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TELECONFERENCE  
October 8, 2021  
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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Donald Hernandez, Chair
- Calvin Casipit
- Michael Douville
- Albert Howard
- Ian Johnson
- Harvey Kitka
- Cathy Needham
- Harold Robbins
- James Slater
- Frank Wright

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Teleconference - 10/8/2021)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I might want to check with the Council here on some agenda items. I heard Harold Robbins, you might have to be in and out of the meeting this morning. If you're still here right now we have several agenda items, proposals that are optional for this Council, they deal with issues in Unit 6, which is Southcentral region but we're aware that there is some customary and traditional use from Yakutat residents in that area. I don't know, Harold, if you've had a chance to look at those proposals and maybe you could tell the Council whether or not you think those are relevant to the folks in Yakutat, they may or may not be. I don't know if you've had a chance to think about that yet. If not we can come back to it later, but I thought I'd check with you in case you had to leave this morning.

MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair, this is Harold.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, go ahead, Harold.

MR. ROBBINS: Yes, I've skimmed over those and I'd like for us to at least look at them. I don't see where they're going to have a big effect on Yakutat but, yes, I think we ought to at least take a quick look at them. And, yeah, I would like to definitely be here for the next two items, the closure items. So anyway I'm going to have to take off here momentarily so I'll be back as soon as I can.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you, Harold. We'll certainly get the presentations on those Unit 6 proposals and then talk about them then and decide if any action is required. Okay, we'll do that. Other than that, addressing the agenda, DeAnna, I was going to recommend that we probably will not have time to get to the presentation on kelp farming at this meeting unless other members of the Council have any strong feelings that they would like to hear that at

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1 this meeting. It seems like that's something that  
2 could be postponed until the next meeting. So Council  
3 members, if anybody would like to hear the kelp farming  
4 presentation please speak up, otherwise I think I'll  
5 drop that from the agenda and ask DeAnna to contact the  
6 presenter, even if he's still available, and inform him  
7 that it'll be moved to the winter meeting.

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9 Council members.

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11 MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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15 MR. DOUVILLE: Well, I'm not interested  
16 in watching the presentation. There is some issues  
17 with kelp farming, particularly where I live. So I  
18 don't know, maybe we could take it up at our next  
19 meeting, which is a fish meeting. But there is some  
20 issues with kelp farming. Everybody's on board because  
21 it's a green mariculture thing, but in reality things  
22 -- these farms impose themselves in areas where  
23 subsistence is really important so there is conflict,  
24 it's not all great and green. So that's all I have to  
25 say. And I know there's time constraints but we can  
26 take it up at our next meeting and fully inform you of  
27 our situation here on the west coast of Prince of  
28 Wales.

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30 Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. And we can  
33 still address that issue if you'd like, Mike. It  
34 sounds like something we'd either want to add into the  
35 annual report or draft a letter concerning another  
36 agency. So that's certainly something we could do and  
37 should do.

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39 Okay, other than those two items, I  
40 think we can proceed here and move through the rest of  
41 the agenda. Anybody else, any suggestions.

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43 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair. I just wanted  
44 to let you know this is Jim Slater from Pelican, I must  
45 have just missed roll call at the beginning but I'm  
46 here. Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, Jim. Okay,  
49 I announced yesterday that we would accept public

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1 testimony at the start of the meeting, and this morning  
2 I'm only going to accept public testimony on non-agenda  
3 items. If there's somebody that wants to testify on a  
4 proposal, proposals are first up on the agenda and so  
5 we will hold off until we get to that proposal for  
6 public comment, if that's what your comment's in regard  
7 to. But if there's anybody that's called in that has  
8 another issue not on the agenda they want to bring  
9 before the Council, we can hear that now.

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11 (Teleconference interference -  
12 participants not muted)

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14 REPORTER: Hey, Jim, I don't think  
15 you're muted.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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19 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, go ahead.

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23 MR. SUMINSKI: Good morning, Mr.  
24 Chairman, this is Terry Suminski. Is it possible on  
25 the agenda that we could take up WCR01 after WCR22-02.  
26 It's basically the Yakutat closure review in front of  
27 the Prince of Wales closure review. Susan has some  
28 commitments this afternoon and I just wanted to make  
29 sure that she was able to participate.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, I don't see  
32 why we can't do that.

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34 MR. SUMINSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Terry.  
37 If there's no other agenda changes, I'll ask again if  
38 there's anybody on the phone line who would like to  
39 testify on a non-agenda item this morning, now's your  
40 time to speak up.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I don't  
45 think we have anybody waiting so we'll move on to  
46 proposals. And we left off at Wildlife Proposal WP22-  
47 10. Yesterday afternoon when we took up 22-09 we did  
48 have our Staff analysis presented that covered both 9  
49 and 10, I believe is how that was structured. I don't

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1 know if anybody on the Council would like to review  
2 that or has thought of more questions and we could  
3 bring Staff back for that before we proceed with the  
4 rest of the comments. What's the feeling from Council  
5 members, would you like to have the Staff review their  
6 presentations from yesterday or are we ready to move  
7 on.

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9 MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez.

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11 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I heard Mike  
14 Douville and then Ian. Go ahead, Mike.

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16 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay, on this WP22-10, I  
17 think it's incomplete. In the book, I mean it might be  
18 complete somewhere else, but it's a bit confusing. I  
19 don't know if we're going to get to that and clean it  
20 up to where it has the proper language, but in the book  
21 I don't believe that it does. Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
24 Mike. Ian, you had something else.

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, thank you. I'm  
27 comfortable moving forward without going back over the  
28 Staff presentations. I feel like I have a good grasp  
29 on that.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. But I think  
32 what Mr. Douville brought up there I think was an issue  
33 from yesterday. Maybe we should bring the Staff  
34 presenter back into the meeting and we might want to  
35 resolve some questions here before we move forward. I  
36 believe that was Mr. Dunn.

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38 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is  
39 Terry Suminski.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Terry.

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43 MR. SUMINSKI: Well, I worked on some  
44 language that I could maybe send to DeAnna and have her  
45 post it on Teams and email it out to everyone and that  
46 should help your discussion. It provides the  
47 description of the area related to WP22-10.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,

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1 Terry. And just so everybody is kind of on the same  
2 page. I think what Mr. Douville was referencing there  
3 is on Page 248 of our proposal books, the language for  
4 the proposed regulation, in the book it is written so  
5 that 22-10, to my reading, applies to the entire Unit  
6 4, entirety of Unit 4 and maybe the intent of the  
7 proposal was for that bag limit reduction to only apply  
8 to the Lisianski drainage. Is that what we're dealing  
9 with Terry?

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11 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chair, this is Terry  
12 Suminski. Yes. And the original -- what I'm going to  
13 send DeAnna, the original language which just  
14 referenced Lisianski Inlet and Strait, but we've  
15 provided some additional language that puts some  
16 boundary descriptions of where that ends. So if you'd  
17 like I could go through what is original proposal  
18 language and what I've added, but I think it's a pretty  
19 complete description of the area intended.

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21 Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, I think  
24 that's probably a good idea. And I think we're seeing  
25 that going up on the screen at the Teams meeting, it  
26 appears.

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28 MS. PERRY: And I'm also mailing that  
29 out to the Council right now, Mr. Chair. This is  
30 DeAnna.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. And what  
33 we're seeing on the screen is definitely different than  
34 what is presented in the book so we have to make sure  
35 we all understand that this will be the language that  
36 we'll be working with.

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38 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So is that  
41 everything, Terry, on the screen now?

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43 MR. SUMINSKI: Yes, Mr. Chair. This is  
44 Terry Suminski. The added language, clarification  
45 language starts after the first phrase. The part that  
46 was in the original proposal reads: In drainages  
47 flowing into Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Strait, and  
48 Stag Bay south, but that's -- that was the original  
49 language, and then the last part about non-Federally-  
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1 qualified users may only harvest up to four deer. We  
2 added the part in the middle that describes those  
3 lines, it delineates the area.

