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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Fairbanks, Alaska - 10/17/2012)

(On record)

MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Good morning everybody. What's the last thing we did, we did this one right? 13-11 is where we're at, but you're calling in?

MS. PATTON: Yes.

MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. We're on 13-11, two more to go and then we go into old business.

(TELECONFERENCE - connection)

MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Good morning out there. We've got five on teleconference. Okay, we're on Proposal 11 -- or 13-11.

DR. JENKINS: Good morning, Madame Chair.

MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Good morning.

DR. JENKINS: David Jenkins, with the Office of Subsistence Management.

Now, let's see we were working on those customary trade proposals last night and here we are at 13-11. This one was submitted by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council and it requests that the harvest of chinook salmon from the Yukon River drainage for customary trade be limited to a cash value of \$750 per household.

The proponents concern is that customary trade in chinook salmon from the Yukon River drainage has been abused by some subsistence users and the proponent believes that high levels of customary trade will continue unless limits are placed on customary trade of chinook salmon. And the proponent further states that the proposed changes to customary trade regulations would help increase future escapements and run sizes of chinook salmon and as a result a variety of users, subsistence, sport and recreational users and their opportunities would increase.

You can see in bold on Page 91 the

1 language that they submitted for this regulatory change,
2 and, again, on Page 92. This proposal targets
3 transactions between rural residents and also between
4 rural residents and others, or non-rural residents.

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6 There have been two cash limits to
7 customary trade, one in the Bristol Bay fishery
8 management area and the other in the Upper Copper River
9 district. You can see a summary of those on Page 92 and
10 93.

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12 For the Bristol Bay fishery management
13 area the Board limited the cash value per household of no
14 more than \$500 annually and limited the cash value per
15 household -- pardon me, between rural residents and
16 between rural residents and others to no more than \$400
17 annually and the Board also imposed a reporting
18 requirement for rural to others trade, but not between
19 rural residents. And these regulations went into effect
20 in 2004. And for the Upper Copper River district the
21 Board limited the number of salmon per household engaged
22 in customary trade between rural residents to no more
23 than 50 percent of the annual household harvest of
24 salmon. The Board limited the cash value per household
25 in customary trade between rural residents and others to
26 no more than 500 annually and these limits were imposed
27 in 2005.

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29 Now, note that depending on how the Board
30 deals with the proposals that we talked about yesterday,
31 that those decisions may affect this decision on a \$750
32 limit.

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34 Now, the OSM preliminary conclusion is to
35 oppose FP13-11.

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37 In the Federal Subsistence Management
38 Program, the regulation of customary trade is
39 accomplished by the imposition of monetary limits on cash
40 a Federally-qualified subsistence user can accumulate in
41 a year, and recall that the Tri-RAC Regional Advisory
42 Council recommended setting a monetary limit of \$750 per
43 household per year on customary trade of chinook salmon
44 with non-rural residents only. This was the
45 subcommittee's second recommendation and it was not the
46 subcommittee's preferred recommendation.

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48 Now, under this second recommendation,
49 customary trade of chinook salmon between rural residents
50 would not be limited. You'll recall that under the

1 subcommittee's second recommendation it was only a cash
2 limit of trade between rural residents and others.

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4 Now, in contrast FP13-11 requests that
5 customary trade with all residents, rural and non-rural
6 be limited to \$750 per household per year. This would
7 limit the amount of cash a Federally-qualified
8 subsistence user could accumulate, cash that might
9 otherwise pay for equipment, gas, transportation and for
10 other subsistence activities. And the result of
11 customary trade among rural residents -- pardon me, the
12 result of customary trade among rural residents is the
13 distribution of chinook salmon to other subsistence users
14 who may not be able to harvest them and this could be
15 limited as well under this proposal. Note, that not all
16 Regional Advisory Councils supported this recommendation
17 when the subcommittee proposed it. The Western Interior
18 Advisory Council voted against these limits and this
19 Council also voted against these limits last year.

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21 And for these reasons the OSM preliminary
22 recommendation is to oppose.

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24 Madame Chair, thank you.

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26 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Any
27 questions.

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29 (No comments)

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31 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Except our vote
32 wasn't unanimous.

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34 DR. JENKINS: No, it was not.

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36 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah. It was
37 close, as I recall. Okay, any other questions.

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39 (No comments)

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41 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Fish and Game,
42 agency comments.

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44 MS. YUHAS: Thank you, Madame Chair.
45 Jennifer Yuhas, Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I'm
46 the Federal Subsistence Program liaison for the State.

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48 I notice for this particular proposal you
49 don't have our comments in your book, I'll see what I may
50 have done on my end to have -- maybe I didn't send those

1 on, sorry about that Eva. I know they were included in
2 some of the other RAC books, maybe this one was put
3 together early. So I can articulate those for you,
4 however.

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6 This is a longstanding issue. It's been
7 a deferred proposal previously. And prior to the Tri-RAC
8 subcommittee meetings there were one or two versions of
9 what limits should be or what definitions should be
10 circulating and previously the State had endorsed one
11 RAC's position, only to find that another RAC had a very
12 similar but not the same position and we really didn't
13 want to be locked into that. We spent a lot of
14 discussion back at the Department and our position is not
15 to support 750 or support 1,000 or support a number, but
16 simply that customary trade should be defined so that it
17 can be enforced. That it should be customary and it
18 should be traditional. And so we haven't gone into
19 dollar amount limits, really the State's position is the
20 same as it was on the three proposals that were grouped
21 together. That those using the resource should define
22 what is customary and traditional. We've heard very low
23 numbers, we've heard very high numbers, we've heard
24 definitions that don't include a number. But without a
25 definition of customary trade and without a definition of
26 significant commercial enterprise, whatever that
27 definition may be, there is nothing to enforce and to
28 distinguish it from other commercial enterprises if you
29 can't figure out what is significant there will always be
30 this dispute.

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32 That's the meat of our position.

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34 *****
35 STATE OFFICIAL WRITTEN COMMENTS
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38 Alaska Department of Fish and Game
39 Comments to the Regional Advisory Council

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41 Fisheries Proposal FP13-11: The Yukon
42 Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory Council proposal
43 establishes a limit for customary trade and thereby a
44 definition for significant commercial enterprise
45 regarding federal subsistence harvested Chinook salmon
46 from the Yukon River.

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48 Introduction:

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50 The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence

1 Regional Advisory Council proposes a \$750.00 per
2 household limit for Customary Trade of subsistence caught
3 Chinook salmon should be established Yukon River drainage
4 as a starting point; And exceeding the \$750.00 limit per
5 household would constitute a significant commercial
6 enterprise for Yukon River Chinook salmon.

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8 Impact on Subsistence Users:

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10 Subsistence users would benefit from the
11 definition of significant commercial enterprise.

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13 Opportunity Provided by State:

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15 State subsistence users are allowed to
16 engage in the customary trade of subsistence caught fish;
17 however, 5 AAC 01.010 prohibits the sale subsistence
18 caught fish, their parts, or their eggs unless otherwise
19 specified in state regulation. Currently, there are only
20 two exceptions listed in Chapter 5 of state regulations
21 and they are for the Norton Sound-Port Clarence Area and
22 for Southeast Alaska.

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24 Conservation Issues:

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26 The Yukon River Chinook salmon stock is
27 currently classified as a yield concern. Since 2001,
28 subsistence fishing time in the Yukon Area has been
29 limited by the windows schedule and then further
30 restricted in 2008 and 2009 because of conservation
31 concerns for Chinook salmon. Subsistence harvest levels
32 for Chinook salmon have fallen within the amounts
33 reasonably necessary for subsistence (ANS) ranges since
34 2001, except for 2002, 2008, and 2009. A majority of the
35 Yukon River drainage escapement goals have been met or
36 exceeded since 2000, including the Chena and Salcha
37 rivers, which are the largest producers of Chinook salmon
38 in the US portion of the drainage. The escapement
39 objective for the Canadian mainstem was met every year
40 from 2001 through 2006, with 2001, 2003, and 2005 being
41 the three highest spawning escapement estimates on
42 record. The escapement objective for the Canadian
43 mainstem was not met in 2007 and 2008. Exploitation rate
44 on the Canadian-origin stock by Alaskan fishermen has
45 changed from an average of about 55% (1989 1998) to an
46 average of about 44% from 2004 2008 (Howard et al. 2009).
47 Although the subsistence harvest continues to remain
48 stable at nearly 50,000 Chinook salmon annually,
49 commercial harvests have decreased over 60% from an
50 average of 100,000 annually (1989 1998) to the recent

1 5-year average (2005 2009) of nearly 23,000 fish.

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Jurisdiction Issues:

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6 While standing on state and private lands
7 (including state-owned submerged lands and shorelands),
8 persons must comply with State laws and regulations and
9 cannot sell subsistence caught fish with two exceptions
10 as specified above. Federal subsistence regulations,
11 particularly customary trade regulations, pertain only to
12 fishing on and use of fish caught on federal public lands
13 and those waters where federal subsistence jurisdiction
14 is claimed. The sale of subsistence fish caught on all
15 lands and waters (federal, state, or private) is limited
16 by state regulations except to the extent superseded by
17 federal law on federal lands. The State of Alaska
18 maintains jurisdiction of food safety and food processing
19 regulations.

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21 Violation of existing customary trade
22 rules is largely an enforcement problem. What is needed
23 is more education and an enforceable definition on what
24 constitutes a significant commercial enterprise. We also
25 suggest implementing a monitoring program to produce
26 actual data, and clarifying the roles and
27 responsibilities of federal and state enforcement
28 agencies.

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Enforcement Issues:

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32 Law enforcement has previously testified
33 to the benefits of defining significant commercial
34 enterprise. The current lack of definition provides
35 avenue for abusers of the resource to unduly profit at
36 the expense of subsistence users.

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Other Issues:

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40 Adoption of this proposal may provide
41 enforceable customary trade regulations. The proposal
42 would benefit from including reporting requirements.
43 Currently, the level of customary trade in the Yukon
44 River under federal regulations is unknown; an
45 enforceable monitoring program would provide data useful
46 for management purposes.

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48 Recommendation: Support definition /
49 defer monetary amount of limit to Regional Advisory
50 Councils and Advisory Committees in applicable areas.

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1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, thank
2 you, Jennifer. Any questions, Council members.

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4 Andy.

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6 MR. BASSICH: Has any other region ever
7 put a definition on customary trade in their areas? Is
8 there any record of that? I mean obviously when they
9 went through this process they were probably being given
10 the same positions, or whatever.

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12 MS. YUHAS: Through the Chair. Member
13 Bassich. Have they put a definition, would mean has it
14 been adopted, and endorsed and made the full Board
15 process, and I don't believe so. We've heard many
16 definitions come forth. We've heard an Advisory Council
17 or a RAC come and say we would endorse a particular
18 position, but it's not made its way all through the Board
19 process.

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21 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I guess what I'm
22 getting at is that's a -- we wrestled with this at the
23 Tri-RAC committee a lot and, you know, the position from
24 law enforcement was they needed their bright line and
25 there was a lot of discussion about trying to get some
26 kind of a definition but it's an awful big job. I don't
27 think it's something that's going to be done overnight
28 and it's going to take quite a while to do that. So I
29 guess what I'm looking for is any transcripts or anything
30 that other regions may have talked about this issue and
31 try and establish some kind of a starting point because
32 I think it's a really hard subject to even get a starting
33 point.

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35 So if there's any kind of transcripts or
36 some of these discussions or where the subject may have
37 come up in some of the discussions when they were setting
38 their limits, I think that would be really helpful to our
39 Council and to the whole Yukon region if we're going to
40 try and pursue this. I don't know if you're aware of how
41 they went through that process to get that 750 limit or
42 500 limit or whatever, was that done through their RAC
43 processes?

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45 MS. YUHAS: Through the Chair. I'm aware
46 of the same transcripts that we've seen at the past
47 couple of Federal Subsistence Board meetings, just the
48 testimony from various people at the -- either the RAC
49 meetings or the Federal Subsistence Board meetings
50 without a solid decision at the end but, you know,

1 different individuals testifying that zero should be the
2 definition, should 750, that the cost of a new
3 snowmachine, that, you know, we've heard all these
4 various definitions, there's not been one agreed to, and
5 the State's position has not been to impose one person's
6 definition on the others, but to agree with law
7 enforcement that a definition needs to be made and that
8 that should come from those who use the resource.

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10 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Anyone else.

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12 (No comments)

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14 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: I find it
15 interesting, though, that under the regulatory history of
16 customary trade and this probably goes back to the
17 Federal side that Bristol Bay management plan, was this
18 both State and Federal or is this just Federal?

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20 DR. JENKINS: The limits that are imposed
21 here, if you're referring to Page 92 and 93?

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, I am.

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25 DR. JENKINS: These are just Federal
26 limits.

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28 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, and that
29 Upper Copper is also?

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31 DR. JENKINS: Yes.

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33 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Now.....

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35 DR. JENKINS: For Federally-qualified
36 users on Federal lands.

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38 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Right. So you
39 can see, Andy, that in 2004 Bristol Bay come up with
40 theirs and Copper River was 2005.

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42 MR. BASSICH: Yeah.

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Any
45 other questions.

46

47 (No comments)

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49 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: All right, next
50 is the Federal agencies, any comments.

1 (No comments)
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Native, tribal,
4 village, ANCSA Corporations.
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6 Okay.
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8 MR. EDWARDSON: Thank you for letting me
9 speak, Madame Chairwoman. I'd like to thank you guys all
10 for doing a good job and what you guys do. Do I have to
11 read the same thing I read yesterday or could we just put
12 that over to this or do you want me to read it?
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's the same
15 thing you had yesterday?
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17 MR. EDWARDSON: Yeah, but I just wanted
18 to add a couple.....
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You just need
21 to say for the record that -- yeah.
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23 MR. EDWARDSON: Oh, for the record I just
24 want to say that the \$750 customary trade limit, I don't
25 think this the right tool you guys are using to bring the
26 chinook salmon back. I think there's other methods that
27 you guys could go about doing it, by not putting a limit,
28 something Native people have been doing for thousands of
29 years. And for the record I just want the thing I read
30 yesterday to be put on for this right now and, yeah, I
31 just don't think that this is the right way to try to get
32 the salmon back. The commercial fishery, what did they
33 say they caught, that number, I don't believe that number
34 about how much bycatch of kings they caught, the lower
35 commercial fishery, don't let them fish as much
36 commercial in the lower river, something, it's just -- I
37 don't think this is the right tool you guys are using.
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, thank
40 you. Any questions.
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42 (No comments)
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44 MR. EDWARDSON: Thank you.
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Next
47 is Advisory Groups, our neighboring Councils. Western
48 Interior and then.....
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50 MS. PATTON: For Western Interior.....

1 MR. RIVARD: Microphone.
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3 REPORTER: Eva.
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5 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. For Western
6 Interior, FP13-11 was to oppose. And for YK-Delta RAC
7 they support FP13-11. And we have the Seward Peninsula
8 RAC and they oppose FP13-11.
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, thank
11 you. Was there any local Advisory Committees.
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13 (No comments)
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Written
16 comments.
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18 MS. PATTON: From Tanana Chiefs
19 Conference.
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay.
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23 MS. PATTON: FP13 was opposed and Tanana
24 Chiefs Conference also facilitated community feedback and
25 I'll read from their written.
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27 FP13. It says Tanana Chiefs Conference
28 villages oppose any customary trade proposals that do not
29 have adequate socioeconomic and historic research to
30 substantiate the proposed regulation, and it asks to
31 please review the August 15th, 2011 comments to the
32 Federal Subsistence Board submitted by Tanana Chiefs
33 Conference and Doyon Limited, and that letter is attached
34 in your books as well from Doyon.
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36 Thank you.
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38 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, thank
39 you. Any other public testimony.
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41 (No comments)
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Anybody out
44 there in cyberland or wherever you are.
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46 (No comments)
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48 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, move to adopt
49 Proposal FP13-11.
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1 MR. BASSICH: Second.

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay.

4 Discussion. Go ahead.

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6 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, I'll speak to the
7 motion. I've been kind of involved in this issue since
8 I was on the Board of Fisheries and I can remember one
9 meeting where we had a couple people from the Board of
10 Game, a couple from the Board of Fisheries and the
11 Federal Subsistence Board and we met the whole day and
12 discussed this issue and nothing ever got resolved. Our
13 RAC addressed this issue about 10 years ago and tried
14 real hard to come up with something. We actually wrote
15 a proposal and then the proposal got rewritten, some of
16 the things we had in it got changed around by the Staff
17 by the time it went to the Federal Subsistence Board and
18 I think that's actually what is the regulation now, what
19 we started writing and then it got changed around. And
20 so, anyway, nothing's really been resolved.

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22 This is a big -- this whole issue is a
23 total failure. It was partially caused by the limited
24 entry commission when they made commercial fishing
25 permits limited entry because they didn't recognize
26 customary trade at that time, the only sale of salmon
27 that got recognized was if it was going to be sold to a
28 regular processor, which at that time was primarily
29 canneries and get shipped out of state. And, in fact, if
30 you go back to the old fishery reports from prestatehood
31 that cover the Yukon, you know, from the late 1800s up
32 until statehood they actually started the first
33 commercial cannery on the lower Yukon in 1918 and back
34 then after the big fish crash of 1919 then they changed
35 the regulations, they actually passed what was called the
36 White Act because Congressman White was Chairman of the
37 United States Commerce Committee for the United States
38 Congress, but, anyways, so they passed the White Act,
39 totally stopped commercial fishing and then they
40 restarted it again but when they restarted it again, they
41 -- the only fish that were counted as commercial were the
42 ones that got put in a can and shipped out of the state,
43 if they got sold in state they more or less called that
44 subsistence or didn't call it anything, just -- and you
45 can talk to our former Lt. Governor Coghill, he can tell
46 you a lot about that, they had two warehouses in Nenana
47 where they dried fish, they shipped them to Canada but
48 that didn't get counted as commercial, so all these
49 fishermen that did all this kind of stuff never got a
50 commercial fishing permit, they gave them all to the guys

1 in the lower Yukon that sold to the damn cannery, that's
2 why we're in the pickle we're in and no one wants to
3 address something like that because it's too complicated,
4 but that's the issue.

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6 So I'm voting against this.

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8 Madame Chair.

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10 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: You are?

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12 (Laughter)

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14 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah.

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: You surprise
17 me, Virgil. Okay, anyone else, discussion.

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19 Andy.

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21 MR. BASSICH: Thank you. Yeah, at this
22 point in time I'm really torn because I know this
23 something that needs to be done but I'm feeling at this
24 point that it's kind of the cart before the horse, and,
25 I agree I think we need to get the people on the river
26 together again and it's going to be hard but we need to
27 come up with a definition of significant commercial
28 enterprise and we need to get a definition of customary
29 trade or we're going to spend the next 20 years talking
30 about this at every meeting again and so I think at this
31 point in time I'm probably going to vote against it
32 although I'm probably one of the proponents for this
33 earlier.

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35 I really think we need to get another
36 Tri-RAC committee to work on this. I think it was a
37 really effective tool last time. I know OSM doesn't like
38 doing things like that because of some of the costs
39 involved, but, you know, what's the cost of us losing a
40 resource, it's a drop in the bucket, and it's a really
41 productive way to do it. I was really impressed with how
42 well we were able to get through some of these really
43 tough issues in that process and I think it would be a
44 really good starting point for this because I think
45 initially we need to hear from each region on what they
46 define it. You know, we're so diverse in our uses on the
47 Yukon River that we all have very different definitions
48 of the same word up and down the Yukon. So I think
49 that's the starting point.

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1 And as much as I would love to see this
2 because I think if we're going to stop any of this abuse
3 and, you know, jars and buckets of fish showing up at AFN
4 and all that, this is the only tool that law enforcement
5 has for it, and I guess that's about all I'd like to say.
6

7 But I heard Joe speaking quite a bit
8 yesterday about it, I'd love to hear some of your
9 thoughts, Joe, on this, I think this is going to be
10 something we're all going to have to be pretty involved
11 in in the next year or two.

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13 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, Joe,
14 you'll be after -- is that Donald that would like to
15 speak on line.

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17 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes.

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19 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Go ahead,
20 Donald.

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22 MR. WOODRUFF: Thank you. One thing I'd
23 like to ask Virgil and Andy is, if we don't come up soon
24 with a dollar amount, how is it that we're going to
25 regulate customary trade?

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: How will you
28 regulate it? I heard you but Virgil didn't, so, Andy's
29 got his finger flying. Joe, did you want to respond or
30 did you want to wait?

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32 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair, I don't have
33 any comments to make.

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Oh, but I heard
36 a question to you directly. Somebody wanted to hear your
37 thoughts, so you don't have any?

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39 (Laughter)

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41 MR. MATESI: That's not my problem.

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43 (Laughter)

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You don't want
46 to share your thoughts.

47
48 (Laughter)

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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Virgil.

1 You were asked -- you want to ask that again, Don, so
2 Virgil can hear.

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4 MR. WOODRUFF: Okay, Virgil, this is for
5 you. If we don't define customary trade with a dollar
6 amount, whether it be 750 or 1,365, as it's spelled out
7 in the literature, then how are we going to regulate
8 customary trade and define what a commercial enterprise
9 is if we're really concerned with conserving chinook.

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11 MR. UMPHENOUR: That's a good question to
12 ask me.

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14 What I believe -- what's been argued in
15 the past is if you -- unless you sell the fish in the
16 round you're in violation of the DEC regulations, has
17 kind of been argued in the past, and that's the
18 Department of Environmental Conservation, the idiots that
19 are health department people.

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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Be nice.

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23 MR. UMPHENOUR: No, I will call them that
24 on the record and in public because they are, they're
25 incompetent, liars and idiots, and they're negligent.
26 They're afraid to inspect anyone's salmon strips that
27 they sell and then they want to, for legitimate
28 processors, which this is how the Federal Subsistence
29 Board has looked at this, is unless -- unless they just
30 turn their head the other way and say the only thing
31 that's really customary trade has to be applied to the
32 State or the Food and Drug Administration health
33 department rules, and so if you're doing that then it
34 would be commercial, otherwise it's not commercial.

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36 It might sound like I'm talking in a
37 circle and trying to confuse everyone but I'm not really
38 trying to confuse everyone. It's just that we have
39 different agencies that look at things different ways.

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41 But I do know the Federal Subsistence
42 Board passes the buck and says, well, it's not our
43 responsibility if they're selling processed fish, that's
44 the responsibility of the people in charge of public
45 health, basically, that's how they pass the buck.

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47 We need, setting a monetary amount, I
48 don't think is the way -- or setting a monetary amount is
49 not the way to define what is a commercial enterprise.
50 A commercial enterprise to me is someone that actually

1 produces product to sell commercially, to the public.
2 And so if you do that then that would be what I call a
3 commercial enterprise and this goes back to the history
4 of our -- what I spoke about awhile ago, our commercial
5 fisheries. Whenever people back at the turn of the
6 century, during the goldrush, prior to the turn of the
7 century, there were people on the Yukon River that
8 chopped wood to supply the wood for all the paddle
9 wheeler boats that ran all the way up to -- well, they
10 ran to Dawson, I guess they went all the way to
11 Whitehorse, anyway, and they also caught fish and dried
12 them for dogfood because the main transportation was
13 either boat, or dogs or just hoofing it on your feet and
14 so, like I said, former Lt. Governor Coghill's family,
15 they had two big warehouses in Nenana, they shipped fish
16 all the way to Whitehorse, to Dawson, all over the place
17 but none of that got counted as commercial, and so a big
18 part of this is the failure of the limited entry
19 commission in the middle '70s to recognize all that,
20 that's part of the failure.

21
22 I'm kind of getting off maybe the subject
23 it seems like, but I don't think.....

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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's typical.
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27 MR. UMPHENOUR:setting a limit is
28 defining what a substantial commercial enterprise is. To
29 me, it has nothing to do with it, the monetary amount,
30 it's what you're actually doing and when we're in times
31 of conservation like we are now, they can issue the --
32 both the State can issue an emergency order -- of course
33 the State doesn't allow, you know, the sale of any
34 subsistence fish anyway but the Federal government, and
35 our RAC has done this in the past, we've put in a special
36 action request to disallow customary trade during times
37 of conservation of chinook salmon, we've done that in the
38 past. And that's all that has to happen. The Federal
39 Subsistence Board has the authority, if we're in a
40 conservation situation to disallow customary trade by a
41 special action because of a conservation emergency. They
42 have the authority to do that already and so that's part
43 of -- I know I didn't answer your question the way you
44 wanted me to, but they already have the authority to stop
45 it if it's necessary because of conservation purposes.
46 If it's not necessary for conservation purposes, of
47 course, we -- the State law is different from the Federal
48 law, however, that's because no one wanted to address the
49 real issue a long time ago. They need to go back, the
50 Legislature and readdress the issue and the Federal

1 government, both. Both governments need to address the
2 real issue and no one wants to do that because it's super
3 complicated and it's a lot of work.

4
5 Thank you.

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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Work, what's
8 that.

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10 MR. WOODRUFF: Well, in that case I think
11 that maybe we could consider a special action.

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13 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay,
14 everybody's thinking here. Joe, did that -- it looked
15 like your hand.

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17 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair. I just have
18 an aside that is a parenthetical, but it speaks to a
19 point that has been raised before and Virgil has raised
20 and I think it would be very interesting for Council
21 members and others to be aware of this. I had a meeting
22 with Brett, and I can't come up with his last name, but
23 he's the director at the Cooperative Extension Service,
24 he has a ph.D, in food safety, and safe food preparation,
25 and I learned from him that there has never been one case
26 of food poisoning from strips prepared on the Yukon by
27 traditional methods.

28
29 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: But other
30 methods there has.

31
32 MR. MATESI: Native food, food safety and
33 botchulism issues arise from non-traditional methods of
34 preparing traditional foods and that's where they're
35 using plastic to make stinky fish. But as far as hanging
36 strips in the smokehouse, like the way Lester has done
37 all his life, there's never been a single case of
38 botchulism from that.

39
40 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. And that
41 point is just the DEC.

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43 MR. MATESI: That's the DEC issue, which
44 has come up over and over again. I just wanted people to
45 be aware of that.

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47 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, but I
48 think it.....

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50 MR. MATESI: It's not addressing this

1 issue.

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. Right.

4 Yeah.

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6 MR. MATESI: So end parentheses.

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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, done.

9 Andy, then Virgil.

10

11 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, getting back to the
12 question you were posing Don, I think the way customary
13 trade, if things are to proceed through the Board
14 process, if some of these proposals are passed where
15 customary trade is limited to only the Yukon River
16 drainage, that is the mechanism for trying to reduce
17 harvest or reduce harvest pressures on the stock of
18 concern, in this case chinook salmon. So I think it all
19 -- at this point in time it's all hinging on what the
20 Federal Subsistence Board does with some of these
21 proposals.

22

23 I think the question of defining
24 significant and commercial enterprise and then getting a
25 maybe more defined, or refined, I should say, definition
26 of customary trade is the work that we need to do in the
27 future to allow us to further -- or maybe add more tools
28 in the toolbox for managers if so needed on a stock of
29 concern or stock that's not doing well.

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31 That's my view anyway if that helps you
32 at all.

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Virgil, then
35 Lester.

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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, this information
38 that I'm going to give, Joe just now brought it up, so
39 I'm going to give you what the real facts are. The big,
40 bad diseases that they say you might catch from this
41 unsanitary method of smoking fish, there's two of them,
42 you mentioned the first one, botchulism, okay, there has
43 never been a case of anyone in the United States of
44 America ever getting sick from botchulism from eating
45 smoked salmon that anyone made in the world.

46

47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Okay.

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49 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, that's botchulism.
50 Okay, listeria is the other one that will kill you if

1 you're on your death bed from Aids, maybe. Zero
2 tolerance for listeria. And there has never been a case
3 of anyone in the United States of America getting sick
4 from listeria.....

5
6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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8 MR. UMPHENOUR:it's called
9 listeriosis from eating smoked salmon, however, quite a
10 few of died from spoiled milk, cheese and coleslaw from
11 listeria. But no one from.....

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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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15 MR. UMPHENOUR:eating any smoked
16 salmon.

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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay,
19 that's.....

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21 MR. UMPHENOUR: Those are the absolute
22 facts. Thank you. But so -- but this is what.....

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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, we're
25 done. You're done.

26
27 MR. UMPHENOUR:DEC uses to say
28 we're a bunch of filthy nasty savages out here smoking
29 fish on the river beds.

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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Now, you're
32 getting to the point -- Lester.

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34 MR. ERHART: I don't know, I can't see
35 why we're arguing about this when they don't let us fish
36 anyway.

37
38 (Laughter)

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40 MR. ERHART: So why argue about it.

41
42 (Laughter)

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44 MR. ERHART: I mean we never got going to
45 August. I mean I finally got the fish in the August,
46 okay. We had one opening and we're arguing about
47 something that they won't let us do anyway. I can't see
48 that.

49
50 MR. UMPHENOUR: Call the question.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: The question's
2 been called for. Is there any more discussion.
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4 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, I got one.
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Larry.
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8 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madame Chair.
9 I kind of lost my train of thought there.
10
11 (Laughter)
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13 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Just start
14 talking like Virgil it'll come to you.
15
16 (Laughter)
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18 MR. WILLIAMS: In all these discussions
19 that we had -- that we're having -- and had in the past
20 about placing a limit, whatever the limit, the amount is,
21 now, I, myself, personally, in my neighborhood and my
22 neighborhood is the Yukon Flats, Beaver on up to Circle,
23 you know, including Ft. Yukon because I know people there
24 and I know people from different villages, and personally
25 I do not know one person who makes thousands of dollars
26 selling fish, I don't, and I know a lot of people, like
27 I said, half of Ft. Yukon, I know them and Circle, almost
28 all of them, and Beaver, that's where I was raised, I
29 know people there. And like I said, I'm going to repeat
30 myself and say I do not know one person who makes big
31 bucks selling subsistence caught fish. And I feel
32 uncomfortable and I feel unqualified like I said
33 yesterday, in making these decisions for the whole Yukon
34 drainage, because I do not know the country to the west
35 of me and I have limited knowledge of the (In Native)
36 people, that's Eagle, Eagle Village and on up to Dawson,
37 so I feel that I am not qualified to say, okay, I want to
38 place a \$750 on your fish, but at the same time I see
39 that something needs to be done about these people who
40 abuse the system the way it is now. We have to do
41 something out of this group to say that -- to address
42 that specific problem of the abuse that's occurring
43 because in my country, I know some people who do catch
44 fish and, in fact, I buy some fish from people in Ft.
45 Yukon, they're good friends of mine and I buy fish from
46 them because Yukon River fish can't be beat for eating,
47 and that's all I know. But at the same time we have to
48 come back together, maybe as a Tri-RAC committee, you
49 know, I'm not saying that we're going to know everything
50 or do everything that's right but if I was a part of the

1 group but what I would do is personally travel to these
2 villages that's affected in my region and get all the
3 elders or speak to them face to face, have a cup of tea
4 with them or maybe if I can't make it I'll call them, or
5 that new fangled thing they call, email.....

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7 (Laughter)

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9 MR. WILLIAMS:and ask their
10 opinion, people who lived around the Yukon River all
11 their lives, what do you think about this particular
12 subject, in this case, you know, customary trade and
13 that's the way I would do it.

14

15 So I'm going to have to oppose this
16 proposal.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thanks, Larry.
21 I know Andy had his hand up, I want to give anyone else
22 a chance.

23

24 (No comments)

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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead, Andy.

27

28 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I thought you brought
29 up some really good points, Larry, and I think if the
30 Federal Subsistence Board passes the customary trade that
31 limits it to the drainage only, I think that's going to
32 be one of the -- maybe the first nail in the coffin for
33 those that abuse the system. Because through our Tri-RAC
34 discussion, I think it became very apparent to most of us
35 that the biggest problem is the fish going into the
36 larger network of demand, meaning Anchorage, Fairbanks,
37 Nome, even Barrow, so by taking action on limiting or not
38 allowing that demand on the fish that's going to do a big
39 -- that's going to have a pretty profound effect on
40 people trying to make large sums of money off of it.

41

42 So I just wanted to add that on the
43 record and for the record I think I would really like to
44 request that within the next year we convene another Tri-
45 RAC committee to start working on a definition for
46 customary -- a more refined definition for customary
47 trade and try and put a definition on significant
48 commercial enterprise. I think that's something that's
49 going to have to be done at some point in time and I
50 really think we need to continue to.....

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, well, you
2 can make a motion after we finish this and we can send
3 that recommendation.
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5 Any other discussion on this.
6
7 (No comments)
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: As the Chair I
10 wrote something down that Virgil said that I -- I like
11 that KISS principal, you know, keep it simple silly.....
12
13 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:not
16 stupid, okay. Actually someone that is a commercial
17 enterprise is actually produces a product to sell, that's
18 pretty simple, but I don't know if the attorneys would
19 like it but at any rate it's something that you guys can
20 consider in the future, keep it simple.
21
22 And what you brought out is really
23 something to think about.
24
25 (Laughter)
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Holy crow, I
28 mean maybe there wasn't any fish being sold last year, if
29 you're not.....
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31 MR. ERHART: They wouldn't let us fish.
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33 (Laughter)
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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:and if
36 there was.....
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38 MR. ERHART: One 12 hour period.....
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:then --
41 yeah.
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43 MR. ERHART:and we're fussing about
44 salmon here, you can't even -- they won't allow you to
45 fish so there it is.
46
47 (Laughter)
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go Lester, go.
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1 But I mean that's the thing, if there is
2 fish being sold it's not coming from your area.
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4 MR. ERHART: No.
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Unless they're
7 illegally taken.
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9 MR. ERHART: No. No.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, yeah, so,
12 at any rate.
13
14 MR. ERHART: They watch. They watch
15 pretty close.
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Okay,
18 on.....
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20 MR. GLANZ: I got one more.
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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill.
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24 MR. GLANZ: Well, I was going to say, in
25 two years from now, Lester, we'll have five hours of
26 fishing, I mean we lost half of the stocks in the last 10
27 years, another five years we'll lose another quarter of
28 them, and the next five, like Andy says, we'll be
29 wondering, well maybe we'll all eat coho, no, I'm sorry,
30 they could run under the ice, we'll have to eat chum but
31 something has to be done. But apparently, even the YK
32 over there, they're the ones who demanded it be done and
33 they were one of the biggest abusers, the overharvesters
34 and that, and then now all of a sudden they're begging us
35 to do something to bring the salmon stocks back so
36 something's going to have to be done in the future, and
37 like Andy said, maybe something else going on, with
38 meetings down the road somehow, but pretty much take care
39 of itself.
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Did I see.....
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43 MR. FIRMIN: The question has been called
44 for a few minutes ago.
45
46 (Laughter)
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48 MR. FIRMIN: Just a reminder.
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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I think

1 you're done.
2
3 MR. GLANZ: Okay.
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The question's
6 been called for.
7
8 All in favor of this \$750 definition.
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10 MR. WOODRUFF: Aye.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: There's one.
13 All opposed.
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15 IN UNISON: Aye.
16
17 MR. GLANZ: I abstain.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, and one
20 abstention. Hum, that's the easy way out.
21
22 MR. GLANZ: No, I just worked too many
23 days on this stuff and nothing's going to happen with it,
24 me and him and.....
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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, okay. I
27 can't believe you changed your mind, Virgil.
28
29 Okay, did you want to make that
30 recommendation.
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32 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, thank you, Madame
33 Chair.
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35 I'd like to make a motion that we put a
36 formal request in for a Tri-RAC committee to be formed
37 through the Office of OSM with the goal of.....
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: A definition.
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41 MR. BASSICH:of putting a
42 definition of significant commercial enterprise and to
43 refine the definition of customary trade.
44
45 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Eva has to
48 write that all down so would you like to restate that.
49
50 MS. PATTON: For the record, could you

1 please repeat it.
2
3 MR. BASSICH: Do you want me to just
4 write it down and I can give it to you.
5
6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sure.
7
8 MS. PATTON: Sure, that would be great,
9 thank you.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Now, do I hear
12 a second.
13
14 MR. GLANZ: Yes, I'll second that with
15 Andy.
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. Do
18 we need much.....
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20 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. I'll just
21 reference all the previous comments that we've made
22 talking about the previous proposal.
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24 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, any other
25 discussion.
26
27 (No comments)
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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I hear the
30 question being called for.
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32 MR. GLANZ: Question.
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: All in favor.
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36 IN UNISON: Aye.
37
38 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Anyone opposed.
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40 (No opposing votes)
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42 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. And
43 he'll write that down and give it to you, Eva. So we're
44 going on to the next one, go ahead, 08 is it.
45
46 DR. JENKINS: Madame Chair. Let me make
47 a couple of comments before we.....
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, 11-08.
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1 DR. JENKINS:jump on to that.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No, it's 11-08.
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5 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay.
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7 DR. JENKINS: Let me make just a couple
8 of comments first.
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10 Let me remind the Council that on Pages
11 72 through 75 of their books there is a summary of
12 customary trade research, and when you think about
13 definitions of customary trade this research could form
14 part of your deliberations so just remind you of that
15 summary. And part of what's interesting about that
16 research is that customary trade is typically a non-
17 market economic phenomena, so Virgil's been speaking to
18 markets, much of the research on customary trade
19 indicates that it's not part of a market economy, it's a
20 different kind of economy. And beginning in 1978 when
21 the Subsistence Division was formed, part of the effort
22 early on was to understand economies that functioned on
23 other principles rather than Western market principles.
24 So it gets complicated when you want to define customary
25 trade when it's part of an economy that's not the
26 familiar Western economy that we think of when we think
27 of sales and cash and so on.
28
29 So if you look at that summary of
30 customary trade research you can get a glimpse of the
31 complexities of that issue.
32
33 Now, the other point I wanted to raise is
34 about the motion you just passed, is that the Seward
35 Peninsula RAC asked the question, well, why weren't we
36 involved in this subcommittee, so we're going to have to
37 change perhaps the name, it's not a tri -- it's nice to
38 say, instead of a Tri-RAC, a quad-RAC committee, just to
39 throw that out.
40
41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sounds fun.
42
43 DR. JENKINS: Just those two points.
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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Let's have a
46 quad-RAC.
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48 DR. JENKINS: Quadratic.
49
50 (Laughter)

1 DR. JENKINS: Okay. FP11-08 was
2 submitted by the YK-Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory
3 Council and it starts on Page 99 by the way, and it
4 requests that customary trade be prohibited in any year
5 when chinook salmon runs are insufficient to fully
6 satisfy subsistence harvest needs and subsistence
7 fisheries are restricted.

8
9 Now, recall that this was the proposal
10 that the Federal Subsistence Board deferred to allow the
11 Tri-RAC subcommittee to meet and to make its
12 recommendations and you just went through six proposals
13 that were, in part, generated by that Tri-RAC
14 subcommittee. So, Madame Chair, if you want, we can go
15 through, in detail, this particular proposal, you already
16 saw it a year ago and so I'd like to get how your Council
17 would like to proceed with this proposal.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm reading and
21 I didn't pay attention, I apologize, you were asking me?

22
23 DR. JENKINS: Well, I was suggesting that
24 this deferred proposal you heard a year ago, this Council
25 heard a year ago, I can go through it and provide you a
26 summary and I'm just asking for your guidance on how
27 you'd like to proceed with this deferred proposal,
28 depending on how the Board acts on the other six
29 proposals that you just heard, this one may be tabled or
30 no action may be taken on it. I don't presume to speak
31 for the Board but.....

32
33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

34
35 DR. JENKINS:I'm asking you for
36 your guidance on how you'd like to proceed on this one.

37
38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Council
39 members.

40
41 MR. GLANZ: I'd like to see it just
42 tabled because it's going to be another two hour lengthy
43 thing and nothing's going to come of it.

44
45 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Right. Is that
46 a motion.

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48 MR. GLANZ: Yes.

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50 MR. FIRMIN: Second.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Do I hear a
2 second -- Andrew, okay.
3
4 MR. UMPHENOUR: question
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, all in
7 favor.
8
9 IN UNISON: Aye.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, it's
12 tabled. Now, the next thing on our agenda is old
13 business. We're going to review the draft MOU between
14 the Federal Board and the State.
15
16 MR. UMPHENOUR: We ought to take a break
17 before we start that.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: And I've had a
20 request for a break so we'll take that up as soon as we
21 come back.
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23 (Off record)
24
25 (On record)
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Virgil's
28 whispering to me and I'm trying to figure out who's who
29 but we're going to find out, who is on line right now and
30 I believe there's five of you that we had heard this
31 morning, if you could all just tell us who's on line
32 besides Don Woodruff.
33
34 MS. KENNER: Pippa Kenner.
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: You'll have to
37 try it one at a time, I'm sorry, there was a gal's voice.
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39 MS. KENNER: Pippa Kenner.
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Pippa?
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43 MR. RIVARD: Pippa Kenner.
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45 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Pippa Kenner?
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47 MR. RIVARD: OSM.
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Next.
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1 MR. MCKEE: Chris McKee with OSM.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I couldn't.....
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5 MS. PATTON: Chris McKee with OSM.
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, okay,
8 that's three of you.
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10 MR. SHARP: Dan Sharp with BLM.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Is there
13 one more?
14
15 (No comments)
16
17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Hum, I thought
18 there were five.
19
20 MR. RIVARD: We're the fifth party.
21
22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, we are,
23 okay.
24
25 MR. RIVARD: This is the fifth party.
26
27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Good
28 morning you folks.
29
30 All right, the thing that we had left
31 from yesterday was 149 Board of Fish proposal, and Virgil
32 was going to -- he was tasked with language and he sounds
33 like he had some help and -- oh, yeah, Fred.
34
35 (Laughter)
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Fred, do you
38 have some language for 149 that Virgil said.....
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40 (Laughter)
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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:you had.
43 Virgil, now you can talk to this.
44
45 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. What Fred did was
46 he got out
47 the regulation, the State regulation that requires the
48 people on the road system, like the people that live at
49 Eagle and Central and Circle to maintain the catch
50 calendar and turn it in. And so if we change that

1 proposal or recommend amending that proposal to the same
2 language then that would actually meet the requirement
3 for the intent of that proposal, which is a recordkeeping
4 system on how many subsistence fish actually get caught
5 and it would be useful to the Department, in that they
6 would be able to know -- they could actually tell, like
7 in the case of chinook salmon, which pulse those people
8 were actually harvesting fish from. And we've had
9 things, I think Andy brought this up earlier, or someone
10 did, that after the first pulse passed and then they're
11 allowed to fish, that some of those pulses -- I think it
12 was maybe last year or the year before, the third pulse
13 never even made it to the Rapids. It got caught, it
14 never even made it past the Tanana River. They were all
15 caught down river. And so that would be good information
16 for management, to have that type of information. And if
17 they're required to maintain the catch calendar and
18 actually turn it in and we heard from Subsistence
19 Division yesterday, that sometimes they only get maybe 10
20 percent return on the catch calendar so they're not
21 really getting the information from the catch calendar.
22 And the Department's already spending the money to send
23 the catch calendar out anyway so all we would have to do
24 is require people to maintain the catch calendar and turn
25 it in at the end of the season.

26

27 And so I think we could.....

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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, so I need
30 a motion to bring this back up off the table.

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32 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, move to bring --
33 what proposal number is it?

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 149.

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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: To bring Proposal 149
38 back on the table.

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40 MR. GLANZ: I'll second.

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42 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, continue.
43 You got the discussion part down first.

44

45 (Laughter)

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47 MR. UMPHENOUR: Right. I got the
48 discussion part down first so I'll reference my
49 discussion that I just made.

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1 (Laughter)
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.
4 Other discussion.
5
6 MR. GLANZ: So I gather what we're
7 talking about, where they just have to have one at the
8 house and fill it out but it'd be mandatory that they
9 send them in.
10
11 MR. UMPHENOUR: (Nods affirmatively)
12
13 MR. GLANZ: Okay.
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: So that's going
16 to affect you guys on the river.
17
18 MR. GLANZ: Well, we're already affected.
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: So I want to
21 hear discussion.
22
23 MR. GLANZ: We're already affected in
24 Central, Circle and Eagle, we already have that
25 regulation, we have to comply with it.
26
27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I know but the
28 guys on the river aren't.
29
30 MR. GLANZ: Right, well, it's going to
31 affect all Federal water -- well, it's going to be all
32 State anyway right here it looks like, yeah.....
33
34 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah, State.
35
36 MR. GLANZ:it's already by the
37 State, okay.
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That would
40 affect you, right, Andrew, to have to turn it in?
41
42 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah.
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44 MR. MATESEI: Well, what's the proposal.
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46 MR. GLANZ: 149.
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48 MR. MATESEI: As it's written?
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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No, he wants to

1 -- I need a motion now to change the language because
2 this was too harsh, remember, so how you going to do that
3 Virgil.

