

1 EASTERN INTERIOR FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE  
2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING  
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4 PUBLIC MEETING  
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6 VOLUME III  
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8 Fairbanks, Alaska  
9 February 26, 2010  
10 8:30 o'clock a.m.  
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13 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:  
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15 Sue Entsminger, Madam Chair  
16 Andrew Firmin  
17 William Glanz  
18 Frank Gurtler  
19 Virgil Umphenour  
20 Donald Woodruff  
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25 Regional Council Coordinator, Robert Larson (Acting)  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Fairbanks, Alaska - 2/26/2010)

(On record)

MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.  
The first thing on the agenda is some unfinished work  
from yesterday, and Virgil says he has the proper  
procedure how to handle this.

Regarding 101.

Virgil.

MR. UMPHENOUR: Move to remove Proposal  
101 from the -- or put it back on the table.

MR. WOODRUFF: Second.

MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Speak to your  
motion, Virgil.

MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. I move to  
substitute the language found on a piece of paper that  
says Unit 20E Moose for Proposal 101.

MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And the piece  
of paper's in three of your hands and there's three  
more to come. Yeah. Okay. And if we need help from  
the agencies, we'll get it, but Virgil thinks he  
understands it clearly and he's going to speak -- now  
do I have a second to that.

MR. WOODRUFF: Second.

REPORTER: Now you do.

MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. All  
right. Now I do. Okay. Virgil.

MR. UMPHENOUR: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
Proposal 101 was a convoluted proposal that was  
extremely difficult to understand and so the language  
that has been negotiated and worked out between the  
various agencies and members of our Council I believe  
satisfies everyone's concerns about the way Proposal  
101 was written and is a much better substitute as it  
addresses all agencies' concerns and concerns of our  
Council.

1 Madam Chair.  
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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thank you,  
4 Virgil I don't know what I'd do without you. Now, is  
5 it clear as mud to the rest of you?  
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7 Questions.  
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9 Go ahead, Donald.  
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11 MR. WOODRUFF: This is not going to  
12 address the permit number process, right. We're still  
13 going to get the -- they're going to -- in fact Bill  
14 was talking about the.....  
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16 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. This  
17 pulls out the Yukon Charlie. It's totally separate.  
18 This.....  
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20 MR. WOODRUFF: Right.  
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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So that's the  
23 non-road system and then that road system area where  
24 there could be a lot more hunters, this requires them  
25 to have a joint State-Federal registration permit which  
26 is what we have always done with -- in that area and we  
27 are probably thinking outside the box in this one by  
28 requesting a joint State-Federal permit, but if we go  
29 for it and we tell the Board that's what we want to  
30 keep because of the great working relationship we've  
31 had with the agencies in the Fortymile, that's what we  
32 carry to the Board.  
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34 MR. WOODRUFF: I'm happy.  
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36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is there any  
37 other discussion.  
38  
39 (No comments)  
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41 MR. GLANZ: I'll call for the question.  
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43 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The question  
44 has been called for. All in favor.  
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46 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone  
49 opposed.  
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1 (No opposing votes)

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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm going to  
4 say aye to that one. Okay. Moving on now.

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6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You know, one  
7 of the things we were -- right when we broke, I think  
8 the last thing was the National Park Service and we had  
9 said we would do a letter also to the Superintendent on  
10 our request. I only have one copy here. We had asked  
11 Barbara to write one for us and I have a draft here.  
12 Do you guys all want to see the letter. Want me to  
13 read it or.....

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15 MR. WOODRUFF: Could you read it.

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17 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I'll  
18 read it.

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20 Dear Superintendent Jensen.

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22 The Eastern Interior Subsistence  
23 Resource Advisory Council met in  
24 Fairbanks, Alaska, in February 2010.  
25 At the meeting, the Council heard that  
26 the public comment period for the  
27 Wrangell-St. Elias Draft Nabesna Road  
28 Off-Road Vehicle Plan EIS is likely to  
29 occur prior to the Council's fall 2010  
30 meeting. The Council believes that the  
31 EIS could have significant impacts for  
32 subsistence uses -- users and would  
33 like to have the opportunity to review  
34 and comment on the draft EIS.  
35 Therefore the Eastern Interior Alaska  
36 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council  
37 requests that the public comment period  
38 for the draft EIS be extended through  
39 the end of the fall Regional Advisory  
40 Council window which closes October  
41 15th, 2010. Is that the right date. I  
42 guess it is.

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44 MR. WOODRUFF: Perfect.

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46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: This will  
47 allow this Council as well as other interested RACs to  
48 provide meaningful comments on the EIS. Thank you for  
49 your consideration for our request. From the Eastern  
50 Interior RAC.

1                   And then copies would be sent to  
2 Southcentral and the SRC. The only thing that in  
3 talking with Barbara that would probably be helpful if  
4 we have anything specific to add to that of what we --  
5 how we're thinking -- and I think the thing that  
6 happened are the SRC, we ended up creating a  
7 subcommittee or -- I'm sorry -- a working group for  
8 working on any comments because they too have a lot of  
9 a plate and there wasn't enough discussion and it's  
10 going to take some time to come up with something.

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12                   So I mean we can create a working group  
13 too I'm told.

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15                   MR. LARSON: Yes, Madam Chair. That is  
16 within your purview to create working groups. The  
17 formation of a subcommittee has other -- just the word  
18 is defined differently and requires Board action and  
19 approval, but a working group is up to you guys.

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21                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So I guess,  
22 you know, to be specific about it, something we talked  
23 about at break was possibly just adding a sentence that  
24 -- about, you know, if you looked at all the  
25 alternatives. It just takes so long to go through all  
26 that and do you guys want to do that or do you just  
27 want to make a statement that it be the least  
28 restrictive to the subsistence user, no impacts to the  
29 subsistence user?

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31                   MR. WOODRUFF: Least restrictive.

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33                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead and  
34 turn your mic on, Donald.

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36                   MR. WOODRUFF: My feelings after  
37 looking at alternative one through five.....

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39                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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41                   MR. WOODRUFF: .....is that if we can  
42 just in this letter say that preliminary to our working  
43 group evaluating the EIS and our comment period, we can  
44 just suggest or maybe make our wishes known that we  
45 would like it to be as unrestricted, you know, as  
46 possible at this time.

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48                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Anyone  
49 else have any comments. So would we all agree that we  
50 would add that sentence.

1 (Council nods affirmatively)  
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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. That's  
4 what's going to be in the letter then. Okay. Now, are  
5 we finished then with the National Park Service or  
6 anything else that has to be brought up.  
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8 You're thinking.  
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10 MS. CELLARIUS: Madam Chair. For the  
11 record, Barbara Cellarius with Wrangell-St. Elias  
12 National Park and Preserve. And I don't really have  
13 anything else. We've tried to keep our presentation  
14 brief today because we know you have a lot on your  
15 plate, but if you have any questions about what's going  
16 at the Park, I'm happy to answer them. I would point  
17 out that on the back of the wildlife handout, there  
18 should be some Federal Subsistence harvest permit data,  
19 just a summary of the permits we've issued over the  
20 last several years. So I'll just point that out and if  
21 there's any questions, I'll answer questions.  
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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any questions.  
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26 (No comments)  
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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Thank  
29 you, Barbara. Other agencies or organizations. We  
30 have any more reports before us.  
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32 (No comments)  
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34 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Next on  
35 the agenda is the election of officers. Robert.  
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37 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. At this  
38 point I will assume the Chairmanship of the committee  
39 and we will elect three officers, a Chairman, a Vice-  
40 Chairman, and a Secretary. I will Chair the meeting  
41 until a new Chairman is selected. At that point, the  
42 new Chairman will Chair the meeting and have  
43 nominations and elections for the other two officers.  
44 So at this time, I would entertain nominations for a  
45 Chairman. Mr. Umphenour.  
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47 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. I nominate Sue  
48 Entsminger as our Chairman.  
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50 MR. GLANZ: I'll second that.

1 MR. LARSON: Are there other  
2 nominations.  
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4 (No comments)  
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6 MR. UMPHENOUR: Move that nominations  
7 close.  
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9 MR. LARSON: Mr. Umphenour, I'm going  
10 to ask the other Council members if they would agree to  
11 that before we go any further, if there's any more  
12 nominations.  
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14 (No comments)  
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16 MR. LARSON: Hearing none, then we will  
17 close nominations. Without a choice to be made, then  
18 the new Chairman of the Eastern Interior Subsistence  
19 Regional Advisory Council is Sue Entsminger and at this  
20 time, she can assume Chairmanship.  
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22 (Applause)  
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24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thank you.  
25 I'm actually honored. Thank you, guys. Next would be  
26 the Vice-Chair. Do I hear any nominations.  
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28 MR. GLANZ: I'd like to nominate Virgil  
29 Umphenour as our Vice-Chair.  
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31 MR. WOODRUFF: Second.  
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34 MR. GURTLER: Second.  
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36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Are  
37 there any other nominations for Vice-Chair.  
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39 (No comments)  
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41 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Then I  
42 need to have a motion that they're closed or just.....  
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44 MR. LARSON: No, you don't need that.  
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46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
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48 MR. LARSON: There's no discussion.  
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50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No more

1 discussions. Since there's no one else running,  
2 Virgil, welcome to my right arm.

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4 (Applause)

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6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And currently  
7 I think we lost our Secretary. It was Richard Carroll,  
8 right? As I recall. And he's no longer with us. So  
9 the nominations are open for the Secretary.

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11 MR. GLANZ: I'd like to nominate Andrew  
12 Firmin for Secretary.

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14 MR. GURTLER: I'll second that.

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16 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Do I --  
17 any other nominations.

18  
19 (No comments)

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21 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.  
22 Andrew, there's no other -- your finger's up. What's  
23 wrong.

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25 MR. FIRMIN: I was going to nominate  
26 Andy Bassich as Secretary. Wrong Andrew.

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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So is that a  
29 nomination?

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31 MR. FIRMIN: Yes.

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33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.  
34 Now there's two. So -- and I guess you don't really  
35 need a second, if you go by Robert's Rules. So how do  
36 we want to do it. You want a show of hands or do you  
37 want to have a ballot.

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39 MR. UMPHENOUR: I think show of hands.

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41 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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43 MR. UMPHENOUR: Just one -- before we  
44 -- Andrew, you don't -- really don't want to be the  
45 Secretary, right?

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47 MR. FIRMIN: Right.

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49 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay.

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1 MR. FIRMIN: I don't even know what it  
2 entails.

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4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, why  
5 don't we tell him what it entails because I think you'd  
6 be great. Can you tell?

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8 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. The duties  
9 of the Secretary is somewhat varied between Councils,  
10 but generally speaking, that would be the -- one of the  
11 persons besides yourself that the Council coordinator  
12 would share correspondence with. I know in some of the  
13 Councils, the secretary when they have votes on  
14 contentious issues will actually tally the votes and  
15 determine which is the prevailing side. Other than  
16 that, the duties of the Secretary are fairly minor, but  
17 they are somewhat dependent upon the will of the  
18 Council.

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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So in other  
21 words, he doesn't have to sit there and -- yeah, I mean  
22 that scared you. That's not part of the deal.

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24 MR. FIRMIN: No, I don't have a problem  
25 with that then.

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27 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, because  
28 you might be asked to go -- as a Secretary to take on  
29 the responsibility of going to a Board meeting once in  
30 a while. Yeah. Yeah. So -- all right. All -- so  
31 that means he's going to serve. So all in favor of  
32 Andrew for the Secretary position. Show of hands.

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35 MR. GLANZ: Which Andrew we  
36 talking.....

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38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andrew Firmin.  
39 I'm sorry. Okay. Okay. I think you -- you're stuck.  
40 You get to help us with a lot of correspondence and you  
41 got your email and it works good. You're -- yeah.  
42 Great. All right.

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44 (Council approves unanimously)

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46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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48 (Applause)

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50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Welcome on

1 board, Andrew. Yeah. Okay. Okay. Now we can look in  
2 our books for the next meeting dates and locations. We  
3 have already -- it should be in the back. What page is  
4 it.

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6 MR. GLANZ: I think we already got that  
7 settled.

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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, we have  
10 -- did we do -- we're confirming the date and place for  
11 fall 2010, and if you look at Page 233, we're to go to  
12 Central on October 13th and 14th. And that still  
13 stands. Anyone have any problem with it. Looks -- so  
14 we can confirm.

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16 MR. GLANZ: Yep.

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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All in  
19 agreement. Next is the winter 2011 meeting and that  
20 would be the next page. So is there anything.....

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22 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. There's been  
23 two Regional Advisory Councils that have met prior to  
24 this group and -- in addition to the Western Interior  
25 and I did not get a report on the Western Interior,  
26 what dates they selected. Does anybody in the audience  
27 know what date those people selected?

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29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Salena, do you  
30 know what.....

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32 REPORTER: I know they selected in the  
33 beginning of March, but I don't know the exact dates,  
34 but they did select.

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36 MR. UMPHENOUR: Do we need to take a  
37 break?

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Short break.

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41 (Off record)

42  
43 (On record)

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, how do  
46 you want to handle that. It'd probably good since we  
47 share a lot of the same.....

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49 MR. LARSON: I think that it would be a  
50 -- it might be of interest to the Council to know when

1 the Western Interior's going to.....

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3 Madam Chair. There's been three  
4 Regional Councils meet prior to this date. The  
5 Northwest Arctic is going to meet in Kotzebue on  
6 February 18th. The North Slope is going to meet in --  
7 I think it's in Barrow, but I'm not a hundred percent  
8 sure and that's on March 7th and 8th. The Western  
9 Interior's going to meet in Galena on March 8th and  
10 9th, I believe. What that means to the Office of  
11 Subsistence Management is that they would very much  
12 like you to select dates other than March 8th and 9th  
13 so they could support -- they don't want to support  
14 more than two meetings at one time.

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16 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So they  
17 wouldn't want us to go to Galena with Western. I'm  
18 joking.

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20 MR. LARSON: That's -- I don't know  
21 about that. Meeting at the same place and time might  
22 be okay, but have separate meetings in separate towns,  
23 three at the same time is not -- they would highly  
24 discourage that. And -- oh, and I might mention that  
25 the Southeast and Southwest -- or the Southeast and  
26 Southcentral Regional Advisory Councils have  
27 tentatively decided to meet on March 16th and 17th, but  
28 that -- they haven't had that meeting to decide that as  
29 yet, but that was the dates that they were discussing  
30 having a joint meeting.

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32 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, they were  
33 going to have a joint. I'd like.....

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35 MR. LARSON: Southeast and  
36 Southcentral?

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38 MR. WOODRUFF: Sue, it works for me  
39 this time of year -- any time this time of year, you  
40 know, it -- the end of February, the beginning March.  
41 I know that materials are still good. I can get my  
42 dogs out of there and I don't have to fly out and have  
43 somebody house-sit the dogs.

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I guess I'd  
46 rather meet before the end of trapping season so I  
47 don't have to worry about pulling marten sets or after  
48 I mean.

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50 MR. WOODRUFF: They're getting rough by

1 that time of the year.  
2  
3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Well, I  
4 got to go home and deal with it. So what are you  
5 saying? Anyone else, do you have any preference?  
6  
7 MR. WOODRUFF: We could do the first of  
8 March -- first weeks in March.  
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10 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Like 1  
11 and 2?  
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13 MR. GLANZ: Yeah, sounds fine.....  
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15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Let's  
16 tentatively put that in there and where? Oh, let's see  
17 now. Did we have some suggestions, you guys; do you  
18 remember?  
19  
20 MR. WOODRUFF: What's that?  
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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Of places  
23 where we'd go next. And are we restricted; do you know  
24 that? I know that hub thing was a big issue.  
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26 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. As far as I  
27 know, the meeting in hub locations to minimize costs  
28 and to maximize participation is still very much  
29 encouraged by the Office of Subsistence Management.  
30 However, if there are instances or some need that you  
31 could identify that would necessitate meeting in other  
32 locations, then they would entertain that discussion,  
33 but if you could meet where there would be, you know,  
34 some place to minimize costs and maximize  
35 participation, that's what they would encourage doing.  
36  
37 Thank you.  
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39 And that's those hub locations that  
40 they talked about.  
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42 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Can you tell  
43 me what they mean by maximize participation and seeing  
44 that a hub of Fairbanks maximizes.....  
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46 MR. WOODRUFF: No participation.  
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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.  
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50 MR. LARSON: Well, some locations, you

1 know, have very limited facilities for people to come  
2 to. That's what I was thinking. They're small  
3 communities and then, you know, no -- very difficult  
4 for other people to come visit. At least if there was  
5 an interest for other people to come visit in hub  
6 communities, there's places for them to stay and, you  
7 know, rooms to meet in and that sort of thing. That's  
8 what I thinking of.

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10 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Our  
11 last meeting in Fort Yukon I thought was awesome. We  
12 had a lot of participation.

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14 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah, we did.

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16 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. More  
17 than we did in Nenana actually. So, Council members,  
18 ideas.

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20 MR. WOODRUFF: From listening to the  
21 Fort Yukon radio all winter, I feel that's a good  
22 location because they have really strong issues about  
23 the fishing -- real strong issues about that and I  
24 think the more that we can touch base with them, the  
25 more they feel like they have a sense of participation  
26 and input rather than just feeling like things are out  
27 of their control or they don't have any say.

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29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Fort Yukon,  
30 you said?

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32 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes, ma'am.

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34 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andrew, is  
35 that a hub for you guys?

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37 MR. FIRMIN: Yes, for most surrounding  
38 villages.

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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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42 MR. FIRMIN: Or another one -- option I  
43 was thinking would be Tanana. Anybody would entertain  
44 that?

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46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Yeah,  
47 we've been there before. Yeah. And that's like clear  
48 in the western end of our region. Yeah. Well.....

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50 MR. WOODRUFF: We once tried to have it

1 Chalkyitsik and Vince informed us that there was a  
2 death in the village and that we had to cancel, but  
3 that was an option at one time.

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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7 MR. UMPHENOUR: I know when we met in  
8 Tanana previously, we had lots of people attend the  
9 meeting.

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11 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's true.

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13 MR. UMPHENOUR: Lots of participation.

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15 MR. GLANZ: I'd like to make a motion  
16 we meet in Tanana.

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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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20 MR. GURTLER: I'll second that.

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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So that's our  
23 first choice and did you want a second one. All in  
24 agreement with Tanana.

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26 (Council nods affirmatively)

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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Yes.

