke. I am the Council coordinator for the
38 Northwest Arctic Subsistence RAC.

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40 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, Attamuk, Enoch
41 Shiedt with Maniilaq, Chairman for this Board.

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43 MR. STONEY: Raymond Stoney. I
44 represent Kiana.

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46 MR. KRAMER: Mike Kramer representing
47 Kotzebue.

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49 MR. CLEVELAND: Verne Cleveland,
50 Noorvik.

1 MR. MOTO: Calvin Moto, Deering.
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3 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, who's on line
4 that's calling in, please.
5
6 Thank you.
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8 MR. CRAWFORD: Drew Crawford, Fish and
9 Game, Federal subsistence liaison team, Anchorage.
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11 MR. SUMMERS: Clarence Summers,
12 National Park Service, Alaska Regional Office.
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14 MR. LIEBICH: Trent Liebich. I'm a
15 fish biologist with the Office of Subsistence
16 Management in Anchorage.
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18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Is there anyone else
19 out there.
20
21 (No comments)
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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, if not, welcome
24 all and we will go -- we tabled elections last time so
25 we need to start with elections so we'll open it,
26 you'll take over.
27
28 Okay.
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30 MS. BURKE: All right. Since we were
31 not able to do elections at the last meeting we're
32 going to go ahead and take care of that this morning.
33
34 I will open the floor for nominations
35 for the position of Chairman.
36
37 MS. LOON: This is Hannah, I nominate
38 Enoch Shiedt.
39
40 MR. KRAMER: Second.
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42 MS. BURKE: All right, it's been moved
43 by Hannah, seconded by Mike. We will go ahead and do a
44 show of hands vote, if that's okay -- roll call?
45
46 MR. JOHNSON: Nominations must be
47 closed first before you take the vote.
48
49 MS. BURKE: Do we have a motion to.....
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1 MS. LOON: I make a motion to close the
2 nomination.
3
4 MR. MOTO: Second.
5
6 MS. BURKE: It's been moved and
7 seconded to close nominations for the position of
8 Chairman. Enoch Shiedt has been nominated. Let's go
9 ahead and take a -- I'll do a roll call vote, yes or
10 no.
11
12 Calvin. A yes or no vote for Enoch for
13 Chairman.
14
15 MR. JOHNSON: You're moving a little
16 too quickly.
17
18 MS. BURKE: Okay, sorry.
19
20 Are there any other -- I'm sorry,
21 excuse me, it's been a little while since we've had to
22 do elections. Is there any other nominations for the
23 position of Chair.
24
25 MR. CLEVELAND: I ask for a unanimous
26 consent on Enoch.
27
28 MS. LOON: Move to second it.
29
30 MS. BURKE: All in favor please signify
31 by saying aye.
32
33 IN UNISON: Aye.
34
35 MS. BURKE: All opposed.
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37 (No opposing votes)
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39 MS. BURKE: All right, Enoch,
40 congratulations, you're Chairman again. Why don't we
41 go ahead and do the vice Chair.
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43 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes. The vice Chair
44 and Secretary.
45
46 Okay for the vice Chair, I'll open the
47 nominations.
48
49 MR. CLEVELAND: Who's our vice Chair
50 now?

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Our vice Chair is
2 Victor Karmun right now.
3
4 MR. CLEVELAND: Okay, thank you.
5
6 MS. LOON: I make a motion to nominate
7 Raymond Stoney.
8
9 MR. MOTO: Second.
10
11 MR. CLEVELAND: I call for a unanimous
12 consent on that.
13
14 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you. We need
15 to have it approved, right.
16
17 Anyone else you guys want to nominate
18 -- these buttons are getting to me.
19
20 MR. CLEVELAND: I call for unanimous
21 consent on Raymond Stoney for vice Chair.
22
23 MS. LOON: Second.
24
25 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. Raymond you
26 are the vice Chair. Now we need to go to the
27 Secretary, right.
28
29 MR. CLEVELAND: Oh, I'm sorry, I made a
30 motion to close the -- for vice Chair and ask for
31 unanimous consent, thanks.
32
33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Hannah, are you going
34 to approve it or.....
35
36 MS. LOON: I second it.
37
38 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.
39 Now, the Secretary. It's open for Secretary.
40
41 MR. STONEY: For Secretary, Mr.
42 Chairman.
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44 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, sorry about
45 that, we need to ask for all in favor for Verne for
46 Secretary -- no, all in favor for his consent we need
47 to vote.
48
49 MR. CLEVELAND: Was that for vice Chair
50 for Raymond.

1 MS. BURKE: (Nods affirmatively)
2
3 MR. CLEVELAND: Okay, thanks.
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5 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. Now, we need
6 to open it for Secretary.
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8 MR. MOTO: Mr. Chair. I nominate
9 Michael Kramer.
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11 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Anyone second it.
12
13 MS. LOON: Second.
14
15 MR. KRAMER: I nominate Hannah Loon.
16
17 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: I'll second it. So
18 any other nominations, so for this we need to have a
19 voting or can we do it openly. I don't see it here in
20 my talking points.
21
22 MR. STONEY: There's two?
23
24 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: There's two, yeah,
25 there's one for Michael and Hannah.
26
27 MR. STONEY: So we'd have to vote.
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29 MR. MOTO: I make a motion to close
30 nominations to vote.
31
32 MR. CLEVELAND: Second.
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34 MR. STONEY: would you mention the
35 nominations, Mr. Chairman.
36
37 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. For the
38 Secretary is Michael Kramer and the other one is Hannah
39 Loon.
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41 (Pause)
42
43 MS. BURKE: Okay, the first vote is for
44 Michael Kramer.
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46 Second vote is for Hannah.
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48 Third vote is for Hannah.
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50 Fourth vote for Mike.

1 Fifth vote for Michael.

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3 Sixth vote for Hannah.

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5 It's three to three.

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7 MR. CLEVELAND: We must have a
8 tiebreaker someplace.

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10 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Now, how do we --
11 since we have how many missing, Percy's not here,
12 Walter and Victor, so how are we going to break the
13 tie. It's the first time I'm running elections so.....

14

15 Okay, we'll wait for Percy to come and
16 we'll probably do it at 1:00 o'clock today, after
17 lunch.

18

19 Okay, thank you everyone for the
20 elections and we will do better the next time we have
21 it. It's nobody's fault, we're all learning as we go
22 what's happening out there.

23

24 Okay, review and adopt the agenda. Is
25 there a recommendation to make any changes into the
26 agenda.

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28 MS. BURKE: Mr. Chair. We've been
29 asked to move up the Selawik Refuge report so we can
30 accommodate LeeAnne this morning, which we are very
31 happy to do so under Item No. 7 we're going to add an
32 E, and that will be the Selawik Refuge report; so Item
33 No. 7 we're adding E, the Selawik Refuge report.

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35 The other one that I have had a request
36 for is under Item No. 10, new business. We have two
37 SRC appointments that we'll need to take care of today.
38 So let's go ahead and do that under 10, let's add E for
39 the SRC appointments.

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41 And those are the only two that I'm
42 aware of, Mr. Chair.

43

44 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, okay, thank
45 you. Ken, you had something you wanted to add to the
46 agenda.

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48 MR. ADKISSON: No, Mr. Chair, that takes
49 care of it.

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1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, so we need to
2 approve the agenda with recommended changes.
3
4 MS. LOON: Attamuk.
5
6 MR. CLEVELAND: Go ahead.
7
8 MS. LOON: If there is someplace in the
9 agenda that we need representation from the villages
10 like Noatak, Kivalina, upper Kobuk areas.
11
12 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: They were going to
13 open the radio to hear us what's going on in the air so
14 they could recommend it and I was trying to get a hold
15 of Kivalina and Noatak to see if anyone was interested
16 in applying to sit.
17
18 MS. BURKE: Mr. Chair. We do have this
19 year's nominations processed to sit on the Councils
20 will be opening up this fall. We have applications at
21 the back of the room. And if the Council would like to
22 add that as a discussion item, we can certainly do so
23 if you'd like Hannah.
24
25 Why don't we add that under -- let's go
26 ahead and make a new item under new business, we'll do
27 Item F and we can have a discussion about that this
28 afternoon. And also we will be broadcasting on the
29 radio this afternoon, too, so it'll be a good time and
30 hopefully a lot of people will hear that and we'll get
31 some more interest.
32
33 Thank you, Hannah.
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35 So that will be Item No. 10F.
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37 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: What'd you say is
38 going to be added?
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40 MS. BURKE: Discussion about Council
41 nominations.
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43 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay.
44
45 MR. KRAMER: I make a motion to adopt
46 the agenda as presented with changes.
47
48 Thanks
49
50 MR. CLEVELAND: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, with a second
2 for approval, verbally, we'll approve the agenda with
3 the changes in it.
4
5 So all in favor.
6
7 IN UNISON: Aye.
8
9 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you. And
10 the last minutes, the last meeting we had, it's on Tab
11 -- it's not on Tab, it's on 4, the packet that was
12 handed out early so I think most of us already reviewed
13 the minutes from the last meeting, and is there any
14 recommended changes you guys want to put in there for
15 the last meeting.
16
17 MS. BURKE: Mr. Chair.
18
19 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes.
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21 MS. BURKE: There is a correction that
22 needs to be made on Page 6 and it's the second wildlife
23 closure review you see there. There's a couple of
24 typos. The first WCR12-18 is correct but the one on
25 the bottom should read WCR12-29, and that is for muskox
26 and not sheep.
27
28 MR. CLEVELAND: That's below the sheep
29 and you put the muskox on the bottom one?
30
31 MS. BURKE: Uh-huh, yep.
32
33 MR. CLEVELAND: Okay, thanks.
34
35 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So it'll be WCR12-29
36 and so the sheep it'll be muskox.
37
38 MS. BURKE: Yep, for the second one.
39
40 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Is there any
41 recommendations in the changes in the minutes.
42
43 MS. LOON: This is Hannah. On the
44 NGOs, I believe that was Charlie Gregg, not Charlie
45 Green on Page 5 up there NGOs, public, G-R-E-G-G, I
46 don't know who Shawn Gregg is, but Noah Naylor's last
47 name is N-A-Y-L-O-R.
48
49 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Hannah.
50

1 MS. LOON: Uh-huh.
2
3 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, it was Charlie
4 Gregg, not Green, that I know, and Noah, yeah, the
5 spelling's wrong.
6
7 MS. LOON: Okay, yeah.
8
9 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Is there any other
10 changes you'd like on the minutes, from any of the
11 others.
12
13 MR. CRAWFORD: One was under where it
14 says welcome and introductions, the person that gave
15 that at the last winter meeting was vice Chair Karmun,
16 not Chair Reakoff.
17
18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.
19
20 MR. CRAWFORD: And then on the last
21 page, the last sentence, the minutes will be formally
22 considered by the Northwest Arctic RAC, not the Western
23 Interior. Over.
24
25 MS. BURKE: Thank you very much, Drew.
26
27 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you. Is
28 there anyone else out there that wants to make changes
29 in the last minutes.
30
31 (No comments)
32
33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: If not, with the
34 recommended changes we'll approve them.
35
36 Thank you.
37
38 We will do.....
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40 MR. STONEY: Do we need a motion to
41 approve the minutes.
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43 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Motion to approve the
44 minutes.
45
46 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman. I'll move
47 to approve the previous minutes for this group.
48
49 I make a motion.
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1 MR. CLEVELAND: Second.
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3 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Seconded and a
4 unanimous decision.
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6 MR. STONEY: Question.
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8 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Question's been
9 called for.
10
11 MS. LOON: All in favor.
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13 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: All in favor say aye.
14
15 IN UNISON: Aye.
16
17 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you. And
18 we will go back to No. 7, Council member reports.
19
20 Do you want me to start it out -- okay.
21
22 For Northwest -- for Kotzebue,
23 everything since the last meeting hasn't changed and we
24 haven't hardly -- we don't harvest hardly any caribou
25 during the summer. But I got a call from Noatak
26 wondering where the caribou was and they're still
27 pretty far up north so they haven't decided who --
28 that's what I heard when I talked to the satellite
29 people that they're way up north yet. They haven't get
30 to Anaktuvuk Pass or Howard Pass yet. And I was up at
31 my camp, I didn't see anything last weekend, the whole
32 weekend, so I don't know where the caribou are at
33 otherwise any other thing, there was a lot a bears here
34 this summer, everything.
35
36 Our seal hunting was hard this year
37 because it was scary out there due to ice conditions,
38 it was completely different.
39
40 Go ahead, Raymond, brief.
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42 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
43
44 On my very brief report like in Kiana
45 we haven't seen any caribou since October. About two
46 days ago we finally seen one loner going south from
47 Kiana, that's -- as far as I know that -- I'm not the
48 involved in resourcing of where the caribou is this
49 year.
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1 One point that I would like to make,
2 again, which I made before, is these brown bears, not
3 only Kiana but I know at Noorvik and Selawik and even
4 upper Kobuk, when these grizzly bears and brown bears,
5 they come to town and start going house to house within
6 a very close distance, that's a very dangerous animal
7 that's right in the villages, like for your life and
8 your property, they've been doing that for quite
9 sometime. When that case ever happens there will
10 always somebody or myself contact the US Fish and
11 Wildlife and Alaska Department of Fish and Game when
12 the grizzly bears and brown bear is going from house to
13 house in the streets and stuff like that which is very
14 dangerous for the kids so when we contact these
15 agencies, the State, and the Federal, they don't show
16 up in the village, within two days later, make it clear
17 again to the Fish and Wildlife and the State, that if
18 the case happens like that, we need to harvest that
19 animal right now, not wait for two days because it's
20 very dangerous for the kids that are playing outside
21 late at night so we need, again, authorization from the
22 US Fish and Wildlife and State Fish and Game. I wonder
23 if that Jim Dau is aware of this, that I would like to
24 make it clear for the agencies and let us know that we
25 would have the authorization in order to harvest that
26 brown bear right now, not wait two days later. Have
27 you got any idea how would that happen from Selawik
28 Wildlife Refuge.

29
30 MS. AYRES: Raymond this is LeeAnne
31 Ayres with Selawik Wildlife Refuge.

32
33 Yeah, any time that we get any of those
34 calls about bears that are in the villages or, you
35 know, or at camps, there's always the authorization for
36 people to harvest or take that bear in defense of life
37 and property. So anything you can help us do to get
38 the word out to folks because we totally agree and I'm
39 sure Justin McGinnis, if he was here, the wildlife
40 Trooper with the State and Jim Dau, that's basically
41 what we always tell people, is that, you know, you have
42 full authority to harvest a bear in defense of life and
43 property. The only role we play, really, is to make
44 sure people know they can and then that there are some
45 reporting requirements after they harvested the bear,
46 but they don't need preauthorization, that's already in
47 the regulation book there; that if there is a bear in
48 the village and, you know, people are -- you know that
49 whole scenario, they should feel totally justified and
50 legally they're not in trouble to harvest that bear

1 there. And it's not really harvesting, it's defense of
2 life and property. So once they do that all the State
3 asks is that they report to the State and that they
4 report, you know, that they had to take a bear under
5 that authority.

6
7 So anything you can do to help the word
8 get out because we always feel -- you know we feel bad
9 if people feel like they need to get permission first
10 and I think that's really one of the reasons they have
11 that in the State regulation book, just so people can
12 know that, you know, that is a really dangerous
13 situation and that people should be thinking more of
14 their safety and the kids safety in that case.

15
16 MR. STONEY: Thank you very much.

17
18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay.

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20 MR. STONEY: My final question would be
21 from National Park Fish and Wildlife officer and you
22 are aware of what I have just said, you know, for your
23 life and property, now I'll ask the National Park Fish
24 and Wildlife officer, you got any information, what
25 step to take if there was a brown bear in the villages,
26 would you give us an authorization -- would you come to
27 the mic please.

28
29 MR. STEVENSON: Dan Stevenson with the
30 National Park Service and that is correct, Raymond,
31 what LeeAnne just explained. That is 100 percent
32 correct.

33
34 MR. STONEY: Okay, thank you very much.

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36 That's all I got for now, Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, okay, thanks
39 Raymond. You brought an important point about the
40 brown bears out there. I think what we need to do is
41 put out posters what needs to be done after they
42 harvest or harvest -- I don't like to use the word,
43 kill, because out there you'll make it for us to -- try
44 to -- way to stop us. But it would be highly
45 recommended especially the bears that go around the
46 trash and they learn, they learn how to get food from
47 the trash. They will go to the village and it's very
48 dangerous because I've seen it. It happened to me,
49 like I said, last year to my boy at camp, and you got
50 no time to think, you got to kill that bear otherwise

1 you're going to lose an important family member, it's
2 going to hurt, I'd rather see the bear be -- both --
3 within that day, not two days later, because a lot
4 could happen in, you know, 48 hours. So I would say
5 maybe we need to put posters out; if you kill a bear
6 this is what you need to do that way they don't have to
7 worry about it and they won't have to be convicted
8 because if someone kill a bear they'll say they kill a
9 bear without a permit, they'll try to make, you know,
10 hardship for that person, but do it for a good purpose,
11 I'd rather save the children and worry about the
12 headaches later.

13

14 Thank you.

15

16 Thank you, Raymond.

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18 Go ahead, Verne.

19

20 MR. CLEVELAND: Yeah, I called Jim Dau
21 on that when there was a bear in Noorvik and he told me
22 you must have a hunting license to kill the bear
23 otherwise if you don't have one you'll have tons of
24 paperwork to do. That's what he told me. So I told
25 him my wife had a hunting license so I told her to go
26 get it.

27

28 (Laughter)

29

30 MR. CLEVELAND: So that's what he told
31 me when I called him up when there was a bear in
32 Noorvik. So you must have a hunting license, I guess.

33

34 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, Verne, are you
35 going to do your village report, too, about what's
36 happening about, you know, your guy's harvesting around
37 your village.

38

39 MR. CLEVELAND: Okay. Yeah, earlier
40 this year we had abundance of caribou all year hanging
41 out, been moose hunting but as soon as August 1, they
42 disappeared and been looking -- some guys get some
43 moose here and there but a lot of bears, a lot of bears
44 in our area. They're abundant. There's a lot of fish,
45 a lot of salmon. And I went out oogruk hunting and --
46 earlier this fall, I mean this spring, there was a lot
47 of oogruk's out there, a lot of seal.

48

49 Other than that, like I said earlier
50 about Jim, I called Jim Dau about that hunting license

1 and you got to have a hunting license to shoot a bear
2 or otherwise if you don't have one you have a lot of
3 paperwork on your hand.

4
5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,
8 Verne.

9
10 Kramer.

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12 MR. KRAMER: Mike Kramer representing
13 Kotzebue.

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15 I got a number of complaints, you know,
16 about the bears. If you have a hunting license you
17 don't have to fill out all that unnecessary paperwork
18 about life and defense, you know, defense of life and
19 property, you can just get a hunting license and shoot
20 the bugger and then after that just go claim him on a
21 tag. Bring him to Fish and Game and have him sealed.
22 You know there's elders in the villages that have
23 lifetime hunting licenses, you could even hunt it for
24 them, you know, it's -- that's the only thing I see
25 that's kind of ridiculous about having to shoot a bear
26 in defense of life and property is having to fill out
27 all that unnecessary paperwork when you can just get a
28 hunting license or if you have an elder who has a
29 lifetime hunting license, either let them claim it and
30 just bring the bear over to Fish and Game and have it
31 sealed, Fish and Game and have the hide sealed and the
32 skull sealed, that's the end of it. I mean there's got
33 to be a lot of elders in the villages, you know, and if
34 they're willing to use the meat then, hey, let them use
35 the meat, but other than that, sport tag, there is no
36 need to claim the edible meat.

37
38 I had several complaints, you know,
39 holding the seat of Commercial Services Board -- or
40 commercial services seat, I've gotten several
41 complaints about these transporter's camps out in the
42 boonies out there. A gentleman talked to me about it,
43 he said he landed at this one place where there was a
44 tent already, a bunch of tents and nobody present, it
45 didn't even look like anybody's been there other than
46 to put the tent up. He landed there with his family to
47 go harvest some caribou and they were about a quarter
48 mile away from where their tents were and the
49 transporter came in there and landed with some clients
50 and dropped these people off and went over there and

1 spoke to the people that were, you know, that were
2 hunting there and the transporter had the nerve to ask
3 the guy who lives in this game management unit, what
4 are you doing here, you have no business here, you
5 know, telling a local resident that he doesn't have any
6 business there, that's pretty darn rude. We either
7 need to put our feet down on these transporters and
8 tell them that they do not own any land, they do not
9 run any part of Game Management Unit 23, the people who
10 reside within this region, you know, who are out there
11 providing for their family has the right to be here and
12 be out there. But having a transporter tell someone
13 that they don't have the right to be there, that's
14 pretty darn low. If it was up to me I'd shut them down
15 permanently, you know, and just have it all guides.
16 But I mean to have someone, oh, that just pricks my
17 bone, you know.

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19 But other than that, you know, there
20 needs to be something put in place where, you know, we
21 have control over these transporters that says that
22 they're not allowed to have a camp set up with no one
23 present, you know, that don't mean just go hire some
24 kid out of high school and just go drop them out there
25 and six tents and leave them there for a couple weeks,
26 you know, they have to be actively have clients there
27 in order -- I think they have to have active clients
28 there to be able to have that specific area where their
29 tents are. But I mean I think that any person who
30 lives and resides within the Game Management Unit 23,
31 they can go anywhere they want. If they have an
32 airplane and they land on a place where there's a
33 transporter camp they have priority, you know, that's
34 pretty ridiculous about someone, you know, not even --
35 that doesn't even live within this game management unit
36 tell someone that they don't belong there.

37
38 It's time to put our foot down and
39 start either restricting these transporters a lot more
40 and letting them know that they have no authority
41 within this game management unit at all.

42
43 Other than that, caribou this spring,
44 you know, they moved through quite peacefully.
45 Hopefully, you know, their numbers are on the rise and
46 they're staying steady and hopefully, you know, we all
47 have a good caribou hunt this fall and hopefully
48 everybody harvests what they need.

49
50 As for the bears, you know, I've heard

1 a lot of bears up here in the lower Noatak just
2 ransacking cabins. I'm waiting for one to get too
3 close to me, I'll have a nice bear hide outside all
4 nice and sealed and the skull right next to it. but,
5 you know, the thing about bears is they are getting to
6 get braver and braver and starting to go -- there's
7 some right back here behind town. I talked to a lady
8 the other day and she said she was picking berries and
9 she moved back off to the road to where her fourwheeler
10 was and had to start it and rev it up just to scare it
11 away, right there in Kotzebue. There's tracks down
12 here by the base.

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14 But other than that I had some
15 questions that, you know, some people asked some
16 questions about the muskox and I'm like you know what
17 it's closed due to stupidity and that's the way it is,
18 you know, the people who shot these muskox without
19 having any kind of permit but, you know, I stand behind
20 the decision of them closing the muskox season for this
21 area for that purpose of, you know, someone wanting and
22 wasting animals.

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24 Other than that I have no other
25 concerns or anything else to report.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you,
30 Mike. I think you are right, the agency that give
31 permit to the transporter and outfitters to land out
32 there, I think the guy that was asked to leave by the
33 transporter need to report which transporter it is to
34 the agency that approved where he could land and put
35 tents there and I don't think -- well, we'll have to
36 ask LeeAnne and the someone from Park Service, from
37 Noatak to see if they could put up tents to stake their
38 claim on a hunting area early and I'm getting a nod,
39 no, from LeeAnne say they can't do it so if a
40 transporter and outfitter start claiming his area
41 early, I don't think that the next year later they
42 should be approved again to have transporters and
43 outfitters be out there to be fair to everyone because
44 otherwise maybe what we'd have to do is get the pilots
45 here from Kotzebue and claim the Northwest Alaska where
46 no outfitters can't come in, we could say we stake the
47 claim because we -- we are the people for Northwest
48 Alaska, we should come first as Natives because even if
49 we were to just make it, we have to depend on the land
50 to help provide to make ends meet. You are right

1 something needs to be done. So I think what we need to
2 do now is to -- when people do like that, if they could
3 get the name of the transporter and report to the
4 agency that approved, from Selawik Wildlife Refuge or
5 Noatak, that's what I would do.

6

7 Go ahead, Mike.

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9 Mike, and then follow up.

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11 MR. KRAMER: I'd like to see a
12 restriction that where, you know, I mean we have
13 transporters that live here year-round, they should
14 have priority, you know, Backcountry owned by Eric See;
15 Jim Kincaid, you know, those guys live here, they know
16 how we -- they respect us, they have a great respect
17 for the people who are out there, unlike these people
18 who come in from wherever and think that they can just
19 come here and set foot in here and have their way.
20 But, you know, the guys that live here year-round
21 should have priority over, you know, these other
22 transporters that just come in to make the quick dollar
23 and leave.

24

25 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Mike. You
26 are right something need to -- and probably we'll have
27 to put some kind of -- do we need to put a proposal out
28 there to say, you know, what the transporters could do
29 -- go ahead, LeeAnne, I'll get to you -- go ahead --
30 yeah, go ahead, LeeAnne.