4

5 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, I'll make the
6 motion for Proposal 129 to.....

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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 49.

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10 MR. UMPHENOUR:49 to make
11 substitute language for Proposal 149 to make it identical
12 to the road system on the Yukon, in that, the people will
13 be required to have a permit to subsistence fish, the
14 permit will be the catch calendar and they will have to
15 record on the catch calendar their catch, or their
16 harvest, and then they will have to turn that in at the
17 end of the season, which is what happens in Eagle and
18 Central and Circle, currently, and other areas that are
19 road accessible.

20

21 Madame Chair.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is that clear.
24 First I need a second to continue.

25

26 MR. GLANZ: Second.

27

28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, go ahead.

29

30 MR. MATESI: I would appreciate seeing
31 the actual language before voting on it.

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33 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Uh-huh, I knew
34 that would happen and he was supposed to have it ready.
35 The actual language is in that book that Fred has in
36 front of him. And, Donald, you look very disturbed.

37

38 MR. RIVARD: That's kind of my natural
39 look.

40

41 (Laughter)

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43 MR. RIVARD: So don't pay any attention
44 to that.....

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Oh, okay,
47 concerned I'll say.

48

49 MR. RIVARD:as part of this
50 specific proposal.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.
2
3 MR. RIVARD: What I just wanted to --
4 it's just a little bit of semantics, but you're not
5 changing the proposal because the proposal is what it is
6 in the book, you're making a recommendation on the
7 proposal, so you might do support with modification like
8 we do for.....
9
10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: With an
11 amendment.
12
13 MR. RIVARD: Well, I don't know, if
14 that's what it -- is it an amendment for the State
15 process, is that the wording?
16
17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I assumed that
18 that was an amendment, our motion.
19
20 MR. UMPHENOUR: Right, that would be an
21 amendment.
22
23 MR. RIVARD: Okay.
24
25 MR. UMPHENOUR: What the State does and
26 what we would have to do is write this up and then we
27 submit it to Board Support in Juneau and what they do is
28 put it in the Board book and then we have to go talk to
29 a Board member and get that Board member to make a motion
30 when that proposal comes up to substitute the language,
31 and then he'd have to reference it in their Board book
32 for the actual proposal, and then they would -- of course
33 he would speak to his motion and then they would
34 deliberate it and vote it up or down. That's the way it
35 -- that's the way the process works with the Board of
36 Fisheries.
37
38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. But what
39 I hear.....
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41 MR. UMPHENOUR: So what my motion is, is
42 to amend.....
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: What your
45 motion was.
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47 MR. UMPHENOUR: Or motion was or is,
48 whatever you want to call it, is to prepare substitute
49 language for Proposal 149, which I just described what it
50 is and it's already in the regulation book in front of

1 Fred, and so that's what we have to do.
2
3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So can we look
4 at that on the Internet, those of us who have a computer,
5 it might help Joe.
6
7 MR. BUE: Madame Chair, the reg number is
8 5 AAC 01.230, subsistence fishing permits.
9
10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So just
11 to help Joe out and probably the rest of us, just to see
12 something in writing, can you guys just pull that and
13 print it.
14
15 MR. BASSICH: Go get a scanner and print
16 10 copies.
17
18 (Laughter)
19
20 MR. MATESI: Do we have an overhead
21 projector, probably not.
22
23 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, let's
24 just -- overhead projector, please.
25
26 (Laughter)
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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But I don't
29 know, we were just trying to do this to make it go a
30 little quicker. What's fastest, guys, what do you want
31 to do.
32
33 MR. BASSICH: Give the book to Joe.
34
35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You're our
36 attorney.
37
38 MR. MATESI: No, I'm not.
39
40 MR. BASSICH: If he wants to see the
41 language it's right there, just give him the book.
42
43 MR. BUE: I think for the most part what
44 this says, I can just read you the one line here.
45
46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.
47
48 MR. BUE: Except as provided in this
49 section and 5 AAC 01.249, I believe that's the Tanana
50 River management plan, fish may be taken for subsistence

1 purposes without a subsistence fishing permit and the
2 exception goes down and lists those areas that require a
3 subsistence permit. So western tip of Garna (ph) island
4 up to the mouth of the Doll River and so on, 22 miles
5 slough to the US/Canada border, the Tanana River, mouth
6 of the Wood River up stream, Minto Flats, Telavena Pike
7 area, et cetera, and so I think the idea is that without
8 a permit, you'd just say that a permit is required and
9 then you can drop all those other areas and the
10 stipulations within the permits, those portions of this
11 reg would remain in effect, you would just take out the
12 area specific and just say Yukon River drainage.

13

14 I don't know if that makes sense.

15

16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Does that help.

17

18 MR. MATESI: (Nods)

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Does it help,

21 Joe?

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23 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair. It sounds to
24 me like that regulation there states a permit is
25 required, period, is that correct?

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27 MR. BUE: It says a permit is not
28 required except for these specific areas, and I think the
29 modification would be to turn it around and say a permit
30 is required and then you can drop all those.....

31

32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All the
33 exceptions.

34

35 MR. BUE:specific areas.

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37 MR. MATESI: And there's no further
38 description of what constitutes a permit or anything that
39 ties it in with a fish calendar?

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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's a good
42 point.

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44 MR. BUE: It has a lot of information
45 that has to be included in that permit report, you know,
46 in addition subsistence fishing permit conditions,
47 there's certain conditions, gear, fishing times, dates,
48 a lot of those things and those are very area specific
49 regarding operation of fishwheels, some areas use
50 fishwheels, some don't, and so there's a lot of other

1 stipulations that.....

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right, but
4 where's the calendar part? That the calendar be the
5 permit, isn't that what we're trying to do, keep it
6 simple.

7

8 MR. BUE: Uh-huh.

9

10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: They're getting
11 a calendar anyway and the calendar would just need to be
12 sent in, we're trying to make it simple.

13

14 MR. BUE: Correct. I think the permit is
15 the harvest reporting requirement and so whatever format,
16 if it's a calendar, or a single page, whatever you want
17 to do is fine.

18

19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead, Don.

20

21 MR. RIVARD: There's one clause,
22 subsection whatever in here that says, each subsistence
23 fisherman shall keep accurate daily records of his or her
24 catch, the number of fish taken by species, location and
25 date of the catch, and other information that the
26 Department may require for management and conservation
27 purposes. So it's kind of laying it out of keeping the
28 daily records. Now, whether that's done with a calendar
29 or some other means.....

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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, see
32 that's the thing.....

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34 MR. RIVARD: If they.....

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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:is it
37 specific to this calendar that's already out there.
38 Okay, guys what do you want to do.

39

40 MR. BASSICH: Can we table this for a
41 little bit, I can work on this at lunch and then come
42 back.

43

44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yep, we can do
45 that, we already did it so we're going to table it again.
46 Is that a.....

47

48 MR. UMPHENOUR: Second.

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50 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. I move to

1 table this.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And I heard a
4 second I thought.
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6 MR. UMPHENOUR: Second.
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. All in
9 favor.
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11 IN UNISON: Aye.
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13 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay.
14
15 MR. BUE: And I'll make copies for
16 everybody.
17
18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Great. That
19 wasn't so simple.
20
21 MR. BASSICH: It never is.
22
23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Now we're going
24 to the MOU.
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26 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. For Council
27 members there is an additional copy of the MOU that has
28 the comments in larger font, a little easier to read,
29 that's in your extra supplies packet there. It's also in
30 your books but the comments are pretty small so that
31 might be helpful to follow along in that extra packet.
32
33 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: This one.
34
35 MS. PATTON: Yeah.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's the one
38 that looks like this.
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40 (Pause)
41
42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, go ahead,
43 Jerry.
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45 MR. BERG: Thank you, Madame Chair.
46 Members of the Council. My name's Jerry Berg. I work
47 for Fish and Wildlife Service out of Anchorage. And
48 Jennifer Yuhas is joining me here. We both were on the
49 workgroup that helped make the latest revisions to the
50 MOU.

1 So this is basically an additional
2 opportunity for your Council to make comments on this
3 newly revised MOU. So if you remember it was about a
4 year and a half ago at your winter meeting in 2011 was
5 the last time that the Councils were asked to comment on
6 the draft MOU and that was basically as a result of the
7 Secretarial Review that was done, that was initiated in
8 2009. That was one of the issues that was forwarded to
9 the Federal Board, was to review the MOU with the
10 Regional Council input.

11
12 So we did get comments back from all the
13 Councils during that review, about a year and a half ago,
14 and then we established a Federal/State workgroup that
15 was composed of three or four Federal participants and
16 then on the State side it was Jennifer. We went through
17 all the comments we received from all the RACs and we
18 addressed each comment, and that's what you're looking at
19 in the revised draft.

20
21 So just to kind of summarize or highlight
22 some of the revisions that were made. There was a number
23 of comments that said, you know, to make it simpler and
24 put it into plain language. We tried to do that. In
25 some places we even had -- there was a Park Service
26 person that went through it, it was like a public affairs
27 person that helped try to simplify it some, we're still
28 getting some comments back saying to simplify it even
29 more. So if there's other additional comments, specific
30 ways that people can think of to try to make it simpler
31 we're certainly open to that and that's one of the
32 reasons why it's back in front of you is to look at some
33 of the revisions that were made and make additional
34 comments.

35
36 We also had a number of comments to
37 reorder and reformat the MOU so that the Federal language
38 was first and the State language was second because it
39 really is addressing the Federal Subsistence Program, so
40 we've done that.

41
42 MS. YUHAS: Well, we did do that but it
43 wasn't a result of comments, those were internal comments
44 from one of our working group members, it was not a
45 result of RAC comments.

46
47 MR. BERG: Okay, yeah, anyway, so we
48 revised it. Yeah, I couldn't remember, I think -- I
49 thought there were some Councils, but, anyway, so we
50 revised it to make that change.

1 There were also some changes suggested
2 from some of the Councils to include some more TEK,
3 traditional, ecological knowledge, or to include that
4 phrase anywhere where there was a request or mention of
5 scientific information that was used in decisionmaking.
6 We actually went back to the terminology that was used in
7 ANILCA of customary and traditional uses and we added
8 that terminology into the MOU where we thought we could
9 do that to balance it with the scientific information
10 that's used for decisionmaking.

11
12 There were also some comments that we
13 interpreted as being directed towards predator management
14 so we actually went back to the Federal Board's predator
15 management policy and took language right out of that to
16 make it very clear in the MOU what the Federal Board's
17 policy is on predator management.

18
19 And then I think one of the biggest
20 changes that was made is there was a reference in Section
21 IV, which is IV, Roman Numeral IV, number 11, which used
22 to state that the current -- or that the MOU would use
23 the -- or that the Federal Program would use the State's
24 Fish and Wildlife management plans as an initial basis
25 for management actions, and we revised that to basically
26 say that the Federal Board will review and utilize
27 Federal/State and cooperative plans for management
28 actions. So basically they'll review all management
29 plans that are available prior to taking actions.

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31 And then.....

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33 MS. YUHAS: Okay.

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35 MR. BERG: I just have one more here and
36 then I'll finish up here Jennifer and then I'll just turn
37 it over to you if that's all right.

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39 And then to evaluate the MOU on a yearly
40 basis, just to make it more formal -- there's always been
41 an opportunity for people to weigh in on the MOU but
42 there'll be a more formal recognition that people can
43 comment on the MOU and provide input on is it working for
44 the Councils into the future.

45
46 So with that, that's just a summary and
47 we're certainly open to comments and then I'll just turn
48 it over to Jennifer for any follow-up comments on how the
49 workgroup worked through our revisions that you guys see
50 in front of you.

1 MS. YUHAS: Sorry. This is Jennifer
2 Yuhas, Alaska Department of Fish and Game. And sorry
3 about that Jerry, it's the first time we've presented
4 together on this, I've done every other presentation with
5 Steve Kessler and we've kind of had this back and forth
6 thing going.....

7
8 MR. BERG: Okay.

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10 MS. YUHAS:so we didn't prep ahead
11 of time and I didn't mean to jump in on your space there.

12
13 MR. BERG: It's all right.

14
15 MS. YUHAS: Of note with the working
16 group, there were a few changes. The working group
17 members are listed for you on Page 129, and of note,
18 previously when there's been a working group for the MOA
19 or MOU, we've also included a member of the Board of Fish
20 and Board of Game, this time I had the distinct honor of
21 representing all three agencies, or all three entities so
22 I'm not just representing the Department, I'm also
23 representing the Board of Fish and Board of Game and
24 wearing three hats when we go to these meetings and
25 reporting back to all three entities.

26
27 On Page 130 where the specific changes
28 are listed that Jerry went through, on Item No. 7,
29 evaluate the MOU. I participated in the working group
30 and agreed to circulate this language but the State does
31 have some concerns with Item No. 7., that it may portray
32 a start and stop period to when folks make comment on
33 what they see in the MOU. Previously it's always been
34 open for comment, any member of the public, any RAC, any
35 tribal entity, whoever wanted to comment could request
36 insertion of language, or exclusion of language and the
37 Board would have to have that discussion. Because there
38 was a directed Secretarial Review in 2008 [sic], it kind
39 of started this perception that there's a start and a
40 stop period to looking at the MOU. It's always been open
41 before and we don't want that perception now.

42
43 The specific language is before you, and
44 we've agreed to circulate that language, the State is
45 comfortable with the language we're circulating.

46
47 We are evaluating the MOU on two other
48 pieces of information.

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50 One of those is that there has always

1 been a memorandum of agreement, prior to the memorandum
2 of understanding that was signed in 2008, that is also
3 the point in time when the Federal Subsistence Program
4 began funding the State/Federal subsistence liaison
5 office, and so that added an extra layer of obligation
6 that may be removed should the budget be cut. And
7 there's not been any sort of threat on OSM's part, their
8 budget's going to be cut and we are one of the places we
9 may be cutting but the State is clear that that may also
10 remove a layer of obligation to signing the MOU.

11
12 We've also been evaluating the quality of
13 the document, not just on the language, but on our
14 adherence to the MOU and we've got some very terrific
15 counterparts over in the Federal Program. There's been
16 no malicious intent whatsoever but there's been a lot of
17 Staff turnover and some other things that have
18 complicated the relationship in such that we haven't been
19 following the MOU the way that we have in the past. And
20 we understand that they're working on these things, that
21 some of these things are being ironed out and some of
22 them are continuing to happen. Really appreciate that
23 this Council coordinator follows the MOU and contacts the
24 liaison office when looking for materials, it's one of
25 the areas that we've been working on that's been a little
26 chaotic trying to round things up when we don't use the
27 established conduit but all of the parties that sign the
28 MOU are subject to the protocol agreement, so all of the
29 agencies that participate are to be using the conduit
30 through the liaison office and we have been excluded from
31 a few meetings and that has surfaced as complications
32 that the program is not designed for, follow up letters
33 to the Board explaining that we weren't included in a
34 meeting and that we have a different position, and we're
35 trying to iron those things out and we have faith that
36 everyone's working hard on those but it is a factor that
37 the State is evaluating the worth of the MOU.

38
39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Any
40 questions.

41
42 (No comments)

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Are we needing
45 to comment on this.

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47 MR. BERG: Madame Chair.

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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, go ahead.

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1 MR. BERG: I guess I would add, I was
2 going to mention earlier and I just forgot, that the last
3 time your Council addressed the MOU, the comment from the
4 Eastern Interior Council was that they thought the MOU
5 was fine, and was working well, but they had some
6 concerns about the information sharing protocol and maybe
7 how well that was working or maybe not working, and so
8 our working group did recognize that, you know, those
9 protocols are fairly old now, they were put in place, I
10 think before the 2008 version of the MOU so I think there
11 was a recognition that we probably do need to go back and
12 relook at some of those older protocols and see how well
13 they're working and whether they need to be adjusted. So
14 there is a commitment to try to go back and start looking
15 at those once this new revised MOU is hopefully put back
16 in place and that is a little bit more on the scheduling,
17 and so we're reviewing it with all the Councils now and
18 then the intent, hopefully, is for the Federal Board and
19 the State counterparts, the Board of Fish and the Board
20 of Game and the ADF&G Commissioner to sign off on it this
21 coming winter in January. Hopefully that all works out
22 as planned.

23
24 Anyway, so that's kind of where you guys
25 left it off and kind of where we're heading.

26
27 Madame Chair.

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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, that's a
30 lot of information and, I guess, Council members, do you
31 have any questions regarding this.

32
33 (No comments)

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you have any
36 -- I mean this is an action item for us also.

37
38 Joe.

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40 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair. I don't have
41 any questions. Is it appropriate now to make a comment
42 on it.

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sure.

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46 MR. MATESI: Reviewing it, I do
47 appreciate very much, I see frequently throughout the MOU
48 the addition of tribes and I appreciate that. I'm trying
49 to recall, it seems to me that wasn't that one of our
50 RACs recommendations the last time.

1 Anyway, if it wasn't, it should have
2 been.

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4 And I appreciate that that's in here and
5 I like that and I support that.

6
7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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9 MR. GLANZ: I have a comment.

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill.

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13 MR. GLANZ: Wasn't the tribes part of the
14 -- they weren't part of the signatories on this original
15 one, so I think that's probably why they're not in it,
16 you follow me, there was a lot of these when I was at the
17 Department, there was only the original signatories, and
18 it's alter -- go ahead, Jennifer, sorry.

19
20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, Jen.

21
22 MS. YUHAS: I can weigh in a little bit
23 with the discussion regarding tribes in general.

24
25 We've got two separate processes ongoing.
26 One is the MOU, which is an agreement between the Board
27 and the State, and we have tribal consultation, which
28 would be an agreement between how the Board would
29 interact with tribes in general. We're very thoughtful
30 about inserting words in this document and wanted to
31 avoid simply peppering the document because we have an
32 ongoing tribal consultation policy being developed by the
33 Board. The places that you see tribes referenced are
34 places where we are referencing items regarding
35 development of management plans and things like that, but
36 this document is actually a working agreement between the
37 State and the Board, and the State has maintained a solid
38 position that in the tribal consultation we aren't asking
39 for insertion of the State in reference to the State
40 throughout that just to have it there, either, because
41 that -- we recognize that as a working document between
42 the Board and the tribes and I contributed no -- attended
43 meetings and listened to things because we want to keep
44 ourselves updated but we've not tried to tell the Board
45 how their working agreement with tribes should be
46 followed at all because that's their agreement with the
47 tribes.

48
49 So we were very thoughtful about where we
50 inserted specific language.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Andy,
2 then Virgil.
3
4 MR. BASSICH: No, I'm fine.
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, Virgil.
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8 MR. UMPHENOUR: I was wondering what the
9 status of doing the EIS or whatever they're doing on the
10 wolves that are on Unimak Island killing all the caribou.
11
12 MR. BERG: I'm sorry, the status of the
13 -- oh, the EIS. Well, there was an EA that was
14 completed, that was prior to the decision that was made
15 whether to do predator -- whether the Federal government
16 would be involved in predator control on Unimak Island
17 and that was completed. There is no efforts to do an EIS
18 on that issue.
19
20 That was a final decision that was made
21 based on the EA that was completed.
22
23 MR. UMPHENOUR: So what exactly is the
24 status, are they going to do any kind of management of
25 the wolves there or just let them eat all the caribou up?
26
27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You're getting
28 off topic.
29
30 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yep.
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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, I mean
33 you're going to a specific thing and we're in this MOU,
34 how does it relate to the MOU.
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36 MR. UMPHENOUR: The way it relates to the
37 MOU is it says, wildlife management activities on Federal
38 public lands other than subsistence take of use of fish
39 and wildlife such as predator control and habitat
40 management are the responsibility of and remain within
41 the authority of the individual land management agency,
42 and so my question is I'm asking what the land management
43 agency is doing on Unimak Island because there's been --
44 that's been a big issue.
45
46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, that's
47 good, you're asking something specific to a specific
48 program and we're just discussing the MOU, that's how I
49 read that.
50

1 MR. UMPHENOUR: Right. Well, I
2 understand that but this.....
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But you always
5 win.
6
7 (Laughter)
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9 MR. UMPHENOUR: But I just asked a simple
10 question which only requires a couple of sentences to
11 answer it, are they doing something or not.
12
13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's a yes/no
14 answer, that's hard for the government to do.
15
16 (Laughter)
17
18 MR. BERG: Basically right now they're
19 monitoring the wolf and the caribou populations.
20
21 I guess that's the easy answer, the quick
22 answer.
23
24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
25
26 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, thank you.
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28 MR. WOODRUFF: Sue, I have a couple.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Joe. Okay,
31 Don, go ahead.
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33 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes, I want to thank them
34 for the wordsmithing to make things a little more in
35 plain English because there's a lot of people that use
36 English as a second language and even for us with a first
37 language, some of this vocabulary and other wordsmithing
38 is difficult to understand so I appreciate all their hard
39 work and I also appreciate the Council's interest in the
40 information sharing and their comments.
41
42 Thank you.
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thanks Don. I
45 guess I want to know how -- from the State and then from
46 the Federal side, on this predator control portion, how
47 does that -- I mean it's never going to happen on Federal
48 lands, let's be honest, right.
49
50 MR. CRIBLEY: (Nods affirmatively)

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: There's a
2 positive nod back there, it may happen, all right.
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4 MS. YUHAS: Through the Chair, the State
5 obviously practices and endorses predator management.....
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.
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9 MS. YUHAS:predator control. We
10 agreed to the language that's in front of you.....
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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14 MS. YUHAS:because this is an
15 interAgency cooperative effort and not all agencies have
16 the same policy, and we recognize that and so we referred
17 to the Board's policy on predator management.
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19 Now, the Board may be petitioned to
20 change that policy, the policy may change, the policy may
21 never change but for this document and this effort we
22 figured that was the most easy to understand and our
23 argument, or are our task was for the MOU. What the
24 Board does with predator management is a separate
25 discussion and different land management agencies may
26 speak for themselves on how they handle it. From the
27 State I can't speak on what could ever occur, but I think
28 it's obvious to the members here that some Federal land
29 managers have different policies than other Federal land
30 managers and I would expect that it could occur on a
31 Federal land, not all of them.
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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bless you.
34
35 (Laughter)
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37 MS. YUHAS: I'm not sure if that was a
38 sneeze or a giggle.
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well,
41 after.....
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43 MS. YUHAS: Do you have anything to add
44 Jerry.
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, I feel
47 his pain with the fish thing, he's been working on it
48 since he was 20 years old, so I feel the same way about
49 predator control, I've been working on it since I was
50 very young and it kind of gets discouraging.

1 But I'm encouraged to see a nod of the
2 head from BLM so that's cool, because, you know, a lot of
3 times -- I was reading here just recently about the
4 ANILCA and there's been YK and us, in particular, always
5 pushing for that so in this MOU you're saying that that
6 predator management policy on the Federal side can
7 change?

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9 (No comments)

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It could change
12 or.....

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14 MS. YUHAS: We're not saying that in the
15 MOU, I am saying that.....

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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That you refer
18 to it.

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20 MS. YUHAS:as a reference that we
21 referred to the policy in our document.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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25 MS. YUHAS: Should the policy change this
26 document would still refer to the policy.

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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, gotcha.
29 Any other questions, do we want to -- I hear positive
30 from Don, you're looking for us -- for more input or.....

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32 MR. BERG: Well, it's up to your Council.
33 If you feel like there's some add -- some changes that
34 would provide some added value we're certainly open to
35 that, if you think it's good the way it is, that would be
36 good to know as well, if you don't want to make any
37 comments that's fine as well. We just want to provide
38 this opportunity.....

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.

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42 MR. BERG:before the Board takes it
43 up again this coming winter before your next meeting.

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And the other
46 Councils that have met, have they made any changes?

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48 MS. YUHAS: There were a few offered by
49 the Western Interior RAC and so when a Council offers
50 changes, those will go through the same process, we'll

1 collect them all at the end of the RAC cycle and our
2 working group will meet again, we will sort through them,
3 we will ask solicitor's opinions, we will look to see if
4 language can be added easily, we will look to see if it
5 doesn't fit within the context of this discussion or not
6 and then provide another report on what was utilized and
7 why or why not.

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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: What was
10 Western Interior's.

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12 MS. YUHAS: I don't have it off the top
13 of my head.

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15 MR. BERG: Yeah, I didn't bring a copy of
16 what the other -- the input from some of the other
17 Councils was but they did make a few comments that, you
18 know, like Jennifer said, we'll just have to take up as
19 part of the workgroup and present those suggestions to
20 the Federal Subsistence Board.

21

22 MS. YUHAS: One was in reference to the
23 management plans, that the language was still not as easy
24 to understand. There was a misperception of the language
25 we had presented which we clarified orally, but we
26 recognized maybe we could clean that section up.

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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Council
29 members is there any -- it's an action item for us, what
30 do you want to do, do you have any additions or feelings
31 on what you see -- Virgil.

32

33 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, actually in our
34 region in the fisheries arena, we work real good
35 together, in the fisheries arena, both sides, the State
36 and the Federal which is good. And the wildlife arena,
37 it's different. And I would like to see in the wildlife
38 arena they work closer like they do -- together like they
39 do in the fisheries arena, that's what I would like to
40 see. And, of course, the biggest issues is predator
41 management.

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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

44

45 MR. UMPHENOUR: Which we've talked a
46 little bit about. And there's one case where they could
47 work closer together, I think, and that is that the Board
48 of Game passed or authorized -- or voted on, had a big
49 gigantic discussion and a good presentation in the spring
50 on the wolves in the area near the Kanuti Refuge and the

1 State is going to, this coming spring, actually conduct
2 wolf removal, and so that's near the Kanuti Refuge,
3 that's to hopefully help the wolf population so that the
4 people that live at Allakaket and Alatna, in that area,
5 will maybe have an opportunity to harvest moose. And so
6 it would be good if the Refuge system worked with the
7 State on that, I don't know if they plan on it or not or,
8 you know, maybe expand it over to the Refuge.

9

10 But, anyway, that's -- I would like to
11 see in the wildlife part of things they work more closely
12 together with the State like they do on the fishery side
13 of the house.

14

15 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you see
18 language to do that or just a comment from us.

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20 MR. BERG: Yeah, I'd have to look to see
21 if there's some place in the MOU we could specifically
22 address that but part of it's probably because, you know,
23 there's individual wildlife managers.....

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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.

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27 MR. BERG:you know, and then on the
28 fisheries side, you know, we pretty much have Fred on the
29 Yukon and Gene Peltola on the Kuskokwim and it's a little
30 bit different with maybe just the way it's done.

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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34 MR. BERG: But certainly point well taken
35 and we'll have to take a look at the MOU and see if
36 there's some way to address that.

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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And I'd like to
39 point out like in Unit 12, where we are, there's really
40 good working relationships on the wildlife in 20E and so
41 I don't know if you guys have worse -- things that aren't
42 working good in other areas but you have all these
43 different land managers and it makes it a little
44 complicated, like you said, the fisheries might not be as
45 complicated because of the land mass.

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47 MS. YUHAS: And through the Chair, we've
48 recognized excellent working relationships between
49 wildlife managers in Southeast, and so really I'm just
50 taking what I'm hearing here as a comment from the RAC to

1 follow the MOU protocols and maintain good working
2 relationships in all areas.

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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, sounds
5 good. Anyone else want to comment or add or talk about
6 this.

7

8 Andrew.

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10 MR. FIRMIN: I just have one quick thing,
11 like it's kind of more of a tribal consultation point but
12 I don't know how that could work in there but there
13 always seems to be one agency or another amongst the list
14 here that's doing something different and like say the
15 Flats, for example, and you never know what's going on
16 until a study comes out and it's always kind of nice to
17 say, not from an enforcement perspective, but all of a
18 sudden you're working through the woods and geez, there's
19 a helicopter and a plane and what are you guys doing, you
20 know, you're tagging what, and soil sampling for who and
21 for why and, you know, it's just always nice to have a
22 head's up or a, you know, send the tribe a fax and say
23 we're going to be doing this type of activity over here,
24 don't mind us, we're not -- some people wonder what the
25 heck's going on and some people come running into the
26 office screaming and hollering and saying there's three
27 choppers over there doing something and I'm trying to
28 sleep in my cabin at night or fishing or something --
29 there's always some little -- some uniformed person along
30 the line and I just think that keeping in touch with
31 whatever little activities that's going on, be it studies
32 or whatever, this might not be the place for it but I
33 think that's always a plus to have, you know, just the --
34 I mean like Joe, I think some places they have that
35 antenna, that weather station on top of the hill across
36 from you, and it's like I think some people didn't even
37 know about it until I said, yeah, I spotted it that one
38 time in a boat, there's what up there.

39

40 (Laughter)

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42 MR. FIRMIN: And then, you know, what
43 would you have thought if a helicopter landed up there
44 and started dinking around on top of the hill from across
45 from you, if you're a paranoid guy you probably would
46 have -- up there watching you or something.

47

48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. FIRMIN: But it's just little simple

1 things like that go a long ways, I think, with the
2 working relationships between any user groups including
3 the agencies listed here.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill.

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9 MR. GLANZ: Madame Chair. You know this
10 memorandum of understanding is working well with the
11 caribou, you know, for an example.

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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, yeah.

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15 MR. GLANZ: I mean.....

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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It is.

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19 MR. GLANZ:I highly praise the way
20 they're working together on that. But it does say in
21 here avoid duplication in research, I think you'd have to
22 -- I don't know how you'd ever find the wolf in my area
23 without a radio collar on, many years radio collaring the
24 wolves, I mean numerous, I don't know how many -- we
25 don't know how many groups that are doing all the
26 research on the wolves, the university, the State, the
27 Feds, you don't know, I know the Park Service does a fine
28 job of tagging them for us.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Did you catch
33 any.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, that --
38 to me, that's a really good point. I think that in the
39 years that I've been around the Federal and State system,
40 it does seem like the biologists sometimes are
41 duplicating work but it seems as time goes on it's
42 getting better, where you guys, it's working to where --
43 they're working together on the Chisana Caribou or the
44 Fortymile Caribou and that, so that's important.

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46 MR. FIRMIN: Pooling resources.

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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, working
49 together on all this stuff.

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1 All right.

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3 MR. BUE: Madame Chair.

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, Fred.

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7 MR. BUE: Fred Bue. I attended the

8 Western Interior RAC and I was looking through my notes

9 from that meeting and their action was to insert some

10 sort of language, and I don't have the specifics here,

11 but it was to the effect that the RAC has some sort of

12 elevated stature at the Board of Fish, Board of Game,

13 similar to a State AC. Their concern was they felt

14 sometimes that they -- I don't want to put words in their

15 mouth but their thought was that they were being treated

16 as a lower.....

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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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20 MR. BUE:lower, more of a general

21 public participant at the -- providing testimony.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.

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25 MR. BUE: And they wanted some sort of

26 language inserted that they would be similar like to a

27 State AC in the public comment section.

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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Although

30 I thought the State had given them more time just in the

31 last several years, our RACs, yeah, just like the AC, so

32 maybe they just want to make sure.

33

34 MS. YUHAS: Well, these were simply

35 comments that were received last week that will go back

36 to the working group and, you know, several points will

37 need to be evaluated and I'll need to research, you know,

38 what have we done at the State Board level and, you know,

39 what are the comments from the ACs and what is their

40 status as the Federal Subsistence Board meetings as well,

41 they aren't at the table with the Board the way the RACs

42 are.

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. Maybe

45 that's what they were referring to, being at the table

46 when they're deliberating.

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48 MS. YUHAS: Well, this was a RAC asking

49 for higher placement at the State process.

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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I
2 understand, yeah. Yeah, uh-huh.
3
4 Thank you for that information, Fred.
5
6 All right, guys, is there anything that
7 you want to add, or do you want to do anything.
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9 MR. WOODRUFF: Sue.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right, Don,
12 you're on.
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14 MR. WOODRUFF: I think it might, at this
15 time, be appropriate to reference the Western Interior's
16 comments about the RAC's participation in the Board of
17 Fish/Game meetings and also to give these guys maybe a
18 thumb's up vote.
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, it is,
21 it's an action item, so are you making a motion.
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23 MR. WOODRUFF: I guess you can assume the
24 motion's made.
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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So you're
27 making a motion to add -- or parallel Western Interior's
28 thoughts.
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30 MR. WOODRUFF: Correct.
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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do I hear a
33 second.
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35 MR. GLANZ: I will.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Further
38 discussion. Go ahead.
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40 MR. UMPHENOUR: I'm not clear on what
41 exactly the Western RAC is wanting, is it to sit at the
42 table during deliberations like is done in the Federal
43 Subsistence Board or is it just to be treated like an
44 Advisory Committee.
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46 MS. YUHAS: Through the Chair. The
47 representatives of that RAC are not present and Jerry may
48 want to add to this but our interpretation was simply to
49 have equal status with Advisory Committees through the
50 State regulatory process.

1 MR. BERG: Yeah, maybe everybody
2 understood it differently. I thought it was like for
3 equal time in front of the Board of Fish or Board of
4 Game, so if they're given, you know.....
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Equal time.
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8 MR. BERG:if the AC's are given 15
9 minutes, they're given 15 minutes. And I thought that
10 that was all worked out years ago as well.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So did I,
13 that's why I'm confused.
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15 MR. BERG: But we need to go back and
16 check and see where all that was at.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I was certain
19 it was, he and I testified at the Board of Game and the
20 time was there, so I would say they just want to insure
21 that and have it in the MOU is all, so it's equal time as
22 AC's, right, and Don that's what we would have your
23 motion is, as equal time.
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25 MR. WOODRUFF: That's correct.
26
27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, good it's
28 understood, that it would go in the MOU, and so that's
29 the form of our motion, okay, equal time.
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31 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, I will support that
32 motion. The Board's do that anyway but it wouldn't hurt
33 to put it in the MOU.
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35 Madame Chair.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Any
38 other discussion.
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40 MR. GLANZ: Question.
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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's been
43 called, all in favor.
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45 IN UNISON: Aye.
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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone opposed.
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49 (No opposing votes)
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: It passes
2 unanimous. All right, and then we're happy with this, we
3 don't have any other additions, you want to support it as
4 written or just be done with it, how do you want to do
5 it.
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7 MR. GLANZ: I make a motion we support
8 the memorandum of understanding between the State and the
9 Federal government.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, with our
12 addition.
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14 MR. UMPHENOUR: With our comments.
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16 MR. GLANZ: Oh, yes, with our comments.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay.
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20 MR. UMPHENOUR: Second.
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22 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Second. Do we
23 need further discussion.
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25 (No comments)
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: All in favor.
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29 IN UNISON: Aye.
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31 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. We're
32 doing good.
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34 MR. MATESI: Could we take a short break.
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: You want to go
37 for a break.
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39 (Council nods affirmatively)
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: A short break
42 has been requested so we'll do that.
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44 (Off record)
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46 (On record)
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48 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: We're on new
49 business.
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1 MR. ERHART: We're on new business.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We are.
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5 (Laughter)
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay,
8 discussion of open Council application nomination period
9 and outreach to increase the number of applicants for
10 RACs. Who is going to give that one to us.
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12 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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16 MS. PATTON: I can give you that.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, Eva can
19 help us here.
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21 MS. PATTON: Eva Patton for the record.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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25 MS. PATTON: So the cycle will be coming
26 up again. We do have some application copies here for
27 folks here and mostly we want to encourage this Council
28 for all your dedicated work and long-time members on this
29 Council, and to assist with the outreach, if you know
30 people either in your home community or your region and
31 in particular other communities that are not represented
32 on this Council, the importance of the input for the
33 region is really important. We've had a number of
34 members speak to those concerns of being able to comment
35 for your community or nearby in the areas where you hunt
36 and fish, we'd like to hear from other folks in the
37 region and this is an opportunity to extend that outreach
38 to have greater representation from other communities on
39 the Council as well. And I think there's no better
40 encouragement for other folks to participate than hearing
41 your own experiences and letting people know how the
42 process works.
43
44 I just recently did the FACA report for
45 this Council so I just came on in June, but it was very
46 encouraging to see the Board took up, in the past,
47 approximately 90 percent of this Council's motions and
48 those that were not were in deference to Councils from
49 the other regions for particular issues for their region.
50 So this Council is effective and has an important role in

1 subsistence and the Board takes that very seriously.

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3 So mostly just to encourage you to
4 encourage other folks in your region to participate in
5 this process. And we are here to support that outreach,
6 too, so there is, of course, greater effort right now in
7 terms of tribal consultation and those folks that are
8 connected in other realms, as many of you are, sitting on
9 other Councils and representing either fisheries or
10 wildlife issues for your region, those sorts of folks are
11 really helpful too.

12

13 So please contact me if you have
14 recommendations, if I can help with outreach to
15 particular groups or particular people. And I hope to --
16 yes, questions, Joe.

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18 MR. MATESE: Madame Chair.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead.

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22 MR. MATESE: The application period just
23 opened, is that correct?

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25 MS. PATTON: Uh-huh.

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27 MR. MATESE: Okay. What is the closing
28 date for that?

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30 MS. PATTON: That is -- I actually will
31 have to doublecheck on the closing date, it's open for
32 quite some time.

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anybody at OSM
35 have that on the top of their head, when that closing
36 date is?

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38 (No comments)

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It seems to me
41 it's usually in February, isn't it?

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43 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah, in the spring.

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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47 MS. PATTON: Yeah. And let me go back
48 and get one of those applications and see if we've got
49 the actual closing date on it.

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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm sure it
2 does.
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4 MR. RIVARD: I'll get it. I'll get it
5 Eva.
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7 (Pause)
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: So you're just
10 encouraging us to help, more apps.
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12 MS. PATTON: Yes. Encouraging the RAC to
13 assist with that outreach since many of you are very well
14 connected and very active in your communities and active
15 on other Councils, that direct outreach I think is really
16 important and helping people understand the importance of
17 the role of the RAC and the influence that this body has.
18 And particularly with challenging fisheries and wildlife
19 issues that are coming up and input on opportunities for
20 management on the Yukon for fisheries at this time
21 period.
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23 So you guys work very hard and it is a
24 volunteer position. A lot of time and dedication and we
25 recognize that.
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27 DR. JENKINS: I'll respond to Joe's
28 question really quickly.
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30 MS. PATTON: Thank you.
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32 DR. JENKINS: The last one closed
33 February 18th 2012, so I assume 2013 will close in
34 February at about the same time.
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. There
37 is something left in my memory, February.
38
39 MS. PATTON: And I can follow up with you
40 guys, too, on the final closing date for that so that we
41 know for sure when the applications need to be in.
42
43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's February.
44
45 MR. BASSICH: I just had a quick comment,
46 too. I think it'd be really important for the future of
47 this RAC to continue to try and encourage younger people
48 to get on the RAC. I look around the table I see a lot
49 of grey hair and some no hair.
50

1 (Laughter)

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3 MR. BASSICH: And, you know, I think that
4 it's valuable that we have so many long-term users and
5 subsistence users and commercial, we have a really great
6 deal of experience on our RAC but I think for the future
7 of this RAC, I know when I came on board, I don't know
8 how many years ago it was, it's pretty intimidating when
9 you first come on board and it takes a couple of years to
10 really kind of feel like you got your feet under you and
11 I think it'd be prudent for us to try and encourage more
12 people like Andrew and younger people to be involved so
13 that the future -- so the transition is more seamless.

14

15 MR. GLANZ: I concur with Andy with that
16 because just like that young man that spoke to us
17 yesterday and today from Tanana, man we need to have you
18 put an application in, we got to get -- we had that
19 happen up in Arctic Village with that Gilbert, remember
20 he came on with us and he was only on about one meeting
21 or two and he just -- he got discouraged because he
22 thought that well, we propose it, we vote on it, it
23 becomes law, no, man, you're talking two years down the
24 road and he didn't understand the -- but, anyway, I
25 encourage every young person that asks about it, put your
26 application in, you know, just the way to do it and be
27 prepared to volunteer your butt off because you'll be
28 involved in lots of committees. Sue there doesn't have
29 much time to herself at all to be involved with stuff.
30 And that's another thing, it's a hardship on a young man
31 trying to raise his family and doesn't have the -- even
32 though they pay you per diem, you still have to have
33 money to get here, you still have to have money to eat
34 and then another six or eight months before they give you
35 your money that was the rest of your per diem; it needs
36 a little tuneup there, too. So that's all I have to say.

37

38 But get the young people in because we're
39 not going to be around a long time to be doing this
40 stuff.

41

42 Anyway, thanks.

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44 MR. WILLIAMS: I'll make a comment. Yeah,
45 I'd like to echo what those people are saying about
46 encouraging younger people to apply for these positions.

47

48 But anyway I was at a meeting with the
49 Yukon Flats Advisory Committee in Arctic Village at one
50 time and those people were voicing concerns about not

1 being represented in these meetings, the RAC, or the
2 Advisory, and I told them that at certain times of the
3 year the application comes in for people to put their
4 name down to be considered to be appointed to these
5 positions, well, they expressed the concern also that
6 these applications are being lost along the way in
7 transition when they get to the village it's mostly
8 addressed to the village council, or the tribal council,
9 and people who handles the mail deem it not very
10 important or something like that and they just lay it to
11 the side and there it lays and nobody gets hold of it,
12 you know.

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14 And I propose that these applications be
15 sent to a specific person in the village, so a dependable
16 person in the village where they can let the people know
17 that these positions are open now, and if you want to
18 apply I'll be glad to help you and you can put your
19 application in. So more people can apply for these
20 positions instead of being laid on the side and saying,
21 you know, we'll attend to this later which is almost
22 never. That's what I propose.

23

24 Thank you.

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26 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. I'm here to
27 help as well so those sorts of suggestions are helpful in
28 terms of making sure we get those applications to the
29 village council administrator or the tribal council
30 administrator and I can also talk with folks directly to
31 explain the process and the timeline if that would help,
32 and a point of contact to return them to so we make sure
33 to get them back.

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35 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah.

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37 MS. PATTON: And to echo the interest of
38 having younger folks on the Council as well, definitely
39 great opportunity to help bring someone along in terms of
40 mentorship by other Council members who've been on for a
41 long time. It is a daunting process, I think, for
42 people, and to understand the rather slow turnaround
43 time, but, again, to recognize that the Board does act on
44 the Council's actions.

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46 I also wanted to state for the record
47 that we do have a new Council member, James Roberts, as
48 I had emailed everyone, who was just appointed a couple
49 weeks ago in place of Isaac Juneby, a younger fellow,
50 Andrew Firmin knows him, coming from Tanana, and also

1 very involved, he's on the Yukon Panel and sits on many
2 other Councils as well. So he wasn't able to be here
3 this time but he will be here starting in the winter
4 meeting.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MR. ERHART: Due to a death at home.

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10 MS. PATTON: Yes.

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12 MR. GLANZ: Madame Chair.

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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill.

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16 MR. GLANZ: What we do in Central, we put
17 it right on the -- and in Circle also, we put it right on
18 the post office on the bulletin board, and the
19 applications are right on the table there. So you just
20 fill it out and put it in an envelope and put a stamp on
21 it and send it, I mean it's that simple, you know.

22
23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, it is a
24 big commitment so it's -- and sometimes, like my -- I got
25 involved in this stuff probably in my late 20s, early 30s
26 and my son's 42 and he says, mom, I'm not cut out for
27 that, you know, he's a good listener, he's a good thought
28 process, but he's not -- he doesn't like to speak out and
29 you run into that with kids, they have the background but
30 they don't have the confidence, so that makes it kind of
31 hard.

32
33 Yeah, Joe.

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35 MR. MATESI: Women are subsistence users
36 too. I would like to see more women applying.

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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Me too. Yep,
39 that's good.

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41 Okay, next on the agenda -- we'll try to
42 help you.

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44 MS. PATTON: Sure, thank you.

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
47 Regulatory cycle review, Page 143.

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49 DR. JENKINS: Madame Chair. David
50 Jenkins with OSM. As Madame Chair noted, 143, is where

1 this briefing starts.

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3 During the past regulatory cycle, a
4 variety of RAC Councils requested that the fall meeting
5 window be extended to November so that fall subsistence
6 activities could be completed before Regional Advisory
7 Councils meet, and, additionally, these Councils would
8 like to see the January Federal Subsistence Board meeting
9 moved to later in the year, possibly April or May.

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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13 DR. JENKINS: Staff reviewed its
14 practices and these requests and you can see OSM
15 recommendations on Page 144, and the recommendations
16 include several changes.