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5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So any  
8 questions from the Council members on the revised  
9 language for this proposal.

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11 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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15 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
16 I'm wondering if we can ask if the proponent is online,  
17 I see that she might be logged into Teams and wanted to  
18 make sure that, since she put this proposal forward,  
19 that we're actually covering her intent.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. We should  
22 definitely do that before we proceed too far. So this  
23 proponent is Patty Phillips. Patty are you on the  
24 line.

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26 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, Mr. Chair. And I  
27 agree with the stuff on Teams. Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, good. It  
30 sounds like you're logged on to Teams as well. So,  
31 okay, I think we're clear on that now. So if there's  
32 any other questions for Staff in regard to the  
33 presentation yesterday, I think we've cleared up that  
34 one question, any other questions.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Also  
39 yesterday afternoon I believe we had the comments from  
40 the ADF&G presented on both proposals, so I think we've  
41 covered that item. And I guess I should ask is  
42 Department of Fish and Game on the line this morning to  
43 take any other questions that might arise?

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45 MR. SCHUMACHER: Yes, good morning,  
46 Chairman Hernandez, this is Tom Schumacher.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, good  
49 morning, Tom. Glad you could join us again. Are there  
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1 any other questions from the Council at this point to  
2 Fish and Game that they may have thought of over the  
3 course of the recess.

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5 (No comments)

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, sounds like  
8 we're good there. We hadn't heard -- I don't believe  
9 we'd heard any Advisory Group comments on this proposal  
10 yet. DeAnna, do we have comments from Fish and Game  
11 Advisory Committees specific to 22-10 or other Advisory  
12 Councils.

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14 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal.  
15 I believe we did get the input from the Pelican AC.  
16 That's where they were talking about reducing deer  
17 harvest limits.

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19 MS. HOWARD: Mr. Chair, this is Amee  
20 Howard.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
23 Amee. Maybe you can clear this up for us.

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25 MS. HOWARD: Good morning, Council  
26 members. Council Member Casipit is correct. We heard  
27 all of the comments we have from ACs and public  
28 testimony on both WP22-09 and WP22-10 yesterday.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. That's  
31 helpful. Thank you, Amee for taking better notes than  
32 my recollection. So if that's the case then that  
33 brings us up to the Regional Council recommendation on  
34 this proposal. So that's where we would be looking for  
35 a motion.

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37 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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41 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
42 just want to explain what I'm going to do and I think  
43 it's the right course of action and you can correct me  
44 if I'm wrong. But I would move to put the proposal --  
45 you know, I would move to support it and then once we  
46 put it on the table then I would move to amend it so  
47 that we can incorporate the new language, is that the  
48 right way to go about it.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.

4 I think the way it's written in the book that's  
5 probably appropriate to put it -- make the motion as  
6 it's presented and amend it to the revised language.  
7 So is that a motion you're going to make.

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9 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
10 move to adopt Wildlife Proposal 22-10.

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12 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal, I second.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
15 Okay, so now it's up for discussion and, yes, we might  
16 want to take up an amendment.

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18 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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22 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
23 I'm prepared to read -- make the amendment but I'd ask  
24 that they put the language back up on Teams, they  
25 switched it over -- if they could put it back up on  
26 Teams then I could read it directly from that.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Can you do  
29 that, DeAnna.

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31 MS. PERRY: It should be showing now.

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Now it is.

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35 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
36 move to amend Wildlife Proposal 22-10 to now read: In  
37 drainages flowing into Lisianski Inlet, Lisianski  
38 Strait and Stag Bay, south of a line connecting  
39 Soapstone and Column Points and north of a line  
40 connecting Point Theodore and Point Urey non-Federally-  
41 qualified users may only harvest up to four deer.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
44 Cathy. Do we have a second on the amendment.

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46 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal, I second.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
49 Cal. Okay, discussion on the amendment.

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1 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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3 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Cathy first  
6 and then Ian. Go ahead, Cathy.

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8 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
9 would support this amendment. I think it provides  
10 clarity to the proposal and still fits within the  
11 analysis of the proposal. Also we've checked with the  
12 proponent and it covers the intent of the proposal that  
13 was sent in to our book. So I would support the  
14 amendment, Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
17 Ian, you had something to add.

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19 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, thanks, Mr. Chair.  
20 I guess what's on my mind is just the need to maybe  
21 make this proposal align more with the -- like the  
22 competition issue that's been identified in Pelican,  
23 and I'm wondering if the amendment shouldn't reduce the  
24 number of allowable deer. It sounds like there's  
25 support within Pelican for even two, that was expressed  
26 at the RAC, and I mean I would put on the table that  
27 potentially even one because the Fish and Game analysis  
28 has shown that even two may not be a substantial  
29 reduction in Federally-qualified -- also along with the  
30 bag limit change I wonder if a bucks only modification  
31 would be adequate as well and I might pose that  
32 question to Jim.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
35 Ian. So, yes, so initially I think it was kind of  
36 necessary to amend the proposal because we kind of have  
37 a misrepresentation in the book and we want to get what  
38 the Council is discussing in line with what the  
39 original intent of the proposal was. But then Ian like  
40 you said, a separate issue is that maybe since this  
41 proposal was first put forward there's been further  
42 discussions in the local community and it sounded like  
43 they may have offered up some different solutions to be  
44 considered. So I think this may require two  
45 amendments. I think we should probably move through  
46 this first amendment just to make sure that the  
47 language is clear and then we can take it up as a main  
48 motion and then get into further discussions about  
49 meeting the intent of the locals. So it's kind of a  
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1 housekeeping thing seeing as how our book didn't quite  
2 capture the original proposal very accurately. So that  
3 would be my recommendation.

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5 I would say if everybody's happy with  
6 the amendment to clean up the language, make it  
7 consistent, you know, we could deal with that first and  
8 then have a more detailed discussion.

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10 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal, I  
11 support that. So I would like to call for the question  
12 and get the regulatory language, as far as the area,  
13 figured out and taken care of and then we'll move on to  
14 other things. I like your approach so I'll call for the  
15 question.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,  
18 Cal. I think for this we could probably just call for  
19 a voice vote. So everybody who's in favor of the  
20 amendment as read by Cathy signify by saying aye.

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22 IN UNISON: Aye.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. If there's  
25 anybody opposed, please say nay.

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27 (No opposing votes)

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, the  
30 amendment carries. So now we can get back to the main  
31 motion as amended, which would read that: In drainages  
32 flowing into Lisianski Inlet, Lisianski Strait and Stag  
33 Bay, south of a line connecting Soapstone and Column  
34 Points and north of a line connecting Point Theodore  
35 and Point Urey non-Federally-qualified users may only  
36 harvest up to four deer. So if we want to amend this  
37 further now would be the time to have that discussion  
38 and maybe, Ian, you kind of started off that  
39 discussion, if you want to maybe go into a little more  
40 detail.

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42 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, thank you, Mr.  
43 Chair. I guess I really connect with the idea of the  
44 meaningful priority and it seems like we could do more  
45 to meet that by reducing the bag limit as written and  
46 the current motion -- or current language, and to look  
47 at making it a male only unisex regulation. I do truly  
48 believe that there is some severe competition and deer  
49 limited issues in the Lisianski area, and I think we  
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1 can seek to make this regulation stronger.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
4 Ian. Do we have any suggestions for doing that and we  
5 probably want to refer back to the Pelican Fish and  
6 Game Advisory Committee had a meeting and it sounded  
7 like they made a recommendation. And I know Mr. Slater  
8 was there, we also have Patty Phillips on the line, the  
9 Chair of that Committee. Maybe, Jim, if you want to  
10 recap what occurred at your local Advisory Committee  
11 meeting and if you need to defer to Patty Phillips, who  
12 is also the proponent of this proposal you can do that.