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32 MS. AYRES: Well, I just thought I'd
33 kind of share some information because I think it
34 speaks right to what Michael's talking about. The only
35 -- and Ken and Dan, please, kind of correct me if I'm
36 wrong or if it's different anywhere else, but only
37 guides are allowed to have base camps where they have
38 gear out in the field and that their clients come and
39 go, or they have different clients using those tents
40 and gear that are in the field. If somebody's a
41 transporter, they're not allowed to provide gear for
42 people in the field. So they can rent somebody a tent,
43 a raft or something, but each time that person has to
44 bring it -- that transporter, who's renting it, has to
45 provide it in Kotzebue to the client. They can take it
46 out in the field, use it, and then they have to bring
47 it back to Kotzebue before they let somebody else use
48 it. So that's always -- that's kind of one of those
49 really fine lines that if people are, quote, a
50 transporter, is putting up a base camp out there and

1 running clients through it, then they're in violation
2 of the regulations that are already there. And that's
3 one thing that we're really fortunate in having Lee
4 Stout with Division Economic -- he's with the State
5 Licensing Division, and one of the things that he does
6 when he comes up here, and this is something that
7 Reggie Jewel helped get started and that we've kind of
8 kept going by supporting him, is he comes up and checks
9 for things just like that, you know, are people kind of
10 really guiding when they only have a transporter
11 permit, and he's been really effective in kind of
12 prosecuting those and working with both the Park and
13 Fish and Wildlife and BLM, with all of the transporters
14 and guides that are working in this area.

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16 So that's a really -- you know, you've
17 really -- what you're thinking is really unfair, you're
18 absolutely right, and there's already regulations in
19 place that address that. So if you can help get that
20 information to the right -- whoever that camp was, the
21 agency where that was, whether it was BLM or Park
22 Service or Fish and Wildlife, those are the things that
23 we really actively enforce and that's one of the
24 reasons we have all these guys up here in the fall, so
25 that we can respond to those things, but we have to
26 kind of have it, respond to them when they're there in
27 the field and it's going on. And that's another one of
28 the things that Verne, with the trespass officer's
29 program that they have in the villages, too, that
30 that's the information we really need to kind of get
31 back in kind of real time so we can address them,
32 because there are rules already in place that keep
33 people from staking claims. And if there are tents up
34 there and there's nobody there and there's no gear,
35 that's really abandoned property and that's kind of how
36 the agencies address that. So it's either abandoned
37 property or it's a guides camp that's already been
38 permitted through the agency and they're very --
39 there's only one -- actually we don't have any base
40 camps on the Refuge right now. There may be a few in
41 BLM and on Park land but they're -- you probably know
42 who's camp or where those camps are but any other ones
43 like that, please, kind of get that to Joe McGinnis or
44 to one of the agency's LE folks because it is already
45 illegal.

46
47 So you're absolutely right thinking
48 that that's wrong and shouldn't be happening.

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50 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,

1 LeeAnne.

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3 Go ahead, Raymond.

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5 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 I got one question about the permits and for this
7 coming season. Since we are going to be on KOTZ Radio,
8 my question to you, Mr. Chairman, are we going to get
9 the State Fish and Wildlife, National Park wildlife and
10 BLM give us a report about the permit that's been
11 issued this hunting season?

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13 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So permit to go as
14 guide or transporter and outfitters?

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16 MR. STONEY: Yes, Chairman.

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18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So which one is what
19 you're talking about, the guides.....

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21 MR. STONEY: So, yeah, these.....

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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT:the transporters
24 or the outfitters?

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26 MR. STONEY: All of them. All these
27 permits that's been issued to the transporters, we need
28 a report how many permits is issued for this hunting
29 season for all the agencies, maybe they'll come this
30 afternoon and report to us.

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32 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: We could ask them but
33 they do it in fall basis after they get the report from
34 the transporters, right, LeeAnne, they do it in our
35 winter meeting. They usually give the report how many
36 transporters and outfitters. Correct me if I'm wrong,
37 Willie, they do it after and they'll give the numbers
38 how much -- how many transporters and outfitters they
39 give permits for them to land in their lands.

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41 MS. AYRES: Mr. Chair. We -- certainly
42 we do, we always provide that report after the season,
43 kind of it would be like in January or so for the
44 previous fall. At this point in time all of the
45 agencies do have the list of who they've issued permits
46 to, both the guides and the transporters and we've all
47 pulled that together for the trespass officers just,
48 you know, a few weeks ago, so i think it'd be very easy
49 for us, if you'd like, to just -- for us to kind of
50 share who has permits for this upcoming fall.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, LeeAnne.
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3 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman. It's always
4 nice to know from the BLM and the National Park and the
5 State how many permits have been issued so we wouldn't
6 have to, you know, go further than that. It's always
7 nice to see the reports.
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9 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,
10 Raymond. Like they stated we do it in falltime [sic].
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12 Okay, we are on the radio until 10:00
13 a.m., this morning and we'll be broadcasting this
14 afternoon so it's got to be a little after 1:00 this
15 afternoon, and thank you. Could the radio man, could
16 they call in, and here's the call in number, if you
17 want to call in, 1-877-638-8165, passcode 9060609.
18 Here's the numbers again, 1-877-638-8165, passcode
19 9060609. So you could call in any time if you want to
20 be heard on the radio with your concerns.
21
22 Okay, thank you, Raymond, and on to
23 Hannah.
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25 MS. LOON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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27 We've been blessed in Selawik having
28 caribou around us year-round and everybody had
29 opportunity to hunt. And this summer we don't have
30 much salmonberries like we did before. I understand the
31 salmonberries are more abundant on the coast, however,
32 blueberries are good this year.
33
34 I was home couple times to do, seliks
35 are my favorite fish, pikes, I was very happy -- I'm
36 happy to say that I did harvest some seliks and some
37 blueberries and I heard while I was home, someone, when
38 moose season opened, someone announced on VHF that
39 they're filling their freezer and ran out of room to
40 put their meat in so they announced that there's
41 caribou to give away and they're packed nicely so even
42 though I had caribou in my freezer I want to go over
43 there anyway but I couldn't.
44
45 But, anyway, good summer, whitefish, I
46 hear my cousin got 60, 40 whitefish, they call (In
47 Inupiaq) and it's good drying, as you can see outside,
48 it's a good drying season for whitefish and they call
49 (In Inupiaq).
50

1 Just a word of wisdom, when we talk ill
2 about bear in the spiritual and traditional nature
3 those of us who grow up in the village we do not talk
4 ill of the bear, and you always see on the news that a
5 guide got mauled somewhere in the Brooks Range and
6 bear, like the killer whale, like other cultural, you
7 know, like Tlingits have great respect for the animals
8 and we, too, also have great respect for the bear and
9 we should not speak ill of them or else -- I try not to
10 because I am in the land, tundra all the time picking
11 berries and I speak -- if I do speak I would be scared
12 to go on the tundra and, you know, I don't carry gun
13 like that.

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15 Selawik, very good boating and
16 hopefully good whitefish season, I hope, in the last
17 part of September when the big whitefish are starting
18 to go back out into the ocean.

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20 Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you,
23 Hannah.

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25 Calvin.

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27 MR. MOTO: Yeah, we have some problems
28 in our region with predators. The last two winters
29 we've had a lot of wolves around our village and we
30 have a lot of brown bear also. In fact last -- just
31 last summer we had a brown bear that went through
32 village up to the hill, got -- and we think that this
33 is the reason why the muskox are -- we don't have as
34 many muskox as we used to in our area. Some natural
35 disaster like the one that drowned a couple years ago,
36 the last count they said there were 175 muskox in our
37 area and where did they go. Did the predators chase
38 them away or we know for a fact that the brown bear
39 have been hamstringing the muskox and just leave them.
40 And people -- some people got blamed for that but it
41 was the brown bear that got them. We even have some
42 grizzlies around our region. In fact some hunters last
43 fall the bears were staying out later last year because
44 the river was overflowing and they couldn't get to the
45 salmon so I remember in November when they're supposed
46 to be hibernating, a couple of hunters went out and
47 they encountered a brown bear, they were wondering why
48 they were out so late last -- I think -- and they
49 didn't know what to do. We don't -- we don't use bear
50 meat in our area, moose, caribou. The caribou

1 population, they said it's been three to four percent
2 this last year, up to 185,000 or 175,000, it used to be
3 over 200,000. I think the calves are being destroyed
4 by the wolves and bear. The calves, we have in our
5 area two to 3,000 caribou don't leave in the summer,
6 they stay around Imruk Lake and upper Hanham so we see
7 the caribou, this is our -- one of our main staples at
8 home. Because if you go to the store at home, get a
9 pound of hamburger for \$10 so this is why we rely on
10 caribou and whatever wildlife we could get.

11
12 Our fish, whitefish, herring are gone,
13 where did they go. We haven't got any for years. We
14 tried changing the last two summers and all we got was
15 trout, no whitefish, when we used to get a lot of
16 whitefish at one time, a lot of herring at one time.
17 Our salmon run's pretty good though.

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19 Another thing that I noticed that we
20 have customary and tradition, I'd like to see that
21 stuff because already in ANILCA we guaranteed
22 subsistence, why should we have customary and tradition
23 in that Federal. Also why do we have to have a tag for
24 brown bear through the State when we're hunting on
25 Federal land. These are things that we are concerned
26 with, you know.

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28 With the cold weather it's harder to
29 hunt last year, we had temperatures anywhere up to 50
30 below a couple of times. The whole month of March was
31 like that in Deering the last two years. Hunters can't
32 go out because they're afraid they might -- their
33 engine might freeze then they would be stuck.

34
35 We were under the impression one time
36 that the Park Service was going to put up a couple of
37 shelters on the Landbridge or closer to Federal lands
38 where people hunt. Because if you're out there, you
39 know, daylight's not very long in our area, maybe an
40 hour, two hours, and sometimes the hunters get
41 disoriented, especially a lot of -- we got a lot of
42 good young hunters these years and they're just
43 learning the land up there and these are real concerns
44 because if we lose one person that's one person too
45 many. Also we have to be very conservative because our
46 gas is \$7 a gallon, our snowmachines we get them,
47 they're pretty expensive, so these are some things that
48 we're up against in our area.

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50 We try to talk in school and we were

1 hoping that Park Service would come to our village and
2 explain to the kids that are getting into high school
3 what kind of laws they have because they're interested
4 in that. I'm president of the Deering elders and we
5 try to bring it to the young people during Inupiaq
6 week. I try to explain them the hunting regulations
7 and the fishing regulations and they're interested.

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9 So this is some of the things that we
10 are concerned about.

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12 Bears and wolves.

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14 We had wolves come right to our village
15 last winter, they shot them, they had to chase them
16 out. We had a lot of fox in our village and we're
17 afraid some dogs we have might get rabies and stuff,
18 you know, so we always, when we hear there is fox we
19 always watch our dogs to see the behavior.

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21 We haven't seen very many rabbit and
22 very may ptarmigan.

23

24 So these are things that we have --
25 problems we have in our village.

26

27 Our main hunting area is the northern
28 Seward Peninsula area, you know, anywhere up to Candle
29 and all the way up, our young people go all the way
30 towards Shishmaref but we haven't had to do that lately
31 because the caribou have been hanging around our
32 village. In fact they come down sometimes because
33 maybe they're being chased by wolves or something.

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35 I thank you for the opportunity to say
36 something.

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38 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Calvin.
39 Go ahead, Raymond.

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41 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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43 I could see, that, Mr. Chairman, these
44 reports from these Council members are very interesting
45 to all of us. Since we are giving a report on Game
46 Unit 23, that I would probably make right now a strong
47 recommendation to our coordinator to notify our office
48 in Anchorage, the Deputy Chairman, to listen to our
49 reports from the subsistence Fishing Board --
50 subsistence in Anchorage, they should be here, our vice

1 Chair, or any Board member from the Federal Subsistence
2 Board to listen to these reports. That's my
3 recommendations, Mr. Chairman, that on the next meeting
4 they should be invited up here for our next RAC
5 meetings to listen to these reports from the Council
6 members.

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8 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,
9 Raymond. That'll be taken into high consideration.

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11 Also -- okay, thank you, anybody else,
12 want to add on.

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14 MR. MOTO: One other thing I forgot is
15 this past winter there were some kills of cows up in
16 the north part, does that mean that muskox season is
17 closed even to the northern Seward Peninsula or is it
18 just some areas, people are wondering, we haven't
19 gotten our -- did they go out to the public lands, to our
20 village yet?

21
22 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thanks, Calvin.
23 Ken will answer that one.

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25 MR. ADKISSON: Member Moto, through the
26 Chair. No, the muskox season in the Buckland/Deering
27 area, Game Management Unit 23 Southwest is currently
28 open but there's a very low allowable harvest this year
29 and that's a total of four bulls and as I currently
30 understand the State picture, they have issued five
31 Tier II permits, up to five Tier II permits. I believe
32 four of those went to Buckland and one was awarded in
33 Deering. We have not issued any Federal permits yet
34 but we will be issuing a limited number of permits and
35 I need to have some further discussions with Buckland
36 and Deering on that topic. There is no open cow season
37 currently and unlikely that there will be another cow
38 season for some time. And there'll be some discussion
39 perhaps a little later in this meeting when OSM
40 presents the wildlife proposal or updates the Council
41 on the status of the proposal that the Park Service
42 submitted for regulatory changes for the Unit 23
43 Southwest hunt, which is still in the process.

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45 I hope that basically answers the
46 question. We will be contacting Buckland and Deering
47 on how we're going to issue Federal permits to help
48 supplement that.

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50 MR. MOTO: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Ken.
2 Yeah, so we're hearing heavily on bear issues all over,
3 it's happening here too in Kotzebue. So are we going
4 to go on a break or are we going to do it after the
5 Chair Tim Towarak's report reading?
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7 MS. BURKE: Mr. Chair. Let me do a
8 check of who's on the phone, and then we'll go ahead
9 and do your Chair report, go through the annual report
10 items and then we'll take a short break before LeeAnne
11 comes up.
12

13 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay.
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15 MS. BURKE: I have Drew Crawford, Trent
16 Liebich and Clarence Summers on the phone. Would the
17 other folks who have called in please identify
18 yourselves.
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20 (No comments)
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22 MS. BURKE: Any new callers besides
23 Drew, Trent and Clarence on the teleconference please.
24

25 (No comments)
26

27 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.
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29 For my report in the radio land this
30 afternoon, where you could call in will be 1-877-638-
31 8165, passcode 9060609. And anyone from the village
32 could call on the tribal consultation. What they want
33 to do is -- we're trying to define rural and nonrural
34 on this one here?
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36 MS. BURKE: The hearing tonight will be
37 regarding the rural review determination process. The
38 one that you participated in last week was the
39 opportunity for tribes and corporations to consult
40 about the wildlife proposals. That was the one that
41 you participated in last week.
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43 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you. For
44 the radio land, there's opportunity for the tribes and
45 ANCSA Corporations to consult on wildlife and fisheries
46 proposals this afternoon. This is a great opportunity
47 for tribes and corporations to consult on proposals
48 prior to the Council meeting. And later on we'll have
49 the rural determination -- I should have read it --
50 later on this afternoon for rural and nonrural and to

1 me that's an important issue that is coming up. So
2 when the time comes I will explain a little bit better
3 on what's going on the rural determination and my
4 concerns about this here is very important because it
5 need to be defined and yet I think it should be -- we
6 need to have consultation on what the villages think of
7 what's their concern about rural determination, if you
8 understand it.

9

10 Thank you.

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12 So now I think we should go on a short
13 break, 15 minutes, it's now 10:21.

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15 Thank you.

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17 (Off record)

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19 (On record)

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21 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Probably they still
22 in line at the bank. I think they were going to the
23 bank, all that precious money you gave them.

24

25 (Laughter)

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27 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, maybe if we
28 could go ahead and start this meeting or do you want me
29 to wait a few minutes for Calvin to come in.

30

31 (Pause)

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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,
34 we'll call this meeting back to order, it is now 11:47
35 -- 10:47, sorry, 10:47 a.m.

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37 Okay, we will go to the annual report
38 and if you go to your packet it's on Page 11 from Tim
39 Towarak, our coordinator has a response from what she
40 get from Tim Towarak, our Chair.

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42 MS. BURKE: Thank you, Enoch. Council
43 members on Page 11 is your report to the Federal
44 Subsistence Board from 2012 and in the blue folder on
45 the righthand side there's a letter dated August 19th
46 and it's got the USDA symbol on the right and this is
47 the response from the Board to your 2012 annual report.
48 Since it was just finished up and you have not had a
49 chance to review it, I'll go ahead and cover the
50 points.

1 So Issue No. 1 in your 2012 annual
2 report was the requested meeting in Kiana and we did --
3 I had begun a cost analysis and I was beginning to work
4 with the community when it was decided that these rural
5 determination hearings would be taking place. I polled
6 the Council and the Council agreed to go ahead and pull
7 the meeting back into Kotzebue this fall so we could
8 allow for some more public participation at the hearing
9 and also to have the radio available to us to provide
10 for as much public participation as possible with the
11 rural determination issue. So we went ahead and sent a
12 letter to Raymond, to the Traditional Council as well,
13 and I just want you guys to know that we are going to
14 be trying to do a meeting in Kiana again in the future
15 and we appreciate the Council being willing to move
16 into Kotzebue to allow for some more public
17 participation.

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19 Go ahead, Raymond.

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21 MR. STONEY: Thank you. One thing that
22 we are very concerned about with the meeting to be
23 happening at Kiana because it was well prepared, you
24 know, for our meeting. I think Tim Towarak should
25 write a letter to the Traditional Council, at least
26 some explanation of apology for not meeting at Kiana
27 because they were very concerned about it and that's
28 why I said a letter should be sent from him.

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30 MS. BURKE: And at the end of this
31 letter to you there is a letter that we did send on
32 June 21st to you, Raymond, we also sent it to the city
33 and to the Traditional Council explaining the reasons
34 why we moved in and I'll definitely be working with you
35 and with the community and we'll try again for that
36 meeting in future rounds.

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38 MR. STONEY: Okay.

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40 MS. BURKE: Thank you. And Item No. 2
41 this Council was concerned about one day meetings. We
42 had a one day meeting last winter, I believe, and the
43 Board is definitely going to try to -- we're going to
44 do our best to avoid one day meetings in the future.
45 We understand it's really difficult to try to fit in
46 these agendas into one day so we're going to try to
47 avoid that as best as possible.

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49 And then Issue No. 3 was the Council
50 terms and youth involvement. This Council wanted to

1 see more youth involved in the process and also there
2 were concerns about the Council terms and you expressed
3 your wishes to have longer terms for the Council
4 members. And this is something that our new Council
5 coordination division chief is looking into, making
6 changes to the nominations and appointment processes.
7 It's not going to be a short process, it's not going to
8 be easy and any changes that are implemented will take
9 some time but it is being reviewed and any comments
10 that the Council has regarding that issue we can talk
11 about that later when we talk about the nominations
12 process. And thanks to Mike Kramer for continuing to
13 push for youth involvement. I sent meeting agendas and
14 notices to the local schools and hopefully we'll have
15 them maybe call in like we did last time and will
16 continue to work towards involving more youth in our
17 processes.

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19 So those were the responses from the
20 Board to the three items of concern that you carried
21 forth in your 2012 annual report.

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23 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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25 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you.
26 That youth involvement is very important. Maybe in the
27 future if we have youth involved we will have more
28 applicants to sit on this board instead of we have to
29 go out there and search. And if the youth see it and
30 they give their report at school and they will see we
31 might have in the future because we're all going to be
32 replaced one time or the other.

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34 Any questions on these reports from the
35 Council members.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, if not, back to
40 the agenda and we will -- annual report is done --
41 okay, annual report by Federal Subsistence Board, now
42 it's C, Selawik -- Selawik report, LeeAnne.

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44 MS. AYRES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
45 feel like I need a booster chair here.

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47 Mr. Chair and Council members. Thank
48 you so much for changing your agenda to help me out
49 here today. I really wanted to take this opportunity
50 to thank you for the opportunity to work with you and

1 learn from you all these years. I think it's been over
2 -- well, it's been 30 years for me and I know I've
3 worked with some of you at least 20-plus from Fish and
4 Game Advisory Committees to various councils, so it's
5 really been a pleasure. And at this time I'm planning
6 on taking a little break from work I think after 30
7 years, I think they call it retirement. So I'll be
8 working through the end of October and then staying up
9 here in the region after that, so I look forward to
10 seeing you around.

11
12 When I think about some of the things
13 that I've enjoyed most about my work and the projects
14 and I know that our Staff have, most of them kind of
15 have the stamp from the Council on here, they're
16 projects that you've either helped us identify or
17 you've made possible. And, Hannah, I think of you with
18 the science culture camp, that was originally your idea
19 and that has been just such an important part of our
20 Refuge program and something that's just been
21 invaluable for us as far as tying us with the resources
22 and the community and the youth there in Selawik and so
23 thank you so much for your role in that.

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25 And I think a number of the other
26 projects that the Refuge has really benefited from and
27 we've kind of developed our program and our Staff have
28 been working around and that's been our fisheries
29 projects and those that Ray Hander and Randy Brown,
30 some of those ideas were questions that originally came
31 from folks in Selawik that they thought were good ones
32 to answer, and the Council here has been instrumental
33 in helping them provide the funding and over the years
34 it's been the Council here that has kind of guided the
35 work that's been done with whitefish and sheefish work
36 on the Refuge. So, again, thank you so much for that
37 and your contribution to that. It's been a great one
38 and it's certainly been important for my career as well
39 as for the Refuge and all of our Staff.

40
41 The other thing that the agencies talk
42 a lot about is stewardship. And I guess I just wanted
43 to share the things that I've learned over the years
44 and that the real stewards for the resources up here
45 are really you, and you've provided some great guidance
46 for us and our Staff to help partner with you to be
47 good stewards of the Refuge and resources. So I
48 applaud you for the great job you've done. I wish you
49 the best of luck for the future challenges that are
50 there.

1 And I really hope that the manager that
2 will be replacing me, I know he's going to be coming
3 here with, you know, a great Staff to work with,
4 they're planning on filling the position here probably
5 sometime this winter, I'm thinking like December or
6 January they'll have somebody new in place. And until
7 then Tina Moran will be the acting manager, she's
8 currently our deputy and she'll have Susan Georgette
9 and Brittany Sweeny and Chester Ballot here in Kotzebue
10 to help, along with Shawn Nelson and in Selawik Sunny
11 Berry and Nichole Hanshaw are our Staff there. So I
12 feel like I'm leaving everybody in great hands here as
13 far as the Refuge goes and a new person to come in and
14 have an opportunity to do what I've enjoyed doing for
15 so many years here.

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17 So thank you for that.

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19 And we've also had some other changes
20 on our Staff. As you may have heard Brandon Saito is
21 going to be moving over to Charolette Westing's
22 position with Fish and Game. He's going to be your new
23 GMU 23 area biologist. So kind of a big loss for our
24 Staff but we're just really happy that he's going to
25 still be here in the region and they'll be working with
26 him in that capacity.

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28 And Ann Orlando is going -- our other
29 biologist is going to be going back to California in a
30 research position there.

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32 We already have approval to rehire one
33 of those biologist's positions. And our plan is to
34 hire a fisheries biologist. I think with the direction
35 our program's going and with kind of the water quality
36 issues and just some of the projects that we found that
37 are really of kind of interest and of importance for us
38 to be doing with the community there in Selawik, I
39 think that'll be a really good fit and also it's kind
40 of a good fit with the other biologists that are here
41 in town with the other State and Federal agencies. So
42 we look at having that position filled this winter
43 also.

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45 And, I guess with all of the Staff
46 changes of people coming and going, we are still doing
47 a lot of projects on the Refuge right now so I'll just
48 kind of touch briefly on what some of those are.

49
50 Tina Moran is starting up our coastal

1 waterfowl surveys so if you see the Fish and Wildlife
2 husky going along the shores here of Selawik Lake and
3 Kobuk Lake, they're doing inventorying or kind of
4 documenting where a lot of the waterfowl are moving
5 through and staging. This was started back in 2001 and
6 it's done about every three to five years. It's really
7 valuable data, it's just kind of baseline data that
8 we've been sharing with the borough and other State and
9 Federal agencies. They've been using it when they've
10 been working on their oil spill contingency plans so
11 it's just some great baseline data that we make
12 available to any government, tribal organization,
13 independent organization that can use that. So that is
14 the low plane flying along the coast there. And she
15 does, I think, a good job of kind of notifying the
16 villages around there of what she's doing there. But
17 that goes on through October when things freeze up and
18 there aren't any more birds in the area.

19
20 So we talked about our fisheries
21 project, Ray Hander will be back up this year, probably
22 starting in the next week or so with his sheefish aging
23 and counting project there on the Selawik, on the Tag
24 there and he'll be pretty much up there through the end
25 of October also. And I think he has Patrick Foster who
26 is going to be helping him from Selawik and I think
27 there may be a couple other folks from Selawik that are
28 helping out back and forth from the village up there
29 this fall. And that's also one of the projects that I
30 think we'll be talking about as far as I think you've
31 endorsed some longer term funding for that sheefish
32 counting project there, too.

33
34 And the Selawik Culture Camp has had
35 its date set for September 9th through the 20th this
36 year, a little later but it'll be two weeks up there in
37 Selawik. And Susan and Brittany will be working with
38 Nichole and the folks there at the IRA and the school
39 district to have that go. That's always something we
40 all look forward to.