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30 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. According to  
31 the current schedule, the Councils are going to be  
32 discussing -- deliberating fisheries proposals in the  
33 fall. The springtime meeting, as far as I know, does  
34 not have a topic that is not -- those would be designed  
35 to be kind of self-directed. If there are topics --  
36 and it's a little early to be thinking about the topics  
37 -- you're going to be asked to discuss this at your  
38 fall meeting what the topic would be for your -- or  
39 what kind reports that you would need to have at the  
40 winter meeting. If there are items of interest from  
41 the Council that the staff could work on or provide you  
42 with some additional information to present at the fall  
43 Council meeting, then this would maybe be a good time  
44 to mention that and we could -- you know, we could do a  
45 little bit of pre-work to give you some -- you know,  
46 some additional information to kind of flesh out that  
47 whole process. So if there's items of interest or  
48 topics that you'd like to, you know, know more about  
49 that would assist you in forming the agenda for this  
50 winter meeting, then, you know, we could have that

1 little heads up right now.  
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3 But it's certainly now necessary.  
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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Larry.  
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7 MR. BUKLIS: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
8 In addition, I believe the winter, February-March 2011,  
9 will be the call for wildlife proposals. So that would  
10 be an action item would be to call for wildlife --  
11 Federal wildlife. And then secondly, I'm not sure, but  
12 I believe Fort Yukon has been considered a hub for  
13 Eastern Interior and so there's some discussion about  
14 Fort Yukon and if Tanana is not and there's an issue  
15 with that, is Fort Yukon an acceptable alternative.  
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17 (Council nods affirmatively)  
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19 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.  
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21 MR. BUKLIS: Okay. I'll make a note of  
22 that.  
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24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Just -- yeah.  
25 Nod the heads here.  
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27 (Council nods affirmatively)  
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29 MR. BUKLIS: Thank you.  
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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, agenda  
32 items for that, does anyone have anything in their mind  
33 right now that you'd like to convey? I mean.....  
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35 MR. WOODRUFF: Customary trade.  
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37 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
38 Customary trade is one. And I would say that we want  
39 to keep a handle on that bycatch, the North Pacific  
40 Fisheries Management Council -- there's just -- that's  
41 -- that one's a big one.  
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43 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah. Madam Chair. I  
44 think that the bear issue will probably come up there  
45 again as well with those other proposals that we.....  
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47 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's right.  
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49 MR. FIRMIN: .....talked about the  
50 other day.

1                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's  
2 probably going to be a big thing.  
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4                   MR. FIRMIN: The community harvest  
5 deal, if that doesn't work out for people, I'll try to  
6 get people into that one. Because I could think of  
7 ten people that I can go give me your bear tickets.  
8 That shouldn't be a problem after that, but if that  
9 doesn't pan out for some people, I'm sure that's going  
10 to be an issue again with the fur bears.  
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13                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.  
14 Remember when Patrick was on the line and talking to  
15 us. You were there for that. Yeah. About the bear --  
16 he said that we should have a working group I thought.  
17 He wanted us to kind of work towards something. So I'm  
18 sure that they're going to be up in Fort Yukon talking  
19 to you guys. Yeah. So we're going to count on you to  
20 give us lots of information on that too.  
21  
22                   Yeah. Okay.  
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24                   Does that help?  
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26                   MR. LARSON: Yes, Madam Chair. And,  
27 you know, there's going to be lots of -- because this  
28 is the meeting where wildlife proposals are.....  
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30                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.  
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32                   MR. LARSON: .....developed, I would  
33 guess that there's going to be some, you know,  
34 presentations regarding topics of interest to the  
35 Council that you will direct staff to have, you know,  
36 during your fall meetings. But -- no, that's helpful.  
37 Thanks.  
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39                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I want  
40 to -- another thing that we talked -- dealt with that's  
41 unfinished is that resolution from the Joint Eastern  
42 Interior and Western Interior on the salmon. Do you  
43 think you can find that in our mess -- or I can find  
44 it. And then we're going to go to the wildlife --  
45 Board of Game stuff.  
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47                   Virgil, did you get that talked out?  
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49                   MR. UMPHENOUR: Right. I asked Larry  
50 did you get the changes all done and it's all typed up.

1 MR. BUKLIS: Yes. Madam Chair. Mr.  
2 Umphenour. We do have the additional amendments that  
3 Vice-Chair Virgil Umphenour asked to be included  
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5 MR. LARSON: Yeah. I distributed the  
6 materials last -- at the end of the meeting -- prior to  
7 the end of the meeting yesterday. So you should.....  
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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The new ones?  
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11 MR. LARSON: You should have the final  
12 resolutions, yes. It's -- it has some -- it's the  
13 version that has some bold.  
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15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That was the  
16 one that.....  
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18 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair. The  
19 amendments are very brief. I could just read them.  
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21 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
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23 MR. BUKLIS: It's just a few small  
24 items. Okay. Looking -- considering the original one  
25 that both Councils saw, the only changes that have been  
26 discussed as Western Interior is unanimously behind an  
27 additional whereas clause and it would read: Whereas  
28 traditional ecological knowledge, TEK, consistently  
29 indicates chinook salmon size has been declining over  
30 the past 20 years. That's from Western Interior. It's  
31 another one of those whereas clauses. And then from  
32 Vice-Chair Umphenour for Eastern Interior, there was an  
33 existing whereas clause. He wanted to add a phrase.  
34 So I'll read the whole clause and I'll emphasize the  
35 phrase.  
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37 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Which one is  
38 it?  
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40 MR. BUKLIS: Do you have it now?  
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42 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes. I'll  
43 follow it. Yeah.  
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45 MR. BUKLIS: Okay. It's the ninth  
46 whereas clause, next to the last whereas. It reads --  
47 and I'll emphasize what's new. Whereas scientific  
48 analysis has described declining size of fish -- new  
49 phrase -- age composition -- that's the end of it --  
50 and quality of spawning escapements. So it now reads

1 declining size of fish, age composition, and quality of  
2 spawning escapements. So it's an enhancement.

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4                   And then finally the therefore clause  
5 is quite lengthy, but I'll read the new phrase and  
6 explain what it gets at. This is the therefore clause  
7 that talks about the Councils hereby acknowledge and  
8 support all practical measures by State and Federal  
9 managers to protect the first pulse or second, if the  
10 first is missed, of chinook salmon in the Yukon River  
11 and it goes on to some details, and then it concludes  
12 now with, without negatively impacting conservation of  
13 other stocks. And that gets at the point of all well  
14 and good to protect the first pulse or second if we  
15 must, but let's not shift harvest in a way that impacts  
16 other stocks.

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18                   And that's the extent of the changes.

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20                   Madam Chair.

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22                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So if Western  
23 has already voted on this and then we add these  
24 changes, what happens for the joint?

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26                   MR. BUKLIS: Thank you, Madam Chair.  
27 We've given that some thought. They did adjourn  
28 yesterday, as you know, and so if you are in support of  
29 their new whereas clause, they got into TEK, and you  
30 support your Vice-Chair's proposal regarding age  
31 composition and protection of other stocks, then we  
32 would print out a new version with all of these  
33 footnotes and notations and run it past the Western  
34 Interior Chair and see if there's concurrence of these  
35 minor enhancements to the two existing clauses that you  
36 are working on, and with that, we would consider it a  
37 consensus package from Eastern and Western ready for  
38 next week's YK meeting.

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40                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So,  
41 Council members, you heard the changes. Do we need a  
42 motion, Robert, or can we just all in agreement. Go  
43 ahead.

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45                   MR. BUKLIS: I'm sorry. One more  
46 point. It's not in the body of it. But there's a  
47 footnote that says which groups this would go to and  
48 they asked that we include in addition to the Board --  
49 State Board of Fisheries and the Federal Subsistence  
50 Board and State and Federal Yukon River Managers, add

1 the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, and we  
2 thought that there'd be general agreement on that.

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4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's  
5 definitely general agreement, I would say. Go ahead,  
6 Donald.

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8 MR. WOODRUFF: Larry, is this also  
9 going to the YK Delta?

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11 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair. Yes, our  
12 intent is to, with your concurrence or endorsement of  
13 this and the Western Chair's concurrence on these minor  
14 enhancements, we would send this to -- we would deliver  
15 this to the YK meeting next week and Pete Probasco is  
16 our lead at that meeting and he would deliver this and  
17 explain it and seek their endorsement.

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19 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. So  
20 can we just in agreement to those or do you guys want  
21 to do a motion? In agreement -- go ahead, Bill.

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23 MR. GLANZ: We can make a motion, Madam  
24 Chair, make it simple.

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26 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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28 MR. GLANZ: And I make a motion that we  
29 adopt that as read by Larry.

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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Do I  
32 hear a second.

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34 MR. GURTLER: Second.

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36 MR. WOODRUFF: I'll second.

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38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Donald or  
39 Frank. Got double seconds here. Okay. Okay. Any  
40 discussion. Virgil.

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42 MR. UMPHENOUR: This addresses the  
43 concern by the -- or the whereas put in by the Western  
44 Chair is -- I consider appropriate and then my two  
45 concerns are addressed because the concern about the  
46 size is caused by the loss of genetic integrity and  
47 losing the older age classes. That's what causes it,  
48 but which also, you know, causes to lose productivity.  
49 And then I was really concerned about overexploitation  
50 of the other stocks and people thinking that just

1 letting the first pulse go by without any harvest on  
2 it, myself and other people I've spoken to are  
3 concerned about putting a higher exploitation rate on  
4 the stocks, either just before or just after the first  
5 pulse, and so that addresses those concerns.

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7 Madam Chair.

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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any other  
10 discussion.

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12 MR. UMPHENOUR: Question.

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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.  
15 Question's been called for. All in favor.

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17 IN UNISON: Aye.

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19 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any oppose.

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21 (No opposing votes)

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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Now, we dealt  
24 with that. Let's -- let me just look at this Board  
25 book because I've written some things in here and I  
26 don't want to get -- oh. I guess I want to ask the  
27 Council members, remember I said this review of the  
28 Federal Subsistence process through the Secretary of  
29 Interior. Do you have anything -- I mean did you have  
30 time to look at all the different things. I was kind  
31 of wondering if you had anything to add from the  
32 Council. Donald.

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34 MR. WOODRUFF: Larry, I just wanted to  
35 see if perhaps we could get a copy of this. Not right  
36 away but so that we can post it in the village and in  
37 the communities that we live in so that they can see  
38 that -- the whereases and those I think are critical.

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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So are you  
41 talking to the last thing we did?

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43 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes.

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Not -- okay.

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47 MR. WOODRUFF: So that we can -- you  
48 know, these -- the people that we represent can see  
49 that we're not just -- you know, we're protecting all  
50 the pulses and we're definitely moving forward.

1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead,  
2 Larry.  
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4 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair, yes. Mr.  
5 Woodruff, we can get it out to the three Councils and  
6 perhaps we can post it on our Website as well. That's  
7 a good idea.  
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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. And  
10 then actually email all of the.....  
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12 MR. WOODRUFF: Yeah.  
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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....us who  
15 have emails and they can.....  
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17 MR. WOODRUFF: Yeah. I can print it  
18 out.  
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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, uh-huh.  
21  
22 MR. BUKLIS: Thank you. We can do that  
23 after YK.  
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25 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Great.  
26 Now, anything else on that subject? Okay. So now the  
27 review of the Federal Subsistence Program, are you guys  
28 -- did you ever look at that. That's -- I mean it's  
29 pretty involved what they've done so far. Do you have  
30 any comments about how this process is working that, as  
31 your Chair, that I can take to these meetings that I go  
32 to?  
33 Virgil.  
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35 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, there were some  
36 comments that some RACs didn't like the 70/30 split  
37 which was mandated by a court case, but I think the  
38 70/30 split, in order to have balance on the RACs is  
39 very important myself. I'm in that minority  
40 30 percent. I don't know what you are.  
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42 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I wear a lot  
43 of hats.  
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45 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, I know, but  
46 anyway I think that's an important part and I just  
47 wanted to express that.  
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49 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, getting  
50 to that 70/30, what happens to me is, you know, I've

1 lived a subsistence lifestyle for many years and then,  
2 you know, after my son grew up and became a guide, I  
3 ended up becoming a hunting guide. So, you know, do I  
4 say I'm a commercial user or -- because they force you  
5 to say you're commercial or you're subsistence and I  
6 think that's where I have a little heartburn being  
7 forced to say one or the other because I think they  
8 should be able to say, look, you know, some people have  
9 dual and a lot of them do. So I don't know if they're  
10 ever going to solve that problem, but remember we  
11 talked about that when they reviewed it. So that was  
12 one thing that's kind of interesting and -- I don't it  
13 even got talked about at those meetings actually now I  
14 think about it.

15

16 Virgil.

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18 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah. There was one  
19 other thing I wanted to mention because you jogged my  
20 memory a little bit and that is that on some RACs for  
21 some reason, they don't consider commercial fishermen  
22 commercial and I think if you're a commercial -- active  
23 commercial fisherman that you should have to be in the  
24 commercial category myself because some commercial  
25 fishermen are very, very biased towards commercial  
26 fishing and I don't think they should be in a  
27 subsistence seat. I think if you have a commercial  
28 fishing permit and you have sold fish commercially, you  
29 should be forced to be in a commercial seat, but  
30 there's a number of RACs that are like that and so I --  
31 because there are differences -- I mean their -- what  
32 they advocate is going to benefit commercial fisheries  
33 more than subsistence fisheries. That's why I think  
34 they should be classified as commercial and that be  
35 mandatory.

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37 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Frank.

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39 MR. GURTLER: Well, I think we had  
40 traditional before commercial. We didn't call it  
41 commercial back then. We had traditional sale of fish,  
42 traditional values of how to get -- how to make money  
43 in the early days and it wasn't commercial. We didn't  
44 -- they -- on the Yukon River. We never did and that's  
45 why I don't really like touching traditional ways or --  
46 traditional way of life on that part because what we  
47 did back then was to make a living and they're still  
48 doing the same darn thing and they had -- and so they  
49 sold us a commercial license or gave us one and then  
50 they cut the commercial off. Now what do you got left.

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2 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think I  
3 understand what you're saying because, you know, as a  
4 -- what I've been hearing a little bit, so you're --  
5 like me, for instance. My son would have had to go to  
6 the city to get a job if he didn't come up with a way  
7 to make a living where he lives, so he became a guide.  
8 So, you know, in one sense of the way, what you're  
9 saying, Frank, is as -- even though you're in the  
10 commercial, part of it as your lifestyle, and so how do  
11 you determine -- I don't think I'd agree with you that  
12 they forced them that they are commercial. I would say  
13 that the people have to be objective and say this part  
14 of their life might be commercial and this part of  
15 their life might be subsistence is how I think -- you  
16 can't just rubber stamp that you're commercial and  
17 that's all. Donald.

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19 MR. WOODRUFF: When I was on the RAC  
20 before, I think there was some discussion about  
21 economic gain, where is your -- how does most of your  
22 economic gain or majority of your economic gain come  
23 from. Like for me, most of my economic gain comes from  
24 subsistence. Maybe someone who's a commercial  
25 fisherman as well as a traditional fisherman, as Frank  
26 says, he may get most of his traditional money from  
27 fishing traditionally and not necessarily commercially.

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29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. We  
30 probably don't want to take all day on this, but,  
31 Frank, go ahead. This is group discussion.

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33 MR. GURTLER: Well, I'm kind of leery  
34 that commercial -- they didn't give everybody a  
35 commercial license in the early days when they were  
36 applying for them. A lot of the people figured they  
37 didn't need a commercial license. They were doing all  
38 right the way we did it in the first place and that's  
39 one of the complaints I have of -- we didn't have a  
40 fair shake in everybody getting a fish field permit --  
41 a license or net license or all that in the early days  
42 when they were handing them out.

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: See, this is  
45 one of the topics that ended up at the -- you know, at  
46 this review, this 70/30 thing, and then I think out of  
47 the Council Chairs, there might have been not too many  
48 that -- Bristol Bay actually said it works fine with  
49 them and then other ones complained pretty hard on it.  
50 So -- and I think this is good discussion for staff

1 because, you know, that's something that maybe you guys  
2 can take to the Secretary of Interior. I don't know,  
3 but it's important -- did you -- just a minute, Virgil.  
4 Robert.

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6 MR. LARSON: I just wanted to mention  
7 something here is that the -- in your Council book, it  
8 describes, you know, who you represent and how the  
9 Council members are designated or -- and how they're  
10 expected to act. So the -- although there is a 70/30  
11 split, there's no firm criteria regarding who is a  
12 custom -- who is a subsistence user and who is a sport  
13 and commercial user. That's a self-designation. But  
14 all Council members -- and I'm going to read from Page  
15 24 here just real quick to put this on the record -- is  
16 that all Council members represent the entire region.  
17 Council members are appointed for their knowledge and  
18 experience of all resources users. To ensure diverse  
19 representation of resource users on the Council, some  
20 seats are designated for subsistence use representative  
21 and some for commercial and sport representatives.  
22 Members are not limited to speaking or voting for their  
23 designated resources users. All Council members are to  
24 uphold the Title 8 subsistence priority. And the idea  
25 there is that a Council made up of diverse members of  
26 the region makes better decisions than those that are  
27 somehow polarized into one particular camp or another.

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29 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. As you  
32 were reading that, I'm thinking, you know, this  
33 discussion is like I'm challenged to go to the  
34 Secretary of Interior and give points of view on this  
35 review and does it relate to, you know, what you just  
36 read or -- you know what I'm saying. Here I'm  
37 challenged to bring out points of view and this is the  
38 first time I've got to talk to these guys about points  
39 of view on this review. So, you know, to me it's --  
40 you know, that's -- you got to -- I think the window's  
41 open, Robert, or what am -- am I missing something  
42 here?

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44 MR. LARSON: Madam Chairman, regarding  
45 the subsistence review, we've heard from Pat Pourchot  
46 himself that if the Council had some issue that they  
47 wanted to bring forward that was not captured already  
48 in the discussions they've had in the State as listed  
49 on that piece of paper that he distributed, there was  
50 still an opportunity. That being said, he also said

1 that he was going to meet with the Secretary and had  
2 some draft views to discuss with him in two weeks. So  
3 the time that he has to develop, you know, new  
4 positions or change positions is -- you know, is  
5 limited. So that was the report we had from  
6 Mr. Pourchot.

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8 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. So if  
9 we had anything to add, we could do it now and  
10 hopefully it would get to him. So Virgil.

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12 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. Just to kind of  
13 clarify a little bit why I said what I said. In 2004,  
14 the Board of Fisheries totally threw out the management  
15 plan and the South Peninsula June Fishery which is  
16 harvesting all -- no local stocks. Zero local stocks.  
17 They're targeting stocks headed for Bristol Bay and the  
18 AYK region. Now this -- and so our RAC put in a  
19 special action request and I represented our RAC before  
20 the Federal Subsistence Board and they took a full day  
21 to address that issue, one full day. Anyway, the RAC  
22 that this area is in of course, that RAC was opposed to  
23 this -- to our special action request to -- for the  
24 Secretary to ensure extraterritorial jurisdiction and  
25 restrict the commercial fishery. But you have to have  
26 things in perspective. Now, in the Shumagin Islands  
27 this past year and this is targeting.....

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29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.

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31 MR. UMPHENOUR: No. This will just  
32 take about 30 seconds more.

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34 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It talks about  
35 the review.