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MR. SLATER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
recapped it yesterday and I'll do it again briefly.  
Basically I believe there was approximately 21  
participants, both on the phone and in person. The  
meeting started out with a general discussion and then  
moved to a roundtable of opinions on what the situation  
was and their background and so on. And at the end of  
that there was -- there had been no specific discussion  
of the proposals themselves. One member -- or one  
participant there who was also an Advisory Committee  
member mentioned why do we need six deer, why can't we  
just have two deer, and there seemed to be some kind of  
-- in the spirit of compromise I think people jumped on  
to that and there was a roundtable vote that happened  
and it was overwhelmingly supported, I believe 19-2  
with one abstaining. At that point it was brought up  
that other regulations similar to this made it for male  
deer only and there was another roundtable vote and I  
believe that didn't have as much support and it was a  
little bit more chaotic but I believe the final count  
and report by Patty Phillips is 12 to 5 with the  
majority of both the participants in general and the  
Advisory Committee themselves voting in the majority  
for that. And then after that the meeting wound down  
and adjourned. And I would defer to any further  
comments that Ms. Phillips would have concerning that.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
42 Jim. I think at this point if Patty Phillips wants to  
43 add anything and she's online, I'd give her the  
44 opportunity.

MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, Mr. Chair, can you  
47 hear me.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yep, gotcha fine,

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1 Patty, go ahead.

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3 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you. It was a  
4 lengthy meeting and it was starting to get dark and  
5 some of those who live outside of Pelican wanted to get  
6 back home before they couldn't get back home because of  
7 the darkness so we started winding down. And the non-  
8 Federally-qualified reduced limit to two deer was a 19  
9 yes, 2 no, one abstained, and there was a further  
10 request to limit the bag limit to bucks only, non-  
11 Federally-qualified hunters reduced bag limit to two  
12 deer, bucks only, 12 yes, 5 no, one abstain. And as a  
13 note, I would say that there is no analysis on bucks  
14 only.

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16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Excuse me, Patty,  
19 I missed the last thing you said, there is no what on  
20 buck's only?

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22 MS. PHILLIPS: No wildlife analysis on  
23 bucks only.

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
26 Got that, wildlife analysis, okay. Thank you, Patty.  
27 One more question that I have in regards to the  
28 Advisory Council, it sounds like when you referred to a  
29 roundtable vote that means that everybody that attends  
30 the meeting, not just Advisory Committee people are in  
31 on that vote; is that correct?

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33 MR. SLATER: That's the way it was  
34 conducted, Mr. Chair, yes.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. I  
37 think that's fairly typical of Advisory Committee  
38 meetings that I'm familiar with, anybody who attends  
39 gets a vote. Okay, so it was kind of a community-wide  
40 meeting then with consensus. Okay, thank you for that.

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42 MR. SLATER: That's.....

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So any other  
45 comments.

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any questions from

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1 the Council -- well, let's see we don't have a motion  
2 yet to amend to that language of reducing from four  
3 bucks to two bucks. So if somebody wants to put that  
4 on the table we would need to have a motion for a  
5 second amendment. Because right now.....

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7 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....the proposal  
10 reads four bucks -- is that Patty.

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12 MS. PHILLIPS: Mr. Chair, the proposal  
13 was four deer.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right, four deer,  
16 sorry. Excuse me.

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18 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: You're correct,  
21 four deer. So somebody wish to make an amendment or a  
22 motion to amend.

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24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: We may have to  
27 think about it for a few minutes.

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29 (Pause)

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31 MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez.

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Mr. Douville.

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35 MR. DOUVILLE: I will offer an  
36 amendment to three deer as it's in between what the  
37 proposal originally stated and the wishes of the last  
38 meeting they had which would be a town hall meeting or  
39 whatever it's called, I would make the motion to amend  
40 the four to three.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Three deer.  
43 Do we have a second for that.

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45 MR. KITKA: Don, this is Harvey Kitka.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harvey.

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49 MR. KITKA: I would second Mike's  
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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So we have  
4 a motion and a second to amend to read: non-Federally-  
5 qualified users may harvest in this particular area up  
6 to three deer. So that is now on the table. So  
7 discussion on that.

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9 MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez, Mike  
10 Douville.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
Mike. Any other Council members want to address this  
amendment.

MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez, Mike  
Douville.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, again,  
Mike.

MR. DOUVILLE: Call for the question.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, question's  
been called for. We should probably do a roll call  
vote on this. This is a vote on an amendment to the  
main motion and the amendment would read in Lisianski  
Inlet and Lisianski Straits described by those points  
that were mentioned earlier, non-Federally-qualified  
users may only harvest up to three deer.

So roll call vote, Frank, do you want  
to go through the roll.

MR. WRIGHT: Okay, Mr. Chair.

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Ian Johnson.

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MR. JOHNSON: Ian votes yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes yes.

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Cal Casipit.

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MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit votes yes.

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Michael Douville.

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MR. DOUVILLE: Mike Douville votes yes.

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Jim Slater.

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MR. SLATER: Slater votes yes.

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Bob Schroeder's -- Albert Howard.

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(No comments)

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MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm voting yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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MR. ROBBINS: Harold votes yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Thank you.

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Harvey Kitka.

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MR. KITKA: Harvey Kitka votes yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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(No comments)

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MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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(No comments)

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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3 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chair, we have a  
6 quorum, the amendment passes.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
9 Frank. So now we once again have amended the main  
10 motion so we still have to approve the main motion.  
11 Let's see, point of order, does that take another  
12 motion to approve the now main motion again, Frank, can  
13 you answer that one.

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15 MR. WRIGHT: I'm not sure on this one,  
16 Mr. Chairman.

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18 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chairman.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So I want  
21 to make sure that we do.....

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23 MS. PERRY: This is DeAnna, I think I  
24 can answer that. So the first amendment went back to  
25 the main motion as amended, so after the first  
26 amendment the main motion was then including that  
27 amendment, which was the: In drainages flowing into  
28 Lisianski Inlet language. The amendment that was just  
29 proposed by Mike changes the harvest from four to  
30 three. So now the amended -- so going back to the main  
31 motion will now include by the amendments, the verbiage  
32 that Cathy mentioned, and Mike's change to three deer.  
33 So it's my understanding under Robert's Rules that you  
34 now just need to vote on the main motion, which is now  
35 including two amendments.

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So it's up for  
38 discussion again.

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40 MR. KITKA: Mr. Chair, this is Harvey  
41 Kitka, I call for the question.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, Harvey, I  
44 think we need a little more discussion. I think  
45 somebody should address the justifications for the now  
46 amended main motion one more time. I think that would  
47 be appropriate. If anybody wants to think about that  
48 for a minute. What we're doing here is restricting a  
49 harvest to non-Federally-qualified users.

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1 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is -- Mr.  
2 Chair.

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4 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Jim.

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8 MR. CASIPIT: No, this is Cal.

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10 MR. SLATER: I would -- I was asking  
11 for the Chair as well Cal.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, so we have  
14 Jim and Cal, go ahead first Jim.

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16 MR. SLATER: I would just like to ask  
17 the rest of the Council how they think this will  
18 provide any effective change in our current situation.  
19 I support anything that may heal our community riff  
20 here but I'm curious to see what actual fact, when the  
21 average deer that's taken by someone coming in is two  
22 or less, how limiting it to three is going to actually  
23 do anything. I'd like to hear on that. And that's all  
24 I have to say, thanks.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Mike, you  
27 offered up the amendment, would you like to try and  
28 answer that question for Jim?

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30 MR. DOUVILLE: I guess I muted myself.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, we hear you  
33 now.