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42 And then we'll be starting up our fall
43 law enforcement patrols. And, again, I just wanted to
44 really say one of the key parts of our program are
45 working with the NANA Purcell Trespass Officer Program,
46 so, Verne, your folks, we really appreciate having
47 folks in the villages there to help, you know, kind of
48 share information back and forth and make our law
49 enforcement folks as effective as they can be when
50 they're up here.

1 I think I'll leave it at that.

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3 I think those are kind of the key
4 things going on on the Refuge this summer.

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6 Well, I guess there was one other one.
7 We're continuing on our water quality work up there on
8 the Selawik River and this will be the end of our third
9 full year and we're planning on continuing that for at
10 least another two years just to get a real solid
11 baseline data set there on water chemistry and looking
12 at some of the water flow and hope to be working with
13 other folks, other folks that are doing projects up
14 there with the slump or the fisheries or folks in
15 Selawik that might be interested in doing some water
16 quality work.

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18 MR. MOTO: Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead,
21 Calvin.

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23 MR. MOTO: Yeah, LeeAnne. I was
24 wondering it's been a couple of years since that slump
25 up in Selawik area, has it affected any harvesting of
26 fish or harvesting of caribou or is it just still same
27 as before?

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29 MS. AYRES: Calvin, that slump happened
30 in 2004 and it hasn't been as dramatic as far as the --
31 kind of the turbidity and all the sediment in the river
32 but that's one of the things that Ray Hander and that
33 sheefish project is looking at, is the concern was that
34 it would affect the ability of those eggs to be viable
35 there for the sheefish so just this last year is when
36 some of those ones that would have been born when there
37 was the slump just occurred will be coming back to the
38 river so we're going to be able to answer that
39 question, or Ray will be able to answer that question
40 here in the next year or two. But it -- it doesn't
41 appear to be as dramatic as it was that first year or
42 two. A lot of that sediment is dropping out of the
43 river before the sheefish are spawning. So we hope it
44 hasn't but that's one of the things that we're
45 monitoring and that's exactly -- that question is
46 exactly what inspired or is driving Ray, and that work
47 that we're doing up there.

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49 MR. MOTO: Yeah, that's the reason I
50 brought it up. I know the Selawik area relies on

1 sheefish and whitefish, that was always what we relied
2 on.

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4 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Calvin.

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6 LeeAnne, we'll miss you a lot, big
7 time. We started to mold you the way we want you in
8 Northwest Alaska and now that you're molded, you're
9 leaving. You're not leaving town, but you will still
10 be here so that means we have to start all over again
11 because new Staff -- maybe we could blind them a little
12 bit in how we want to do them and maybe we will know
13 how to mold them a little faster now. But we will
14 greatly miss you and you have done a lot for Northwest
15 Alaska, Selawik especially you did a lot of things and
16 I think if your crew leave, you know, we're going to
17 miss them a lot. I'm going to miss them because when I
18 go there I always have a welcome mat when I have
19 concerns, issues. I haven't been there lately due to
20 my work load happening at work but I am going to miss
21 you.

22

23 Yeah, go ahead, Verne.

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25 MR. CLEVELAND: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
26 LeeAnne, do you still have fundings for culture camp?

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28 MS. AYRES: We were able to get enough
29 for the Selawik Culture Camp for this year.

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31 MR. CLEVELAND: Well, they're starting
32 a culture camp in Noorvik and I know they're low in
33 Kiana on funding, would you be able to help them out or
34 you're -- I know they had some budget cuts.

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36 MS. AYRES: Yeah, we did. We kind of
37 made some program changes so we would have enough to
38 support the Selawik camp this year but, you know, we
39 are always working with the camps and looking for
40 opportunities for funding that we have that come along
41 and sometimes they come on pretty short notice. But we
42 also kind of help people identify other pots of money
43 that are available that they might not think of. You
44 know, right now we're really fortunate in having NANA
45 and the Borough help with the Selawik camp as well.
46 But there's also some other agencies like the Rasmusson
47 Fund and some outside groups that may be some new
48 places to look for, kind of pots of money. You know
49 our Federal funds are definitely kind of going down and
50 our budget is probably going to decrease again next

1 year a bit but there are other places out there and
2 these projects that are involving the youth and getting
3 them involved with the resources and also being a
4 really good bridge for the agencies are really always a
5 high priority so I think they're ones that, you know,
6 if people have got them started and they're looking for
7 partners to kind of help out in parts of them or some
8 funding, you know, always be checking and letting the
9 agencies know and the earlier the better. You know our
10 fiscal year starts up in October and usually come
11 January/February is a good time to be talking about,
12 you know, funding needs for the year so I encourage you
13 to always keep talking. I know we've been kind of
14 keeping an eye and talking with folks in Buckland and
15 Noorvik about what their camps are and how we can
16 participate in those too, so I'm glad to hear that
17 they've got some up and going and are still interested
18 in doing that.

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20 MR. CLEVELAND: Thank you, and we're
21 going to miss you.

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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, okay, Verne,
24 since you're looking for money I think you could talk
25 to Mike Kramer, he got young kids coming from all over
26 to Kotzebue to different camps here and maybe you could
27 compete with him for the funding and cut down and then
28 maybe it'll go to Noorvik and Kiana so you could ask
29 him where he get his, where he get his funding. I'm
30 not trying to say, Mike, you could have less kids, I'm
31 just trying to recommend you tell Verne where you go so
32 maybe you'll help Verne out because these culture camps
33 are important and that would lead to what we are trying
34 to do today here.

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36 Hannah had her hand up first, and then
37 you Mike, so respectively I'll go to Hannah and you're
38 next Mike -- sorry.

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40 MS. LOON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. In
41 answer to Verne's question the IRA takes -- the Native
42 Village of Selawik takes a lead role in taking it upon
43 themselves to plan the culture camp. Initially, in the
44 beginning it's very important for Native Village of
45 Selawik and the elders to get partnership from the
46 school, from the local communities in the village. For
47 instance if you are a paid employee already, Maniilaq
48 or school district, then you have your staff already in
49 place to teach fish cutting or gathering berries and
50 what not so you need to have elder local participation,

1 ask for their blessing and go on and let your IRA
2 Council do the planning and implementation. And thanks
3 to Fish and Wildlife, they teach both Western science
4 and local knowledge which the kids like to enjoy with
5 their teachers and mostly 100 percent support from the
6 school district to make sure they have their lunches
7 and permissions and their teachers come along with them
8 and follow them so it's a good program.

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10 It takes time to develop, you just need
11 to put your heart in it and your love in it.

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13 And, LeeAnne, this is not goodbye, we
14 don't have words for goodbye in Eskimo. I want to say
15 thank you very much for being a part of all our lives
16 in Selawik; talking to elders and taking the kids out
17 to berrypicking, or bird watching, all those little
18 things that elders and parents like to do with their
19 kids when Brittany and Susan come in. And they used to
20 do even beaver trapping. Those kind of activities
21 year-round are -- we really appreciate it.

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23 As an elder representative from Selawik
24 thank you very much, and you have changed the climate
25 in Fish and Wildlife like Enoch say, you're very
26 approachable, your Staff are really friendly and I
27 really, really appreciate, you're easy to call and
28 engaging and being out there and your Staff know all
29 the people, like Ralph Ramoth and all the elders, what
30 their knowledge is about and easy to come and work with
31 you. Thank you very much.

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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Hannah.

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35 Go ahead.

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37 MR. CLEVELAND: Yes, I know about the
38 IRA and the elders but the funds go -- got exhausted
39 then we need more funding because right now the caribou
40 are just about running and they were thinking about
41 bringing kids to culture camp to teach them what -- how
42 to cut and what not to throw away and what to bring
43 home, stuff like that and they were low on funding,
44 that's why I brought it up. I thought you might have
45 some excess funding.

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47 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead, Mike.

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49 Thanks, Verne.

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1 MR. KRAMER: Okay, LeeAnne, it's been
2 an awesome, how many years we spent with you. The
3 thing I've enjoyed the most is all the presentations
4 that your Staff provides us and all their studies. You
5 know I still have materials, my books and stuff from
6 the last several years that you guys have provided and
7 I still read through them, you know, I enjoy reading
8 and learning more about your guys' studies and I try to
9 encourage my kids to read them also. You know I hope
10 the person that replaces you is just as kind and
11 willing to hear what we have to say and willing to be
12 able to work with us, you know, and all of our concerns
13 and our cultural standpoint, you know, hopefully that
14 person is like Enoch said, easy to break in.

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16 Hopefully you'll always stop by and
17 visit us at our meetings, you know, it's always a
18 pleasure to see you and it'll always be a pleasure to
19 have you continue to come to our meetings.

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21 As for, you know, the youth camp that
22 Enoch was talking about, that's one that my brother
23 runs and he does a lot of fundraising and he allows a
24 lot of the kids in the communities to do fundraising of
25 their own, you know, to provide for their youth camp.
26 The other year I commended Fish and Game because they
27 provided two guys, a bunch of shotguns, a bunch of
28 shotgun shells and a skeet thrower and they provided
29 this guy for a week and a half -- these two guys for a
30 week and a half to do a steel shot clinic at his camp,
31 his youth camp and that was amazing. Those guys were
32 so much fun, they enjoyed every minute of being up
33 there and I'd like to see, you know, all the different
34 entities, Fish and Wildlife, Fish and Game, Park
35 Service start participating in a lot of these youth
36 camps. It's unfortunate that my brother has to try and
37 schedule his to where it's not intervening with other
38 youth camps, that way everybody gets to go to different
39 youth camps. I encourage, you know, a lot of the
40 agencies to try and help out whatever camp they have
41 whether it's culture youth camp, bible camp, you know,
42 anything, at least that way you're getting out and
43 reaching out to the communities and the other kids
44 within the community and teach them a lot of things.

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46 It's been good working with you LeeAnne
47 and come by and visit any time.

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49 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Mike. And
50 I had my senior moment. I was going to tell you that

1 this is coming out of from one of your students that
2 was picked, he said he enjoyed his trip at Selawik to
3 the youth camp. He said his dad had no boat, he had no
4 way to go out and he don't leave the town and he said
5 he probably -- that's the second time he ever leave
6 Selawik to go outside Selawik besides flying to
7 Kotzebue and he was telling me one of my -- he said
8 that he enjoyed it so much that he going to apply again
9 this year to go because he's young and he said that --
10 see you're reaching kids that their parents have no way
11 to go out and take them out and he was happy to go and
12 he said Attamuk I never enjoyed myself so much, I
13 didn't know this was happening. I didn't even know
14 certain things about berries and stuff like that and he
15 said there's more about the fish I eat that he learned
16 when they were cutting it, Hannah, and he said, he
17 learned a lot, so you're getting out there and I take
18 it with you -- and whoever take your place, tell them,
19 these youth camps is reaching someone and some students
20 and it's important.

21

22 Thank you, again.

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24 Go ahead, Raymond.

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26 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
27 I got a very simple question, like for you, I want to
28 congratulate you, you're doing a pretty good job for
29 the last 10, 15 years now as a representative from
30 Selawik Wildlife Refuge you're doing excellent work, my
31 question to you is, again, we all know that hunting
32 season is about to begin again, will you let us know
33 how many permits for outfitters and guides you got now
34 up to date for this upcoming hunting season?

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36 MS. AYRES: Sure. We have one permit
37 for a guide and he has, I'm not sure how many moose
38 permits he has, but we have one guide that's permitted
39 on the guide and we have five transporters that have
40 permits to take people out and they're pretty much the
41 same transporters that are working in the other Federal
42 lands, too.

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44 MR. STONEY: Of course all these are
45 way above Tag, right?

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47 MS. AYRES: Our guide bases way above
48 the Selawik. All of the transporters, the areas that
49 they can operate are quite a bit above the village of
50 Selawik, all of that land that's between Selawik and

1 Noorvik, it's primarily NANA land with a little bit of
2 Refuge land scattered in, and they're not permitted to
3 operate there. So all of their -- the places the
4 transporters are going to be taking their clients are
5 going to be at kind of the eastern end of the Waring
6 Mountains and the Tag River in the upper part of the
7 Refuge.

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9 MR. STONEY: Thank you, very much.

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11 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you. Go
12 ahead, Calvin.

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14 MR. MOTO: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
15 was for funding for survey of whitefish and herring,
16 would we go through State or Federal because most of
17 our State lands, I know, the ocean is State -- could --
18 would you have an idea where we would get funding for
19 surveys on the whitefish and herring specifically.

20

21 MS. AYRES: Well, I know in this
22 funding round there was a proposal that was submitted
23 by -- I'm not sure, it's in your packet there, the name
24 of the lead investigator, but Alex Whiting was also a
25 co-investigator, a cooperater on the project and he
26 specifically -- that was designed to look at the
27 different -- that whitefish and other fish species that
28 were around your area, too, so I think that's probably
29 the best funding source right now is you, on the
30 Council, here through the Fisheries Inventory
31 Monitoring Program. And I think that proposal,
32 although it wasn't passed for funding this time, it was
33 recommended that it be resubmitted for the next round
34 of funding so I think there's something there already
35 that might address that. But as far as other contacts,
36 both probably the State would be a contact. Brandon
37 Scanon and some of the folks in the fisheries division
38 there, sportfish, and Nikki may be able to kind of help
39 out on what are some other State contacts for that type
40 of work.

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42 But I think the one that Alex designed,
43 if you read through that proposal and see if that's
44 what you're kind of thinking about and some of the
45 other people that are listed as cooperaters on that
46 project in your packet would be, probably good sources
47 of funding specifically for that.

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49 MR. MOTO: The last survey we had was
50 around 1984 and they found out that the herring that

1 come to our area originates from up there by Chukchi
2 Sea, they notice a difference of oil content and stuff
3 like that. And the whitefish are also, we wondered --
4 we know that they had quite a bit going on up there and
5 whether they destroyed the herring up there or not
6 because, you know, in 1985, I think it was, there were
7 about 2,000 beluga got trapped up there so we haven't
8 seen very many belugas, but this is something we're
9 wondering about, you know.

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11 I just thought I'd bring that up
12 because it's a concern for us, you know.

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14 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Calvin.
15 I'm going to ask on the radio out there, on the
16 teleconference, that the call in people that want to
17 say something to LeeAnne since she's going to say bye-
18 bye. So who is out there on the teleconference, are
19 you out there that.....

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21 (No comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: If not, thank you,
24 LeeAnne, your Staff will be greatly missed I'll tell
25 you that right now.

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27 MS. AYRES: Well, I'm leaving all of my
28 trusted advisors here so you did a great job training
29 me and they did a great job training me and they're
30 going to be here to help the new person, too, so thank
31 you.

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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

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35 So let's see we'll go to No. 8, public
36 and tribal comments on agenda items. Is there anyone
37 from out there in the radio land that want to talk
38 about your tribal consultation.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: I guess, if not, we
43 will go to old business, No. 8, old business, customary
44 and trade, traditional use determination. On your blue
45 packet it's in the back, customary trade and use in
46 2013 and also on your -- the one here that was given
47 out it's on Page 14 rural determination so I will open
48 it if anybody else have a comment on it.

49

50 (No comments)

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, who's --
2 wildlife regulatory you're going to give a presentation
3 on it, right.

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5 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
6 Actually I'll give you a briefing on the customary and
7 traditional use determination issue.

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9 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, go ahead.

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11 MR. JOHNSON: My name is Carl Johnson,
12 I'm with the Office of Subsistence Management. I would
13 like to thank the people of Kotzebue for allowing us to
14 have this meeting here and also since this is my first
15 time before this Council I would just like to introduce
16 myself to you. I'm originally from the land of the
17 Lakota and Oglala people in western South Dakota. I
18 moved to Alaska 14 years ago and I've only been with
19 the Office of Subsistence Management for just about two
20 years. It'll be two years in November. Prior to that
21 I have no background at all in any of the Federal or
22 State agencies. I was a practicing attorney for about
23 12 years. So that's a little bit about who I am and
24 where I come from. And it's also a pleasure to learn
25 about the Northwestern Arctic region from, you, the
26 Council.

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28 If you recall from your winter meeting
29 there was a discussion, there was a letter that the
30 Southeast Council sent to all of the Councils
31 suggesting to take another look at how customary and
32 traditional determinations are made and whether or not
33 we need to use the current process.

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35 Their key concern was that when all of
36 the Councils discussed this in 2011 there was
37 inconsistent briefings given to the Councils and
38 inconsistent information and as a result the Southeast
39 Council didn't think that there was a really good
40 thorough review of customary and traditional use
41 determinations. So to avoid the problem of
42 inconsistent briefings that they felt happened the last
43 time I'm going to read to you, in the record, a
44 briefing prepared by Dr. David Jenkins from the Office
45 of Subsistence Management. This is in addition to the
46 materials that are in your books starting on Page 14.

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48 MS. BURKE: Council members on the
49 righthand side there's a document and there's C&T
50 written on the left.

1 MR. JOHNSON: So the Federal
2 Subsistence Board and the Southeast Alaska Subsistence
3 Regional Advisory Council would like your
4 recommendation on the current customary and traditional
5 use determination process.

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7 The Board last asked the Councils a
8 similar question in 2011 as directed by the Secretaries
9 of the Interior and Agriculture.

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11 All Councils, with the exception of the
12 Southeast Council indicated that at that time that the
13 existing customary and traditional use determination
14 process was working.

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16 At the request of the Southeast
17 Council, this additional review is being conducted for
18 your input.

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20 I'll briefly describe the history of
21 customary and traditional use determinations and
22 illustrate the differences between those determinations
23 and a Section .804 analysis under ANILCA. I'll then
24 ask for the Council's discussion and recommendations.

25
26 The focus is not on how customary and
27 traditional use determinations are made, but on why
28 they are made. The Southeast Council would like for
29 you to recommend, as a Council, to either eliminate,
30 amend or make no changes to the current customary and
31 traditional use determination process.

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33 Now, the Alaska National Interest Lands
34 Conservation Act, ANILCA, does not require customary
35 and traditional use determinations. Customary and
36 traditional use determination use regulations were
37 adopted from the State when the Federal Subsistence
38 Management Program was established in 1990. In the
39 1992 record of decision the Federal Subsistence Board
40 considered four customary and traditional use options
41 and recommended to the Secretaries of the Interior and
42 Agriculture that State customary and traditional use
43 determinations continue to be used. The State's eight
44 criteria for determining customary and traditional use
45 determinations were subsequently modified slightly for
46 use in the Federal regulations. Since the
47 establishment of the Federal Subsistence Management
48 Program the Board has made some 300 customary and
49 traditional use determinations.

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1 The Board initially adopted the State's
2 criteria renaming them factors anticipating that the
3 State would resume management of subsistence on Federal
4 public lands and to minimize disruption to traditional
5 State regulation and management of fish and wildlife.
6 But as we all know the State has not resumed
7 subsistence management on Federal public lands and it
8 appears that the Federal Subsistence Management Program
9 will be permanent.

10
11 Now, those eight criteria that are
12 currently being used in regulations for Federal process
13 is what is attached as Exhibit A. Note that the Board
14 does not use customary and traditional use
15 determinations to restrict the amounts of harvest. The
16 Board makes customary and traditional use
17 determinations relative to particular fish stocks and
18 wildlife populations in order to recognize a community
19 or area whose residents generally exhibit those eight
20 factors of customary and traditional use. The
21 Southeast Council is concerned that the effect is to
22 exclude those Federally-qualified rural residents who
23 do not generally exhibit these factors from
24 participating in subsistence harvest in particular
25 areas.

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27 In 2009 Secretary of the Interior Ken
28 Salazar announced the review of the Federal Subsistence
29 Program. Part of that review focused on customary and
30 traditional use determinations. Specifically in 2010
31 the Secretary of the Interior with the concurrence of
32 the Secretary of Agriculture asked the Federal
33 Subsistence Board to review, with RAC input, the
34 customary and traditional use determination process and
35 present recommendations for regulatory changes. Now,
36 all 10 Regional Advisory Councils were asked for their
37 perspectives on customary and traditional use
38 determinations during the 2011 winter meeting cycle.
39 Nine Councils did not suggest changes to the process,
40 and we've summarized for your convenience the input
41 from all of the Councils in Exhibit B. The Southeast
42 Council, however, did suggest one modification which
43 was included in its annual report. The modified
44 regulation would read as follows:

45
46 The Board shall determine which fish
47 and wildlife have been customarily and
48 traditionally used for subsistence.
49 These determinations shall identify the
50 specific communities or area's use of

1 all species of fish and wildlife that
2 have been traditionally used in their
3 past and present geographic areas.
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5 Now, that last part right there was the
6 significant introduction of -- suggestion by the
7 Council.
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9 And then for those areas managed by the
10 National Park Service where subsistence
11 uses are allowed determinations will be
12 made on an individual basis.
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14 So in other words, once a customary and
15 traditional use determination is made for a particular
16 area residents in that area would have customary and
17 traditional use for all species. There would be no
18 need for customary and traditional use determinations
19 for specific fish stocks and wildlife populations or on
20 a species by species basis. That was the goal as set
21 forth in that particular recommended change by the
22 Southeast Council.
23

24 After that the Southeast Council formed
25 a work group to analyze the current customary and
26 traditional use determination process. The Southeast
27 Council work group, after conducting an extensive
28 review of all of the Regional Advisory Council
29 transcripts determined the Councils had not been
30 adequately briefed on the Secretary's request for
31 Council recommendations on the process. The Southeast
32 Council drafted a letter and a briefing document and
33 those are what are included in your meeting book at
34 Page 14, which were provided to the other Regional
35 Advisory Councils during your most recent winter
36 meeting cycle. Pursuant to the work group's findings
37 the Southeast Council emphasized the following:
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39 The current customary and traditional
40 use determination process is being used to allocate
41 resources between rural residents, often in times of
42 abundance. This is an inappropriate method of deciding
43 which residents can harvest fish and wildlife in an
44 area and may result in unnecessarily restricting
45 subsistence use. The Southeast Council has a history
46 of generally recommending a broad geographic scale when
47 reviewing proposals for customary and traditional use
48 determinations. Subsistence users primarily harvest
49 resources near their community of residence and there
50 is normally no management reason to restrict use by

1 rural residents from distant communities. If there is
2 a shortage of resources Section .804 of ANILCA provides
3 the direction and the correct method of allowing -- of
4 allocating resources.

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6 The Southeast Council does not support
7 retaining the current customary and traditional use
8 determination process. Instead, the Southeast Council
9 suggests, when necessary, the Board restrict harvest by
10 applying the following ANILCA, Section .805 [sic]
11 criteria.

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13 First.

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15 Customary and direct dependence upon
16 the populations as the mainstay of
17 livelihood.

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19 Second.

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21 Local residency.

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23 Third.

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25 The availability of alternative
26 resources.

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28 The Federal Subsistence Board and also
29 the Southeast Council would like your recommendations
30 on the current customary and traditional use
31 determination process. Specifically the Southeast
32 Council would like for you to consider whether:

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34 One.

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36 To eliminate customary and traditional
37 use determinations and instead use,
38 when necessary, those three Section
39 .804 criteria.

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41 Two.

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43 Change the way the current
44 determinations are made by making area
45 wide customary and traditional use
46 determinations for all species, not on
47 a species by species basis or by
48 particular fishing stocks, fish stocks
49 and wildlife populations.

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1 Third.

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3 Make some other change.

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5 Four.

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7 Just make no change.

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9 Council input will provide the basis
10 for briefing to the Federal Subsistence Board in
11 response to the Secretary's directive to review the
12 customary and traditional use determination process and
13 present recommendations for regulatory change, if
14 needed. The Board could then recommend that the
15 Secretaries eliminate, amend or make no change to the
16 current customary and traditional use determination
17 process.

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19 And I'll add to that, for the Council's
20 benefit, one thing that we'll be doing at OSM is upon
21 the completion of this meeting cycle, we'll prepare a
22 summary of the feedback and any recommendations made by
23 all of the Councils and we'll provide that to the
24 Southeast Council but then we'll also be providing it
25 to all of the Councils so you have an idea at the end
26 of this meeting cycle what the other Councils had to
27 say about the current customary and traditional use
28 determination process.

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30 And that is the briefing. And just to
31 highlight, the Southeast Council is looking for a broad
32 discussion on this and, you know, their primary
33 concerns are that we should just rely on Section .804
34 of ANILCA rather than something crafted out of the
35 State regulations but they're really looking for your
36 thoughts and any recommendations that you may have on
37 this.

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39 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes, thank you. So
42 how long is it open -- until how long for our input to
43 say and to decide because before I decide something
44 like this I -- I know -- I talked about it with a few
45 of the villages and from -- certain villages and they
46 want to know how long do they have for their input,
47 that they could make their recommendation.

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49 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
50 There really is no deadline on this. We -- and thank

1 you, you know, for talking to the people in the
2 villages because that was essentially what the
3 Southeast Council wanted everyone to do by bringing up
4 this issue in the winter meeting, to give you a chance
5 to go talk to people in your communities and to get
6 input so that at this fall meeting cycle we could have
7 a longer discussion about it. There really is no
8 deadline, I don't really -- I don't get a sense that
9 the Southeast Council is in a rush to do anything but
10 what I really think they want is a thorough
11 examination, a thorough discussion with lots of
12 opportunity for input and ask questions. So I really
13 wouldn't look at there being any kind of a deadline.