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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: I know that. I'm  
38 address -- what I'm addressing is commercial people  
39 serving on a RAC as a subsistence member. The seiners  
40 in the Shumagin Islands this year averaged over 17,000  
41 chum salmon apiece of which.....

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43 MR. WOODRUFF: Chum or chinook?

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45 MR. UMPHENOUR: That's each boat  
46 averaged.....

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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 30 seconds.

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50 MR. UMPHENOUR: .....over 17,000 chum

1 salmon apiece of which a number of those were headed  
2 for the Yukon River. They were fall chums and we had  
3 restrictions on our fisheries -- our subsistence  
4 fisheries because of that. And so I don't think those  
5 guys should be representing a subsistence user. That's  
6 my example. And we have the same example in Southeast  
7 as well.

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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So -- okay.  
10 So you're -- I understand what you're saying. Okay.  
11 And I'm just getting topics. If I get asked to do this  
12 again, I would have them. This is the only chance that  
13 we have to talk about it face to face and so I know  
14 what you just reported that it's two weeks, but still I  
15 like to hear from you guys even if it's after the fact  
16 sometimes because I just don't appreciate getting stuck  
17 with making -- you know, saying things when you don't  
18 have -- you know, you haven't talked it out with the  
19 Council so -- any rate, I got your message clear and  
20 any other things that you guys would like to discuss on  
21 that review. Actually I'll tell you, I think, if --  
22 I'm sure that it's fine for you to look at that and  
23 then, you know, send me an email and tell me something  
24 and at least I have that information. Okay. So we'll  
25 just leave it at that.

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27 All right. Robert just walked out.  
28 We're going to -- I challenged all of you and I didn't  
29 get to challenge you, Andrew, to go through the Board  
30 of Game book and see if there's any proposals in there  
31 that you want to take up. So let's just take a short  
32 break and I think some of you have done it and we'll  
33 just go into this next. Okay.

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35 (Off record)

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37 (On record)

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. The  
40 lost is found. All right. I'm going to try to do the  
41 best on this.....

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43 (Off record)

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45 (On record)

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47 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We're all  
48 here. We'll get started.

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50 REPORTER: So we'll just let Frank pick

1 up all the stragglers.....

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Now,  
6 did -- we're on the Board of Game stuff and -- Virgil.

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8 (Off record)

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10 (On record)

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12 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We're trying  
13 to figure out how to take up these Board of Game  
14 proposals in a timely fashion. Virgil has checked on  
15 the ones that he wanted and he said he could kind of  
16 give a report -- he and I have a bet incidentally. I'm  
17 winning, right? I will win. Okay. He thinks we're  
18 going to vote for the Fairbanks AC as a block. Ha-ha.  
19 But any rate, he's pulled some out. He's suggesting --  
20 and you guys think this through for a minute -- that he  
21 would give the name of the proposal and what they voted  
22 on it and then take it as a block. Now if you have  
23 heartburn with one of them, you'd better doggone sure  
24 look at it because you'll be maybe -- you're voting on  
25 things without a lot of discussion that way. All  
26 right. Oh, you think I did a lousy job explaining it?

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28 MR. UMPHENOUR: No.

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30 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, okay.

31 Vince.

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33 MR. MATHEWS: Yes. Just so you know, I  
34 have the notes and permission from Fish and Game to  
35 share those notes from the Yukon Flats Local Advisory  
36 Committee because I did attend that meeting.

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38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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40 MR. MATHEWS: So I don't know how  
41 that's going to fix into the thing.

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43 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So if we name  
44 one of the numbers that you worked on.....

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46 MR. MATHEWS: Yes.

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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....then you  
49 can come up and speak to that.

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1 MR. MATHEWS: Correct. And I have  
2 copies of their -- of my notes and again I got  
3 permission from Fish and Game to use those.  
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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
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7 MR. MATHEWS: Thank you.  
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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thank you,  
10 Vince. And which AC is that?  
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12 MR. MATHEWS: That was the Yukon Flats  
13 AC.  
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15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yukon Flats.  
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17 MR. MATHEWS: It was a difficult  
18 meeting because it was teleconferenced, so everybody  
19 was teleconferenced in. So it was kind of a  
20 challenging meeting, but they did accomplish a lot.  
21  
22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's awesome  
23 that they did that. I think we should do more of that  
24 so more people get involved. Are you on that, Andrew?  
25  
26 MR. FIRMIN: No. I think they're  
27 actually having a meeting.  
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29 MR. MATHEWS: I think they're actually  
30 having a meeting right now at the Westmark, aren't  
31 they?  
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33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The State  
34 Board is meeting. They started today.  
35  
36 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah, the State Board --  
37 the Chairs or their representatives may have met last  
38 night on another issue, but I don't think the full  
39 committee is here.  
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41 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. But let  
42 the record reflect that we've already voted on -- or we  
43 dealt with No. 6 which was our proposal -- was a joint  
44 proposal to -- for black bear to be classified as a fur  
45 bear. We -- that the Fish and Game isn't going to do  
46 anything with it, so we just got to -- that's something  
47 that we've dealt with. We've already voted on No. 14,  
48 and if you have that green book, it's in the -- in the  
49 front of the book, there's where all the proposal  
50 numbers are and we've already voted on No. 18 and I

1 think there was 100. Those two that I just mentioned  
2 was the Chisana Caribou and the Fortymile and 100 is  
3 the -- the Caribou and 25A. That's what it says here.  
4 I said -- I wrote down that we did it.

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6 MR. FIRMIN: No. That's.....

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8 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Is that the  
9 wrong number?

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11 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah, that's it. No.  
12 That's it.

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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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16 MR. FIRMIN: There's several of those.

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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. And  
19 then we voted on 106, the salvage requirement in 25.  
20 So, Andrew, if you look at that, that's your region. Is  
21 there any other ones there that you would want to take  
22 up?

23  
24 MR. FIRMIN: I just circled 95, 97, 98.

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26 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. 97 is  
27 that one that the Board -- or Patrick Volkenburg said  
28 that they're going to postpone it? So -- and it's  
29 going to come up at the next Board cycle. But do you  
30 want to discuss it any further? Maybe we should.  
31 Maybe you have something to bring forth.

32  
33 MR. FIRMIN: Not necessarily anything  
34 to add that we haven't already gone over, but -- unless  
35 anybody else had something to add.

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37 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: He talked  
38 about the bucket sets, didn't he? Or did he? Patrick.  
39 He called me actually. Let's just discuss that real  
40 quickly. Patrick called me and he said that this is  
41 what they're thinking, wanted to take -- and he set it  
42 on a -- having a snaring on the Native land up there  
43 and it's all because of the complication of getting  
44 anything done with the refuge up there.

45  
46 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah, the trapping on  
47 private lands only?

48  
49 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. And he  
50 talked about a bucket set. Have you been told about

1 this yet? Where there's a study been done. I don't  
2 know if -- who can talk to it here.  
3  
4 MR. FIRMIN: No.  
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6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You might know  
7 about it, where it's a certain size bucket and a  
8 certain size hole.....  
9  
10 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah.  
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12 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....and they  
13 put their foot in it and you have a mandatory check and  
14 the.....  
15  
16 MR. FIRMIN: It's a foot snare.  
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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....bear's  
19 going to be alive -- in a foot snare and you go shoot  
20 the bear. And he feels that that's real effective. It  
21 doesn't have, you know, other species get into it,  
22 maybe an occasional small grizzly bear, but that isn't  
23 a big concern. So that's what they're trying to  
24 develop and they want us to stay involved. So I'm  
25 wondering once -- their fall meeting, would it come up  
26 after we meet in the fall? Does anyone know that?  
27 When the Board of Game would end up meeting in the  
28 fall. Do you know when the Board of Game meets in the  
29 fall?  
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31 MR. UMPHENOUR: November.  
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33 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. I believe  
34 that's correct. They always have a November meeting.  
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36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So we'll be  
37 meeting prior to that. So we'll probably have a lot  
38 more information than I suspect and if Patrick calls me  
39 again, I'm going to have him call you, Andrew, and also  
40 talk to you.  
41  
42 MR. FIRMIN: Okay.  
43  
44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay? All  
45 right. And I think they're working together with the  
46 refuge managers on this too, so -- okay. So you want  
47 95 and 96. Any other?  
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49  
50 MR. FIRMIN: 95 and 98, but I guess 98

1 and 97 go together, so.....

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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, okay. Not  
4 96. I'm sorry. 95 and 98, but it does go together or  
5 is it a different proposal. You'd better look at it  
6 real quick. And any other ones? Okay. So if you see  
7 any other ones, let me know. Donald, I have yours  
8 listed by -- I color coded them. Okay. Now, it looks  
9 pretty simple to me. The ones I have right now are in  
10 that -- Region 3 Interior, there's about five or six of  
11 them there and then there's some in the Tok area and we  
12 took -- and then North Alaska, but the rest of the  
13 stuff -- the whole Fairbanks area is mostly State land  
14 and then away -- I'd like to stay away from State land  
15 stuff, just to -- in essence of time. Okay? So,  
16 Virgil, did you have anything -- which ones did you  
17 have? Or Bill?

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19 MR. GLANZ: Yes, Madam Chair. I've got  
20 the -- from RAC, I've got the ones we opposed and the  
21 ones we passed.

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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You have the  
24 information, so do you have a list of which ones you  
25 want to take up or should we just go.....

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27 MR. GLANZ: No. I just wanted to go  
28 through them here. Virgil may have some of these.....

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30 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So how  
31 do you want to proceed? Do you want to go down the  
32 book chronologically or do you want to do your block  
33 thing?

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35 MR. GLANZ: Well, we only voted on some  
36 that would pertain to us or to, you know, the general  
37 hunt, so this is the only ones we took up. We didn't  
38 really have any too much in our area that we even  
39 worried about in the 25C area or the 25A -- 20E.

40

41 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So you just  
42 want to each AC give a report of which ones they went  
43 on and then you, because you're on that AC, recommend  
44 which ones we should take up? Okay. So we have two  
45 ACs and Vince here.

46

47 Do you want to go ahead and start.

48

49 Bill.

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1 MR. GLANZ: All right, Madam Chair.  
2 I'll just go by the numbers here and then we can go  
3 back through them if there's any -- No. 2, we oppose  
4 that.  
5  
6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
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8 MR. GLANZ: And No. 3, we opposed. No.  
9 7 for -- or 6 for rather. No. 7 for. No. 12 we are  
10 also for. 13 we totally opposed. 14 we were totally  
11 for. 15 we opposed. 20 we opposed. 24 we opposed.  
12 And 106 we are for. That was the total ones that we  
13 took up individually.  
14  
15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Did you say 26  
16 was the last one?  
17  
18 MR. GLANZ: 24 and 106.  
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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, 106.  
21  
22 MR. GLANZ: Yes.  
23  
24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.  
25 Which of those would you like to see our Council take  
26 up?  
27  
28 MR. GLANZ: Okay. Let me look here.  
29 Definitely I want to take up the one with check the  
30 traps every 72 hours. I can't remember which one that  
31 is.  
32  
33 MR. WOODRUFF: No. 3.  
34  
35 MR. GLANZ: No. 3? Okay. That's one I  
36 really need.....  
37  
38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Let's  
39 take it up right now.....  
40  
41 MR. GLANZ: Okay.  
42  
43 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....and then  
44 go down the list.  
45  
46 MR. GLANZ: All right.  
47  
48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do I have a  
49 motion. No. 3.  
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1 MR. UMPHENOUR: Move to adopt Proposal  
2 No. 3.

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4 MR. GLANZ: I'll second that.

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6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
7 Discussion. This one is to require trappers to check  
8 traps in all regions -- in all of Region 3 Units and I  
9 think -- let's see. No. 3, put it a thing and then --  
10 Virgil, do you want to speak to it?

11  
12 MR. UMPHENOUR: The Fairbanks Advisory  
13 Committee opposed this proposal and the main reason  
14 they opposed it is during trapping season, the  
15 weather's extremely cold normally and so the animals  
16 are not going -- or the fur is not going to spoil and  
17 so that's mainly why they opposed it.

18  
19 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And I didn't  
20 mention that's a 72-hour mandatory check. Other  
21 discussion. Donald.

22  
23 MR. WOODRUFF: I'm going to oppose  
24 that. From my experience, that the weather condition's  
25 at 50 below, the fur's going to die in a few hours at  
26 that temperature. They can't move around much, so I'm  
27 going to oppose that and I'm not going to go out and  
28 check my traps every 72 hours if it's 60 below. That's  
29 baloney. I don't want some cops coming flying over and  
30 if it happens to be snowing and he knows I haven't  
31 checked my traps in 72 hours, to be bothering me.

32  
33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And, Andrew,  
34 did you have something -- or Bill?

35  
36 MR. GLANZ: I do, to say we -- that's  
37 the reason we opposed it, just what Don was talking  
38 about. That's why.

39  
40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. And I  
41 would add that a lot of trappers are using snares and  
42 they're dead anyway, so -- and they're -- and the cold  
43 temperatures in Alaska keep them frozen, so they're not  
44 going to spoil during our trapping seasons in Alaska,  
45 so -- Frank.

46  
47 MR. GURTLER: Mostly I oppose it for  
48 our safety reasons for the trapper because of the cold  
49 weather. You never know when it's going to.....

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1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. I said  
2 snares, but I meant snares and Connabears. Sorry. Uh-  
3 huh.

4  
5 MR. WOODRUFF: Question.

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7 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
8 been called for. For a 72-hour mandatory check. All  
9 in favor.

10  
11 (No aye votes)

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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All opposed.

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15 IN UNISON: Aye.

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17 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Aye.  
18 Definitely. All right. Next, Bill, what did you guys  
19 want to take up?

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21 MR. GLANZ: Well, I don't want to go  
22 through all these here at all, but we supported  
23 Proposal 6 which is the Eastern Interior proposal. So  
24 that's already been voted on I assumed.

25  
26 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think we've  
27 done that already.

28  
29 MR. GLANZ: Yep, yeah.

30  
31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Do  
32 you see any other ones there that -- we've already done  
33 the Fortymile and a lot of the ones there. Does  
34 anybody -- Donald, you had -- I yellowed in modified  
35 salvage requirement for black bears in 20. Do you want  
36 to take that up?

37  
38 MR. WOODRUFF: Yeah. I was just  
39 drawing attention to it. I didn't necessarily want to  
40 adopt or oppose it.

41  
42 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I need  
43 a heads-up if you want to take it up.

44  
45 MR. WOODRUFF: No.

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47 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

48  
49 MR. MATHEWS: Madam Chair. Just for  
50 the record, Yukon Flats Advisory Committee for Proposal

1 3 support it with modification.

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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: What was the  
4 modification?

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6 MR. MATHEWS: The modification was when  
7 weather/temperature conditions do not allow for  
8 checking traps within 72 hours. So they wanted the 72-  
9 hour check, but if there's weather or temperature  
10 conditions, then that wouldn't apply. And it was  
11 because of their cultural beliefs about limiting animal  
12 suffering and the possible damage by mice and squirrels  
13 on trapped animals.

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15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Did they  
16 elaborate on weather conditions?

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18 MR. MATHEWS: They talked about  
19 similar, that he had 40 below, 50 below, 60 below,  
20 they're not going out. And that was it. They didn't  
21 mention snow to my knowledge, but it was mainly  
22 temperature. They had stressed for the record so you  
23 have it.....

24

25 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Okay.

26

27 MR. MATHEWS: .....because whoever goes  
28 there, you will hear that.

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30 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Vince, we're  
31 probably going to try to go through this a little  
32 faster than the Federal Proposals, so if you can just  
33 -- when we have one on, just let me know when they've  
34 voted on it. Okay? And the same for anybody else in  
35 the room. If you know of anybody that voted on these  
36 proposals on the State side that you want to give  
37 information, please just acknowledge because we're  
38 getting tired I think. So, looking at Region 3  
39 Interior, does any -- do any of the Council members see  
40 any other proposals they want to take up? I will say  
41 that since we voted for 14, I was provided the road map  
42 for the Board of Game by some -- Rita St. Louis and she  
43 explained to me that several of those other ones, 15,  
44 16, and 13 I think would all -- the Board would just  
45 take up No. 14. The rest would be no action. Oh, she  
46 told me no action on -- I don't know. Modified season  
47 dates for sheep. That was not the case on that one.  
48 It was just 15. Yes, Andrew.

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50 MR. FIRMIN: I'd like to address to

1 Proposal 7.....  
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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
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5 MR. FIRMIN: .....as well as 11.  
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7 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Do you  
8 want -- 7, do you want to put that on the floor. Make  
9 a motion.  
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11 MR. UMPHENOUR: Move to adopt Proposal  
12 7.  
13  
14 MR. WOODRUFF: Second.  
15  
16 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. It's  
17 been moved and seconded to adopt Proposal 7. Andrew,  
18 want to speak to it.  
19  
20 MR. FIRMIN: Just reading through this  
21 real quick here, this is a kind of standard operating  
22 procedure, but a lot of people do hunt bears in that  
23 period of time while they're out looking for early  
24 spring birds and I think moving that date back to the  
25 1st would help people out quite a bit before you have  
26 that interim period there where you can't go on the  
27 ice. You can't even stick a boat in the river. That  
28 would help out a lot of people with their spring hunts.  
29  
30  
31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Other  
32 discussion.  
33  
34 MR. WOODRUFF: I agree with Andrew.  
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36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.  
37  
38 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah. That's what the  
39 proponent was addressing as safety or being able to get  
40 your bear bait out before the ice gets bad.  
41  
42 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Vince.  
43  
44 MR. MATHEWS: Yes. They supported it  
45 based on the rotten ice at that time -- period of time,  
46 safety.  
47  
48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any others.  
49  
50 (No comments)

1 MR. GLANZ: Question.  
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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
4 been called for. You understand the motion? To extend  
5 the season to April 1st.  
6  
7 MR. GLANZ: Right.  
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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All in favor.  
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11 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any opposed.  
14  
15 (No opposing votes)  
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17 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. And  
18 next one, Andrew, was 10, did you say?  
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20 MR. FIRMIN: I believe it's 11, but I  
21 don't see -- I don't think Unit 25D is really affected  
22 by it.  
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24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm sorry. I  
25 didn't hear what you said there.  
26  
27 MR. FIRMIN: Oh, I said Proposal 11  
28 was.....  
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30 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 11. Okay  
31  
32 MR. FIRMIN: It doesn't really affect  
33 my area, but I'd like to see that extend to other  
34 people as well.  
35  
36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Now,  
37 that's No. 11 and it's on Page 11.  
38  
39 MR. GLANZ: I move we adopt Proposal  
40 No. 11.  
41  
42 MR. WOODRUFF: Second.  
43  
44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's been  
45 moved and seconded to adopt. Let's see. Go ahead and  
46 speak to it, Andrew.  
47  
48 MR. FIRMIN: A lot of these places,  
49 it's hard, you know, you're remote. You can't just run  
50 in and take a smelly bear hide and the skull and run to

1 the nearest place before you can do anything with it  
2 and especially in the summer months, it'd probably rot  
3 out before you can find somebody to seal it anyway. I  
4 think it just simplifies things for the hunter.