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35 MR. DOUVILLE: All right. He is  
36 correct, that's what the data says that most people  
37 only take two deer there. It is a difficult situation  
38 at best. But I think there's enough resource there,  
39 however, it creates conflict just because it's a  
40 limited amount of real estate that's protected enough  
41 to go on daily hunts or whatever.

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43 This is not a solution really that I  
44 think will.....

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46 (Teleconference interference -  
47 participants not muted)

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49 MR. DOUVILLE: Something's going on  
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1 here. I can't even understand anything here, or we're  
2 getting feedback I guess.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, feedback.  
5 You're clear now.

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7 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay. I don't have a  
8 perfect solution. What I did is just make that  
9 amendment to get in between what the proponent proposed  
10 and after thinking about what the Regional Advisory --  
11 or local community felt might work. But even two, as  
12 to what they were recommending would not significantly  
13 change anything. Not only that, there is a very  
14 difficult situation where there is State lands below  
15 mean high water, I mean below the kelp line, anybody  
16 can go in there and shoot six deer. That is very hard  
17 to police. I mean it's a big loophole. This whole  
18 thing. I would support it, but in reality to enforce  
19 it, it probably is not enforceable. You know I'm kind  
20 of on teetering on edge whether to even support it or  
21 not as amended. What this community needs to do is sit  
22 down with the Department and all the stakeholders and  
23 try to figure out a better solution.

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25 This one, even if we pass it and it  
26 goes past the Federal Board and becomes regulation, is  
27 not the answer because it's simply not enforceable. We  
28 have this similar situation on Prince of Wales where we  
29 reduced the bag limit but it's really not enforceable  
30 effectively because it all depends on how the  
31 enforcement feels about it and it's just a mess and I  
32 doubt if it even really worked but it was, you know, an  
33 attempt to try to make things better, which I don't  
34 think it had any effect really at all.

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36 Thank you.

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38 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mike.

41 Go ahead, Jim.

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43 MR. SLATER: Yeah, I'd just like to  
44 acknowledge Mike and thank him for his candid input. I  
45 agree and it's one thing that's been touched on, but I  
46 believe there's a real enforcement issue as well. And  
47 I also acknowledge that this is a very tough situation,  
48 and that, you know, maybe the right solution is to just  
49 get everyone there to sit down at a table and try to  
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1 figure out something that's fair to all parties, which  
2 I think everyone was angling at and now we're aware of  
3 the situation. Anyway, I'll leave it at that.

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5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Jim.

8 Also I'd like to point out that having a three deer  
9 limit in the Lisianski area also aligns with what the  
10 existing State regulation is and the neighboring  
11 drainage in the Northeast Chichagof Controlled Use  
12 Area. That's presently a three deer limit for non-  
13 subsistence users in State regs in that area. So it  
14 does align two adjoining areas; that might help  
15 somewhat with enforcement but I don't know what the  
16 enforcement conditions are in Northeast Chichagof, but  
17 they do have that same regulation there.

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19 Any other discussion before we go to  
20 the question.

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22 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: All right, sorry,  
25 Ian, you asked to weigh in as well. Go ahead.

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27 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, just reflect -- I  
28 definitely will endorse everything Mike said and agree  
29 with Jim's question, I don't think -- you know we  
30 started this meeting talking about meaningful priority  
31 and addressing the needs of all subsistence groups and,  
32 you know, there's just been a lot of things that have  
33 maybe drug us away from that, here, it's been a very  
34 difficult position to be in.

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36 I'll just add a little bit more of my  
37 local perspective to the issue, in that, you know, here  
38 in Hoonah -- this is one of the things I thought about  
39 at about 2:00 a.m., when I woke up and couldn't stop  
40 thinking about yesterday's discussions, it's just,  
41 yeah, here in Hoonah it's just common knowledge that  
42 there's not a lot of deer out there. I've talked to  
43 multiple people who, you know, troll salmon right out  
44 in that area, you know, Lisianski, or Idaho, or out to  
45 the outer Coast even and they don't hunt deer when they  
46 do that because it's just -- the numbers aren't there  
47 right now and that's why I know that there's an issue  
48 there. Not to mention all the testimony that we've  
49 had.

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1                                 And so, yeah, I think that -- I know  
2     Patty mentioned that the buck only was not in the  
3     analysis, but if there is truly a conservation, like  
4     deer issue out there right now, I think putting does --  
5     the harvest of does in the hands of local, like giving  
6     them that option is a viable tool to help potentially  
7     increase and protect deer numbers out there. At least  
8     it becomes a conscious decision by locals, not just a  
9     harvest by non-Federally-qualified users.

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11                                 So I do want to put that buck only  
12     option back on the table and see what the Council  
13     thinks about that.

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15                                 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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17                                 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair.

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19                                 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Who is that?

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21                                 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal.

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23                                 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Cal. Go ahead,  
24     Cal.

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26                                 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, I've been kind of  
27     waiting to jump in here. I appreciate what everybody  
28     has said up to now on this one and, Ian, I really like  
29     your idea of going to bucks only in this area. I  
30     support that, I think that's a good idea. And I think  
31     it gives a little bit of a nod to that meaningful  
32     priority I was talking about earlier.

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34                                 I also want to talk a little bit about  
35     closures, and, you know, we're going to talk about  
36     closures later too with these closure reviews. But  
37     I've spent a bit of time with this policy for closures  
38     that's on Page 82, Appendix H, of our operations  
39     manual, and before this meeting I spent a bunch of time  
40     reading through that and seeing, you know, trying to --  
41     and I have some experience with closures as well as  
42     Staff so on all these proposals, from Angoon to Hoonah  
43     to this one, I was trying to work with the proposals to  
44     give them the best chance of passing through this  
45     policy within the scope of the analysis, okay, that's  
46     important. You know I would have liked to have tried a  
47     bag limit reduction for Angoon as well but since the  
48     bag limit wasn't analyzed in the original analysis I  
49     didn't feel I could do that.

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1 I would -- you know for the first step  
2 on all these I think it's important to go -- instead of  
3 going with an outright closure, because that's really  
4 hard to pass through this filter that's talked about in  
5 this -- it's hard to cross the bar for an outright  
6 closure. In fact, one of the things that -- as review  
7 of closures -- the information -- the considerations of  
8 deciding closures by the Board, one of the main bullet  
9 points is other State and Federal regulatory options  
10 that would conserve healthy populations and provide  
11 meaningful preference, but would be less restrictive  
12 than closures. So that's what I'm trying to shoot for  
13 here. And that's why I would support -- and that's why  
14 I'm going to make this motion to amend further. And  
15 I'm sorry folks but I would like to talk about this.

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17 But to amend to -- that language, it  
18 would be three -- at the end it would be three bucks  
19 instead of three deer. So I'll make that motion.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
22 Cal. We haven't voted yet so we could still.....

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24 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....make an  
27 amendment.

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29 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is that Ameer  
32 Howard?

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34 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: DeAnna.

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38 MS. PERRY: No, this is DeAnna. It's  
39 my understanding.....

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, DeAnna.

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43 MS. PERRY: Yeah, it's my understanding  
44 under Robert's Rules you can only have two amendments  
45 before you have to dispose of the main motion. So I  
46 would maybe suggest.....

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48 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chair.

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1 MS. PERRY: .....going ahead and  
2 disposing of the main motion and then coming back with  
3 a new motion as Cal stated.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So that  
6 would require a vote on the language we have now and  
7 then a second motion, a new motion.

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9 MS. PERRY: Yes. So we're back at the  
10 main motion, which includes the language Cathy  
11 suggested as well as the harvest change to three deer  
12 that Mike suggested.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Do you  
15 understand that Cal?

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17 MR. CASIPIT: No, but I yield.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So.....

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21 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....the way that  
24 I understand it -- go ahead, Cathy.