14

15 Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.
18 Because I got concern, the pro's and con's about both
19 sides, which time and how ours work because I would
20 like to keep mine completely different because we're
21 different than Southeast Alaska. So if I was going to
22 decide how it's going to happen for my region I would
23 like to see it just happen for Northwest Alaska because
24 I don't want Southeast Alaska telling me how I should
25 do my customary traditions. We do it our own way, they
26 do their thing. I think the Federal need to understand
27 maybe we need to break this into different regions like
28 Maniilaq service area, North Slope area, Nome, you
29 know, because we all differ a little bit, yet, we
30 harvest basically the same resources but they're all
31 different stocks, some areas and some stocks might
32 decline and yet some areas they're plentiful. Do you
33 see what I'm trying -- and I would like to -- and I
34 would like more time, not like when -- if it's
35 available I will take it to my village and bring it to
36 the Maniilaq Council and see if they could take it back
37 for input from the villages.

38

39 Go ahead, Raymond.

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41 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 Just a followup on your statement, very interesting.
43 But I think these agencies should have a copy of this,
44 like the Maniilaq, Northwest Arctic Borough, NANA
45 Regional Corporation and IRAs in the villages,
46 otherwise, you know, it's just like Mr. Attamuk says,
47 you know, it's something that -- there's something
48 that's different to our traditional use in Northwest
49 Alaska so I think I'd be satisfied completely if the
50 letter were -- also a copy of this be sent to the

1 agencies I repeat to you: The Northwest Arctic
2 Borough, Maniilaq, NANA, and the traditional councils
3 in all the villages.

4
5 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Raymond.

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9 Anyone else.

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11 Go ahead, Hannah.

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13 MS. LOON: Yes, thank you, Mr.
14 Chairman. Is this customary and traditional
15 determination process being done because there have
16 been cutoffs of king salmon and salmon in the Southeast
17 or the Yukon areas?

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19 MR. JOHNSON: I do not know whether or
20 not the customary and traditional use determination
21 process has been used to restrict harvest of salmon in
22 the Southeast or the Yukon, and I'm hoping if Pippa is
23 still on the line, if she knows anything about that or
24 if there's anybody else who might know the answer to
25 that question.

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27 MS. LOON: I say that because
28 those.....

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30 MS. KENNER: This is Pippa at OSM in
31 Anchorage. I heard my name, could you please repeat
32 the question.

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34 MS. LOON: This is Hannah Loon
35 representing Selawik. I ask this question is this
36 customary and trade process a result of people in the
37 villages crying out when they are restricted from when
38 their fish stocks are low they cut them off like the
39 Yukon areas for king salmon or any salmon, and like
40 those people in the Yukon area that are fined for
41 getting fish, subsistence fish illegally and they're in
42 courts right now, is this why this C&T is a result of
43 those people crying out there, trying to seek help to
44 represent them?

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46 MR. JOHNSON: Actually, I'm sorry,
47 Pippa, I can go ahead and answer that question. I
48 misunderstood the question earlier.

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50 The customary and traditional use

1 determination process is not connected with what you're
2 asking about. That's something different entirely.
3 Typically as the, you know, the current customary and
4 traditional use determination is more of a regulatory
5 change as to what you're talking about, is more of the
6 in-season management and the emergency management of
7 particular fish stocks, so that's under a different
8 process.

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10 MS. LOON: Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thanks Hannah.

13

14 Go ahead, Mike.

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16 MR. KRAMER: So they're asking for a
17 new reclassification as to what we use for -- because I
18 mean if they are then I think what needs to be done is,
19 you know, surveys need to be sent out to all the
20 communities as to -- you know, with a big list of fish,
21 animals, berries, you know, plant life that they use
22 for traditional use and customary trade that way, you
23 know, it's done -- everybody gets to decide, you know,
24 what it is that they use in different areas, whether it
25 be Selawik, Kiana, Ambler, Shungnak, Noatak, Deering,
26 Buckland, that way there's a wide variety of things
27 that are being used. I mean I think the fact that, you
28 know, another game management unit is trying to make a
29 decision for other game management units when we
30 already have things that are in play and are working
31 very well. You know, I don't think they should be able
32 to decide as to what we should do and shouldn't do.
33 But, you know, I mean if they -- if we need to
34 reclassify what we use and what we trade, you know, it
35 should be done within a survey and not just us making
36 the sole decision.

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38 That's what I have to say, thanks.

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40 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, I can respond
41 to that. I think we're kind of mixing up two different
42 issues.

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44 What the Southeast Council is talking
45 about is the framework that the Board uses to make
46 decisions about allocating harvest. What you're
47 talking about is kind of the end result, the decision
48 that's actually made, you know, which fish, which
49 wildlife, which communities. And so what the Southeast
50 Council is not asking is to make any particular

1 decisions about any regions about what people do for
2 customary and traditional use in that region, what
3 they're asking is the Council to consider whether or
4 not the current process the Board uses in making
5 decisions works when recognizing customary and
6 traditional use in a particular area. And I think
7 their main distinction is they suggested that under the
8 current process what you have is an undesirable result
9 of some Federally-qualified subsistence users being
10 unnecessarily or unfairly restricted when there is a
11 period of abundance, when there's really no need to
12 restrict other subsistence users and giving a benefit
13 only to certain communities. Their suggestion is
14 perhaps it should just be the opposite, it should be
15 open -- all regions should be open for any Federally-
16 qualified subsistence user unless there's a shortage
17 and then when there's a shortage then you do an
18 analysis under Section .804 of ANILCA and it would be
19 done on a region by region basis, it wouldn't
20 necessarily be, you know, Southeast telling the folks
21 up in Northwest Arctic what fish and wildlife they use
22 for customary and traditional use.

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24 But it would just be a different way
25 that the Board makes the decision about how to
26 allocate resources when there's a time of shortage.

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28 I hope that answers your question.

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30 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes, thank you. And
31 I understand what you're saying, so if all abundance
32 are full, just because Southeast has a decline or any
33 other area it shouldn't affect it at all at the time of
34 the decision, because that's for the whole state you're
35 talking about. And so if we have abundance I shouldn't
36 see why we should be closed just because a certain area
37 has a decline. Am I getting you right or -- because I
38 hate to see regulation for the whole -- one regulation
39 for the whole state and there's abundance in other
40 sections of the state because Alaska's so large, you
41 know that.

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43 MR. JOHNSON: This regulation wouldn't
44 actually affect the actual species, you know, fish or
45 wildlife that could be harvested. The change that the
46 Southeast Council's looking for is just the framework
47 that the Board uses to make those decisions. Very much
48 like the rural determination process that we'll be
49 talking about this evening at the public hearing and
50 then also tomorrow with the Council.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thanks.

2

3 Go ahead, Calvin.

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5 MR. MOTO: Mr. Chairman. You know for
6 years we've argued with Federal and State biologists
7 about our take of certain species of fish and wildlife
8 and birds, what happened in 1989, 1990 we unearthed an
9 archeology site where there were different bones of
10 different species of salmon and caribou and different
11 types of birds, they would always tell us that we
12 didn't have any documentation so I took pictures, I
13 said this is better documentation than a written one, a
14 picture tells you a thousand words. We found two sites
15 where they were using caribou for -- we also found on
16 the hill in Kougarok, a site where there was a circle
17 of rocks, it was used long ago when the caribou weren't
18 coming, what would happen the shaman would sit in there
19 and he wouldn't eat or he wouldn't -- he'd drink water
20 but -- until the caribou come, this is a site that they
21 were going to destroy and I told them, no, leave it
22 alone. It's a historical thing. It shows the
23 tradition of the people thousands of years ago, this
24 site was about five to 6,000 years old. So -- also the
25 site that we had in archeology was up to 4,000 years
26 back or 1,200 years -- each layer had 400 year
27 different types of fish, different types of fish bones,
28 different types of caribou bones and geese, crane, and
29 so we told them you could see that this is our
30 customary -- our traditional way. This is what we
31 relied on and then all of a sudden they disappeared for
32 awhile because at one time they had a big forest fire
33 where Kougarok is now. You could see that because I
34 went with some geologists one time and we unearthed
35 quite a few -- about three million ton of coal but it's
36 not useable because it's too much and it's -- there's a
37 lot of smoke. These are things that we found in the
38 last '80s and '90s, all those sites are being closed,
39 nobody can do anything on those anymore because we told
40 them these are our background. We don't want anything
41 to happen to them. So this is something I thought I'd
42 bring up because traditionally we hunted caribou.
43 There used to be moose. There used to be different
44 types of other animals there.

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46 But I just thought I'd bring that up.

47

48 Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Calvin.

1 Anyone else.
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3 (No comments)
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5 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, maybe with this
6 -- should we break for lunch now or are you want to go
7 back -- are you done, let's ask it that way, are you
8 done giving your report?
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10 MR. JOHNSON: I'm done with my report,
11 Mr. Chair, and certainly any time the Council has any
12 questions on this issue feel free to ask me and then
13 you also do have available Pippa Kenner on the line who
14 is an anthropologist from the Office of Subsistence
15 Management and has a lot of experience in dealing with
16 customary and traditional use determinations so she
17 would be an excellent resource for any questions the
18 Council may have during the meeting.
19
20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
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22 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.
23 Okay, so should we go on lunch break right now. Should
24 we take one for -- until what time, 1:15 -- until 1:15.
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26 Go ahead, Raymond.
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28 MR. STONEY: Since we're going to be on
29 KOTZ radio, 1:00 o'clock, that 1:15 would be suitable.
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31 MS. BURKE: We can have them change us
32 to 1:15.
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34 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. We'll have a
35 lunch break until 1:15.
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37 MR. STONEY: 1:15.
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39 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes.
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41 (Off record)
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43 (On record)
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45 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, we'll start the
46 meeting in place of -- Kramer left due to there's --
47 he's with the emergency and fire and so he had a call
48 and he had to leave the meeting and he'll be back
49 later, Mike Kramer, and we'll call the meeting back to
50 order at 1:20.

1 So I would say welcome to the radio
2 land and if you want to call in out there I'll give you
3 the call in number here. The call in number is 1-877-
4 638-8165, after that he'll ask for the passcode and the
5 passcode is 9060609, and it's toll free so it won't
6 cost you nothing to call in and listen in on the phone.
7 So we will go back to the customary and traditional use
8 determination and we will -- we're going to ask for
9 better -- more explan -- a little better explanation, a
10 little better briefing on customary and a better
11 briefing so the outside, the radio land could
12 understand what are used for customary and trade.

13

14 Thank you.

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16 And you got the floor.

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18 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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20 MS. KENNER: Mr. Chairman. Council
21 members. My name is Pippa Kenner.

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23 MS. BURKE: go ahead, Pippa.

24

25 MS. KENNER; Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm
26 an anthropologist with the Federal Subsistence Program
27 in Anchorage.

28

29 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, welcome.

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31 MS. KENNER: Thank you. I'd like to
32 show you how customary and traditional determination
33 can affect you and I would like you to please look at
34 Page 107, 107 in the Federal regulation book, and if
35 you don't have a book you'll probably be able to follow
36 anyway.

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38 So on Page 107 of the Federal
39 regulation book at the top of the page is the customary
40 and traditional use determination for moose in Unit 23,
41 and it is for residents of Unit 23, and your region
42 makes up the majority of Unit 23.

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44 Now, if you would go to Page 101 or
45 just follow along with me, on Page 101 in the middle of
46 the page is the customary and traditional use
47 determination for moose in Unit 22 that's where
48 Shishmaref is and it is for residents of Unit 22.

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50 This means that you cannot take a moose

1 in Unit 22 under Federal regulations. The Federal
2 hunting season for moose in Unit 22 is not open to you
3 and never will be open to you. You can take a moose
4 under a State hunting season but the State hunting
5 season for moose in parts or all of Units 22A, B, D and
6 E is closed. I think I'll stop there and see if the
7 Council members have a question. Are you following me?

8

9 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes.

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11 MR. CLEVELAND: Verne Cleveland. Now,
12 where are you at, can you get back to where you were
13 at, I can't find it.

14

15 MS. KENNER: I started on Page 107, is
16 that what you mean?

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18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Hey, Verne, she was
19 on Page 101, right about in the middle of Unit 22B.

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21 MR. CLEVELAND: Okay, I thought you
22 were on Unit 23, that's 22?

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24 MS. KENNER: Well, I started -- good
25 question. I started on 22.....

26

27 MR. CLEVELAND: Okay.

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29 MS. KENNER: Excuse me, I started on 23
30 and I wanted you to notice that your customary and
31 traditional use determination for moose is for the
32 residents of Unit 23. But in Unit 22, just south of
33 you, the customary and traditional use determination
34 for moose is for only residents of Unit 22. And the
35 effect of that on you is that you cannot hunt moose
36 under Federal regulations anywhere in Unit 22. You can
37 under State regulations, however, in much of Unit 22,
38 the State season is closed and, therefore, you are
39 excluded from hunting at all.

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41 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead, you
42 have the floor.

43

44 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
45 Pippa, this is Carl, if you could just kind of give the
46 Council a general overview of the circumstances when
47 the customary and traditional use determination would
48 be used, how they're applied and then maybe compare
49 that with how Section .804 might be used so they can
50 kind of understand the how and the when of when these

1 customary and traditional use determinations are made.
2
3 MS. KENNER; Thank you, Carl, I'll
4 continue.

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6 There are several situations that arise
7 where a Section .804 determination is used and I'll
8 explain one situation. Pretend there are no customary
9 and traditional use determinations and under Federal
10 regulations all rural residents can hunt moose in Unit
11 23 so that means from Sitka to Barrow, everybody
12 qualifies to hunt moose under Federal regulations in
13 your area. Well, when we decide that the continued
14 viability of the moose population is in danger that
15 means that too many moose are being killed and the
16 population can't sustain itself if we keep killing
17 moose at the rate we are we will eventually have no
18 moose left. So what that means is that not everybody
19 can kill a moose anymore, we have to reduce the number
20 of people killing moose, only some people can kill
21 moose and ANILCA tells us how to choose who can kill a
22 moose through a Section .804 analysis based on three
23 criteria. And the criteria are:

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25 The customary and direct dependence
26 upon those moose as a mainstay of livelihood; local
27 residency; and the availability of alternative moose to
28 harvest.

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30 So going through an analysis like that
31 there are some communities that would continue to be
32 eligible to take moose and some that wouldn't, and that
33 would be based on those three criteria. It would only
34 do it in times where generally the moose population
35 can't sustain the general hunt anymore.

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37 So I think through there you can
38 clearly see how the limit -- the differences between
39 the two ways of limiting who can participate.

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41 The C&T does it up front before you
42 have a diminished population of moose, before the moose
43 population needs to be protected. But the .804 only
44 comes into play -- the Section .804 determination is
45 only used when the population of moose is -- there's a
46 conservation concern.

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48 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. Enoch here. I
49 thought us here at the Council -- we, Council members
50 were dealing under Federal lands and all of a sudden

1 you start talking about different units as 23 and I
2 want to know the difference why did the idea of units
3 come out as 23 and we Natives could hunt in the Federal
4 lands and this is Northwest Alaska. Are you trying to
5 turn it to State regulations now or are we talking
6 about the Federal regulations that are in place.
7 Because I'm trying to understand how did the idea of
8 Unit 23's coming out.

9

10 MS. KENNER: Okay, there's a couple of
11 questions in that and I'm going to try to remember all
12 of them and answer them.

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14 You are right, Federal regulations
15 apply only on Federal lands. So when you're hunting
16 under Federal regulations they apply only on Federal
17 lands.

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19 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thanks.

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22 MS. KENNER: The reason why we talk
23 about units is that the State is divided up into 26
24 wildlife management units and those are generally the
25 terms we use when discussing the different regulations
26 around the state.

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28 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Because I hate to get
29 it mixed up where -- the people out there in radio land
30 to be mixed up and saying we're talking about Federal
31 lands, yet we're talking about the State units. So I
32 think what you.....

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34 MS. KENNER: The Federal.....

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36 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So what you need to
37 do is explain to us that you're talking in the Federal
38 lands and why we have the certain -- don't worry about
39 the State Unit 23. I think the Federal, us people, we
40 completely stay away from the State regulations because
41 customarily they have no respect for us to take --
42 harvest animals, they're more into sporthunting.

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44 I'm trying to protect my people here
45 trying to hunt and harvest. I don't like to use the
46 word, hunt, I'm going to use the word, harvest, because
47 we need to harvest the moose when they are in numbers
48 and under emergency you probably could close it. I
49 mean somebody make me understand better what you're
50 trying to -- what the difference -- why is Unit 23

1 coming out and we're talking about the Federal lands
2 here. Because you're mixing -- I'm trying not to get
3 mixed up and people that hardly go to these meetings
4 will probably be more mixed up than I am, you need to
5 come down to our layman terms because you are in
6 Northwest Alaska. Most of us are not.....

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8 MS. KENNER: Okay, well.....

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10 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT:educated and we
11 live off the land and, please, come out under layman
12 terms we could understand. Because if you keep
13 confusing us we could be here for three hours on the
14 same thing we're talking about.

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16 (No comments)

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18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead, Carl.

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20 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
21 One of the things you'll often see in any of the
22 discussion on any of the regulatory proposals that come
23 before this Council and that the Board decides is, you
24 know, we have this dual management system where we have
25 the State managing fish and wildlife and we have the
26 Federal government managing fish and wildlife and one
27 of the things that is often done as part of the
28 analysis when we think of changes to regulations is, is
29 whether or not the change will create more confusion
30 for subsistence users and so one of the things we try
31 to do is try to avoid confusion to make it as little as
32 complicated as possible when there are all these
33 regulations and people have to follow them when they're
34 taking fish and wildlife. So one of the ways that we
35 avoid confusion is to -- we have a State -- because the
36 State regulations for fish and wildlife also apply on
37 Federal lands so when we're adopting Federal
38 regulations, just to avoid confusion, using these game
39 unit numbers is one way of -- because everybody is used
40 to those game unit numbers anyway when they're hunting
41 or fishing under State regulations, so using the game
42 unit numbers is one way to help to avoid confusion by
43 having a separate system of determining what areas are
44 covered by the regulation. And so that, hopefully,
45 that kind of gets to the issue of why we would use game
46 unit numbers, just one other way of avoiding confusion.

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48 And I just want to bring back, just
49 this issue back to the Council, about why it's even
50 before you. And that is just the issue of whether or

1 not looking at how we do the customary and traditional
2 use determinations, as Pippa has mentioned, is it
3 useful to engage in that process as it is now, as she
4 indicated, it's a decision that's made before there is
5 a conservation concern as opposed to the Section .804
6 system which is only used if there is a conservation
7 concern and only then do we start determining if
8 certain Federal rural subsistence users should be
9 excluded from taking certain fish or wildlife.

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11 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thanks.

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13 Go ahead, Raymond.

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16 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17 This is Raymond Stoney. Listening to your report on
18 customary trade, you know, for our traditional people
19 throughout Game Unit 23, as we all know today and I'm
20 one of them, we are -- there are many elders in these
21 regions that actually hunt on -- well, following our
22 Federal and State regulations, however, what bothers me
23 is if you start seeing these people that hunt out in
24 the -- for their traditional use, they won't understand
25 the Federal land and the State land, that's a very
26 complicated thing. Because our traditional way of
27 life, which is to go a one way hunting trip, regardless
28 if it's the State or the Federal land. So there must
29 be some way where we could come up with a system where
30 everybody could hunt for subsistence purposes on land,
31 not separating two lands. Otherwise if you was out
32 hunting you see a moose which is 10 feet, it's on
33 Federal land or State land, they won't bother it
34 because it's against regulations. There must be some
35 way where we could fix that up, for the elders in Game
36 Unit 23.

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38 Thank you, sir.

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if that situation you're talking about, you know, a

1 subsistence user, the moose is 10 feet away, and it
2 might be on Federal land and they're standing on State
3 land, we want to, when possible, have a regulation that
4 would be the same so that they don't run into that
5 problem of having to know the difference between the
6 two. It's definitely something that we try to do when
7 there's not a conservation concern about that moose.

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9 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thanks, Carl.

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11 Go ahead, Raymond.

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13 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 Just like this morning what Mr. Moto has explained for
15 muskox hunting in the area, of course, that's two
16 separated things, like for Buckland and Deering, when
17 there's muskox within just a quarter of a mile because
18 it's in State land you have to go 50 miles in order to
19 get a muskox, to me, I don't think that makes any sense
20 at all. There should be some system where we can
21 accommodate Buckland and Deering on muskox.

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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you,
24 Raymond.

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26 Attamuk here. I know we are surrounded
27 by Federal lands so I think what we need -- you
28 agencies need to -- with our approval and with the
29 Council here involved, I think we need to get together
30 with State and just say in Northwest Alaska, not Unit
31 23, we're not on the Federal lands, that way my
32 Natives, my fellow Natives won't be out of compliance
33 whether they're in State or Federal lands. It's always
34 been a mix up since the beginning from way back. And
35 if you ask Willie he'll tell you that and sometimes we
36 couldn't decide, is it on State land or Federal land,
37 which am I going to -- I mean where's the boundary.
38 And so to make it easier for Northwest Alaska I think
39 we need to get State and change it to Northwest Alaska
40 or Maniilaq Service Area or NANA region. Because I
41 understand what you're trying to say, it's Unit 23, the
42 regulation is in place for the State but most of us,
43 when we harvest our animals, we harvest for table food,
44 we don't harvest for the antlers.

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46 Do you have any thoughts on this, could
47 I ask Willie, have you got any thoughts on this, you
48 know, State land and Federal land because I know you've
49 been here a long time and I hate to put you in a bind
50 but I was under you for a long time and I still got to

1 respect and you know we've been fighting with this and
2 you were here from the beginning and I want to make it
3 clear once and for all so it won't come up again, it'll
4 be easier and we could -- for our next meeting we could
5 always talk about something else that come on the table
6 and we don't have to go back to this every two or three
7 years because the time we work on it they change
8 President and the agency changes workers and we have to
9 start all over again.

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11 I mean we've been talking about this,
12 how long I've been here, 15 years, 17 years, and we're
13 still talking about it. I think enough is enough. We
14 need to put it on the table and decide how we need to
15 go.

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17 Thank you.

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19 Go ahead, Calvin. You'll be next

20 Willie.

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22 MR. MOTO: Yeah, good afternoon, Calvin
23 Moto from Deering.

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25 What I was wondering about, in our
26 area, NANA region, we have corporation lands around our
27 village, does the State law or Federal law go under the
28 corporation land?

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30 MR. GOODWIN: State law. They go under
31 State law.

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33 MR. MOTO: So in other words, if we're
34 going to hunt NANA land we got to get a State permit,
35 right?

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37 MR. GOODWIN: You got to get the State
38 license, yeah.

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40 MR. MOTO: Yeah. That's what a lot of
41 people are confused about because you got NANA land,
42 you got State land, Federal land and they don't know --
43 they don't know whether it's safe to hunt on NANA land
44 or not, what kind of permit they need.

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46 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,
47 Calvin. Go ahead, Willie.

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49 MR. GOODWIN: Thank you, Attamuk.

50 Willie Goodwin.

1 You're right, it's unfortunate that the
2 State doesn't allow rural preference and that's the
3 bottom line here, I think, all of the people here in
4 our region are rural and the preference part is the one
5 that the State has a problem with so we've been
6 battling that forever, but as long as State does not
7 recognize rural preference we're going to have the
8 split. You know, if they recognize that the Feds are
9 willing to give the management of fish and game to the
10 State but unfortunately the State, through the
11 administrations, even though people of Alaska voted to
12 have it before the administrations that we've had in
13 the State government won't allow that to happen and
14 you're right we've been battling this forever.

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16 But I think -- I know, for a fact, that
17 on Federal lands no matter what these fish and -- the
18 OSM says, it's your responsibility to decide what's
19 best for us and pursue that through the Federal Board.
20 What's best for us, not what's best for the State or
21 the animals, what's best for us, as long as there's no
22 conservation concern, that's your responsibility, to
23 make sure that your voice is heard at the Federal
24 Board.

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26 Now, these guys might try to change
27 your mind but keep that in mind, that you're speaking
28 for the rural folks in our region. And whatever
29 regulations that -- if there's a concern, certainly
30 we'll talk about it, we can get the State involved with
31 it and we've done that with the sheep, we've done that
32 with the moose, and I feel that as long as the caribou
33 population is going down, we're going to have a bigger
34 fight with the State over harvest levels and allocation
35 on caribou here so keep that in mind, the population
36 continues to decline then we've got to be able to --
37 and be ready to what regulations that suit our people,
38 not what the State says.

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40 So thank you for the opportunity.

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42 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Willie.
43 And you brought an important -- for the caribou. When
44 we start worrying about caribou we'll change the
45 subject for a little while, important resource for
46 Northwest -- when they start talking about caribou, the
47 State do not put money like the agencies do and yet
48 they're trying to regulate us. If they want to
49 regulate us on caribou the State should take over to
50 pay everything instead of have to fall to the Park

1 Service, the Selawik Wildlife Refuge, you know,
2 Maniilaq and whoever put money in there. If they're
3 not going to put money why should we worry about the
4 State. And I want to get away from the State and just
5 worry about our Federal lands, have one regulation in
6 place, that way our people don't have to go two ways,
7 the White man way and the Native way, the land --
8 Native Northwest Alaska. That's what I want to do and
9 make it easier for us because tomorrow, if I go hunt,
10 if I'm hunting under the Federal I might break the law
11 because it fell on the State land.