5  
6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Virgil.

7  
8 MR. UMPHENOUR: The Fairbanks AC  
9 supported this. The Department is going to get the  
10 information from the harvest tickets or the  
11 registration permits anyway, so it's unnecessary to  
12 take them in to get them sealed.

13  
14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, that's  
15 kind of what I had heard too that they're not even  
16 doing that. They take the tooth out and they're not  
17 doing much with the data. So -- any rate, that's what  
18 I heard at the AC in Tok or in -- when they met in Tok.  
19 And you're shaking your head, Vince.

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21  
22 MR. MATHEWS: They didn't take it up,  
23 so we.....

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25 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, okay.

26  
27 MR. MATHEWS: .....move it along.

28  
29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any other  
30 discussion. Donald.

31  
32 MR. WOODRUFF: I'm going to support  
33 this one for the same reason that there's no need to  
34 seal these bears. They already have collection data,  
35 other than the fact that they're going to record the  
36 sex and some of that tooth stuff that the sealing agent  
37 gets.

38  
39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Any  
40 others.

41  
42 MR. GLANZ: Question.

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All in favor.

45  
46 IN UNISON: Aye.

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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone  
49 opposed.

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1 (No opposing votes)

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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Next. All  
4 right. I think we've covered this -- the first -- the  
5 Region 3 Interior. Now we're in Units 12 and 28 in the  
6 Tok area. And I went to that -- the Upper Tanana  
7 Fortymile Advisory Committee which met in Tok, so  
8 sometimes people just call it the Tok Committee, but  
9 it's really Tanana Fortymile. They took up -- let me  
10 look at this real quick. They voted yes on 17, yes on  
11 18, no on 19 and 20, 21 and 22, yes on 23, no on 24,  
12 and yes on 25. Did anybody else want to report  
13 anything or bring anything up. We already voted on 18  
14 which was the Chisana herd. I think I'm going to let  
15 -- for me is the RAC the -- the people -- the AC and  
16 Region can take their comments unless anyone else here  
17 wants to bring anything up. Let me see what No. 24 is.  
18 What's up No. 24? You guys can help me out. Did you  
19 vote in that, Virgil?

20

21 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah, we did -- okay.  
22 Can I address.....

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24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, that --  
25 see, that's regarding the Fortymile and I think -- I  
26 don't want to take it up. You can address it. Do you  
27 want to take it up?

28

29 MR. UMPHENOUR: Move to adopt Proposal  
30 24.

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32 MR. GLANZ: I'll second that one.

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34 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. It's  
35 been moved and seconded.

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37 MR. UMPHENOUR: I'll speak to my  
38 motion. The Anchorage Advisory Committee had people on  
39 up from the Wildlife Alliance. They submitted these  
40 proposals. I -- they since -- they submitted them.  
41 They had another election and I believe they're  
42 opposing that now, but anyway Fairbanks AC opposed that  
43 proposal.

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So, other  
46 discussion.

47

48 MR. WOODRUFF: I'm going to oppose that  
49 one.

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1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. For the  
2 same reasons.

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4 MR. GLANZ: Our Central AC opposed it  
5 for the same reason.

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7 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 24. To  
8 restrict nonresident hunting for moose and caribou in  
9 Upper Tanana.

10  
11 MR. WOODRUFF: Question.

12  
13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
14 been called for. To restrict non-resident hunting for  
15 moose and caribou in the Upper Tanana Predation Control  
16 Area, 12 and 20. All in favor.

17  
18 (No aye votes)

19  
20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All opposed.

21  
22 IN UNISON: Aye.

23  
24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Motion  
25 carries. We're doing pretty good here. Do you want to  
26 restate your reason, why we're opposing that again  
27 because Robert didn't get it.

28  
29 MR. UMPHENOUR: We're opposing that  
30 because of several reasons. One reason is it's just a  
31 unnecessary restriction on non-resident hunters is what  
32 it would be, is the primary reason, and for background  
33 information, I pointed out that Alaska Wildlife  
34 Alliance -- well, it was an Anchorage AC proposal, but  
35 the Alaska Wildlife Alliance had gotten a whole bunch  
36 of people to the Anchorage AC meeting and they had  
37 elected a bunch of people from Alaska Wildlife Alliance  
38 on the Anchorage AC since the proposal was submitted.  
39 They had -- subsequently have had another election and  
40 I believe they were going to oppose their own proposal.  
41 I don't know whether they did or not, but that's the  
42 word that the Fairbanks Advisory Committee had.

43  
44 Madam Chair.

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46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

47  
48 MR. GLANZ: If I may, Virgil, our AC,  
49 when we had our meeting, they -- we had State people  
50 there and they said that they were going to pull it --

1 that Anchorage was going to pull that one since they  
2 had 600 some people came in that were pro-hunters and  
3 we think took the seats away from the non-hunters or  
4 the Friends of Wildlife and all that who had got  
5 elected to the AC Chairs in Anchorage.

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7 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Now they're  
8 going to pull it. Yeah. Okay. All right. We got our  
9 views out. That's important. Any more that you guys  
10 see there that we need to vote on.

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12 MR. WOODRUFF: Andrew mentioned 95.

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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Did he say 25,  
15 did you say?

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17 MR. GLANZ: No. Andrew said 95, 97,  
18 and 98.

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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 95. All  
21 right. That's moving fast. Anything -- does anyone  
22 see any other ones that they wanted to take up in front  
23 of those proposals. I'm thinking that all of the stuff  
24 in the Fairbanks area is of no concern to us. I  
25 believe. I'm assuming. But Virgil's hand is up. What  
26 is he thinking.

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28 MR. UMPHENOUR: We took up Proposal 7,  
29 but I would like to move to adopt Proposal 8.

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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I don't hear a  
32 second. So I guess we won't take it up.

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34 MR. FIRMIN: Second.

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36 MR. GLANZ: Hold on. We're still  
37 looking for it.

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. You  
40 seconded it, Andrew?

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42 MR. FIRMIN: (Nods affirmatively)

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.  
45 That means it's on the floor. Discussion.

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47 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. The Fairbanks AC  
48 supported this proposal and the reason why they  
49 supported the proposal is some guides actually go out  
50 and target black bears and in some of the areas like --

1 well, the -- what the proposal wants to do is it wants  
2 to allow guides to be able to go out and set up a  
3 client's black bear bait station for them and take care  
4 of it and then take it down and the way the regulation  
5 is currently, the guide can only have his own bait  
6 station and he can't have one for his client. And so  
7 that is what this is addressing. And in the areas  
8 where this is done, it's been -- or we're -- in some of  
9 the areas, our intensive management areas or areas  
10 where there's too many black bears and so what this  
11 would do is make it easier for guides to be able to  
12 successfully take black bear -- or their clients to  
13 successfully take black bears.

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15 Madam Chair.

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17 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Vince.

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19 MR. MATHEWS: Yes. The Yukon Flats AC  
20 opposed it.

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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And I'll have  
23 to report the Upper Tanana Fortymile opposed it. Did  
24 you guys take it up?

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26 MR. GLANZ: Yes, we took it up and we  
27 -- there was -- nobody voted on it. We just let it go  
28 as is. We were hoping it'd be passed. We kind of  
29 stayed neutral to be truthful on it, you know, but we  
30 do believe that it's a good idea because we run  
31 intensive management in 25C there so -- and black bear  
32 are the biggest predator of moose calves and caribou  
33 calves.

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35 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That was No.  
36 8, right? You know, I don't know how they voted  
37 because I put all these notes down. Yeah, that's it.  
38 That's how they voted. I put the AC voted no. Okay.  
39 Other discussion.

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41 MR. GURTLER: Yes.

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43 MR. GLANZ: Frank.

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Frank.

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47 MR. GURTLER: If they're -- able to  
48 have a black bear station -- the client, does he have  
49 to go through that class and get a license or anything  
50 or just are they going -- is he going to go out there

1 alone pretty soon by himself and be able to put in a  
2 bait station?

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4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.

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6 MR. UMPHENOUR: Under the current  
7 regulations, if a client or a non-resident say -- if a  
8 non-resident has passed a bear baiting clinic that's  
9 approved by the State of Alaska or the one done by the  
10 State of Alaska, then the way the regulations currently  
11 are, they could go out and set up their own bear bait  
12 by theirself, but that's not what this proposal is  
13 asking. This proposal is asking for the guide that the  
14 client is going to go hunting with to be able to  
15 register the bait station in the client's name and go  
16 set up the bait station before the client gets there,  
17 so that -- because when you set up a bait station, it  
18 depends on the area, but sometimes it may take a week  
19 or ten days before bears start coming to it and it's so  
20 that they can have active bait stations when the client  
21 gets there is the purpose of the proposal.

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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: If I'm reading  
24 this right, Frank, it says there should be an exception  
25 for guides as follows. Except a registered guide who  
26 is licensed for the unit and has picked the guide use  
27 area may register a contracted client's bait station,  
28 meaning it has to be a client that's contracted to the  
29 guide. So -- and maintain and remove the bait on  
30 behalf of the client. When the guide is registering a  
31 client's bait station permit, the guide must show proof  
32 of the client contract, a copy of the client's hunting  
33 license, a big game tag if needed, and proof of bear  
34 baiting class for both the client and the guide if  
35 required. I bet the Department's going to love that.  
36 The guide would be legally responsible for the bait in  
37 addition to the client. So they both have to take the  
38 class and go out -- and the guide is responsible for  
39 the bait. So other discussion. Andrew.

40

41 MR. FIRMIN: I have a question. So  
42 basically they're just going to transfer their permit  
43 to the -- whatever guide they go with.

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Sounds like  
46 it. Yeah. So any discussion on it, Andrew?

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48 MR. FIRMIN: .....to it.

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50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, tell me

1 what you're thinking.

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3 MR. FIRMIN: Question.

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, you're  
6 thinking take the question. Okay.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. So  
11 do you understand what you're voting on. To allow a  
12 guide to take clients on bait and they have to -- looks  
13 like they have to do the exact same classes as anyone,  
14 but it wouldn't open it up to any other non-residents.  
15 It would only open it up to contracted clients. Okay.  
16 All in favor.

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18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. All  
21 opposed. I might have to vote for my AC. I'm going to  
22 -- mine's an abstain because I'm a little confused.

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24 MR. FIRMIN: Madam Chair.

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26 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes.

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28 MR. FIRMIN: While we're back here, I  
29 forgot I'd circled No. 12 as well.

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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. No. 12.  
32 And that's a motion to put it on the floor, Andrew.

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34 MR. FIRMIN: Motion to adopt Proposal  
35 12.

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37 MR. WOODRUFF: Second.

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And I hear a  
40 second. Speaking to the motion, Andrew.

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42 MR. FIRMIN: It kind of goes back to  
43 the same as 11. I think it just kind of aligns some of  
44 the regulations in certain areas. Almost seems like a  
45 -- just a fee exemption which I'm for.

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47 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And it's put  
48 in by the Department of Fish and Game, so -- and what  
49 it's doing is the resident tag is not required for  
50 brown bear in the following units. It would be 12, 19,

1 20, 21, 24, 25, 26B, and 26C. And it just added other  
2 units. If you look at the -- on Page 12 underneath the  
3 black is what they're adding and the bracket is what  
4 they're taking out. So it's just added more units to  
5 the exemption of brown bear tag. Any other discussion.

6

7 MR. WOODRUFF: I'm going to support  
8 this. This is the way it stands in our area right now.  
9 We don't have to pay the resident fee tag.

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11 MR. UMPHENOUR: Question.

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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
14 been called for. All in favor.

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16 IN UNISON: Aye.

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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oppose.

19

20 (No opposing votes)

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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Motion  
23 carries. All right. So now we should be to the  
24 Northeast Alaska area. Unless we skipped -- did anyone  
25 see anything else? 95.

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27 MR. WOODRUFF: I make a motion we adopt  
28 95.

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30 MR. GLANZ: I'll second it.

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32 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's been  
33 moved and seconded. Discussion. Do you want to do it,  
34 Andrew? That was reduce the bag limit for beaver  
35 trapping in 25D. Page 95 -- or No. 95. It's probably  
36 not Page 95. It looks like it pretty far back there.  
37 147 in your book. Page 147. Would you like to speak  
38 to the motion, Andrew.

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40 MR. FIRMIN: Well, thank you. I think  
41 this is a reasonable limit. At first I didn't -- I was  
42 kind of opposed to it, but after I started reading it,  
43 I think that bag limit is pretty outrageous, so that  
44 would limit the few people that want to go get that  
45 many beaver because I don't know of anybody that  
46 actually gets that many beaver a year. At least not  
47 for a long time anyway.

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49 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's  
50 interesting

1                   MR. WOODRUFF: I'm going to support  
2 that.  
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4                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
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6                   MR. WOODRUFF: I trap beavers and I  
7 don't see that you could maintain a healthy population  
8 if you took more than 50 beavers out of an area that's  
9 25 or 30 miles square.  
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11                  MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The  
12 interesting thing is in a lot of cases there's no limit  
13 when you're looking at trapping regs, but 50 --  
14 interesting.  
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16                  Go ahead, Vince.  
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18                  MR. MATHEWS: Yeah. This one when they  
19 took it up, it was unclear to me because it is their  
20 proposal. So I took in my notes that they continued to  
21 support it, but it wasn't clearly explained that way.  
22 It is a Yukon Flats AC proposal I believe.  
23  
24                  MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, I see what  
25 they -- did you see what will happen if nothing done?  
26 They said traditionally we set limits to the number of  
27 animals that can be harvested. They thought beavers  
28 could be over-harvested, so -- I'll bet there aren't  
29 that many people that are out trapping with the price  
30 other than maybe people using it for dog food.....  
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32                  MR. FIRMIN: I know in the springtime  
33 that a lot of people go and get them just for their  
34 castor and -- as well as they're good eating too.....  
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36                  MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So they.....  
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38                  MR. FIRMIN: .....as well as not only  
39 for dogs, but.....  
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41                  MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. Right.  
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43                  MR. FIRMIN: Barbecue beaver's pretty  
44 tasty. But I know a lot of people that do go get them  
45 just for the castor for the following trapping season  
46 and a lot of that's done in the spring.  
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48                  MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And they're  
49 shooting them then.  
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1 MR. FIRMIN: No. They snare.  
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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, they're  
4 still snaring?  
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6 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah. And they do shoot a  
7 few in the spring like opportunistically I guess you  
8 could call it.....  
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10 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.  
11  
12 MR. FIRMIN: .....from the birdhouse --  
13 there in the birdhouse.  
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15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. All  
16 right. Any other discussion.  
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18 MR. WOODRUFF: Question.  
19  
20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
21 been called for. All in favor.  
22  
23 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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25 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone  
26 opposed.  
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28 (No opposing votes)  
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30 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. The  
31 next one was 98. Motion.  
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33 MR. FIRMIN: Motion to adopt Proposal  
34 98.  
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36 MR. GLANZ: I'll second it.  
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38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's been  
39 moved and seconded. 98 allows the harvest of any black  
40 bear in Unit 25D. So -- now a person may not take a  
41 cub bear or a female bear. That's what it's currently  
42 and they're changing -- let's see now. You want to  
43 speak to that, Andrew. Probably have to read through  
44 the whole thing to say it correctly.  
45  
46 MR. FIRMIN: This is -- I don't know --  
47 I was firefighting on the Upper Porcupine River with my  
48 boat a lot for like 40 days this summer and that's kind  
49 of out of the normal range of people that, you know,  
50 use -- they use that part of the river a lot, but it's

1 kind of out of the way of most people. You know, a lot  
2 of people that go there don't stop. But when I was up  
3 there and you're driving up and down the river all day  
4 long, there's black bears on every gravel bar running  
5 around like stray dogs in a village or something. It  
6 just every one, there's one or two bears playing and  
7 they ain't the same bears because, you know, some of  
8 them you could tell the difference between a lot of  
9 them and they're literally just playing on the gravel  
10 bars and don't care when you drive by with a boat. You  
11 could stop, take pictures of them. We weren't allowed  
12 to shoot them, but I mean there's definitely a lot of  
13 bears there and I think that this is just another  
14 proposal to get on the table that hopefully if we get,  
15 you know, even one or two of these passed, it would  
16 help. I mean it's not like all of them are going to get  
17 passed at the same meeting, but this is one of the ones  
18 I think that would make things a little easier for  
19 people that they accidentally opportunistically shoot a  
20 sow and then have noticed two cubs in the brush after  
21 you go to skin it, you know.

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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So is it --  
24 that's adding Unit 24; is that what I see there? And  
25 in 25D, a person may take a cub bear or a female bear  
26 accompanied by a cub bear from July 1 to November 30th  
27 and March 1st to June 30th. Frank.

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29 MR. GURTLER: What's the moose  
30 population up there on account of all those bears? Is  
31 there a lot of moose or none.....

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33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No.

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35 MR. GURTLER: .....no moose at all.

36 Okay.

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38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's been a  
39 tough one.

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41 MR. FIRMIN: I think over the course of  
42 that 40 days I saw one large bull moose and about at  
43 least 50 bears and half of them were probably -- maybe  
44 half were the same ones.

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46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.

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48 MR. UMPHENOUR: Now, the Fairbanks AC  
49 supported this proposal and their comments were that  
50 there's a lack of IM planning and projects in Unit 25.

1 There's a large number of bears and they're a  
2 significant predator on the few moose that are left.

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4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Vince.

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6 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah. Madam Chair. The  
7 same thing. It wasn't clear to me, but it was their  
8 proposal. They didn't take formal action to resupport  
9 the proposal, but I think their intent was to support  
10 the proposal.

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12 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Some of  
13 the ACs figure if they got it in there, they support  
14 it, so.....

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16 MR. WOODRUFF: Question.

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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
19 been called for. All in favor of Proposal 98 to add  
20 cub and female bears for harvest in those dates I spoke  
21 say aye.

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23 IN UNISON: Aye.

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25 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any opposed.

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27 (No opposing votes)

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29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Motion  
30 carries. Okay. Where are we. Okay. I don't have any  
31 other ones circled unless I missed something. Virgil.

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33 MR. UMPHENOUR: There's several  
34 proposals here that were similar to one of the Federal  
35 proposals we addressed and I don't know if the Council  
36 wants to take them up or not, but they start with  
37 Proposal No. 100. If people want to take a look at --  
38 there's one, two, three -- it's 100, 101, 102, 103.

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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We did 100.  
41 We've already voted on 100.

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43 MR. UMPHENOUR: We've already done 100.

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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47 MR. UMPHENOUR: So then we can just  
48 take no action on the rest I suppose.

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50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, which

1 one was the one Jack put in? He really wanted us to  
2 pick up.....

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4 MR. MATHEWS: It's 104 I think.

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6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Was it 104?