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26 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
27 didn't mean to interrupt you, I didn't know you were  
28 still talking. But I did want to say that I don't know  
29 that I would support an amendment to three bucks.  
30 Mainly because as the proponent even stated, that a  
31 bucks only analysis has not been done and we don't have  
32 that information to really now make a better decision  
33 on what that would do in terms of just like the  
34 biological data in and of itself. So I just wanted to  
35 throw that in there and I still feel like we need to  
36 justify the proposal as amended. We've had some good  
37 discussion but I don't think we've gone actually  
38 through our justification for each of the points and  
39 I'm not prepared to do that, I missed a significant  
40 amount of conversation yesterday on the closure. So I  
41 will say I'm conflicted about this proposal myself.

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43 But, yeah, I'm not ready to make any  
44 kind of justification because I haven't quite decided  
45 what I'm doing yet.

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47 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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1 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, I yield on my  
2 proposed motion. I'll just -- let's just go to the  
3 main motion and deal with it and move on. I'll yield.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, Cal, the way  
6 I understand it, if we vote on this motion and it were  
7 to pass, then this would be the proposal moving forward  
8 that would go to the Board. If we vote on it and it  
9 fails, that would offer up a new opportunity to make  
10 another motion. That would be my understanding.

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12 MR. CASIPIT: I call for the question,  
13 Mr. Chair. I'll call for the question.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think Cathy's  
16 right, though, we've kind of missed a little bit of the  
17 justification. I don't know if anybody has thought a  
18 little bit more about that before we go to the  
19 question.

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21 (Pause)

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23 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, this is  
24 Frank.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Frank.

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28 MR. WRIGHT: I'm getting kind of  
29 confused here. I know -- I'm pretty sure you can amend  
30 an amendment, but right now I'm confused on where we're  
31 at and what we're going to be voting on with all these  
32 amendments to the amendments, and amendments.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, yeah,  
37 let's.....

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39 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....go ahead.....

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43 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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47 MS. PERRY: Yeah, this is DeAnna. So,  
48 you know according to Robert's Rules, the motion can be  
49 amended but only one amendment to an amendment can be  
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1 considered at any one time. So it's my understanding  
2 we're now back to the main motion and that main motion  
3 includes Cathy's language of, in drainages flowing into  
4 Lisianski Inlet, Lisianski Strait, and Stag Bay south  
5 of a line connecting Soapstone and Column Points and  
6 north of a line connecting Point Theodore and Point  
7 Urey non-Federally-qualified users may only harvest up  
8 to three deer. It's my understanding that's the motion  
9 that's on the floor currently.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes. And when we  
12 have a vote on that, if that motion passes then that  
13 will be our final action. If that main motion were to  
14 fail then that would offer up an opportunity to make  
15 another motion with different language. That's my  
16 understanding, DeAnna, is that -- do you agree with  
17 that?

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19 MS. PERRY: Yeah, I think it would be  
20 cleaner because we've already had two amendments and if  
21 we keep amending an amendment, again, you can only do  
22 one amendment to one amendment. So I think it would be  
23 cleaner, especially for the record, if we disposed of  
24 the main motion and if this Council would still like to  
25 put forward a motion to address what Cal mentioned you  
26 can certainly do that.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So you're  
29 saying that even if we have a vote on this motion and  
30 it passes there's still opportunity to offer an  
31 amendment?

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33 (Pause)

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35 MS. PERRY: I'm trying to think through  
36 a third amendment while trying to reconcile it with the  
37 Robert's Rules I'm staring at.

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39 (Pause)

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41 MS. PERRY: Since we're back to the  
42 main.....

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44 MS. HOWARD: Mr. Chair, this is Amee  
45 Howard.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
48 Amee, if you want to add some guidance here.

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1 MS. HOWARD: I believe you and DeAnna  
2 are saying the same thing. How you have expressed if  
3 the Council now votes on the main motion, as DeAnna  
4 read it, completely, which included the two amendments  
5 and it fails, then you will open the floor for you to  
6 make a brand new motion with all of that language, and  
7 then also including Cal's suggestion.

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9 Is that correct, DeAnna?

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11 MS. PERRY: Yes, that's my  
12 understanding. So I think if the Council does want to  
13 support Cal's suggestion then you would want to vote  
14 nay on the current main motion so that a new motion can  
15 be made. If you vote yes on this current main motion,  
16 then that will stand as written, or as I had described  
17 it. And it's -- I mean you could reconsider it, you  
18 really couldn't amend it, you could call it back for  
19 reconsideration, but you may want to, again, consider  
20 voting on the main motion as I read into the record; if  
21 you want to move further with Cal's suggestion, you  
22 would vote no on this current main motion and then Cal  
23 could make a new motion, as he described, and then the  
24 Council could vote on that.

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26 I just don't want to confuse the  
27 Council with, you know, Robert's Rules with the  
28 amendments and then a reconsideration. Once you vote  
29 on this main motion, it will stand, however, you could  
30 do a reconsideration. But I'm trying to make the  
31 clearest record that we possibly can.

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33 So, again, my suggestion would be to go  
34 ahead and dispose of the main motion, which have Cathy  
35 and Mike's suggested language. If this Council wants  
36 to support what Cal suggested about the bucks -- let me  
37 -- I've got too many windows open here -- then the  
38 Council would want to vote nay on the current main  
39 motion so that a new motion could be made.

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41 I hope that was clear. I hope I didn't  
42 confuse the issue further.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
45 DeAnna. Thank you, Ameer. I believe that was clear to  
46 me, hopefully the rest of the Council is in agreement.

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48 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, I understand  
49 you want -- I had called for the question on this like  
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1     awhile ago and you said you wanted more discussion for  
2     our justification. Do you still feel it necessary for  
3     us to justify this decision, or a yes on this, I guess.

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5                     CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think we should  
6     have a little bit more justification on this, we  
7     haven't really addressed it fully. Should the motion  
8     pass then it would be the proposal moving forward, so I  
9     think it would be good to provide justification.....

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11                    (Teleconference interference -  
12     participants not muted)

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14                    CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....and then  
15     should it fail, then, of course, we can have another  
16     motion and a new justification would need -- to be  
17     better justified. I don't know if anybody has been  
18     thinking about that.

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20                    MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair.

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22                    MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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24                    MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair.

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26                    CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, who is that.

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28                    MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal. But I heard  
29     somebody else, maybe it was Staff.

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31                    MS. PERRY: Yeah, Mr. Chair, this  
32     is.....

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34                    CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cal.

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36                    MS. PERRY: .....DeAnna.

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38                    CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. DeAnna,  
39     anything else.

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41                    (Teleconference interference -  
42     participants not muted)

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44                    MS. PERRY: I just wanted to remind the  
45     Council, normally when we're in person we have our  
46     little name tags that sort of have four or five  
47     questions on the back, which help us form a  
48     justification. I just wanted to remind folks that that  
49     is in their book under that presentation of proposal  
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1 page as well as on the screen. Mr. Chair, if you're  
2 wanting additional justification that might be able to  
3 help us get through that.

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5 Sorry, Cal, thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, on Page 27  
8 in the book and on the screen now. So were you going  
9 to offer more justification Cal or something else?

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11 MR. CASIPIT: No, I was, but I'm -- I  
12 was, but I'll let somebody else do it now.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is there anybody  
15 else who wants to weigh in with justification.

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17 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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21 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, I'll just go  
22 through the list, I guess, and do my best. Is the  
23 recommendation consistent with established fish or  
24 wildlife management principles. It is a bag limit  
25 reduction, is consistent with wildlife management  
26 principles. Is the recommendation supported by  
27 substantial evidence, biological or traditional. Not  
28 biological but it does have a strong community input  
29 component to it that we've established a record of. Is  
30 it beneficial or detrimental to subsistence needs and  
31 uses. In this case pretty neutral, as discussed. Not  
32 necessarily a high benefit to subsistence need in this  
33 case. If the closure is -- oh, no closure's involved.  
34 So discuss any other relevant factors. Just other  
35 relevant factors that it's been suggested this bag  
36 limit may not meet the needs identified within the  
37 proposal.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ian.  
40 And I would just add to that that this proposal does  
41 provide a more meaningful preference for subsistence  
42 users. It reduces the bag limit from six deer to three  
43 deer for non-subsistence users, which is a meaningful  
44 preference.