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13 MR. GOODWIN: Mr. Chairman, you're
14 correct. Under State law everybody in the State of
15 Alaska is eligible for fish and game on State lands.
16 Certainly there's some different seasons and
17 everything. But on the Federal law it's the rural
18 residents of our region that are qualified to hunt and
19 fish on Federal lands and we meet that determination
20 and through the help of the Federal agencies you have
21 to live up here one year before you qualify as a rural
22 resident and that's a good thing. Because over the
23 years we have all found out that the Federal government
24 is more friendly to us with fish and game than the
25 State is, and certainly we should continue to support
26 whatever their recommendations are because they've got
27 the Staff in the region to take a look at what's
28 available for fish and game even though the State has
29 its Staff too but the Feds have a responsibility to
30 make sure that Title VIII under ANILCA provides for
31 fish and wildlife for rural residents.

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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Willie.
34 That's why I brought it up.

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36 Go ahead, Calvin.

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38 MR. MOTO: That's where our subsistence
39 hunters fall short because we don't have funding to go
40 to the State fish and game meetings to express our
41 thoughts about subsistence hunting and a lot of times
42 the Fish and Game Board make decisions for us when we
43 don't have a chance to voice our opinions on some of
44 those things. I think that the other have funds to
45 vote against us but we can't have a -- we don't have a
46 chance to really voice our opinions.

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48 Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Go ahead, Raymond.

1 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
2 Mr. Goodwin, I've got maybe a comment or a question.
3 As we all know the people of Northwest Alaska and
4 listening to KOTZ radio and one thing that is very very
5 puzzling to me and very concerned and very complicated
6 about regulations about Game Unit 23, I see a lot of
7 game that belongs to sometimes four different agencies,
8 a specie on Federal land, half hour land it's on the
9 State land and half hour later it's on the NANA land,
10 which regulation am I supposed to follow for the same
11 specie?

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13 MR. GOODWIN: Well, if you're on the
14 State lands you got to follow the State lands, if
15 you're on NANA lands you got to follow the State
16 regulations, but as long as you're on the Federal lands
17 then you follow the Federal regulations. But there's
18 no lines out there, I recognize that.

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20 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you,
21 Willie. Thank you, Raymond.

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23 Yeah, I still feel that it should be
24 Northwest Alaska instead of State land, Federal land,
25 NANA lands, that way we could have one regulation in
26 place and I think what we need to do is put this on the
27 agenda on our next meeting. And I could ask my
28 villages, write to every village and say what they
29 think of this and I know nothing's going to happen over
30 night, I'll be well gone when they decide it. But to
31 me working from way back and getting really nowhere
32 over every few years we talk about it again and we need
33 to have one regulation in place. But you know what I'm
34 saying, the State don't put two cents into this here
35 and yet what problem -- confused me when she was start
36 talking about Unit 23 and we were talking about the
37 Federal lands here. I know she was just trying to use
38 that for an explanation. But I think in the future,
39 once we decide and let's put it on the table and make a
40 final decision this, for Northwest Alaska, this is what
41 we use. I think that will solve it. Because we have so
42 many resources compared to other units. Those units
43 don't even come close. If we start talking about
44 fisheries, too, they don't even come close to us, we
45 are a gifted area and I want to protect it. And that
46 was our goal to begin with and that's the way I want to
47 keep it.

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49 See that's the confusion right there.
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1 Now, if the State's going to tell me
2 and our people how to do it they should put money on
3 the table, to put into it.

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5 Thank you.

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7 Go ahead, Hannah.

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9 MS. LOON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 This morning when they were reading the customary and
11 traditional use, I see that there is a communication,
12 we all have levels of understanding in our perspective
13 ways from the Eskimo thought and from the Western
14 thought and we come to a clash but now I see, I think.

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16 In Game Unit 23 we are allowed to hunt
17 moose and our relatives down there in Shishmaref, Game
18 Unit 22, are not allowed to hunt moose. So is this
19 customary and traditional use being developed to meet
20 the inconsistencies on this?

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead Carl.

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you. Mr. Chair.

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28 Hannah, that goes right to the point of
29 what the Southeast Council mentions and that is they
30 felt that there were some times where, by using the
31 customary and traditional use determination, you come
32 up with these inconsistent results where we prevent
33 members of some communities from harvesting moose when
34 there's real no reason to, when there isn't a period of
35 conservation concern. But under the Section .804
36 process that wouldn't happen until there is a
37 conservation concern. So I think you raise a point
38 that goes right to the issue of why the Southeast
39 Council is encouraging all of the Councils to see how
40 the -- what kind of results we get with customary and
41 traditional use determinations as opposed to using that
42 Section .804, those three criteria and determining who
43 can harvest moose and who cannot under the Federal
44 system.

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46 MS. LOON: I learn better, me, I learn
47 better with cartoons, like PowerPoint. I don't know
48 about these, but I just want to make a comment to that,
49 to the planners.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you. We'll
2 actually have some nice cartoons to go with the rural
3 determination process.

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5 And I want to take the advantage of us
6 having this time on the radio to respond to a couple of
7 things that Willie said. And that is, you know, the
8 Regional Advisory Council are in a really unique
9 position compared to any other place in the entire
10 country where regulations are passed about fish and
11 wildlife and, that is, under Title VIII of ANILCA
12 unless there are three criteria that are met, the
13 Federal Subsistence Board is required to take your
14 recommendations. If you want a proposal to pass or you
15 want it to fail, you know, unless there are these three
16 very specific exceptions that are met under ANILCA the
17 Board is required to take your recommendations, not
18 OSM's recommendations, not that of the InterAgency
19 Staff Committee, but what, you, the Council, decide and
20 what you recommend. And I think that's a very powerful
21 tool that gives the people in the rural communities the
22 opportunity to have a say about what happens with their
23 fish and wildlife resources.

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25 And I also want to take an opportunity
26 to mention something that was lacking in the customary
27 and traditional use determination briefing I gave you
28 earlier. And it mentioned that originally we -- the
29 Federal Program adopted the State customary and
30 traditional use regulations because it was believed
31 that this Federal Program would be temporary. We
32 forget that actually when ANILCA was passed in 1980 the
33 State actually did implement this subsistence
34 management program, it had Regional Advisory Council
35 that operated under Title VIII of ANILCA but then there
36 was a lawsuit filed under the Alaska Constitution that
37 said that the way the Alaska Constitution is written
38 you can't give a preference to rural residents and the
39 Alaska Supreme Court agreed with that and since 1989
40 that's really why we have this dual management system,
41 is because of what is in the Alaska Constitution for
42 State lands. And it doesn't matter who will be in
43 office, in the Governor's seat or in the Legislature,
44 that will remain as long as that constitutional
45 provision under the Alaska Constitution remains in
46 effect and that's why we have the dual management
47 system, really that we have today. Because the Federal
48 law was written to have the State manage it but the
49 Alaska Supreme Court has said otherwise.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes, thank you.

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5 Go ahead, Raymond.

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7 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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9 One thing that we could see that is
10 very confusing about these hunting regulations in
11 Northwest Alaska as we know that all the species in
12 this area is declining very rapidly so I hope this
13 don't happen within 100 years from now, if we had
14 different hunting regulations for State and Federal I
15 hope nothing happens 100 years from now otherwise we
16 might end up having a number of licenses because the
17 game continues to decline, Federal government would
18 have some specialized permits or hunting license, even
19 the State. I hope this don't happen because that's
20 where we're heading for.

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22 We have to come down and sit down with
23 the Federal agencies and say this is Northwest Alaska,
24 let's just go hunting like we usually do 100 years ago.

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26 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,
29 Raymond.

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31 You are right we are -- our forefathers
32 hunted -- harvested just to put food on the table and
33 they didn't worry about our numbers because customary,
34 they always preserved for the future. When I was first
35 being taught by my grandpa how to harvest caribou, he
36 scolded me, flatly, don't hunt fawns because these are
37 future stock for the future. And Northwest Alaska
38 always try to preserve for the future because we depend
39 on it and we're not like the Western world, we don't
40 harvest until we decline and deplete all our resources
41 because this is what we live on.

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43 I'll give you an example.

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45 I remember when I was young, we didn't
46 have money but we had food in barrel so we had food, we
47 were rich in food but not in money and that's where we
48 were gifted at and I would like to leave it like that.
49 We were gifted in food, we never go hungry, we just go
50 to get our barrel and we eat and that's the way I'd

1 like to keep it.

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So thank you. Thank you.

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So that's why, Pippa, I brought that up for the customary in Unit 23 and got it mixed -- I'm trying to understand the State regulation so, yes, maybe behind closed doors, away -- I would like anybody on the radio land, I'll give you my number if you want me to do something about it, from the radio, call me at Maniilaq, 442-7673 or if you know the 800 number, ask for extension 7673 and call me to see how you want to go and my just don't over -- well, my phone calls, sometimes they do and you're welcome to me which way you would like for me to go because I listen to you and I go in that direction from the villages because I work for you guys and I'm here to represent you guys for Northwest Alaska, that's where I'm coming out and I want to preserve our resources for years to come because we're the last of the frontier and we are gifted.

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Thank you.

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Okay, anyone else on this subject.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Anyone on the radio land.

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MS. MOTO: Good afternoon. This is Marlene Moto call at Deering, I finally got -- listened for your phone number it was given a little while ago and I have a few issues if the -- you Fish and Wildlife people are willing to listen, I tried to call the number earlier but nobody answered there either.

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MS. BURKE: Okay, Marlene, why don't you go. Enoch, can we go ahead and have her speak.

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CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: (Nods affirmatively)

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MS. BURKE: Go ahead, Marlene.

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CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead, Marlene.

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MS. MOTO: Yeah, first off I would like to talk about I grew up like all -- most of us in our

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1 village hand in hand with their parents and living
2 seasonally off the land for years and respecting it and
3 then pretty soon we got things in writing like this and
4 -- and life goes on. But my concern is one of them is
5 this past winter they had National Geographic people
6 here hunting south of Deering and probably other places
7 up north, I never really watched it but I recognized
8 the Kougarok area, White Cabin, them people that were
9 bringing them here, they have no respect for our people
10 that live here. National Geographic it's seen by
11 people from all over, do they have special sporthunting
12 license, are there going to be further people making
13 more money outside of the village people that live
14 here, making movies and like bringing in more hunting
15 through this movie, hunters from Lower 48 and beyond.

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17 And then another concern I had is if
18 they have people yet to educate our people for
19 bothering animals, specifically these muskox this past
20 -- this past spring and summer, the one muskox lose his
21 mother and he got sent to someplace out at Girdwood and
22 this other muskox I had to waste -- waste my permit on
23 it for summer -- summer hunt -- somebody left a net out
24 in the tundra there and that muskox got net for over a
25 week on its head and we finally got it and the meat in
26 my freezer because -- we had a cow and when -- them
27 people got to learn how to respect the animals out here
28 and only hunt and fish what you go after and clean up
29 after yourself, hunting and fishing.

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31 And when ANCSA -- anybody got any --
32 how do we find out who's got ANCSA lands. I remember
33 when my dad was -- was still with us, when him and my
34 mom got ANCSA lands, one of them was down on the west
35 coast of us here and they bought some material to make
36 a house on his ANCSA lands and eventually somebody took
37 that material and it's gone now and they -- my brother,
38 they still got title of the ANCSA land down there but
39 no way of going back to the place where my dad told
40 them is ANCSA land.

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42 And thank you.

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44 Besides that I grew up with my mom and
45 dad had eight boys and five girls and we all still love
46 and respect the land like how they showed us, along
47 with these people here in this village that grew up in
48 here.

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50 Okay, thank you, Bye.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Marlene.
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3 Anyone else out there in the radio
4 land.

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6 (No comments)
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8 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, if not, we'll
9 go back to the agenda and we will go to No. 10, new
10 business; wildlife regulatory proposals by Chris.

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12 MR. MCKEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr.
13 Chair. Members of the Board. My name is Chris McKee
14 and I'm a biologist with the Office of Subsistence
15 Management, Fish and Wildlife Service. I will be
16 discussing a couple proposals with you today.

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18 The first one is a statewide proposal.
19 It is Proposal WP14-01, and it was submitted by Kevin
20 Bopp of Nome and requested the establishment of new
21 statewide provisions for Federal trapping regulations,
22 include a requirement for trapper identification tags
23 on all traps and snares. It would establish a maximum
24 allowable time limit for checking traps and would also
25 establish a harvest trapping report form to collect
26 data on nontarget species captured in those traps and
27 snares.

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29 The proposed requirements could lead to
30 more humane trapping methods under Federal regulations,
31 however, these regulatory provisions would not likely
32 be manageable on a statewide basis due to vast
33 differences in land ownership, population
34 concentrations and habitats. The regulations of this
35 kind of nature would be better suited in response to
36 issues on an area specific basis like some of the
37 provisions on the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge where
38 they have some special use permit requirements or like
39 similar restrictions currently in State and Federal
40 trapping regulations. Also alignment issues would
41 require a substantial increase in law enforcement and
42 public educational efforts. Also requiring trappers to
43 check traps during inclement weather could lead to
44 health and safety issues. In many instances Federally-
45 qualified users could simply trap under State
46 regulations to avoid the additional proposed Federal
47 restrictions.

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49 While the information gathered from a
50 harvest report form for a nontarget species caught in

1 traps and snares could provide some useful information,
2 it would be an unnecessary requirement and burden on
3 Federally-qualified subsistence users. The report
4 would require additional time commitments for
5 subsistence users, which we deem to be currently
6 unwanted. The -- unwarranted, excuse me. Similar
7 reports would be more useful in areas with specific
8 issues with the capture of nontargeted species, such as
9 areas with threatened or endangered species or
10 significant user conflict issues.

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12 So with that in mind the OSM
13 preliminary conclusion is to oppose WP14-01, and that's
14 all I have on that proposal.

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16 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes, go ahead,
17 Raymond.

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19 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
20 This proposal was it also introduced by Northwest
21 Alaska, this proposal?

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23 MR. MCKEE: No, the proposal was
24 submitted by an individual that lives in Nome.

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26 MR. STONEY: That's effective to Game
27 Unit 23?

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29 MR. MCKEE: Correct. Well, it's a
30 statewide proposal so it would encompass all units in
31 the state.

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33 MR. STONEY: Is this group aware of
34 this proposal?

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36 MR. MCKEE: Which group are you
37 speaking of?

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39 MR. STONEY: Well, the group here, have
40 knowledge of this proposal?

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42 MR. MCKEE: From what I understand once
43 these proposals they're on our website, available for
44 other people to see, we also publish a hardcopy of the
45 report with all the proposals so that would be how
46 people would become informed about what proposals were
47 submitted in a given a year.

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49 MR. STONEY: Okay. How much time limit
50 do you got on this proposal?

1 MR. MCKEE: Well, it's going to be
2 taken up by the Board at the Federal Subsistence
3 meeting in April of 2014 so.....
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5 MR. STONEY: So it needs the approval
6 from the RAC, from the Northwest Alaska?
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8 MR. MCKEE: Yeah, we're presenting this
9 proposal to all the RACs because it is, again, it is a
10 statewide proposal so it would apply Alaska-wide, and
11 we're presenting these so we can get input from the
12 RACs to present to the Board.
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14 MR. STONEY: Thank you.
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16 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, yeah, I'll get
17 to you Mike.
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19 MR. HENRY: Excuse me, could I
20 interject?
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22 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead, radio
23 land.
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25 MR. HENRY: Thank you. This is Eli
26 from Kiana, hello.
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28 MS. BURKE: Yes, Eli.
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30 MR. HENRY: Yes, I'd like to convey a
31 message to everyone Federal government, State
32 government and individuals, the Federal subsistence
33 laws or the Federal laws and State laws don't apply to
34 ordinary people like you or me. The Constitution was
35 made for public officials, period. They have no
36 business -- Federal government and the State government
37 has no business whatsoever regulating anything in our
38 Inupiaq lives. You people are committing fraud against
39 our people and genocide.
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41 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.....
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43 MR. HENRY: And besides the Federal
44 government and the State government, they're broke,
45 they're foreclosed as of December 25, 2012. There is
46 no authority in all of this, it's all corporate law.
47 Do your research. Look at your lives. Look at it.
48
49 Thank you.
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1 MS. BURKE: Eli, what's your last name
2 for the record, please.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, Eli, if you
7 could hear us they wanted your last name, Eli from
8 Kiana.

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10 You are right, this proposal right
11 there where we have to put our names in all the traps,
12 I think to me, I hate -- maybe I'm getting to -- but
13 here I'm going to call it ridiculous why we have to put
14 -- because we have no issues and concerns. When we
15 trap, when it need to be tagged we go get it tagged at
16 the Fish and Game. We don't have to put our names in
17 the traps, where would this idea come from. I know he
18 came -- the guy was from Nome, I know he was from Nome
19 to begin with. And I will -- as Chairman of this Board
20 I will tell the rest of my Board members that I will
21 not support this completely and when the time comes
22 when we get to vote on it, that this is -- I can't see
23 it -- why we need to put tags out there in our traps.
24 I can't -- I'm not -- go ahead, Michael.

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26 MR. KRAMER: Yeah, Mike Kramer
27 representing Kotzebue.

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29 I read over this proposal over and over
30 and over again and I think it's pretty ridiculous that
31 some other game management unit, you know, can try and
32 make decisions for other game management units. I mean
33 I think, you know, a proposal that needs to go to the
34 Federal Subsistence Board that makes it to where other
35 game management units cannot make proposals for other,
36 you know, game management units or other Federal
37 subsistence areas, you know, it's ridiculous. They
38 should not be able to make decisions statewide, unless
39 it impacts, you know, an animal, a group of animals,
40 you know, whether their population is declined. But,
41 you know, this proposal is ridiculous, I don't think
42 they need to make decisions for other people. You
43 know, I think we need to shoot this one down and make
44 it game management unit specific, if that's what they
45 want let them make their decision for their own game
46 management unit.

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48 Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you. I

1 was -- I think what we need to do is go through the
2 procedures for the proposals here.

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4 So I know we jumped the gun and went
5 right to our Board comments so I think what we need to
6 do now for the procedures are written we need to go to
7 agency comments.

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9 ADF&G. Any comments from ADF&G about
10 this proposal.

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12 MR. CRAWFORD: Mr. Chairman, yes, this
13 is Drew Crawford from Alaska Department of Fish and
14 Game. I'm going to let you know that the Department
15 also opposes this proposal and that we agree with the
16 Federal assessment of the proposal and their conclusion
17 not to support it.

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19 Over.

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21 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you. And
22 back to the Federal agencies.

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24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: If not, Calvin I'm
27 going through the regular procedure, I'll get to you
28 later.

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30 MR. MOTO: Okay.

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32 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

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34 And now we need from Native tribal
35 village and other.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: If not, Staff
40 Committee comments.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: I don't see anybody
45 jumping up and down so we'll go Advisory comments --
46 and Regional Council comments.

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48 (No comments)

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50 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, go ahead,

1 Calvin.

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MR. MOTO: Calvin Moto, Deering.

4 There's a couple of things I don't like about this
5 proposal. Especially in the wintertime you -- to check
6 your trapline every six days, sometimes your trapline
7 go quite a few miles and with the cost of gas and stuff
8 to get -- and the fact that inclimate weather can't
9 check your trap, because of inclimate weather I
10 couldn't check, would I be -- would I be getting a
11 ticket or something from the State, you know.

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13 These are things that, you know, don't
14 make sense.

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17 You get a three inch by five inch
18 copper tag, when the wind blows, I know for sure that
19 the animal that we're trying to trap or snare won't go
20 there. But I think this is -- it reminds me of another
21 proposal somebody made one time to put his hunting
22 license on the bottom of his Sno-Go, that way his mark
23 would be on the trail.

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(Laughter)

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27 MR. MOTO: We had to laugh about it
28 because when it get windy the numbers would be lost,
29 you know, see this is something that people don't
30 really stop to think about when they make proposals.
31 They have to really realize rural area is different
32 type of hunting and trapping. We can only go out to
33 check our traps if it's good weather. IF we have the
34 resources to do it we'll do it every other day. But
35 six days -- if we have a small -- a small trap line
36 that'd be good but some people have 20, 25 mile trap
37 line and that's a lot of gas to be -- it's very
38 expensive.

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Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you,
43 Calvin.

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45 Anyone else from the Advisory Group
46 here. Go ahead, Mike.

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48 MR. KRAMER: I'd like to make a motion
49 to oppose this proposal.

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MS. LOON: Seconded by Hannah Loon.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, I respect what
2 you're trying to do but the procedure for these
3 proposals is I got to ask the local Fish and Game
4 Advisory and the National Park Subsistence Service
5 before we go to this -- to your recommendation to put
6 this on voting so I'm just trying to go through the
7 procedures that was set up, how we're going to take
8 these proposals.

9

10 Go ahead, Hannah.

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12 MS. LOON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
13 Trapping is a livelihood, it's not a real big
14 commercial thing. It's a persons love to be out there
15 in the country. And I think tagging and all that
16 initially and stuff like that is it would be a
17 nuisance, waste of time and an added stuff for them, an
18 d added many steps for them to do, paperwork and
19 reporting. Long time ago our trappers, I know my dad
20 -- my dad's belongings used to be marked, I believe
21 with a V and some people have markings for their
22 shovels and what not and their traps and their axes and
23 they mark it so they know -- so people will know that
24 that is that family's emblem or some kind of a symbol
25 that belonged to them so they could return it to that
26 rightful person.

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28 I would really oppose this one.

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30 Thank you.

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32 Thank you, State of Alaska -- State
33 people for opposing this too.

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35 Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you,
38 Hannah. So if you want to -- see where I'm trying to
39 follow the procedures here. Under -- behind here in
40 the yellow one, that is the procedure that we have to
41 follow for us to take the proposals so -- and we're in
42 -- anyone have a -- is there any report, written
43 comments on this proposal.

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45 MS. BURKE: Yes, Mr. Chair. On Page 29
46 there were two written public comments on WP14-01, both
47 were to oppose the proposal.

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49 One was from the AHTNA Traditional Use
50 Committee. They opposed this regulation requiring

1 identification tags to be put on snares and traps.
2 They state that it would be cumbersome, unnecessary and
3 burdensome for Federally-qualified trappers to have
4 these constraints placed on them.

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6 The second written public comment is
7 from Mike -- I'm sorry Mickey and Julie Collins. They
8 are also speaking in opposition of WP14-01. Traps may
9 work for short trap lines but for longer traps it would
10 be onerous and there would be subject to loss when the
11 animal is caught.

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13 And that is the summary of written
14 public comments, Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you
17 Amanda.

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19 So under discussion, justification, I
20 think now you guys could put it how we're going to vote
21 on this here.

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23 Need to -- yeah, we need to put a
24 motion on the table to how we want to go on this. Go
25 ahead, Mike.

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27 MR. KRAMER: As I stated earlier I make
28 the motion to oppose this proposal, WP14-01.

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30 MS. LOON: Seconded.

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32 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you.

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34 MR. MOTO: Call for question.

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36 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Question has been
37 called for so we need to vote on this from here. And
38 for question and -- okay, question has been called for,
39 in favor of this.....

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41 MR. STONEY: Signify by saying aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, signify by
44 saying aye to oppose this proposal.

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46 IN UNISON: Aye.

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48 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, it's unanimous.

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50 We'll take a five minute break.

1 (Off record)

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3 (On record)

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5 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: We'll start this
6 meeting back up. There's Hannah and Verne and Calvin,
7 they all are talking again.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, we'll get
12 restarted at 2:30 in the afternoon so could I have the
13 lights please, lights and I'm a movie star now. Thank
14 you. So we'll go back to the -- you're going to work
15 on Proposal WP14-40 and you could find it on your blue
16 packet under bears and on your handout here it's on
17 Page 31. Yeah, go ahead, you're on the table.

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19 MR. MCKEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
20 Again, this is Chris McKee with OSM. The PowerPoint
21 slide you see up here on the screen, in addition to
22 your hardcopy that Melinda provided you, it's also --
23 the same table is on Page 32 of your meeting materials
24 booklet.

25

26 I was reminded last week during some
27 discussion on other issues when I presented this
28 proposal by the Chairman, which I have kept in mind
29 since then, that I did talk much about the
30 proposal and should just come here with some slides to
31 kind of simplify things. So I'm, in an attempt to not
32 confuse other people, and certainly not to confuse
33 myself by blathering on too long I tried to present it
34 in a PowerPoint, just kind of the highlights for you.
35 But I'll go ahead and go through the proposal a little
36 bit and then just kind of maybe discuss the slides once
37 I'm done with it, just in an attempt to clarify the
38 situation.

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40 So Proposal 14-40 was submitted by the
41 Northwest Arctic Regional Advisory Council and requests
42 that the requirement for a State registration permit to
43 harvest brown bears in Unit 23 be eliminated. The
44 proponent requests eliminating the requirement for a
45 State registration permit in Unit 23 in order to align
46 State and Federal regulations and to ease confusion
47 about hunting regulations for communities that hunt on
48 Federal lands in the unit allowing opportunistic
49 harvest without having to possess a State permit for
50 such harvest.