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18 See number 2 which speaks to RAC meeting
19 dates. It's to extend the Regional Council meeting
20 window into early November. The rest of them have to do
21 with the Board, number 1 is to hold the Board's meeting
22 for wildlife hunting and trapping regulations in April
23 rather than January. And number 3 is about fisheries
24 regulations, then the Board would meet no later than
25 early January to consider fisheries regulations and then
26 to keep the effective dates for wildlife regulations and
27 fishing regulations as they are, wildlife is in July and
28 fisheries regulations are the 1st of April.

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30 So briefly those are the recommendations,
31 Madame Chair, and you can make your recommendations.

32

33 Thank you.

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. So
36 these meeting dates on Page 145.....

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38 MR. UMPHENOUR: No, 144, here is the
39 proposed.

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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, this is
42 just what's happened in the past.

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44 MR. UMPHENOUR: This is what's happening
45 now, past and current.

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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andy.

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49 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I looked this over
50 and my personal feelings is I'm fine with the way things

1 are status quo so I guess I would defer if there's other
2 people on our Council that have real issues with the
3 timing. I know in our fall season, this date that we're
4 at right now is about the maximum into the fall that
5 people from Eagle can probably make it, or at least that
6 I can make it, because due to the river freezing up, a
7 lot of years I can't travel often times much later than
8 this. So I would hate to see us try and schedule any of
9 our meetings any later than this and I think we've done
10 that because you and Virgil have had guiding operations
11 and this is sometimes the earliest you can get in so I
12 think we're good as far as our fall RAC meetings go.

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14 And as far as the springtime goes, the
15 spring, or what we call the winter meetings, I'd prefer
16 to have those more towards the winter end than the spring
17 end, springtime gets extremely busy for many of us living
18 out in the remote areas.

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20 But as far as the regulatory cycle for
21 the Board and everything, I think all the dates have been
22 working fine and I think if they start changing things,
23 there's been a fair amount of work put towards trying to
24 coordinate Board of Fish, Board of Game, Federal
25 Subsistence Board meetings, YRDFA meetings, I mean you
26 could spend your whole winter out at meetings if you
27 really wanted to.

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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's true.

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31 MR. BASSICH: If you could get enough per
32 diem you could have a pretty good life out there.

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34 So I think there's been a lot of effort
35 to try and coordinate this and a lot of different
36 entities have kind of locked in dates and to start
37 changing that now could actually complicate the process
38 quite a bit. So I'm quite comfortable with the way
39 things are.

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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Other Council
42 members.

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44 MR. GLANZ: I echo what Andy just said,
45 Madame Chair. I think -- I've got no problem with these
46 dates that we've been meeting here over the years.

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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone else.

49

50 Virgil.

1 MR. UMPHENOUR: No, I don't have really
2 have a problem with the way it is now. Extending it into
3 November wouldn't make any difference with me. I could
4 see where they might want to have that Board meeting a
5 little bit earlier to have more times to get the
6 regulations published and distributed might be better,
7 but other than that it doesn't make any difference to me.
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I have a
10 question about that early April for, what is it July 1st
11 it has to be printed, that can happen?
12

13 DR. JENKINS: That was the conclusion of
14 the Staff analysis, yes, that if no later than early
15 April if the Board wanted to meet then, then it could
16 meet the July deadline. It's awfully tight but that was
17 the recommendation.
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19 Let me speak briefly also to Andy's
20 point. Extending the window into November doesn't change
21 when you choose your meetings, it just.....
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's what I
24 was wondering.
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26 DR. JENKINS:allows other Council
27 members to.....
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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's longer.
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31 DR. JENKINS:have other
32 opportunities for their meetings.
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And what about
35 in the spring, did it also do it there?
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37 DR. JENKINS: Not for Regional Advisory
38 Council, the other meeting dates were -- the Staff
39 recommendations were about the Federal Subsistence Board
40 meeting dates.
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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I know at.....
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44 DR. JENKINS: One for fisheries and one
45 for wildlife. Fisheries would remain the same, January,
46 the.....
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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.
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50 DR. JENKINS:recommendation is that

1 wildlife could be moved later into the spring.

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, Joe, go
4 ahead, but before you do that I just wanted to let the
5 Council know that as the Chair, when that Board has
6 meetings into the spring people are complaining pretty
7 hard. We had a May meeting one time and that's when
8 you're out doing your thing and it's -- so even early
9 April for me, I mean if I had to go to a Board meeting
10 for wildlife in early April I might not go because I'm
11 still trapping wolves and doing things that conflict.
12 January's a good time to go to Anchorage to a Board
13 meeting.

14

15 I don't know. I just wanted to let you
16 know that I can -- that's really crazy. So what's the --
17 the early April would mean from January to April or
18 what.....

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20 DR. JENKINS: The recommendation is no
21 later than early April.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So you could
24 have it much earlier.

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26 DR. JENKINS: Sure.

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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I see. That's
29 what I would recommend.

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31 DR. JENKINS: But that's the latest so
32 that we can get the publication out.

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Joe.

35

36 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair. Yeah, it
37 might be worth considering these, if not for us, but
38 maybe to accommodate other RACs because there is -- well,
39 I'll just give you my own personal circumstances and I'm
40 not asking this Council to schedule around me, as an
41 individual. We've never flown in in October before and
42 this year and last year -- nobody here is really aware of
43 it, Eva might be, but it has been a nightmare trying to
44 schedule for -- to get me into town and back -- I don't
45 know when I'm going to get back, I might have a hard time
46 getting back at this time of year. November was never a
47 problem, we can go in with a ski plane. This time of the
48 year there was probably a four week fiasco last year
49 trying to get an airplane scheduled for me to come to the
50 meeting a year ago and I think there was some issues,

1 we're down to one air carrier now who meets the
2 requirements this time of year, on wheels, with a little
3 bit of snow on the ground, and now there's a little bit
4 more snow on the ground and they may not be willing to
5 take me back until there's more snow so that they can
6 land on skis, it's -- mid-October is really difficult for
7 me.

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9 Now that I've gotten everybody's
10 sympathy and thank you for letting me cry on your
11 shoulder.....

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MR. MATESI:I'm not asking to try
16 to accommodate a new schedule change or go into November
17 just for me, I'll -- if I can't make it work, I can't
18 make it work, and I'm willing to try and Eva seems to be
19 quite willing to try as well. But there might be more
20 people like me on some of the other RACs and if this is
21 blanket for all of the different RACs then I am very
22 supportive of trying to extend the windows as much as we
23 can in all directions to accommodate everybody.

24

25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead, Andy.

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27 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, Sue, if it's
28 something that, you know, also affects you as a
29 Chairperson and attending, and I'm talking not about our
30 meetings, but I'm talking about attending the Board
31 meetings, you know, I think it's prudent for you, like
32 you kind of did in an offbeat way, to let us know about
33 what concerns you have because I think it's really
34 important for us to have our Chair at the Federal
35 Subsistence Board meeting, and if it's something that
36 moving later into the season really complicates things
37 for you I'm quite happy to support not supporting any
38 changes to this.

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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42 MR. BASSICH: Because quite frankly as I
43 stated earlier, I'll just reference my earlier comments
44 about how many different agencies are having different
45 board meetings and it's really going to throw a big
46 monkey wrench into the whole process if they start
47 changing dates that have been established for many years.

48

49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Were the
50 other Councils wanting to see it because having gone

1 there and heard some of the complaints about eating into
2 subsistence time, do they want to see that wildlife that
3 late?

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5 DR. JENKINS: Eva, do you have the list
6 of what these Councils have done, I don't have it in
7 front of me.

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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I know Jack
10 Reakoff was really irritated about the May -- I mean all
11 of us were about May but.....

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13 DR. JENKINS: I listened to Jack and his
14 problem with the January meeting was that it.....

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It was so cold.

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18 DR. JENKINS:it was a difficult --
19 it was difficult for him.....

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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh, yeah,
22 it's like 30.....

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24 DR. JENKINS:and others to leave
25 their families when it's 40 below and so he thought
26 it.....

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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And I've been
29 there, I know his situation.

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31 DR. JENKINS: I understand. So that's
32 part of his concern.....

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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36 DR. JENKINS:because he'd like to
37 participate in the process.

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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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41 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair, if I may. So
42 the Yukon-Delta Council also discussed the regulatory
43 cycle and supported the extension of the RAC into the
44 fall meeting window to early November, and they also
45 supported holding the Federal Subsistence Board meeting
46 no later than early April, and supported to hold the
47 Federal Subsistence Board fisheries meeting in January,
48 some members expressing preference for early January.

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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I guess I think

1 extending to November is a good idea and early -- all the
2 way to early April, you know, Andrew has gone for
3 fisheries stuff, Virgil's gone for fisheries stuff and
4 sometimes if the wildlife stuff is all in your, you know,
5 in the northern region, I would have someone like Andrew
6 or someone else go, but a lot of times I ended up there
7 because a lot of the proposals in wildlife was in our
8 region, so, yes.

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10 MR. BASSICH: So what's the process now
11 if we want to support the changes, do we need to do this
12 through a motion or something.

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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I would say a
15 motion.

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17 MR. BASSICH: And would the motion have
18 to state -- I guess what I'm proposing would be to allow
19 the extension of RAC meetings to be expanded but keep the
20 Federal Subsistence Board as it's currently scheduled.
21 That's what I would propose.

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23 Madame Chair.

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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you want to
26 have it as a motion or do you just want to take our
27 comments.

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29 DR. JENKINS: It is an action item,
30 Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So
33 that's a motion, do I hear a second.

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35 MR. UMPHENOUR: Second.

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37 MR. GLANZ: Second.

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39 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay, there's
40 a second. Further discussion.

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42 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, well, speaking to the
43 motion then I'll just reference my earlier comments about
44 some of the difficulties and some of the problems with
45 changing the Federal Subsistence Board meeting times.

46

47 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: I don't mind
48 it, I guess, saying as late as early April, but it's just
49 going to put a kibosh into travel. I'm afraid. Early
50 February.

1 MR. ERHART: Early February.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: As the latest
4 meeting, yeah.
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6 MR. ERHART: (Nods affirmatively)
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah.
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10 MR. MATESI: As I understand it we're
11 just expanding the window, we're not establishing when we
12 are going to schedule or our meetings, right, we're just
13 expanding the.....
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: No, we're
16 just.....
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18 MR. MATESI:opportunity for
19 all.....
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Uh-huh.
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23 MR. MATESI:the different RACs.
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25 MR. BASSICH: Right.
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27 MR. MATESI: I would support that
28 wholeheartedly.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Right. We were
31 just talking about the window for the Federal Board
32 meeting which affects the Chairs and their
33 representatives, and Jack's probably the main one that
34 was concerned because he lives in Wiseman and they're
35 solely on firewood, when it gets cold it's hard for him
36 to leave.
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38 MR. FIRMIN: I understand he's just had
39 another little baby, uh?
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Uh.
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43 MR. FIRMIN: I said, didn't he just have
44 another little baby too so.....
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: I didn't hear
47 that.
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49 MR. FIRMIN: Just looking at his page on
50 Facebook and maybe that's why his whole perspective is

1 different now.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, you can
4 relate.
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6 (Laughter)
7
8 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah. As a matter of fact
9 I'm going to buy a woodsplitter tomorrow so I can leave
10 the house in the winter months, she can split all the
11 wood.
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13 (Laughter)
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: See the girls
16 are capable.
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18 (Laughter)
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20 MR. FIRMIN: I'm preparing for our winter
21 meetings early.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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25 MR. FIRMIN: On that I kind of feel that
26 it's all -- as is, is good, but if they need to make the
27 windows wider that's fine with me also but I think the --
28 I don't see moving our window dates, who, here wants to
29 leave home in September and go to a meeting, I mean.....
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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No way.
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33 MR. ERHART: No. No.
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35 MR. FIRMIN: Nobody here does, I don't
36 see why they moved it three weeks in that direction.
37
38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That doesn't
39 make sense.
40
41 MR. FIRMIN: As opposed to splitting it
42 forward or something. But that's my only -- I guess for
43 other places in Alaska that probably works for them,
44 though, but for us.....
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Maybe.
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48 MR. FIRMIN:for me, anyway, I'm
49 good with where it's at but I still do share that same
50 maybe leaving that window open in January, just leaving

1 it towards maybe the first week in February, give them a
2 two week window to have it or something, you know,
3 because that's always a 50, 60 below month.

4
5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You mean that's
6 a good time for you to leave or not a good time.

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8 MR. FIRMIN: Well, you can't get out of
9 town. The planes won't fly after.....

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.

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13 MR. FIRMIN:45 below, 50 below.

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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. Yeah.

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17 MR. FIRMIN: So you could sit there for
18 all month and not get out of town.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. Right.

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22 MR. FIRMIN: But that's one thing that
23 maybe if they needed it, I'm for it, and if not I'm glad
24 and happy with the way it is.

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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right, so
27 the motion was -- restate that.

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29 MR. BASSICH: Okay, the motion was to
30 support expanding the RACs windows for having meetings
31 but to leave the Federal Subsistence Board meetings as is
32 currently established.

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. And we
35 have a second. Further discussion on that motion.

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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: I seconded it awhile ago.

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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I said it was
40 seconded, you didn't hear me.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MR. FIRMIN: Question.

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: The question's
47 called for, all in favor.

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49 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. That
2 will be our input. Next is the.....
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4 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair, if I may, just
5 doublecheck to see if Donald is on line still?
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7 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes, I'm on line.
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9 MS. PATTON: Okay, thank you, just wanted
10 to make sure, couldn't hear your vote.
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12 REPORTER: He was a yes.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Does that mean
15 you were in favor Donald, I think Tina heard you.
16
17 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes I'm in favor.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: All right,
20 thank you. Next on the agenda, we did talk about this,
21 Barbara, was the appointment to the Wrangell-St., do you
22 want to handle that when you come up.
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24 MS. CELLARIUS: I can do it now or I can
25 do it with the agency report.
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Well, let's do
28 it then.
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30 MS. CELLARIUS: Okay.
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32 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Review
33 of the Federal Subsistence Board annual report.
34 Discussion of papers on hatchery fish interaction with
35 the Western Arctic Wild Salmon, Page 148.
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37 MS. PATTON: Yeah. So, Madame Chair,
38 mostly this is opportunity for the Council to review the
39 replies from OSM from the Board, and if there's any
40 questions, either myself or Don can address some of the
41 fisheries issues if there's questions there and there
42 were some special requests for hatchery information. I
43 had emailed out additional supplemental materials on the
44 hatchery information, I do have some of those research
45 papers that were addressing at sea, feeding competition,
46 particularly for Yukon chum, it didn't address other
47 Yukon salmon. But as you wish we can discuss the parts
48 of the letter that you would like and we do have Chris
49 McKee on line, too, for any of the wildlife discussion.
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Virgil's
2 talking to himself. Okay.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, Council,
7 is there any questions about -- do you see the letter on
8 150 to -- this is all of our -- the answers to our annual
9 report. We'll do that first, and then what did you say
10 the other one was, this one, the salmon hatchery thing.

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12 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. The Council
13 had requested additional information on hatchery fish
14 interaction with Yukon salmon.

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Uh-huh.

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18 MS. PATTON: And had emailed out some
19 supplementary materials to the Council and also have some
20 of those papers here, they're some pretty lengthy
21 research papers.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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25 MS. PATTON: But if the Council would
26 like to discuss that information I'd be happy to.

27
28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Andy.

29
30 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, thank you. I haven't
31 been able to get to all of that information but I'm
32 really pleased to see that. And I have a -- I don't know
33 why, but I sometimes have a difficult time searching for
34 things on the Internet, I guess my mind works differently
35 than programmer's minds so I do appreciate you.....

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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm with you.

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39 MR. BASSICH: I do appreciate you getting
40 that information and even just getting links to me, I can
41 go from there usually.

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43 However, in this letter to us on Page
44 151, the second paragraph, the last sentence, it says,
45 salmon spend a substantial portion of their life cycle in
46 the marine environment making ocean conditions and
47 ecological interactions at sea more important factors in
48 driving salmon population dynamics, I'm glad they're
49 recognizing that in regards to salmon interactions with
50 hatchery stocks, wild salmon with hatchery stocks, I

1 think that's absolutely right on and that's something
2 that would build over time. You're not going to see
3 something like that right away but you would see that
4 over time and I think that's one of the contributing
5 factors to what we're experiencing.

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7 But in addition to that and maybe because
8 it's a little off topic it wasn't presented in this
9 response, I do want to get on the record that actually
10 what I believe may be causing a greater impact on some of
11 our salmon stocks throughout the entire drainages, as I
12 stated earlier in the meeting, the practice of MSY,
13 maximum sustained yield, as the management tool. And
14 then as far as environmental impacts the changing climate
15 change to spawning grounds. A lot of our really
16 traditional spawning grounds, long-term spawning grounds
17 have been affected quite dramatically by climate change
18 right now. They're drying up, some of the water flows
19 are changing, and not getting the fish back up to
20 spawning grounds is changing the nutrient balances and so
21 that's another factor and when it gets time for us to
22 talk about future information or research I'll address
23 it. But I really think that's also a very big factor.

24

25 But I do appreciate the effort to get
26 some work started on getting this hatchery issue out in
27 the public, that's really, really important, so, thank
28 you, Eva, for forwarding that to me.

29

30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Don.

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32 MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair. Next week
33 there's going to be a two day salmon symposium.....

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Symposium.

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37 MR. RIVARD:chinook salmon
38 symposium. And one of the work sessions in that is going
39 to be hatchery fish so I think this issue is going to be
40 talked about with some of the top research management
41 fishery biologists in the state next week and I'm
42 planning on attending so it's something I can report to
43 your Council the next time you meet as well.

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil, then
46 Andy.

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48 MR. UMPHENOUR: Let's see, what's the
49 dates of that thing.

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1 MR. RIVARD: 22nd and 23rd.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Next week.
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5 MR. RIVARD: Next week.
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7 MR. UMPHENOUR: 22nd and 23rd, okay. And
8 there's no way anyone from the Council gets to go, uh?
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10 MR. RIVARD: That's not been discussed in
11 our office and it's late to be able to make those
12 arrangements now. Usually that's like a month in advance
13 we need to have arrangements in place and I think
14 somebody said Pete Probasco already addressed this so
15 whatever he decided, I don't remember what was
16 specifically said, maybe Eva knows.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Eva.
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20 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. I did ask Pete
21 if there was opportunity for funding for the RAC to
22 attend this meeting and due to the current Federal budget
23 cuts and travel restrictions there is not, unfortunately,
24 for this meeting.
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26 I was trying to find out, perhaps you
27 might know, Jennifer, if there will be at least
28 teleconference opportunity for people to listen in to the
29 panel discussions and information presented.
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31 MS. YUHAS: Thank you. Madame Chair.
32 While I've been attending this meeting I've only checked
33 my email intermittently but the plan was definitely to
34 have teleconference. We're not sure what form of
35 webstreaming -- they may be -- the planners may be sure
36 at this point but I have not -- I've been diverting my
37 attention to this RAC meeting today so I can check and
38 see if that's been determined when we take our break and
39 get back to you on that. But it should be published on
40 the website that was forwarded to everyone on the RAC
41 through the appropriate channels, you know, from the
42 State office through yours, but that website's being
43 updated with new information. I know that at least one
44 of your members is attending through other means and has
45 visited the website but there will be some form of
46 teleconference and/or webstreaming. There was debate
47 whether it would be live visual webstreaming or because
48 so many people have slower connections in areas that
49 would need to attend and there's no value in having
50 something they can't see on their computer, whether we

1 would go with audio and then an ability to look at the
2 PowerPoint presentations at the same time, but there will
3 be an ability to connect not in person, and you can see
4 that on the registration when we ask for your
5 registration materials, will you be attending in person
6 or will you be attending via the web.

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8 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. Just to
9 clarify, Jennifer, so there will be teleconferencing for
10 people that don't have computer or fast Internet speed,
11 so they'll be able to dial in.

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13 MS. YUHAS: At the very least there will
14 be a call in number, correct.

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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18 MS. PATTON: Okay, thank you.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So you'll let
21 us know after lunch, yeah, uh-huh, okay.

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23 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.

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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Joe.

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27 MR. MATESI: I'm looking at the website
28 now and both the telephone number to participate, and
29 also the link for live webstream on the Internet -- on
30 the website now.

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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34 MS. YUHAS: Thank you. Sorry I didn't
35 have a computer in front of me.

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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That works. So
38 in other words these guys can attend and if one -- one of
39 our Council was on livestream, can they be representing
40 us, or does that have to be approved differently.

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42 MR. RIVARD: Anybody can attend.

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Can they
45 represent this RAC?

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47 MR. RIVARD: Well, I'm not sure what
48 ability they might have to ask questions if that's what
49 you're saying. Sure, they -- if you want to designate
50 somebody to make sure that your Council -- somebody from

1 your Council is attending.

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3 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead, Joe.

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7 MR. MATESI: Well, both Andrew and I are
8 planning on -- have registered and my understanding is
9 that anybody who's attending or participating is on equal
10 footing, not necessarily representing anybody, at least
11 when I got my confirmation on registration back there was
12 nothing about who are you representing or anything like
13 that.

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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, I see.

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17 MR. BASSICH: It's more informational.

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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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21 MR. MATESI: Yeah, it's like you go and
22 it's.....

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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's not
25 important to have.....

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27 MR. MATESI:it's like an
28 educational thing, you know.

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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Andrew.

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32 MR. FIRMIN: I just got an email from
33 Orville that says since you didn't request travel you
34 have to go on your own ticket, which is stupid, because
35 they asked me to attend on their behalf so it's kind of
36 like I was waiting for the email saying here's your
37 travel arrangements, meeting's here, which is kind of
38 lame, but I may or may not be able to get -- the only bad
39 thing is all the other tribal councils are probably in
40 Anchorage at AFN so I don't know how I'll -- if I'd be
41 able to get my travel approved through the tribe and then
42 just get reimbursed but I'll find all that out tonight
43 and tomorrow. So I may or may not be attending now, it's
44 a screwy thing.

45

46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You're
47 attending Joe.

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49 MR. FIRMIN: Well, we planned on going
50 together because if my way was paid we could at least

1 split the cost of a room and work things out together
2 between the two of us or something but now it doesn't
3 look good because like I said, I just found out I have to
4 pay my own way because somebody didn't make me travel.
5 But I will be working on that, some other means, this
6 afternoon.

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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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10 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I was wondering, is
11 the State providing -- do you know is the State providing
12 any travel for AC Chairs or anything like that because a
13 number of us are also involved in AC processes.

14

15 MS. YUHAS: Through the Chair. I have
16 assisted with some of the ideas surrounding the symposium
17 but I haven't -- without checking back with my home unit
18 I don't know the details on the Excel list of who has
19 travel approved and has been paid for so I apologize that
20 I can't answer that right now. With regards to the
21 question of who someone is representing, within your
22 program, you have the mechanics are what they are, who is
23 allowed to be sent to represent the RAC, we do have a box
24 in the registration asking for affiliation. So while we
25 didn't -- we didn't have a pull down saying are you with
26 a tribe or are you with an AC, are you with a RAC, we did
27 ask for affiliation, we would appreciate that information
28 when people do register.

29

30 The format which you may have on your
31 computer will show that the agenda will be structured
32 with four major issues, one of them being the hatchery
33 issue as Mr. Rivard indicated. There will be a four hour
34 block for each issue to be discussed, we do ask for
35 feedback, if you plan on attending via teleconference and
36 you don't make it, that's fine, but if you want to
37 contribute information to the four blocks of discussion
38 area, then we can preload those discussions with comments
39 from the area. That's something that we had designed so
40 that we could get some -- not feedback, but front end
41 loading from people to say, what have you noticed, what
42 do you think is important to this discussion, what should
43 the panelist be discussing before we open the floor to a
44 back and forth interaction so that they aren't missing
45 the point while they have their discussion. So we would
46 appreciate that information as well for each of the four
47 panel topics, if you have information that pertains to
48 your traditional knowledge, your field observations, your
49 thoughts on the issue so that we can give that to the
50 panelists and the presenters prior to their discussion.

1 There will also be an interaction time
2 following a presentation, a panel discussion, a
3 discussion on the discussion and then there will be an
4 interactive time for that discussion.

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6 I know that one of our chief scientists,
7 Eric Volk, while we were doing our planning meetings, he
8 kept saying over and over, I want the public to be part
9 of the panel when we have this discussion, how do we work
10 that out so they're part of the panel and not just an
11 observer.

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13 So if that lends any insight to what's
14 being planned next week, I hope it does.

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. All
17 right, well.....

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19 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. Do you know
20 is that agenda adopted now or is it published anywhere so
21 that we have some kind of a timeframe when things are
22 going to happen.

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24 MR. MATEESI: They do.

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26 MR. BASSICH: Okay.

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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.

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30 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, in our book here,
31 it says at the top of Page 151, it says most recently a
32 May 2012 special issue of the journal environmental
33 biology of fishes ecological interaction of hatchery and
34 wild salmon published results from various studies and
35 reviews presented at a conference organized by the Wild
36 Salmon Center in Portland, this publication contains a
37 collection of 22 studies conducted by various university
38 scientists and government fisheries researchers
39 addressing potential impacts of hatcheries to wild salmon
40 stocks in the Pacific Rim. Okay. How do we get that.
41 Someone stuck it in here, whoever wrote this book.

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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Eva.

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45 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. That was one
46 of the links that I had sent via email and I can send
47 that again. I know it was a pretty cumbersome email
48 because there were lots of documents inserted in there to
49 read. So there is a link for this -- for State of the
50 Salmon has this -- it's an international group, Eric Volk

1 is actually on that group as well from Alaska. So they
2 have taken up this issue and will be conducting ongoing
3 investigations and supporting additional research but the
4 link for these publications is on line. It's pretty user
5 friendly to get in and just pull up the individual
6 papers. I'll send that to you again.

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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: He has it.

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10 MS. PATTON: Because.....

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: He just needs

13 to open up.....

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15 MS. PATTON:I know it was a
16 cumbersome email and it was pretty full of some pretty
17 big papers.

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19 I would also like to add that the
20 American Fisheries Society also has a subgroup that is
21 continuing to investigate and ask questions about
22 hatchery fish and interactions with wild fish, and that's
23 national. So I'll keep track of what's going on there,
24 too. There are fewer research projects investigating
25 specifics of interaction with Yukon salmon, and because
26 there are not hatcheries of concern on the river itself
27 most of that interaction takes place at sea in terms of
28 feeding competition is what has been investigated so far.
29 It's rather complicated to tease out the interactions in
30 the ocean. There will be, at the symposium next week
31 with the State, NOAA has been conducting environmental
32 research looking at ocean conditions, biological food
33 chain changes impacts to salmon and to Yukon salmon
34 specifically as well through their BASIS research so
35 they'll be presenting next week and other Councils are
36 also very concerned about ocean conditions impacts to
37 salmon and so if the Council doesn't have an opportunity
38 next week, Jim Murphy has presented in Bethel at the
39 State of the Salmon convention there with AVCP, excellent
40 folks, I think would probably be willing to present to
41 the Council in the future as well, if you don't have an
42 opportunity to attend that meeting next week.

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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46 MR. WOODRUFF: Madame Chair.

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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes, go ahead,

49 Don.

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1 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes, I contacted our Eagle
2 AC coordinator and they don't have funding to send people
3 to this salmon symposium and I was wondering if we could
4 maybe get some hard questions to Mr. Rivard that he could
5 take to this meeting.

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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sure, that's a
8 great idea, do you have one.

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10 MR. WOODRUFF: Well, I'll have to think
11 about that a minute.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I thought you
16 had one just waiting.

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18 MR. WOODRUFF: Well, no, my primary
19 concern was that this invitation from the Commissioner is
20 somewhat of a hollow invitation because there's no
21 funding for travel.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But they did
24 make available, I have to say, this teleconferencing and
25 whatever the other stuff is called, that's pretty -- that
26 gives you opportunity to participate, I know it's not the
27 same as like being right in the room but it sounds like
28 they're making every effort to do that.

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30 MR. WOODRUFF: Yeah.

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Donald Rivard.

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34 MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair. I just got
35 handed a note by Jennifer, she said that some of the
36 Legislative Information Offices will be hosting web
37 teleconferences for people in outlying areas that maybe
38 don't have that in their homes or something. So if you
39 have a legislative office in your village, I don't know
40 how many there are, but that would be an option for
41 folks.

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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I know there's
44 one in Tok, yeah, an LIO office, uh-huh. But that's
45 still a drive for me and this hatchery stuff is Virgil's
46 baby, he needs to participate. You have an LIO office
47 that's close to you that you could go to.

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49 MR. UMPHENOUR: There's one here in
50 Fairbanks.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, so that's
2 a way to participate.

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4 MR. RIVARD: I would call them to verify
5 that they're actually going to do it though before you
6 show up.

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8 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Oh, yeah.
9 Well, I think all they have to do is request it and they
10 will do it, that's what happens in Tok anyway. That's an
11 option for you, and otherwise teleconferencing, so all of
12 those interested, I guess this is information, and not
13 action, unless I'm missing something.

14
15 Other than questions, do you guys want to
16 give any questions to Donald to take to the meeting.

17
18 Andy.

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20 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I think what Ms.
21 Yuhas provided us with information where you could just
22 send in a set of whether it be documents or questions or
23 observations or whatever would be pretty adequate, I
24 definitely -- I was really pleased to hear that because
25 I think I'll be going home this weekend, if I can get
26 home, and put some time into some information needs that
27 I'd like to hear addressed through the panel there.

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29 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. And I'm
30 sure you're going to have your thinking cap on Virgil,
31 questions for this, yeah, all right.

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33 Go ahead, Jennifer.

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35 MS. YUHAS: In my attempt to be less
36 disruptive and pass Mr. Rivard a note, I think I caused
37 more disruption but to clarify, any legislative office,
38 which is open during the interim, there's only a few that
39 are closed, we have already contacted -- Fish and Game
40 has already contacted them and they will be open to host
41 people for the symposium so you don't need to contact
42 them ahead of time. If you have an LIO that you're close
43 to or will be close to and it's open during the interim
44 it will be open for this session.

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Are there any
47 out where you guys are? Is there one in Ft. Yukon, an
48 LIO office, legislative affairs.

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50 (Council shakes head negatively)

1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Not. So that's
2 Greek.
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4 MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair. I just
5 confirmed this with Jennifer as well that there is a
6 mechanism right now on the website.....
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.
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10 MR. RIVARD;to provide input and to
11 ask questions now so that they have that ahead of time so
12 that they're prepared to maybe address some of those
13 questions.
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Get to work
16 Virgil.
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18 MR. BASSICH: Late night tonight.
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: All right. So
21 anything on the report. That handles the first thing in
22 our report and then there were other things. We are very
23 repetitive about predator control, and I think we get the
24 same answer.
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26 MR. GLANZ: Yeah, the same one.
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28 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Every time.
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30 MR. GLANZ: Yep.
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32 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair.
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Andy.
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36 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I just wanted to
37 reference my earlier comments I kind of put them out of
38 synch with issue number five, impacts of natural
39 disasters on salmon fisheries and when I was speaking
40 towards changing climate conditions and the effects of
41 not getting fish to natal streams for putting nutrients
42 in, I think we're seeing some really dramatic changes
43 there and actually I'd really like to see maybe when we
44 get into the fish monitoring parts, some work done in
45 that area because I think that's going to be driving our
46 salmon system in the near future pretty heavily. So I
47 think we really need to establish some data sets, long-
48 term data set monitoring for the changes that are taking
49 place.
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Eva.

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3 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. If I may
4 respond to that. So very good observations and I think
5 the reply is general -- the request in the letter was
6 general but in going back to the meeting transcripts from
7 before there was some discussion about forest fire
8 interactions and climate change and so that's a really
9 key point that being specific about the areas that you're
10 seeing change and what those changes are and that there
11 is an opportunity through the fisheries proposal process
12 and also networking with other agencies so there'll be a
13 new landscape conservation cooperative that's trying to
14 tackle climate change and landscape scale changes and
15 there'll be opportunities for meeting with some of those
16 folks in the future, they're just getting started up but
17 we can have them present to the Council. So definitely
18 that feedback of the changes that you're seeing out on
19 the land and in the rivers and with the fish is really
20 critical and we just have to network to make sure those
21 agencies that can actually address that scale of research
22 and the topics that OSM can address, we get the specifics
23 on, so than you.

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25 MR. BASSICH: Follow up.

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andy.

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29 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I'm glad you also
30 mentioned the forest fires. I think it was three -- two
31 or three years ago, I usually tend to talk about this
32 more in our winter/spring meeting when we're talking
33 about game issues but I requested information or a
34 background search for white papers on the effects of
35 forest fires on caribou habitat and migration, and I'm
36 still very interested in that and I would really love to
37 hear in some form, a short presentation or at least a
38 list of materials. I know there was a lot of work done
39 over in Canada on this and as I stated earlier I'm really
40 lousy at finding stuff like that, but through talking to
41 other members from Canada on the Fortymile coalition they
42 identified that a considerable amount of research had
43 been done on that and I think it's really important for
44 our region, given the Fortymile caribou, that some of
45 that information be brought to the Council.

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47 So I'm just putting in a request for our
48 winter meeting for some presentation or information on
49 that.

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1 Thanks.
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3 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair, if I may
4 respond.
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Eva.
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8 MS. PATTON: So there is actually right
9 here at UAF there's some really great ecologists that are
10 addressing fire, climate change in relation to both fire
11 -- forest fire and tundra and impacts to caribou
12 migration so I'll check with those folks and see if we
13 can get a presentation for the RAC meeting.
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anything else
16 on the annual report review.
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18 MR. BASSICH: Is this an action item.
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Not really
21 unless you want to take action, am I missing something.
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23 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. It's just an
24 action item that the Council's reviewed the letter and
25 the reply as well is my understanding.
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27 MR. BASSICH: We don't need a motion or
28 anything.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I don't
31 think we need a motion, yeah, unless we're -- I mean we
32 can think about every year we got to do this, do the
33 annual report, so this is our reply, and next meeting
34 we'll be doing another one.
35
36 Anything else, guys.
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38 (Councils shakes head negatively)
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
41 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program priority, Don.
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43 MR. RIVARD: Thank you, Madame Chair.
44 Don Rivard with the Office of Subsistence Management.
45 We're now on Page 158 in your book. It's the priority
46 information needs. Our next call for fisheries proposal
47 under the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program will be
48 coming up probably mid- to late November for projects
49 that will start in 2014. So this process takes about a
50 year. The Federal Subsistence Board will get these after

1 they go through all the different review stages and make
2 their decision in January of 2014 so that the projects
3 can begin that field season.

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5 So what we're asking from your Council is
6 just a quick review here of the priority information
7 needs that start on Page 161 in your book. These are
8 from the past 2012 call. Some of these have been
9 addressed in the 2012 call, but not necessarily fully
10 addressed, I mean there's room for other projects on
11 these particularly topics priority information needs and
12 to see if there's any other priority information needs
13 that your Council would like to see added to this list or
14 deleted, if that were the case. So I'll just leave it up
15 to you what you'd like to do with this.

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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Council
18 members.

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20 (No comments)

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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you need
23 time to look at this.

24 (Pause)

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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I know when I
27 first got on the Council this took a lot for me to
28 consume in my brain.

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30 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes.

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34 MR. BASSICH: I guess I'm a little
35 confused right now, are you asking for us to give input
36 on additional topics or to maybe redefine the ones that
37 are here, I'm a little confused about where we're at in
38 this process.

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40 MR. RIVARD: Mostly it would be if you
41 have some other priority information needs that you see
42 that are not on this list that you want to see addressed
43 in this coming call for proposals. So in your -- what we
44 just got done with the one on natural disasters and there
45 was, the last sentence there said that if you wanted to
46 see something like that in the Fisheries Resource
47 Monitoring Program that you could request that, so that's
48 up to you.

49
50 MR. BASSICH: Okay.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I had a
2 question of Eva, go ahead, Eva.

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4 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. So just in
5 continuing the discussion we had before, that this is a
6 good opportunity to bring up the observations that you
7 all see when you're out fishing and whether it's changes
8 in the landscape or impacts to the rivers themselves or
9 the fishery so this is a good opportunity to bring up
10 those specific areas and points that may be able to be
11 addressed through the research process.

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13 MR. BASSICH: All right.

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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right,
16 Andy, yeah.

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18 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, thank you, okay that
19 clarifies it a little bit for me.

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21 Under bullet three methods for including
22 quality escapement measures, size composition and habitat
23 utilization, I guess I'll reference my earlier comments
24 about habitat utilization and expand that also to the
25 effects of climate change on natal streams.

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27 And also the reduced nutrient deposition
28 due to declining returns on the habitat.

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30 And just to give you personal anecdotal
31 information on that, I've been talking with some of the
32 people that live up in the areas where this is -- this is
33 up in the Porcupine region where they've been noticing
34 that the land is drying up up there, the stream beds are
35 changing and the stream flows are changing. I believe it
36 was a year and a half ago an entire lake dried up that
37 was one of the major food producers for the people in the
38 Old Crow area. I think it was called Velma Lake, if I
39 recall, and that really affected their food security up
40 there. And in addition I've talked with a number of
41 biologists that work up there on the weirs in the fishing
42 branch and they're starting to note that what used to be
43 large, heavy growth old forest along the streams is now
44 beginning to die off and they're starting to lose the
45 canopy and the vegetation that's needed for viable
46 productive spawning, rearing -- I'm sorry, not spawning
47 but rearing in the areas. So there's definitely some
48 changes that are happening very, very quickly now due to
49 some of this climate change. It's beginning to affect
50 the survivability in the rearing stages of salmon and I'm

1 really concerned about that. Because I'm hearing from
2 the State and the Feds is that everybody's focusing on
3 the marine environment for productivity of salmon because
4 it's, just in their mind, across the board in the state,
5 they're having these declines everywhere and so they're
6 just attributed to marine, and I agree that that's a huge
7 factor but I would hate to see us focus so much on just
8 the marine aspect of the problem and put our heads in the
9 sand and not acknowledge what may be happening at the
10 very beginning of the life cycle. If the eggs aren't
11 surviving and if the fry aren't making it to the ocean
12 the marine environment issues are moot and I believe
13 that's actually a bigger part of what our problem is.
14 We're not getting the eggs up there that we used to due
15 to the declining fish size, and the habitat that they're
16 being reared in is not as viable as it used to be.

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18 So I guess I'm.....

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think it
21 wouldn't just be climate change, wouldn't it also be
22 natural like fires and.....

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24 MR. BASSICH: Absolutely.

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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, uh-huh.
27 So you think climate change comes under fire -- fire
28 comes under climate change, fire and dried up lake, I
29 guess dried up lake, yeah, do you have to mention fire is
30 all I'm asking?

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32 MR. BASSICH: Yeah. Well, I think fires
33 are definitely having an impact but I haven't heard any
34 anecdotal information about that from people that live up
35 in the area, they're attributing it more towards climate
36 change and thawing permafrost and the effects of that and
37 then they're also beginning to attribute it to the lack
38 of high volume of nutrients being put back into the
39 system, and I know that there was a lot of research done
40 down on the Columbia River on this and, in fact, at one
41 point in time they were backpacking fish carcasses up to
42 the spawning streams, dumping the fish carcasses into the
43 upper spawning streams to try and mitigate the lack of
44 salmon that were getting up there to put these nutrients
45 into the soil and they spent a great deal of money doing
46 this and it actually changed the ecosystem and made those
47 rearing areas more productive. So there has been a
48 substantial amount of energy, at least in the Columbia
49 River drainage on the effects that I just described.

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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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3 MR. BASSICH: So they were trying to
4 address that through some mitigation and so I think it
5 would be wise for us to arm ourselves with that
6 information in the future for managers and also habitat
7 specialists so that we can stay ahead of the game on
8 that.
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I have another
11 question of Eva, I'm sorry, I just wondered if we have to
12 say natural disaster in here.
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14 MS. PATTON: And, Madame Chair, so these
15 are all really good specifics too. And then there was
16 from the previous requests, under the second to the last
17 bullet, retrospective analysis, concerning effects of
18 natural disasters, e.g., floods.....
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
21
22 MS. PATTON:and fires on salmon
23 rearing and spawning habitat and subsistence activity.
24 So I believe that was identified by the RAC at the.....
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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Gotcha.
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28 MS. PATTON:last meeting.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Don.
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32 MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair. Just so that
33 you're aware, if you look on Page 159, it does talk about
34 climate change as part of this prior informations needs
35 call and it will be part of the call for proposals. It
36 says on the last paragraph, last full paragraph there, it
37 says:
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39 Because cumulative effects of climate
40 change are likely to fundamentally
41 affect the availability of subsistence
42 fisheries resources as well as their
43 uses and how they are managed,
44 investigators are requested to consider
45 examining or discussing climate change
46 effects as a component of their project
47
48 So we try to integrate that into almost
49 every project. We encourage investigators to look at it,
50 at least.

1 Thank you.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So do we
4 have an action item here, what you were talking about --
5 yeah, Don.
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7 MR. RIVARD: It's not necessarily an
8 action item, I've been taking notes, I think Eva has.
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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12 MR. RIVARD: We'll look at the
13 transcripts again when they come out and make sure we've
14 captured everything and maybe if we need to we'll run it
15 by you, Andy, and make sure we've captured it correctly.
16 But there doesn't need to be any formal motion here.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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20 MR. FIRMIN: Sue.
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22 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yes, Andrew.
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24 MR. FIRMIN: I just had one other thing
25 that I remember Frank Gurtler always mentioned or he was
26 curious to know about, was, some of the effects of like
27 burbot eating salmon fry in the winter, and that was one
28 thing that I don't really see on the list. But that was
29 one thing that's interesting to me because I always feel
30 that as not as much people are out in fish camps, or on
31 the land, or on their traplines, they're not out as
32 extensively as they used to and if you're not out in some
33 of those other fishing holes, you know, keeping the
34 populations in check, same with the bears and the wolves,
35 there ain't as many people out trapping or hunting,
36 they're just going to slowly run rampant and who knows
37 what the effects of -- if nobody's catching burbot
38 anymore, period, I mean some people do in the falltime,
39 but nobody's got.....
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Ice fishing.
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43 MR. FIRMIN:fish traps out in the
44 wintertime or they don't, you know, maybe in the
45 spring.....
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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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49 MR. FIRMIN:but it's not as
50 extensive as it used to be and they might be -- I

1 remember Frank was bringing those up a few times at our
2 meetings and that would be another thing that would be
3 added to the priority needs.

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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7 MR. FIRMIN: Or maybe as a -- there may
8 already be studies on it and if those could be researched
9 or.....

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Don.

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13 MR. FIRMIN:noted anyway.

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15 MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair. If I may ask
16 Andy -- Andrew, can you give me some idea of what
17 geographical area you're talking about so we can -- I
18 mean you may be talking about the whole Yukon River, but
19 if there's some specific area in your part of the world,
20 maybe we can narrow it down.

21

22 MR. FIRMIN: I think just basically any
23 burbot studies that have been conducted so far and what
24 -- if there's any followup on them or if they're in any
25 areas where -- in salmon spawning areas or, you know,
26 something along those lines where -- even chum salmon
27 spawning areas, if there's burbot living at the mouth of
28 those tributaries, they might be gobbling them up as they
29 come up, one never knows unless they go look, uh.

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31 MR. RIVARD: So you're talking about
32 drainagewide, not necessarily like the Yukon Flats area,
33 that's what I'm trying to get at.

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35 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah, it could be but.....

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37 MR. RIVARD: Are there some specific
38 areas that you would like to look at, that would help
39 focus it a little bit.

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41 MR. FIRMIN: I think it would just be
42 anywhere in a salmon spawning tributary versus like a
43 non-salmon tributary, you know. I don't know if anybody
44 else has any other suggestions. I wouldn't say any
45 specific area, I'd kind of leave that up to the
46 biologists and wherever they want to look or any past
47 studies that may have been involved, that sort of study.

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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is that
50 helpful.

1 MR. RIVARD: So noted.

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Andy,
4 then -- is that related.

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6 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, just for information
7 I've been talking about that for about 10 years and in
8 the last two years I've spent some time with some of the
9 US Fish and Wildlife biologists talking about that and
10 through the Panels R&M process there were a few projects
11 that were put out to try and make studies, but you have
12 a great deal of difficulty trying to really quantify any
13 of that information due to the fact that there was never
14 any studies done in the past so it's very hard to measure
15 the effect right now as compared to what may have been
16 happening in the past. So there were some real problems
17 with that project came before them for review on the
18 effectiveness of a study like that. So I think, really,
19 in my mind, the only thing you can really do now is to --
20 any time you're at doing any kind of sheefish, because
21 actually sheefish are more voracious than the burbot are,
22 but any time you're doing those studies, if they're doing
23 any kills of the fish, just beginning to add that in the
24 data of any projects will be valuable in the future.