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46 So with that we've had the question  
47 called for. Frank, would you like to do a roll call  
48 vote on this one.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, Mr. Chair. This is  
2 on the main motion.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
5 I'll clarify that. This vote is on the main motion  
6 which has been amended twice. Now, the main motion  
7 reads that: In Lisianski Inlet, Lisianski Straits --  
8 or drainages flowing into Lisianski Inlet, Lisianski  
9 Strait, and Stag Bay south of a line connecting  
10 Soapstone and Column Points and north of a line  
11 connecting Point Theodore and Point Urey non-Federally-  
12 qualified users may only harvest up to three deer. So  
13 -- and that's August 1st to January 31st.

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15 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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17 Don Hernandez.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I vote yes.

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21 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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23 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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25 MR. WRIGHT: Albert votes yes.

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27 Bob Schroeder.

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29 (No comments)

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31 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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33 MR. SLATER: Jim Slater votes no.

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35 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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37 MR. DOUVILLE: Mike Douville votes yes.

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39 MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit.

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41 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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43 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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45 (No comments)

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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49 MR. JOHNSON: I'm sorry, before I cast  
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1 a vote, I'm -- I just need to confirm on the yea/nay  
2 thing, in regards to how it pertains to the ability to  
3 further amend. Are we still -- I'm getting lost in the  
4 procedures here. So is there -- can we amend -- or we  
5 can continue to discuss this regardless of the vote or  
6 it needs to be no vote to discuss further?

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think, Ian.....

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10 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, go ahead,  
13 DeAnna, you can answer that.

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15 MS. PERRY: We can still discuss this.  
16 So there's two ways we can make sure that happens.  
17 Either voting on the current main motion and then a new  
18 motion being made, or if this Council votes this motion  
19 and supports the motion it can be reconsidered. It's  
20 just messier that way but it is possible. So, again,  
21 to remind folks, if you are thinking of what Cal put  
22 forward and would like to possibly move on a motion by  
23 Cal, you would want to vote nay on the current motion.  
24 But we do have the safety net of a motion to  
25 reconsider. I know it gets really confusing so that's  
26 why I was trying to keep it a little cleaner. I might  
27 have not succeeded with that.

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29 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: Okay, thanks for the  
32 Clarif.....

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34 MR. CASIPIT: Sorry, Mr. Chair. I'd  
35 like clarification on request for recon -- what is it,  
36 reconsideration, you have to vote in the positive --  
37 you have to vote in the majority to request  
38 reconsideration and that's why I voted yes. Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is that correct,  
41 DeAnna.

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43 MR. WRIGHT: Only the prevailing side  
44 can reconsider.

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: The prevailing  
47 side can reconsider.

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49 MR. WRIGHT: So are we.....

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Frank, I'm  
2 going to ask you to start the roll call over and just  
3 make sure that everybody understands that should they  
4 want to call a motion for reconsideration your vote has  
5 to be on the prevailing side.

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7                   MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez, I  
8 have a question.

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10                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, go ahead,  
11 Mike.

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13                  MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you. If there is  
14 a desire to defeat this and start over with a new  
15 motion, I'm okay with that, but I am not willing to do  
16 it. So if there is somebody out there that is willing  
17 to do that then we can defeat this motion and start  
18 over. I got no problem with that. But it needs to be  
19 clear here because we're kind of halfway in between  
20 here. So if no one's willing to pursue that down the  
21 road then I'll vote positive for the motion that's on  
22 the floor now.

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24                  Thank you.

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26                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mike.  
27 Sounds reasonable. I guess the cleanest way to do that  
28 would be to vote this motion down.

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30                  MR. WRIGHT: That's right.

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32                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: But there is  
33 another option. So maybe Frank, if everybody  
34 understands that now, maybe you should start over with  
35 the roll call.

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37                  MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Don Hernandez.

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39                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm going to vote  
40 yes.

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42                  MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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44                  MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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46                  MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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48                  MR. SLATER: No.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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3 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit.

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7 MR. CASIPIT: No.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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11 MR. JOHNSON: No.

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13 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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15 MR. ROBBINS: No.

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17 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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19 MR. KITKA: I'll vote yes.

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21 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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27 MS. NEEDHAM: No.

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29 MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes no. Motion

30 defeated.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
33 Frank. The motion was defeated so there's an  
34 opportunity to put a new main motion on the floor. If  
35 that's your desire, Cal, I'll kind of defer to you.

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37 MR. CASIPIT: Yes, Mr. Chair, I'd like  
38 to move that we support WP22-10 as I'll read: Under  
39 Unit 4, in drainages flowing into Lisianski Inlet,  
40 Lisianski Strait, and Stag Bay south of a line  
41 connecting Soapstone and Column Points and north of a  
42 line connecting Point Theodore and Point Urey non-  
43 Federally-qualified users may only harvest up to three  
44 bucks. And if I get a second I'll put my rationale on  
45 the record.

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47 MR. HOWARD: Second. I'll second, Mr.  
48 Chair. This is Albert.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Albert. Go ahead, Cal.

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4                   MR. CASIPIT: Okay, thank you, Mr.  
5 Chair. I propose this motion to recognize issues  
6 identified in public testimony, written testimony from  
7 folks in -- residents of this area that they're having  
8 issues getting their deer, I believe it. I do have  
9 concerns about how harvest reporting is done. I think  
10 we need to do a better job of encouraging people to  
11 record their unsuccessful harvest and I think that's  
12 part of the issue with data. I think it goes on both  
13 sides, both non-qualified and Federally-qualified, I  
14 think we need to help in that somehow.

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16                   Also it's supported by the -- the  
17 evidence -- it's supported by substantial evidence. I  
18 take local knowledge, traditional knowledge into  
19 account with that. This would be -- I think it would  
20 have a benefit for subsistence users because it would  
21 reserve some does for harvest by Federally-qualified  
22 subsistence users and this is not really a closure it's  
23 just a change in bag limit, so I don't think it needs  
24 to pass that higher bar that the Board always talks  
25 about for closures. But I think it is necessary to  
26 continue subsistence users because every little bit  
27 helps and if a few does are available for local users,  
28 local Federally-qualified subsistence users I think  
29 that's a good thing.

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31                   Also, and it related to this, is that I  
32 -- you know, this is different than what the proponent  
33 requested. She had mentioned that the analysis doesn't  
34 include bucks, the analysis for -- I will say that the  
35 analysis for 22-10 by Staff left something to be  
36 desired especially when the proper regulatory language  
37 wasn't even in the analysis and we had to waste an  
38 amendment and go through this because we had to use an  
39 amendment just to fix the regulatory language where  
40 this would apply.

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42                   Anyway, so that's how I kind of see it.  
43 I think this provides for that meaningful priority for  
44 residents of the area and I'm going to support it.

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46                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.  
47 Does anybody have anything to add to that.

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49                   MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.  
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1 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, Ian and then  
4 Cathy.

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6 MR. JOHNSON: I'd like to just add that  
7 it's -- is that we're making the analysis essentially  
8 more conservative I guess. Changing to a bucks only  
9 shouldn't really affect the analysis, you know, that's  
10 a common tool for increasing deer populations and, you  
11 know, even if it wasn't addressed in the analysis, I  
12 personally can't really see any negative effect coming  
13 from reducing to bucks only.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ian.  
16 Cathy.