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8 MR. MATHEWS: He put in a series of  
9 proposals. They're all around the same number.

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11 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: He's so -- he  
12 feels so adamant about it and I appreciate what he's  
13 saying. 104 was his -- is the one that was specific,  
14 so -- remember when he spoke to us about the Mulchatna  
15 and how it declined. He feels so strongly that the way  
16 the Fish and Game had allowed more caribou to be taken  
17 -- I think one of the things I remember discussing over  
18 the years was there was a two bull limit for non-  
19 residents and they should have been shooting only one  
20 because it really skewed the -- and we don't have any  
21 -- I don't know if we even have a State law this year  
22 to talk to this. Yep. Go ahead.

23

24 MR. FIRMIN: Proposal 99 is another one  
25 on my radar.

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27 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right. We  
28 will take that one up right now and then we'll go on.  
29 99, shorten the non-resident season for porcupine,  
30 caribou in 25A, B, D, and 26C. So I consider that a  
31 motion to take -- to support, Andrew.

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33 MR. FIRMIN: Motion to adopt Proposal  
34 99.

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36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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38 MR. WOODRUFF: Second.

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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's been  
41 moved and seconded. Discussion.

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43 MR. FIRMIN: I was under the -- I  
44 always thought that it as one bull, but apparently I  
45 think some of these seasons in here were non-resident  
46 hunters can shoot five caribou and I believe that  
47 majority of those people that do that do it by  
48 snowmachine, but I mean I'm only allowed five. Why  
49 should somebody else be allowed the same or more. And  
50 I just feel that one bull for a non-resident is just

1 fine for a non-resident.

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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I see Fish and  
4 Game put that in.

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6 MR. WOODRUFF: I'm going to support  
7 that for the same reason.

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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.

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11 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. The Fairbanks AC  
12 recommended to amend and adopt and amend the non-  
13 resident bag limit in units that can support more than  
14 one caribou to two bulls as a standard. If the herd  
15 size is not influenced by hunting as in Unit 26B, allow  
16 non-resident hunters two caribou.

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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We might  
19 disagree here. Go ahead.

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21 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah. Yukon Flats  
22 supported the proposal.

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24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. One  
25 other thing from Virgil.

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27 MR. UMPHENOUR: The people -- the non-  
28 residents in an area like this more than likely are  
29 going to be guided, although some of them might not be  
30 guided, but they would be hunting in the fall. They  
31 wouldn't be hunting up there off snowmachines. More  
32 than likely they would be guided and they would  
33 probably -- well, some of them might be hunting sheep  
34 or moose or something else at the same time, but some  
35 of them may be just on a caribou hunt.

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37 Madam Chair.

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Other Council  
40 members discussion. Andrew.

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42 MR. FIRMIN: Most of the people that I  
43 see on snowmachines, Virgil, are the ones that say work  
44 at the base in Fort Yukon, you know, people that work  
45 in specific villages that they're only there seasonally  
46 or there for a temporary job and they get a snowmachine  
47 and run up past Venetie and Arctic and then -- I didn't  
48 realize they were allowed five caribou actually. I  
49 always thought it was just one for a non-resident, but  
50 I know this proposal affects more than my area as well.

1 But those are the people that I see going up  
2 snowmachines that -- a lot of people I know in Venetie  
3 had a hard time with because they zip through their  
4 reservation and shoot caribou. You know, they'll check  
5 in or say hi. They were -- I know they were pretty  
6 ticked about that in the last few years that I don't  
7 know why you'd have to check in anyway, but they were  
8 disappointed that a lot of that -- that was going --  
9 been going on over the last few winters.

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11 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, without  
12 hearing a lot of -- I mean seeing that Fish and Game  
13 put it in, they must be doing it for a reason and  
14 actually the history of that Mulchatna with that two  
15 caribou limit, it -- they should have stopped that long  
16 before they did and that's -- the process is so bloody  
17 slow and they're talking about a three-year cycle now,  
18 so I'm thinking that, you know, when it's time to go  
19 down to one, it's going to be too late. So it's better  
20 to be conservative and let the Alaska residents hunt  
21 them. So that's my feeling.

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23 MR. UMPHENOUR: Question.

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25 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. All in  
26 favor of the proposal as written from five to one say  
27 aye.

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29 IN UNISON: Aye.

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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone oppose?

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34 (No opposing votes)

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36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think there  
37 was an abstention.

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39 Right there. Okay.

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41 MR. UMPHENOUR: (Nods affirmatively)

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43 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You weren't  
44 opposed either, right? So you abstained. I want.....

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46 MR. UMPHENOUR: I abstained.

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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.  
49 Next. As you're looking through it, Andrew, did you  
50 see any others there?

1 (No comments)

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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you guys  
4 want to take up 104? See, we have C&T's in those  
5 areas. That's why we can take up stuff that's in 26,  
6 people in our region have C&T.

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8 MR. GLANZ: I move to adopt Resolution  
9 104 -- Proposal 104.

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12 MR. WOODRUFF: Second.

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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's not  
15 Jack's.

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17 MR. UMPHENOUR: It's the department.

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19 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's the  
20 Department's. It's been moved and seconded. Okay.  
21 Then I think we need to identify the difference in the  
22 Department's and what Jack's got going here because --  
23 oh, yeah. See, he's opposed to the five caribou limit.  
24 Because that -- the non-residents have a five caribou  
25 limit and so would the rest of the State. They're  
26 knocking it down from a ten caribou to a five caribou  
27 for the residents and the non-residents would continue  
28 to have a five caribou. Wait a minute. Am I reading  
29 this right? You guys looking at this?

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31 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yes, you're reading  
32 it.....

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34 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Non-resident  
35 hunters, five caribou. However, cow caribou may be  
36 taken only from September 1 through April 30th. This  
37 is for the Central Arctic caribou herd.

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39 Virgil, your hand is still up.

40

41 Oh.

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43 MR. UMPHENOUR: Madam Chair. The  
44 Fairbanks AC recommended to amend and -- but however to  
45 adopt it from five caribou for non-residents to two  
46 caribou for non-residents and then adopt. So they want  
47 to amend it. For the non-residents, take it from five  
48 caribou to two and then support.

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50 Madam Chair.

1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's the  
2 only change?  
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4 MR. UMPHENOUR: That's the only change.  
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6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The five --  
7 for non-residents.  
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9 MR. UMPHENOUR: They just changed the  
10 non-residents from five caribou to two caribou because  
11 we feel that like we did on that previous proposal we  
12 discussed that the bag limit should be the same if it's  
13 a healthy herd for non-residents of two caribou.  
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15 Madam Chair.  
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17 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Donald.  
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19 MR. WOODRUFF: So, Virgil, they're  
20 going to leave the resident at ten or move it to five  
21 as the proposal stated?  
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23 MR. UMPHENOUR: The only thing they  
24 wanted to change was reduce.....  
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26 MR. WOODRUFF: Non-resident.  
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28 MR. UMPHENOUR: .....the non-residents  
29 to two and otherwise just go along with the  
30 Department's recommendation.  
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32 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So the answer  
33 was yes? Other -- Andrew.  
34  
35 MR. FIRMIN: Are we reading this right?  
36 I thought they want to take more caribou so they would  
37 be taking residents from five to ten. Right?  
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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 104. I'm  
40 looking at the black.....  
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42 MR. FIRMIN: Yes. Page 156.  
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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.  
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46 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah, but it says right on  
47 the page before, it says expand bag limit. That means  
48 take more, right? So they just.....  
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50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's what I

1 would think.

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3 MR. FIRMIN: So they just -- do they  
4 just got a misprint there. They want to take resident  
5 hunters from five caribou to ten caribou.

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7 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, they  
8 expanded the non-resident from two to five caribou.  
9 However, a cow caribou can be taken only September 1  
10 through April 30. So that's the expansion.

11

12 MR. WOODRUFF: Yep.

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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think,  
15 Andrew.

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17 MR. FIRMIN: So the expansion is only  
18 for non-resident hunters?

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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yep.

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23 MR. FIRMIN: And what about the five  
24 and ten caribou under residents from July 1st to April  
25 30th? Oh, I see. That says --

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27 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The resident  
28 hunter was taken down it looks to me like from ten  
29 caribou to five. Five per day. That would probably be  
30 an expansion. Correct? So if you hunted for a hundred  
31 days, you could get five per day. That's 500 caribou.

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33 MR. FIRMIN: Okay. They're -- then  
34 before.....

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36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's how I  
37 read it.

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39 MR. FIRMIN: .....it was just a cutoff  
40 at ten then.

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42 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, it was a  
43 cutoff and now they're saying five per day. I think  
44 I.....

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46 MR. FIRMIN: Oh, I see. They're  
47 expanding.

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49 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Because they  
50 can't take care of ten.

1 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah. I see where it is  
2 now.  
3  
4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Virgil.  
5  
6 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. Something it  
7 doesn't say it in the proposal, this is along the haul  
8 road. That's the road between Prudhoe Bay -- that goes  
9 to Prudhoe Bay and so these caribou are road  
10 accessible. However, you cannot shoot them with a  
11 firearm within five miles of the road. You can only  
12 use a bow and arrow. And so I wanted to make everyone  
13 -- you know, because you may not have known that. I  
14 just wanted to point that out, that this is along the  
15 road system.  
16  
17 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. You're  
18 right. Vince.  
19  
20 MR. MATHEWS: Yeah. I also attended  
21 the Koyukuk River AC meeting and they unanimously  
22 opposed this proposal.  
23  
24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Man, I  
25 had a thought that -- oh, the Western Interior, do you  
26 have records of how they voted? Do we know that or  
27 not?  
28  
29 MR. FIRMIN: Does the pipeline follow  
30 the road all the way -- okay. I believe it's only --  
31 they can only bull hunt within five miles and that's  
32 their -- as long as there's no more Ford trucks stuck  
33 in a tundra, I guess what.....  
34  
35 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So where does  
36 it say that it's just the Dalton Highway, Virgil?  
37  
38 MR. UMPHENOUR: Say that again.  
39  
40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Where does it  
41 say it's just the Dalton Highway that this.....  
42  
43 MR. UMPHENOUR: It doesn't. It's Unit  
44 26B.  
45  
46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So you think  
47 Fish and Game's trying to address the Dalton Highway  
48 with this proposal?  
49  
50 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yes.

1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And even a  
2 non-resident would have to hunt with a bow and arrow?  
3  
4 MR. UMPHENOUR: Right. Everyone has to  
5 hunt with a bow and arrow within five miles of the  
6 road.  
7  
8 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.  
9  
10 MR. FIRMIN: On the winter, I think  
11 subsistence.....  
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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But anywhere  
14 else.....  
15  
16 MR. FIRMIN: .....users can use a  
17 snowmachine and rifle.  
18  
19 MR. UMPHENOUR: But that's under  
20 Federal.  
21  
22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You're right.  
23 But this is a State proposal, but you're right. That  
24 -- to identify.  
25  
26 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah.  
27  
28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Uh-huh.  
29 I guess -- well, Council members, how do you feel about  
30 that -- right now on the floor is the five caribou for  
31 the non-resident. And Virgil said the AC Fairbanks  
32 went to two. How do you guys feel about that portion  
33 of that proposal?  
34  
35 MR. FIRMIN: I kind of fall in with the  
36 Fairbanks AC.  
37  
38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Non-residents  
39 allowed two? So that means anywhere else in Unit 26B  
40 they could have two.  
41  
42 MR. UMPHENOUR: Right.  
43  
44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I wonder why  
45 they upped that to five.  
46  
47 MR. FIRMIN: Just from past experience,  
48 I think that two is enough for some people.  
49  
50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

1 MR. FIRMIN: If you give them five,  
2 they get gung-ho and then they end up leaving three of  
3 them there for the wolves and the bears and three days  
4 later when they come back to get it.

5  
6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, see, I  
7 guess the thing I have -- you just -- I'm reading that  
8 that they can shoot five caribou. So that means they  
9 could shoot five bulls.

10  
11 MR. UMPHENOUR: Yeah.

12  
13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And that's  
14 what gets -- you know, a non-resident's not interested  
15 in shooting a cow. I don't mind giving them five  
16 caribou, but I'd only give them one bull. Because  
17 that's what happened to the Mulchatna herd is they  
18 skewed the numbers of animals that were -- what's the  
19 big difference. Go ahead.

20  
21 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. The big  
22 difference between what happened with the Mulchatna and  
23 what could potentially happen to this herd is that the  
24 Mulchatna herd was accessible from Anchorage and Kenai  
25 by plane and the transporters just dropped off all  
26 kinds of non-resident caribou hunters and other hunters  
27 too, plus they made it same day Airborne for residents  
28 for caribou on that hunt and so people were flying over  
29 from Anchorage in their airplanes, spotting the  
30 caribou, landing and shooting them. There's a giant  
31 difference. There's no large commercial service  
32 providers near 26B and yet 26B.....

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34 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I don't think  
35 we know that.

36  
37 MR. UMPHENOUR: No. I do know that.  
38 There's a few at Wiseman or Bettles, but that's about  
39 it. I don't -- the majority -- I don't think we're  
40 going to have that same thing happen up there. But  
41 that's the main difference. But anyway, the Fairbanks  
42 AC wanted to limit it to only two caribou for  
43 non-residents which addresses that issue as well.

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Vince.

46  
47 MR. MATHEWS: Maybe -- just maybe.  
48 Jack was the minute taker of his Council and he's very  
49 thorough. Maybe the way he wrote it up here will clear  
50 up some of the issues. I don't know. I make no

1 promises, but it might.

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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: But you have  
4 Jack's notes?

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6 MR. MATHEWS: I have his -- he took the  
7 minutes for the Koyukuk AC.

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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, okay.

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11 MR. MATHEWS: So I'll read it there and  
12 basically -- well, Co-Chair Reakoff, Ed Glenn Stout  
13 show a Power Point that the Central Arctic herd is on  
14 the south slope of the Brooks Range in Units 24 and 25.  
15 The herd is healthy and expanding its range to unused  
16 area. Jack lives in Wiseman Village near the Dalton  
17 Highway and has witnessed many hundreds of caribou  
18 hauled south from early August to mid October. The  
19 increase in the bag limit two years ago is starting to  
20 draw hunters and this season's conditions allow a much  
21 higher harvest. Concern was expressed that the five  
22 caribou limit will suppress the herd and augment a  
23 crash as was seen with the Mulchatna herd decline. The  
24 committee was in agreement that smaller herds do not  
25 travel and could be held in low equilibrium once  
26 suppressed by the high harvest. And they opposed it.

27

28 When he talked yesterday -- again I was  
29 going back and forth between the meetings, he felt that  
30 this herd traveled south down to Allakaket and Alatna  
31 and it's harvestable from the air. I don't know if he  
32 mentioned the Anaktuvuk Pass, but I do remember  
33 Allakaket and Alatna. And so I don't know if that  
34 helped or not.

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36 We could try to reach Jack by cell  
37 phone.

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Suggestion  
40 from Virgil.

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42 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. Move to amend  
43 the five caribou for non-residents to two caribou for  
44 non-residents.

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46 MR. GURTLER: I second the motion.

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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Second it.  
49 Frank seconded it. Okay. Well, yeah. That's an  
50 amendment. So discussion on the amendment.

1 (No comments)  
2  
3 MR. WOODRUFF: Question.  
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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
6 been called for. All in favor of the amendment.  
7  
8 IN UNISON: Aye.  
9  
10 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Now the  
11 main motion is with two caribou for non-residents.  
12 Everything stays the same.  
13  
14 MR. UMPHENOUR: Right.  
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16 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You know, I  
17 personally would go for one bull and -- with one being  
18 a bull only. Only one bull, but that's me.  
19  
20 MR. GLANZ: Question on that.  
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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question on  
23 the main motion for the proposal as amended to two  
24 fulls for non-residents. All in favor.  
25  
26 IN UNISON: Aye.  
27  
28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Opposed. I  
29 could be obstinate and say no.  
30  
31 REPORTER: What are you voting?  
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33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No.  
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35 REPORTER: You're going to vote on it,  
36 no, right?  
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38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.  
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40  
41 REPORTER: Okay.  
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43 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Now we're --  
44 the one that -- do you want to take up Jack's proposal?  
45 Which -- we wrote it on a companion proposal of Jack's.  
46 Does anybody remember what number that was? Because I  
47 believe this is -- there's a State one that was the  
48 same as our Federal one. Do you remember, Virgil?  
49  
50 MR. UMPHENOUR: I know we voted against

1 Jack's proposal and the reason why was because we would  
2 have been hunting the caribou cows after they dropped  
3 their calves for about a month, is what we would have  
4 been doing which means people could be shooting cows  
5 and then there's a calf with its mother dead. That's  
6 why we voted Jack's proposal down.

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8 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I know. I  
9 remember now.

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11 MR. UMPHENOUR: And so -- but this  
12 proposal Jack has -- did we put 105 on the table?

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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: He said it was  
15 90 -- 94 which is a season for caribou for all of Unit  
16 25. So now I'm looking at the State proposals and I'm  
17 not finding -- I see.....

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19 MR. GLANZ: The one we voted on, Madam  
20 Chair, was....

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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We already  
23 voted on 100.

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25 MR. GLANZ: Right.

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27 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Which  
28 is 25A. So we've dealt with it.

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30 MR. GLANZ: Didn't we -- when did we  
31 oppose Jack's that had the.....

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33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 95. It  
34 was.....

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36 MR. GLANZ: With the bear and cows  
37 and.....

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. That  
40 was.....

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42 MR. GLANZ: Okay.

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: -- Proposal  
45 No. 94. I'm sorry.

46  
47 MR. GLANZ: Okay.

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49 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 94.  
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1 MR. GLANZ: All right. So we -- yes,  
2 we.....

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4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm trying  
5 Andrew picked the right one. Yeah. Yeah. And we've  
6 already voted on this -- 100 because of that, so -- we  
7 don't always have to agree. Yeah. Okay. So now we're  
8 at -- looking at your State green book. Any of these  
9 other proposals that you want to take up on Unit 25 or  
10 26. Take a few minutes.

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12 (Pause)

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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You guys want  
15 to take a couple minutes to look at it before we -- we  
16 can just step down. You want to take a couple minutes  
17 to look at them? And then -- let's just step down for  
18 a few minutes and make sure we covered it.

19  
20 (Off record)

21  
22 (On record)

23  
24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: As we're  
25 coming back, Council members have a copy of our annual  
26 report. There's only two of them on the table, but you  
27 see the additions to it and if anybody sees any  
28 corrections, I need to hear about it. And while --  
29 okay. For the Board of Game stuff, was there any other  
30 proposals that any of the Council members wanted to  
31 take up? Virgil.

32  
33 MR. UMPHENOUR: Move to adopt Proposal  
34 No. 5.

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36 MR. FIRMIN: Second.

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38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's been  
39 moved and seconded. Robert wants to know how you like  
40 that black fish on the letterhead.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Of the annual  
45 report. Sorry to be changing the subject, but -- okay.  
46 Virgil, do you want to speak to your motion on Proposal  
47 No. 5.