25

26 So basically, I guess, what I'm saying is
27 creating long-term data sets, but they found it to be
28 very difficult to really do any kind of effective
29 studies. They didn't think it would be cost effective
30 and what you got out for what you put in would be an
31 almost impossible thing to do. And it's almost more, in
32 my mind, of a sociological study than it would be a
33 biological study, in my view, and that would move back
34 towards the decline, what I spoke earlier, about the
35 decline of subsistence activities. There's been a
36 tremendous decline in dog mushing people all up and down
37 the Yukon and that goes to what Andrew was saying, people
38 aren't living out in fish camps during times when the
39 salmon aren't coming out or living along the river when
40 they used to target all those other species. So it's
41 more of a, in my mind, a sociological exercise if you
42 want to try and get some kind of a handle of those
43 impacts and it would be a biological one. And I'm not
44 trying to say don't do it, I'm just pointing out I have
45 put a considerable amount of effort in talking with
46 people on what might be a possible study for that and
47 nobody seems to have a very good idea of what would be
48 practical for the money spent.

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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, they can

1 be challenged some more, uh. Eva.

2

3 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair, if I may, just
4 sort of in response to everybody's comments here.

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6 These fisheries proposals, too, they're
7 both the stock, status trends research project proposals
8 and they're also the harvest monitoring and traditional
9 knowledge proposals, and so there is opportunity for
10 feedback on the Council and the community's concerns in
11 terms of these changes in subsistence opportunity or
12 harvest. Those are opportunities for research with the
13 communities, with the tribes and there's also
14 opportunity, OSM encourages any of the research proposals
15 to work with and collaborate with the communities and
16 with the tribes as well. So there's opportunities for
17 joint proposals, too, that would address both local and
18 traditional knowledge, and an investigation into
19 scientific aspects.

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21 So just want to make sure the Council is
22 aware and the communities are aware that any subsistence
23 concerns can also be addressed through -- fisheries
24 concerns can also be addressed through these TEK or
25 harvest monitoring proposals.

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: TEK.

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29 MS. PATTON: The buzz word for
30 traditional, ecological knowledge is the term that's used
31 for these proposals.

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33 It also comes in that OSM has supported
34 climate change studies within a number of communities
35 that's documenting the community's knowledge of changes
36 in the environment and subsistence fisheries, so that
37 opportunity is there, too.

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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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41 MR. BASSICH: I believe there were two
42 studies that might be relevant to do a secondary
43 analysis, but I think they were both done by the State
44 but maybe there could be a cooperative venture, and this
45 one was done by Dr. Wolf back in, I believe, it was the
46 late '80s or early -- or I'm sorry, mid-90s on change in
47 subsistence patterns, and then there was a follow up one
48 that was done by Dave Andersen that focused more on dog
49 teams on the Yukon River, the use of dogs and trends in,
50 you know, decline or where the shifts have been and that

1 and those actually were very, very good studies. And I
2 think when things like that are done on a decadal cycle,
3 they actually are much more valuable than if they're done
4 just one time. So that might be an area to try to
5 partner up with the State or recontract those entities to
6 try and do those studies again.

7

8 I would love to see that information
9 because I think all of what we've been talking about over
10 the last two days boils down to that, what's happening
11 sociologically in our villages, and what are going to be
12 the needs for those villages, given the trends.

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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. I
15 think we're done on that, the review, any other comments
16 you want to add guys.

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18 MR. GLANZ: Sounds good.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do we have time
21 for this one, Fisheries Resource -- oh, wait a minute,
22 what time is it -- it's noon. Well we got a lot to cover
23 yet so hopefully we can get to it. How are we on time,
24 Donald, you've been to the last meetings.

25

26 MR. RIVARD: I think you're doing real
27 well.

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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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31 MR. RIVARD: I think you can get through
32 your agenda. You've gotten the main things out of the
33 way so.....

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. So
36 does that.....

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38 MR. BASSICH: I'll duck tape your mouth
39 at lunchtime that'll make the meeting go a lot faster.

40

41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. And I'll
42 blindfold you.

43

44 (Laughter)

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think Virgil
47 gave me the hint it's lunchtime and we were boogying and
48 we had a request for an hour and a half, is that okay
49 with everyone.

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1 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yes.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We'll be back
4 at 1:30.
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6 (Off record)
7
8 (On record)
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: We'll bring the
11 meeting back to order. Identify 2012 annual report
12 topics.
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14 MR. UMPHENOUR: Where are you at?
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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: She just left
17 but that's a year from now, right, Donald.
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19 MR. UMPHENOUR: We skipped this
20 appointment.
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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Or do we have
23 to have it done this meeting.
24
25 MR. RIVARD: Madame Chair. Don Rivard
26 with OSM. This is the time of the year, this is your last
27 meeting of this year where you now identify topics that
28 you want the Federal Board to address in some way, just
29 like the one you just got.
30
31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. Right.
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33 MR. RIVARD: That's from last year. Now
34 it's time.....
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I just needed
37 a date.
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39 MR. RIVARD:for new topics, right.
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We do have to
42 have it done this time?
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44 MR. RIVARD: Yes.
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I'd like
47 to know why you're smiling Joe.
48
49 MR. MATESI: Oh.
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: What makes you
2 laugh.
3
4 MR. MATESI: I have nothing to say on the
5 record.
6
7 (Laughter)
8
9 MR. ERHART: If it makes you feel better
10 say it.
11
12 (Laughter)
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Now,
15 let's see, now one, two, three, four, five, I don't have
16 a quorum, where is everybody. Where did Andrew go.
17
18 MR. UMPHENOUR: We don't need a quorum,
19 I thought.
20
21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Where's
22 Bassich.
23
24 MR. MATESI: We have a quorum.
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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You got to have
27 six with 10.
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29 MR. ERHART: Then we're done.
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31 (Laughter)
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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: There's 10 of
34 us.
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36 REPORTER: There's Andrew.
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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right,
39 there's Andrew. All right, well that gives you time to
40 think about our priorities and what we are concerned
41 about on our next letter that's going to tell us the same
42 thing of all our concerns.
43
44 I shouldn't talk like that, I'm sorry.
45
46 (Laughter)
47
48 MR. ERHART: You got to say what you got
49 to say.
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1 (Laughter)
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3 MR. ERHART: If it makes you feel better,
4 do it.
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6 (Laughter)
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We had a good
9 lunch.
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11 (Laughter)
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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We're smiling.
14 Okay, we should get serious about this. Topics, Virgil,
15 I know you got some, do you want to -- are we going to
16 redo our same letter or how do you guys want to do that.
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18 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, basically my topics
19 are the same as they have been the last several years.
20
21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
22
23 MR. UMPHENOUR: Which is hatcheries and
24 predator management, are my main two topics. That, and
25 the science, you know, they've got this symposium going
26 on on the king salmon so I assume we will get a report on
27 that, but I think the interaction between the hatcheries
28 is one of the important things and the wild stocks. And
29 the other thing is, of course, the predator management,
30 there's no predator management basically. I see Don's
31 raising his hand.
32
33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, Don, did
34 you have something to interject here.
35
36 MR. RIVARD: Well, if you go to your
37 Council book on Page 165 and 166, I think is the report
38 format.
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Uh-
41 huh.
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43 MR. RIVARD: So if you're doing a
44 reiteration of last year's topics, I mean it's probably
45 already in this format, but this is the way -- a
46 description of each issue, whether the Council seeks
47 Board action on the matter and if so, what action does
48 the Council recommend and then any evidence or
49 explanation as necessary to support the Council's
50 request. So that's kind of what they're looking for from

1 this Council when you put a topic down.

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3

Okay, thank you.

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MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: See what I try
6 to do at these meetings is as we start through the
7 meeting is get ideas, have you think about the ideas and
8 then start writing them down and we didn't do that.

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10 Thinking back to everybody's concerns
11 when we opened the meeting yesterday, is there any of
12 those concerns that you want to have listed that's not
13 part of these topics. So that's taxing you to think,
14 what were they.

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Joe.

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MR. MATESI: Oh.

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MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You had one.

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MR. MATESI: Excuse me, Madame Chair, I
23 was waiving my finger to myself, I don't mean to.....

24

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(Laughter)

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MR. MATESI: Sorry, bad signal.

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MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Woo, okay. Did
30 it work.

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(Laughter)

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MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sorry Joe.

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You know what this is tough, this really
37 should -- on our agenda in the future, should be in the
38 beginning of the meeting so it reminds us to think about
39 topics so we're not floundering through something at the
40 end of the meeting.

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42

Now, he's waiving his finger at me.

43

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MR. MATESI: Maybe we can agree on a
45 change in the agenda, now that we know we have to think
46 about this, we can revisit it later in this meeting.

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MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You want to do
49 that, and I was going to say we probably should because
50 it's her job to write the letter and she's not sitting

1 here right now, she's printing paper.
2
3 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So let's do
6 that.
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8 MR. BASSICH: Move to table.
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10 MR. MATESI: Second.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: We probably
13 even have to get that formal.
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15 MR. BASSICH: Okay.
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, we'll
18 just do it so let's pick a place, you want to do it after
19 these reports.
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21 (Council nods affirmatively)
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Or when she --
24 yeah, let's do it after the agency reports.
25
26 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, let me ask you
27 something, we skipped over this.
28
29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No, no, we did
30 this. This is going to come up with Wrangell, it's going
31 to come up back here.
32
33 MR. UMPHENOUR: Oh, okay.
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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay.
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. And
40 there's one thing left under new business, Council
41 charter review and it sounds like it's -- or it looks
42 like it's an action item.
43
44 DR. JENKINS: Madame Chair, it is. Eva
45 would handle this but she's stepped out.
46
47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh.
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49 DR. JENKINS: 167 is the Council charter,
50 it starts on Page 167.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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3 DR. JENKINS: And usually it's useful for
4 a Council to go through -- especially new Council members
5 to look at this to see what their responsibilities and
6 duties are and they're listed there, description of
7 duties in number 4. Recommend, review and evaluate
8 proposals for regulations, provide a forum for expression
9 of opinions, encourage local and regional participation,
10 prepare an annual report to the Secretary, appoint a
11 member as you will shortly, to the Wrangell-St.Elias
12 National Park Subsistence Resource Commission, make
13 recommendations on customary and traditional use, make
14 recommendations on determinations of rural status, we'll
15 talk about that in a moment, too, and provide
16 recommendations on establishing membership of Federal
17 local Advisory Committees and so on. You can see the
18 rest of the charter outlined there in front of you. And
19 this last one was signed by the Secretary of Interior on
20 December of 2011 so this charter is fairly recent.
21
22 So if you want to go through each of
23 these we can or you can review them at your leisure.
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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: This comes at
26 us often actually -- or every year, I think, but again
27 it's a pretty intense thing if you're really going to
28 give it your time, think about what's changed.
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30 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair.
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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes.
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34 MR. BASSICH: I guess I'm still a little
35 confused, are we needing a motion to approve this at this
36 time or where are we at on this.
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38 DR. JENKINS: It is an action item, so,
39 yes.
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41 MR. BASSICH: Okay. And I'm just a
42 little confused because if it's a three year thing and we
43 just renewed it it looks like in 2011, why are we
44 addressing that right now?
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46 DR. JENKINS: Well, it's a review for the
47 Council and we give this to all these Councils,
48 especially for new members so they can take a look and
49 see what their responsibilities and duties are.
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1 MR. BASSICH: Then what's our action item
2 accomplishing?
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4 DR. JENKINS: Just -- well, it's just to
5 indicate that you've reviewed it and you agree with it.
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7 MR. BASSICH: Oh, okay.
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9 DR. JENKINS: And my understanding if you
10 want to change anything, the only thing you can actually
11 change is the title of your Council.
12
13 (Laughter)
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You should have
16 told us that first.
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18 (Laughter)
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20 MR. GLANZ: So, Madame Chair, if we make
21 a motion -- I make a motion just to accept it as written.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's funny.
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25 MR. BASSICH: Second.
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Discussion.
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29 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. I've read
30 through this and I don't see -- well, personally I don't
31 see anything that I need to change that would affect us,
32 it's a fairly straightforward document explaining the
33 responsibilities and duties of our Council and so I'm
34 happy with that.
35
36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I just
37 wanted to be clear what I thought I heard right there.
38 The only thing we can change in this is the title?
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40 DR. JENKINS: That was my understanding,
41 yes, from.....
42
43 (Laughter)
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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's kind of
46 a waste of all of our time, isn't it.
47
48 MR. UMPHENOUR: I call the question.
49
50 (Laughter)

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All in favor.
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3 IN UNISON: Aye.
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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7 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. If you
8 remember I think it was one or two meetings ago we were
9 talking about we really didn't like our abbreviation
10 during the Iraq War that a lot of people were
11 misinterpreting it, there was quite a bit of humor at
12 that meeting.
13
14 (Laughter)
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16 MR. GLANZ: Madame Chair. Not to make a
17 joke, w were at the Fortymile Caribou and there was a
18 fellow from Delta Junction and he said I don't understand
19 what Iraq has to do with our caribou.
20
21 (Laughter)
22
23 MR. BASSICH: True. True story.
24
25 (Laughter)
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, my gosh I
28 was going to take a five minute break on that, that's
29 great.
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31 All right, I think we're moving rapidly
32 along here.
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34 MS. PATTON: Is Don on line.
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Don, are you on
37 line?
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39 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes, I am.
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Oh, you must
42 have got the humor, too. We were just making sure.
43
44 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes, I was the EIRAC
45 member at that coalition.
46
47 (Laughter)
48
49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Woah. Did they
50 like you.

1 (Laughter)
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3 MR. WOODRUFF: Not really because I was
4 Federal.
5
6 (Laughter)
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, that I
9 understand. Okay. Just for Eva, she was very -- working
10 hard to print us the sample of the Copper River
11 application that we have in our area which I thought was
12 a lot simpler than what you guys have to deal with and I
13 just wanted you to see it because I got to see yours, so
14 we can look at that later. And for your information
15 we're working on this.
16
17 MS. PATTON: Charter review, annual
18 report topics.
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, we've
21 done those two.
22
23 Now, we're at OSM reports.
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25 Do you get to do all of it.
26
27 DR. JENKINS: Madame Chair, yes, and we
28 can move through this fairly quickly.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
31
32 DR. JENKINS: Starting on Page 171 you
33 can see that OSM has had a variety of new Staff members
34 join. Kathy O'Reilly-Doyle is the new Deputy Assistant
35 Regional Director, she came in last summer.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: She used to be
38 in Tok.
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40 DR. JENKINS: That's right, she lived in
41 Tok for awhile.
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Uh-
44 huh.
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46 DR. JENKINS: And then in Kotzebue after
47 that for some period of time.
48
49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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1 DR. JENKINS: And we're happy to have
2 Kathy with us. Jack Lorrigan introduced himself
3 yesterday to the Council.
4
5 You might be interested to know that
6 George Pappas, who many of you have seen for many, many
7 years has moved over to OSM.
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: From the State?
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11 DR. JENKINS: From the State, yes.
12
13 And then you can see the other Staff
14 changes there.
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16 Then we can move to the budget update
17 unless there's questions about Staffing.
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19 (No comments)
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21 DR. JENKINS: The Office of Subsistence
22 Management has had a declining budget, as you all know,
23 since -- well, for over 10 years and the 2013 travel
24 budgets may be further reduced, we don't quite know by 30
25 percent of 2010 funding levels. And so we may continue
26 to meet in hub communities, rather than in villages,
27 pending the outcome of the budget in 2013.
28
29 So if there are no questions on that we
30 can move on to the next topic quickly.
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32 (No comments)
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34 DR. JENKINS: Okay. You already talked
35 about Council membership applications and nominations,
36 and let me point out a couple of things to you.
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38 This last year over 1,500 Regional
39 Advisory Council applications were sent out to a variety
40 of people, individuals, organizations, corporations and
41 so on. And as I mentioned earlier today the period
42 closed February 18th for these nominations.....
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44 (Cell phone ringing)
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Five bucks.
47
48 (Laughter)
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50 DR. JENKINS:and applications. Do

1 I get to collect the money here.
2
3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm sorry,
4 somebody needs to collect it, it's happening too much.
5
6 (Laughter)
7
8 DR. JENKINS: I'll collect it.
9
10 MS. CRAVER: I'm sorry, I thought I
11 turned it off. I'm so sorry.
12
13 DR. JENKINS: I think it's 10 from Andy,
14 was it five from Larry, I forgot.
15
16 (Laughter)
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You collect,
19 you're in charge.
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21 DR. JENKINS: I've forgotten. No, it was
22 Lester's phone.
23
24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm sorry to
25 interrupt, go ahead.
26
27 DR. JENKINS: So 1,500 applications, so
28 we are reaching out to people, we're trying to get more
29 members, more people applying. You can also nominate
30 people and maybe this wasn't emphasized earlier today,
31 you can nominate folks who you think, from your
32 communities, would make a good RAC member, but be
33 forewarned that if you do so, please, alert them to the
34 fact that you've nominated them because we had two people
35 withdraw this year who were not alerted that they were
36 nominated for RAC membership.
37
38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And they were
39 chosen?
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41 DR. JENKINS: Well, no, they just
42 withdrew when they.....
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh.
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46 DR. JENKINS:discovered that they
47 were nominated.
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, you were
50 nominated, to what?

1 (Laughter)
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3 DR. JENKINS: So if there were any
4 questions about that, because we talked about it quite a
5 bit earlier, we don't need to spend much time on this
6 process.
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8 (No comments)
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10 DR. JENKINS: The rural determination
11 review, in January of this year the Federal Subsistence
12 Board directed Staff to initiate a global review of the
13 rural determination process and results.
14
15 OSM has begun that and we've drafted or
16 are beginning to draft a public notice, which should be
17 available in 2013 indicating to the public that we want
18 their response about how the rural review determination
19 and process is working, whether it's working, whether
20 there are any difficulties with it. And the global
21 review, as you can see on Page 173 would include rural
22 definitions, the population thresholds that we use, the
23 characteristics of rural communities that we use, the way
24 we aggregate communities together and so on. So the
25 intent of the Board is to have this start with the public
26 and not with a Staff analysis, we're going to gather
27 information and the RACs will be one of the mechanisms
28 for gathering public information.
29
30 I can take questions on that if there are
31 any.
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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And that starts
34 when?
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36 DR. JENKINS: January 2013, next year,
37 will be the review in the Federal Register for.....
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So at our next
40 meeting we'd look at it.
41
42 DR. JENKINS:for -- in the winter
43 you should have that available to you, yes.
44
45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any questions.
46
47 (No comments)
48
49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, go ahead.
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1 MR. GLANZ: Madame Chair, I've got one.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: A question.
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5 MR. GLANZ: Yes.
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill.
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9 MR. GLANZ: So this population threshold,
10 is that.....
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12 DR. JENKINS: At present there is a 2,500
13 threshold, below, which a community is presumed to be
14 rural. Between -- and I should point out that that
15 figure 2,500 is the figure that the census has used for
16 rural and that figure actually comes from the census from
17 1918 so it's not been revised since or revisited since,
18 but that was the figure that was used for the lower
19 threshold.
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 1918.
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23 DR. JENKINS: And of course -- 1918 --
24 and of course communities were very different in 1918
25 than they are now so the population threshold may be an
26 issue to think about. Between 2,500 and 7,000 a
27 community is not presumed rural or non-rural and it's at
28 that level that we look for characteristics of rural
29 quality to determine status. And then about 7,000
30 population a community is presumed non-rural unless it
31 has significant rural characteristics.
32
33 Those thresholds are also open to some
34 question because the Federal Subsistence Board is
35 actually sent a recommendation to the Secretaries that
36 the threshold should be raised to 11,000 and at this
37 point, pending the outcome of the rural review the
38 Secretaries have not acted on that recommendation from
39 the Federal Subsistence Board.
40
41 MR. GLANZ: Another followup on that.
42 Okay, on the borough, it's all blocked out on the borough
43 there, but there's some families that live 70 and 66
44 miles away from Fairbanks but they're still in the
45 borough and they live a rural lifestyle but they still
46 cannot be Federal qualified subsistence users.
47
48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Because they're
49 in the borough.
50

1 MR. GLANZ: Yes. I don't know how to
2 alleviate that problem, they've asked me a couple of
3 times about how we get around that, and I said, well,
4 you're living in the borough, that's all I can tell you,
5 you're paying taxes so apparently not, you know, you're
6 not subsistence.
7
8 MR. BASSICH: Incorporate their home.
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10 MR. GLANZ: Pardon.
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12 MR. BASSICH: Incorporate their home as
13 a city.
14
15 (Laughter)
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17 MR. BASSICH: And then file as a --
18 through this process.
19
20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That sounds a
21 little too complicated.
22
23 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.
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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It just seems
26 like you should -- there should be some commonsense in
27 stuff like that.
28
29 DR. JENKINS: So this review is the
30 opportunity for these kinds of issues to be brought up,
31 Bill.
32
33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And it starts
34 January.
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36 DR. JENKINS: The public notice will be
37 published in January, yes.
38
39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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41 MR. GLANZ: That works, okay.
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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45 MR. GLANZ: I'm done.
46
47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Could I ask --
48 oh, I'm sorry, Joe, go ahead.
49
50 MR. MATESI: Between now and then could

1 we get more complete definitions or is that everything,
2 is that the entire definition or is there something that
3 we can actually have emailed to us that.....

4
5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: There's a
6 publication.

7
8 MR. MATESI:we can review.

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10 DR. JENKINS: The rural determinations
11 and the process to get to those rural determinations are
12 in regulations so, yes, we can send you not only the
13 definitions but the process to get to rural status to-
14 date. The Board stayed those pending the outcome of the
15 review. Usually it's a 10 year rolling review based on
16 the census. This becomes actually more difficult, if you
17 want more information I'd be happy to provide it because
18 the census no longer collects the kinds of information
19 that were previously used to make these rural
20 determinations.

21
22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So that's why
23 1918.

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25 DR. JENKINS: So -- well, it could be.

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I mean it
28 doesn't make sense to me, I'm sorry.

29
30 DR. JENKINS: Well, that's why
31 information sources is going to be an issue because the
32 census isn't going to collect this data anymore, the
33 American Community Survey is going to collect this kind
34 of information but it doesn't collect it every 10 years,
35 it collects it on a rolling basis, every one, or three or
36 five years, depending on how large the community is. So
37 the information itself is going to be quite different, so
38 we'll have to think about incorporating new kinds of
39 information into a rural review. So even the 10 year
40 cycle is open for discussion.

41
42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So is there
43 things like this out there right now, this one's 2005, I
44 try to keep this stuff to where I can find it.

45
46 DR. JENKINS: Madame Chair. A thing like
47 what?

48
49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bicennial
50 review of the rural determinations or -- oh, this is a

1 report. So you guys don't have a handout for -- I
2 thought I had a handout somewhere.
3
4 DR. JENKINS: You have the briefing in
5 your book about this rural review.
6
7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So there's not
8 a handout?
9
10 DR. JENKINS: No.
11
12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I have
13 so many I thought I had one on that.
14
15 Okay.
16
17 Any other questions, guys.
18
19 MR. WOODRUFF: Sue, I have a question.
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead, Don.
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23 MR. WOODRUFF: David, with this
24 population threshold, the parameters from 1918, how is
25 that going to change so that it's a little bit more
26 current to the 2012?
27
28 DR. JENKINS: Don, that's open for
29 discussion how that will change.
30
31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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33 DR. JENKINS: And that's part of the
34 issue of this global review, to put everything out on the
35 table and ask how should rural communities in Alaska be
36 defined. So top to bottom this will be -- or maybe it's
37 the other way around, bottom to top, this is how the
38 review is going to proceed.
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40 MR. WOODRUFF: Madame Chair.
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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead.
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44 MR. WOODRUFF: Then maybe this might be
45 a topic for our annual report.
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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's probably
48 a good idea, yeah, uh-huh. All right keep that in your
49 mind so when we bring it up we'll do that.
50

1 You can probably hear me just fine Donald
2 but I seem to yell whenever I'm talking to you.

3
4 Okay.

5
6 Any other questions.

7
8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay.

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12 DR. JENKINS: Okay. There's one more
13 briefing. On the consultation policies.

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15 The Federal Subsistence Board adopted its
16 government to government tribal consultation policy in
17 May of this year. The Board postponed adopting a
18 supplemental ANCSA Corporation consultation policy
19 pending the Department of Interior finalizing its own
20 policy and the DOI finalized its policy on August 10th of
21 this year. I have a copy of it if anyone's interested in
22 it.

23
24 The Board is intent on insuring that
25 there's a government to government relationship and
26 consultation opportunities for tribes and now for ANCSA
27 Corporations, which aren't going to be on the same
28 government to government level, but similar to tribal
29 consultations. And OSM and the Federal Subsistence Board
30 has already engaged in some tribal consultations and
31 ANCSA Corporation consultations. A month or so ago I
32 think we consulted with about eight tribes and 10
33 corporations on fisheries issues that were affecting
34 their particular areas. And Joel Hard from the National
35 Park Service was acting for Sue Masica on the Federal
36 Subsistence Board and Tony Christensen, I believe, who's
37 a rural Board member, was also on those consultations.

38
39 Madame Chair, thank you.

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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Questions.

42
43 (No comments)

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: All right.
46 Thank you, David. Next we're going into NPS reports.
47 And first is Wrangell-St.Elias. Oh, yes, Barbara did
48 tell me that you would be here, go ahead introduce
49 yourself.

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1 MS. COOPER: Yeah, Madame Chair. I have
2 an update that would cover more than one Park or Preserve
3 so I thought I would -- we talked about me just giving
4 that real quick firstly, or right off the bat.

5
6 Thank you, Madame Chair. My name is
7 Deborah Cooper. I'm the associate regional director for
8 the Alaska region of the National Park Service. I
9 oversee the region's subsistence program as well as the
10 rest of the natural resource and cultural resource
11 programs.

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13 The following update is in regard to the
14 State's sporthunting season and has no direct effect on
15 -- or no effect on the Federal subsistence regulation,
16 this is an update. Park Service has concerns that are in
17 response to the most recent liberalizations to the
18 sporthunting program adopted by the Board of Game last
19 winter which became effective July 1st of 2012. Proposed
20 for addition to the Park Service's compendium or more
21 simply put, Park Service is proposing to exclude three
22 liberalizations to predator harvest. These are brown bear
23 baiting, the extension of wolfe seasons, and the
24 extension of coyote seasons through the denning period.
25 I'll first cover brown bear baiting.

26
27 The National Park Service has concerns
28 about authorizing sport take of brown bears over bait
29 stations on National Preserves specifically. Baiting for
30 brown bears is a new practice not allowed by any other
31 wildlife managing agency anywhere in North America. In
32 addition to being inconsistent with National Park Service
33 policies, the feeding of bears alters natural behaviors,
34 increases the likelihood of food conditioning, increases
35 the likelihood that bears will be killed as DLPs -- or in
36 defense of life and property and compromises public
37 safety. Food conditioned bears are more likely to become
38 problem animals and more likely to cause concern for the
39 safety of people using the out of doors. These concerns
40 are consistent with best practices widely endorsed by the
41 scientific community.

42
43 Recently the National Park Service
44 received a letter from the Denali SRC in support of
45 prohibitions to bear baiting in general, that's not
46 specific to brown bear baiting, a signed copy of this
47 letter is in the mail and will be sent to Eva. I also
48 have preliminary copies with me if you would like. I'll
49 briefly read an excerpt.

50

1 The SRC supports -- Denali SRC -- but
2 the SRC supports the National Park's
3 proposed compendium entry that would
4 restrict the baiting of bears in the
5 Preserve. While not wanting to see
6 further regulation the Denali SRC finds
7 this activity incompatible with
8 subsistence practices and, therefore,
9 should be restricted. The SRC knows of
10 no subsistence users ever having engaged
11 in bear baiting in the Park or Preserve.
12

13 Secondly, I'll just go through -- I'll
14 combine wolf and coyote seasons and go through those.
15

16 The Park Service will propose that
17 hunters be precluded from the liberalization of taking
18 denning wolves or coyotes as well as their nursing pups
19 from May 1st through August 9th. This will make the
20 seasons such that they will continue to be consistent
21 with the current Federal regulations and with prior State
22 regs. In addition to being inconsistent with National
23 Park Service policy, continuing to close the season on
24 April 30th, as has been done for years prior, will
25 preserve economic opportunity. That is, each wolf,
26 coyote or pup killed when their pelt has little, if any,
27 value such as during the denning season means one less
28 animal with a prime coat later in the year to be
29 harvested by subsistence or sporthunters who
30 traditionally sell pelts for cash. Further, these dates
31 avoid killing nursing pups and their mothers in the den,
32 a practice long avoided by wildlife managers.
33

34 There will be opportunity for public
35 comment on these
36 proposed compendium additions, and that will be from mid-
37 January to mid-February of next year. I just wanted to
38 give you an update here since you won't be reconvening
39 until after those dates.
40

41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: January to
42 February.
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44 MS. COOPER: Uh-huh.
45

46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
47

48 MS. COOPER: In closing, I just want to
49 state that the National Park Service supports hunting as
50 an American Heritage. The National Park Service strongly

1 supports subsistence uses of the resource. Generally
2 speaking, natural processes and natural and healthy
3 wildlife populations on Parks and Preserves take
4 precedent over subsistence which take precedent over
5 sporthunting.

6
7 Thank you, Madame Chair. That concludes
8 my update.

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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It sounds like
11 an action item, uh.

12
13 Okay. Questions.

14
15 Virgil.

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17 MR. UMPHENOUR: Thank you, Madame Chair.
18 Ms. Cooper, I think I heard you say that the
19 liberalization of some bear hunting regulations that the
20 Board of Game passed this last summer, that in your
21 compendium, that the National Park Service is not going
22 to recognize those changes that the Board of Game made;
23 is that what I heard?

24
25 MS. COOPER: Through the Chair, you are
26 correct.

27
28 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. And, furthermore,
29 the Park Service is not going to allow any bear baiting
30 on National Park Service land or -- well, Hard Park
31 or.....

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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Preserve
34 or.....

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36 MR. UMPHENOUR:Preserve, either
37 one?

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39 MS. COOPER: That's brown bear baiting.

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41 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, that's only for
42 brown bear, but what about black bear?

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44 MS. COOPER: The brown bear baiting is
45 the liberalization that was just adopted by the Board and
46 that is the specific method and mean that will be
47 proposed to be excluded on National Parks and Preserves.

48
49 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. And that's in Unit
50 25C, correct?

1 MS. COOPER: I believe so, but you'd have
2 to.....
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4 MR. UMPHENOUR: Or 20C, I mean.
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6 MS. COOPER: Yeah, you'd have to defer
7 that to.....
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9 MS. CRAVER: 20C.
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11 MS. COOPER: All right.
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13 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. But I thought I
14 heard you say something about black bear baiting as well,
15 maybe I'm not hearing properly.
16
17 MS. COOPER: Well, you did. The Denali
18 SRC wrote a letter and a copy of that letter will be
19 delivered to Eva, it's in the mail right now, and when
20 they wrote their letter, their letter just was specific
21 to bear baiting, it didn't say black or brown, it was
22 just all bears. So that was just their letter, I guess
23 it would be in support of not liberalizing methods and
24 means such that you can take brown bears over bait, but
25 they didn't stop at brown bears.
26
27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Was that
28 unanimous, writing a letter?
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30 MS. COOPER: I don't know.
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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It was?
33
34 MS. CRAVER: Yes.
35
36 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, well, thank you.
37 Madame Chair.
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Other
40 questions.
41
42 MR. BASSICH: What you just described is
43 referring to Denali Park only or does that extend into
44 St. Elias or Yukon-Charley or any other?
45
46 MS. COOPER: Through the Chair. It does
47 extend into Yukon-Charley Preserve, Wrangell-St. Elias
48 and Denali Preserves.
49
50 MR. BASSICH: And would that -- I've

1 looked a little bit at the compendium of the Yukon-
2 Charley's, I don't know the process because my
3 understanding was that each Park or Preserve has its own
4 compendium that the superintendent then adopts, is there
5 an overview, one that carries over all of them, and if
6 so, which one would have precedent, like if you had this
7 action take place, if the people within Yukon-Charley
8 were to work with their superintendent on their specific
9 one, would it overrule what you've just described?

10

11 MS. COOPER: Through the Chair. They're
12 all combined so they're all specific to geographic region
13 but they go in one big binder so you can do either. It
14 will be -- it will essentially be the same.

15

16 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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18 MR. BASSICH: I guess I'm not clear then
19 because.....

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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I'm not
22 clear either.

23

24 MR. GLANZ: I'm not clear on that.

25

26 MR. BASSICH:there would be a
27 conflict. If the people in my region worked with our
28 superintendent on the compendium and we saw that the
29 action item that you've just described on the compendium
30 and we asked our superintendent to remove that from the
31 compendium, would he have the authority to remove it in
32 that Preserve from the compendium?

33

34 MS. COOPER: Yes, he would. Excuse me,
35 through the Chair, he or she would.

36

37 Okay, go ahead.

38

39 MS. CELLARIUS: For the record, Barbara
40 Cellarius, subsistence coordinator for Wrangell-St. Elias
41 National Park and Preserve.

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43 And each Park has an individual
44 compendium, but sometimes the region feels like as though
45 there's a topic that should be addressed in multiple
46 compendia. There was something about -- the last
47 compendium, I don't have it in front of me, you know,
48 there was something that they felt that there should be
49 a consistent -- some consistent language about being able
50 to salvage watercraft or salvage aircraft when it met

1 certain conditions, that that could be allowed. And it's
2 kind of a -- it's probably not the best example, but a
3 similar entry was put in each separate compendium and so
4 there -- as far as I know there doesn't exist an Alaska
5 region compendium but what would occur would be similar
6 language would be put in the compendiums for the Parks
7 where this was an issue.

8

9 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair.

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

12

13 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, that's not really
14 answering my question, though. My question is, which
15 compendium would then be the compendium which by law
16 enforcement actions or policies would be developed on if
17 you have two competing ideas or top -- or entities within
18 the compendiums, one that's an overview of all three
19 Preserves.....

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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

22

23 MR. BASSICH:and each individual
24 one, which would then have the authority?

25

26 MS. COOPER: It's -- it's basically
27 geographically specific compendium that will be identical
28 in language to other geographically specific compendiums,
29 so some of these, such as where liberalizations have been
30 passed that are more likely to be broadbrushed and cover
31 a number of Preserves, we're proposing the same language
32 in more than one Preserve, but it's still geographically
33 -- it's still geographically specific.

34

35 Does that.....

36

37 MR. BASSICH: No.

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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think I can
40 help.

41

42 MR. BASSICH: Okay, somebody help me
43 because I'm.....

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think I got
46 it.

47

48 MR. BASSICH: Okay.

49

50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: She's saying

1 that Yukon-Charley -- this is specific in the compendium,
2 that Yukon-Charley has this reg, right, and Wrangell-St.
3 Elias has this reg, and that compendium reaches all of
4 them, but if you make a change in yours that changes that
5 -- that eliminates it, you'd have to change it.

6

7 MS. COOPER: Go ahead.

8

9 MS. CELLARIUS: There is not an
10 overarching Alaska region compendium. compendiums are
11 done by a Park by Park basis. It's the superintendent's
12 compendium. Federal regulations say the superintendent
13 may.

14

15 MR. BASSICH: Right.

16

17 MS. CELLARIUS: so there will only be one
18 compendium entry on this particular topic in one
19 compendium that would affect Wrangell-St. Elias. There's
20 not a separate compendium that would be competing with
21 it. There would just be one compendium that would affect
22 Wrangell-St. Elias.

23

24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, now I'm
25 back to confusion.

26

27 MR. BASSICH: All right. So I understand
28 that sort of, kind of. But what I'm really concerned
29 about in this process is Yukon-Charley has no SRC, we've
30 looked into trying to develop.....

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.

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34 MR. BASSICH:that and.....

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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Because it's a
37 Preserve.

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39 MR. BASSICH:it's a Preserve. And
40 so the process of trying to work on this compendium is
41 not quite as clear as the other two areas and what I'm
42 very concerned about is the statement that was made that
43 there was no -- and I know you were referring to maybe
44 Denali Park Preserve area, that there was no black bear
45 baiting but there has been a long tradition of black bear
46 baiting in Yukon-Charley going back a hundred years ago.
47 So I would not want to see something on our compendium
48 dealing with that put on our compendium simply because it
49 applies only to Denali Park. Do you understand what I'm
50 saying?

1 MS. COOPER: I do. Through the Chair.
2 And we are specifically talking about brown bear baiting.
3
4 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I realize that.
5
6 MR. GLANZ: And what if it was fishing.
7 What about no harvesting of salmon on the ASRC (ph), St.
8 Elias, would that cover Yukon-Charley?
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10 MS. COOPER: No. Through the Chair.
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12 MR. GLANZ: What's the difference?
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14 MR. LIEBSCHER: Madame Chair. Tom
15 Liebscher, chief of natural cultural fire and subsistence
16 resources for the Park Service in Fairbanks.
17
18 Two different situations here. The
19 compendium is signed by each conservation unit
20 superintendent and they are specific to a conservation
21 unit. The overarching language is for consistency, if
22 that is the case, as it moves forward, if it is moved
23 forward. The superintendent for Yukon-Charley and Gates
24 is committed to work with the working group. He has with
25 Don and Andy and others in Eagle to facilitate the
26 ongoing discussion in the absence of a formalized
27 Subsistence Resource Commission. We've had a couple
28 meetings this year about that topic and that topic will
29 be the focus of an in person presentation later this
30 year.
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32 Again, the language of concern is for the
33 brown bear and there will be no inclusion of that in the
34 Yukon-Charley relative to black bear.
35
36 Through the Chair.
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38 MR. BASSICH: Thank you. I think that
39 answered my question.
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. Men
42 are from Mars, they understand each other.
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44 MR. WOODRUFF: Madame Chair.
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Don, go ahead.
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48 MR. WOODRUFF: Yeah, thank you, Tom for
49 that clarification. And just for a head's up for all the
50 Park Service people, we're having an SRC or working

1 group/ in November, as soon as the river freezes up so
2 that all the inholders that are down river could
3 participate if they wish to and we would like to invite
4 Joel Hard to participate as well.

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6 MR. LIEBSCHER: Through the Chair. We
7 acknowledge that, Don, and we thank you for that
8 invitation. I've been hearing from people on the river
9 about that meeting and we'll insure that it's in an
10 upcoming meeting that I have with Joel Hard.

11
12 MR. WOODRUFF: Thank you.

13
14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Let's
15 see, we're back to this report constitutes us taking
16 action and you're saying we can give our opin -- this is
17 the Park Service's opinion, right?

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19 MS. COOPER: Proposed compendium.

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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Proposed
22 compendium, okay.

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24 MS. COOPER: On the sporthunting.....

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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Regulations
27 that.....

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29 MS. COOPER:recent liberalizations.

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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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33 MS. COOPER: Correct, Madame Chair.

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: But those would apply to
38 subsistence hunters as well, right.

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Ask the
41 question, Virgil.

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43 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. So would this
44 apply to the Federally-qualified subsistence hunters as
45 well?

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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No.

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49 MS. COOPER: Through the Chair. A
50 Federally-qualified subsistence user if they choose to

1 hunt under State sporthunting regs are free to do so.

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But if you
4 change it that would change it. This applies to
5 Preserves only, not to the Park -- okay so what -- if
6 this goes through, we have no regulation in Federal regs
7 that are this liberal; is that correct?

8

9 MS. COOPER: That is correct, Madame
10 Chair.

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, so we
13 would be -- our regul -- this was liberalized on State
14 land only, it's not been liberalized on Federal land; is
15 that correct?

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17 MR. LIEBSCHER: Through the Chair. That
18 matter will still be allowed for SRC, a formalized SRC.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: As a
21 sporthunter.

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23 MR. LIEBSCHER: That could be prov --
24 they could ask for some relief on that through their SRC
25 for subsistence use.

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You know you
28 guys got me rally confused now because I thought you have
29 to put a regulation in to make -- to see it change and it
30 hasn't been on the Federal side, right?

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32 MS. COOPER: Madame Chair. The
33 compendium is a listing of restrictions or prohibitions,
34 things like campground closures, things that are more
35 temporary in nature and it's renewed annually so it is
36 not long-term. If it is in this compendium list of
37 restrictions for more than two years, then we need to
38 take a look at it and go through the regulation process,
39 including posting in the Federal Register and having a
40 proposed rule.

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42 Madame Chair.

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I see more help
45 here to help us.

46

47 (Laughter)

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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We might need
50 this to knock it in.

1 Go ahead, Jennifer.
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3 MS. YUHAS: Madame Chair. Jennifer
4 Yuhas, Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
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6 I wouldn't presume to speak to the
7 compendia or the operations of the National Park Service
8 but to clarify on the State side, we issue a hunting
9 permit, so we do not issue a sporthunting permit. People
10 can qualify for subsistence hunts that are open for a
11 subsistence hunt -- we have a hunting permit so we don't
12 re.....
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You mean
15 license?
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17 MS. YUHAS: Yes.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: License.
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21 MS. YUHAS: Yes.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, not
24 permit.
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26 MS. YUHAS: So when you look at your
27 license and you've got that little hole punched at the
28 top it's for hunting. So I want to clarify that on the
29 State side.
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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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33 MS. YUHAS: There's been a lot of
34 reference to State sporthunting or sport permit, it's a
35 hunting license.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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39 MS. YUHAS: Subsistence users also use
40 that and the State recognizes all subsistence users as
41 equal.
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. But
44 getting back to how this would affect us as a user in the
45 Wrangell Park and the Denali Park, if I pulled out the
46 hunting regulations right now, would I see this
47 liberalization that you're trying to take away from the
48 Preserve in the regulations for subsistence, Federal
49 regulations, would we see it?
50

1 MS. COOPER: No, Madame Chair, you would
2 not.
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We must be --
5 I didn't think we'd get this wrapped around here, but I
6 can see we are. Where are my hunting regs.
7
8 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, well, I never did
9 get clear on my question I asked.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, I'm
12 trying to help you get an answer to it, yeah.
13
14 MR. UMPHENOUR: Maybe I can ask one
15 question.
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go for it.
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19 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay, let me ask this
20 question. Okay, when the Board of Game passes a
21 regulation change for methods and means, it automatically
22 goes into effect on BLM land, on Refuge land, why doesn't
23 go into effect on National Park land?
24
25 MS. COOPER: Through the Chair. It does
26 go into effect on National Park and Preserve land unless
27 we add it to the compendium and restrict it and that is
28 what we're proposing to do for brown bear baiting and for
29 the take of wolves or coyotes through the denning season.
30
31 Through the Chair.
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33 MR. LIEBSCHER: Madame Chair. Virgil,
34 also for clarity there is -- during the Board of Game
35 deliberations we formally requested that they exclude the
36 National Park Service conservation units from that
37 methods and means and they chose not to and that's fine,
38 and that's why the next step in the process is for the
39 Park Service to look at the compendium. Again as Deb
40 mentioned, that we're not talking promulgation of
41 regulations with the Federal Register, we're talking the
42 compendium process.
43
44 Through the Chair.
45
46 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. I think I almost
47 got it figured it out but I have to ask one more
48 question.
49
50 Okay, if you're Federally-qualified

1 subsistence user for the Park/Preserve, what would the
2 regulation be for the grizzly bear, could you bait them
3 or not, or shoot the fox or coyotes or wolves or whatever
4 it is?

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6 MS. COOPER: This would not change
7 Federal regulation. The Federal regulation would remain
8 as is, and in the Federal regulation there's no
9 authorization to bait brown bears.

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11 MR. UMPHENOUR: Thank you. Madame Chair.

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13 MS. COOPER: Through the Chair.

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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think that
16 would help us when you bring something like this forward
17 is to see a little graph, you know, this is the
18 regulations here now, and this is what was changed and
19 where it affected. Because if we don't see something
20 it's hard to understand what you're doing there. Because
21 I want to know how it affects the Wrangell-St.Elias and
22 I know Barbara can do that for me, but this is all new.
23 Barbara just told me about this yesterday.

24
25 MS. COOPER: Yeah. Madame Chair, it is
26 confusing. It changes, particularly, most recently,
27 every time the Board of Game meets so we're kind of
28 playing a little bit of catch up to find out what's
29 passed and we rely on the site specific expert, such as
30 Barb, to really pay attention to what is going to affect
31 individual Preserves but it's -- it's somewhat confusing,
32 I think, due to the pace of change.

33
34 Through the Chair.

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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, I guess
37 the thing that concerns me a little bit here is how quick
38 something like this can happen.