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18 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.  
19 I mean thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm actually going to  
20 oppose this proposal. I do believe that it's important  
21 to have an analysis. I would ask questions regarding  
22 an analysis about what the effects of having a bucks  
23 only reduction -- or a reduction to bucks only. I think  
24 non- -- I mean we're still providing an opportunity for  
25 non-Federally-qualified users now and we're putting in  
26 to bucks and I'd like to know, you know, I'd like to  
27 see a little bit more biological justification for  
28 that, especially when it comes to things like buck to  
29 doe ratio. I know we've talked about that in other  
30 units and maybe experiencing some issues.

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32 Also, you know, Lisianski Inlet is much  
33 like Unit 2 where it has some predation issues on top  
34 of all of this. So I didn't see much in the way of  
35 that in the analysis. And I think, you know, while I  
36 was struggling with the proposal previously and I  
37 didn't know which way I was going to vote, I think that  
38 we've amended it beyond our analysis at this point so  
39 I'm going to oppose it at this point.

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41 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you  
44 for that, Cathy. Anybody else on the Council want to  
45 express their view on this one.

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Are we ready for

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1 the question.

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3 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian. I  
4 call for the question.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
7 Ian. Frank, a roll call vote on this motion, which is  
8 now the main motion and it would provide that in: the  
9 described waters of Lisianski Inlet, non-Federally-  
10 qualified users may only harvest up to three bucks.

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12 So go ahead and call the roll call.

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14 MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Jim Slater.

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16 MR. SLATER: Jim Slater votes no.

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18 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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20 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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22 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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26 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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28 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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30 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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32 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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34 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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36 MS. NEEDHAM: No.

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38 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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40 MR. DOUVILLE: No.

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42 MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit.

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44 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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46 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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48 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes yes. Motion  
2 carried.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
5 Frank. This will be the motion that moves forward to  
6 the Board unless somebody in the yes votes would like  
7 to call for a reconsideration. The yes' prevail.

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9 (No comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Not hearing so,  
12 that completes Wildlife Proposal 22-10. The next  
13 proposal is 22-11 regarding goat harvest quota and  
14 Susan Oehlers is our presenter on that one.

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16 MS. OEHLERS: Yes, good morning, Mr.  
17 Chair. Members of the Council. This is Susan Oehlers  
18 with the Forest Service in Yakutat. Can you hear me  
19 okay.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, loud and  
22 clear.

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24 MS. OEHLERS: Okay. Wonderful. So I'm  
25 presenting for WP22-11, the executive summary is on  
26 Page 348 of your Council book and the analysis starts  
27 on Page 349.

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29 WP22-11 submitted by the Southeast  
30 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council requests that the  
31 Federal regulations for mountain goats for Unit 5A  
32 remainder be changed to remove the following language:  
33 A minimum of four goats in the harvest quota will be  
34 reserved for Federally-qualified subsistence users.

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36 The proponent states that the current  
37 regulation is cumbersome and difficult for in-season  
38 managers to effectively implement. A static number  
39 relative to a quota that fluctuates based on the  
40 current population data is not an appropriate  
41 management directive. Effort and harvest are low by  
42 both Federally-qualified subsistence users and non-  
43 Federally-qualified users. Subsistence demand has been  
44 met without actively reserving animals for harvest.  
45 Subsequently this regulation is not necessary and  
46 needlessly complicates regulations for both managers  
47 and users. The in-season manager, the Yakutat District  
48 Ranger has the authority and flexibility to manage the  
49 harvest without this regulation. Further, priority for  
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1 Federally-qualified subsistence users is provided by a  
2 longer season. The proponent states that this change  
3 will simplify the regulations for both Federally-  
4 qualified subsistence users and managers.

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6 So just some brief background. As  
7 shown in the harvest history on Page 357, from 2011 to  
8 2020 a total of 18 Federal and 100 State permits were  
9 issued for mountain goats in Unit 5A remainder. A  
10 total of 11 goats were harvested under both State, 9,  
11 and Federal, 2, regulations during this same time  
12 period averaging one goat per year.

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14 If adopted this proposal would simplify  
15 regulations for both subsistence users and managers by  
16 effectively implementing a joint State/Federal quota.  
17 This change is not expected to affect subsistence  
18 users. Demand has been low by both subsistence users  
19 and non-Federally-qualified users. Apart from the  
20 closed areas due to low population numbers the low  
21 harvest numbers have not warranted any early Federal or  
22 State season closures within the recent regulatory  
23 history. Subsistence users will continue to have an  
24 opportunity to harvest goats under Federal or State  
25 regulations from August 1st to December 31st, and in  
26 January under Federal subsistence regulations or until  
27 the quota is reached and the season is closed. This  
28 change is not expected to affect other users since the  
29 harvest will still be managed under a quota. If  
30 harvest by non-Federally-qualified users and/or demand  
31 for subsistence harvest increases, the Federal manager  
32 has the authority to implement in-season changes  
33 including closing Federal public lands to non-  
34 Federally-qualified users as needed to ensure that  
35 subsistence needs are met. No conservation concern is  
36 anticipated since the harvest will still be managed  
37 under a quota.

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39 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to  
40 support this proposal with modification to remove the  
41 language describing an announcement of the quota from  
42 unit-specific regulations and maintained in the  
43 delegation of authority letter only. Subsistence  
44 demand has been met without actively reserving animals  
45 for harvest, consequently this regulation is not  
46 necessary and needlessly complicates regulations for  
47 both managers and users. The Yakutat District Ranger  
48 has the authority and flexibility to manage the harvest  
49 and ensure continued subsistence uses of the resources  
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1 without this regulation. Further, priority for  
2 subsistence users is provided by a longer season. The  
3 language referencing the quota announcement is not  
4 necessary and it's inconsistent with other unit-  
5 specific regulations. The Yakutat District Ranger  
6 already has the authority to announce harvest quotas  
7 via a delegation of authority letter. These changes  
8 will simplify the regulations for all users and  
9 managers.

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11 And that concludes my presentation,  
12 thank you, and I'm available to answer any questions.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Susan.  
15 Are there any questions from the Council on this  
16 presentation analysis.

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18 (No comments)

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any questions.

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23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Susan.  
26 I think that was very clear to all of us, appreciate  
27 it. DeAnna, do we have any consultations to report on  
28 for this proposal.

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30 MS. PERRY: No, Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Do we  
33 have comments from the Alaska Department of Fish and  
34 Game or other Federal or tribal groups.

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36 MR. SCHUMACHER: Well, the Department  
37 of Fish and Game can offer comments.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead,  
40 Department of Fish and Game.

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42 MR. SCHUMACHER: The Department  
43 supports this proposal. We believe it will simplify  
44 management of mountain goats and link it more to the  
45 population of the surveys that are done so the  
46 Department supports the proposal.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
49 very much. And for the record I believe that was Tom

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1 Schumacher.

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REPORTER: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Was that you Tom?

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MR. SCHUMACHER: Oh, yes, it was.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Any  
10 questions for Mr. Schumacher from the Council.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Apparently not.  
Thank you, again. DeAnna, did we have any comments  
16 from Subsistence Resource Commissions or local Fish and  
17 Game Advisory Committees on this one.

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MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. The SRC has no  
comments.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you. How  
about written public comments, were there any?

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MS. OEHLERS: Through the Chair. There  
were no written public comments for this proposal.  
Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Susan.  
Public testimony. Opportunity if there's anybody on  
30 the phone line who would like to testify on this  
31 proposal, now is your opportunity.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm not hearing  
anybody. Time for recommended action by the Council.  
38 What's the wish of the Council on this one.

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MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
Albert.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Albert.

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MR. HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
Move to adopt WP22-11.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.  
2 Second. Anybody have a second.

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4 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, Cathy. I  
5 second.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
8 Cathy. Okay, open for discussion, what's the Councils  
9 wishes on this one.

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11 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, I wish to  
12 offer.....