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49 MR. UMPHENOUR: Right. What Proposal  
50 No. 5 would do is in some areas of the State, it would

1 restrict people that normally -- subsistence users that  
2 normally take black bears in dens in the fall and  
3 specifically in Game Management Unit 24 and so the  
4 Fairbanks Advisory Committee was opposed to that and  
5 I'll read their comments. The bears, cubs, and all  
6 State resources. The methods that are objective to the  
7 National Park Service are little used and cannot or do  
8 not affect the population of bears. We note that once  
9 again the National Park Service is unwilling to partner  
10 in the long-established cultural practices.

11

12 Madam Chair.

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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Getting  
15 our heads together here. This would exempt certain  
16 areas administered by the Park Service from provisions  
17 that allow taking bear with artificial light and taking  
18 bear cubs as follows and then there's a long lengthy  
19 thing.

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21 (Pause)

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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Council  
24 members, other discussion. This was put in by the  
25 Superintendents of the Denali National Park Preserve  
26 and Gates of Arctic.

27

28 (Pause)

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30 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Huh. I'm  
31 going to have to read this. What will happen if  
32 nothing is done. Portions of Denali and Gates would be  
33 subject to a method of take that is incompatible with  
34 NPS laws and policies which would require NPS to  
35 propose restrictions resulting in additional  
36 overlapping hunting regulation.

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38 MR. WOODRUFF: Madam Chair. I read  
39 over this one and I think that we butt up against this  
40 issue of what traditionally is used method as, for  
41 example, artificial light. And no one's going to come  
42 back and document the fact that they used artificial  
43 light, whether they used a torch or they took your  
44 partner's glove and set it on fire and threw it in the  
45 den to see if anybody was home. You know, I'm not  
46 going to use my gloves, but I'd use my buddy's gloves  
47 and put some gas on them and throw them in the den and  
48 see if there's anybody home. But I don't think we're  
49 going to come back and document that. So how can  
50 agencies say that -- whether there's artificial light

1 used or not.

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3 That's a facetious argument.

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Other  
6 discussion. Virgil.

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8 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, I know that in  
9 the Game Management Unit 21 and 24 especially that it  
10 is traditional for the people that live there to take  
11 black bears out of the den in the fall. That's a  
12 traditional practice and it still goes on today. And  
13 what this would do would prohibit that except on any  
14 National Park Service administered lands. And so this  
15 is something that is customary and traditional in the  
16 region for the people that live there and I don't think  
17 that it should be curtailed because it's on National  
18 Park Service land. This is similar to some of the  
19 regulations that we have or some that our Council has  
20 actually put forward where you can use a snowmachine  
21 for the hunter to position themselves to take wolves  
22 except on National Wildlife Refuges. It's the same  
23 type of deal and I'm opposed to that because it leads  
24 to confusion in the regulations for one thing and it  
25 makes an exemption and it goes against the customary  
26 and traditional uses of the resources by the qualified  
27 Federal subsistence users.

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29 Madam Chair.

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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any other  
32 discussion.

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34 MR. GLANZ: I'll call for the question.  
35 Go ahead. Sorry.

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37 MR. GURTLER: I agree with Virgil on  
38 this one.

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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Any  
41 other discussion.

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43 MR. GLANZ: I'll call for the question.

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You ready,  
46 Andrew? Okay. I see a lot of thinking going on over  
47 there, so I thought you had something to add.

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49 MR. FIRMIN: I was just kind of  
50 thinking this kind of mirrors a lot of what we've

1 already been voting on and maybe just to put it into  
2 perspective for me, this -- they just want to take sows  
3 and cubs, but they also -- the artificial light thing  
4 just comes in because they're den hunting -- am I  
5 reading that right?

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7 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think so.

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9 MR. FIRMIN: Well, it was put forth by  
10 the Park Service so -- personally I don't really have a  
11 problem with it.

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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. They  
14 want to restrict it is what they want to do. They want  
15 to stop it from happening.

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17 MR. FIRMIN: Okay. Just, yeah, I was  
18 reading it wrong though.

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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

21

22 MR. FIRMIN: Okay.

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24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. They  
25 want to stop it, so -- did you have anything else?

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27 MR. FIRMIN: No.

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29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. All  
30 right. The question has been called for. All those  
31 opposed to restricting the use of artificial light say  
32 aye.

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34 IN UNISON: Aye.

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36 MR. GLANZ: Opposed to using.....

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38 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Now, I stated  
39 it wrong. The motion was to adopt the proposal. So  
40 you would be -- when you vote aye, you would be voting  
41 for the proposal to restrict. So all those in favor of  
42 doing this.

43

44 (No aye votes)

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46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All those  
47 opposed.

48

49 IN UNISON: Aye.

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1                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Now,  
2 was there any other ones?  
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4                   MR. FIRMIN: Yes. I'd like to move to  
5 adopt Proposal 101.  
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7                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Do I  
8 hear a second.  
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10                  MR. GLANZ: I'll second it.  
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12                  MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Been  
13 moved and seconded, 101. Go ahead, Andrew.  
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15                  MR. FIRMIN: This is another one Jack  
16 put forward and this is one that's similar to one of  
17 his other proposals that we voted on earlier and it's  
18 just -- it has to do with the Dalton Highway corridor  
19 management and it's just to restrict the number of  
20 bulls. So Joe Bro doesn't go get five caribou and then  
21 figure out he's got a pack it all back to his truck in  
22 one day before it spoils and I think leaving him a two  
23 bull limit is actually a good -- it follows along with  
24 the other proposals that we voted on. I think it was  
25 104. So I think that's a good one that -- one that I  
26 like the idea of that.  
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28                  MR. GLANZ: I also agree with him on  
29 that. This is a great one to put in.  
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31                  MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.  
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33                  MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, the Fairbanks  
34 Advisory Committee recommended to take no action on  
35 this proposal, but basically what Jack's proposal would  
36 do would make it so that before you -- your bag limit  
37 would still be two bull caribou; however, you could not  
38 shoot two at once. You would have to pack one of them  
39 out -- you know, butcher it and pack it out before you  
40 could shoot the second one, if I read it right. That's  
41 what that would do and so personally I favor that  
42 proposal.  
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44                  Madam Chair.  
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46                  MR. WOODRUFF: Yep.  
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48                  MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Any  
49 other discussion. Okay.  
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1 MR. UMPHENOUR: Question.  
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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
4 been called for. All in favor of Proposal 100 to --  
5 oh, 101. I'm sorry. I think it's clear, right? You  
6 got to pack out one at a time. I mean you get one  
7 caribou.....  
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9 MR. GURTLER: Shoot one and carry it  
10 out.  
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12 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....carry it  
13 out, and then you can go shoot another. All in favor.  
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15  
16 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone oppose.  
19  
20 (No opposing votes)  
21  
22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Well,  
23 we found a couple more, can we find any more there.  
24 Did we find anymore?  
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26 MR. UMPHENOUR: 106.  
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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We did that.  
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30 MR. UMPHENOUR: We did it?  
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32 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yes, we did.  
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34 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay.  
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36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 106 we've  
37 already done and 100, so -- because it was a companion  
38 proposal with -- that we had put in the Federal side,  
39 so -- when you're done flipping pages, I'll go on. Two  
40 of them are close. We're getting there. You done?  
41  
42 (Pause)  
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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. If you  
45 see something that you failed -- that we didn't get to  
46 yet, just let us know and we'll see what we can do. So  
47 that takes care of that. We have a few things to  
48 review and before we -- there's the annual report and  
49 the resolution with the Eastern and Western. I wanted  
50 to give a report. Last night I was -- you know,

1 running the meetings as a chair, you end up, you know,  
2 trying to shuffle through all this stuff and you wonder  
3 if you missed something and I thought about on that  
4 Chisana Caribou Herd when the SRC meeting took it up  
5 and it was a 4-3 vote and we basically didn't do  
6 anything, there was some discussion from the Chishna  
7 Tribal Council. A letter was submitted and it was -- I  
8 also gave the letter to the Upper Tanana Fortymile  
9 caribou herd and I just want to read it for the record  
10 because I feel like I'm the Eastern Interior  
11 representative for the SRC and I forgot to mention  
12 this.

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14                   It was -- and then sometimes, you know,  
15 you just fail to do it and I apologize for this, but at  
16 the AC in Tok, they found it very confusing because  
17 we're talking about the Chisana caribou. I'm going to  
18 read this, just so you know what -- how they looked at  
19 it. And this is -- this was to the SRC members.

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21                   On behalf of the Chishna Tribal  
22 Council, I am writing to express our deep concern with  
23 the current proposal to incorporate a draw hunting  
24 permit for the Chisana Caribou Herd. While we are not  
25 dynamically opposed to the draw permit hunt of a herd,  
26 we do have some appreciations to its implementation and  
27 use. First, there's a concern that the permits issued  
28 will be used for purposes of guided hunts offering  
29 exclusivity for the personal monetary gain of the guide  
30 outfits and offering no benefit to the surrounding  
31 communities. Such is the case of the Tok sheep.

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33                   This would not be acceptable to our  
34 tribal members that live here or in the Nabesna area.  
35 Additionally a draw permit offered throughout the State  
36 will grant access to the small herd for the centuries  
37 -- that for centuries has been a part of our native  
38 heritage, thus allowing outside individuals to glean a  
39 sacred part of our past hunting rights. This is not  
40 conducive to our tribal rights and ways.

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42                   Furthermore, offering a draw hunt for  
43 the herd will significantly increase the overall  
44 hunting pressure now mounting on the Nabesna area. In  
45 recent years, the amount of hunting pressure from  
46 Fairbanks and Anchorage has significantly increased,  
47 creating a diminishing capacity for local community  
48 members to effectively hunt for their own subsistence  
49 needs. We would support the draw permit hunting of the  
50 herd if it were limited to bordering communities only.

1 This would allow the appropriate management of the herd  
2 and local community members to hunt the caribou, many  
3 of which would be following their ancestors' footsteps.  
4 We hope you consider our request and would contact us  
5 with any questions or comments.

6  
7 And I wanted to say that the Upper  
8 Tanana, I took this to their -- when they took up the  
9 Federal proposals, I took it their meeting and they all  
10 read it and then they started saying, well, I think  
11 they're confusing the two herds, the Mentasta and the  
12 Chisana and I called this Jason Hoke who it's signed by  
13 and I requested that you put somebody on the  
14 teleconference so they can talk to the AC and guess  
15 what. I don't know if they ended up calling or what,  
16 but when the Park Service called in, they -- we gave  
17 them their -- the -- what was given by the Fish and  
18 Game to make the teleconference call in. They -- we  
19 gave them the 800 number. We gave them the number to  
20 get in and it was four digits. Well, those guys sat  
21 there for half hour. They never called in and we were  
22 wondering -- wonder what happened and they figured out  
23 that it was a seven digit number. It was Neece's phone  
24 number, not just the last four digits. So I don't know  
25 if the Chistochina guys tried to get on or not, but --  
26 you know, and then the AC said that they felt that this  
27 letter was confusing, that they were mixing the two  
28 herds and they wanted to put in -- it was stated that  
29 if they wanted to put in a C&T, they could do that, but  
30 it would be the next regulatory cycle.

31  
32 So I just felt like I needed to report  
33 that to you guys because that letter had come before us  
34 and it wasn't sent to the Eastern Interior. It was  
35 just sent to the SRC. So -- any rate, I wanted to give  
36 you that report because I felt bad by not giving you  
37 that. It's hard up here to remember everything, so I  
38 need help from others sometimes.

39  
40 Okay. Now, we reviewed -- let's take  
41 up the Western and Eastern Interior Regional Advisory  
42 Councils Joint Resolution. Robert has put the two  
43 suggestions in. Virgil has reviewed it and that should  
44 be in front of you. So I guess what I need is a motion  
45 to adopt.

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47 MR. UMPHENOUR: Move to adopt Joint  
48 Resolution dated February 26, 2010, Eastern Interior  
49 and Western Interior Subsistence Regional Advisory  
50 Councils concerning Yukon River chinook salmon

1 management.

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3 MR. GLANZ: I'll second.

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's been  
6 moved and seconded. Any discussion? Virgil.

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8 MR. UMPHENOUR: The concerns that I  
9 brought forward have been addressed as explained by  
10 Larry Buklis and so I feel comfortable with the  
11 resolution as well as the -- I feel comfortable with  
12 the portion that was added to it by the Western  
13 Council.

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15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any other  
16 discussion. Donald.

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18 MR. WOODRUFF: And I'll support it for  
19 Virgil's reasons right there that the Western Council  
20 added quite significant information that seemed to  
21 enhance it, so I'm going to support it.

22

23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.  
24 Others. Bill.

25

26 MR. GLANZ: I also would like to  
27 support this and I also happen to notice that they made  
28 it to a 12-year period for the pulse. I think that's a  
29 fine idea too.

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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Andrew.

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33 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah. I like the way this  
34 is written as well. The only one that I didn't notice  
35 in there -- I was just looking at it again was the  
36 wasn't anything really on a bycatch level in there  
37 noted -- or not that I -- maybe I just missed it.

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Larry.

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41 MR. BUKLIS: Madam Chair. That came up  
42 when Andy and Tim Gervais and I met that first night as  
43 a committee to work on this and we discussed it and the  
44 Council members -- I was more of an assistant. But the  
45 Council members felt after talking about it that it'd  
46 be best to focus on the in-river management and then  
47 demonstrate to the North Pacific Council and other  
48 interests on the bycatch issue that this is what we're  
49 doing in the river and not to bring that up again here.

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1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
2 Andrew's shaking his head, that's cool. Other  
3 discussion. Donald.  
4  
5 MR. WOODRUFF: I think that the bycatch  
6 is covered pretty well in our letter that we're going  
7 to send out.  
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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: In the annual  
10 report?  
11  
12 MR. WOODRUFF: Yep.  
13  
14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Well,  
15 we've covered this a lot, but I appreciate how we're  
16 going about it. This is how we're taking care of our  
17 situation. So any other discussion?  
18  
19 (No comments)  
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21 MR. GLANZ: Question.  
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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
24 been called for. All in favor.  
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26 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone oppose.  
29  
30 (No opposing votes)  
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32 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Now the  
33 annual report. I guess we need a motion on that also.  
34 Has everyone seen it? Does anyone else want to see it.  
35 Here. Here.  
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37  
38 MR. GLANZ: No, I got it. I've read  
39 it, but I just -- that's my.....  
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41 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, there's  
42 not that many copies out. That's what's wrong. Yeah.  
43  
44 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.  
45  
46 MR. UMPHENOUR: Move to adopt the  
47 annual report.  
48  
49 MR. FIRMIN: Second.  
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1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And Andrew  
2 second. Discussion.  
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4 MR. UMPHENOUR: I've read the annual  
5 report and I think it covers everything that we've  
6 discussed that we wanted in the annual report.  
7  
8 Madam Chair.  
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10 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Anyone else.  
11  
12 (No comments)  
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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Any more  
15 discussion.  
16  
17 (No comments)  
18  
19 MR. GLANZ: I'll call for the question.  
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21 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Question's  
22 been called for. All in favor of the annual report.  
23  
24 IN UNISON: Aye.  
25  
26 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. And all  
27 -- anyone opposed.  
28  
29 (No opposing votes)  
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31 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Good. Now  
32 unfinished business. What else did we not take care of  
33 here.  
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35 MR. GLANZ: Madam Chair.  
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37 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Robert. Help  
38 me out. Yeah. Yes. Go ahead, Bill.  
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41 MR. GLANZ: Well, I did want to see if  
42 there's something we could do about Vince's old  
43 position being transferred down to Anchorage.  
44  
45 MR. UMPHENOUR: Oh, yeah. That's a  
46 good idea.  
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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Go ahead  
49 and.....  
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1 MR. GLANZ: Well, I just feel that it  
2 -- by reading all these -- what's the name of this one  
3 here? What -- Pat -- or whatever his.....

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Pat Pourchot?

6  
7 MR. GLANZ: Yeah. What he brought in  
8 to us with this RACs inaccessible and blah, blah, so  
9 for and so on, and I feel by moving our main focal  
10 point to Anchorage, it's not in the best interest for  
11 the Eastern and the Western Interior and like ever  
12 since retirement -- generally when they write up a bid  
13 for a job, they've got somebody in mind that's in that  
14 area. So they -- and probably have to go through the  
15 whole cycle again, but whoever it is maybe you should  
16 have move up here. I mean really that's my opinion.

17  
18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, didn't  
19 you also mention to me that maybe somebody from this  
20 region might highly qualify and then they would really  
21 have.....

22  
23 MR. GLANZ: That was another reason.  
24 You do have somebody up here that's really qualified  
25 and he's not about to move his family to Anchorage. I  
26 know I wouldn't. That's one of my other reasons.

27  
28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Other -- well,  
29 let's see. There's no motion, so do you want to make a  
30 motion to write a letter.

31  
32 MR. GLANZ: Yes, I'd like to make a  
33 motion to write a letter to the OSM, whoever's the  
34 boss, who ever's going to hire this fellow. I don't  
35 know. Anyway. But we need to write a letter that we  
36 object to moving the office down to Anchorage for the  
37 above-stated reasons.

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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do I hear a  
40 second.

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42 MR. GURTLER: I'll second.

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Frank second  
45 it. Okay. Any other discussion. Virgil.

46  
47 MR. UMPHENOUR: I totally concur with  
48 what Bill said. In order for us to be effective and to  
49 get our point across and to have proper support, we  
50 need our coordinator to be readily accessible and

1 Fairbanks is the center for the -- for all of the  
2 Eastern Interior RACs, villages, or the area we cover  
3 and the majority of the Western Interior's. I know  
4 there's been a lot of times where I'd call over to the  
5 coordinator's office to talk to Vince and I might need  
6 different scientific reports or documents or whatever,  
7 and beings we have the science part of our region is  
8 located over in the Federal Building here in Fairbanks  
9 and you can -- normally the reports or whatever the  
10 paperwork is that we need to look at is available at  
11 that location. If it's not, then he knows where to go  
12 get it. And so it makes it much easier and then  
13 administratively a lot of times, the paperwork might  
14 need a signature or something and you're not available  
15 and me as Vice-Chair, well, I just go over there and  
16 sign whatever needs signed. But as far as us operating  
17 in as smooth a fashion as possible, I think it's much  
18 better to have access to our coordinator than have the  
19 coordinator down in Anchorage because it just makes it  
20 much easier.

21

22                   If you're passing through Fairbanks for  
23 some reason or not from one of the villages, then you  
24 can just stop and go over there and deal with whatever  
25 it is you want to deal with, plus the other thing is  
26 that Bill brought up is there may be qualified people  
27 in the Fairbanks area that do not want to live in a  
28 giant city like Anchorage and so that eliminates those  
29 -- having someone from our local area getting that job.  
30 And so therefore I fully support having the position in  
31 Fairbanks even though I know that the division wants to  
32 have everyone in one place and maybe they think it's  
33 easier that way, but I don't really think so. I think  
34 that for the benefit of our mission, it is best to have  
35 the position in Fairbanks.