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40 MR. BASSICH: Uh-huh.

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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You know and it
43 affects you that next season so that really bothers me
44 because what you just brought up, Andy, the black bear
45 baiting -- you made a statement that kind of hit me hard,
46 the Park Service does not consider baiting a method of --
47 it's illegal in the Park, or I -- you made a statement
48 that I just thought whoa.

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50 MS. COOPER: Madame Chair. Let me back

1 up and try and find that.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: It was
4 something the Park Service doesn't consider,
5 remember.....
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7 MR. BASSICH: Uh-huh.
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9 MS. COOPER: Madame Chair. Possibly it
10 was the baiting for brown bears is a new practice.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: New practice,
13 that's what it was.
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15 MS. COOPER: Not allowed by any other
16 wildlife managing agency anywhere in North America.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Not allowed by
19 any other managing.....
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21 MS. COOPER: For brown bears.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And what
24 concerned you was black bears?
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26 MR. BASSICH: Uh-huh.
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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And also.....
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30 MR. BASSICH: Can I just make a
31 statement.
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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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35 MR. BASSICH: I'd like to just kind of
36 put out what I have in my mind what we're talking about
37 here and then maybe I can be corrected and it might help
38 clear things up if I'm right, I don't know if I'm right.
39
40 My understanding of what has transpired
41 is that up until or prior to, when the State Board of
42 Game met and made the decision to liberalize the baiting
43 of brown bear on State lands, there was no baiting of
44 brown bear currently allowed within the Federal Preserve
45 areas of Denali, Wrangell, possibly Yukon-Charley, I'm
46 not sure. Once the State made that decision to try and
47 liberalize it and those would have gone -- those areas
48 would have been expanded within these Federal areas it
49 was the responsibility of the Federal areas then to come
50 in and say, no, we do not want that in our Federal lands

1 which we are given control over, so what they are now
2 doing is they are now saying.....
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I
5 understand what they're doing.
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7 MR. BASSICH: Okay. Right.
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Clearly.
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11 MR. BASSICH: So I think that's where
12 we're at right now, this is.....
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I just don't
15 think I agree.
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17 MR. BASSICH:their reac -- well.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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21 MR. BASSICH: And the only thing I was
22 trying to make sure is that one action didn't carry
23 through to all three different Parks or Preserves, that
24 each one will have its own ability to develop its own
25 compendium subject to the people in that area. Is that
26 a correct statement, what I just made?
27
28 MS. COOPER: (Nods affirmatively)
29
30 MR. BASSICH: Okay, thank you.
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32 MS. COOPER: That is correct, Madame
33 Chair.
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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Another thing
36 that really concerns me here is I'm not seeing anything
37 on paper and it just came before us and it's going to
38 happen -- it's going to be done before we have our next
39 meeting and it's -- it just seems like we should have had
40 something in front of us, we should have been able to
41 view the differences in these regulations and get a grasp
42 on what's going on here because you just threw three
43 things at us that I'm not sure I like any one of them,
44 me, personally, for our area.
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46 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. The
47 way I see it, there really is no change other than its
48 liberalizing the State lands, but the Federal lands, by
49 what they're doing is not really going to affect what has
50 always been in place.

1 Is that correct?
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3 MS. COOPER: (Nods affirmatively)
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, but.....
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7 MR. BASSICH: So.....
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:maybe I'd
10 like to see them.....
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12 MR. BASSICH: I realize that but.....
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14 MS. COOPER: That is correct.
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16 MR. BASSICH:I'm just saying it's
17 really not like it's throwing it in your place, we really
18 didn't have the right to bait bear brown bears prior to
19 this so it's not like.....
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No, Andy, what
22 is in my.....
23
24 MR. BASSICH:there's anything new.
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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:face --
27 I'm sorry, I disagree with you, is that I didn't have an
28 opportunity to look at this and grasp exactly how it
29 affects me, that's what I -- I don't see anything other
30 than what you just read to me and I'm a visual, I'm a
31 hands on type person, I think we all are because of the
32 way we live and we need to kind of understand what's
33 going on and I don't have that opportunity; I don't feel
34 I did. But -- I made your face red, Barb.
35
36 (Laughter)
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38 MR. WOODRUFF: Sue.
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40 MS. CELLARIUS: And I'm hearing that Don
41 wants to say something but let me just say that for our
42 SRC meeting in 2 weeks I will put together a table that
43 shows for Unit 12, which is -- and actually there's a
44 small change in Unit 11, I will put together a table that
45 shows what the Federal regulations are, what the State
46 regulations were last year and what the State regulations
47 are this year and so you will be able to see those.....
48
49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Now, that's
50 helpful for the SRC but it would have probably been

1 helpful here.
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3 MS. CELLARIUS: I know I'm hearing what
4 you're saying.....
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, uh-huh.
7
8 MS. CELLARIUS:and I certainly can
9 share that table with Eva and -- well, it won't be in
10 time for the RAC to meet as a RAC, there's still
11 certainly an opportunity for individuals to comment if
12 they wish to do that.
13
14 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay.
15 Barbara's really helpful, thank you Barbara.
16
17 All right, so we get to comment on this
18 -- Don, I'm sorry, I forgot about you, I'm not seeing you
19 but there you go, go ahead.
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21 MR. WOODRUFF: Madame Chair.
22
23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes. Go ahead,
24 I hear you.
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26 MR. WOODRUFF: Okay. Just between the
27 Council members, am I supposed to go pull my bear bait
28 today?
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30 MR. BASSICH: Only if it's brown bear
31 Don.
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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you have a
34 grizzly bear awake.
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36 (Laughter)
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38 MR. WOODRUFF: Okay, well, I think only
39 the black bears are awake.
40
41 (Laughter)
42
43 MR. BASSICH: You're safe.
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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It was just
46 brown bear, did you get that clearly?
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48 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes, I think so.
49
50 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: You don't have

1 any bears up there that's out anyway, do you.

2

3 (No comments)

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: He probably
6 didn't hear me.

7

8 All right, so we need to comment on this
9 and what do you want to do.

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11 (Cell phone ringing)

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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Another five
14 bucks.

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16 MR. WOODRUFF: Well, Sue, I have a
17 comment. I think, to me -- if I might go ahead, is that
18 this in some way is a contradiction to the MOU that we
19 just reviewed.

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21 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: I want to hear
22 about it.

23

24 MR. WOODRUFF: Well, I think that the
25 National Park Service is a member of the Federal
26 Subsistence Board, they sign on to the MOU, and the MOU
27 states that they're going to be cooperative with fish and
28 game issues.

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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead,
31 Deborah.

32

33 MS. COOPER: Yeah, through the Chair.
34 This is liberalization of State regulations that the Park
35 Service is proposing to not adopt on National Preserves
36 for reasons that, in part, the National Park Service has
37 a legal mandate as well and at some point we're rubbing
38 up against those legal mandates and are not able to adopt
39 some of these liberalizations.

40

41 Through the Chair.

42

43 So I don't see it as a conflict with the
44 MOU of the Federal Subsistence Board.

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Were you able
47 to hear that Don?

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49 MR. WOODRUFF: I heard what she said.

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1 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes.
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5 MR. BASSICH: I'd like to make a motion.
6 And before I make the motion I'd just like to vett my
7 idea here and see if this is correct so I don't waste the
8 Council's time. But it seems to me that if this is
9 something that we do not necessarily agree with or feel
10 comfortable with, the way to show that would be to make
11 a motion to support what she's presenting to us and then
12 not support it.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Then vote it
15 down.
16
17 MR. BASSICH: And then vote it down.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
20
21 MR. BASSICH: And it seems like that's
22 really all we can do at this point. The National Park
23 Service can do what they want on their lands, given the
24 methodology that they have for determining their policies
25 and procedures so that's about the only input we have on
26 this. Am I correct?
27
28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Then it would
29 go on record.
30
31 MR. BASSICH: Right.
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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sounds fine.
34
35 MR. BASSICH: All right, so that being
36 said I make a motion that we support the presen -- I
37 don't know what you'd call it.
38
39 MS. COOPER: Update.
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41 MR. BASSICH: The update presented to us
42 by the National Park Service.
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44 MR. UMPHENOUR: Second.
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Do we need much
47 more
48 discussion.
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50 MR. BASSICH: No, I think there's been

1 plenty of discussion. I think we've all got our own
2 little feelings about this so I'll just reference our
3 previous comments.
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5 MR. GLANZ: Question.
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's been
8 called for, all in favor.
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10 (No aye votes)
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All opposed.
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14 IN UNISON: Aye.
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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It sounds
17 unanimous. Not reflected to the person directly but.....
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19 (Laughter)
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:we don't
22 always agree with the outside world with Park Service and
23 your mandates.
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25 MS. COOPER: I understand.
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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29 MS. COOPER: Thank you, Madame Chair.
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31 MR. UMPHENOUR: Is the appointment up
32 now? Is it the appropriate time.
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's coming up
35 under each Park right here.
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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: We just did Park.
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Nope, we're
40 doing Wrangell-St.Elias next, then Yukon-Charley and then
41 the Denali.
42
43 MR. UMPHENOUR: Oh, okay.
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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So we're all
46 getting anxious.
47
48 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you, Madame Chair.
49 Barbara Cellarius from Wrangell-St.Elias. And I will try
50 to be quick but there are a couple of things I do want to

1 make sure that we talk about.

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3 One is an appointment to the Wrangell-
4 St.Elias SRC that is made by this RAC. Under the
5 provisions of ANILCA the Southcentral, Eastern Interior
6 and Southeast RACs each appoint one member to the
7 Wrangell-St.Elias Subsistence Resource Commission.
8 There's a very limited pool of candidates who are
9 eligible for that particular seat on the SRC. You have
10 to be a member of a local advisory committee or a member
11 of this RAC. So not very many folks -- oh, and you also
12 have to engage -- have a history of engaging in
13 subsistence activities in the Park.

14

15 So I believe that the only member of the
16 RAC who meets those qualifications is Sue and she is the
17 current appointee to the Wrangell-St.Elias SRC. In
18 preparation for this meeting I also got in touch with the
19 Upper Tanana Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Committee
20 and the Nabesna -- the Tok Cutoff Nabesna Road AC and
21 asked them if they wanted to propose an alternative
22 candidate or alternatively if anyone wanted to indicate
23 support for Sue's reappointment, and, Sue -- I've talked
24 to Sue and she is willing to continue to serve should you
25 wish to reappoint here. The AC hasn't had a chance to
26 meet since I asked them this question, the summer is a
27 not a time when they meet but I did hear from a number of
28 individual members of the SRC -- of the Upper Tanana
29 Fortymile AC in support of Sue's reappointment. And so
30 I would ask you to -- and I don't have an alternative
31 candidate, so I'm hoping I can get action from you to
32 appoint or reappoint someone to the Wrangell-St.Elias
33 SRC.

34

35 MR. GLANZ: I make a motion that Sue be
36 our representative from our RAC on the SRC.

37

38 MR. BASSICH: Second.

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any discussion.

41

42 (No comments)

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44 MR. UMPHENOUR: Question.

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46 MR. BASSICH: Sue's been doing a great
47 job for a long time, I can't think of a better person.

48

49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right, the
50 question's been called for, all in favor.

1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Thanks,
4 guys.

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6 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you. And so you
7 should have copies of a couple of written reports from
8 Wrangell-St.Elias Staff. One of them is labeled fall
9 2012 subsistence update, and then there's also a
10 fisheries update. And mostly what I want to actually
11 talk about is the hunt for the Chisana Caribou Herd but
12 if there are questions about anything else in those
13 reports I'm certainly happy to answer questions or if
14 there's, you know, another topic in those reports you'd
15 like me to talk about. But I did want to talk about the
16 Chisana Caribou Herd hunt since that was recently
17 reestablished and the hunt actually just closed.

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19 So as you know at the January 2012 of the
20 Federal Subsistence Board they authorized the limited
21 harvest of the Chisana Caribou Herd, and this herd is in
22 the southeast portion of Unit 12. The hunt that was
23 authorized is consistent with the recently developed
24 management plan for the herd. The harvest of the herd
25 had been closed for a number of years due to conservation
26 concerns. Because the harvest quota was going to be
27 quite small an .804 analysis was done and identified six
28 communities as being eligible for that hunt. The Board
29 delegated to the Wrangell-St.Elias superintendent the
30 authority to open the season, to announce the harvest
31 quota, number of permits and reporting period and to
32 close the season. There was some discussion at the
33 Southcentral RAC meeting of the need to develop a working
34 group to talk about how permits would be allocated for
35 this hunt since there are six communities and a total of
36 seven animals in the harvest quota. Instead of -- the
37 Park Service Regional Director expressed concern at the
38 Federal Board meeting about the time that it might take
39 to effectively have a working group and so instead she
40 offered that Park Staff would do outreach to the
41 communities and gather input on their suggestions about
42 how to allocate the permits and manage the hunt, and so
43 there's a whole list of folks here that I, and other
44 members of the Wrangell-St.Elias Staff have talked to,
45 tribal governments, Fish and Game Advisory Committees, I
46 talked to you, I talked to the Southcentral RAC, the
47 Wrangell-St.Elias SRC and we tried to use input -- as
48 many of the suggestions that we received in that outreach
49 in developing our plan for allocating permits. And so
50 what we did in the end -- there was no significant

1 support for a drawing hunt so we took that one off the
2 table and we had some -- the ACs favored issuing permits
3 on a first come, first serve basis with a short reporting
4 period. This RAC, along with the tribal councils all
5 supported some kind of allocation of permits out to the
6 community level and then permits being distributed at the
7 community level. So what we ended up doing was we
8 allocated two permits each to the four Federally-
9 recognized tribal governments, to the communities with
10 Federally-recognized tribal governments with the
11 understanding that all permanent residents of those
12 communities, not just tribal members would need to be
13 eligible for those permits. and then we made the
14 remaining permits available to the -- essentially for the
15 other two communities on a first come, first serve basis.

16
17 So we tried to take as much advice as we
18 could. We -- because there was a small harvest quota we
19 established 14 as the maximum number of permits that
20 would be issued and we established a three day reporting
21 period, which is a little bit shorter than the typical
22 reporting period but in discussions with the Upper Tanana
23 Fortymile AC they thought that was an attainable period.
24 We also set up a telephone hotline where people could
25 call in their harvest reports and the date of the phone
26 message would count as the date for their harvest report,
27 and that phone line also had information about whether or
28 not the hunt was still open.

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30 The wildlife biologist and I went up to
31 Tok on a date that we had announced through press
32 releases and emails and trying to get the word out that
33 we were going to start issuing permits on a particular
34 day, we went up to Tok because basically Tok and Chisana
35 were the two communities that were going to be most --
36 that were going to be using those permit issued on a
37 first come, first serve basis. We worked with Tetlin
38 Wildlife Refuge, we went up to their office and issued
39 the permits out of there. We issued three permits that
40 day and then left the remaining permits with the Tetlin
41 Staff, they issue other Federal subsistence permits, so
42 it made the most sense to us to have those permits
43 available in Tok.

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45 Let's see in total -- in the end a total
46 of nine permits were issued out of the 14 that we had
47 available. The hunt opened on September 1st and closed
48 on September 30th. So I've gotten hunt reports of eight
49 of the nine permits that were issued. We had two caribou
50 harvested from those eight reports and all eight

1 permittees reported hunting.

2

3 I would also mention that I've been
4 contacted by residents of a couple of ineligible
5 communities or areas, they weren't on the list of six
6 communities. One was when I went to the Tok Cutoff
7 Nabesna Road AC meeting and actually Nabesna had come up
8 as a community to be considered, even when we were sort
9 of going through the proposal analysis last time but
10 there wasn't enough information to add them to the
11 analysis at that point. So I've offered to provide them
12 with some technical assistance if they would like to
13 submit a proposal during the next round of wildlife
14 proposals.

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16 So I'll stop there and see if there's any
17 questions.

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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Questions.

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21 (No comments)

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Getting bored
24 because it's my area, uh.

25

26 (Laughter)

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28 MR. GLANZ: And during the day after we
29 eat.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 MR. WOODRUFF: Sue, I have a question.

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, who's
36 speaking.

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38 REPORTER: Don, on the phone.

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is that Don,
41 okay.

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43 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes.

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead Don.

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47 MR. WOODRUFF: Because of the nature of
48 the remoteness of this herd it seems to me it would take
49 two days just to pack the meat out to a road system in
50 order to get your meat out, so how does that jive with a

1 two day reporting period?

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3 MS. CELLARIUS: The reporting period was
4 three days, not two, and we developed that reporting
5 period as a result of quite extensive conversations with
6 the Fish and Game Advisory Committee in Tok. That was
7 their best conclusion. They felt that a shorter
8 reporting period was appropriate because of the small
9 quota and based on our discussions that's what they
10 recommended.

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Wasn't it three
13 days after you got out of the field?

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15 MS. CELLARIUS: It was three days from
16 the harvest. We had that discussion with the wildlife
17 Trooper in Tok, were you at that meeting?

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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I don't -- I
20 should have been but I went to so many on Chisana, I
21 don't remember.

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23 MS. CELLARIUS: Yeah, we had -- I mean
24 the wildlife Trooper in Tok felt that from an enforcement
25 standpoint.....

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Short.

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29 MS. CELLARIUS:it was best -- no,
30 from enforcement standpoint it was best to have it be
31 from the date of the harvest, not some other date that
32 would be harder to establish.

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So did the two
35 caribou hunters that were successful meet the three days?

36

37 MS. CELLARIUS: Yes. Both of them used
38 the telephone hotline and one of them -- well, one of
39 them was having trouble with his phone so he emailed me
40 the day he took the caribou and called me the next day.
41 And the other person it might have been a day or two
42 later.....

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That must have
45 been somebody from Chisana that emailed the day he killed
46 the caribou.

47

48 (Laughter)

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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

1 MS. CELLARIUS: And in another case
2 somebody got weathered in but was able to get somebody to
3 send me an email and that was fine.
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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7 MS. CELLARIUS: I didn't care whether it
8 was a phone call or a piece of paper or an email, just
9 having the information from them that they harvested a
10 caribou, that was what I wanted.
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12 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Joe.
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16 MR. MATESI: What is that hotline number,
17 I don't expect you to know it right off, but is it an 800
18 number?
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20 MS. CELLARIUS: It is not an 800 number,
21 it's one of our regular phone numbers.
22
23 MR. MATESI: Okay. Okay, that's good.
24 And the reason I ask that is because many hunters now
25 days take satellite phones out with them and you cannot
26 call an 800 number with a satellite phone.
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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Barbara, can I
29 ask you a few questions about the people that -- there
30 was eight, we know two hunted because they killed
31 caribou, so six people are saying that they went over to
32 Chisana, were they people in Chisana?
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34 MS. CELLARIUS: There were several
35 permits issued to residents of Chisana.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: They were
38 probably the ones that reported hunting.
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40 MS. CELLARIUS: But I also know that some
41 folks from Tok and other communities went to the hunt
42 area.
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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46 MS. CELLARIUS: When I look at what I see
47 and I don't know if you remember, there was one
48 discussion about a drawing hunt that people would put in
49 for a drawing hunt not really knowing whether or not they
50 had the resources to get out to the hunt area. When I

1 look at the fact that everybody who got a permit hunted,
2 people were thinking carefully about their ability to get
3 out to the hunt area when they went and got the permit.
4 That's what that tells me.

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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Now, I
7 was also told -- you know, how the people talk, they love
8 the Park Service so much.....

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10 (Laughter)

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm joking.

13
14 (Laughter)

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That there was
17 some people over at Ptarmigan Lake that's been living out
18 in the Chisana area for many years and they were in
19 Chisana and now they're at Ptarmigan Lake taking care of
20 Urban Rahoi's place and they were denied a permit.

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22 MS. CELLARIUS: I had multiple phone
23 calls about this.

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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I bet you did.
26 Because they live in.....

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28 MS. CELLARIUS: They live inside the
29 hunt.....

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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The place where
32 they live.....

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34 MS. CELLARIUS: They live inside the hunt
35 area and -- but they're not one of the communities that
36 was identified in the .804 analysis. And.....

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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But, but, but
39 that sounds so crazy.

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41 MS. CELLARIUS: I was not comfortable --
42 the delegation of authority that we had didn't include
43 changing C&T.

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But here's the
46 thing that we ran across years ago whenever they wanted
47 to do the resident zone community boundaries, is the
48 people in between didn't count, that we didn't get to go
49 and it was like, what, we're more rural than the
50 community. So then they -- there was talk about getting

1 everybody that lived outside of that, getting 1344s but
2 my husband and I did just because, but we didn't really
3 need it later is my understanding, so I look at that
4 thinking why wouldn't it qualify here.

5
6 MS. CELLARIUS: There was an .804
7 analysis done, it was specific to communities. I have
8 offered to the folks who live at Ptarmigan Lake that I'll
9 provide them with technical assistance in developing a
10 proposal that, for example, would say, if you live in the
11 hunt area that you would be eligible for the hunt, but
12 that is not currently in regulation.

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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I know Barbara,
15 it's.....

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17 MS. CELLARIUS: It's -- they.....

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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:just so
20 unfortunate that these things have to happen.

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22 MS. CELLARIUS: They're not on the list
23 of communities, it fell through the cracks. I'm going to
24 do my best to help them with the regulatory process.

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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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28 MS. CELLARIUS: To make that request to
29 the Federal Subsistence Board.

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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: When's the
32 deadline for wildlife proposals?

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34 MS. CELLARIUS: It's like next March
35 sometime.

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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, so before
38 our next meeting.

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40 MS. CELLARIUS: So this is actually a
41 good time.....

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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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45 MS. CELLARIUS:to be working on
46 that. So that's the other -- when I said that I'd run
47 across a couple of folks, a couple of communities and
48 areas that didn't -- felt like they had been
49 unnecessarily excluded, it's Nabesna and.....

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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Tanacross and
2 these people.
3
4 MS. CELLARIUS: Well, the hunt area. No
5 one from Tanacross has come to us with a request.
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But Nabesna
8 did.
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10 MS. CELLARIUS: Well, I talked to an AC
11 member from Nabesna who.....
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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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15 MS. CELLARIUS:who said, you know,
16 why.....
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, this is
19 crazy.
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21 MS. CELLARIUS:were we excluded and
22 so.....
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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Because they're
25 real close.
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27 MS. CELLARIUS:it's my intention
28 to.....
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So we'll fix
31 that.
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33 MS. CELLARIUS:help them put in the
34 request for a change, a regulatory change. So a year
35 from now I would imagine you'll have proposals in front
36 of you addressing those two areas.
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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So.....
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40 MS. CELLARIUS: But it was something that
41 I wasn't comfortable making that decision myself. I mean
42 Ptarmigan Lake and Chisana were just too far away.
43
44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is that
45 something we could have asked the Federal Board or OSM,
46 out of curiosity?
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48 MS. CELLARIUS: I could have asked them.
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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, it's the

1 superintendent.....

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3 MS. CELLARIUS: Well, I mean I went to my
4 supervisor and we discussed whether we thought that
5 permit should have been issued. I mean I certainly could
6 have called up OSM and asked them but they would have
7 asked us whether Chisana is -- Ptarmigan -- you know,
8 kind of what's the connection between Ptarmigan Lake and
9 Chisana.

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11 MR. WOODRUFF: Madame Chair.

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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes, go ahead,
14 Don.

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16 MR. WOODRUFF: I ant to actually
17 compliment Barbara. This seems like a step forward for
18 those folks who didn't get to hunt, and it's some
19 commonsense, which doesn't seem to prevail in the Park
20 Service.

21

22 (Laughter)

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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But we're going
25 to compliment Barbara, good job, I agree.

26

27 (Laughter)

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29 MS. CELLARIUS: Thank you.

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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But the
32 commonsense is, we're going to fix that problem,
33 hopefully.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Any
38 other questions.

39

40 (No comments)

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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I will head's
43 up to you guys, I'm close to the people in Mentasta and
44 they asked me if I would hunt for them and bring them the
45 meat and I didn't have the time to do it this year but if
46 I was asked again I might do that because my son's a
47 pilot so you got to get there, that's the hard part about
48 that, and then if you get to Chisana you're not where the
49 caribou are, you still got to get out there.

50

1 MR. GLANZ: Virgil mentioned the last
2 time we had a vote on it that it was pretty impossible to
3 get into that area.

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. It's a
6 secret, sorry.

7
8 (Laughter)

9
10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No. It's a
11 tough area to get into so it just makes it, you know,
12 when the people in our area have Nelchina caribou closeby
13 and you only have a one caribou limit, you get two in the
14 Nelchinas and if you're in the Copper Basin and then you
15 have the Fortymile and you have easier access that's
16 usually where you're going to put your effort so we're
17 going to have to think about this Chisana caribou in the
18 future.

19
20 All right, Barbara, go ahead, if there's
21 no other questions.

22
23 (No comments)

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25 MS. CELLARIUS: Well, I was -- I can talk
26 about other things in the report if you're interested but
27 I know that it's getting late in the day and so I thought
28 I would more see -- I mean it's getting -- it's 3:00
29 o'clock, it's not that late in the day but I didn't want
30 to take up more time unless there were particular topics
31 on there that you'd like me to discuss.

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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Council members
34 any other questions on the report.

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36 (No comments)

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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, thanks
39 Barbara.

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41 Next would be the Yukon-Charley.

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43 MR. LIEBSCHER: Madame Chair. Tom
44 Liebscher, chief of natural, cultural, fire and
45 subsistence resources for the Park Service in Fairbanks.

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47 Our subsistence coordinator has some
48 medical issues, Marcy Okada and she's provided a package
49 of information. If there's any specific questions on
50 that or any other matters I'd be happy to answer those

1 questions.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Now, we
4 got to find our report.
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6 MR. UMPHENOUR: It looks like this.
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Everybody it
9 looks like that one. I don't think I have that one.
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11 MS. PATTON: There's also information in
12 the book on Page 191.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: It's also in
15 the book. How did you get a pretty colored one?
16
17 MR. UMPHENOUR: I got it off the table up
18 there.
19
20 (Laughter)
21
22 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Oh, he goes to
23 the table. I don't need a colored one.
24
25 (Laughter)
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: What number is
28 it in the book.
29
30 MR. MATESI: 191.
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32 MR. WOODRUFF: I have one question.
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: 191. Go ahead,
35 Don.
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37 MR. WOODRUFF: I just got the report on
38 the Fortymile Caribou Herd technical report and there's
39 some pretty broad conclusions on only 14 radio collars
40 and some weights on some three year old cows, and I was
41 wondering if the Park Service has any intention of maybe
42 voluntarily lending out some collars so that our databank
43 would be a little more accurate.
44
45 MR. LIEBSCHER: Through the Chair. Don,
46 we -- you know we got your note on that and we are
47 looking at the opportunities to perhaps reduce our --
48 some of our efforts with the Western Arctic Caribou Herd
49 in terms of collars and start getting some over to the
50 State agencies relative to the Fortymile Herd.

1 MR. WOODRUFF: Thank you.
2
3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any other
4 questions.
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6 (No comments)
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think I'd
9 like to compliment the Yukon-Charley, if you're working
10 with the community like this to try to create something
11 like an SRC to be working with the locals, that's great.
12
13 MR. LIEBSCHER: Thank you.
14
15 MR. GLANZ: Madame Chair.
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill.
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19 MR. GLANZ: We also need to note that
20 Tom's retiring. He's done more to help get the Park
21 Service in Central and Circle and that whole area back
22 together into working with the Park Service so I
23 appreciate everything you've done, Tom, over the years.
24
25 Thank you.
26
27 MR. LIEBSCHER: Thank you. I won't be a
28 stranger to Alaska, I might be Bill's neighbor in
29 Central.
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31 MR. GLANZ: I got a place to rent, a
32 neighbor give me, so I got a spot for you Tom.
33
34 (Laughter)
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So are we going
37 to see you next meeting?
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39 MR. LIEBSCHER: Perhaps, it depends on
40 what hunting season is open in Montana.
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42 (Laughter)
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, so you're
45 retiring and this is -- all right, well, we have to bid
46 you a farewell and thank you.
47
48 MR. LIEBSCHER: Thank you all for your
49 friendship and your presence and your concern for
50 insuring that we take care of this wonderful resource for

1 you all to enjoy.

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andy.

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5 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, Tom's been real --
6 always a real pleasure to hear your comments and I just
7 wanted to let you know when you move to Central you can
8 fill out an application for the Eastern RAC there.

9

10 (Laughter)

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, no, don't
13 do that.

14

15 (Laughter)

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17 MR. GLANZ: He's going to be our new AC
18 in Central.

19

20 (Laughter)

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22 MR. BASSICH: We are looking for young
23 blood.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 MR. LIEBSCHER: I appreciate that part,
28 thank you, through the Chair.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And now the
33 Denali. Let's do the Denali.

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35 MS. CRAVER: Good afternoon, Madame
36 Chair. Members of the Council. For the record my name
37 is Amy Craver and I'm the subsistence and cultural
38 resource manager for Denali National Park and Preserve.

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40 And in your packets starting on 193 is a
41 wildlife and project update. So I'm not really -- if
42 there's any questions I can try to answer them or, you
43 know, maybe -- yes.

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andy.

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47 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, thank you. Yeah,
48 just looking through this and I noticed that under the
49 salmon there was going to be some surveys of the salmon
50 streams and everything and so maybe I would ask that once

1 you've conducted some of those studies, I'd be really
2 interested in getting a report back during one of our RAC
3 meetings on what your findings are preliminarily and I
4 would encourage that kind of project to maybe be set up
5 as a long-term monitoring project. Do an initial
6 analysis right now and then, you know, it wouldn't have
7 to be done every year but even if you were to start doing
8 it on a three or a five year plan so we could start
9 building a long-term index or baseline data I think that
10 would be really valuable.

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12 MS. CRAVER: And that's exactly what
13 we're trying to establish.

14
15 MR. BASSICH: Thank you.

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17 MS. CRAVER: Okay. So just in terms of
18 just updating you on some of our Subsistence Resource
19 Commission activities, we had our last SRC meeting in the
20 last part of August and I'm happy to report that the late
21 Paul Starr's appointment, it was a Department of Interior
22 appointment and that has been filled by Robert James from
23 Tanana and he attended our meeting and I think he's going
24 to be just a tremendous asset in terms of just
25 representing that region. And he's also kind of a movie
26 star, Yukon Man.

27
28 (Laughter)

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30 MS. CRAVER: So it's like, wow, you don't
31 get Hollywood people at Denali that often so that's kind
32 of exciting. But he's going to be really great and I'm
33 delighted to find out that he's also been appointed to
34 the Eastern Interior RAC.

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36 And then in terms of the Eastern Interior
37 RAC appointment, as you may remember a while back, you
38 appointed Kevin Mayo from Healy as the Eastern Interior
39 RAC appointment to the Denali SRC and Kevin, if you
40 remember, he's from Healy, he has an individual C&T to
41 hunt and fish in GMU 13A, he's from Cantwell. And,
42 anyway, so we've had a couple of meetings and Kevin's
43 situation has sort of changed a little bit in terms of
44 he's got a lot more responsibilities, he wants to
45 continue attending the SRC but he can't really guarantee
46 it and this appointment is up for reappointment starting
47 November 4th. And so I talked with Sue and I guess our
48 recommendation -- well, the recommendation would be to
49 maybe table the reappointment until the spring meeting so
50 that we can maybe try to find some other people, because

1 right now we don't have anybody to take his place and I'm
2 not even sure -- and, you know, it might give him an
3 opportunity to potentially be able to attend our SRC
4 meeting in February. So that's something that I think
5 the Council needs to take an action on how to proceed.

6

7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh, yeah.
8 First Andy -- the way the Park Service works these SRCs
9 you're on it, even though your appointment's up, you're
10 on it until you're replaced.

11

12 MS. CRAVER: Yeah.

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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So Andy.

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16 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I just had a quick
17 question, do you have much comment with Mickey and Julie
18 Collins, do they participate in any of these types of
19 discussions and.....

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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: They're on it,
22 one's on it, right.

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24 MR. BASSICH:I'm just wondering if
25 you've had any interest from them to sit in that
26 position?

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28 MS. CRAVER: Yeah, absolutely. Florence
29 Collins was the mother was the Chair, she was like in the
30 very beginning and now she's retired off the Commission
31 and Mickey is not on the Commission and we also have
32 another woman, Penny Green from Minchumina and she's on
33 our SRC.

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. So
36 they're already on it.

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38 MR. BASSICH: Great.

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Anyone
41 else.

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43 MR. UMPHENOUR: Can we pick someone now?

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil is
46 asking if we can pick someone now, I think so. Now, you
47 want to explain the qualifications.

48

49 MS. CRAVER: Okay, Barbara sort of went
50 through them initially.

1 So you have to have a demonstrated
2 pattern use in hunting and fishing and trapping in the
3 Park, Denali Park, and you either have to be a member of
4 the local AC, and in Kevin's situation he was a member --
5 he's a member of the local AC, or a member of the
6 Eastern.....

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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: A RAC.

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10 MS. CRAVER:Interior RAC.

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Who's on the AC
13 there and is there only one in the area?

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15 MS. CRAVER: Well, see the problem --
16 what we're facing at Denali with the Eastern Interior
17 appointment is all the people that are in the Middle
18 Nenana AC, they're all hunting in the Healy -- they're
19 north of Healy and they're not hunting in 20C. So I
20 guess they're -- I didn't realize this but there is a
21 local AC in Minchumina so that -- you know I didn't
22 realize that until Barb.....

23
24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's what you
25 got to figure out, where is all your ACs in that area so
26 there's one in Minchumnia and there's one in Healy.

27
28 MS. CRAVER: Right. And so I have --
29 basically the people in Healy, except for like I was
30 saying Dan O'Connor who resigned from the SRC, there's
31 only two people that really have patterned use in the
32 Healy area, but I mean maybe there's somebody out there
33 that we don't know that hasn't put in an application and
34 we haven't been able to.....

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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's my
37 understanding that your Park is different than our
38 situation. In our situation you just -- in resident zone
39 communities, and then C&Ts, I mean you can have zero C&Ts
40 but you're still in a resident zone community and you can
41 still do other subsistence things like pick berries and,
42 you know.

43
44 MS. CRAVER: Well, as a rural resident
45 you can pick berries and things like that. But the
46 problem -- the only resident zone community that we
47 have.....

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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, I didn't
50 finish.

1 MS. CRAVER: Sorry.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You guys don't
4 have -- you have two resident zone communities, I think,
5 you have.....
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7 MS. CRAVER: Well, we have more than
8 that, we have Lake Minchumnia, we have Nikolai, we have
9 Cantwell and Telida.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So you have
12 four. And then you make everybody else get a 1344 which
13 is an individual permission -- qualification.
14
15 MS. CRAVER: Eligibility pre-ANILCA. And
16 part of that was because when they made the determination
17 -- Cantwell was quite different than the rest of -- like
18 McKinley Village and Healy, in that, you had a
19 concentration of local people that had traditionally used
20 the Park and that was a very different use than people in
21 McKinley Village and Healy, and so that's why they were
22 -- because now that's why they were determined a resident
23 zone community and now it's like Cantwell doesn't really
24 look a whole lot different in terms of demographics than,
25 you know, Healy or McKinley Village but that's -- when
26 they made the determination there was a very distinct
27 boundary, three miles around the post office in Cantwell
28 and that's.....
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Another
31 crazy.....
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33 MS. CRAVER: But things change.
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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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37 MS. CRAVER: Things change. And now
38 that's why if somebody wants to come forward from
39 Cantwell and, you know, wants to question that boundary,
40 you know, we would revisit it but until somebody comes
41 forward it's just the way it is right now.
42
43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Things that
44 need to be fixed in the Park Service.
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46 MR. WOODRUFF: Sue.
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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil and then
49 Don.
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1 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. Well, I know an
2 individual that I think would do a good job on the SRC
3 and I talked to him at lunchtime today, we had lunch
4 together, and so I'd like to nominate him. He lives in
5 Healy and I think he's qualified under the National Park
6 Service as a subsistence user there, he's not on the AC
7 but he has been on the AC in the past but I think that
8 the guy that's on there right now who's not been going to
9 the meetings he's not on the AC either so I want to
10 nominate Coke Wallace.

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: If I could I'd
13 second it.

14
15 (Laughter)

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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I don't know if
18 I can.

19
20 MS. CRAVER: Well.....

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22 MR. GLANZ: Do you need a second.

23
24 MS. CRAVER: All I'll say is that when
25 Coke Wallace was -- there was an application for him for
26 the Department of Interior appointment and I think the
27 one thing that we need to evaluate with Coke's
28 appointment is just his history of patterned use of
29 hunting and fishing and trapping in the Park, and my
30 understanding from his previous application from DOI was
31 that he -- it just seemed like he had trapped just
32 recently and that was -- so, anyway, I think that we have
33 to evaluate the patterned use of his.....

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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, when he
36 was a young boy and he didn't need a.....

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38 MR. UMPHENOUR: So what would be.....

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:hunting
41 license is what he had told me so it's hard to -- I think
42 Barbara's got some information that's helpful.

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44 MS. CELLARIUS: So if you look on Page
45 147 of your book, it says Wrangell-St.Elias, the first
46 paragraph is about Wrangell-St.Elias.....

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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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50 MS. CELLARIUS:but at the bottom of

1 the page there's a paragraph that comes from the statute
2 and if you'll note where there is a section that is
3 underlined and in italics.....

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

6

7 MS. CELLARIUS:it says that each of
8 whom is a member of either the Regional Advisory Council
9 or a local Advisory Committee within the region and also
10 engages in subsistence uses within the Park or Park
11 Monument. If Coke is not currently a member of the AC he
12 does not meet those eligibility requirements and if Amy
13 sent an email to our regional office as our coordinator,
14 she would get an email back saying he is not eligible.

15

16 He doesn't meet the eligibility.

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18 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. Well, let me ask
19 this though, the situation we're in now, none of the
20 people that belong to the AC we've just been told, or
21 engage in subsistence uses in the Park -- Preserve or the
22 Park, so there's no one else qualified either, and he has
23 been on the AC in the past.

24

25 MS. CRAVER: Okay. So from what I gather
26 right now, Coke, he is participating in trapping
27 activities in the Preserve but it's under State regs and
28 it's not Federal subsistence.....

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30 MS. CELLARIUS: It's Park.....

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You guys are
33 just entirely too picky.

34

35 MS. CRAVER: What?

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37 MS. CELLARIUS:or Preserve, he's
38 not eligible. Preserve is completely irrelevant, it has
39 to be in the hard Park, it's a National Park Subsistence
40 Resource Commission, it has to be in the hard Park.

41

42 MS. CRAVER: Okay.

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44 MS. CELLARIUS: And he's also not on an
45 AC.

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47 MS. CRAVER: Well, he will be on an AC,
48 he.....

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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Barbara

1 understands it.
2
3 MS. CELLARIUS: Do you want me to say
4 this?
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sure. Help.
7
8 MS. CRAVER: Okay.
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Make sense.
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12 MS. CELLARIUS: Under the provisions of
13 the statute, okay, this is ANILCA, this is what Congress
14 said.....
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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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18 MS. CELLARIUS:in order to be
19 eligible for this appointment there are two very critical
20 criteria, it is difficult for us to meet.....
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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: To change.
23
24 MS. CELLARIUS:sometimes we end up
25 with a position sitting vacant until we find somebody who
26 meets these eligibility criteria, okay, they have to be
27 a current member of an AC or a RAC and they must engage
28 in subsistence uses within the Park or Park Monument. It
29 doesn't say Preserve here. It's lands designated as
30 National Park or lands designated as National Monument.
31 So those are the two criteria that need to be met. And
32 if we send someone -- if you appoint someone who doesn't
33 meet those criteria we're going to get an email from our
34 regional office that says that person is ineligible.
35
36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I guess that's
37 okay, uh.
38
39 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah, I have something to
40 say.
41
42 (Laughter)
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: I'm glad we can
45 laugh about this.
46
47 Virgil.
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49 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. The purpose of
50 this whole thing is so -- or this is my idea of the

1 purpose of it so I want to see if I've got the right idea
2 or not.

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4 We, as the RAC, need to communicate with
5 the users in the region that we're the RAC for, and so if
6 we can't communicate, if we don't have someone that we
7 can communicate with, that we know, and we know socially
8 or whatever, you know, someone we see and communicate
9 with on a regular basis, and in order to have the best
10 communication you need to be able to have access to
11 people and so if we're to learn what the people in that
12 area that participate in subsistence activities in Denali
13 National Park what the issues are and et cetera, what's
14 going on down there, have first hand knowledge, then we
15 need to be able to communicate with someone that actually
16 participates down there and it has to be someone we know.
17 To have someone on the resource council that never
18 communicates with any of us, we don't know who they are,
19 I mean we're defeating the purpose of having someone on
20 the resource council and so that's my point.

21

22 Is that not correct?

23

24 MS. CRAVER: Mr. Umphenour, I could not
25 agree more. I totally agree with you. And I think that
26 that would be why I would recommend to sort of postpone
27 this until the spring meeting. I can work with the Chair
28 and we can develop some applicants that you feel
29 comfortable that we could go forward in terms of, you
30 know, the Eastern Interior appointment because I do
31 agree, this appointment it was because -- it was all
32 based on him getting the C&T for 13E and there hasn't
33 been communication and I totally agree with you and you
34 do need to have somebody that you can speak to to better
35 inform our SRC at Denali.

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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 13E, what's
38 that?

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40 MS. CRAVER: That's the Cantwell.....

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42 MS. CELLARIUS: GMU.

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44 MS. CRAVER:GMU.

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, okay, I was
47 -- that's just a small portion of that Park, right?

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49 MS. CRAVER: Yeah, but that's where he's
50 hunting.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
2
3 MR. UMPHENOUR: So the Park Preserve
4 doesn't count?
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6 MS. CRAVER: Oh, no, all I'm saying is
7 that that's why he was able to get the -- living in Healy
8 normally he wouldn't be qualified to hunt in the Preserve
9 and GMU 13 but because he had C&T -- because he grew up
10 in Cantwell he was -- that's why he was -- and he was on
11 the local AC for awhile and then he did have to resign
12 just recently.
13
14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: This is
15 Coke.....
16
17 MS. CRAVER: This is Kevin Mayo.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Kevin, oh, and
20 he just resigned from that.
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22 MS. CRAVER: Yeah, I just found that out.
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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Which
25 would disqualify him.
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27 MS. CRAVER: Correct.
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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Geez, so then
30 we don't have anybody, uh, until next meeting; is that
31 right?
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33 MS. CRAVER: That's right.
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35 MR. UMPHENOUR: But currently you don't
36 know of anyone who's qualified anyway, correct?
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38 (Laughter)
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40 MR. GLANZ: Regs are regs.
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42 MS. CRAVER: Well, no, I don't think that
43 that's necessarily the truth. Because when I was doing
44 -- looking into James Roberts' history -- his family
45 history of utilizing the Park there are people in Tanana,
46 there's people in Nenana, there's Paul Starr -- he has a
47 descendent in Fairbanks.
48
49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: How does a
50 Fairbanks person qualify, they have to be.....

1 MS. CRAVER: There's not a -- it doesn't
2 matter if they're rural or non-rural, it's.....
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think you
5 might have to get that by your uppers.
6
7 (Laughter)
8
9 MS. CRAVER: Anyway, we should just check
10 on it. I'm just saying there are people but.....
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Actually you're
13 overlooking this one, he does qualify.
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15 MS. CRAVER: Yes. And then there's.....
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Lester you
18 qualify.
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20 MS. CRAVER:Lest -- Mr. Erhart does
21 qualify.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you want
24 to.....
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26 MR. ERHART: I know I do.
27
28 (Laughter)
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30 MS. CRAVER: And I looked into his.....
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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you want the
33 position.
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35 MS. CRAVER:and I was going to
36 mention that.
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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you want the
39 position.
40
41 MR. ERHART: I don't know, I have to think
42 about it.
43
44 (Laughter)
45
46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, you need
47 to think about it, do you want it?
48
49 MR. ERHART: See how you are.
50

1 (Laughter)
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3 MS. CRAVER: Actually it would be really
4 wonderful to have Mr. Erhart on the SRC because we're
5 trying to develop -- people in Nikolai are trying to
6 develop a community sheep hunt, winter sheep hunt, and I
7 know that I've talked with people in Tanana and they also
8 have a tradition of hunting sheep in the Park, winter
9 hunt, and it would be fabulous to have someone like Mr.
10 Erhart on the SRC.
11
12 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Is there an AC
13 in Nenana?
14
15 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yes.
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: So who's on
18 that, or do these poor people don't qualify either?
19
20 MS. CRAVER: No, no, I have somebody
21 that's -- he's not on -- he's not currently on the AC but
22 there is somebody in Nenana related to Percy Dyke who
23 used to be on the AC.
24
25 MR. UMPHENOUR: It's the Chairman that
26 was just here.
27
28 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, Victor
29 Lord was just here, he's the Chair.
30
31 Okay, now, you need to do your job
32 sweetie.
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34 MS. CRAVER: I know. And unfortunately
35 I just found this out, that this appointment was expired,
36 you know, just recently, so I apol.....
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38 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, we want
39 the information for next meeting because Lester wants to
40 think about it.
41
42 (Laughter)
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: He doesn't like
45 to say things twice.
46
47 MR. ERHART: Right.
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Can we
50 do this.....