1 Just a brief regulatory history review
2 because I think in this case it's pretty important. In
3 1992 the Federal Subsistence Board adopted regulations
4 mirroring the State with regard to the use of
5 subsistence registration permits for brown bears in
6 Unit 23. The Alaska Board of Game established two
7 brown bear management areas in the state, one in
8 Western Alaska, and one in Northwestern Alaska and that
9 includes Unit 23, these were areas of the state where
10 the use of brown bears for food had been found to occur
11 at significant levels. The permit provided for a
12 liberalized harvest limit of one bear per year and
13 extended season and elimination of the resident brown
14 bear tag requirement. Additionally the use of aircraft
15 to hunt brown bears under subsistence regulations was
16 prohibited. In 2005 a proposal was submitted that
17 requested the season be lengthened in Unit 23 and the
18 State registration permit, again, be eliminated as well
19 due to the reported abundance of the species in the
20 unit. IT was suggested that the proposed changes would
21 provide additional opportunities for Federally-
22 qualified users and would align State and Federal
23 regulations. The Board adopted the longer season
24 length but retained the registration permit requirement
25 because it was considered necessary as a means for
26 managers to monitor harvest to prevent future
27 conservation concerns.

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29 The reported harvest of brown bears has
30 increased over the last 20 years in Unit 23, you can
31 see a brief figure of that on Page 36 of your meeting
32 material booklet with the majority of harvest occurring
33 in September. State brown bear hunting regulations
34 have become increasingly liberalized since 1992
35 resulting in an increase in bear hunters in the unit.
36 Harvest of brown bears by local communities has been
37 low, with an average annual harvest of two bears per
38 year according to household survey data. Although the
39 use of the State registration permit has likely
40 increased the proportion of harvest being reported,
41 there is most likely some under reporting of harvest as
42 well.

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44 If the proposal is adopted it would not
45 provide for a brown bear harvest reporting mechanism
46 for those hunting under subsistence regulations in Unit
47 23. Eliminating the requirement for a State
48 subsistence registration permit for Federally-qualified
49 users would effectively eliminate the ability of State
50 and Federal managers to track the subsistence harvest

1 of the species. Maintaining this reporting mechanism
2 is an important conservation tool. Additionally,
3 removal of the State registration permit would actually
4 result in misalignment of State and Federal
5 regulations, adding to regulatory complexity. Without
6 the use of a State registration permit, Federally-
7 qualified users would only be able to harvest brown
8 bears in Unit 23 under the State's general brown bear
9 hunting regulations which would entail the use of a
10 harvest ticket and require sealing of the hide and
11 skull which would add to a reporting requirement that
12 would go against the intent of the proponent.

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14 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to
15 support WP14-40 with modification to insert the word,
16 subsistence, into the permit regulations and also to
17 clarify permit requirements. Amending the language
18 under the special provision section in Unit 23 brown
19 bear hunting to more accurately reflect the
20 requirements for hunters to have a State subsistence
21 permit will help -- will clarify regulations for the
22 species. As it reads now: The use of the phrase, you
23 may hunt brown bear by State registration permit in
24 lieu of a resident tag in Unit 23 if you have a State
25 registration permit prior to hunting gives the
26 appearance that the use of this permit for subsistence
27 hunting of brown bears is optional for subsistence
28 harvest of the species when, in fact, it is not and has
29 never been since the regulation was adopted by the
30 Federal Board in 1992.

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32 Now, I understand the language that I
33 just used when I said I support with modification might
34 be -- seem a bit unusual given that we're actually
35 opposing your request to remove the State registration
36 permit, however, under our procedures we don't have a
37 process whereby we oppose with modification, so we
38 can't oppose one aspect of it and -- if it's opposed,
39 the whole thing is opposed, so we're supporting with
40 modification for the need to retain this permit, but
41 trying to clarify some of this language. Now, the
42 slide that I put up here that's also on your meeting
43 material booklet is taken from, I believe, Page 28 of
44 the State's regulations regarding brown bears, and I
45 think this pretty much sums it up pretty nicely in
46 terms of the differences between the two and what would
47 happen if we got rid of this permit.

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49 First and foremost, I emphasize that
50 doing away with this permit would actually lead to

1 Federal and State regulations being out of alignment.
2 It would not align the regulations as you -- as the
3 proponent suggested. So one of the alternatives we
4 also looked at was having a Federal permit for this but
5 per the discussion, I think it's very timely that this
6 discussion about confusion about State and Federal
7 lands came up because if we went with a Federal permit
8 that would just add to confusion because Federal users
9 would have to know if they were on Federal land, are
10 they on State land, a lot of these areas have a mixture
11 of jurisdictions, as you mentioned earlier in your
12 discussion, and obviously there are no lines out there
13 that say, you are now off of Federal land, you are on
14 State land or on corporation land, so having a Federal
15 permit would just add yet another burden for Federal
16 users out there. So retaining this permit is crucial
17 unless you want to go ahead and hunt under the general
18 hunting regulations. You're perfectly free to do that,
19 however, if you do that you have to get it sealed, the
20 skull and hide sealed and that is a reporting
21 requirement that might be an undue burden given that
22 you want this opportunistic hunting. Now, whether it's
23 more complicated for you to get a registration permit
24 is for you to decide. But certainly there might be
25 more issues regarding getting something sealed. The
26 general regulations that you see on here doesn't
27 require you to harvest the meat but, again, if you were
28 hunting for subsistence I -- clearly you're going at it
29 as a food resource. So the choice is yours, but I
30 think that it would just complicate things if we got
31 rid of this because then we would have different State
32 and Federal regulations.

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34 So I think this table here is probably
35 kind of the cliff notes version, if you will, of the
36 proposal, and kind of summarizes it better than I could
37 just by discussing it at greater length. So I think I
38 would just leave it at that and if you have any
39 questions regarding the table or anything I already
40 discussed you can feel free to ask.

41
42 Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, I'll take up
45 questions at this time. Go ahead, Raymond.

46
47 MR. STONEY: Okay, thank you, Mr.
48 Chairman.

49
50 On this permit it says -- it's got the

1 deal in with the State and Federal so you need both
2 permits from the State and Federal for this proposal or
3 just one permit?

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5 MR. MCKEE: Just one permit. The
6 registration permit is a State permit, it's a State
7 subsistence registration permit. In fact, under the
8 State regulations it actually has it here -- I should
9 have had this ready to go in the discussion, but it
10 talks about, very specifically, that this is a -- it's
11 on Page 117 of the State regulations, under brown
12 grizzly bear, in pink right above RB-700, which is the
13 registration permit number, it says: In addition to
14 other regulations, subsistence regulations apply to the
15 following residents only hunt. So that's the permit
16 we're talking about so it is a State registration
17 permit, not a Federal permit.

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19 MR. STONEY: Otherwise it's --
20 otherwise it says you don't need a permit from the
21 Federal; is that correct?

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23 MR. MCKEE: Correct. There is no
24 Federal permit for this.

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26 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, anyone else
27 have questions. Go ahead, Mike.

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29 MR. KRAMER: You know, I don't think we
30 need a permit to hunt bears just as long as we have a
31 hunting license. There shouldn't be a permit because
32 at least this way if I harvest a bear in the parks up
33 in Kobuk Valley National Park then I should be know
34 where I've gotten it and I should be able to go over to
35 the Park Service and then either get it sealed for
36 subsistence or sealed for sporthunting. You know, we
37 have such a problem with bears as is, you know, why add
38 to the fire. You know, I think the way to keep it is,
39 you know, we should just be able to have hunting
40 licenses and then the place where it was taken is to be
41 determined as to where it should be sealed or claimed
42 as subsistence or, you know, as non-subsistence animal.

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44 That's all I have.

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46 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, Mike, I'll --
47 briefly. This is our proposal that's coming from us
48 and I understand what you're saying, thank you.

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50 Anyone else have any questions for him.

1 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Go ahead, Raymond.

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5 MR. STONEY: Okay. My final question
6 would be is this proposal is it just for local people
7 in the villages, not non-residents?

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9 MR. MCKEE: Yes. This is a Federal
10 proposal so it would apply to Federal public lands
11 specific to this proposal. Now, the regulation that I
12 just cited you under the State booklet is obviously a
13 State regulation but it is one that the Federal Board
14 has adopted, and so the Federal and State regulations
15 are the same, that is, they are in alignment.

16

17 MR. STONEY: It'd be just like a
18 hunting license that if you were a newcomer and you
19 spent one year in the state and then you authorize --
20 not authorize but you -- to have a permit for this
21 proposal?

22

23 MR. MCKEE: If you are on State land
24 you obviously can use a permit and if you're on Federal
25 land, as the regulations stand now, you can use this
26 permit for the subsistence harvest of brown bears, that
27 is, using it as a food source. Now, that doesn't --
28 there's a whole other regulation, State regulations
29 also apply to Federal lands and you can harvest under
30 the general harvest but then if you do that, like I
31 said before, then it has to be sealed. So whether that
32 is more of a burden or not is anybody's question, but
33 if you -- if you harvest under subsistence -- under the
34 subsistence permit that I've been talking about, there
35 is no requirement for sealing, as long as it's -- as
36 long as it's not removed from the subsistence area or
37 presented for commercial tanning; that's the
38 regulation. So as long as it stays in Unit 23 you
39 don't have to get it sealed.

40

41 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

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43 Percy, go ahead.

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45 MR. BALLOT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. This
46 proposal here was to try to make -- since we have so
47 much bears make it available for everybody and what I
48 understand is that if we put in subsistence -- the
49 concern here is reporting of the take to the State or
50 whoever. So if we put in that subsistence part there,

1 that's going to make things a lot more easier for
2 everybody?

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4 MR. MCKEE: Well, I think one of the
5 reasons we put it in there is just to make it clear to
6 differentiate between a subsistence harvest of the
7 species and the harvest of the species under the
8 general hunting regulations. Right now it just says a
9 State registration permit. That could be confused for
10 a permit hunt under other circumstances. So we're
11 really just trying to use that single word and then
12 eliminate the language in there that made it appear
13 with as if they had a choice, if they wanted to hunt
14 under subsistence regulations, which way to go, so
15 we're just trying to clarify that language.

16

17 But, again, if you do away with this
18 registration permit on Federal lands then you have --
19 you're creating more regulatory complexity, so the
20 State registration permit for the -- the State
21 subsistence registration permit, even I'm forgetting to
22 use the word, but if that happened, then the
23 registration permit would only apply to State lands,
24 you could no longer use that permit on Federal lands so
25 you'd have a difference in alignment and per discussion
26 the earlier, we try to -- we want to try to avoid
27 regulatory complexity for Federal users. It's already
28 complex enough to go out there with the differing land
29 ownerships to know what's going on so whenever possible
30 we try to align regulations, align seasons to avoid
31 that specific kind of confusion.

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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

34

35 Go ahead, Calvin.

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37 MR. MOTO: This subsistence hunting of
38 brown bear in our community would be moot because the
39 only time we ever get a brown bear or a black bear or
40 whatever is when they are a pest in our area. We don't
41 use bear meat for instance, and then we have -- we
42 usually call the biologist and he come and determine to
43 us whether we should destroy this animal or not, you
44 know. If they keep -- if they keep trying to come to
45 our village then he'll tell us go ahead. But we don't
46 use the meat, we've never -- maybe 100 years ago they
47 used to but not anymore in our village.

48

49 You got to realize these are the third
50 and fourth generation hunters and they don't -- they're

1 not reliant on bears at all there at that time.

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3 So just -- and this is -- applies to
4 the whole state, right?

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6 MR. MCKEE: No, this proposal is only
7 for Unit 23.

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9 MR. MOTO: Just for our unit?

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11 MR. MCKEE: Correct.

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13 MR. MOTO: Okay. I just -- so what I
14 would like to do is ask -- have Enoch ask for a Staff
15 recommendation on this.

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17 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, Calvin, the
18 time -- I think that'll be next. Any comment -- if the
19 rest of the Council members are done with the questions
20 I could move on to Department of Fish and Game comments
21 on this.

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23 Go ahead, Chris.

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25 MR. MCKEE: Through the Chair. Yes,
26 OSM's preliminary conclusion is to support this with
27 modification. Now, as I said before I understand if
28 this is confusing, but we're supporting it, but the
29 modification is to retain the permit, not to get rid of
30 it, and to clarify the language, making it clear that
31 this permit is for the subsistence harvest of brown
32 bears, not sport -- we're not talking sporthunting
33 here, we're talking for folks that want to hunt brown
34 bear to eat it -- eat. So I think it's -- I think that
35 might have been part of the confusion over the years.
36 Also it's possible that eliminating the tag fee
37 requirement might have made some think that we
38 eliminated the need for -- the State eliminated the
39 need for the permit, which is why some people might
40 have thought we were out of alignment, that's also not
41 the case.

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43 So, again, OSM's preliminary conclusion
44 is to support this with modification, to retain the
45 permit, but to clarify the language.

46

47 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you. Calvin, I
48 understand what you're saying but when we get down to
49 discussion, further down we could put a proposal to
50 support this or not, we'll vote on it.

1 So to go through the procedure I need
2 to go to the Department of Fish and Game. Any comments
3 from the Department of Fish and Game.

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5 MS. BURKE: Drew.

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7 MR. CRAWFORD: Yes, Mr. Chair. This is
8 Drew Crawford with the Department of Fish and Game in
9 Anchorage.

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11 The Department also supports Proposal
12 WP14-40 with the modifications as suggested by OSM.

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14 Over.

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16 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes, thank you.
17 Federally -- anyone from the Federal agency out there.

18
19 Go ahead, Brad.

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21 MR. SHULTS: Hi, Brad Shults with the
22 Park Service, National Park Service.

23
24 We concur with OSM on this and we'd
25 like to retain a reporting requirement.

26
27 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Brad.

28
29 Federal -- now from the Native, tribe
30 and village and others that are out there.

31
32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. I think our
35 comments were heard from the Advisory Group here.

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37 Anyone from the Regional Council.

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39 (No comments)

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41 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: If not, from our
42 local State Fish and Game Advisory Committee.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: If not, National Park
47 Service Subsistence Resource, SRC.

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49 (No comments)

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1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: If not, any written
2 comments on this proposal.
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4 MS. BURKE: Mr. Chair. There are no
5 written public comments that have been provided for
6 WP14-40.
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8 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.
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10 Okay, now it's open for motion --
11 recommendation for motion on this proposal here.
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13 Go ahead, Raymond.
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15 MR. STONEY: Mr. Chairman. I approve
16 Proposal WP14-40.
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18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes. So you're
19 making a motion to adopt, right?
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21 MR. STONEY: Yes.
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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Anyone second it.
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25 MR. CLEVELAND: Second.
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27 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Seconded by Verne.
28 Go ahead, Hannah.
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30 MS. LOON: also add with mod -- support
31 with modification and clarify the language.
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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes, with the
34 modification that's recommended by Chris.
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36 MR. MCKEE: Correct, thank you.
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38 MR. CLEVELAND: Call for question.
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40 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Question has been
41 called for, all in favor of this proposal signify by
42 saying aye.
43
44 IN UNISON: Aye.
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46 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Any oppose.
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48 (No opposing vote)
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50 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: I'm looking at you,

1 okay, thank you. Thank you, guys. Okay, back to the
2 other regional proposals, there's WP14-41, muskox. Go
3 ahead, Chris, you have the floor.

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5 MR. MCKEE: Thank you. I know that
6 this proposal is on your agenda, however, I would ask
7 for the RAC's indulgence at this point to not present
8 this proposal right now. There were actually eight
9 muskox proposals submitted this regulatory cycle. One
10 was for the Northwest Arctic, which is the one in front
11 of you now, and seven for the Seward Peninsula. Two of
12 the proposals on the Seward Peninsula have been
13 withdrawn. We have analyzed the proposals and
14 determined, after much discussion, that due to the
15 complexity of the issues additional analysis is needed
16 and we'll be conducting an .804 analysis for these
17 proposals. However, because of additional work load
18 and reduced Staffing in OSM, especially among the
19 anthropologists, we will not be presenting these
20 proposals to the Councils at the fall meeting. We have
21 a thorough analysis completed -- we will have the
22 analysis thoroughly completed for the winter meeting so
23 this will allow the Council to have all the pertinent
24 information prior to making a recommendation to the
25 Federal Subsistence Board. The Federal Board's
26 meeting, again, is going to be in April, so allowing us
27 some more time to do these .804s so we feel like we can
28 present a complete analysis to the RAC we feel is a
29 better way to go. And, again, I want to emphasize that
30 we're presenting these -- we'll be presenting this
31 proposal to you at your winter meeting so there will be
32 ample time for the RAC to give their recommendations to
33 the Board -- before the Board meeting in April.

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35 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So you want us to
36 table this until the winter meeting comes?

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38 MR. MCKEE: Correct.

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40 MR. CLEVELAND: I make.....

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42 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Go ahead, Verne.

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44 MR. CLEVELAND:a motion to table
45 this muskox WP14-41, table to the winter meeting.

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47 Thank you.

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49 MS. LOON: Seconded.

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1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Hannah.
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3 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.
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5 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Percy.
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7 MR. BALLOT: Can you clarify one more
8 time what you're saying, you need to find out more
9 information regarding this proposal?
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11 MR. MCKEE: Through the Chair, yes.
12 We're going to -- the OSM is going to be preparing an
13 .804 analysis for these proposals. Again, there is a
14 few -- there are other muskox proposals that we're
15 going to be presenting to the Seward Peninsula RAC, and
16 then the one proposal that's before you here that would
17 be presented to you guys, but we need to do further
18 analysis -- this .804 analysis to present a more
19 complete proposal to you -- to this RAC. So when we
20 do, we'll do that at the winter meeting and that'll
21 give you plenty of time to submit your recommendations
22 and comments so that the Federal Board will have --
23 will know your position, it'll be clear before the
24 Federal Board acts on this matter, on this proposal.
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26 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead,
27 Raymond.
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29 MR. STONEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
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31 I've got a very simple question. You
32 say recommend to table this proposal, that's for how
33 long, you got any idea how long it's going to be
34 tabled?
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36 MR. MCKEE: Until the winter meeting.
37 We're going to finish the analysis and then we'll come
38 back to you at the winter RAC meeting and present the
39 complete analysis to you so that you can consider it.
40
41 MR. STONEY: Thank you.
42
43 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So with the Council
44 -- wish of the Council, we need to vote on this for it
45 to be tabled to the winter meeting. So all in favor to
46 put this on the winter table -- winter proposals
47 signify by saying aye.
48
49 IN UNISON; Aye.
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1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Opposed.
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3 (No opposing votes)
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5 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: None. Okay, thank
6 you. Thank you.
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8 Go ahead.
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10 MS. BURKE: Mr. Chair. The Council is
11 now on Item No. 10B and we have the presenter who's
12 going to be on the phone from Anchorage, so we can get
13 everything back on track and get the computer set back
14 up, why don't we take a 10 minute break. I suggest a
15 10 minute break that way we can make sure the proper
16 Staff is on the phone.
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18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.
19 We'll take a 10 minute break.
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21 (Off record)
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23 (On record)
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25 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: I'll call this
26 meeting back to order. So, Amanda, you have someone
27 from outside who would like to do a public comment for
28 -- is it OSM.
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30 MS. BURKE: No, it's a member of the
31 public.
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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Oh, a member of the
34 public, welcome.
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36 Go ahead, Willie.
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38 MR. TOWKSJEA: My name is Willie
39 Towksjea and I'm a resident from Kotzebue. I've been
40 up early this morning and I turned on the TV and I seen
41 a lady from Nuiqsut, Alaska up there close to Barrow,
42 she said she was having problems with pipeline.
43 Pipeline, I don't know how much power they got but they
44 destroyed her -- part of her hunting land, where the
45 caribou used to roam. She said they used to go two
46 miles just out of village and go hunt caribou but what
47 the Pipeline did, without no respect, they tear down a
48 whole hillside and the caribou used to go through the
49 hillside and that's where they used to go hunt, but
50 what happened was the pipeline, they tore it all up and

1 used the gravel for the road and now she say she can't
2 go hunting there no more because the caribou go inside
3 the big hole and never get out.

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5 I don't know why the pipeline have no
6 respect for the land up there in Alaska.

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8 I know her comments were strong because
9 she used to go hunt there and I don't know how much
10 power that the Alaska here -- or Fish and Wildlife
11 Service have power over the pipeline people. The
12 people have no respect for our land. They tear up all
13 the caribou room and many times over I heard over the
14 radio that they put lots of oil all over the land.
15 That's where we always hunt and fish because my -- my
16 family come from Point Lay to Point Hope to Kotzebue
17 and i talk to villages up there and they say that
18 they're neglecting caribou because the pipeline
19 destroys their migration ways and I hope to hear that
20 -- where is the pipeline have to stop doing things for
21 hurting our people, where is the law between all the
22 things they're doing up there to destroy our land.

23

24 Secondly. I wish to say that I live
25 down here Front Street, Alaska, in Kotzebue and I see
26 lots of hunters come by. They come past my house with
27 camouflage clothes and walk down and go hunt caribou
28 and they do a lot of hunting up here, and they do a lot
29 of getting caribou -- they're up here for sports. What
30 I was concerned about is when they go hunt with
31 airplane and they come back to Kotzebue and they give
32 out the meat to our people, but what is in that bag,
33 it's not fresh meat, it's no good to eat. They have
34 taken home their antlers and they leave us rotten meat
35 to give away to us. Because I was living on food
36 stamps, I tried to go up there and get meat but it was
37 no good. No good to cook. I wish they could regulate
38 those airplane hunters to find out -- they're here to
39 make money, but they're not here to help us Natives.
40 If anybody could make -- help me to understand the two
41 things -- explain about Nuiqsut and Kotzebue for
42 caribou.

43

44 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you
45 Willie.

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47 And I'll tell you one thing, we feel
48 for you at North Slope, but we, here, worry about
49 Northwest Alaska. We have no jurisdiction at North
50 Slope. So we hear what you're saying, we understand

1 what you're saying, we will concur with you. We will.
2 That's all I could really say. And, thank you for your
3 comments, Willie.

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5 MR. STONEY: Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, back to the
8 agenda we'll go on B, 2014 Fisheries Resource
9 Monitoring Plan for 2014.

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11 MS. BURKE: Okay, Trent, go ahead.

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13 MR. LIEBICH: Okay, good afternoon, Mr.
14 Chair and members of the Council. Are you guys able to
15 hear me all right.

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17 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yo.

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19 MR. LIEBICH: Yes, okay. My name is
20 Trent Liebich. I'm a fish biologist with the Office of
21 Subsistence Management. I'm just going to talk you
22 through some of the draft Fisheries Resource Monitoring
23 Plan for 2014. So if you go in your meeting book
24 materials to Page 52 you can see the information that's
25 been provided on the Resource Monitoring Plan, and
26 there's a lot of information here in this meeting
27 material so I'm just going to go through a little
28 fraction of it and highlight some of the information.

29

30 Okay, we have several projects
31 submitted and this Resource Monitoring Plan is
32 statewide, all I'm going to cover today is just the
33 northern region, and that northern region includes the
34 North Slope, the Northwest Arctic and the Seward
35 Peninsula.

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37 Each of the projects that were
38 submitted were evaluated for four factors and those
39 factors are provided, if you turn to Page 53, you can
40 see four factors starting with the first being
41 strategic priority. The projects must address the
42 information need related to Federal subsistence
43 management. Second factor being technical and
44 scientific merit and the project being evaluated for
45 scientific rigor and it's clarity of purpose. The
46 third factor, the investigator's ability and resources.
47 The investigators must have the ability to complete the
48 proposed work. And the fourth factor that we're
49 evaluating is partnership capacity building. So the
50 project must have participation and support from local

1 organizations. Those are provided on Page 53.

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3 If you'll turn to Page 76 and look at
4 Table 5. It's the second half of the page there on 76.
5 Table 5 shows a list of investigation plans submitted
6 for consideration by the Technical Review Committee.
7 There are five submitted for the northern region. Of
8 the five that were submitted, three were recommended
9 for funding. There's other tables provided here that
10 summarize completed project and ongoing projects in the
11 northern Alaska region. We're just going to continue
12 and talk about these three projects that were
13 recommended for funding.

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15 So we're on 76 now, if you turn back to
16 Page 57, on Page 57 you'll see -- it starts there,
17 there's a description of the investigation plans that
18 were submitted for consideration.

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20 So the three investigation plans that
21 were recommended for funding, following Page 57 -- the
22 first one is on Page 60 and that is Project 14-101, it
23 is the Unalakleet River chinook salmon escapement
24 assessment. Funding for this project would be used to
25 continue operation of the floating weir on the
26 Unalakleet River to monitoring chinook salmon passage.
27 Daily counts from the weir are used for in-season
28 chinook salmon management, and the long-term goal of
29 the weir is to develop biological escapement goals.

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31 The next project that was recommended
32 for funding is on Page 66 of your meeting materials
33 book and that is Project 14-103, it's the Beaufort Sea
34 Dolly Varden dispersal pattern. This project collects
35 baseline information on the movements of Dolly Varden
36 and their summer oceanic habitat using satellite
37 technology. The investigators would use the
38 information to describe temporal and spacial
39 distribution of Dolly Varden in the Beaufort Sea. The
40 information would be used to help managers to better
41 understand potential interactions among Dolly Varden
42 populations and human activities.

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44 The third project recommended for
45 funding is on Page 69, this is Project 14-104 Selawik
46 River sheefish population assessment. This project, as
47 many of you know, there's a large permafrost thaw that
48 has slumped into the Selawik River causing the river to
49 become turbid and potentially destroying habitat for
50 spawning sheefish. Information from this project would

1 be used to assess the long-term effects of the
2 permafrost slump on the spawning success of sheefish.
3 This is a continuation of a project started in 2012.