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37                   Thank you.

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39                   MR. GLANZ: I have.....

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41                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Bill.

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43                   MR. GLANZ: As a matter of fact, we've  
44 seen the inadequacy of having no -- what you'd say,  
45 coordinator here with the young man Biederman when he  
46 came to our meeting. He had no idea what we were  
47 going. Had no idea. I remember when I first came on  
48 the Board, I spent a half a day in Vince's office going  
49 over procedures and going over the -- you know, all the  
50 different things where that young man was totally --

1 his opinion we thought what he was coming to this  
2 Board, we make a motion, pass it, bingo, it's law. You  
3 know, he had no ideas. Years down the road and so  
4 forth and so on and many studies, so that'd be another  
5 advantage of having a local man for the new RAC  
6 members, the Eastern, Western, wherever they come from.

7  
8 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's a good  
9 point. And he was probably at a disadvantage in one  
10 sense of the way because of the change in not having  
11 our coordinator like we did have Vince, you know, but  
12 the point's well made that -- and -- that most of our  
13 villages probably come to Fairbanks more -- and they --  
14 then they would have access while they're here not --  
15 you know, I appreciate what you said too, Virgil, but  
16 it's important to also talk about the other places in  
17 the region. So -- and that's -- Andrew, your flights  
18 come directly to Fairbanks, correct?

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20 MR. FIRMIN: (Nods affirmatively)

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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. And,  
23 Frank, do you drive or do you fly?

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25 MR. GURTLER: Drive.

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27 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You drive  
28 also. But your flights and then looking at most of the  
29 other villages, I believe most of them come through  
30 Fairbanks.....

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32 MR. WOODRUFF: (Nods affirmatively)

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34 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....so that  
35 doesn't give -- you know, when you're here doing things  
36 for whatever, when you come to town to buy something or  
37 whatever you're doing for other business, then you  
38 could actually go visit the coordinator and that's  
39 pretty important, so -- so I think that's enough  
40 discussion on that. So there's a motion to write a  
41 letter. So, Robert, he has this -- he's talked to me  
42 about he likes to see letters written at the meetings,  
43 so do you want to talk to that.

44  
45 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. In my  
46 experience, it actually saves time in the long run if  
47 the Council members see what they voted on and approved  
48 and if we had ten minutes, I could put the -- maybe not  
49 in the final format, but in ten minutes, I could  
50 provide a letter with some text that you could approve

1 and I would recommend doing that before we adjourn for  
2 -- and.....

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4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And I concur  
5 because you're just filling in and you might not be our  
6 coordinator next time, so it'd be better to have it  
7 done now. So unless you get the duty of doing  
8 Southeast and Interior.

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10 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. I would love  
11 to do that. I enjoy this experience. I would like to  
12 mention one other item before we move on is that the  
13 only fisheries proposal that I know we've approved is  
14 the 35 mesh restriction where mesh is -- for nets that  
15 have a greater than six-inch mesh and I believe  
16 everybody's seen the final version of that. If anybody  
17 hasn't, let me know and I'll print them another copy.

18  
19 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I was  
20 -- my brain was on something else. So that -- oh,  
21 other proposals for the Federal cycle, right?

22  
23 MR. LARSON: Other fisheries proposals,  
24 that's the only one that was acted on.

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26 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right. And we  
27 only had that one. Is there anything you guys have  
28 thought about since you've been at the meeting?

29  
30 (No comments)

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32 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And again  
33 remember -- and I don't know, Andrew, if you were here,  
34 the OSM -- if there's any fisheries issues to meet the  
35 deadline, I think it was May -- or were you here for  
36 the March 20 is the deadline?

37  
38 MR. FIRMIN: I don't.....

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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So if  
41 there's anything, they'll help you write it up or  
42 anything like that and I think that's it for us now.

43  
44 MR. LARSON: And, Madam Chair, if I  
45 could have just a few minutes, then we'll have a final  
46 version of this letter that is going to Meg  
47 Johnson.....

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49 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Jensen, yeah.  
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1 MR. LARSON: .....Jensen from the --  
2 regarding the use of off-road vehicles.  
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4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
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6 MR. LARSON: There was some changes to  
7 the first draft we saw that.....  
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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Right.  
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11 MR. LARSON: .....I can make in just a  
12 minute.  
13  
14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. While  
15 he's working on that, we can have further discussion  
16 here and then we'll take a step-down till he's  
17 finished. Yeah. Donald.  
18  
19 MR. WOODRUFF: Robert, when you're  
20 ready to move up here, I'll help you out.  
21  
22 (Laughter)  
23  
24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We certainly  
25 appreciate what you've done for us here. It's great.  
26 Well, then let's step down for a few minutes till he  
27 gets -- there's two letters then that we're going to  
28 finally -- or get to finalize, so -- and then we -- was  
29 there anything else on the agenda that I have missed?  
30 Just a little thing before we step down. Virgil.  
31  
32 MR. UMPHENOUR: I move that we write a  
33 letter to Vince thanking Vince for his service and all  
34 the good work he did as our coordinator for -- see,  
35 he's been our coordinator I believe since 2002. I know  
36 Sue and I have been on the RAC since 2001 and I think  
37 he took over the year after we got on the RAC, but --  
38 and how we want to address that, I'm not sure. I  
39 suppose I could write the letter or -- and then -- are  
40 you going to be here for the Board of Game meeting,  
41 much of it?  
42  
43 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No.  
44  
45 MR. UMPHENOUR: So what we would need  
46 is a delegation of authority for me to write a letter  
47 and send it I guess.  
48  
49 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Actually maybe  
50 a card would be nice. I wonder if we can pick up a

1 card real fast and I'll sign it.  
2  
3 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, we could do that.  
4 If you want to be in charge of picking up the card.  
5 But I think it would be good to send a letter of  
6 appreciation to the -- through channels.  
7  
8 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: With cards?  
9 I'm hearing that there's a gift shop with some cards.  
10 Let's -- while we step down, let's go check it out and  
11 we'll come back and see.....  
12  
13 MR. UMPHENOUR: And then we can finish  
14 this discussion.  
15  
16 MR. GLANZ: But I would like -- still  
17 like to see a letter to Vince and cc's to all his  
18 further up for his personnel file and so forth.  
19  
20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Okay.  
21 That's sounds great. So do you guys want to see -- you  
22 don't need to see a copy of that letter, right -- so  
23 we'll just make sure.  
24  
25 MR. GLANZ: I think Virgil is more than  
26 adequate to do it if he wants to do it. If he'd like  
27 to.  
28  
29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you have a  
30 secretary, Virgil?  
31  
32 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, my wife was an  
33 administrative officer in the Army. She's real good at  
34 writing letters.  
35  
36 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So we could  
37 give you that challenge to get that letter done?  
38  
39 MR. UMPHENOUR: We'll do it.  
40  
41 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Great.  
42 All right. And then we'll just put that -- well, we'll  
43 do that separate and have our card too. Okay. Great.  
44 Okay. We'll step down for ten minutes.  
45  
46 (Off record)  
47  
48 (On record)  
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50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.

1 We're back. I see Tina. Tina, we're okay.

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3 REPORTER: (Nods affirmatively)

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.

6 Now, I signed the one to the Superintendent of the  
7 Wrangell-St. Elias and he said there was a few just  
8 technical things regarding -- go ahead, Robert.

9

10 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair. The version  
11 of the letter that went to Meg Jensen of the Wrangell-  
12 St. Elias was actually editorialized a little bit and  
13 wordsmithed to make it read better, but the -- there  
14 was no substantive changes to the intent of the letter.  
15 Just want to put that on the record that there's two  
16 versions, one that's essentially done and the one that  
17 you signed which is slightly different but reads  
18 actually better.

19

20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Now,  
21 there was -- do you want to speak to that other one  
22 that you're going to deal with and I'll sign it later.

23

24 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair, yes. I was  
25 -- I did not finalize the letter to Pete Probasco of  
26 the Office of Subsistence Management regarding the  
27 placement of the next Council coordinator for the  
28 Eastern Interior, but I did capture the intent from the  
29 Eastern Interior and I think that that letter can be  
30 prepared for your signature with the information I have  
31 in front of me right now.

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33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. And one  
34 of the things that they did, Robert, Vince had me sign  
35 my name and then they used that with my concurrence.  
36 You want the actual physical.....

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38 MR. LARSON: If it's -- and this is my  
39 firm belief that an action by the Council if it  
40 requires a signature should be signed by yourself in  
41 the final version. So that -- I would suggest doing  
42 that. So -- and I can send this in the mail, but  
43 I.....

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, I'm  
46 probably going to be here for a few more hours.

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48 MR. LARSON: Yes.

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50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So we might be

1 able to get that done today.

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3 MR. LARSON: Yes.

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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7 MR. LARSON: But I really suggest that  
8 any signed documents, you sign the final version when  
9 it's prepared.

10

11 Thank you.

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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Okay.  
14 I had it in my brain -- oh, yeah, the Board of Game's  
15 meeting now. The public testimony has probably started  
16 already and I talked to Andrew and Virgil about someone  
17 attending that meeting for us. Rita St. Louis said  
18 that the last time to sign up is tomorrow sometime.

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20 MR. GLANZ: 4:00 o'clock.

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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 4:00 o'clock.  
23 4:00 o'clock, Bill says. So who all wants to go?  
24 Anyone. I know, Bill, you said you had to go home.....

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26 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.

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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....and you  
29 can't come back. And if we -- we can discuss this if  
30 it's okay with you guys. We'll figure something out  
31 between Virgil and Andrew and we'll just take it from  
32 there. And the only way I could do it is if they let  
33 me just go in there or Andrew for that matter because  
34 he has to travel today -- this afternoon. So we'll  
35 figure that out amongst ourselves here. All right.

36

37 Now the last thing to take care of is  
38 our closing comments, unless -- did I miss anything.

39

40 (Council nods affirmatively)

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42 MR. UMPHENOUR: Do you want to take up  
43 Proposal 16?

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45 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do I want to  
46 take up Proposal 16.

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48 MR. GLANZ: Federal or State?

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50 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Federal or

1 State?

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3 MR. UMPHENOUR: State.

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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, Virgil  
6 seems to have overlooked something. What -- do you,  
7 Virgil?

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9 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, I don't know. We  
10 can bring it up and if the Council wants to take  
11 action, it can. If they don't.....

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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: What it is  
14 a.....

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16 MR. UMPHENOUR: .....they don't have  
17 to.

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19 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....an  
20 earlier opening for sheep hunting for residents over  
21 non-residents.

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23 MR. WOODRUFF: Yes.

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25 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You want to  
26 take it up.

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28 MR. GLANZ: Yes.

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30 MR. UMPHENOUR: Move to adopt State  
31 Proposal 16.

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33 MR. WOODRUFF: Second.

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35 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. It's  
36 been moved and seconded. Proposal 16.....

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38 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. Proposal 16 is  
39 before us. I made the motion, so I'll speak to the  
40 proposal. Let me make sure I'm not messing up here and  
41 that it is Proposal 16 in the book first. Right. It  
42 is. Okay. What Proposal 16 would do would be to open  
43 the Dall sheep season -- well, what he has here is  
44 August 5th instead of August 10th for residents, and  
45 for non-residents, it would open August 12th.  
46 Currently the season is open for both residents and  
47 non-residents August 10th. So what he wants to do is  
48 open the sheep season seven days earlier for residents  
49 than for non-residents so that residents get to start  
50 hunting sheep a week before non-residents.

1 I'm opposed to the proposal of course.  
2 I'm a hunting guide and my clients are -- for sheep are  
3 normally non-residents. A non-resident is required to  
4 be guided on a sheep hunt. They cannot just go sheep  
5 hunting on their own as well as with mountain goat and  
6 grizzly or brown bear. There are several reasons why  
7 I'm opposed. Earlier in the meeting, I pointed out  
8 that 70 percent of the budget for Wildlife Conservation  
9 Division comes from the sale of non-resident licenses  
10 and tags. Alaska's the only state that has a huntable  
11 sheep population that gives residents a free tag. In  
12 some states, residents have to pay, like Arizona, for  
13 instance, up to \$1,500 for a tag to hunt sheep in the  
14 state they live in.

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16 So Alaska is the only state in the  
17 western states where there are wild sheep where the  
18 residents don't have to buy a tag. Most non-residents  
19 are only going to hunt sheep once in their life. If  
20 they get a sheep, that's it. They're done. A resident  
21 can hunt sheep every year if they want to. The sheep  
22 season naturally start -- like I said, starts on August  
23 10th. So if you were to move it back to August 12th,  
24 most sheep guides plan ten days for a sheep hunt. In  
25 Unit 20, the moose season starts on September 1st, and  
26 so if you're an individual that guides sheep hunters  
27 and then switches over and guides moose hunters when  
28 the moose season starts, then if you have two ten-day  
29 sheep hunts, you don't have time to switch over from  
30 sheep to moose hunting because you hunt those in a  
31 different place. You have to move your camp and et  
32 cetera, and so that would make it so that you would  
33 have to either shorten your sheep hunts by a couple of  
34 days or you couldn't start moose hunting whenever the  
35 moose season started.

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37 Those are my two main objections to it.  
38 One of the things that would happen is a lot of the --  
39 in order to get to where you can hunt sheep, normally  
40 you have to charter an airplane. That's what we do is  
41 we charter Wright's Air to fly our clients into a  
42 landing strip and then we travel from there to where we  
43 sheep hunt. And so -- and then other guides have  
44 actually improved the area where you can land an  
45 airplane so that you can land there. And so what this  
46 would -- what would end up happening is that air taxi  
47 operators -- I think some of them would take advantage  
48 of this. They've caused a lot of, you know, conflicts  
49 on other hunts such as moose by dropping off a lot of  
50 hunters in an area and then you have too many hunters

1 for the game and crowding and conflicts.

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3                   And so I think that this would create  
4 more conflicts is what it would do because the guides  
5 that have improved runways or places where you can land  
6 an airplane or in the case of my son where we've  
7 actually built cabins and pay the State lease for those  
8 -- we have three cabins sites, so we pay the State a  
9 thousand dollars a year, it's -- and we have places  
10 where we set up spy camps the same place every year and  
11 operate out of them and some of the air taxi operators  
12 know where we do this, that they're going to be  
13 dropping hunters off that'll be using our facilities  
14 that we've spent money developing and of course no one,  
15 if you're a guide, would like that to happen to you.

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17                   But anyway, I'm opposed to the proposal  
18 for all the reasons that I just stated.

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20                   Thank you.

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22                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Discussion.  
23 Did we get a second? Okay.

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25                   MR. GLANZ: Yes, we did. Donald.

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27                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andrew.

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29                   MR. FIRMIN: I just have a few complex  
30 AC notes here in front me and they support it and their  
31 discussion says support giving local hunters a chance  
32 before guides with hunters start hurting. That's all  
33 it says here.

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35                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And that came  
36 from which AC?

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38                   MR. FIRMIN: The Yukon Flats AC. I  
39 think Vince left this here.

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41                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, okay.  
42 It's too bad we didn't get to talk to Vince before he  
43 left. But, okay. Any other ACs.

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45                   MR. GLANZ: Madam Chair. We never took  
46 this up.

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48                   MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Donald.

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50                   MR. WOODRUFF: I'm sympathetic to

1 Virgil. I understand that that'll cause a big  
2 bottleneck for him, but as Robert read or someone read  
3 to us is that I feel my responsibility is to give a  
4 little bit of advantage to subsistence people, and so  
5 I'm going to vote to support this, but I'm totally  
6 sympathetic to what Virgil's talking about in his area.  
7 But in 20E, we can pretty much walk and -- we can walk  
8 in there and get a sheep.

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10 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. All  
11 sheep hunting's not fly in. Other discussion.

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13 Andrew.

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15 MR. FIRMIN: On a personal note, I just  
16 -- I'm always sympathetic to the subsistence user.  
17 Even though they live there, I mean it says right here  
18 on this proposal that success rates for residents is 25  
19 percent and non-resident hunters enjoy 70 percent of  
20 the harvest and that kind of speaks for itself and it  
21 decreases that conflict that you have of local and non-  
22 local people. So I'm kind of in support of it although  
23 I'd probably abstain because I don't -- never seen a  
24 sheep in my life.

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26 (Laughter)

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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You need to  
29 come visit.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Frank.

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35 MR. GURTLER: On those cabins that you  
36 have there, is there -- anybody could use them or what  
37 do they do? They just walk in there and use your cabin  
38 at their own discretion? Is that what the problem is  
39 with this -- changing this?

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41 MR. UMPHENOUR: The cabins are private  
42 property. We lease the land from the State and we have  
43 the -- the State allows you to build a 400 square foot  
44 structure so it can be, you know, 20 by 20 if you want  
45 it to be that big.

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47 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's  
48 movable.

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50 MR. UMPHENOUR: But ours are not that

1 big. But anyway, no, we have had people -- because the  
2 cabin itself is private property. We have had other  
3 hunters actually go move into our cabins, use our fuel  
4 and all our supplies and et cetera that's there in the  
5 past. We have had that happen. I don't know if that  
6 would happen or not, but something that a person has to  
7 bear in mind, the sheep you get if you do a good job on  
8 the sheep, you'll get about 60 pounds of meat out of a  
9 sheep. The effort --

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11 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It depends on  
12 where it came from.

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14 MR. UMPHENOUR: It depends on the sheep  
15 and depends on who's butchering it and how it was shot  
16 and et cetera. You get about 60 pounds of meat out of  
17 a sheep is what you're going to get if you take perfect  
18 care of it. Sheep to me does not meet the criteria the  
19 same way that a moose or a caribou does as far as the  
20 criteria for subsistence. It's basically a trophy  
21 animal. All they are -- they are very good eating.

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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: No, it's not.  
24 I disagree with that.

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26 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. I know you  
27 disagree, but you have your turn to talk when I'm  
28 finished.

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30 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh. Oh.

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32 MR. UMPHENOUR: But anyway.....

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34 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Wow.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MR. UMPHENOUR: Anyway, so as far as  
39 old criteria goes, I know Sue likes to be able to  
40 subsistence hunt sheep on Federal lands, which you --  
41 the State does not classify a sheep as a subsistence  
42 animal. And so the -- and the reason why.....

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's not  
45 true, Virgil.

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47 MR. UMPHENOUR: .....the success rate  
48 is a lot lower on residents than non-residents, there's  
49 two reasons for that.

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1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Not true.

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3 MR. UMPHENOUR: One reason is the  
4 resolve to get a sheep because unless you're really  
5 lucky, it's not that easy. I know when my daughter got  
6 her first sheep when she was 13, I calculated out that  
7 she walked approximately 50 miles in the mountains to  
8 get that sheep and I know that when we got back with it  
9 after she finally did get her sheep that it was about  
10 1:30 in the morning and we had left camp at 7:00 in the  
11 morning. So it takes -- it's a lot -- it's not easy to  
12 just go get a sheep. And so a lot of the people -- the  
13 residents that don't get a sheep it's because they are  
14 not capable or they don't have the desire to really go  
15 where the sheep are. That's why the success rate is a  
16 lot lower.