1 MR. WOODRUFF: Madame Chair. If I could
2 say a couple words.
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes, you can,
5 go ahead, Don.
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7 MR. WOODRUFF: Thank you. It seems to me
8 that there's -- the language that the Park Service uses,
9 they say Park Units and then they spell it out very
10 clearly that they're talking about a Refuge or a Preserve
11 or actually a Park, and it seems to be in their benefit
12 when they say Park Units.
13
14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you want to
15 clear up what thought you're trying to tell us here,
16 we're all looking puzzled.
17
18 MR. WOODRUFF: Well, it seems like if
19 they just included it as Park Units for these SRCs then
20 more people would be qualified and we'd get participants,
21 if they make it so specific that they eliminate the
22 population then we can't function as an SRC.
23
24 MS. CRAVER: Through the Chair. Mr.
25 Woodruff. I would just say that our difficulty are the
26 Council appointments because there's more -- there's
27 additional restrictions because they do need to be a
28 member of the local AC. We have the Governor's -- at
29 least on Denali we've got two -- I think three Governor's
30 appointment, no restrictions whatsoever, and Department
31 of Interior even less restrictions, it's just these
32 Council.....
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Appointments.
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36 MS. CRAVER:appointments that leave
37 us kind of hamstrung.
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is it nine
40 members?
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42 MS. CRAVER: It's nine members, yes.
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So the same as
45 Wrangell, three, three and three.
46
47 MS. CRAVER: Yeah. So it's the Council
48 appointments that are the most difficult to fill, the
49 other ones are fairly -- you know pretty open.
50

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And it's
2 Southcentral and who was the other one?
3
4 MS. CRAVER: We have two Southcentral
5 appointments and we have one Eastern Interior, and for
6 whatever reason initially it used to be we had a Western
7 Interior appointment but then I think that they figured
8 that there were more subsistence users in Southcentral so
9 then they created two appointments and did away with the
10 Western Interior appointment.
11
12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is Lake
13 Minchumina in 20?
14
15 MS. CRAVER: Yes.
16
17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I guess it is.
18
19 MS. CRAVER: Yes.
20
21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Barely. Yeah,
22 it's right on the border.
23
24 All right. I think this is the way to
25 handle it guys, we'll -- if Kevin could attend the next
26 meeting, even though he -- you don't even know, right,
27 you don't know that he's off the AC -- okay, forget that
28 detail and let him attend, if you would, and then we'd
29 like to get a list from you and we'd like to look into --
30 maybe somebody would, a new person would get on the AC.
31 Is that -- what's the name of the AC down there, is it
32 called Clear/Healy?
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34 MS. CRAVER: It's the Middle Nenana.....
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Middle Nenana.
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38 MS. CRAVER:AC.
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. All
41 right.
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43 MS. CRAVER: Okay. And then just in
44 final, I just thought that you might be interested in --
45 our SRC has been really interested in the Park funding
46 furbearer project, they're concerned about just where --
47 you know, what's -- there's been a decrease in martin in
48 the northwest portion of the Preserve and we were able to
49 get some funding from the -- and we're going to --
50 starting this winter we're going to be doing some -- and

1 I'm not exactly sure of all the details but basically
2 going -- working with folks in Minchumina, and I guess
3 they've done this in Gates, John Birch has done this in
4 Gates and Yukon-Charley, it's snowmachining and just
5 basically counting tracks and trying to get a sense of
6 how many animals are out there. So that's good news.

7

8 So that concludes what I have to say if
9 there's any questions.

10

11 MR. ERHART: Could I say something.

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13 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: You certainly
14 could.

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16 MR. ERHART: Don't these martin go in
17 cycles though.

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19 REPORTER: Lester. Lester.

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21 MR. ERHART: Cycles.

22

23 (Laughter)

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25 REPORTER: Thank you.

26

27 (Laughter)

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29 MR. ERHART: I'm quite sure they're in
30 cycles and if they go down, they go down for four years
31 and then they come back up again.

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33 MS. CRAVER: They do. And we just have
34 not recent -- we've been focusing so much on wolves at
35 Denali we haven't really done anything.....

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MS. CRAVER:else on other
40 furbearers and stuff, so, no, yes, there was a study,
41 Verant or somebody did some studies in the '70s but we
42 haven't done -- so we don't have a good baseline for
43 what's a natural, you know, fluctuation in terms of the
44 population.

45

46 MR. ERHART: And another thing is the
47 lemmings, they -- wherever the lemmings are is where --
48 that's where they are, and when the lemmings migrate they
49 migrate with them. You ever see lemmings.

50

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's wisdom
2 speaking.
3
4 MS. CRAVER: You know what I've never
5 seen a lemming before.
6
7 MR. ERHART: On the Yukon River -- oh, my
8 mic.
9
10 (Laughter)
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12 MR. ERHART: On the Yukon River in Tanana
13 in the springtime when they're crossing north, I have my
14 dogs on the beach and some of them have big piles of
15 lemmings beside them that they killed.
16
17 (Laughter)
18
19 MR. ERHART: They swim across in the
20 nighttime. I never see them in daytime but every morning
21 I get up, they got seven and eight, each one got seven or
22 eight.
23
24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: They're
25 hunters.
26
27 MR. ERHART: Yeah, they don't eat them
28 but they just kill them.
29
30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Proof that
31 they're hunters.
32
33 MR. ERHART: It's sport.
34
35 (Laughter)
36
37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, they're
38 sporthunters.
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40 (Laughter)
41
42 MR. UMPHENOUR: Your dogs are
43 sporthunters for lemmings.
44
45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Smart the
46 wolves whatever they kill and let lay.
47
48 (Laughter)
49
50 MR. ERHART: Yeah, sport.

1 (Laughter)
2
3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So you're
4 telling me that the martin eats the lemming but the dogs
5 don't.
6
7 MR. ERHART: Some dogs do but some don't.
8 Some dogs eat it but some won't even touch them.
9
10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
11
12 MR. ERHART: But I know in Tanana they're
13 -- man sometimes those lemmings they're just squealing
14 all over the place when you're walking through the
15 meadows.
16
17 MS. PATTON: What time of year is that?
18
19 MR. ERHART: It's in the falltime and
20 they got big dirt mounds there and they're all over.
21
22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I don't think
23 we have that.
24
25 MR. ERHART: You don't.
26
27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Unh-unh.
28
29 MR. ERHART: I was talking to the hunters
30 that go to the Novi, way up there, man, they saw a lot of
31 martin, that's a lot of lemmings, too, this fall.
32
33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. We got
34 a lot of mice, probably an occasional lemming.
35
36 Okay, anything else. And, Amy, you'll
37 get with me on all of that.
38
39 MS. CRAVER: Yes, I'll work on it.
40
41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, great.
42 Next -- now, we can take our break.
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44 (Off record)
45
46 (On record)
47
48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I've had
49 a couple requests, one to move ADF&G, Sarah Hazel is here
50 from Subsistence Division and you're -- you have a flight

1 to catch, yeah, we're going to move her up, I hope that's
2 okay with Fish and Wildlife Service. That light's got to
3 come off it hurts my eyes. I need to move.

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5 (Off record comments regarding
6 PowerPoint)

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8 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Are you ready
9 -- oh, you need to install it.

10
11 (Pause)

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13 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: While she's
14 getting ready guys, did you see this one, the daily log
15 one, that's what the State issues on the Copper River, a
16 one page, fill it out, month, day, location and all the
17 species and most of us have fishwheels so it's the only
18 one.....

19
20 MR. BASSICH: It's the same thing that
21 we're getting in our region, slightly different.....

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: You get a one
24 sheet also.

25
26 MR. BASSICH: This is what we've been
27 talking about for the last two days, one sheet is a
28 permit.....

29
30 REPORTER: Andy, grab a mic somewhere.

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32 MR. BASSICH:and your harvest.

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Why are you
35 guys talking about this bloody calendar then.

36
37 MR. BASSICH: That's what we call the
38 calendar, a calendar, because you have to put the date of
39 harvest.

40
41 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: He showed me
42 his calendar it's more than one page, it's many, many
43 pages.

44
45 MR. BASSICH: No, we were talking about
46 the permit.

47
48 REPORTER: Andy.

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50 MR. GLANZ: Microphone.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Turn your mic
2 on for Salena.
3
4 MR. BASSICH: Sorry. The permit that we
5 get for road access areas is identical to this on the
6 back for the most part, the front has slightly different
7 wording that pertains to our region but it's the same
8 thing, this is your permit, this is your harvest
9 reporting or your calendar. Harvest reporting is.....
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, that
12 cleared that up for me.
13
14 MR. BASSICH: Okay.
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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Because all I
17 saw was that long detailed thing.
18
19 MR. BASSICH: Right. So it's a.....
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: If I was in a
22 village I'd rather see that.
23
24 MR. BASSICH: It's a one sheet. That's
25 all we get. And then at the end of the season, put that
26 in the mail and you're done.
27
28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. So
29 what's with this calendar.
30
31 MR. BASSICH: I'm not familiar with the
32 calendar.
33
34 MR. FIRMIN: You could hang it on the
35 wall, it's got cool pictures and just every day that goes
36 by you put I caught one, zero, one.....
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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you like it.
39 Do you want it.
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41 MR. FIRMIN: I've never seen one myself.
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43 (Pause)
44
45 MS. HAZEL: I'll get started, though,
46 Madame Chair,. I actually presented in the spring about
47 an update concerning this project, which is for the
48 Interior communities.
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50 It was basically a project that the

1 Division of Subsistence conducted on communities that
2 could be affected by the proposed pipeline project, the
3 Alaska Pipeline Project and that is where our funding
4 came from but indirectly through the Department of
5 Natural Resources, and we also had a number of research
6 partners, the Department of Health and National Park
7 Service, et cetera.

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9 And I'm just going to -- for the sake of
10 brevity I'll just try to keep it going. I believe that
11 everybody knows what the Division of Subsistence does of
12 Fish and Game so I will kind of -- I'm sure you've heard
13 this before but how we've worked in over 220 communities
14 and our mandate is to determine the amount necessary for
15 subsistence for each population or stock, and to provide
16 for customary and traditional uses of subsistence
17 resources.

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19 There were 15 communities that were
20 targeted for year one. We actually only completed 12.
21 One of the communities, Wiseman, didn't have the --
22 didn't fulfill the residents requirements for 2011 so --
23 and they weren't currently living there when we went to
24 do the harvest survey and the other was Tanacross, which
25 wanted to do a survey themselves and Tetlin which felt
26 like they couldn't make a decision in the amount of time
27 that we had been allocated to complete the project so
28 they declined.

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30 And now, as I'm sure you also all know,
31 the APP is defunct and has disbanded so the proposed --
32 so the year two project has been put on hold and to be
33 determined at some later date when that will be
34 happening.

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36 You can't see it very well here but in
37 essentially all of the communities that we did the
38 comprehensive baseline survey in hadn't been -- hadn't
39 had a comprehensive survey in over a generation so in the
40 early '80s, and then more recently the Dot Lake, Tetlin,
41 Tanacross and Tok had a comprehensive survey in '87 so
42 you can see that all of these communities really needed
43 some baseline information collected to have updated
44 information. For instance, for the Boards and other
45 regulatory purposes, in addition to the purpose of the
46 current project -- or the project that.....

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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is there any
49 way to get that closer.

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1 MS. PATTON: We're going to move the
2 whole kit and caboodle up a little closer.
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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6 (Off record comments regarding
7 PowerPoint)
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9 MR. WOODRUFF: For the record could you
10 state your name and affiliation.
11
12 MS. HAZEL: Oh, sorry. My name is Sarah
13 Hazel. I'm a subsistence resource specialist with the
14 southern division of subsistence, Fish and Game.
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16 Through the Chair.
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18 (Off record comments regarding technical
19 difficulties)
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Now it makes it
22 worth doing.
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24 MS. HAZEL: Yeah. So essentially the
25 project was to update the existing subsistence harvest
26 and use information for each community and as I just
27 mentioned this information can be used for a number of
28 purposes and it's public information so it's available on
29 our website and different technical reports which can
30 also be obtained on our website.
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32 Next.
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34 In terms of community involvement for all
35 of our projects, we have community scoping meetings and
36 we conducted these in December -- or between October and
37 December last year for the 15 communities. We hired
38 local research assistants when we did the research and
39 then we went back in May and June to present the draft
40 report to obtain additional comments from the communities
41 about our findings.
42
43 Next.
44
45 In terms of our methods and reporting.
46 We have a very standardized household survey instrument
47 that the Division has been refining over the past 30
48 years. We collect information about harvest but we also
49 use -- collect information about search areas and harvest
50 areas with maps. We do key respondent interviews with

1 high -- harvesters that have like high activity so people
2 that are more knowledgeable about the subsistence use in
3 the community so that we can also determine any kind of
4 changes over time. And then we have the final report,
5 which currently is in publications right now, we're just
6 doing the final edits and we'll be submitting that -- or
7 we'll be sending that to the communities next month.

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9 So I just wanted to present a couple
10 of.....

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12 Next.

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14 findings about all of the
15 communities together because like each one has its like
16 own chapter, it's like -- I think it's like 500 pages or
17 something so this is just a very brief snapshot.

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19 Next.

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21 So in the study year of 2011 residents of
22 the study communities participated in subsistence
23 hunting, fishing and gathering for nutrition and to
24 support their way of life.

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26 Is there any way we could tilt it up a
27 little bit so then maybe.....

28

29 (Off record comments regarding
30 PowerPoint)

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32 As you can see from the length of these
33 bars and the top being 100 percent, virtually every
34 household used wild resources. 100 percent in 10 study
35 communities and over 90 percent in the other two. And
36 about 75 percent or more of the households participated
37 in every community, engaged in harvesting activities as
38 well as participating in the sharing of wild resources.
39 So you can see that in the receiving and the using, like
40 they're virtually in every community it's almost 100
41 percent which shows the importance -- or the continued
42 importance of subsistence resources in these communities.

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44 Next.

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46 Here with the estimated harvest of wild
47 resources by category and pounds, usable weight, you can
48 see that the harvest of wild foods ranged from 520 pounds
49 per person in Allakaket to 38 pounds per person in
50 Coldfoot, which as you know is basically a truck stop.

1 With harvest in all but two communities exceeding 100
2 pounds per person in the 2011 study year.

3

4 Next.

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6 These are substantial harvests. In 2008
7 the average American household purchased about 224 pounds
8 of meat, fish and poultry per person. In nine of the 12
9 communities fish and wildlife harvest produced 50 percent
10 or more of this total. So, again, demonstrating how
11 important subsistence is to these communities.

12

13 Next.

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15 Regarding specific categories. Large
16 land mammals played a dominant role in seven communities
17 contributing 70 percent or more of the total harvest.
18 Large land mammals, especially caribou, were important in
19 Anaktuvuk Pass, Wiseman and Bettles. Further south moose
20 were more important and most commonly harvested large
21 mammal as estimated in usable pounds. Large mammal
22 harvest exceeded 100 pounds per person in nine of the 12
23 communities in 2011.

24

25 Next, please.

26

27 Salmon, you know, we're in the Interior
28 played a variable role in the overall harvest of wild
29 resources in the study communities generally reflecting
30 their distribution and relative abundance. Salmon
31 exceeded harvest of over 100 pounds per person only in
32 Allakaket and Beaver which have access to the runs of the
33 Yukon River drainage as opposed to the other communities
34 where salmon are not as prevalent.

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36 Next.

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38 Although various species of non-salmon
39 fish occurred throughout the study area, only in
40 Allakaket and Healy Lake did non-salmon fish harvest
41 exceed 50 pounds per person and make up more than 25
42 percent of the total harvest. Allakaket residents
43 reported that the reliance on non-salmon fish has
44 increased because of recent declines in Yukon River and
45 Koyukuk salmon runs.

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47 MR. MATESI: May I ask a question.

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49 MS. HAZEL: Sure.

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1 MR. MATESI: Sure?
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3 MS. HAZEL: Yes.
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5 MR. MATESI: You know if you go back one
6 slide.
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8 MS. HAZEL: Sure.
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10 MR. MATESI: Look at that whopping
11 difference between Alatna and Allakaket which are right
12 across the river from each other.
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14 MS. HAZEL: Yeah.
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16 MR. MATESI: Do you have any explanation
17 for that?
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19 MS. HAZEL: Well, Alatna is much, much
20 smaller, which, I mean shouldn't change the per capita
21 harvest but they do have a different kind of ethnic
22 background because Alatna is primarily Eskimo and
23 Allakaket is Athabascan so it wasn't explained -- or it
24 wasn't explained very well here in this particular
25 presentation but it is speculated that these kinds of
26 differences might have played a role in how they go about
27 their subsistence realms in the actual report.
28
29 MR. MATESI: So you might say cultural
30 differences?
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32 MS. HAZEL: Yes.
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34 MR. MATESI: Fascinating.
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36 MS. HAZEL: Yeah. And we are very -- we
37 really care about collecting community concerns and so --
38 and it doesn't matter what these concerns are about, it
39 could be -- for instance, you know, like we tell people
40 that when we're doing this study that this is in regards
41 to the Alaska Pipeline Project but we document any
42 concern that they have, it isn't just, you know, we don't
43 -- it's not just about the APP, so the primary concerns
44 and this is like overall, there's like many different
45 concerns that you will see in the final report for each
46 community. But overall people were really concerned
47 about the price of fuel, the increasing price of fuel.
48 Elders in a number of communities worried about not
49 receiving enough resources so ultimately sharing.
50 Community members also worried about passing on

1 traditions to their youth. That was also a common thing.
2 And then development projects, of course, were a big
3 concern, but not just about the APP. In fact I would say
4 even that I think the concerns about the APP really took
5 more of a backseat to other projects that are going on in
6 the north right now, in particular the foothills
7 development project, the road to Umiat and the Ambler
8 mining road. I think also the sporthunting issue played
9 a very big role in the community concerns, there were
10 numerous comments about noise from their planes and
11 helicopters, wanton waste, that they were unregulated and
12 that they were really unsafe on the Taylor Highway so
13 people didn't want to hunt there. And then obviously
14 resource declines and the availability of resources
15 played a big role in terms of the community concerns.
16 Particularly salmon, chinook and chum salmon, caribou,
17 dall sheep and wood. And then there was some overall
18 concerns about unfair regulations in controlled use
19 areas.

20

21 So to conclude -- next please.

22

23 The 12 communities were really very
24 geographically and culturally diverse and although their
25 per capita harvest varied, virtually ever interviewed
26 household participated in subsistence activities and used
27 wild resources which was demonstrated in the first slide
28 that I showed. And caribou, fish -- caribou, moose and
29 fish were especially important and berries. And most
30 households, also as I showed earlier, received
31 subsistence food through extensive sharing networks.

32

33 So essentially those are our findings in
34 a very, very brief nutshell, and I'll take any questions.

35

36 Next, please.

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38 And as I said it will be available next
39 month sometime. So if the RAC would like a copy, I can
40 send it to a key person or.....

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42 MS. YUHAS: You could send it through the
43 liaison office.

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45 MS. HAZEL: Or the liaison -- okay,
46 Jennifer's here to help me.

47

48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. FIRMIN: Did you send somebody to

1 each village or did you hire local surveyors?

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3 MS. HAZEL: Both.

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5 MR. FIRMIN: Both.

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7 MS. HAZEL: We were -- the Division was
8 present in all of the communities and we hired local
9 researchers in all of the communities and in some
10 communities numerous ones, it just depended on the size
11 of the community and also if people wanted to work with
12 us.

13

14 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah, I was just trying to
15 think of that -- more between that Alatna and Allakaket
16 difference there, maybe there was something involved with
17 that, too, I don't know.

18

19 Interesting.

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21 MR. BASSICH: I have a question.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, go ahead.

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25 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, that was really
26 interesting. I'd like to request that maybe an
27 electronic or a printed out copy be made available to us.

28

29 MS. HAZEL: Yes.

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31 MR. BASSICH: I'd like to look at it with
32 more time. I did have one question on some of your
33 surveys on quantities of food and everything, was that
34 whole unprocessed or was that food that was basically the
35 final product of the process?

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37 MS. HAZEL: It's edible weight so that's
38 without like the bones and the skin and anything that's
39 not edible or wouldn't be eaten by the groups that
40 were.....

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42 MR. BASSICH: Right. So that's the final
43 product.....

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45 MS. HAZEL:consuming them.

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47 MR. BASSICH:basically?

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49 MS. HAZEL: Yeah.

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1 MR. BASSICH: Okay. Because we've been
2 doing some studies on what it takes in the fisheries and
3 approximately 50 percent of the gross weight is used for
4 edible the rest is non-edible byproduct.
5
6 MS. HAZEL: Yes. This is -- they have
7 very strict kind of conversion factors that they use.....
8
9 MR. BASSICH: Right.
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11 MS. HAZEL:and that have been
12 investigated over like the past 30 years.
13
14 MR. BASSICH: Okay. Thank you.
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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Any more
17 questions.
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19 (No comments)
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Are you
22 also responsible for the one that's been done in the
23 Copper Basin.....
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25 MS. HAZEL: (Shakes head negatively)
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:with --
28 not, okay.
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30 MS. HAZEL: No, one of my colleagues, I
31 believe, though, Robin.
32
33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Yeah.
34 Yeah.
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36 MS. HAZEL: Okay. In Mentasta.
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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.
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40 MS. HAZEL: Well, thank you everybody and
41 Madame Chair.
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, thank
44 you.
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46 MR. MATESI: Good job.
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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Uh-
49 huh. Andy, do you eat the fish heads.
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1 MR. BASSICH: Some.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. That
4 would bring the weight up.
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6 MR. BASSICH: My dogs like them better
7 than I.
8
9 (Laughter)
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That would
12 bring the weight up.
13
14 MR. BASSICH: Considerably.
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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Okay.
17 We're going to take up Fish and Wildlife Service, Yukon
18 Flats has asked me to go before Arctic.
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20 MR. UMPHENOUR: I'm going to have to go
21 so.....
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.
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25 MR. UMPHENOUR: I move to bring Proposal
26 149 off the table.
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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Hang on.
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30 MR. BASSICH: Second.
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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: He's changing
33 the agenda on me because he has to leave and I'm sorry,
34 Virgil, I forgot, it's getting pretty late, uh.
35
36 MR. FIRMIN: Is there a second.
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38 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I seconded.
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
41
42 MR. UMPHENOUR: Do you want to cover this
43 Andy?
44
45 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, I can if you'd like.
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47 So the motion -- everybody has this
48 handout right here.
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50 (Council nods affirmatively)

1 MR. BASSICH: What I did at lunchtime or
2 a little bit before lunch was I grabbed the reg book from
3 Fred Bue and I basically took the language directly out
4 of the reg book and put it back into this making it so
5 that it's -- would cover the entire drainage. So there's
6 only been one or two words that were changed. I think I
7 changed shall from may, and I changed purpose -- where it
8 says subsistence purposes with, that used to say without
9 a subsistence permit because it used to be kind of in a
10 negative, but other than that all wording is exactly the
11 same as what's in the reg books.

12
13 So what this essentially would -- well,
14 maybe I should make the motion and then talk to it.

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You guys -- do
17 you want.....

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19 REPORTER: There already is one, a
20 motion.

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22 MR. MATESI: The motion is already on the
23 floor I thought.

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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We have a
26 motion on the floor.....

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28 MR. BASSICH: Uh-huh.

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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And you can
31 either amend it or you guys agree to that substitute
32 language.

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34 MR. BASSICH: Okay. So I guess.....

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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Going to add
37 the substitute language and the second concur.....

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39 MR. FIRMIN: Before you guys do that, did
40 you guys see the other one from changing fish to salmon?

41
42 MR. BASSICH: Yes. But I don't think --
43 after talking with ADF&G Subsistence Division that wasn't
44 recommended, they wanted to keep it all fish because of
45 in the future they think that this might be modified into
46 what they're doing now with their house surveys and so
47 it's very important that they get all species and they do
48 that when they do their household surveys. So they would
49 have to reinvent the survey basically in the future so
50 this is something that they would maybe move more towards

1 and would be more efficient for maybe in-season
2 information too.
3
4 MR. FIRMIN: Okay.
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So this is --
7 there's no changes in this wording, this wording is what
8 we see in front of us?
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10 MR. BASSICH: Correct.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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14 MR. BASSICH: This would be the wording
15 that would be in the motion as substitute language,
16 Madame Chair.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Does the
19 second concur?
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21 MR. UMPHENOUR: I concur.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, we're
24 just -- yeah, so that is the motion.
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26 MR. BASSICH: Right.
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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We're bringing
29 up 149 with -- on the table with this substitute
30 language.
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32 MR. BASSICH: Right. And so I guess
33 speaking to the motion, basically Sue gave us this --
34 where is that one.....
35
36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: There's two of
37 them now.
38
39 MR. BASSICH:right here. So
40 currently what we fill out, Bill and I fill out along the
41 road system is almost identical to this. On this side
42 here it's basically just the date, the species of fish
43 and then it also has whitefish and whatever, on the other
44 side is the actual permit and it's a little bit different
45 in our region because it's dealing with Yukon River
46 salmon so it's.....
47
48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
49
50 MR. BASSICH:basically -- basically

1 this is the entire thing. This side is basically your
2 permit, this side is basically your harvesting recording.
3 And if you look at number 1 here, that's what it's
4 describing, is this harvest reporting, so it's not a
5 catch calendar per se for those of you that aren't using
6 this currently, this would be the only form you have and
7 the way we have to use this in our region is at the end
8 of the fishing season you're required to just mail this
9 in. You have a postage paid envelope, you stick that in
10 it, you drop it in the mail, it goes to Fish and Game.
11 So hence earlier demonstration of how easy it was to fill
12 this out.

13

14 I guess that's about all I have to say.

15

16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You guys got me
17 confused because I thought it was that big calendar thing
18 you had to send in.

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20 (Laughter)

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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Virgil.

23

24 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. This -- having all
25 the fish in there, sheefish, whitefish, et cetera, even
26 pike, will be good data for the Department, for both
27 Departments, for the Federal side and the State side of
28 the house, both, because a lot of these fish, there's
29 very little known about them and what the harvest is of
30 them, all they know is that they're used a lot basically.
31 And like what you just saw a few minutes ago, all those
32 fish up there by -- that Allakaket's catching, most of
33 those are sheefish and whitefish but there's very little
34 known about these various species, especially the
35 resident species and some of them are very susceptible to
36 overharvest so this is good information for the
37 Department to have and, what, of course started all this
38 was the king salmon situation, but this will give much
39 better information for the king salmon as well.

40

41 So I'm in support, Madame Chair.

42

43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Joe.

44

45 MR. MATESI: This motion I'm going to
46 vote no because when I pull up to the bank in Ft. Yukon
47 I don't want to get shot at.

48

49 (Laughter)

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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Why are you
2 going to get shot at?
3
4 MR. MATESI: I don't think this would be
5 very popular.
6
7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: In Ft. Yukon.
8 How about you there who lives in Ft. Yukon, are you going
9 to shoot at him.
10
11 MR. FIRMIN: (Nods affirmatively)
12
13 (Laughter)
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Even though you
16 think it's probably reasonable.
17
18 I don't get it you guys. I actually
19 remember, Richard Carroll, your uncle, being on this RAC
20 and really pushing for this stuff and abide by the law.
21
22 Okay.
23
24 MR. WOODRUFF: Sue, if I might make a
25 statement.
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: After Joe, and
28 then you can.
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30 MR. MATESI: I'll be brief. Right now
31 I'm -- this is very brief. This is a really good example
32 of what we used to call mission creep, when you started
33 talking about some way of tracking the harvest of king
34 salmon and now everything, suckers, and burbot and
35 everything else, whitefish, no.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is it because
38 you just don't trust anybody with your information?
39
40 (Laughter)
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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I mean they're
43 getting your information, they're getting it by going to
44 your house and they're talking to you and they're writing
45 it all down. I'm just, you know, but next is Don, then
46 Bill.
47
48 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes. I think that there
49 is some confusion about permits and the reason for that
50 is when I was on the YRDFA board this subject came up and

1 most of the villages feel like that the definition of
2 permit is that they don't need a permit to fish because
3 they've done it forever and they don't necessarily
4 realize it's just a documentation process.

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6 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Bill.

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8 MR. GLANZ: I like this back side, but I
9 got the heebee jeebees when I read a \$5,000 fine,
10 imprisonment, that's going to go over real well in Circle
11 and Central.

12

13 (Laughter)

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15 MR. BASSICH: Sue, can I address.....

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17 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Andy.

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19 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, Bill, this is just a
20 representation. This isn't the actual document as I was
21 trying to say earlier, this will be modified to fit the
22 Yukon River, it'll be very similar to what you're filling
23 out right now. This is just to give people an idea that
24 it's not this big huge calendar but that it's just a
25 single form that you have to fill out. And this is.....

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: It's the same
28 one you're getting now, right.

29

30 MR. BASSICH: This is the permitted side,
31 but this is just a representation, it's not the wording
32 so I just wanted to clear up that -- none of the wording
33 here is probably going to be the same for the one that
34 would be for the Yukon River. I just wanted to make that
35 clear.

36

37 MR. GLANZ: What it is, they come to the
38 Central post office, just go down there and meet somebody
39 from Fish and Game and they'll give you the -- all they
40 really give you is this fishwheel number or net number
41 and you put it on your net and then you fill out when
42 you're done, how many salmon you caught, no whitefish, no
43 char, no graylings, it's just all the king, coho, silver,
44 whatever.

45

46 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Joe.

47

48 MR. MATESI: Are we being asked to vote
49 on something that we don't know what it's actually going
50 to be? I mean have any of you ever gotten a contract

1 with a bottom line you sign and the guy says, trust me,
2 I'll fill it in after you sign it.

3

4 (Laughter)

5

6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: What I want to
7 say is this side is an example of what happens in my area
8 -- or this side is what happens, both of these is what
9 happens on the Copper River. And I'm hearing from Andy,
10 you, along the road system get this -- this is what you
11 get to fish.

12

13 MR. BASSICH: Right.

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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But it looks
16 different on this side.

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18 MR. BASSICH: Right.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You get it
21 already.

22

23 MR. BASSICH: Uh-huh.

24

25 MR. GLANZ: For salmon.

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: To me it's less
28 complicated than.....

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30 MR. BASSICH: No, it has all the species
31 on it.

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33 MR. GLANZ: Yeah, but.....

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35 MR. BASSICH: But it does, it has all
36 species on it.

37

38 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.

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40 MR. BASSICH: It's no different.

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42 MR. GLANZ: I know.

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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And when you
45 say permit that freaks everybody out, right, the word,
46 permit, is going to freak you out, I understand that.

47

48 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair.

49

50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But where we

1 live we just go in -- I mean we don't live on the river
2 system, we live on the road system and we just -- how do
3 you guys get it, do you get it at the post office, how do
4 you get this?

5
6 MR. BASSICH: Often times in our
7 community a ADF&G representative will come out for a day
8 or two days and sit at the post office and you can get it
9 that way or they send it to you in the mail.

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, and
12 that's how you're getting your calendars anyway.

13
14 MR. BASSICH: Right.

15
16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. So I
17 guess -- I know it scares the hell out of you but I don't
18 look at it as a permit, I just look at it as a license to
19 go, just like you go in and get your harvest ticket to go
20 get a moose, or you get your harvest ticket to go get a
21 sheep, you're just getting your harvest ticket to get
22 your salmon.

23
24 MR. BASSICH: And just a point of
25 clarification, the reason.....

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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29 MR. BASSICH:why it's a permit, per
30 se, or defined as a permit is because it has to be
31 returned to the Department there, it's not a voluntary
32 thing. And if you remember some of our discussion
33 earlier in the meeting yesterday where we saw the dipnet
34 permits and the return was almost 90 to 100 percent, and
35 I think Caroline Brown stated that her permits that they
36 get for the road system for the Yukon River is about a 90
37 -- somewhere between an 85 to 100 percent return rate,
38 right, so if you make it a permit you get a good return
39 rate. If it's a calendar, like what we heard people
40 talking about, their return rate is less -- well,
41 somewhere around 10 percent, 10 to 15 percent. So that's
42 one of the reasons why you make it a permit, so that it
43 must be returned so you get good reporting for it.
44 There's no point in doing anything if you're not going to
45 get it returned.

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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, and I
48 think where we're wrapped around this thing, for you
49 guys, is a change, it's a big change to you. But I guess
50 us people on the road system are very accustomed to this

1 kind of stuff because we live with it. You know but you
2 send your calendar in.

3

4 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.

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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 10 percent of
7 the people send their calendar in. So I look at it as a
8 teeter-totter here in how you get information. And your
9 argument to have this over their calendar and their means
10 of going to the villages and talking to the people
11 individually and still probably coming up with a 80 to 90
12 percent of the information is because it isn't in time,
13 right. It's not timely.

14

15 MR. UMPHENOUR: Correct. It's not
16 timely. Another thing is, like me, for instance, when I
17 go buy fish, like when I went down to the Rapids this
18 year and bought fish, I'm trying to think, well, how many
19 fish did I buy two days ago, well, if I didn't write it
20 down, there's no way in heck I could even figure it out,
21 if I can't remember something for three or four days how
22 is someone, whenever they show up in November to
23 interview them, going to remember how many fish they
24 caught in July, they're not going to remember it. It
25 just.....

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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Because I knew
28 how many I put up.

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30 MR. UMPHENOUR:makes it easy. No,
31 this just makes it easy. You write it down each day at
32 the end of the day or the day after, keep the thing at
33 the house and then whenever, you know, the time comes,
34 you just turn it in. You don't have to be trying to
35 figure out how many fish are caught because someone --
36 it's humanly impossible to remember what you did unless
37 you write it down, you're not going to.....

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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The older you
40 get it does get worse.

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42 MR. UMPHENOUR:remember, no, that's
43 just the way it is. We need good -- I don't know how
44 many times I've heard Board members, all kinds of people,
45 people in the Department, you know, managers trying to
46 figure out, damn, I wish I really knew what -- in order
47 to manage a salmon fishery you have to know two things.

48

49 Number 1, you have to know, in order to
50 figure out how many fish are coming back and et cetera,

1 they want to know what the total run was, there's only
2 one way to figure out the total run, you have to know
3 what the harvest run. If you want to know the
4 exploitation rate, you got to know what the total run was
5 and the harvest was and escapement. If you don't know
6 that you can't figure nothing out.

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8 This is just so you can figure out the
9 basics is all it is.

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11 Madame Chair.

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13 And besides that I've got to get out of
14 here pretty quick.

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, we'll get
17 that done then. Bill, did you have something, then Joe
18 -- I saw you raise your hand.

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20 MR. GLANZ: No. No. No.

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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Joe.

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24 MR. MATESI: Thank you, Madame Chair.
25 Just quickly I wanted to clear up a misrepresentation I
26 just heard.

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28 I clearly understood from Department
29 representatives that there is no difference in timeliness
30 between the two systems of reporting, that both on the
31 road system and off the road system, it's both post-
32 season and there's no in-season monitoring.

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34 Isn't that correct, Fred.

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36 I'd like to get that clarified.

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38 MS. YUHAS: (Nods affirmatively)

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: There's several
41 nodding heads.

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43 MR. BASSICH: That's true.

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. A
46 yes/no would work. Yes. What's this part?

47

48 (Laughter)

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50 MR. BUE: Nothing's ever easy.

1 (Laughter)
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Never, uh,
4 darn. I'm hearing too many yes' or seeing them.
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6 MR. BUE: The subsistence harvest is
7 estimated, currently, put together post-season.
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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11 MR. BUE: Portions maybe in-season but
12 overall harvest is post-season.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So what does
15 that do to your thought Joe?
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17 MR. MATESEI: The road system people, you
18 mail these in at the end of the season?
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20 MR. BASSICH: Correct.
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22 MR. MATESEI: Oh, okay, so you don't have
23 access to any information coming off of these permit
24 harvest things during in-season, do you?
25
26 MR. BUE: For the Tanana River drainage
27 we do.
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29 MR. MATESEI: Oh, for Tanana, okay.
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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, we're on
32 the.....
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34 MR. BASSICH: It's about accuracy. It's
35 just about accuracy, that's all this whole thing is
36 about, is accuracy. Virgil described it extremely well
37 right there. You got to know three things and if
38 one.....
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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42 MR. BASSICH:of them isn't accurate
43 then it really throws all your numbers off. That's just
44 basic management.
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So what you're
47 -- I mean Virgil I understand that you think people can't
48 remember but I have a hard time believing that you can't
49 remember a general -- you know, what's that thing that
50 the biologists use, that little error -- room for error,

1 I mean it's going to be close.

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3 MR. GLANZ: Plus or minus five percent.

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5 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. I was
6 talking with Caroline Brown before she left today and she
7 was telling me that one of the things they're looking at
8 maybe trying to do to help with management in the future
9 is by using this data -- once they have this, they'll
10 have a daily recording of fishing efforts in areas and it
11 will help them to further understand the effort and the
12 -- I shouldn't say the effort, the harvest timing during
13 the fishing run. Right now what's happening in the Yukon
14 River is we've been restricting the fishing times more
15 and more and more so harvest pressure is being condensed
16 into smaller and smaller windows and so it will help
17 managers if they can begin to understand what action a
18 manager does and what the result is on harvest to better
19 distribute the fisheries equitably up and down the river.
20 So it's a management tool.....

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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I
23 understand all this.

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25 MR. BASSICH:by getting accurate
26 information on each day.

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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You just don't
29 trust the information is what I'm hearing.

30

31 MR. BASSICH: They don't, I do. Oh, the
32 information that's in there right now?

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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36 MR. BASSICH: It's good for a broad long
37 range thing but it's not good for every year's management
38 purposes. The subsistence reporting that they're doing
39 now is beautiful for long range looks at things, it
40 doesn't do a thing for year to year very well and, often
41 times those numbers aren't available to comm fish until
42 April or May sometimes and so it's almost too late in the
43 season. I very rarely see the results of the subsistence
44 report at a Yukon Panel meeting in March.

45

46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Andy,
47 how would this make it come any earlier?

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49 MR. GLANZ: Oh, that would make it easy.

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1 MR. BASSICH: It makes it really easy
2 because it's just a form, they just have to pay someone
3 to sit at a table and start entering data.....
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Instead of
6 going out to the households.
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8 MR. BASSICH:and -- absolutely.
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So it's one
11 year earlier data.
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13 MR. BASSICH: Yeah.
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. What do
16 you want to do.
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18 MR. BASSICH: Question. Let's move on
19 Virgil's got to go.
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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23 MR. GLANZ: I'll call the question.
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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's been
26 called for, all in favor of.....
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28 MR. MATESI: Let's do a roll call,
29 please.
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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Roll call.
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33 MR. FIRMIN: Who did I start with last
34 time.
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36 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. If I may,
37 just to clarify the question.
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39 MR. FIRMIN: Okay, so we'll start
40 with.....
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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: One second. To
43 clarify what?
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45 MS. PATTON: Just to clarify the
46 question, so this is to support Board of Fish Proposal
47 149 with.....
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: As.....
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1 MS. PATTON:amendments making the
2 substitute language as we have printed here.....
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4 MR. UMPHENOUR: Correct.
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6 MS. PATTON:for everybody to
7 review.
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Substitute
10 language, that.
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12 MS. PATTON: This.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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16 MS. PATTON: Okay.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's what
19 we're voting on, the substitute language.
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21 MS. PATTON: Okay. Just to make that
22 clear, thank you.
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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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26 Now, are you ready.
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28 MR. FIRMIN: Okay. So voting on the
29 proposal, James Roberts is excused.
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31 Joe Matesi.
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33 MR. MATESI: No.
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35 MR. FIRMIN: Don Woodruff, are you on
36 line to vote.
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38 MR. WOODRUFF: I vote yes.
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40 MR. FIRMIN: Virgil Umphenour.
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42 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yes.
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44 MR. FIRMIN: Sue Entsminger.
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Sorry guys, no.
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48 MR. UMPHENOUR: What did you say?
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50 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: No.

1 MR. FIRMIN: Larry Williams, Sr.
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3 MR. WILLIAMS: I vote no.
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You just didn't
6 convince me.
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8 MR. FIRMIN: Lester Erhart.
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10 MR. ERHART: No.
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12 MR. FIRMIN: And Bill Glanz.
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14 MR. GLANZ: I vote yes.
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16 MR. FIRMIN: And I'll vote yes so it's a
17 split vote, four, four, and one absent.
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19 MR. BASSICH: Did you get my vote. I
20 didn't hear my name called.
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22 MR. FIRMIN: I thought I started with you.
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24 MR. BASSICH: No.
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26 MR. FIRMIN: Okay, Andy.
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28 MR. BASSICH: Yes.
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30 MR. FIRMIN: Damn.
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32 MR. GLANZ: Landslide.
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34 MR. FIRMIN: Landslide five/four split
35 with one excused vote.
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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: And what was the vote.
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39 MR. GLANZ: Five/four.
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41 MR. FIRMIN: Five/four, motion carries.
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You're going to
44 get to shoot yourself.
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46 MR. FIRMIN: No.
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48 (Laughter)
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50 MR. BASSICH: He just understands the

1 issue.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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5 MR. GLANZ: I'd just like us to see the
6 form before we -- I mean I know none of this stuff's on
7 the back but.....
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: This just goes
10 to the Fish Board.
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12 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: This is just
15 our.....
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17 REPORTER: Sue, your mic.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:
20thoughts.....
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22 MR. GLANZ: Okay.
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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:to the
25 Fish Board so don't get too excited that they're going to
26 pass it.
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28 All right, Virgil, any last thoughts
29 before you leave.
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31 MR. UMPHENOUR: No, I have to go, I have
32 something that's come up and I absolutely have to go so
33 I'll see everyone next time.
34
35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.
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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: It's been fun.
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Have a
40 good one.
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42 MR. BASSICH: Thanks for the history
43 lesson.
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45 MR. UMPHENOUR: What you all got to
46 remember is if you can't have fun it's not worth doing.
47
48 (Laughter)
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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. All

1 right, now, Arctic -- no, Yukon Flats, sorry.

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3 MR. BERTRAM: Thank you, Madame Chair.
4 Mark Bertram, Yukon Flats Refuge, I'm a wildlife
5 biologist. You have a green handout in front of you
6 which is in your booklet on Page 202. It's basically
7 just a Refuge report and there is quite a bit of
8 information in there and I just wanted to bring that to
9 your attention. I'm just going to highlight a couple of
10 things and then if you have questions about anything
11 else, please ask us. I'm accompanied by Mimi Thomas
12 who's our law enforcement officer based out of Ft. Yukon.
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14 A couple of things that aren't on here I
15 just wanted to let you know that we do have a moose
16 survey planned for the Western half of the Yukon Flats
17 next month in November. And Alaska Department of Fish
18 and Game will be doing a survey over the eastern half of
19 the Refuge that same month so that's one thing that's
20 going on that's not included in this summary.

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22 We have a new Refuge manager, his name is
23 Steve Berenson. I tried to introduce him to most of you
24 yesterday and we are backfilling a deputy position
25 currently, so those were positions that are vacated by
26 Rob Jess and Wenonna Brown who left in the last several
27 months.

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29 A couple of other things of interest is
30 we will be -- we're planning on starting a comprehensive
31 conservation plan next year. It's kind of dependent on
32 how the budget looks going into next year and we'll
33 probably find that out in another three or four months
34 after the election. So we're not clear if we're going to
35 be going on and doing that or not.

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37 I guess I'll just open it up -- there's
38 a summary of outreach, fire, our surveys, our planning
39 and our management activities for the last year, and if
40 anybody has any questions I'd be happy to answer them.

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42 MR. WOODRUFF: I have a question.

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44 MR. WILLIAMS: I have a question.

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Council
47 members. Okay, let's let Don go first and then Larry.

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49 MR. WOODRUFF: This question came up in
50 Yukon-Charley

1 which probably applies to the Flats as well. The 25B,
2 which is north of the Yukon also includes the islands and
3 there's no real clear definition of what an island is,
4 whether there's water there or if it went dry last week,
5 and I'm wondering if the law enforcement people could
6 interpret that so that we're hunting in the right
7 location.