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5 That's my summary of the three projects
6 that were recommended for funding. It is a draft of
7 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program and it is an
8 action item so I think, from my understanding, we need
9 a motion to recommend the draft 2014 Fisheries Resource
10 Monitoring Program for funding.

11
12 That's all I have for you, Mr. Chair,
13 thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you. And I
16 have one question for you, maybe LeeAnne have an open
17 bank book on this sheefish age structure and spawning
18 abundance because they don't have a dollar amount, they
19 have it zero and the other two have dollar amount which
20 adds to 271,000 and I was wondering what was going to
21 be the cost to do the Selawik River sheefish because
22 here it.....

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24 MR. LIEBICH: I think the funding for
25 this year is still -- because this is a continuation
26 project that started in 2012.

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28 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay.

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30 MR. LIEBICH: So it might be carryover
31 funding from the first initial set of funding.....

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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. The reason why
34 I asked that.....

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36 MR. LIEBICH:and then a
37 continuation beyond that.

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39 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT:is I didn't see
40 a dollar amount.

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42 MR. LIEBICH: I can look into the
43 details.

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45 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

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47 Is there any questions from the Board
48 here.

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50 MR. BALLOT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I'm

1 just wondering he gave three recommendations to fund
2 but how do you determine what projects get funded?

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4 MR. LIEBICH: Okay. So it starts with
5 -- let me turn back here. I think it's in the meeting
6 book so can follow along together.

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8 If you look on Page 52 in your meeting
9 materials, the mission of the Monitoring Program is to
10 identify and provide information needed to sustain
11 subsistence fisheries on Federal public lands for rural
12 Alaskans through multi-disciplinary collaborative
13 programs. The funding comes out biennially. And
14 there's priority information needs that are set for how
15 to choose the projects and those information needs are
16 developed through strategic planning efforts or by
17 expert opinion, and then there's a review and comment
18 by the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils. I think
19 for the northern region, again, this is happening
20 statewide so this is broken into the northern region,
21 which is, the North Slope, Northwest Arctic and also
22 the Seward Peninsula. So for the northern region those
23 priority information needs were developed from expert
24 opinions of the Regional Advisory Councils, the
25 Technical Review Committee, Federal and State managers
26 and also Staff in the Office of Subsistence Management.
27 So there's several people involved in setting those
28 priority information needs. And we have the four
29 factors that I mentioned for evaluating the studies but
30 we also have the priority information needs for
31 northern Alaska set here.

32

33 If you turn to Page 57 of your meeting
34 materials at the very top of the page, the issues and
35 information needs for 2014, the funding opportunity for
36 the northern regions, the three priorities are provided
37 there, it's baseline and ongoing harvest assessment and
38 monitoring of subsistence fisheries in the Northwest
39 Arctic and the North Slope regions to supplement
40 available information. The second being historic
41 trends and variability in harvest locations, harvest
42 and uses of nonsalmon fish, particularly for North
43 Slope communities, and the third Inupiaq natural
44 history of fish land use, placename mapping, species
45 distribution and methods for and timing of harvest
46 Inupiaq natural history of fish.

47

48 Does that help answer your question?

49

50 MR. BALLOT: Yeah.

1 MR. LIEBICH: Okay, thank you.

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3 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: I have a question for
4 you, so you're asking our recommendation to approve for
5 these fundings or not, because like I always state I
6 don't know how Barrow, North Slope feels about funding
7 this proposal, and if they -- if we support it and they
8 don't support it, so how are we going to look if we're
9 trying to approve North Slope and, yet, they're in
10 North Slope and we're in Northwest Alaska. It's the
11 same thing with the Unalakleet River, chinook salmon,
12 proposal. So I would like to ask you, well, what those
13 -- the Advisory Council, how did they go, did they
14 support this or not?

15

16 MR. LIEBICH: From what I know the
17 North Slope meeting is going today and I don't know
18 what the outcome of that is, their decision on these
19 funding recommendations.

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21 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, because you're
22 asking us for a recommendation for the funding. I
23 could give you a recommendation for the Selawik
24 Wildlife Refuge right now that I will approve it
25 because it's in my region and we would know -- we would
26 like to know their spawning areas and, you know,
27 abundance of our sheefish, whether they're stable or
28 not. The reason why I say that there's possibly market
29 -- market for sheefish here and we want to know the
30 abundance and so I'm going to work on that later, at a
31 different time, on our sheefish, that's why I got great
32 interest in it, and I want to know if there's enough
33 resources before we open it commercially.

34

35 MR. LIEBICH: Okay.

36

37 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: And so I will have to
38 turn to the Council to ask what they recommend because
39 if they're going to vote for North Slope and Unalakleet
40 I will debate to whether approve it or not because I
41 would like to hear what Barrow say first before I
42 approve them. I will support whatever Barrow approves
43 on, yea or nay. Same thing with Unalakleet, I will
44 approve or not how they -- their Council feel about
45 this. And I wish they would feel the same way I did
46 because I don't -- I might not recommend Selawik but
47 Unalakleet might support it, you hear what I'm saying.
48 So I can't.....

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50 MR. LIEBICH: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT:understand the
2 agencies trying to tell us how to decide for outside
3 the Council, Northwest Alaska, and you guys always try
4 to turn it to the whole state. This whole state is
5 large and I always say that over and over. So what's
6 happened next, with the next RAC recommendation is what
7 I'm really asking.

8
9 MS. BURKE: Trent, this is Melinda.
10 Maybe it might be helpful to just explain what happens
11 after the recommendations come from the Councils and
12 that might help clarify a little bit.

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14 MR. LIEBICH: So, yeah, the
15 recommendations from the Council will then go and be
16 voted on by the Federal Subsistence Board later this
17 year, or this next winter.

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19 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So if you guys.....

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21 MR. LIEBICH: The decisions today
22 aren't final on the funding, the Federal Board.....

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24 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Sorry for the
25 interruption. So if you guys decide at your Federal --
26 under the other Federal level you will say Northwest
27 Alaska support this or not then, is that what you're
28 saying?

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30 MR. LIEBICH: Yeah. So I think your
31 recommendations today will be moved up to the Federal
32 Subsistence Board where the final decisions will be
33 made.

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35 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

36
37 Go ahead, Verne.

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39 MR. CLEVELAND: And when's the Federal
40 Subsistence Board meeting.

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42 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: December, right.

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44 MR. LIEBICH: I don't have a date on
45 that. Maybe, Carl, do you know?

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47 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: I know it's during
48 the winter but winter follows fall so.....

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50 MR. CLEVELAND: I met with them last

1 year, I can't even remember what was the dates.

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3 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair. The Federal
4 Subsistence Board will be meeting to discuss the
5 Federal -- the FRMP proposals in mid-January, which is
6 separate from its later meeting that it'll have in
7 April on the wildlife proposals and the rural
8 determination issue.

9

10 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you. So
13 you're asking for our recommendation, and I think you
14 hear what I'm saying, before North Slope decide, it's
15 hard for me to decide. Is there a way after North
16 Slope decided which way they want to go and maybe you
17 could take a poll vote with us over the phone to decide
18 how we should go about this.

19

20 Go ahead, Amanda.

21

22 MS. BURKE: Mr. Chair. The North Slope
23 will actually be adjourning today at 5:00 o'clock. If
24 you'd like we can table this until tomorrow and I can
25 find out from the coordinator how they went on the FRMP
26 proposals if you wish.

27

28 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you. And the
29 rest of you Board members, how do you feel about this,
30 are you going to vote we wait on this or -- go ahead,
31 Verne.

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33 MR. CLEVELAND: Yeah, I'd like to hear
34 what they say in North Slope about it, Melinda, and
35 we'll table it until tomorrow and find out and then we
36 can vote on it. That'd be a good idea.

37

38 Thanks.

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40 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. A motion to
41 table this until tomorrow.

42

43 MR. CLEVELAND: That was my motion.

44

45 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: That was your motion,
46 Verne.

47

48 Go ahead, Hannah.

49

50 MS. LOON: It would be inappropriate

1 for me from Selawik to vote on behalf of Unalakleet and
2 the other areas, except our own region.

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4 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: That's just strongly
5 the way I feel about it. Go ahead, Calvin.

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7 MR. MOTO: I have a feeling they may
8 have the same opinion.....

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10 MR. HENRY: Hello.

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12 MR. MOTO:because I think what we
13 should do is table it until the conference with the
14 North Slope somehow and then find out what they want to
15 do because they might have the same idea, we don't know
16 what the Northwest Alaska want to do.

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18 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, Calvin, yeah,
19 that's what we're saying.

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21 MR. HENRY: Hello.

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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead out
24 there.

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26 MR. HENRY: Hello.

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28 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead.

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30 MR. HENRY: Remember when the
31 Department of Motor Vehicles had a meeting with KOTZ in
32 December of 2011, somewhere around there, they said
33 that they were going to confiscate everybody's boat,
34 fourwheeler and whatever if they didn't register them
35 with Kotzebue, the whole -- all the villages, well, do
36 you know they were bluffing. This is a bluff too. The
37 Federal is bluffing you people. We don't have to have
38 subsistence hunting. We don't have to have hunting
39 licenses, the Inupiaq people. We have the right to put
40 food on our table without any interference from
41 outsider, foreign people. Plain and simple. No
42 authority. None. Just like the DMV is bluffing,
43 they're bluffing too.

44
45 Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you. And
48 what we're trying to do here is how we should decide,
49 how we should go and what I'm trying to say is I'm not
50 going to decide for North Slope which way they should

1 go, I'm going to worry about Kotzebue until after they
2 decide which way to go and we're going to table this
3 until tomorrow and she will find out which way it's
4 going to go and we will revisit this until tomorrow.

5
6 Okay, for Verne's motion I need a
7 second.

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9 MR. KRAMER: Second.

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11 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Seconded by Mike.

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13 MR. STONEY: Question.

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15 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Question's been
16 called for.

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18 MR. BALLOT: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, Percy, go
21 ahead.

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23 MR. BALLOT: In regards to the motion
24 to table, the three items that he proposes that he was
25 -- regarding to fund -- recommending to fund for the
26 Selawik area, it has a zero amount and I was just
27 wondering what.....

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29 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, this zero
30 amount is what -- the way I understand it, it's already
31 in working stages and it was probably approved last
32 year that's why that's a zero. It's an ongoing.....

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34 MR. BALLOT: Okay.

35
36 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT:project that's
37 already happening. Otherwise if it's keeping zero,
38 LeeAnne will have an open bank account on this and she
39 could do anything she want, no cost to it, that's just
40 the way I see it. The way I'm going to translate it.
41 And, you're right, this is an ongoing project, that's
42 why there's no dollar amount. What we really -- what
43 we're really going to decide on is the Dolly Varden and
44 the Unalakleet River chinook, but like I stated, I
45 can't vote until after I hear which way North Slope
46 voted and we'll work on this tomorrow.

47
48 And there was a motion out there so we
49 need to vote on this for yea, I need your yes or no on
50 this motion to wait to table it tomorrow is -- all in

1 favor of this motion until tomorrow.
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3 IN UNISON: Aye.
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5 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Any nay's.
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7 (No opposing votes)
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9 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: No nay's. So we'll
10 wait until after we hear from the North Slope and see
11 what they say tomorrow. So we'll have to amend our
12 agenda in the morning to talk about this again.
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14 Okay, on the phone, are you ready to go
15 out there.
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17 MS. BURKE: Palma.
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19 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Trent.
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21 MS. BURKE: Palma.
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23 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Palma.
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25 MR. LIEBICH: Yeah.
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27 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, Palma, are
28 you.....
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30 MS. INGLES: Yes, I can hear you now,
31 can you hear me?
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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes.
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35 MS. INGLES: Okay. Good afternoon, Mr.
36 Chair and member of the Council. I'm Palma Ingles.
37 I'm the coordinator of the Partners for Fisheries
38 Monitoring Program. I believe you have a handout in
39 front of you. We did not get that into the RAC books
40 but this is -- I'm going to talk you through a little
41 bit of information on the Partners Program.
42
43 We have -- currently have five units,
44 or five Native organizations that are funded through
45 OSM that have partners and the program was originally
46 created to build capacity with rural communities so
47 that people in the rural subsistence communities could
48 become more involved with subsistence fisheries
49 research and the management of the fisheries. And we
50 have a competitive grant process that's funding these

1 projects for up to four years. And currently, as I
2 mentioned we have five Native organizations that are
3 funded through this and so once the Native organization
4 or any rural community organization applies and
5 receives the funding from us, they, in turn, hire a
6 fisheries social scientist, a biologist or a fisheries
7 educator and those become our partners. The partners
8 live in the community where their funding is located
9 and they work directly with the community members that
10 are involved in that area. And they provide an
11 important link between the Federal Subsistence Program
12 and rural Alaskans.

13

14 The partners, themselves, usually have,
15 depending on what discipline they're in, they have at
16 least a bachelors, some of them have Master's degrees.
17 Many of them that we have hired over the years have
18 extensive experience working with different fish weirs
19 and fish counting towers and different types of
20 fisheries projects and they serve as one of the
21 investigators on Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program
22 projects.

23

24 One of the goals of the project is to
25 do outreach with the communities and these partners are
26 on the ground as a resource to the local subsistence
27 users. So any time we have regulations that are
28 changing within fisheries, if you're in an area that
29 has a partner it gives you someone to call directly and
30 ask questions to. The partners typically will come to
31 the local RAC meetings and do presentations about the
32 fisheries research that they do each summer, and they
33 also provide an important avenue for local use to
34 become involved with the Fisheries Resource Monitoring
35 Program, and they have different opportunities, these
36 include they have a high school program in some of the
37 areas where students can go out and work for a week or
38 two at a fish weir or fish counting tower or some type
39 of fisheries research project and then we also have
40 college internships for local students where students
41 of college age can work the whole summer at one of our
42 fisheries projects. So this encourages students to
43 become more involved with the fisheries management
44 issues in their area. Some of the students go on to
45 earn degrees in fisheries management, whether it's
46 natural resource management, human dimension side of
47 things, different degrees. Some of them decide after
48 one summer out in the field they don't want to work
49 with fish at all, which is important. But it gives a
50 really good opportunity for local students to become

1 involved with the process and it also provides some
2 local jobs for students in the summer.

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4 The most important thing is all of the
5 outreach, whether students or elders or whomever within
6 the communities, they're there as a resource for the
7 people.

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9 Our next call for proposals will be
10 listed in 2014. In that funding cycle then we will
11 decide in 2015 who to award funding to and it'll start
12 January 1st, 2016. You know, we -- as I said, we do
13 consider the partners a very important link and they
14 are an important link back to OSM to tell us about
15 local concerns regarding fisheries resource and
16 management. And I think any other questions you might
17 have could be answered in the handout that we gave you.
18 So is there any questions.

19
20 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank.....

21
22 MS. INGLES: All right, hearing none,
23 thank you very much, Mr. Chair and Council members.

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25 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Hang on a minute, I'm
26 going to ask the rest of the Board if they have any
27 questions for you, you never know what's going to
28 happen.

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30 MS. INGLES: I moved to fast, okay.

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32 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Are you in that hurry
33 to leave us, we got an hour yet.

34
35 (Laughter)

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37 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. Any of the
38 members here have a question for, what's her name,
39 Palma.

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41 MS. INGLES: Palma.

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43 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Palma, sorry.

44
45 MS. INGLES: Yeah.

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47 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: No questions, you're
48 lucky.

49
50 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Hold it, we got one.

2

3 MS. INGLES: Well, I'd be happy to
4 enter -- entertain any and try to -- my best to answer
5 them if you do have questions.

6

7 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, we got one, go
8 ahead, Mike.

9

10 MR. KRAMER: How many years is, you
11 know, your guys studies going to be and, you know, the
12 other question I have are you guys going to rotate
13 between all different types of species of fish and in
14 different areas with this game management unit. And,
15 you know, I think a lot of times you could even involve
16 the community when it comes down to, you know, tagging
17 some of these species of fish that we survive on and it
18 would also benefit the kids out there in the villages
19 that can learn about the tagging process and I think it
20 would be an interesting thing to get reports back, you
21 know, from the different agencies as to how these
22 projects are going.

23

24 That's all I have, thank you.

25

26 MS. INGLES: We do -- each of the
27 units, as I say right now we only have funding to
28 provide for five partners and so it's a competitive
29 process. Any community can apply for this funding and
30 then they would house the partner within their agency.
31 So they put in the proposals to the Fisheries Resource
32 Monitoring Plan and they work with local constituents
33 to say, well, you know, we want to be able to do a
34 sheefish study so they would base their proposals on
35 what the local people are telling them needs to be
36 studied in their area. Or also they would respond to
37 what we've already listed or what the RACs have already
38 listed as critical needs for studying so it's very --
39 it's a systematic process. We try to respond with the
40 research based on what people perceive their needs are.

41

42 And we have had students who have
43 worked with some of the tagging projects. For the
44 spring meeting we can give you a list of names and
45 contacts. I believe with the handout they did give you
46 a list of the various partners that we have and those
47 partners hire the students and they start hiring
48 usually about in January. But we can give the
49 information to the RACs, again, for the winter meetings
50 that will give you the name and contact information for

1 students to contact these people and see if there's any
2 job opportunities in the summer.

3

4 MR. BALLOT: This is Percy Ballot. Do
5 you provide for the biologists, the specialists too
6 that work with the program?

7

8 MS. INGLES: Yes. We -- the agency,
9 whether it's a Native corporation or rural development
10 agency, if they apply for the funding and they're
11 awarded the funding then they -- I work with them
12 directly to hire either a fisheries biologist or a
13 fisheries social scientist or a fisheries educator. So
14 that group decides when they submit the proposal to us
15 to begin with what they would -- who they would like to
16 hire, you know, if they want -- you know, which of
17 those three areas they want to cover.

18

19 Does that answer your question?

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21 MR. BALLOT: To follow up, you said the
22 next call would be 2014 to apply for.....

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24 MS. INGLES: Yes. We will put the call
25 out next fall. I'm -- I think it's going to come out
26 the end of November, first part of December, the
27 proposal then will be due to us -- we haven't set up
28 the dates but I'm going by the last call, but the dates
29 -- it'll be due somewhere roughly between mid-May --
30 mid-april to mid-May and then by September we will make
31 a decision on who we're going to award the money to and
32 then the new awards will start January 1st, 2016.

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34 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, anyone else.

35

36 Go ahead, Calvin.

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38 MR. MOTO: In other words, 2014
39 allotment's already filled up, you don't have any way
40 to add on another for 2014 or is it closed?

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42 MS. INGLES: For right now it's closed
43 because we run -- this particular program runs on a
44 four year funding cycle as compared to two year which
45 many of our other projects run on. So this funding
46 cycle started in 2012 so we're on the second year of
47 this funding cycle. And we keep hoping we will get
48 more funding to fund the Partners Program because
49 eventually we would love to have a partner in each
50 region. We have found that they have been very

1 effective in working with the local people, keeping
2 people informed, letting people know what kind of
3 fisheries research is going on in their area and the
4 good connection for the students in the area.

5
6 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.
7 Enoch here. I have a question for you, you said you
8 could have up to five partners, but I.....

9
10 MS. INGLES: Correct.

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12 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT:wanted to see
13 how much are you going to -- within each partner, how
14 much are you going to dish out for each partner, up
15 to.....

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17 MS. INGLES: We currently.....

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19 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT:how much?

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21 MS. INGLES:they can apply for
22 funding of up to \$150,000 per year and that would cover
23 the salary for the partners plus the programs they're
24 doing, such as, you know, paying for the internships
25 for college students are paid internships and so the
26 payment, even though they work with the FRMP projects
27 the payment comes out of the partners budget. The
28 partners also work with the local school systems. They
29 provide packets of information on fisheries. They go
30 in and teach classes at times with the science
31 teachers. So we allow up to a hundred -- they can
32 apply for up to \$150,000 per year, so it would be up to
33 \$600,000 for the four year grant.

34
35 Okay, any other questions.

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37 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Enoch here, I got one
38 more. Because I always -- I've been trying to get
39 funding for awhile -- we worry about the fish at Aggie,
40 due to the sores they have out there so I could apply
41 and so by 2105 it'll probably be denied or approved,
42 2015 so I could.....

43
44 MS. INGLES: Right. You would know in
45 2015 whether or not your agency received the grant,
46 correct.

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48 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you. So
49 you're approving people out there, all they all Federal
50 agencies or who do I have to butter up to get approved?

1 MS. INGLES: What we're looking for is
2 an organization where we can house the partner and so
3 sometimes that's a community development corporation.
4 Currently we have five Native organizations that have
5 the funding from us such as Kuskokwim Native
6 Association or Bristol Bay Native Association, they're
7 the ones who applied for the funding and then the
8 partner is actually an employee of that Native
9 Corporation and they work directly for them although
10 I'm very involved in the hiring of that person.

11
12 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So you are mentioning
13 the local IRAs in each village, so nonprofit is
14 Maniilaq, can I apply from Maniilaq then?

15
16 MS. INGLES: I'm sorry you were
17 breaking up on the phone, I did not hear you correctly.

18
19 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: I'm trying to think
20 -- so it's mostly the IRA villages you are mentioning
21 here but I work for Maniilaq and I have interest of
22 doing things so in order for me to apply I would have
23 to go through my local IRA to get this funding?

24
25 MS. INGLES: Correct, uh-huh.

26
27 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank.....

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29 MS. INGLES: And then they would in
30 turn.....

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32 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT:you.

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34 MS. INGLES:they would write
35 their proposal saying that they would like to hire a
36 fish biologist or a fisheries anthropologist and they
37 would put that in their proposal, who they would like
38 to hire to do the research.

39
40 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you.

41
42 MR. BALLOT: Isn't Maniilaq a rural
43 organization, doesn't that fit in the book there,
44 Maniilaq's a non.....

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46 MS. INGLES: Any rural
47 organization.....

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49 MR. BALLOT:profit organization
50 within our region.

1 MS. INGLES:any of the
2 organizations in the rural communities can apply.
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4 MR. BALLOT: The other question I
5 wanted to follow.....
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7 MS. INGLES: It can.....
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9 MR. BALLOT:through on this
10 question, Paula is that -- Palma, is that we're
11 surrounded.....
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13 MS. INGLES: It's Palma, correct.
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15 MR. BALLOT: Palma. We're surrounded
16 by State land but we got Federal land like surrounded
17 by State lands -- got any points or you really just got
18 to be on Federal?
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20 MS. INGLES: I'm -- I'm sorry, my phone
21 is not doing well, I'm not -- can you repeat your
22 question?
23
24 MR. BALLOT: Some of our villages are
25 surrounded mostly by State land but we do have some
26 like BLM lands and stuff in there, Federal, so is -- do
27 you also do some of this stuff on State lands or do we
28 have to be on Federal lands?
29
30 MS. INGLES: It has to have a Federal
31 nexus to it but some of the research that we've done
32 has been on State lands because some of the partners --
33 some of the projects that have through the Fisheries
34 Resource Monitoring Program -- the Fisheries Resource
35 Monitoring Plan -- some of that research is conducted
36 by Fish and Game and so some of that is on State lands
37 and some is on Federal lands. So we also -- we have
38 projects that are on BLM land or Park Service land or
39 Fish and Wildlife land.
40
41 MR. BALLOT: I just have one more.
42 When you say competitive what are your criteria for
43 points or whatever, I mean Federal land but is there
44 anything else?
45
46 MS. INGLES: Hello. Somebody's on the
47 line. Hello. Hello, hello, somebody is on the line.
48
49 MS. BURKE: Clarence, can you put
50 yourself on mute, please.

1 (Laughter)
2
3 MS. INGLES: Hello, somebody needs to
4 mute their line. Hello.
5
6 MS. BURKE: Clarence.
7
8 (Laughter)
9
10 MS. INGLES: Excuse me, hello.
11 Somebody is talking on the line about dates and trying
12 to set up something.
13
14 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Clarence.
15
16 MS. BURKE: Can all the agency folks
17 please put yourself on mute if you're not Palma.
18
19 (Laughter)
20
21 MS. INGLES: Melinda. Melinda. Hello.
22 Hello. Whoever just said they're listening to the
23 Northwest RAC we're hearing you.
24
25 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, are you done
26 Clarence, let's put it that way.
27
28 (Laughter)
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30 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Hey Clarence --
31 Clarence what we're asking you is to put your phone on
32 mute.
33
34 (Laughter)
35
36 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Hello, Clarence.
37 He's got us on mute.
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39 (Laughter)
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41 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Amanda, maybe you
42 have to call him, he's got us on mute, I think.
43
44 (Laughter)
45
46 MS. INGLES: Hello. Hello.
47
48 MS. BURKE: Clarence, can you please
49 put your phone on mute, can you hear us, we can hear
50 you.