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18 If -- an individual that comes on a  
19 guided sheep hunt as a general rule, those guys are  
20 going to exercise and try to get in shape for a long  
21 time, like this one surgeon that we took sheep hunting  
22 last year.....

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24 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You don't need  
25 to.....

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27 MR. UMPHENOUR: Just an example, Sue.  
28 He told me that he started working out in December for  
29 his sheep hunt in August and he still had a little bit  
30 of problem up there walking around the mountains. But  
31 anyway, I don't -- the State does not consider it a  
32 subsistence animal. I know people that would like to  
33 see the residents have an advantage. They do have an  
34 advantage because they can go sheep hunting every year  
35 whereas a non-resident.....

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37 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Virgil.

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39 MR. UMPHENOUR: .....does it once in  
40 his life as a normal rule.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I think you're  
45 wrong because -- on the State with sheep on subsistence  
46 and I'm not going to argue about it because I think  
47 there's a three sheep limit somewhere in the Brooks  
48 Range for -- on the State books. Yeah, I'm pretty sure  
49 it is, but I'm not going to argue that. Here's what  
50 I -- what's important to me is right now this -- sheep

1 is my passion. Sheep is something I end up doing a lot  
2 -- sheep hunting a lot for long before I became a  
3 guide, we spent a lot of time in the mountains and from  
4 the -- 33 or 35, I don't know how many years back,  
5 living on the Tok Cutoff, we have noticed a severe  
6 decline in numbers. So to see an August 5th season is  
7 extending the season of residents and the Upper Tanana  
8 Fortymile voted on this. There was six people present.  
9 Four voted no -- four were -- let's see. I got to make  
10 sure I got the right one here. What number is this  
11 one?

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13 MR. UMPHENOUR: 16.

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15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: 16. They  
16 voted against it. And two abstained. Four against it  
17 and two abstained. And I think they were sympathetic  
18 like you guys are of the resident, but there was such a  
19 concern about it being more harvest -- see, I was  
20 hoping you didn't bring this up. But this little  
21 statement down here, non-resident hunters enjoy 70  
22 percent harvest rate on sheep, that is true, but it's a  
23 lower number. The actual residents that -- I think  
24 it's 50-50.

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26 MR. UMPHENOUR: Now, more sheep are  
27 killed by residents than non-residents.

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29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. More  
30 sheep are killed. It's not -- it's just over 50  
31 percent I believe, Virgil. I thought it was 70, but so  
32 more sheep are killed by residents than there are  
33 non-residents. And one of the key issues I think that  
34 is important here is that -- when that season would  
35 open. I would be -- I am against an August 5th opening  
36 for anybody because it's too -- it's way too early. If  
37 there was some earlier season, it would have to be a  
38 10th and after the 10th. So somewhere on the 10th, but  
39 I just would -- I think that's wrong and -- I'm trying  
40 to think too.

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42 You know, my son now is a guide and I'm  
43 an assistant guide for him and I take two or three  
44 sheep hunters a year out and I will say as -- for his  
45 business, it's -- it would probably be difficult to do  
46 the scheduling, but, you know, speaking to the  
47 committee, right now, I think I would favor keeping  
48 everything the same.

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50 So I think that the problem that the

1 State has should be addressed with this State land and  
2 limiting guides on State land, and there is an issue  
3 out there. There's a DNR process right now trying to  
4 do that. I think it would be better dealt with in  
5 another avenue than this avenue. So for -- that would  
6 be my two cents.

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8 MR. GLANZ: Yes, Madam Chair. I read  
9 that article in the paper -- about the trouble you're  
10 all having with those guides and everything else, and  
11 that's -- that is something has to be -- also on other  
12 thing. Non-residents come to Alaska to hunt, they get  
13 a heck of a deal. I was in Sports Warehouse, so I  
14 pulled a bunch of the paperwork out there. Like a non-  
15 resident mule deer in Wyoming, there's \$1,800, I mean  
16 just for the license and tag.

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18 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: For the  
19 license?

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21 MR. GLANZ: License and tag, that's  
22 what it says. Like the sheep in New Mexico, I don't  
23 know how many thousand that was. I mean this is a heck  
24 of a deal here they get when they come to Alaska.

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26 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. I know  
27 this could.....

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29 MR. GLANZ: I'm going to vote in  
30 opposition to this also.

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32 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Frank.

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34 MR. GURTLER: My problem now is I don't  
35 know anything about sheep hunting and I really can't  
36 make a decision for the people at this time. I don't  
37 know what to really say about it because I think we --  
38 you said something about the State taking it up.

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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Uh-huh.

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42 MR. GURTLER: Okay. And I.....

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: The guiding  
45 issue. Yeah, I think there's some overcrowding on  
46 State land and that's part of what's going on here and  
47 the State -- in my opinion, the State has to deal with  
48 these issues through DNR, so I'm for leaving it.

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50 MR. GLANZ: Question. Sorry.

1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Do you want to  
2 hear from him again.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. GLANZ: Yes, let's -- one more  
7 time.

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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Virgil.

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11 MR. UMPHENOUR: Okay. The Alaska  
12 Professional Hunters Association has offered to the  
13 State for the past six years -- of course the  
14 Legislature has to do this -- to raise the license and  
15 tag fees for non-residents by 25 percent, leave the  
16 residents the way they are. We've offered that for the  
17 past six years. And you're absolutely right. We have  
18 the cheapest tags for sheep and a lot of other big game  
19 animals than any of the western states. If you go to  
20 South Dakota, for instance, it's about \$600 just to go  
21 deer hunting -- to hunt one deer. And so -- but there  
22 again, like I said, those other states also charge  
23 their residents a tag for all their various big game  
24 species and our State doesn't do that. So I'm -- you  
25 know, that is an important thing that you brought out.

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28 And there was -- see, one other -- oh.  
29 The guide concession thing on State lands. What's  
30 caused this proposal is what is trying to be addressed  
31 by DNR and Alaska Professional Hunters and I've spent  
32 writing my comments to the proposal. I spent about  
33 three full days doing that and a number of the guides  
34 in the State that have been guiding a long time, we  
35 want to get this legislation through because what  
36 happened is we used to be super regulated and then in  
37 1992, they dissolved the Big Game Commercial Services  
38 Board which Sue used to be on.....

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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: As a public  
41 member.

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43 MR. UMPHENOUR: .....and opened it wide  
44 open to become a guide. And so there ended up being a  
45 bunch of non-resident guides in the State and  
46 these.....

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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, this  
49 is.....  
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1 MR. UMPHENOUR: .....individuals have  
2 caused a lot of problems with crowding.....

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4 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.

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6 MR. UMPHENOUR: .....and social  
7 problems and conflicts and that's why the Big Game  
8 Commercial Services Board that was reestablished three  
9 or four years ago and a number of the guides that are  
10 responsible guides and Alaska Professional Hunters were  
11 trying to regulate ourself more to avoid these type of  
12 things because we have to. And so -- anyway, I just  
13 wanted to point that out. Sue brought it up and I just  
14 wanted to point that out that the responsible guides  
15 are trying to do what is the best thing to avoid things  
16 like this proposal.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Do you  
21 think we've covered that enough.

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23 MR. GLANZ: I'll call the question.

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25 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Andrew, did  
26 you -- I thought you had your hand up right at the same  
27 time. Did you?

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29 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah, Madam Chair. I just  
30 had one thing to add. This Region 3 encompasses our  
31 whole area, doesn't it?

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33 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah, it does.

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35 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah. And I -- I'm kind  
36 of with Frank on this one. I can only relate to Arctic  
37 Village and that Red Sheep Creek area because there's  
38 only, you know, what, a hundred people in Arctic  
39 Village. Maybe five of them that I know of go sheep  
40 hunting and their big base camp is in between their  
41 sheep hunting country and Arctic Village. Right dead  
42 in the center is where their big guide camp is and  
43 that's the only way I could see any conflict. But like  
44 I said, there's only five people there.

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46 That's the only way I could relate to  
47 any of this.

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49 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.

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1 MR. FIRMIN: Thank you.  
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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So -- all  
4 right. All right. So are we ready for the question.  
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6 MR. GLANZ: Yeah, I called for the  
7 question.  
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9 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: What? You were  
10 pointing at something.  
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12 MR. UMPHENOUR: He had his hand up.  
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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh. Who had  
15 his hand up? Bill? See, you go like this and that  
16 means it's no longer up?  
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18 MR. WOODRUFF: I'd like to make a  
19 statement for the record. We I think had a meeting in  
20 Arctic Village and they addressed the issue of the  
21 conflict of guided hunts for those sheep and.....  
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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It's wasn't  
24 guided. It was all.  
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26 MR. WOODRUFF: All hunting.  
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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All hunting,  
29 yeah.  
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31 MR. WOODRUFF: Yeah. Anyway, all the  
32 hunting in that area and they were really upset that  
33 they didn't achieve some kind of financial gain from  
34 all the hunters that were coming in through their  
35 preserve -- or through their reservation. And.....  
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37 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well.....  
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39 MR. WOODRUFF: That is immaterial to  
40 this bill.....  
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42 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah.  
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44 MR. WOODRUFF: .....but I just wanted  
45 to get on the record that we had a meeting in Arctic  
46 Village to address this issue once.  
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48 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Well, it  
49 wasn't this issue.  
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1 MR. GLANZ: No.  
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3 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: We have to  
4 keep this clear. Let's just stick.....  
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6 MR. WOODRUFF: It was sheep hunting.  
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8 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: It was sheep  
9 hunting.....  
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11 MR. WOODRUFF: Yeah.  
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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: .....and it  
14 was at Red Creek and -- Red Sheep and Cane. Is that  
15 correct, Cane? And they were -- let's not go there  
16 because I mean that isn't pertaining to this.  
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18 MR. WOODRUFF: Question.  
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20 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: You're just  
21 saying that it's hard for you to relate because that's  
22 all -- right. Right. Okay. The question's been  
23 called for. All in favor of these changes to the sheep  
24 season.  
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26 MR. WOODRUFF: Aye.  
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28 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All opposed.  
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30 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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32 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. So  
33 there's one, two, three -- and Andrew abstained.  
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35 MR. UMPHENOUR: Andrew voted.  
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37 MR. FIRMIN: I voted -- I voted with  
38 Virgil, whatever it was.  
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40 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Which is no.  
41 You want me to do it differently? Okay. There was  
42 one, two, three, four nos, one yes, and one abstention.  
43 Yeah. Okay. Thanks for dragging me -- yeah. All  
44 right. So I think we're down to the closing comments  
45 and I bet you got your letter done by then, huh.  
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47 Okay. Closing comments starting with  
48 Donald.  
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50 MR. WOODRUFF: Madam Chairman, members

1 of the audience. I wanted to thank everyone for being  
2 very polite and kind to each other during this meeting.  
3 I know that there are contentious issues and I think  
4 that if we can all appreciate each other's viewpoint, I  
5 think it makes the meeting run smoother and we can  
6 share more of our views and experiences and I want to  
7 thank all the agencies for coming and helping us get  
8 through this. It seems like a daunting task at times,  
9 but we seem to have succeeded and I want to thank all  
10 my Council members for all their help and appreciating  
11 some of my viewpoints because I really like the history  
12 and the background that goes into some of this process.

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14 And I want to thank Sue for her  
15 organizational skills.

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17 Thank you.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That sounds  
22 funny. Go ahead, Frank.

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24 MR. GURTLER: Yes. I'd like to thank  
25 everybody on the Council for putting up with -- and  
26 trying to explain to me what everything is, so it went  
27 smoother than what I thought it was going to be and all  
28 the different agencies working together on all these  
29 issues and I'd like to see more of that on Federal and  
30 State -- all the parks and I enjoyed this session more  
31 than I did the other two because I understand a little  
32 bit more than when I first got here and -- but I'm  
33 still dark on a lot of these issues.

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35 Thank you.

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37 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thank you,  
38 Frank.

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40 MR. GLANZ: I also enjoyed this meeting  
41 immensely and I ask apology. Everybody thinks I'm mad  
42 when I start yelling. I'm not really. It's just the  
43 way I express myself. I'm not really mad at anybody,  
44 but -- and I'd like to thank Sue also for doing her  
45 administration duties that she's had to do for this  
46 meeting and everybody out in the audience that has a  
47 lot of knowledge that passes it on to us. And I'd like  
48 to thank Virgil too for helping along with a lot of  
49 stuff that we don't -- especially the fish issues,  
50 Virgil. You're excellent. I really, really think

1 you're wonderful in that.  
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3 That's about all I got, guys.  
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5 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: So you have  
6 the same personality as Virgil. You say you express  
7 yourself with.....  
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9 MR. GLANZ: Yeah, really I do, Sue. I  
10 apologize to a lot of people. I wasn't really mad when  
11 I was yelling.  
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13 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That's great,  
14 Bill.  
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16 (Laughter)  
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18 MR. GLANZ: Like Virgil, face all red.  
19 We're not really mad, but we're.....  
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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I'm getting my  
23 point across.  
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25 (Laughter)  
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27 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay. Andrew.  
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29 MR. FIRMIN: Yeah. I think it was yet  
30 another good meeting, at least the parts I was here for  
31 and it was good meeting our new members and our new  
32 staff. As always like every meeting, I've just learned  
33 more and more about different regions and areas and  
34 places I've never been before, and, you know, the way  
35 they work in other places and it's good to see that we  
36 all still respect each other's ways and whether it's  
37 commercial or subsistence or whatever you want to call  
38 it, but I think it was a -- overall it was a good  
39 meeting and we got quite a bit accomplished.  
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41 Thank you.  
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43 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thank you,  
44 Andrew. I really appreciate your willingness to work  
45 as a young person. That's important.  
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47 So go ahead, Virgil.  
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49 MR. UMPHENOUR: Well, I think we had a  
50 real productive meeting. We -- most of the issues that

1 we voted on, we had consensus which is good. We had a  
2 few disagreements. Not too bad. I don't think I even  
3 used that much inflection in my voice that much in this  
4 meeting. But I do that sometimes to get my point  
5 across and sometimes people think I'm mad at them when  
6 I'm not. I'm -- you know, we both have a military  
7 background and they pound that into you if you're in a  
8 leadership position in the military and you use  
9 inflection in your voice to get your point across. And  
10 so -- but I appreciate the work the staff has done.  
11 We've got our various letters and paperwork we had to  
12 produce. It's just about all done while we're at the  
13 meeting, which is real good. And so I really  
14 appreciate the work the staff has put in and all our  
15 Council members. I think we work good together.

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17 And I think that's about all I have to  
18 say.

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20 Thank you.

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22 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Well,  
23 thank you, guys, too. I appreciate every one of you,  
24 even though it seems like I pick on you a little bit  
25 there, Virgil. It's -- I think it's kind of fun that  
26 the military has instilled in your brain that you have  
27 to use inflection. But you really don't have to here  
28 all the time, so we do get your point. So -- but I do  
29 appreciate you too because I think you do have a head  
30 full of knowledge that really helps us to learn more  
31 about what's going on in this fishery stuff and I  
32 probably keep things a little shorter because I feel  
33 that sometimes you can drag things out and you lose the  
34 point, so I like to try to keep things in order and  
35 stay to the point. Sometimes we do get off sometimes,  
36 but -- man, you guys are great and, Robert, it's been  
37 really wonderful to have you onboard helping us like  
38 this. I mean you're just great.

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40 I really appreciate it.

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42 (Applause)

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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And it's  
45 always nice to see Tina over there. She's working hard  
46 for us and doing the recording and all the staff, all  
47 the stuff that we've done here today. If I'm  
48 overlooking something, I apologize, but I think it's  
49 neat that I'm seeing a really good working relationship  
50 in our region between the State and the Federal and I'm

1 -- really that's near and dear to me because I don't  
2 like to see the users have such difficulty  
3 understanding regulations and you guys are great. I  
4 really -- I think we do work well together and I really  
5 appreciate it. So thank you so much.

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7 MR. GLANZ: I'd also like to thank OSM  
8 for getting Eastern and Western together here for that  
9 meeting. That was outstanding.

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11 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Oh, yes.

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13 MR. GLANZ: Thank you, guys.

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15 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I appreciate  
16 that, Bill, because I want to.....

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18 MR. GLANZ: .....had something to do  
19 with it.

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21 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: That was  
22 important and actually, you know, I think it's  
23 important that -- let's think in our heads when we  
24 could do the same. Maybe we'll have more clout next  
25 time. If we want to have a joint meeting, maybe we  
26 should just say tri- or bi-Council meeting. So that  
27 was really a good meeting. I really, really  
28 appreciated that meeting. I just wish that those two  
29 guys wouldn't get withered out and it all happened in  
30 that one day. So anything else. Robert.

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32 MR. LARSON: So I'd like to take this  
33 opportunity to say that I've really enjoyed my time  
34 here and I don't know that you'll see me back. I would  
35 anticipate that the next -- by the next meeting, you'll  
36 have another Council coordinator, but I greatly enjoyed  
37 my time and I appreciated your kind words and your  
38 patience in putting up with me here. I'm not all that  
39 familiar with, you know, the issues at hand, but I  
40 thought that the Council worked well together and I've  
41 had some experience with other Councils and I thought  
42 you guys did good work here.

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44 Thank you.

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46 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Thank you very  
47 much, Robert.

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49 MR. GLANZ: So I guess I'll see  
50 everybody in Central next fall.

1 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. It  
2 sounds like it, huh.  
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4 MR. GLANZ: Yeah.  
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6 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Okay.  
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8 MR. GLANZ: Even if they close the  
9 school, we're still going to have it there. I don't --  
10 you know, we may be jammed up into the back room of a  
11 bar or something, but we'll have our meeting there, by  
12 God.  
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14 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: I remember ACs  
15 at Duffy's before it was a bar.  
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17 MR. GLANZ: Yeah. They say the school  
18 may close. Like -- we talked with -- the fuel will be  
19 there and the electric will be there. That's all we  
20 need. I mean, you know, we have a restaurant we can  
21 eat in, so -- or whatever.  
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23 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: And there's a  
24 place to stay.  
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26 MR. GLANZ: There's places to stay,  
27 yeah. So -- okay.  
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29 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: Yeah. All  
30 right. And who the new coordinator is, we don't know,  
31 but you can work -- they'll probably be working with  
32 you on that. Yeah. All right. I guess we need a  
33 motion to adjourn.  
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35 MR. GLANZ: Make a motion to adjourn.  
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37 MR. WOODRUFF: Second.  
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39 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All in favor.  
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42 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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44 MADAM CHAIR ENTSMINGER: All right.  
45 Thank you, everybody. We are adjourned.  
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47 (Off record)  
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49 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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