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9 OFFICER THOMAS: I think you have to
10 worry about whether you're -- the high water level. It's
11 State managed up to the high water.

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13 MR. WOODRUFF: Is it high water or mean
14 high water?

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16 OFFICER THOMAS: I think it's high.

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18 MR. WOODRUFF: So the 2009 flood that
19 went right through Eagle and up into the woods, that's
20 considered an island?

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22 OFFICER THOMAS: Well, I think -- are you
23 talking between Federal land and State land, where
24 the.....

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26 MR. WOODRUFF: Yukon-Charley the north
27 bank is 25B and it includes the islands and for some of
28 the hunters, they want to know if the definition is mean
29 high water or high water or if there's water behind the
30 island while they're hunting or what is the actual
31 definition of an island.

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33 MR. BERTRAM: We can look that up and
34 supply it to him.

35

36 MR. BASSICH: The sloughs were dry so
37 it's confusing for the.....

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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Say it in the
40 microphone for Salena.

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42 MR. BASSICH: Sorry, Tina. I think what
43 Don's referring to, whether there's water or not, when
44 the water level drops during the season often times the
45 islands are no longer islands surrounded by water, they
46 were sloughs full of water but they dry up, but is an
47 island considered part of 25B then or is it still non-
48 accessible, that's one of the issues that people are a
49 little bit worried about given the recent law enforcement
50 actions around there.

1 OFFICER THOMAS: So we're talking about
2 boundaries, the boundaries.
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4 MR. BASSICH: More or less.
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6 OFFICER THOMAS: I can -- if I could just
7 get your name and number I could look that up and get
8 a.....
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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12 OFFICER THOMAS: better definition
13 for you.
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15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's what's
16 going to happen, I think, it's too technical.
17
18 Yeah, Larry.
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20 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madame Chair.
21 This is directed towards enforcement. When we talk about
22 conservation on the Yukon River, we're talking about
23 mostly about chinook that's bound for the Canadian border
24 and to meet our treaty obligations with the Canadian
25 people, the Canadian government, we have to let a certain
26 number of fish go by, so we have closures and we have
27 enforcement to meet those needs. Anyway, what about the
28 chinook salmon that goes up the Chandalar River, I mean
29 they are obviously not Canadian bound, they spawn up the
30 Chandalar River. I had a local resident this fall, who's
31 -- he had a fish net and the fish net was tagged and I
32 don't know what was on there but -- and I was just
33 wondering how come they did that since that fish was not
34 Canadian bound, like I said they spawn in that river and
35 then they come back to the same place again and I was
36 just wondering what was going on, could somebody please
37 explain.
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39 OFFICER THOMAS: Under the regulations,
40 5, what is it, 5D is Venetie is included in that whole
41 section so we can't exclude that section and enforce the
42 other, it's all the same.
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44 MR. BERTRAM: It's all part of the same
45 watershed Larry so it would be enforced the same.
46
47 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, I understand. We
48 have inherent respect for the law but like I said, I made
49 a statement yesterday if people remember that far
50 back.....

1 (Laughter)
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3 MR. WILLIAMS:that.....
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's good.
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7 (Laughter)
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9 MR. BASSICH: And Virgil's gone.
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11 (Laughter)
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13 MR. WILLIAMS:as elders and village
14 people and our local government, village council and the
15 tribal government, they know that people utilize this
16 resource, you know, whenever they come up, maybe early --
17 maybe July or whenever, everybody knows in town when the
18 first chinook salmon is caught and then, you know, they
19 run for maybe a couple weeks, 10 days, couple weeks, and
20 then people get four or five a day and they put them up,
21 I know we do, and then when we figure that's enough we
22 tell -- we encourage people, we don't actually tell them
23 they have to do it, but we encourage people to pull their
24 nets because they need to spawn, and we let the rest of
25 the fish that are not caught get up to the spawning
26 grounds so they can come back in later years and we can
27 utilize -- or maybe our grandchildren can utilize the
28 same resource that we're using today and I don't see why
29 -- you get people upset by placing tags on their nets
30 when we -- there's an unwritten rule that we follow
31 whatever the village council or the chief and the village
32 council enforce anyway with, you know, with the say so
33 and passing the word around that most everybody should
34 pull their nets, it's not a direct order but it's a
35 strong suggestion and I was just wondering how come they
36 include us in that enforcement on the mainstem of the
37 Yukon -- that they use on the main stem of the Yukon.
38
39 OFFICER THOMAS: Before I placed that
40 card on that net I went and spoke with the chief, told
41 him what I was doing there, he understood that and I
42 asked him to talk with the people in the village about
43 the closures and he said he would, he said he would post
44 some signs and stuff and bring it up at your next
45 meetings. So the chief was well aware of what I was
46 doing and okay with that.
47
48 The reason I put a tag on that net was,
49 it wasn't identified, and part of the regulations that we
50 do enforce are identifying your gear, your net and your

1 wheels and that's been done both in Ft. Yukon and Beaver
2 and Stevens, and so because Venetie is included in that
3 section we can't exclude them.

4
5 MR. WILLIAMS: Madame Chair. Well, the
6 reason I bring that particular subject up is that I --
7 that particular person talked to me and he asked me if I
8 could bring this up in a meeting and try to find a
9 definite answer and that's what I'm doing. You know, I'm
10 not complaining that you enforcement people are putting
11 tags on a net, you know, I realize that you have a job to
12 do and if at all possible, you know, the community of
13 Venetie will help you try to enforce, you know, we're not
14 trying to be negative, we're not trying to be outside of
15 everybody else. I just promised that I would ask that
16 question and that's what I'm doing right now. I'd like
17 to make that clear.

18
19 OFFICER THOMAS: Well, if you have any
20 ideas on how I could get information out easier before
21 the season or whatever, I'd be open to that discussion.

22
23 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay.

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25 OFFICER THOMAS: And just to clarify that
26 wasn't -- that tag was just my business card with my name
27 and number for that.....

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29 MR. WILLIAMS: I'll remember that, thank
30 you.

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32 OFFICER THOMAS:person to get ahold
33 of me so I could have explained to him.

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35 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, he was quite
36 concerned because that's the first time in his life he
37 ever found a tag on his net, you know, so he was just
38 wondering what the heck's going on here.

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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It must have
41 been waterproofed.

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43 OFFICER THOMAS: It's a ziplock.

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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47 OFFICER THOMAS: And duct tape.

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49 (Laughter)

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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The Alaska way.
2 Yeah, I can feel that pain, too, it's happened to me
3 before, a little card sitting on your tent, call me. Uh-
4 huh.

5
6 Yes, Joe, and then Bill.

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8 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair, thank you.
9 Okay, Mimi, I do have a little suggestion then because
10 I'm fairly sensitive to being guilty of Fish and Game
11 violations simply because you don't know. So I guess the
12 suggestion I have is prior to the season, you probably
13 already do this, do you do PSAs on KZPA?

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15 OFFICER THOMAS: Yeah, I try to get on
16 there.

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18 MR. MATESI: Yeah, that's the best thing
19 I can think of and if somebody -- I mean everybody
20 listens to KZPA so I guess if they're not hearing it.....

21
22 OFFICER THOMAS: Well, maybe if you guys
23 have like a town meeting or something before the season,
24 maybe notify me and I could be there or something, or,
25 you know, that card's got my number I'm happy to answer
26 questions any time.

27
28 MR. WILLIAMS: Can I say one more thing.

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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sure, go ahead,
31 Larry.

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33 MR. WILLIAMS: I'll be competing with
34 Virgil here pretty soon.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madame Chair.
39 I'd like to explain my -- not only my reaction to that
40 but the community-wide reaction to that.

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42 A number of years ago, I don't know --
43 remember -- we had a confrontation with a State Trooper
44 and Fish and Wildlife enforcement, they actually came
45 into the village and tried to take subsistence taken
46 caribou from a woman and she fought back, you know,
47 you're not going to take my caribou which I'm putting up
48 for my children to eat and they had a real set to there
49 and eventually wound up in court, State versus Venetie
50 through one individual that was involved, you know, ever

1 since that we've had a -- not a real problem, but we said
2 we can take care of ourselves without outside
3 interference and I think it was, you know, I'm not
4 bragging about anything but I think we're doing a good
5 job and yesterday also I said that we're at almost 100
6 percent harvest on moose and that's because we enforce a
7 no cow harvest. You know and people of my generation
8 growing up there was always a game warden out there ready
9 to catch you and put you in jail and, you know, we had
10 that mind set that somebody who's doing that is ready to
11 write you up, maybe do something that's not very good for
12 you so, you know, it just -- it's just a game warden
13 versus a people thing, that was years and years and years
14 ago and I still remember that. So there's a lot of
15 people back home that still remember that incident I just
16 mentioned so they have kind of a negative attitude for
17 people coming in and saying, you know, what -- you should
18 do this, you should do it this way, or do it that way,
19 they say, why should I, you know, so that's the reason I
20 -- one of the reasons that I bring this up also so you
21 can understand the mindset of the people, just the way
22 they are.

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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You still don't
25 have Virgil beat.

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27 MR. WILLIAMS: Oh, okay, thank you.

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29 (Laughter)

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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Keep working on
32 it. But, yeah, I'm sure they really appreciate your
33 thoughts.

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35 OFFICER THOMAS: I understand that
36 thought process. I'm trying to work on that
37 relationship.

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39 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, it's not only
40 Venetie.

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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Andy.

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44 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, you know, not to give
45 any credence to one way or the other but I actually
46 really applaud your technique for doing that. I think
47 it's really refreshing to meet or hear of a law
48 enforcement situation or encounter whereby you give the
49 opportunity to the individual to talk to them instead of
50 just citing them directly and something, I think that's

1 something.....

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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5 MR. BASSICH:that's what we were
6 talking about as far as the Park Service stuff, is that
7 that's what we're looking for, is some commonsense
8 approach to law enforcement and, you know, deal with it
9 in a range that is consistent with the violation. If
10 it's a minor violation then it's contact me, let me talk
11 to you and that sort of thing, so, actually, you know, I
12 understand what you're saying. I mean we're all really
13 sensitive to that. But to me that's exactly the kind of
14 way to do it instead of just writing the.....

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah,

17 absolutely.

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19 MR. BASSICH:ticket up and walking

20 away.

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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Good job.

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24 MR. GLANZ: Could I.....

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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill, did you

27 have something.

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29 MR. GLANZ: Yes, we have to take into
30 account Mimi grew up around that area there so she's
31 really with it with the locals. But the main thing I
32 wanted to ask you Mimi is, if you have to get a solicitor
33 ruling or whatever on islands, I think it'd be nice if
34 you could send it to our Council coordinator so we can --
35 because I would be interested in that also.

36

37 Okay, thank you.

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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's probably
40 going to be an ongoing court thing, I'm afraid.

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42 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, it could.

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44 MR. GLANZ: If the solicitor rules then
45 that would be the end of it, you know.....

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47 MR. BASSICH: You think.

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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, the State
50 doesn't agree.

1 MR. GLANZ: Well, I'm talking the Federal
2 grounds, you know.....
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, okay.
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6 MR. GLANZ:across the Yukon-Charley
7 and all this.....
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9 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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11 MR. GLANZ:25B most of that is in
12 the Charley, considered.
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14 OFFICER THOMAS: Was that the boundary
15 between 25B and D?
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17 MR. GLANZ: B is on the north side, C is
18 on the south side and like I say, I asked for a ruling,
19 Mimi, from the solicitor asking about Federal mining
20 claims, if we can hunt on them, in Federal and the
21 Federal and the post office -- and the post office, I
22 said, well, how about if there's one in the post office,
23 that's Federal, okay, that's all I wanted to know.
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25 (Laughter)
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27 MR. GLANZ: Federal grounds is considered
28 Federal ground if it's controlled and monitored by it
29 because there was a fellow in Central the other day,
30 before September 30th and there was a moose standing
31 across the street on the BLM property there, the Wild and
32 Scenic River, there used to be a BLM fire station and he
33 said, can I shoot that, it's Federal grounds, knock
34 yourself out, you know, and it was, so, anyway and.....
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, and it's
37 a Wild and Scenic River and on the other side is State
38 land, so, yeah, it's kind of checkerboarded up there.
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40 MR. GLANZ: Yeah, the Federal mining
41 claims was my concern when I asked the solicitor for a
42 ruling years ago and he backed up and he said.....
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Federal land.
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46 MR. GLANZ: Yep. So anyway that's why
47 I'd like to have a -- if a solicitor makes a ruling on
48 the Federal side for enforcement I'd sure be interested
49 in having that.
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any other
2 questions.
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4 (No comments)
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6 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You guys have
7 anything else.
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9 MR. BERTRAM: That was it.
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11 MR. FIRMIN: I have a comment.
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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andrew.
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15 MR. FIRMIN: I'd just like to say this is
16 probably one of the best reports I've seen from the
17 Refuge yet and I really appreciate all the work that went
18 into it. And I like to see that you guys went to Camp
19 Noshi (ph) and helped out with Paul down there and that's
20 really great. He gets a lot of kids down there and he
21 gets a lot of -- doesn't get a whole lot of support but
22 he does get a lot of youth down there in his camp and
23 it's good to see you guys helping him out.
24
25 MR. BERTRAM: Thank you. And you can
26 credit Vince Mathews who is putting this together, as you
27 might guess.
28
29 (Laughter)
30
31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Vince knows
32 what these guys like.
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34 (Laughter)
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right,
37 well, thank you. Next is the Arctic National Wildlife
38 Refuge.
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40 MS. PATTON: It's Arctic but they are co-
41 presenting with.....
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Kanuti -- oh,
44 with that, okay. We're taking up two subjects at once
45 I'm informed.
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47 MS. PATTON: Yeah.
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And the other
50 one is that number 3, discussion on moose population in

1 the Sheenjek.

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3 MR. WALD: Thanks, Madame Chair and
4 members. My name is Eric Wald, I'm a wildlife biologist
5 for Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and in the interest
6 of time for the agenda item of the moose in the Sheenjek
7 and Coleen areas and the Firth-Mancha, I'm going to just
8 briefly point to our Refuge report, which is in the back
9 of your booklets. I was mainly asked to come be available
10 for the moose information but I just wanted to point a
11 few highlights out, or a couple highlights from the
12 agency report.

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14 The first one is the update on our CCP,
15 the comprehensive conservation plan which is still in
16 progress. You guys probably have been briefed on this in
17 the past. It's still in process. And basically last
18 fall we received over 600,000 public comments regarding
19 our draft CCP plan, and so we went through every single
20 comment and tried to respond to basically the whole lot
21 of comments.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Can I interrupt
24 you for one second.

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26 MR. WALD: Yes.

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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I see three
29 people struggling for something, what is it that you
30 don't.....

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32 MR. GLANZ: We're looking for the report.

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's at 197.

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36 MR. FIRMIN: They're looking for Fran's
37 letter.

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39 MR. MATESI: We're looking for Fran's
40 letter and a map.

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42 MS. PATTON: Okay, I just printed it so
43 that's.....

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: They're not
46 going to pay attention if they don't get their paper.

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48 (Laughter)

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50 MS. PATTON: So that's for the next

1 presentation here so I have to finish stapling that.

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you need it
4 now for his report.

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6 MR. MATESI: Yes.

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8 MS. PATTON: For the moose
9 presentation.....

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11 MR. WALD: Yeah, I'll get to that real
12 shortly.

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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, they'd
15 kind of like to see it, I think, so their heads can get
16 wrapped around it.

17

18 MR. WALD: Okay.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead.

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22 MR. WALD: So each comment was read and
23 evaluated and we made changes to our draft CCP in regards
24 to those comments with all the public's input. So these
25 changes were kind of ranging from minor, just editorial
26 comments and clarifications to major additions and
27 revisions to our goals and objectives.

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29 Just an example of one revision that
30 we've done is that we've completed goal number 4 so that
31 it is -- which pertains to recognizing the need to
32 consult with tribes, Native organizations and local
33 residents on a wide range of environmental, biological,
34 cultural and subsistence issues and their concerns.
35 We've also emphasized our objectives to have more formal
36 tribal consultations and emphasize our commitment to
37 provide opportunities for the continued subsistence uses
38 essential to the physical economic, traditional, cultural
39 and social existence of Federally-qualified rural
40 residents.

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42 So, yes, the public comments have really
43 driven some of our CCP planning and hopefully we will
44 have a decision on this soon. It's hung up in
45 Washington, D.C., of course, with the elections pending
46 so we're not clear on when we'll get a signed version of
47 this from D.C.

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49 Just another highlight that I'm more
50 fluent in, since I'm the wildlife biologist on the

1 Refuge, we did conduct a sheep survey in the Arctic
2 Village sheep management area, which the Council has
3 taken up the issue before. Just briefly, in the Arctic
4 Village sheep management area is a larger unit but a
5 subset or an addition was added to the northern part of
6 the unit in 1995 and that was closed to non-subsistence
7 hunting and then in 2006 it was reopened. In 2006 there
8 was a survey conducted before it was opened for hunting
9 and those members reflected a population of 329 animals
10 with a lamb ratio of 23 lambs per 100 ewes. In 2012 that
11 particular area was closed again to non-subsistence
12 hunters and we completed a survey there this past summer,
13 the same area as we did in 2006. We had a population
14 count of 314 so essentially a no change in population and
15 a lamb estimate of 27 lambs per 100 ewes, so a little bit
16 of increase of lamb production.

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18 And also.....

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Before you go
21 on.

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23 MR. WALD: Yes, ma'am.

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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So what's this
26 62 to 100.

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28 MR. WALD: In that report that is a
29 different area, that is Atigun Pass so it probably wasn't
30 of interest to this Council.

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32 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: It is to me
33 because I think that's great.

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35 MR. WALD: It is a very high estimate.

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37 And so basically in 2012 we completed
38 that survey again and showed no change in population so
39 the population is stable even with a six year open
40 hunting season in that area.

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42 And I just wanted to move into the moose
43 topic and.....

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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Let me see if
46 there's any questions from the Council on your report.

47

48 Council members, on 197, I think we were
49 looking at it, to 201, are there any questions.

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1 (No comments)
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, go ahead.
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5 MR. WALD: We were asked to present some
6 information on a proposal that would open up an area on
7 the Refuge that has been closed to moose hunting in the
8 Firth-Mancha drainages. And even though that particular
9 area is technically in 26C, some of those moose are
10 migrant from Old Crow Flats in Canada through the Firth-
11 Mancha and into Unit 25 into the Sheenjek and Coleen
12 areas and that's why we've been requested to present some
13 information.
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15 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, Joe.
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19 MR. MATESI: In the interest of brevity,
20 it's my understanding that there is no emergency review
21 on that closure, that there's been -- actually that's an
22 OSM question.
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24 MR. WALD: Right.
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26 MR. MATESI: So this is something that
27 will come up in 2014 and we will need to review that
28 closure at that time and we will need to come up with a
29 proposal to rescind or maintain or change that closure
30 but that's two years from now before the closure review
31 comes up in the regular cycle so we might just save time
32 and wait two years before we take up this topic.
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: So we could
35 just look at the report for information.
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37 MR. MATESI: It's a fascinating topic to
38 me because it's my backyard so the more information that
39 we go into right now is fine but, you know, it's not
40 something we have to deal with right now and so we might
41 want to save some time.
42
43 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, so let's
44 let David try to answer your question about -- just does
45 the Council understand what this letter is trying to do?
46
47 (Council nods affirmatively)
48
49 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.
50

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Good.
2
3 MR. BERG: Jerry Berg with Fish and
4 Wildlife Service. Just so you guys are clear, so that
5 closure review, the area being discussed is 26C and the
6 people with C&T for moose in that area are -- it would be
7 the North Slope Council so if you guys want to be
8 included in also reviewing that information it would be
9 good to make sure that that's clear because I think the
10 closure review cycle, it'll start next spring so at your
11 winter meeting in 2013, and then if you want to submit a
12 proposal that would be the time to do it and then it
13 works its way through the process and ends in 2014, but
14 it actually starts next spring, I believe.
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16 But, anyway, so, you know, just to be
17 clear, you know, the customary and traditional use
18 determination for moose in 26C is for residents on the
19 North Slope so.....
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21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Nobody in our
22 region has a C&T for 26C.
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24 MR. BERG: That's correct. So it would
25 be a little bit.....
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So it's a
28 little awkward.
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30 MR. BERG:out of -- yeah, out of
31 the ordinary for your Council to weigh in on it but it
32 doesn't mean that you can't it's just.....
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So we've
35 always.....
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37 MR. BERG: So you should probably make it
38 clear that you'd like to be included on that so we make
39 sure and get it on your agenda for the next meeting.
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41 MR. MATESI: Yeah, I received a very good
42 letter from Pete on this, Pete Probasco, and he made it
43 clear that it will be automatically presented to the
44 North Slope RAC, however, as you and I have discussed
45 it's possible for us simply to deal with it as a
46 crossover or I encourage.....
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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But it isn't a
49 crossover because we don't have a C&T in that region, I
50 didn't realize that.

1 MR. MATESI: It requires a little bit of
2 understanding of what the issue is and maybe we should
3 have Eric go ahead and briefly present it because these
4 are moose -- they're talking about opening up a hunting
5 area on moose which are moving through 26C destined for
6 25 where the moose population is in decline and we have
7 had concern expressed by our subsistence users in that
8 region. In fact, this Council unanimously supported some
9 proposals to deal with this, the conservation issue in 25
10 on these moose which was rejected by the Board of Game,
11 and to add salt to the wound, Board of Game went ahead
12 and opened up this additional hunt on this same
13 population of moose. So it is definitely concern for
14 people in our region.

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16 Now, I don't know how we're going to get
17 it on our agenda but I think that we really need to have
18 the opportunity to comment on it.

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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So it's like
21 the migrant salmon it goes through all these areas and --
22 uh-huh. But I'm -- this is new to me, you're saying that
23 we can request to take up something that we don't even
24 have a C&T in that region?

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26 MR. BERG: Yeah, I mean it certainly is
27 a little bit unusual for a neighboring Council to weigh
28 in on it since you don't have C&T in that region but I
29 mean the Federal Board is not going to ignore your input
30 so I think if you guys are interested and want to provide
31 some input on that issue.....

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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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35 MR. BERG:I mean I think
36 that's.....

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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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40 MR. BERG:certainly within your
41 prerogative to do so.

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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So what the
44 people in your area are saying is these are actually your
45 moose they're just going over there.

46
47 MR. MATESI: Yeah.

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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, okay.

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1 (Laughter)
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That makes it
4 even more interesting. All right, so how do you want to
5 handle it, do you want to hear -- do you guys want to
6 hear the whole report on this or do you want to wait --
7 Joe.
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9 MR. MATESI: Thank you. I know Board
10 members like to think about things for awhile and mull
11 over the data, could you just give us the briefest of
12 overview, just a hint of what the issue is and then I'm
13 suggesting that we take it up in the regular review
14 cycle, which would be starting in 2013.
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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We just need to
17 request that we want it in our book.
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19 MR. FIRMIN: (Nods affirmatively)
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21 MR. MATESI: Yeah.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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25 MR. MATESI: Would that be okay.
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27 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's fine.
28 Anyone object.
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30 (No objections)
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32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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34 MR. WALD: Thanks, Madame Chair. Yeah, I
35 was having my counterpart with ADF&G give the
36 presentation since he's well versed in these proposals
37 and he actually collected the survey data last fall and
38 with that I could ask him to come up and brief you on the
39 issue.
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Good. He's all
42 ready.
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44 MR. CAIKOSKI: All right, so Madame
45 Chair, members of the Council. My name is Jason Caikoski
46 and I'm the assistant area biologist for the northeastern
47 portion of the state with Department of Fish and Game.
48
49 So I guess very briefly, the North Slope
50 moose population declined in the '90s. A portion of Unit

1 26B, 26A and 26 -- all of 26C were closed State hunting
2 regulations. During the 2000s North Slope moose
3 population began to increase, it started in the west in
4 26A and then moved eastward to 26B and 26C. There hadn't
5 been a moose survey conducted in the Firth-Mancha since
6 2002. The Department of Fish and Game went into that
7 survey area, the Firth-Mancha, and the Upper Kongakut up
8 stream of Drain Creek. We conducted a moose survey. The
9 numbers of moose in there showed an increase and the
10 level of increase was similar to the increases we had
11 seen in other portions of 26, primarily 26B. There was
12 a very high bull/cow ratio and a high proportion of large
13 bulls indicating that those moose are not hunted or
14 slightly hunted.

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16 So I guess in short, annually, the
17 Department of Fish and Game and the Board of Game has
18 been getting proposals to reopen that area to moose
19 hunting. In all those previous years the Department went
20 to the Board essentially with a statement that we don't
21 have the data to support opening this hunt, now that we
22 have this most current data, again, we got another
23 proposal from the public, we went to the Board, modified
24 that -- made a recommendation that modified that proposal
25 to a drawing permit hunt, a very limited hunt based on a
26 three percent harvest rate of the most current population
27 data. So the Board passed that and that's kind of where
28 we're sitting now.

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30 We are intending also to survey the Upper
31 Coleen and Upper Sheenjek, that's been on the plate for
32 the last couple of years, we're hoping we're going to get
33 that done this fall. It'll give us a little bit more of
34 a complete picture. With respect to survey data we don't
35 know whether the population's been declining or not in
36 Unit 25A and the Firth-Mancha has increased.

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38 So at any rate that's the very short,
39 quick and dirty.

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41 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Council
42 members, questions.

43
44 (No comments)

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No questions.
47 I have a question, am I the only one that has this?

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49 MS. PATTON: I can put that map up on the
50 screen.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Who made this
2 map?
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4 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair. Fran Mauer
5 made that map at my request.
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: And Fran Mauer
8 is?
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10 MR. MATESI: And Fran Mauer is the
11 retired biologist for the Refuge who conducted -- who did
12 the study on the moose migration.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Oh, so this is
15 based on a study.
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17 MR. MATESI: This is based on his study.
18 And also the members of the Council have copies of a
19 letter that Mr. Mauer has addressed to the Council, you
20 have a copy of that.
21
22 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah, uh-huh.
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24 MR. MATESI: Okay.
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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. All
27 right, so.....
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29 MR. GLANZ: Sue.
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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So my question
32 is, so this is accurate, this isn't someone's fabricated
33 thought, I mean this is Fish and Game information that --
34 or Fish and Wildlife, I guess.
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36 MR. WALD: Madame Chair. I have not --
37 actually I have not seen the map or studied it but Fran
38 Mauer was a Fish and Wildlife Service biologist and did
39 conduct a radiotelemetry study in the mid-90s on this
40 population and I'm assuming this is from his study data
41 but I have not confirmed it.
42
43 MS. PATTON: So maybe just to clarify for
44 the record, Joe had shared this map with me, and can you
45 remind me who had emailed this to you?
46
47 MR. MATESI: Fran Mauer.
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49 MS. PATTON: So it was Fran Mauer.....
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1 MR. WALD: Right.
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3 MS. PATTON: Right, so I could forward
4 that email that you had forwarded to me just so we have
5 for the record who created the map if that would be
6 helpful.
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8 MR. WALD: That would be very nice, thank
9 you.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Because it is
12 important that we have this coming from the Staff, I
13 guess -- I would think.
14
15 Okay. So what you're saying is this
16 doesn't come up until '14.
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18 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right, and
21 we'll have more data by then.
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24 (No comments)
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26 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes, go ahead,
29 Joe.
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31 MR. MATESI: Thank you. Alan Brackney at
32 Arctic Refuge helped create it.
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34 MR. WALD: Thanks, Joe, that's our GIS
35 specialist, our mapping specialist there.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, it just
38 has a bunch of arrows so it probably needs to have
39 something go with it that, you know, says, okay, this
40 radio collar was here and then it makes more sense, do
41 you know what I'm saying?
42
43 MR. MATESI: Yeah, I believe that data is
44 -- well, I know it's available but this map was
45 intentionally simplified with showing just the different
46 game management units, the movements of the moose and the
47 drainages so that it would be -- the information would be
48 brought right out and real obvious.
49
50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

1 MR. MATESI: That was my understanding.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Jerry,
4 you had something.
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6 MR. BERG: Yeah. I just wanted to add,
7 you know, a little bit on process so, you know, the
8 normal process for these closure reviews would be that
9 they would come up, you know, like I said next spring and
10 then if the Council or somebody else decided to submit a
11 proposal, it would go through the process and it wouldn't
12 be acted on until January of 2014, however, anybody could
13 submit a special action request to open that hunt next
14 fall and that would go directly to the Board. So just so
15 you're aware that that's certainly another possibility.
16 Just so you're not surprised that, oh, I thought this
17 couldn't happen until 2014, it could happen if somebody
18 submitted a special action request to open that area up
19 for next fall the Federal Board would act on it prior to
20 that. So just so you know that that's a possibility.
21
22 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
23
24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's a
25 possibility.
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27 MR. BERG: If somebody -- you know, we
28 have not received a special action request to do that but
29 anybody could submit a special action request.
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31 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, we're
32 looking at two GMUs here. One's in 26 and one's in our
33 area, 25A so there's probably two hunts involved in this.
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35 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes, go ahead,
38 Joe.
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40 MR. MATESI: Let me read from the letter
41 I received from Pete Probasco on this issue.
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43 He said that the 2011 survey data
44 presented before the ADF&G, which was Jason's survey
45 material does not require immediate action to the special
46 action process, therefore, the closure review will be
47 presented to the North Slope Subsistence Regional
48 Advisory Council prior to being addressed by the Board,
49 however, the Eastern Interior Regional Advisory Council
50 will not be presented the closure review as the affected

1 area is outside of their regional boundary.

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So from that I take two things.

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One, we have to make sure that our voice is heard because we're not going to have it presented automatically to us, but I also understand from that that they -- that OSM does not consider this an emergency requiring immediate action.

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MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Uh-huh. Yeah, to me, what you're asking for we need to request that more information comes to us regarding this, especially, you know, data, you know, and harvest and all that stuff at the next meeting.

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Andrew.

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MR. FIRMIN: I was going to say maybe just like you said, we need to request this all be reviewed before us with updated data at our wildlife meeting in the spring.

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MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah. Let's just take that as an agreement.

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(Council nods affirmatively)

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MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Requesting this.

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(Council nods affirmatively)

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MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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MR. FIRMIN: And be included in the decisionmaking process.

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MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Yeah.

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MS. PATTON: So, Madame Chair, if I may. So Jason had actually prepared a PowerPoint presentation which is what he had given to the Board, I don't know if that would be helpful in some of your requests or would you prefer that.....

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MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The poor guy's been sitting here all afternoon.....

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MS. PATTON:later.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:and now
2 you're saying no.
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4 Jason.
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6 MR. CAIKOSKI: Yeah, Madame Chair, and
7 Council members. It's of no difference to me whether I
8 present this, you know, now or if it's more useful at a
9 later time.
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11 Potentially we may have some additional
12 data, Coleen/Sheenjek data to go with the 2011 data, it
13 may also be more useful if it's closer to the time period
14 in which you -- you know, this Council would make a
15 recommendation to the Federal Subsistence Board so, you
16 know, my feelings aren't hurt either way.
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18 (Laughter)
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20 MR. CAIKOSKI: What I brought was the
21 presentation that I took to the Board of Game so I was
22 just going to represent that presentation but to you guys
23 so that you understood what Fish and Game presented, what
24 the Board of Game saw and what the Board of Game made
25 their decision on, and that can happen now or at a later
26 time, you know, it really does not make a difference to
27 me.
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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
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31 MR. CAIKOSKI: Thanks.
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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I guess they
34 want to hear from you later. There'll probably be some
35 2012 data on here.
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37 MR. CAIKOSKI: There might not be for the
38 Firth-Mancha but we're hoping to get into the Coleen and
39 the Sheenjek this fall.
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. All
42 right, we're all agreed so thank you Jason.
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44 MR. CAIKOSKI: Thanks.
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Andrew
47 has a class starting in five minutes.
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49 MR. FIRMIN: Yes.
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thanks for
2 letting me know.
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4 MR. FIRMIN: Well, I was just trying
5 to.....
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, yeah,
8 yeah.
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10 MR. GLANZ: I thought, wasn't I supposed
11 to go with you.
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13 (Laughter)
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15 MR. GLANZ: Yeah, I think I was supposed
16 to go.
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18 (Laughter)
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Let's move
21 along here. What's left is -- is someone from YRDFA
22 wanting to give another report -- no.
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24 MS. PATTON: They had a report, a handout
25 for you and they may be on line yet, if they wanted to
26 speak to that report. But Joe had.....
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28 REPORTER: Eva. Eva.
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30 MS. PATTON:mentioned yesterday --
31 oh, sorry.
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33 MR. HALE: This is Jason Hale with YRDFA.
34 I'm having a hard time hearing but it sounds like you
35 might have said it's time for YRDFA to give a brief
36 report.
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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, go for it
39 Jason, make it quick. Are you ready?
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41 MR. ERHART: Go.
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Lester said go.
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45 MR. ERHART: Go.
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47 MR. MATESI: He can't hear us.
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49 MR. WOODRUFF: Go ahead, Jason.
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1 MR. HALE: Oh, okay, hey super. And
2 folks I know it's late and the last thing you need is a
3 long presentation by somebody on the phone after you've
4 been sitting there all day so I'm going to try and hit it
5 pretty brief and if you have any questions then I can
6 expand as much as you guys want.

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8 Anyway I believe yesterday Jill Klein
9 dropped off a handout on salmon bycatch, a bit of an
10 update. The highlights are the current numbers right
11 now, they're a little over 8,700 chinook salmon caught in
12 the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands pollock fishery as
13 bycatch and just under 17,000 chum salmon. They're more
14 than 90 percent through their catch for the year so the
15 numbers aren't going to go up that much more so that's
16 pretty low in comparison to last year, those numbers were
17 25,500 king salmon and nearly 200,000 chum salmon, so
18 considerably lower than last year. Of course it is the
19 second year that we've been working under the cap that
20 was put in on that fishery and we've come nowhere
21 remotely near the cap that was set. We haven't even come
22 remotely near the cap that we all had requested and
23 hadn't gotten. So there's not a lot of bycatch going on
24 relatively, which is good.

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26 The North Pacific Fishery Management
27 Council is working on chum salmon bycatch management
28 measures looking at putting -- it could be just about
29 anything, they actually haven't decided even what
30 alternatives to consider. They're looking at a suite of
31 hard caps and voluntary systems and soft caps and rolling
32 hotspots and all sorts of things. And they're going to
33 be discussing it at their upcoming meeting in December
34 and I guess right now if you guys ever wanted to take any
35 action on it, just a general letter saying that chum
36 salmon are important to the fishers in your region would
37 probably be a helpful thing.

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39 And also on bycatch this coming Friday
40 during AFN we have a workshop just from 10 to noon at the
41 Dena'ina Center on what you can do about salmon bycatch
42 describing the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's
43 process. So if you happen to be at AFN and you're
44 interested maybe stop on by and learn what you can do or
45 share with others what you have done and that would
46 probably be appreciated.

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48 Item 2, and I guess I've really only got
49 about four items, is about some cultural fish camps we
50 did this year. We received a grant from the

1 Administration for Native American to hold some cultural
2 fish camps in five villages. So this summer in Pilot
3 Station, Nulato, Nenana, Tanana and Galena we held these
4 fish camps through the summer. It's a two year project.
5 The idea is to help the sharing of cultural knowledge
6 from elders to youth. Participation to youth in
7 traditional fishing activities and mentoring youth as
8 well to help them with, you know, any of their
9 educational interests to higher education. All told, 190
10 youth participated in the camps this summer and we're
11 looking forward to next summer. It's been a good program
12 so far. We feel like it's a success.

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14 Number 3 is the teleconferences that we
15 have every summer, this is the 19th year we've done that.
16 And this year just absolutely shattered past records in
17 terms of participation. There was 10 percent more people
18 on average on the call and the busiest call was also 10
19 percent busier, which was pretty big. So there was a lot
20 of interest, the bad thing is there's always a lot of
21 interest when the fish aren't doing so well but at least
22 people have a place to turn so next year we're looking
23 forward to year number 20.

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25 And the last big item has to do with our
26 in-season subsistence monitoring program that we do in
27 partnership with fish and Wildlife and this is the thing
28 where we have local interviewers in 10 communities to
29 collect information in-season. I think Andy's probably
30 spoken about this at some point during this meeting and
31 he's got a handout with some more detailed information,
32 but basically we were in Allakaket, Marshall, Russian
33 Mission, Holy Cross, Kaltag, Huslia, Galena, Nenana, Ft.
34 Yukon and Eagle and collecting information to gauge how
35 people are doing towards meeting their subsistence needs
36 in-season. And December 2012 [sic] 157 households were
37 interviewed in those communities as kings swam by their
38 communities. Let's see, how did we do, the only
39 community that came close to saying that they met their
40 needs was Russian Mission. They said that they met 91
41 percent of their needs but we did a little bit more
42 digging and it turns out that they really -- when you
43 really got to the real numbers it was more like 63
44 percent of their needs but they had a high conservation
45 ethic and said, well, we just didn't go after as many as
46 normal because the run's so bad we wanted to let more
47 fish get through. So a false 91, if you will, there was
48 really 63 percent of their needs met. And outside of
49 that the next highest was 79 percent meeting their needs
50 in Alakanuk, 42 percent in Galena, and then Marshall,

1 Kaltag, Ft. Yukon and Eagle were all under one-third, and
2 Holy Cross, Huslia and Nenana were all under 10 percent
3 of their harvest needs being met. Again, Andy has a
4 handout with much more detail than that.

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6 But that's that and probably no surprise
7 to anybody on this call, most people just didn't meet
8 their needs with the kings and there weren't enough kings
9 to do so.

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11 And then the last item of interest, last
12 week I spent the whole week in the Yukon Territory, we
13 ran a salmon summit for all the First Nations in Yukon
14 and it went very well. They're, of course, very
15 concerned, they didn't see enough fish coming across the
16 border to have much of a fishery again. The biggest
17 thing they want to do and I guess I just want to throw
18 this out there, is they talked a lot about what you guys
19 are talking about, some of the same ideas, including
20 harvest reporting and pulse protection and all sorts of
21 stuff, the biggest thing that came out of it, they spent
22 half the time talking about, was they really want to meet
23 with the Alaska fishermen, the Alaska management agencies
24 and bring the Canadian folks and the Alaskans together to
25 really talk about the problem and grow a better
26 understanding of what's going on on both sides of the
27 border and maybe -- maybe come up with a common solution
28 to what folks can do or at least an understanding. So
29 we're going to be chasing after that pretty hard with
30 them in the next several months.

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32 That's really it. Hopefully I set a
33 record on giving a fast little update and if there are
34 any questions feel free to hit me with them.

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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thanks, Jason.

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38 Questions.

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40 (No comments)

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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Great fast
43 report, I hear no questions.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MR. HALE: All right. Well, good luck
48 getting through it all and I'll see you at the next one.

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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right,

1 thanks, Jason, bye.

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3 MR. HALE: Yeah, bye.

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Native
6 organization reports.

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8 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. We have
9 Alyssa Frothingham from TCC.

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Hi, Alyssa.

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13 MS. FROTHINGHAM: Hello. I feel like the
14 bad guy keeping you all here.

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16 (Laughter)

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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Don't feel that
19 way there's more behind you.

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21 (Laughter)

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23 MS. FROTHINGHAM: That's true. I'll be
24 quick. My name's Alyssa Frothingham and I work with the
25 Tanana Chiefs Conference in the wildlife and parks
26 department.

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28 One of our big goals in the wildlife and
29 parks department is to build educational capacity and
30 expertise, most specifically within the fisheries
31 department throughout the TCC region. And so we have a
32 couple of projects, not many occur within the Eastern RAC
33 area but I figured I'd go over them briefly.

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35 We have our Henshaw Creek weir on the
36 Upper Koyukuk River drainage and we actually counted the
37 most amount of summer chum this year with about 292,000,
38 which is the most we've had since we implemented the
39 weir. We only had 922 chinook salmon, which is the -- I
40 wouldn't say considerably less than last year but it is
41 down from last year. We also have a Henshaw Creek
42 science camp and this occurs annually. This year we had
43 nine students from Allakaket, two from Fairbanks and one
44 from Huslia attend the camp. We also had an Alatna River
45 sheefish population study. We weren't very successful
46 with that, we aimed to sample 200 fish, we only got two,
47 mostly due to high water.

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49 Let's see, we also do a subsistence
50 chinook salmon sampling project and two of your Board

1 members have been past samplers, Andy and Lester Erhart.
2 This year we scaled back the project considerably due to
3 funding cuts, so we contracted Paige Joveny, former TCC
4 biologist, she trained at least five fishermen in the
5 villages of Holy Cross, Anvik, Galena, Ruby, and Ft.
6 Yukon to collect age, sex, length measurements in
7 addition to fin clips for genetic analysis all from their
8 subsistence caught chinook salmon. We do this to best
9 characterize the subsistence caught chinook salmon and I
10 actually -- I don't have much in the way of analysis on
11 that project just yet, just because it wrapped up fairly
12 recently but I did throw together a couple of graphs and
13 data that you might be interested so I'll go ahead and
14 pass those out.

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16 There you go.

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18 And if there's any further questions on
19 the data I'd be happy to answer, I have the raw data with
20 me.

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22 Finally, I think Andrew Firmin, I think
23 you had mentioned this before, but Orville Huntington, he
24 worked closely with -- and Gene Sandone of Kwik'Pak to
25 get fish from the lower river to upper villages including
26 Huslia and Ft. Yukon and I don't have the full list of
27 villages that actually received fish from the lower
28 river, but it sounds like the project was pretty
29 successful and I know Orville's really excited about
30 having this project occur again next summer. Also to
31 mention Orville Huntington, my boss, he was elected to
32 the Board of Fish this year, which he's been quite busy
33 with.

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35 And finally Casey Stockton (ph), myself
36 -- sorry, Casey Stockton of AVCP are working on how -- on
37 gaging on how fishers are dealing with the recent
38 restrictions placed up and down the Yukon, specifically
39 net size restrictions. We've heard complaints from
40 people being unable to fish completely as they lacked the
41 regulated fishing net size so we're interested to know
42 how many people may potentially need assistance.

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44 If there's any questions, that's it.

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I hear
47 questions over here.

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49 MS. FROTHINGHAM: I hear mumblings too.

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1 MR. GLANZ: I have one. It just looks
2 very dangerous to see all the percentage of males versus
3 females in your testing here.

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5 MS. FROTHINGHAM: Is there any spare
6 copies, I handed them all out.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 REPORTER: Here you go, take this one.

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12 MS. FROTHINGHAM: Thank you. And I also
13 have -- I didn't put anything regarding gear types and
14 what not on here as well but I also have that information
15 in my raw data and I plan on bringing that to the spring
16 meeting.

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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, Bill,
19 what's your deal, go on.

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21 MR. GLANZ: No, I just said I know that
22 the males come first and are tested, but the percentage
23 of males versus females on these charts is very scary.

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25 MS. FROTHINGHAM: It's throughout, you
26 know, whenever they were able to fish, whenever those
27 fishers were able to fish is.....

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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is it a net
30 thing that's causing this?

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32 MR. MATESEI: Madame Chair.

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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Joe.

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36 MR. MATESEI: I think that's an artifact
37 of fishing times, especially this year and every year
38 we've had closures, people are fishing for the earliest
39 fish. Lester isn't it true that the males run first, and
40 then just about the time that the females just start
41 coming in, bam, they close the river, and so that's why
42 there's so many more males that end up getting caught
43 rather than females.

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45 MR. GLANZ: Thank you.

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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Wait a minute.