1 (Laughter)
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3 MS. INGLES: We heard your whole phone
4 conversation, Clarence.
5
6 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead, Percy
7 -- oh, you had your question answered already, or you
8 got an answer -- no.
9
10 MR. BALLOT: She didn't answer me.
11
12 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. Okay, Palma,
13 so you need to answer Percy if.....
14
15 MS. INGLES: Okay, could you repeat the
16 question please.
17
18 MR. BALLOT: I guess I was mentioning
19 about State lands versus -- what are the criteria, you
20 said Federal lands and is there -- and when you said
21 competitive, what are the competitive points that kind
22 of make up a good.....
23
24 MS. INGLES: A good proposal.
25
26 MR. BALLOT: Yes.
27
28 MS. INGLES: What I can do -- Melinda
29 would it be okay for me to give you all of that
30 information from the last call and you could send it to
31 the Council members?
32
33 MS. BURKE: Definitely.
34
35 MS. INGLES: Okay. I could actually
36 send that to you by -- you're checking emails, correct?
37
38 MS. BURKE: Yep.
39
40 MS. INGLES: Okay. I will pull that up
41 and I can send you the call that we sent out for our
42 last round of funding and then you can have that there
43 for them tomorrow; does that work?
44
45 MS. BURKE: Definitely.
46
47 MS. INGLES: Okay. Why don't I do
48 that. When I hang up I will go ahead and send that to
49 you by email and that list -- we might change the
50 criteria slightly but overall that will still have the

1 very same points that we're trying to hit on for the
2 criteria.

3

4 MR. BALLOT: Just a follow up. They
5 study all over except Buckland.

6

7 (No comments)

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9 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, are you done
10 Percy.

11

12 MR. BALLOT: Yes.

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14 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Palma.

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16 MS. INGLES: You're welcome, thank you
17 very much, Mr. Chair and Council members and have a
18 good meeting.

19

20 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yes, thank you. And
21 I.....

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23 MS. INGLES: My contact information is
24 on that sheet if you have any comments or questions for
25 me directly you can contact me at any time but
26 otherwise I'll provide Melinda with information that
27 she can share with everybody tomorrow on the criteria
28 because it's good to go ahead and start thinking about
29 this and how one of these partners may fit into your
30 region for the next round of funding.

31

32 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

33

34 MS. INGLES: All right, thank you very
35 much.

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37 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Go ahead, Amanda --
38 Melinda.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MS. BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
43 We're going to take things just a little bit out of
44 order to finish up our first day of the Northwest
45 Arctic Council meeting. What we're going to do is we
46 had a -- we have a tie-breaker that we need to clear up
47 for our position of Secretary. We had a tie this
48 morning with Michael Kramer and Hannah Loon and our
49 tie-breaking Council member joined us this afternoon
50 and the winner is Hannah, so Hannah, congratulations

1 you are our Secretary.

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(Applause)

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MS. BURKE: So now that that one is
6 taken care of, I think if it's okay with Ken we'll go
7 ahead and do the SRC appointments and then to finish
8 off, Carl Johnson's going to come back up and give us a
9 quick overview of what's going to happen tonight for
10 the hearing. We'd like to remind everyone who is
11 listening in on the radio that there is going to be a
12 public hearing this evening on the rural determination
13 review. The teleconference number to call into that is
14 1-877-638-8165, the passcode is 9060609 and that
15 opportunity is going to start this evening at 7:00
16 p.m., so just to remind everybody out on the radio that
17 this is your opportunity to call in and comment on the
18 rural determination review process.

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So let's go ahead and have Ken Adkisson
21 come up and we can do the SRC appointments before our
22 rural determination summary.

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

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The National Park Service Cape
28 Krusenstern and Kobuk Valley Subsistence Resource
29 Commission each have one expired term of membership on
30 each Commission. And maybe before going further let me
31 -- for some of the new Council members or something,
32 folks who may not be exactly familiar with the
33 Subsistence Resource Commissions. These are bodies
34 that are set up under Title VIII of ANILCA just as your
35 Regional Council is and they're something unique to the
36 Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service doesn't have
37 them, BLM doesn't have them, but what Congress did,
38 recognizing sort of the special uniqueness of National
39 Park Monuments and National Park Units, up here we're
40 talking basically Cape Krusenstern National Monument
41 and Kobuk Valley National Park, Congress directed that
42 the Subsistence Resource Commissions be established to
43 provide guidance to the Park Service and the Secretary
44 on developing hunting programs for those National Park
45 Units that they have responsibility for. The
46 Subsistence Resource Commissions, we use them a lot too
47 to get advice and input into say management of the
48 Noatak National Preserve but technically there are no
49 Subsistence Resource Commissions for National
50 Preserves. The Commissions sort of function in

1 addition to your Council and they can develop
2 recommendations. In the normal course of things they
3 would develop a proposal of some kind and that would
4 feed into the Council's work here. And that's sort of
5 how the two relate. There's some specific requirements
6 for the hunting programs in terms of consultation,
7 public notice and other things that generally happen.
8 But the crux of it is, is a proposal would come out of
9 it and it will come to you folks for endorsement or
10 your input into it and hopefully eventually will get
11 fed up to the Federal Subsistence Board. In some
12 cases, though, it can be direct pipeline to the
13 Secretary of Interior, bypassing almost all of this
14 other stuff as far as some things.

15
16 I'll give you a really good example
17 even though you probably heard about it, was, a few
18 years ago the two Commissions up here wanted to enlarge
19 the Park Service resident zone areas, which in the case
20 of Cape Krusenstern was just three communities, in the
21 case of Kobuk Valley was a few more, but what the two
22 Commissions wanted to do was redefine the resident zone
23 community area for those two units as the entire NANA
24 region. and that was a long struggle that finally
25 resulted in changes in 36 CFR Federal Code of
26 Regulations relating to the Park Service's definition
27 of resident zone. So that's a case that basically went
28 right to the Secretary and back down through the
29 pipeline.

30
31 But another example was a few years ago
32 with the muskoxen hunt in Cape Krusenstern that began
33 with the Cape Krusenstern SRC and eventually was worked
34 through the Council here and it finally appeared as a
35 hunting regulation under the Federal Subsistence
36 Program adopted by the Federal Subsistence Board.

37
38 So kind of enough on the background but
39 each Council is made up of nine members, three of those
40 are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, three
41 of them are appointed by the Governor of the state of
42 Alaska and three of them are appointed by the Regional
43 Advisory Council in that region. And the requirements
44 for the Regional Advisory Council members are that:

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46 1. They're either a member of the
47 Regional Advisory Council, in other
48 words, come from your body.
49
50 2. They serve on a local Fish and Game

1 Advisory Committee, like the Kotzebue
2 or Upper Kobuk or Lower Kobuk or
3 Noatak, Kivalina State Fish and Game
4 Advisory Committee members.
5

6 3. And that they are familiar with the
7 subsistence uses in the area.
8

9 So what we're here this afternoon for
10 is to try to get two expired terms filled on one each
11 of those Commissions. And what we're looking for, we
12 don't have a whole lot of people applying for them but
13 we have these two that are expired. One of them on the
14 Kobuk Valley was held by Louie Komak of Ambler and the
15 other one for the Cape Krusenstern Commission was held
16 by Attamuk Shiedt. And both these individuals are
17 interested in continuing to serve on the Commissions.
18 They've been faithful members of those two Commissions
19 for many, many years and provide a valuable service and
20 we would like to see them reappointed to those
21 positions. So we don't have a lot of alternatives. If
22 you folks concur with that we just need your support
23 and to pass a proposal to reappoint them.
24

25 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: So you're
26 recommending that somebody come from this Board now
27 because my term is expired.
28

29 Go ahead, Percy.
30

31 MR. BALLOT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. I
32 think we know these guys.
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34 (Laughter)
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36 MR. BALLOT: I move to reappoint Louie
37 Komak and Attamuk to these Councils.
38

39 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: You're putting this
40 under the proposal for and it's going to be seconded
41 by.....
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43 MR. MOTO: (Waiving)
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45 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Seconded by Calvin.
46

47 MR. MOTO: Uh?
48

49 (Laughter)
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1 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Well, you were
2 waiving at me, I thought you were seconding it, so, if
3 not, Kramer -- Mike.
4
5 MR. KRAMER: I second the motion.
6
7 MR. BALLOT: For reappointment.
8
9 MR. MOTO: Oh, reappointments.
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11 MR. BALLOT: Louie Komak.
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13 MR. MOTO: I was trying to figure out
14 who was on there right now, you say Louie Komak and
15 Enoch.
16
17 MR. BALLOT: Yes.
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19 MR. MOTO: And who was the third?
20
21 MR. BALLOT: No, there's just two.
22
23 MR. MOTO: Just two, I thought there
24 were three.
25
26 MR. ADKISSON: No, that's correct,
27 there are just those two seats at the current time.
28
29 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, Calvin, two
30 come out of this Board.
31
32 MR. MOTO: Yeah, I recommend that, go
33 ahead.
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35 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay. I think we
36 have.....
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38 MR. MOTO: Yeah, I support it.
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40 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Percy proposed it and
41 it was seconded.
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43 MR. MOTO: Yeah, I move it.
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45 MS. LOON: Question.
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47 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, question's been
48 called for, so all in favor to reappoint Attamuk, me,
49 Enoch Shiedt and Louie Komak to sit in the SRC in favor
50 say aye.

1 IN UNISON: Aye.
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3 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Any opposed.
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5 (No opposing votes)
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7 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Ken.
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9 MR. ADKISSON: Thank you for your
10 continued support.
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12 MS. BURKE: Ken, do you need anything
13 written?
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15 MR. ADKISSON: Yeah, we'll provide you
16 with paperwork.
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18 MS. BURKE: Okay.
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20 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Ken, don't leave, I
21 just got a question for you. Is there any open --
22 other seats open because I thought there was another
23 seat open later, but not coming out of this Board here,
24 but coming out of from the public.
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26 MR. ADKISSON: Actually the Cape
27 Krusenstern Subsistence Resource Commission has one
28 open seat right now, vacancy, and I believe that's a
29 Secretarial appointment and we'll be looking to develop
30 a list of candidates for that. The, Commission, at its
31 last meeting gave us a recommendation of several names,
32 I can't remember who all those were right now but we'll
33 be looking for that and that's strictly a Secretarial
34 appointment. All of the Governor's appointees have
35 just recently been reconfirmed or new ones appointed,
36 so that's pretty well locked in for the next three
37 years. These people generally serve three year terms
38 and they can actually continue even after their term
39 expires but it -- or until replaced by the appointing
40 source, but it's better, I think, if people
41 periodically look at it and maybe have it -- you know,
42 just in case they have second thoughts or want to redo
43 it. There will be two appointments coming up, probably
44 within the next two meetings we'll be back before this
45 Council. We have terms coming up that expire later
46 this year for John Goodwin on the Cape Krusenstern --
47 or, no, to the Kobuk Valley Commission and Virgil Adams
48 of Noatak on the Cape Krusenstern Commission, and we'll
49 be looking to fill those potentially either with
50 reappointments or a list of other candidates.

1 Because one of the problems, I think
2 that's emerged in looking at this one is that they may
3 not meet the qualifications for the Regional Advisory
4 Council process. That means they could be appointed by
5 the Governor or the Secretary but they don't meet --
6 they may not because I haven't gotten confirmation yet
7 from the State on the membership of the most recent
8 membership rosters for the Advisory Committees, and
9 that's one of the hangups with that. So we'll be back
10 looking to fill two more and may need your suggestions
11 and advice and expand it so we may have to run it out
12 for awhile.

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14 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Ken.

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16 With this said are we done for the
17 evening or we're going to resume at 7:00 o'clock,
18 what's going on?

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20 MS. BURKE: Mr. Chair. The Council
21 will go ahead and -- Carl Johnson from OSM is going to
22 provide another quick summary of what's going to happen
23 tonight with the hearing with the rural determination
24 hearing. After Carl's summary is over we'll go ahead
25 and adjourn the Council meeting for the day and the
26 rural hearing will begin tonight at 7:00 o'clock here
27 in the Northwest Arctic Borough Chambers and we'll also
28 have the teleconference line available as well. And
29 anybody here in Kotzebue, we have meeting materials
30 here in the room for folks to come and pick up and
31 review before the hearing starts if they wish.

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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

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35 Go ahead, Carl.

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37 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
38 I'm actually going to deviate from that very slightly.
39 I was going to cover another item that the Council
40 added on the agenda this morning regarding nominations.

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42 For the benefit of the radio audience
43 and anybody else who may not be familiar, those people
44 who serve on the Regional Advisory Council are
45 appointed by the Secretary of the Interior with the
46 concurrence of the Secretary of Agriculture. This is a
47 process we go through every year. We open up for
48 nominations and applications in the fall starting with
49 the fall meetings and we have applications that are
50 available on line, we also have some here in the room

1 but we also have -- shortly we'll be mailing them out
2 to a distribution list of over 1,500 different tribes,
3 Native organizations, Native Corporations and other
4 entities and invite them to distribute them to their
5 communities, to even make nominations themselves
6 because individuals can apply if they're interested but
7 also one thing that's really an under utilized tool is
8 for tribes and Native organizations to nominate people
9 who they think would make really good additions to the
10 Regional Advisory Council. Of course we encourage them
11 to do that in consultation with that person because
12 sometimes -- it's happened in the past where people who
13 have been nominated and they weren't interested and so
14 they withdrew.

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16 But this is a very rare and unique
17 opportunity to take a role in fish and wildlife
18 management on Federal lands but in recent years
19 starting in about 2005/2006 there's been a steady drop
20 in the number of applications we receive overall. We
21 used to receive in the vicinity of 110 or so
22 applications a year, now we're down to receiving about
23 upper 60s, low 70s a year. And the decline has been
24 particularly steep for the northern regions, so the
25 Northwest Arctic, Seward Peninsula, North Slope and
26 Western Interior have all been steadily declining to
27 the point where we rarely even have enough applications
28 just to cover the vacant and expiring seats.

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30 But the process that all of these
31 applications go through will not necessarily guarantee
32 that everybody who applies is actually serving on the
33 Council.

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35 It starts out with people who are
36 appointed from the different agencies that make up this
37 program, they contact the people who have applied or
38 have been nominated, they do interviews and then these
39 regional panels meet to make recommendations based on
40 the different criteria we have. A lot of it really
41 centers around knowledge and experience of subsistence
42 resources in their region. Those panel recommendations
43 then go to the InterAgency Staff Committee which
44 supports -- provides Staff support to the Board, the
45 InterAgency Staff Committee makes its own
46 recommendations and then presents a report to the
47 Federal Subsistence Board with recommendations on who
48 to appoint for each region. That's the stage where
49 we're at right now in the process for this year's
50 cycle. The Federal Subsistence Board will meet at the

1 end of this month, so actually next week, to determine
2 its recommendations and then it forwards those
3 recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior.
4 Then, hopefully sometime in early December, the
5 Secretary will send out the appointment letters and
6 then the new Council members start in the winter. And
7 that's the process we follow every year.

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9 So we run into a situation where right
10 now we're forwarding the names from last year's
11 appointment cycle while we're starting to ask for a new
12 round of applicants to submit their names for the next
13 round. And it sometimes can be kind of a long and
14 drawn out process and we even have folks, you know, who
15 submit an application because they haven't heard about
16 the one they submitted the year before and they'll
17 submit a new application and then they'll find out, oh,
18 they've already been appointed but they'll find out
19 after they've submitted that next application.

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21 But the one thing I always encourage
22 Council members, and this is particular important with
23 your region, is to reach out to people in your
24 community who you think could be good Council members,
25 who can make a contribution, and to encourage your
26 tribes or your Native Associations to also maybe think
27 of some people that they can nominate as well.

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29 And I will be happy to answer any
30 questions that anyone has about the nominations
31 process.

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33 Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead,
36 Calvin.

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38 MR. MOTO: On these appointments a lot
39 of times they will pick a person who used to live in
40 the area and lives in some place like Anchorage or
41 Fairbanks four, five, six years, the subsistence
42 changes quite a bit and I think because the person has
43 a high seat sometimes they get appointed and they have
44 no idea what type of real hunting we do up here, you
45 know, or how we gather our different types of food. I
46 think that your organization or even the State
47 organization have to look at the fact that the people
48 that live here have to live with the decisions that are
49 made in these seats and if a person never lived in the
50 villages here in our area, sometimes they could make

1 the wrong decisions.

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3 I just want to bring that up.

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5 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Calvin.

6 And I have -- excuse me -- yeah, thank you, Calvin, he
7 was done.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: But I have a question
12 for you because last year I was helping someone at
13 work, he wanted to file, but the form here, the
14 questionnaire, the fisheries and Fish and Wildlife
15 Service, he got frustrated trying to answer and he said
16 I'll just drop it. So the question, the form, your
17 application form, I think it needs to be revisited and
18 make it more simple because it basically asks the same
19 thing by just different words when you look at it, the
20 terms, the layman terms that you're using, it's
21 confusing for somebody. I thought I answered this in
22 the last question and now third question I'm answering
23 it again but a different way. So is there a way they
24 could change the questions they have it in order for
25 them to serve. There's some people that want to serve
26 but the form itself it's confusing for some people.

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28 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

29 That is an excellent point. We can change those
30 questions. Unfortunately we can only do it every three
31 years. There's another agency that has to approve us
32 to use any forms that we use, widely, the public, but
33 in preparation for that next review, I've talked --
34 I've talked about this with some of the people who have
35 served on the regional -- the selection panels for
36 several years and I'm going to form a small group of
37 people that -- to look at these questions and see if
38 there can be a much more culturally appropriate way of
39 asking these questions in a way that's meaningful to
40 the subsistence user and makes more sense to them than
41 it does to the Federal agencies.

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43 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

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45 Go ahead, Hannah.

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47 MS. LOON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
48 think this recruiting system needs to be worked on
49 carefully because when it come your office and go down
50 to the village level and it goes through IRA, but I

1 find out about this several years ago that they are
2 recruiting and two of us applied and I got it, but in
3 our village we do signup sheets, you know, who wants to
4 be a part of the Regional Advisory Subsistence and they
5 have signup sheets, if so then please go pick up your
6 form at the IRA Councils. Somehow in the system it
7 needs to work in people's understanding. We use the
8 VHF to announce important things and post notices at
9 the Post Office and the stores.

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11 Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, thank you,
14 Hannah.

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16 Go ahead, Mike.

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18 MR. KRAMER: Mike Kramer representing
19 Kotzebue.

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21 The thing I don't understand is that,
22 you know, it takes forever and eight moons to get
23 reelected back to our positions. I still haven't heard
24 and I reapplied last year, and I still haven't heard
25 anything as to whether I got reappointed back to my
26 seat again. I don't know what's going on with the
27 Secretary/Treasurer of the State or United States,
28 whether he or she is too busy or, you know, they just
29 go through our forms when they're chewing bubble gum.
30 You know, it needs to be a little quicker because, you
31 know, there's times we're sitting there twiddling our
32 thumbs wondering whether we're going to be at the next
33 meeting or not and if we show up, you know, and our
34 name tag is no longer there. It'd be nice if they
35 could get to us a little quicker and, you know, and I
36 do -- I think we need representatives from each village
37 within the game management unit. You know we do have a
38 lot of members here, we've got Buckland, Deering,
39 Noorvik, Selawik, Kotzebue, Kiana and I think all the
40 other villages should be encouraged to apply that way
41 we're all representing, you know, the region well.
42 Because just with us, you know, making decisions for
43 the rest of the region, some other villages might not
44 agree with what we vote on so, you know, I think it
45 should be required that every village should have a
46 representative.

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48 That's all I got.

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50 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Michael.

1 Anyone else on this.

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3 (No comments)

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5 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Go ahead.

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7 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

8 Michael I want to share with you your frustration as to

9 how long this process can take. Sometimes it's

10 definitely very confusing for members who have applied,

11 you know, because if you applied now, for example, at

12 the very beginning of the cycle we don't close the

13 applications until the end of the winter Council

14 meeting cycle, so actually the application period is

15 open for seven months and then the panels meet in April

16 and May to make their recommendations and then

17 InterAgency Staff Committee meets in either June or

18 July and makes its recommendations and then that goes

19 to the Board and then once the Board submits it, which

20 is typically in August/September to the Secretary of

21 the Interior, the Secretary of Interior, typically, on

22 a good year, waits until the last minute to make the

23 appointments, which your term, for example, would

24 expire December 2nd, this year, one -- one question I

25 might ask from you is, is the application period too

26 long? Is it having it open for both the fall and the

27 winter meeting cycle too long of a period, you know,

28 should we shorten the application period itself as part

29 of making this process go faster because that's

30 definitely a big chunk of the time. And if somebody

31 were to apply in August of 2013, like right now, they

32 would not hear about their appointment until December

33 of 2014. So I guess that would be a question I would

34 ask for you, and you don't necessarily have to answer

35 it, maybe it's just more of an open question.

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37 And I did want to respond also to what

38 Calvin was talking about, about people who are from the

39 region being appointed to these Councils.

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41 The only requirement for serving on a

42 Regional Advisory Council is that you actually be a

43 resident of that region. Now, granted when applicants

44 are being graded, I guess is one way of putting it, by

45 the InterAgency nominals panel, one of the ways they

46 get scored is in how long they have lived in the

47 region. So let's say if they lived in Fairbanks most

48 of their lives and they only just moved to Kotzebue and

49 they've only been in Kotzebue for one year, they're

50 going to score pretty low on their knowledge of

1 subsistence resources in that region because of how
2 short of a time they've lived in that region.
3 Unfortunately, though, it also works against some
4 people. Let's say they've lived in Point Lay all of
5 their life and they've lived in Point Lay for 30 years
6 so they're very knowledgeable about subsistence uses on
7 the North Slope but they moved to Anchorage because of
8 a job or something else and now they live in Anchorage
9 permanently, they can't apply to serve on the North
10 Slope Council, even though they may have a lot of
11 knowledge and experience that will be helpful to that
12 Council, they can only serve on the Southcentral
13 Council because now they're residing in Anchorage. So
14 it kind of goes both ways. But it really is a
15 significant factor in how the candidates are ranked and
16 scored as part of that review process.

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18 Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you. Go ahead,
21 Calvin.

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23 MR. MOTO: I know when I got appointed
24 there was big confusion on whether I was going to
25 Kotzebue or going to Galena this past winter and it was
26 quite a hassle, you know. So I got here kind of late
27 that time and I didn't know whether I was supposed to
28 be here or be in Galena, you know, it was kind of
29 frustrating for -- but, you know, I wound up staying
30 here anyway. That's why I said the process is -- I
31 applied almost seven, eight months before.

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33 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you.

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35 Go ahead, Michael.

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37 MR. KRAMER: Yeah, I guess my question
38 was I think that, you know, the reappointment process
39 should be, you know, you should be able to hear back a
40 lot sooner, I mean I've already been here three years
41 and waiting to see whether I'm reappointed or not, you
42 know, that's kind of a waiting game. But, you know, I
43 think reappointment terms should be, you know, you
44 should be able to hear back a lot quicker, you know,
45 they should be able to say, okay, well, he's already
46 been there, he's done a great job, you know, he's a
47 positive influence on the committee and, you know, sign
48 off on it, but, you know, I guess it's up to them.

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50 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you, Michael.

1 And for the future applicants I'm going to make a
2 recommendation like I did. I didn't want to go through
3 this process so when I filled it out I filled it out on
4 the computer and I save everything and when I'm going
5 to get reappointed I just change the year and reapply,
6 basically, and change few words on the answer that way
7 if somebody look at it they'll say, oh, he made few
8 changes to it, yeah, let him go for it, so I'm going to
9 recommend save it on your computer and when you're
10 going to reapply just change the date, change a little
11 bit of wording and you don't have to go through the
12 frustration like I did and the other person did, you
13 know, so good luck to all that apply.

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15 Go ahead.

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17 MR. JOHNSON: Although, Mr. Chair, if
18 we change the form that won't work.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Yeah, go ahead,
23 Calvin.

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25 MR. MOTO: Before I forget I want to
26 thank LeeAnne for helping me out last winter. What
27 happened is she designated me as the elder for the
28 meeting, so I was able to get some compensation.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 MR. MOTO: I paid my fare here though
33 and I paid my -- fortunately I had a ticket to come
34 here on one airline and go home on the other airline so
35 -- but I want to thank LeeAnne again, publicly, for
36 helping me out.

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38 Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, thank you. Are
41 we getting close to finishing.

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43 MS. BURKE: Yep.

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45 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, we will --
46 yeah, go ahead.

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48 MR. JOHNSON: So on to the rural issue
49 just a foreshadow for this evening.

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1 So at 7:00 p.m., we'll start with just
2 some introductory welcome remarks. I will do a
3 slideshow, PowerPoint presentation kind of outlining
4 what we're doing with this rural determination process
5 review and then it'll be open for public testimony.
6 Now, this evening is different than what we'll be doing
7 tomorrow. This evening is the opportunity for members
8 of the public, and as you, Council members, just as
9 individuals from your communities, to give direct
10 testimony to the Board, what is said tonight will go on
11 the record and it'll be directly given to the Board for
12 its consideration. Then tomorrow the Regional Advisory
13 Council, as an advisory body to the Board, will then
14 take public testimony for its own consideration to come
15 up with the Council's own recommendations to the Board
16 on what should be done about the rural determination
17 process.

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19 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Thank you. Thank
22 you. Okay, for the public out there if you want to call
23 in tonight for this rural determination, the number is
24 1-877-638-8165, passcode 9060609. The number again 1-
25 877-638-8165, passcode 9060609.

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27 Okay, I will make a motion to adjourn
28 this meeting, do I have a second, until 7:00 o'clock
29 tonight.

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31 MS. BURKE: Recess. Recess the
32 meeting.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 CHAIRMAN SHIEDT: Okay, we'll make it
37 recess until 7:00 o'clock tonight. Hannah, second.

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39 (Off record)

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