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49 MS. FROTHINGHAM: Well, females tend to
50 be bigger and that's the goal of the, you know, recent

1 net restrictions, yeah, that too, so a couple of
2 different reasons.
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Except this,
5 the other page, the Yukon River chinook length -- oh, I
6 got it.
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8 MS. FROTHINGHAM: I have length and girth
9 I think I included.
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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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13 MR. FIRMIN: How many.....
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15 MS. FROTHINGHAM: But like I said I'll
16 bring more information to the spring meeting.
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18 MR. FIRMIN: How many fishermen did you
19 have sampling fish in Ft. Yukon?
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21 MS. FROTHINGHAM: Ft. Yukon, I believe we
22 had two, two fishers, yeah. I think we at least had two
23 from each village, minus, Holy Cross, obviously we
24 weren't able to get any samples from Holy Cross but we
25 trained, I think, five.
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27 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair.
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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Eva.
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31 MS. PATTON: May I ask a question.
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33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes, Eva.
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35 MS. PATTON: I just was wanting to
36 clarify, was the mesh size taken in addition to the.....
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38 MS. FROTHINGHAM: It was and I didn't
39 have time to through it into a graph, and I apologize.
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41 MS. PATTON: Okay.
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43 MS. FROTHINGHAM: And I also apologize
44 for the graphs, they -- red and blue also just came out
45 as grey on here so I had to write male and female on that
46 to differentiate and I apologize.
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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We probably
49 would have got it eventually.
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1 MS. FROTHINGHAM: Yeah, but I figured
2 just to make it easier.
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any questions.
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6 (No comments)
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any other
9 questions.
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11 (No comments)
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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, thank
14 you. Next is BLM.
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16 Last but not least.
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18 MS. HEPPLER: Prime spot.
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20 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Coming before
21 the EIRACs.
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23 (Laughter)
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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I got to get
26 out of here.
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28 (Off record comments regarding
29 PowerPoint)
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31 MS. HEPPLER: Good afternoon.
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33 (TELECONFERENCE INTERFERENCE)
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35 (Pause)
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37 MS. HEPPLER: Well, good afternoon my
38 name is Lenora Heppler, I'm the field manager for the
39 Eastern Interior Field Office of the Bureau of Land
40 Management. I also have with me Jeannie Cole is the lead
41 planner on this effort. Ruth Gronquist who is the
42 wildlife biologist on this project. And Jason Post is
43 the fish bio on this project. And Bud Cribley, the State
44 Director is also here.
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46 I was asked to come and talk about the
47 Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan -- Ruth you
48 want to go back one, just back another, to the beginning.
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50 (Off record comments regarding

1 PowerPoint)

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MS. HEPPLER: There you go.

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Last February, at your last meeting we came very quickly to your meeting to introduce this Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan. The draft plan had just been released a couple days before your meeting. We went over it very briefly, very quickly then and because of some factors we have an opportunity now to go over it again, the comment period is still open. I was asked to come and talk a little bit about the process we go through and an overview of the plan and I threw in a little bit about mining decisions and areas of critical environmental concern. If you'd like I can kind of squeak through or not cover those last two in this so it speeds up a little bit. Would you like me to go into some of the decisions in the plan or go past that?

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MR. MATEESI: I'd like to hear it.

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MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I have a request. Yeah, we want to hear it.

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MS. HEPPLER: Okay. Ruth you want to go onto the next slide.

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The planning area, you can see, is where we are here in Eastern Interior, the yellow lands or the yellow on this map represents lands that are managed by the Bureau of Land Management. It also includes lands that are selected by Native Corporations and selected by the State and this plan covers those lands until those lands are tentatively approved or interim conveyed, and so they show up on this map as well. You can see that there's about 30 million acres in the planning area, about 6.7 million acres are managed by the BLM.

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Next please.

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Because of the size of the planning area and the diversity of issues we decided to break the planning area into four subunits and address each of those.

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The first subunit we'll talk about is the White Mountain subunit, it's primarily the White Mountains National Recreational Area. A little over a million acres and has Beaver Creek National Wild River through it. There's also some Federal mining claims in

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1 the White Mountain subunit that are outside of the
2 recreation area.

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4 The Steese subunit, a little bit to the
5 east includes the Steese National Conservation area, that
6 is broken into two areas, the north unit and a south
7 unit. You see the Steese Highway runs in between it and
8 then in the south unit the Birch Creek National Wild
9 River runs through the Steese NCA.

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11 Further to the east we have the Upper
12 Black River subunit, 2.3 million acres, this is an area
13 that's never had a plan for the BLM managed lands. You
14 can see it's a large chunk and very little information on
15 it actually.

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17 Moving to the south we have the Fortymile
18 subunit that's 2.1 million acres. This is the area where
19 the land patterns are changing the most and the fastest
20 because a lot of land is being conveyed to Doyon and that
21 includes that snaky thing down there, that's the
22 Fortymile Wild and Scenic River.

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24 Go on to the next one.

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26 The planning process. We go through a
27 preplan which is collecting data and we have to do formal
28 notification that we're starting a planning process. We
29 look at what's going on in the lands and we have a public
30 scoping period where we go out to the communities and we
31 ask what are the issues in this area. We did that. We
32 developed a scoping report. And then we went back and
33 drafted a draft resource management plan environmental
34 impact statement. That was released. We did another
35 official notification and it was released at the end of
36 February, and we normally have a 90 day public comment
37 period. We decided to have 150 day comment period but we
38 have an issue that has extended that even further and
39 we'll talk about that. But after we get this public
40 comment period done we'll go back and write up the
41 proposed resource management plan and then we will
42 formally notify the public that it's available and then
43 there's a 30 day protest period where anyone who has been
44 involved with the plan can protest what's in there. And
45 being involved in the plan means attending one of the
46 meetings or providing comments, whether written or oral
47 and then we also do a 60 day government -- or State
48 government -- Governor's review and the Governor gets to
49 look at. Then we'll resolve any of the protests and then
50 we come out with our approved resource management plan.

1 We generally say that these plans govern how we will
2 manage these lands for about the next 20 years.

3

4 Okay, Ruth.

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6 We've brought in some copies of it. The
7 plan itself is very large. It has to be because it
8 covers a huge area and has a lot of issues, but also
9 available on CD, I think those were passed out to you.
10 The CDs also have some other information on it, which is
11 good, you can get it on line. And then we've also
12 developed a couple of other documents to help people
13 because of the size of it. One is we've developed
14 subunit executive summaries for each of the four subunits
15 and some of these are on the back counter if you just
16 want to find out about what's going on in the Fortymile
17 you can pick that up, or the Upper Black River. And then
18 we went even smaller, if you really want to just get the
19 big overview, we developed a series of posters and
20 there's sets of these on the table here and these include
21 like mining in the Steese subunit or areas of critical
22 environmental concern, so they're more single issue or
23 single area focus, and those are helpful too.

24

25 Go ahead, Ruth.

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27 Well, the goal of this plan is to come up
28 with a mix of allowable uses and protective measures that
29 protects -- that meets the needs of the American public
30 and then we have to meet the mandates provided by
31 Congress, and the major ones that we are dealing with
32 here are the Federal Land Policy and Management Act,
33 that's kind of BLM's main law, and it gives us the
34 mandate to be a multiple use agency, very different than
35 a Park who has a protect and provide for use mandate. We
36 also get a lot of direction from ANILCA. It set up some
37 of the areas in the plan and gives us direction on those
38 and the other BLM managed lands. And the Wild and Scenic
39 Rivers Act, because we have three Wild and Scenic Rivers
40 in this plan. We also have to reflect the direction
41 given to us by the courts and they tell us how to
42 interpret these laws and we also get guidance from the
43 Interior (indiscernible), appeals, other groups that
44 helps us determine that. And we also need to reflect BLM
45 policy.

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47 So what types of decisions do we have in
48 the plan, what resources need special protection, what
49 areas should be open to new mining and oil and gas
50 leasing, how should we manage rights of ways or permanent

1 use, things like cell towers and power lines, how should
2 we access, how should we manage access and off-highway
3 vehicle use, recreational opportunities and how can we
4 reduce the impacts of development.

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6 Now, we don't just come out with the this
7 is the direction we're going, we come up with a range of
8 alternatives. I'm going to start with Alternative B. We
9 look at a suite of decisions that really emphasizes the
10 protection of resource values. We also look at what we
11 call Alternative D, emphasized resource development. And
12 then Alternative C is kind of in between and it's kind of
13 like a moderate level of resource protection and resource
14 development and this is what we call the Agency Preferred
15 Alternative. This is the direction we're thinking of
16 going. And then we also look at Alternative A, which is
17 kind of continuing the current management practices.
18 It's also called the no-action alternative. But one
19 thing is, you know, we talk about each of these
20 alternatives and we don't just line out this is the
21 alternative where the decisions that are going to be pro-
22 development, and these ones are going to be pro-
23 protection, but we also have to look at the effects of
24 these decisions on all the other resources. So we look
25 at what is the effect of an action on the resources on
26 the wildlife or on subsistence use or on the economy, so
27 the analysis gets very detailed on how each of these
28 different decisions can affect these things.

29
30 One of the main issues in this plan has
31 to do with mining claims and mining areas. Right now
32 virtually the entire planning area is closed to the
33 location of new mining claims. There are still quite a
34 few that are in place from before these withdrawals which
35 are things that closed lands to mining claims and there's
36 different layers of withdrawals in this area. We have
37 the ANCSA withdrawals and that closed almost the entire
38 area until lands could be selected for Native
39 Corporations and also for State selections. And then
40 ANILCA gave us very specific direction, it closed the
41 Steese National Conservation Area, but it gave the
42 Secretary the authority to lift the withdrawal through
43 the planning process and ANILCA also closed the White
44 Mountains National Recreational Area but gave BLM the
45 authority to lease some minerals. One thing that's
46 important to note that just by making a decision in the
47 plan that we're going to -- we say we recommend lifting
48 the withdrawal that doesn't actually get the withdrawal
49 lifted, we just make a recommendation in the plan and
50 then the Secretary of the Interior has to lift that

1 withdrawal to allow new mining claims. And, in fact, we
2 have some old plans that recommended lifting withdrawals
3 that were written in the '80s and that's never been
4 implemented.

5
6 One of the first things we do in looking
7 at the planning area is what areas need special
8 protection and a lot of the times they would fall under
9 the category of being designated as an area of critical
10 environmental concern and so it's got to have some
11 special relevance and it also has to have some kind of
12 importance so it's generally qualities that are more than
13 local significance and special worth, consequence or
14 meaning. So that was the first thing we did.

15
16 Ruth, you want to go on to the next
17 slide.

18
19 This is kind of a busy slide.

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21 You can see where Fairbanks is and these
22 were the caribou calving and post-calving ranges, because
23 we have a lot of direction to protect subsistence and
24 caribou, the Fortymile Caribou Herd in particular we're
25 looking at. So we're looking first at where -- at what
26 areas do they use particularly for calving and post-
27 calving because that's an important time and we
28 develop.....

29
30 Go ahead, Ruth.

31
32 We developed some areas of critical
33 environmental concern that would get some extra
34 protection and you can see where those are. There's some
35 in the Steese National Conservation Area, down in the
36 Fortymile country; that green area in the Steese it's
37 that red striped area.

38
39 Go ahead, Ruth.

40
41 We also looked at some areas up in the
42 Upper Black River and felt that there's an area that
43 we're calling the Salmonfork ACEC, about 621,000 acres
44 and that's in all of the alternatives in the plan but the
45 management varies by alternative.

46
47 Go ahead, Ruth.

48
49 Looking at the mining decisions. This is
50 Alternative C, so this is the preferred alternative. We

1 recommend opening about 285,000 acres, or 22 percent of
2 the subunit with 992,000 being closed.

3
4 In the Upper Black River under
5 Alternative C, the preferred alternative, we recommend
6 opening the entire area to new mining claims, although,
7 again there'd be additional requirements in the area of
8 critical environmental concern.

9
10 And then in the Fortymile subunit these
11 areas in yellow here we're recommending opening, the
12 preferred alternative, the pinkish area we recommend
13 close, those are those important caribou habitat and the
14 Wild and Scenic river corridor.

15
16 Now, one of the reasons that we're still
17 going through the public comment period is because of an
18 issue in the White Mountains.

19
20 The White Mountains, ANILCA closed the
21 White Mountains to mineral entry, that's the staking of
22 new mining claims for hard rock minerals, in this case
23 it's gold and hard rock minerals (ph) there are some
24 other ones but those are the key ones. ANILCA allowed
25 for the development of a program for leasing hard rock
26 minerals that are normally open for the staking of mining
27 claims. The difference there is if an area is open for
28 mining it's open for location, you go in and you stake a
29 mining claim and you have a mining claim, if it's not,
30 and we're going to be doing a lease sale, then we would
31 have to go in and develop a lease sale like we do for oil
32 and gas and then people could come in and get leases and
33 they'd have to pay a royalty. And in our last plan we
34 recommended opening about 44 percent of the National
35 Recreation Area to leasing, although there was never any
36 interest so we never did offer a lease sale.

37
38 Okay.

39
40 In the plan we dismiss the idea of hard
41 rock mineral leasing based on an interpretation that we
42 later realized was wrong and so this is a major issue
43 that we have to address and so we decided to have a
44 supplement to the Resource -- the draft plan that
45 addresses this one issue and so what we're doing is we're
46 working on a supplement right now that will have at least
47 one alternative in which we'd recommend hard rock
48 leasing. And we expect the supplement to come out in the
49 next month or so maybe, maybe a little bit longer.

50

1 And just want to talk a little bit about
2 what we've got in our draft for the subsistence
3 evaluations and findings.

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5 As you're probably aware Section .810
6 requires us to evaluate all land actions for the impact
7 to subsistence. We're looking at the effects of
8 subsistence on each of the four alternatives for each of
9 the subunits and we use the best available information at
10 the time of the analysis.

11
12 Okay, Ruth.

13
14 What we found is that we looked at each
15 of the alternatives in each of the subunits. The
16 decisions in the Upper Black River and the White Mountain
17 subunit would not significantly restrict subsistence use
18 or resources for all alternatives. The supplement may
19 change that, that information will be out in the
20 supplement.

21
22 We're also required to look at, not only
23 the actions that would come in this plan by the decisions
24 but the actions that would happen in that plan in
25 combination with everything else going on in the area.
26 So what's going on on State land that's nearby, what's
27 going on on private land that's nearby and that's called
28 the cumulative case, and we'll look at all past and
29 present and reasonably foreseeable future activities on
30 all lands. And in -- under Alternative D, in this
31 cumulative case, we came to the finding that may
32 significantly restrict subsistence in the Fortymile and
33 Steese subunit because of the potential impacts on the
34 Fortymile Caribou Herd.

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36 That kicks us into official hearings.
37 We've been having hearings in conjunction with our public
38 meetings. We've had a first round of public meetings in
39 most of the communities in the planning area. We're
40 working on a second set of public meetings. Right now we
41 have Eagle, Eagle Village and Eagle City and Tok
42 scheduled. We haven't scheduled the other ones yet.
43 We're waiting until after the supplement comes out and we
44 decided to go ahead with the Eagle and Eagle Village and
45 Tok because we haven't had a lot of interest there in the
46 White Mountains so the supplements not really that big of
47 an issue but the other communities we think it will be so
48 we decided to hold off on those.

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50 The public comment period will end 90

1 days after we release the supplement. So if it's not
2 released until the end of November, end of December,
3 January, February.....
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Our meeting's
6 scheduled.....
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8 MS. HEPPLER: But that'll be like a whole
9 year.....
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11 MS. GRONQUIST: What happened.
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13 MS. HEPPLER: That's the end of it Ruth.
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15 MS. GRONQUIST: Oh.
16
17 (Laughter)
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any questions.
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21 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Joe.
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25 MR. MATESI: Thank you, Madame Chair.
26 Looking at these required planning steps, during that 30
27 day protest period and there's also a 60 day Governor
28 review, in other words, State government review, okay,
29 during that time is there also a tribal review
30 concurrent, you know, for tribes which have already
31 established a government-to-government relationship. Do
32 they have a tribal review concurrent, and is it 60 days?
33
34 MS. HEPPLER: It's not necessarily tied
35 to that section. What we'll do is we do have a
36 government-to-government relationship and we've worked
37 out a memorandum of understanding, as you're well aware
38 of with Ft. Yukon, and we'll probably -- after we get the
39 proposed done we'll come out and brief them on what's in
40 that.
41
42 MR. MATESI: Will they have their
43 separate review period?
44
45 MS. HEPPLER: Well, they'll -- yeah,
46 they'll get it early.
47
48 MR. MATESI: Uh-huh.
49
50 MS. HEPPLER: They'll get the proposed

1 plan early.
2
3 MR. MATESI: Okay, what does that mean?
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any more
6 questions.
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8 (No comments)
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any other
11 questions.
12
13 (No comments)
14
15 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So
16 you're coming to Tok. I need to tell you to call me and
17 remind me.
18
19 MS. HEPPLER: Maybe you can help us get
20 the word out, we've had problems getting people -- well,
21 we've put up stuff and people say we didn't hear about it
22 and so we need some help figuring out the best way to get
23 to the people of Tok to make them aware that.....
24
25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Did you send it
26 to the Advisory Committee.....
27
28 MS. HEPPLER:this is going on.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:the Fish
31 and Game Advisory Committee?
32
33 MS. HEPPLER: I think we've worked with
34 Fish and Game in the past and they may have passed it
35 out. I think we did.
36
37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, it's real
38 important to work with Fish and Game because they watch
39 all of this stuff and then it goes to the Advisory
40 Committee.
41
42 MS. HEPPLER: yeah.
43
44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: If you alert
45 Fish and Game and tell them that, you know, this is being
46 done and it should be taken up at the AC then it will
47 happen. That's the most important one, I think.
48
49 MS. HEPPLER: Thank you.
50

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
2
3 MR. GLANZ: Yes, also I'd like to have
4 you contact me whenever you come into Central ahead of
5 time so I can get a bunch of posters up because I didn't
6 have much time the last meeting you came to Central to
7 even get the people notified, so I'd like a little head's
8 up on it.
9
10 MS. HEPPLER: Thank you. Appreciate that
11 Bill.
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13 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, and if you'd like
14 really good participation, just put up a poster that says
15 no hunting, fishing, trapping.....
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17 (Laughter)
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19 MR. BASSICH:mining, fourwheeling,
20 a discussion on this, everybody will show up.
21
22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That would be
23 a good one to send Tok too.
24
25 MR. GLANZ: I hate to interrupt but the
26 last time I went to it there was about five or six people
27 was all in the community that went and everybody's
28 calling me at home, well, what went on, what happened and
29 I said, no, you guys need to come to the doggone
30 meetings.
31
32 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, I'll tell
33 you it comes to a point there's so many doggone many
34 meetings that affect your life you do pick and choose
35 sometimes.
36
37 MR. GLANZ: Oh, yeah.
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39 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. I mean
40 I could go to meetings almost everyday too, especially
41 since fast track it seems on all these EAs and EIS' and
42 all this stuff here since.....
43
44 MS. HEPPLER: Well, we decided to slow it
45 down, way down, we're having a year long public comment
46 period.
47
48 (Laughter)
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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Good for you.

1 MS. HEPPLER: And we haven't gotten very
2 many comments so I think what's going to happen is people
3 are waiting until the end.

4
5 MR. MATESI: If you guys went any slower
6 you'd be going backwards.

7
8 (Laughter)

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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So Council
11 members do you want to wait until the next meeting and
12 hope that we have time to deal with this or are you guys
13 going to continue to work on your.....

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15 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair. My personal
16 opinion is we -- I think, yes, unanimously passed a
17 motion six months ago to draft this letter and submit it
18 to BLM. We may be able to pass the buck another six
19 months or we may get caught with our pants down on it.
20 I would like to see us work on this letter and get it
21 done.

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23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So the letter's
24 not done yet, you guys.....

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26 MR. MATESI: I haven't even seen a draft.
27 I don't know.....

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29 MS. PATTON: Madame Chair. Yes, to make
30 an update.

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32 So by the time I came on it was fishing
33 season, and both Bill and Joe and Andrew have provided me
34 with very detailed notes from the community meetings that
35 they attended and also supplemental materials from --
36 comment from the tribes and so I have been working
37 through those materials to fit them in for a comment
38 letter for the draft EIS. There's still a lot of work to
39 do. The reason that was in the agenda was a little bit
40 of hope that we might have a chance to meet here to go
41 over some of the details. But I do expect -- so, Joe,
42 you'll be based out of Fairbanks then and available via
43 phone from Fairbanks later?

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45 MR. MATESI: I'll be here this evening,
46 yeah.

47
48 MS. PATTON: Okay. Because that'll be
49 great to have an opportunity just to talk with all three
50 of you, if possible, and then I can verify some of the

1 details or clarify some of the details.

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3 And I do have a question also in regards
4 to this in going through the feedback and the notes from
5 the community, in understanding using the best available
6 data for subsistence, so many of the comments that are
7 coming from the community are not documented via an ADF&G
8 subsistence report or otherwise in a paper document and
9 so is this the documentation or is there, you know,
10 verification of the community feedback that would be
11 needed to count as the subsistence, you know, for the
12 .810 analysis.

13

14 Thank you.

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16 MS. HEPPLER: We'll take it whatever we
17 can get, you know, we take the formal documentation,
18 we've been taking notes at the meetings and have
19 recordings of those and we're collecting that information
20 as much as we can get.

21

22 MS. PATTON: Thank you.

23

24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I want
25 to remind the Council, though, there's four different
26 subunits here and you're speaking to the Black River and
27 then there's the Steese and then there's the White
28 Mountains, and so are you guys working on all of them
29 except the Fortymile or are you doing -- what are you
30 doing? Because you were just -- we voted on the Black
31 River and we were going to try and work on the rest.

32

33 MR. GLANZ: Joe was wanting to work on
34 the Black River. I was with the Steese. And right now
35 until we see.....

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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

38

39 MR. GLANZ:a further plan I got no
40 -- recommend anything either way on that, on the Steese,
41 where my area is at. Joe was wanting to recommend the
42 Plan B, I believe, for his area. And I don't know who --
43 And -- you had the Steese didn't you -- or the White
44 Mountains.

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46 MR. FIRMIN: White Mountains, yes.

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48 MR. GLANZ: Okay, he's on the White
49 Mountains.

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1 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Joe.
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5 MR. MATESI: Thank you, Madame Chair. If
6 you review the minutes from our last meeting it will show
7 that we actually had two separate motions which were
8 voted upon independently. One was to submit a letter to
9 BLM in support of Alternative B for the Black River area
10 subunit. And then there was -- that was followed by
11 another motion which was also passed, and help me with
12 this Eva, it was to form a group who would work out
13 recommendations for the other subunits as a separate
14 letter. I think if we review the minutes we'll see that,
15 but that was also passed, I believe, unanimously as well.
16
17 MR. GLANZ: I don't think so. Because I
18 said I'm not -- in no position to recommend anything for
19 my area that I'm trying to represent on it, or he's
20 trying to represent until I even talk to the people, you
21 know, I mean because what's his name, Virgil wanted to
22 make it all -- Virgil wanted to make it all blanket,
23 everything B and I said, I don't think so, you know.
24
25 MR. MATESI: Yeah, that was the idea to
26 go back and talk to the community and then meet as a
27 working group and draft a second letter addressing the
28 other subunits and we've had six months to do that.
29
30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's kind of
31 how I remember it also.
32
33 MS. PATTON: And from the transcripts,
34 too, I had gone back to look at the transcripts and so it
35 was support for Plan B to draft a letter in support of
36 Plan B from the RAC to BLM for the Black River.....
37
38 MR. GLANZ: Black River, right.
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40 MS. PATTON:subunit. The other
41 unit, so the working group was representation of Steese,
42 White Mountain, Black River and Isaac Juneby was, who
43 passed away recently, was also on the working group and
44 that motion was to write a comment letter. So my
45 understanding was expressing concerns but there was no
46 specific plan that would be recommended for it, but to
47 bring up concerns from the community from each of those
48 regions.....
49
50 MR. GLANZ: Correct.

1 MS. PATTON:and submit that as a
2 comment letter.
3
4 MR. GLANZ: I don't recall, Madame Chair,
5 who was representing the Fortymile, was it Don or was it
6 you?
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8 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I don't think
9 we.....
10
11 MR. MATESI: Isaac.
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13 MR. GLANZ: Oh, Isaac Juneby, that's
14 right.
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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, see an
17 interesting thing to me is, I don't know if you guys
18 noticed that little block right in the back of my house,
19 there's a six mile square.
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21 MR. BASSICH: I nominate you.
22
23 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, so I can
24 just.....
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26 MR. GLANZ: More meetings.
27
28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No, I'll
29 probably go to this meeting so -- and I think the
30 Advisory Committee would be really helpful. So you're
31 going to go to the Eagle meeting.
32
33 MR. BASSICH: No, I can't travel that
34 time of the year.
35
36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh. Is
37 anybody.
38
39 MR. BASSICH: Don will be there and Mike
40 McDougall is actually very active and interested in this
41 so he's been following this very well so I think we'll be
42 well represented there. And so I guess that leads me to
43 the question for you, when you weigh all of this input is
44 there any emphasis put on a RAC's recommendation as
45 opposed to a community's recommendation or an
46 individual's, is it weighted in any way? Because it
47 seems to me, you know, when you're dealing with the
48 backyard of Eagle or the backyard of Central or someplace
49 in Ft. Yukon or Tok, really, the most pertinent
50 recommendations should be very localized to those areas

1 rather than a body that's encompassing all of that
2 so.....
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4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Other than it's
5 repetition.
6
7 MS. HEPPLER: Recommendations are taken
8 into account. It's better for us to get comments that
9 say you missed something, what we call substantive
10 comments, that say, you missed this here, you got this
11 wrong, you need to consider this, your analysis is wrong,
12 those things that help inform the decision.
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14 You know it's not a vote. You know we do
15 take those and we do look at them but I would encourage
16 you to give the other kinds of -- spend time on the other
17 types of comments, the ones that really change how these
18 things are written.
19
20 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. That's my
21 way of thinking. I.....
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23 REPORTER: Andy.
24
25 MR. BASSICH: That's my thinking on this.
26 I really think you have a lot more influence at your
27 local meeting with them than you actually would from the
28 RAC as far as, you know, identifying those key concerns
29 locally so I will take -- I don't know if Don Woodruff is
30 still on but I'll make sure that people in Eagle are very
31 aware of what's going on with this meeting and show up
32 and comment to take care of our part of the Fortymile
33 subunit.
34
35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: on would
36 probably be able to go to that meeting?
37
38 MR. BASSICH: Yeah, he's -- I don't think
39 he's going trapping this year.....
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.
42
43 MR. BASSICH: I don't think so.....
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45 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So if
46 you could make contact with Don and have him.....
47
48 MR. BASSICH: Yeah.
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50 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:deal with

1 that for us that would be great.
2
3 MR. BASSICH: Don and Mike McDougall
4 would be the two contact -- key contact people for Eagle.
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6 MS. PATTON: Mike McDougall.
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8 MR. BASSICH: Yes.
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10 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Joe.
13
14 MR. MATESI: I would like to remind the
15 Council that we have passed a motion to form a working
16 group to submit a letter to BLM concerning the subunits
17 other than Black River so I don't know, it almost sounds
18 like we're redebating that motion right now.
19
20 MR. BASSICH: No.
21
22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Unh-unh.
23
24 MR. GLANZ: I don't think, Joe, we're
25 redebating the motion. I'm not going to get involved in
26 drafting a letter until we have the meeting with her up
27 in our village and then we'll have time to draft a letter
28 to it because the 90 days and all that stuff, we can --
29 I'll be more than happy to do that after the communities
30 all meet. I'm not going to do anything on my own to
31 upset my community, plus I don't like being hung.
32
33 (Laughter)
34
35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Or shot at.
36
37 (Laughter)
38
39 MR. MATESI: Well.....
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41 MR. GLANZ: But you're welcome to meet
42 with -- draft a letter that's already there -- you can
43 draft a letter for your subunit it's okay with me, I mean
44 yours can be going but I'm not indulging the Council to
45 vote on anything to do with Eagle or the White Mountains
46 or the Steese area.
47
48 MR. MATESI: We have a huge amount of
49 input from our community now on just the Black River unit
50 so I don't see any reason to procrastinate on the Black

1 River unit letter.
2
3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I just read the
4 minutes. The Council chose to draft a letter to the BLM
5 in support of Alternative B for the Resource Management
6 Plan in the Upper Black and we voted for it and it's
7 done.
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9 MR. GLANZ: It's already done then.
10
11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
12
13 MR. MATESI: Yeah, but we haven't written
14 the letter.
15
16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Lovely. Well,
17 it'll get done, right, Eva, we got a coordinator now.
18
19 MS. PATTON: I'm working on it.
20
21 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, it'll get
22 done. For your -- you guys are all set and then like he
23 said, we'll all meet and we'll all go to our perspective
24 meetings and then we'll come back and finish up what we
25 recommend.
26
27 But it's interesting -- you're not really
28 that concerned about A, B and C as you are if there's
29 something wrong in that report, right?
30
31 MS. HEPPLER: Yes. Well, those are the
32 kinds of things that really drive the decisions, what --
33 you know, inform the decisions, what do we get wrong,
34 what are we missing, those are very helpful.
35
36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Which is in
37 that -- how thick is it -- I think I took one home, yeah.
38
39 MS. HEPPLER: By the way there are some
40 -- I guess there's some copies on disk up front there.
41
42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: CDs are here if
43 anybody.....
44
45 MS. HEPPLER: Yeah.
46
47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:wants to
48 take one home.
49
50 MS. HEPPLER: And those also have the

1 executive summaries in it, if you want to get the -- it's
2 also on the CD.

3
4 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: If they're like
5 me, I hate reading on a computer.

6
7 Okay.

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9 MR. GLANZ: So one more thing, Madame
10 Chair.

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill.

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14 MR. GLANZ: So the C that we were talking
15 about for Central, the Steese area, everybody seems to be
16 pretty much in agreement with that, if they can't leave
17 A, they said we'll take C, so, I mean, you know, as far
18 as the village is concerned, I mean moderate development,
19 moderate conservation -- we don't really -- because it's
20 pretty obvious it's hard to go mining on Federal ground.
21 I mean I've mined on Federal ground on the Upper Switch
22 Creek there and we had no problem with the Feds, but a
23 lot of the other ones don't like to deal with the Federal
24 government, they'd rather deal with the State government
25 because they're less pushy on them, you might say.
26 Because I went to some of the Federal people and said,
27 say -- Wild and Scenic people, say, drive by Kassum Creek
28 (ph) and take a check at that, I said, I could walk
29 across that, it's full of mud, and what's her name, she
30 looks at it, oh, that's not in our area, I said, it
31 drains into the Wild and Scenic, you know.

32
33 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So I
34 think we're clear.

35
36 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.

37
38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We're going to
39 go to the meetings, your letter's going to get produced
40 and we're moving rapidly along.

41
42 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.

43
44 MR. MATESE: How does the process work,
45 Eva, once you draft then what happens, it comes back to
46 the Chair for her signature?

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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I think
49 they have exclusive rights to my signature.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No, they do
4 have it on file and I can just -- I mean I don't have to
5 physically sign it, they can -- I okay it and it just
6 gets.....

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8 MR. GLANZ: One more question there on
9 the Upper Black there when we was looking at it, on the
10 map, there's some blue in there that is still selected
11 State withdrawal but you're -- they say it's not -- you
12 guys say it's not really up to it and I've had a couple
13 of calls asking me what's the deal on it up there, what's
14 the plan, this was about two months ago when I was
15 talking to a couple of these State people, so how does
16 that affect the operations?

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18 MS. HEPPLER: There are maps in here that
19 show a blue hatching and it's like this big string and
20 then it gets real wide and that is State selected lands.
21 Right now it is at a very low priority. It's their
22 lowest priority. However, they can change the priority.
23 What they'd have to -- they can't change priorities but
24 they'd have to drop higher priorities to get to that
25 area.

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27 MR. GLANZ: Okay. I know they liked it
28 when there was that airstrip up there on the -- that
29 Doyon put in up there, above the.....

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31 MR. MATESI: That's on Doyon land, that's
32 not on.....

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34 MR. GLANZ: Oh, it's on Doyon, okay. So,
35 okay, bad question. That's already been withdrawn. Like
36 I said to the people, if there was gold up there, there'd
37 be mining shacks all over the place, there's no gold
38 there. I mean those old timers didn't miss anything.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MR. GLANZ: I'm going to tell you there's
43 no gold there. I mean those old boys for the last 120
44 years they've been checking everything so, but, anyway,
45 I rest everything.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any more.

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1 (No comments)
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3 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andrew's got to
4 go.
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6 MR. GLANZ: Andrew, go ahead we'll --
7 Madame Chair, Andrew expressed the last week in October
8 here for the -- not to jump ahead but he's leaving.
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes, I know.
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12 MR. GLANZ: Okay.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, and I
15 talked to him also.
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17 MR. GLANZ: Okay.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Last week in
20 October.....
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22 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.
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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER:for a
25 meeting on the winter -- the August -- oh, wow, August
26 until.....
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28 MR. GLANZ: I can't believe that.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So the window
31 closes on Friday the 11th, do you want to go Wednesday,
32 Thursday or do you want to go Tuesday, Wednesday.
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34 MS. PATTON: Hang on, let me -- so we
35 have the dates of the other Council's meetings already.
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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, yeah, I
38 see. Go ahead and state it -- well, Kodiak/Aleutians is
39 24th and 25th of September and the Southeast is the 24th
40 to the 26th.
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42 MS. PATTON: And Western Interior.
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44 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: They must have
45 long meetings.
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47 MS. PATTON: It's October.....
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And Western
50 Interior is 9/10.

1 MS. PATTON:9th and 10th. YK-Delta
2 [sic] did select a date but it's likely not going to
3 happen because it's Iditarod.
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So we got those
6 and the ones that are in your book. And is Wednesday,
7 Thursday you guys, October 9 and 10.
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9 MR. GLANZ: October 9 and 10.
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11 MR. BASSICH: Perfect.
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13 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We could have
14 a meeting with Western.
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16 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.
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20 MR. MATESI: Do we want to have a three
21 day meeting next time so we don't experience what we're
22 experiencing now.
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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I guess I ought
25 to learn to get you guys moving faster.
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27 MR. MATESI: It's just a question to
28 everybody.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I know we went
31 through this before didn't we.
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33 MR. BASSICH: We did it once before.
34 Madame Chair. I think a lot depends on -- I think this
35 year because we were having State fish Board it always
36 piles up on those years, on years where there isn't a
37 Board session taking place, usually fisheries issues are
38 not nearly as timely -- time sensitive so I think a two
39 day meeting would probably be okay for next year.
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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I would. And
42 if we look at the agenda and if it looks real aggressive
43 maybe you could just alert that we might want to go at
44 least a half a day if we had to.
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46 MR. BASSICH: Yeah.
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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Let Eva
49 help us as the agenda's developed.
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1 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair.
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3 MR. MATESI: Madame Chair.
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5 MR. BASSICH: The other thing that helps
6 both Don Woodruff and I is actually starting meetings on
7 Tuesday it works better for us because often times that
8 time of year it's very difficult flying in and out due to
9 weather and so instead of having it end on a Thursday and
10 we only have one opportunity to get.....
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.
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14 MR. BASSICH:home due to
15 weather.....
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I totally
18 understand that.
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20 MR. BASSICH:that might help.
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22 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I run into that
23 myself.
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25 MR. BASSICH: So maybe 8/9 would be
26 really good.
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28 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
29 There's some other discussion, Andrew, why don't you --
30 what we talked about at lunch, the meeting place.
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32 MR. FIRMIN: Our meeting place coming up
33 in Tok and one thing that I think our last -- due to
34 budget constraints, our last four meetings have ended up
35 in Fairbanks for what not and I think Fairbanks kind of
36 being the hub of our whole Eastern Interior region maybe
37 we should just continue to have them in Fairbanks because
38 it's probably a lot easier -- like nobody's going to fly
39 from Arctic Village to testify -- fly here and then drive
40 to Tok to testify and I mean I think it's just
41 centralized for everybody and easier for everybody to get
42 here and easier for everybody to get here and whoever
43 comes to the meeting gets a twofer to be in the big city
44 for a day or two and works out best for everybody
45 involved, I think. And I think that's where I think we
46 should have our next meeting that was scheduled for Tok,
47 is just have it here again.
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49 MR. BASSICH: Okay.
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you feel the
2 same way about the fall one?
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4 MR. BASSICH: Yes.
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6 MR. FIRMIN: Yes.
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8 MR. GLANZ: Yes.
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10 MR. ERHART: Yes.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That sounds
13 pretty unanimous.
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15 MR. GLANZ: Well, and also I know they
16 didn't have any money for travel for the last two
17 meetings for us, I believe, right so, you know.
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19 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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21 MR. BASSICH: Save that money for going
22 to these villages and put it in our travel account so we
23 can go to some of these other meetings.
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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, exactly.
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27 MR. GLANZ: All right, so my calendar
28 says October 8th and October 9th, Madame Chair.
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30 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: In a way I wish
31 Tok was a little later because I know I'm going to be
32 outside for a show on the 17th.
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34 MR. FIRMIN: Closing comments.
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36 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay, closing
37 comments. I guess you guys -- that meeting, though,
38 February 20, 21, are we okay with that, can we have an
39 alternative week.
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41 MR. BASSICH: Yes, throw something at us.
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43 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: How about March
44 6/7 or 5/6 -- no, that's too many people.
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46 MR. BASSICH: I think the Yukon River
47 Panel's meeting that week.
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49 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 12/13. March
50 12/13.

1 Let her email you guys, it's just an
2 alternative week, okay.
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4 MR. BASSICH: Is there any way to go
5 earlier rather than later?
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7 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I won't be
8 here.
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10 MR. BASSICH: Okay.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I have to go to
13 a show just before our meeting. I'm just concerned about
14 my travel getting back.
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16 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.
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18 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. But I'll
19 know more later, so.....
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21 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair. I think we
22 talked about this before, is there any possibility to
23 make weekends, make meetings wrap around weekends or is
24 that a problem with Staff and all that, you know.
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26 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We said we
27 wanted to do that as I remember.
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29 MR. BASSICH: Starting on a Friday and
30 just doing a Friday/Saturday or something like that, it
31 seemed to me at one point in time we talked about that
32 because.....
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34 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We did.
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36 MR. BASSICH:we were trying to stay
37 within a certain week because of the way the things are
38 all.....
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Because of your
41 travel, you have to.....
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43 MR. BASSICH: Well, no, I just remember
44 there was other members that had concerns as well about
45 that and, you know, with all these other Board meetings
46 and all that a lot of these weeks end up starting to get
47 filled up if you want to go to other Board meetings or
48 the Panel meetings or things like that but none of those
49 other ones.....
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh.
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3 MR. BASSICH:ever wrap around
4 weekends, but I do know that it creates more problems for
5 all the other Staff that want to come and do reports and
6 that sort of thing. I remember we had discussed that and
7 I didn't even know if it was a possibility to consider
8 but that might be something for you on that particular
9 date if that's something you wanted to shift that to a
10 Friday/Saturday or something, that might work.
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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You're saying
13 a Friday/Saturday would work for you guys?
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15 MR. BASSICH: We're here, what difference
16 does it make. You have to leave your home.
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18 (Laughter)
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20 MR. BASSICH: I think the only people it
21 would really affect is all the participating Staff and
22 agency people that would have to.....
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24 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, yeah,
25 they'll balk.
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27 MR. BASSICH: I know they'll balk.
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29 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.
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31 MR. FIRMIN: I think part of the reason
32 we chose that particular date was because of the Panel
33 meeting and then the 11th through the 15th is normally
34 like TCCs annual convention and then North American so
35 like we had one meeting during one of those weeks and we
36 were like the only ones here in the building and
37 everybody else was downtown or at a different meeting and
38 I think that was why we picked that earlier date.
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40 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, I see
41 because it's later. Yeah, uh-huh. It's good, I'll see
42 what I can do, if there's a problem we'll deal with it
43 and we'll email.
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45 MR. FIRMIN: I don't mind an alternative
46 date.
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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: What is it?
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50 MR. FIRMIN: Email me, I'm flexible.

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.
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3 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.
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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right,
6 we'll email and be flexible.
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8 MR. FIRMIN: Closing comments.
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Closing
11 comments.
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13 MR. BASSICH: Good meeting. A lot of
14 really good discussion. And we got our family together,
15 though most of the family bagged out by now I think.
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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We lost Larry.
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19 MR. BASSICH: Yeah.
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21 MR. ERHART: He's tired.
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23 (Laughter)
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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Closing
26 comments.
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28 MR. ERHART: No.
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30 (Laughter)
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32 MR. ERHART: But I wanted to say one
33 thing, though.
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35 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, turn that
36 doggone mic on.
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38 (Laughter)
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40 MR. ERHART: You know how you tell the
41 difference between female fish and males in the
42 fishwheel, females die with their mouth open.
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44 (Laughter)
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46 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: That means
47 Virgil would be a female.
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49 (Laughter)
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1 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: I got him.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENSTMINGER: Okay. Andrew.

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7 MR. FIRMIN: I think it's, as usual, our
8 meeting, we're always fairly productive no matter how
9 they start, roll through and they always end on a good
10 note and I think like what Larry mentioned earlier is
11 something that I want to keep on the radar for coming up
12 in the next year -- not this year, it'd be two years for
13 the next fish cycle, but that's one thing that's always
14 kind of bugged me and I've asked people about, it's kind
15 of funny, you know if somebody was -- if you're way the
16 hell up river and you're in some odd ball river why would
17 you pull your fishnet for some -- for a Yukon king headed
18 for Canada, you know, why would you want to pull your
19 fish net when you're on a tributary of the Porcupine,
20 nobody's counting those fish whether it's a king or a dog
21 salmon or a grayling, but that was one thing that people
22 have been asking me about and I see they've asked Larry
23 about and that's one thing that's been on my radar for
24 awhile and that's one thing that I want to see go before
25 the Board to have some kind of buffer zone because
26 regardless -- and I did talk to Steve Hayes about that
27 and he said, well, it's because all the king salmon --
28 but if you ain't counting them what difference does it
29 make what river you're catching on them. I mean as long
30 as there's a buffer zone between some of those places, I
31 mean that fish ain't going to swim to Venetie and
32 turnaround and swim to Canada after that.

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34 It just doesn't make sense.

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36 So I think that's one thing I wanted to
37 see changed for some folks anyway because I kind of feel
38 the same way about some of that. But, I don't know,
39 we'll hash that out in the years to come.

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41 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's on the
42 radar.

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44 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah.

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46 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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48 MR. FIRMIN: And the other thing I just
49 thought would be -- I don't know I wanted to mention him
50 earlier, but David James, he passed away over the summer

1 and he was one of the people that kind of pushed me into
2 the RAC and stuff and it's a dirty shame that we lost
3 him, but Stanley today said the last time he seen him was
4 when he was here at our meeting last spring and I seen
5 that in the minutes there and I thought that was -- it's
6 such a tragic loss but hopefully there'll be more like
7 him in the future.

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9 Other than that I've had a good time this
10 week.

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12 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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14 MR. GLANZ: Andrew I did not know David
15 James passed away.

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17 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: See, I didn't
18 until this meeting.

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20 MR. GLANZ: I did not know that. And I
21 punch the newspaper up in my computer, I mean, you know,
22 but anyway I was very impressed with him too over the
23 years that I worked out of Ft. Yukon.

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25 But anyway it was a productive meeting,
26 I believe, guys and I'm sorry that Larry thinks that, you
27 know, we didn't go along with everything he likes but,
28 you know, we try, I mean you know I feel bad for Larry.
29 He does great. All I know is I like everybody here and
30 appreciate everybody coming down.

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32 Thanks.

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34 You're doing a good job too, Sue, thank
35 you.

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37 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thank you.

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39 MR. GLANZ: And also our new coordinator,
40 thank you.

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42 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Joe.

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44 MR. MATESE: Thank you, it was a good
45 meeting.

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47 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Great, short
48 and sweet. I want to thank you, too. I feel like you
49 really caught on quickly for all that you need to know
50 for dealing with these meetings so great job, welcome you

1 aboard.

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3 MS. PATTON: Thank you.

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5 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And thank you
6 guys all for attending our meeting.

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8 MR. GLANZ: Thanks to the government
9 agencies.

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11 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And, Barbara
12 makes me like the Park Service just a little bit more.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And thank you,
17 Jen, for being here for the State.

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19 All right, and thank the Federal Board
20 members, it's always great to see your faces. I got to
21 talk to Bud a little bit, but not -- is it Gene.

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23 MR. VIRDEN: Yes.

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25 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, Gene, so
26 thank you for coming.

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28 All right.

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30 MR. BASSICH: Thank you.

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32 MR. GLANZ: Thank you, Gene, that was
33 excellent showed up all the way here for that, so, thank
34 you.

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36 MR. BASSICH: Madame Chair.

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38 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.

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40 MR. BASSICH: I think they're definitely
41 committed to this process if they could sit through one
42 of our meetings for two days.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MR. GLANZ: Yes.

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48 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Roger that.

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50 (Laughter)

1 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right,
2 motion to adjourn.
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4 MR. BASSICH: So moved.
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6 MR. ERHART: Motion to adjourn.
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8 MR. GLANZ: I'll second.
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10 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All in favor.
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12 IN UNISON: Aye.
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14 MADAME CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We are
15 adjourned -- oh, we're not -- yes, thanks guys.
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17 (Off record)
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19 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)
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