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14 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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16 MR. CASIPIT: .....an amendment to the  
17 main motion.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Excuse me, what  
20 was that, Cal.

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22 MR. CASIPIT: I wish to amend the main  
23 motion, please.

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, what's your  
26 motion to amend.

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28 MR. CASIPIT: I move that we amend the  
29 main motion to reflect the language in the OSM  
30 preliminary conclusion to remove the words, the harvest  
31 quota will be announced prior to the season, a minimum  
32 of four goats on the harvest quota will be reserved for  
33 Federally-qualified subsistence users. That entire  
34 phrase would be struck from the existing regulation so  
35 that it would read, now: Unit 5 remainder, mountain  
36 goat, one goat by Federal registration permit August 1  
37 through January 31. And if I get a second I will give  
38 my rationale for that.

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40 MR. HOWARD: Second it, Mr. Chair.  
41 This is Albert.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.  
44 Yeah, go ahead, Cal.

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46 MR. CASIPIT: I suggested that  
47 amendment to reflect the OSM preliminary conclusion to  
48 simplify the regulation for both users and managers.  
49 As far as -- I don't know if I -- I probably shouldn't  
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1 go into my rationale for the main motion until we  
2 dispose of the amendment.

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4 Thank you.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
7 Cal. It should be noted that the OSM preliminary  
8 conclusion supported the proposal but with that  
9 modification that Cal just entered as a motion. So is  
10 there any discussion on that.

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12 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna,  
13 I didn't catch who seconded Cal's motion to amend.

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15 REPORTER: Albert.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Who was that  
18 again?

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20 REPORTER: This is Tina, it was Albert.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think it was  
23 Albert.

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25 REPORTER: Yes.

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27 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yep, okay. So do  
30 we need any more discussion on Cal's amendment to amend  
31 the main motion from what was the proposed language to  
32 what the OSM preliminary conclusion suggested  
33 modification.

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35 (No comments)

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Are we ready to  
38 vote on the amendment.

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40 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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42 MS. NEEDHAM: Call for the question.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I heard Cathy call  
45 for the question, but, Ian, were you going to call for  
46 the question or add something.

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48 MR. JOHNSON: It's really just a  
49 comment, I am ready to vote. It's just that this  
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1 mimics what we tried to do with the moose proposal in  
2 regards to reserving a quota which was also struck out  
3 so I was just -- in the future -- or, yeah, trying to  
4 determine how the Southeast RAC can propose these types  
5 of needs without meeting these conflicts -- regulatory  
6 conflicts in the future.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Well, we  
9 can discuss that when it's back to a main motion. So  
10 Cathy you called for the question. I think we can do a  
11 voice vote on the amendment.

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13 All in favor of amending the main  
14 motion to reflect a suggested modification from OSM  
15 Staff which was Unit 5A remainder for mountain goat, it  
16 would be one goat by Federal registration permit,  
17 August 1st to January 31st, eliminating the language  
18 about reserving goats for Federally-qualified  
19 subsistence users.

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21 All in favor of the amendment say aye.

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23 IN UNISON: Aye.

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is there any  
26 opposed to the amendment, say nay.

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Now we have  
31 the amended main motion up for discussion. I don't  
32 know, Ian, did you have anything you wanted to bring up  
33 for the main motion now.

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35 (Teleconference interference -  
36 participants not muted)

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Somebody needs to  
39 mute.

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41 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, that wasn't  
42 me.

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44 REPORTER: Sure, Ian.

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46 (Laughter)

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I hope not.

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1 (Laughter)

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MR. JOHNSON: No, it really was just a comment. It's just, you know, I think the RAC has tried to find a way to create the subsistence priority through these reservation of harvests -- or Federal harvest quotas and so far it hasn't been successful, and I was just noticing that similarity between the Kake moose proposal and this one. And just a comment on maybe a broader discussion for later on how we might meet this need.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you, Ian. Cal, did you have something in the way of justification on this one.

MR. CASIPIT: Yes, Mr. Chair, this is Cal. I can go through a justification pretty quick here.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, go ahead, Cal.

MR. CASIPIT: I think this recommendation -- our recommended action here -- our proposed action here is consistent with fish and wildlife management principles. To me it's delegating authority to the in-season manager who coordinates with local -- the in-season management process, they coordinate with local tribes, local users, local Fish and Game offices to come up with the right thing to do on the ground so I'm all in favor of delegating authority to local decisionmakers.

It's supported by substantial evidence. We heard a really good presentation from Susan, super job, as always. It'll be -- I think this is beneficial to subsistence users because it does clear up the regulations and people know they can just go get a registration permit at the Yakutat office, that's a good thing. There's no closure involved. And I'm prepared to vote in favor of this.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you, Cal. Is there anybody else on the Council that would like to add anything to that.

(No comments)

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1                           CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Anybody ready for  
2 the question.

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4                           MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez, call  
5 for the question.

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7                           CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mike.  
8 I think I can do a voice vote on this one. Any  
9 questions then we'll go to a roll call. But all in  
10 favor of motion to adopt Wildlife Proposal 22-11 which  
11 rescinds language from the original motion eliminating  
12 the language that would require preseason announcement  
13 of -- excuse me, I lost my page here for the proper  
14 wording -- Okay. Remove the language of a minimum of  
15 four goats in the harvest quota will be reserved for  
16 Federally-qualified subsistence users, the new  
17 regulation would read: Unit 5A remainder for mountain  
18 goat, one goat by Federal registration permit from  
19 August 1st to January 31st.

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21                           So all in favor of that motion signify  
22 by saying aye.

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24                           IN UNISON: Aye.

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26                           CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is there anybody  
27 opposed, say nay.

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29                           (No opposing votes)

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31                           CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
32 Motion passes. And that completes our proposals before  
33 us at this meeting. Next up is we have to do a closure  
34 review process and there are two closures that need to  
35 be reviewed, Unit 2 deer closure and a Unit 5 moose  
36 closure, and in order to explain that we'll go to Staff  
37 and we'll start with Wildlife Closure Review 22-01.

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39                           MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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41                           MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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43                           CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: DeAnna, go ahead.

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45                           MS. PERRY: Yeah, I believe we were  
46 going to let Susan Oehlers go next due to her  
47 availability.

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49                           CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, excuse me,  
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1 which -- you'll have to refresh my memory which one was  
2 that again?

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4 MS. PERRY: I believe that was closure  
5 02.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, correct, okay,  
8 yeah. Yeah, I see Susan's doing -- yeah, that's fine.  
9 Wildlife Closure Review 22-02. Susan, you're up again,  
10 sorry about that.

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12 MS. OEHLERS: Okay, thank you, Mr.  
13 Chair. And again for the record this is Susan Oehlers  
14 with the U.S. Forest Service based in Yakutat. So this  
15 is a closure review for Unit 5A moose. You'll find the  
16 executive summary on Page 387 of your Council books,  
17 the analysis starts on Page 388.

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19 This is a two week closure of Federal  
20 lands to non-subsistence users at the beginning of the  
21 season. The Federal season for moose in 5A opens  
22 October 8th west of the Dangerous River resulting in  
23 closure dates of October 8 through the 21st and opens  
24 September 16th east of the Dangerous River resulting in  
25 closure dates of September 16th through the 30th.

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27 The Board first closed Federal public  
28 lands in Unit 5A except Nunitak Bench from October 15th  
29 to October 21 to the taking of moose except by  
30 residents of Unit 5A in order to assure a preferential  
31 subsistence opportunity of rural Alaska residents with  
32 C&T effective in 1991. Since the original closure  
33 dates have been adjusted to reflect changes in season  
34 dates maintaining the two week closure. The Council  
35 had not been established prior to the original closure  
36 and thus there was no recommendation at that time.  
37 Since the establishment of the Council, the Council has  
38 supported the closure because it has provided  
39 opportunity for Federally-qualified subsistence users  
40 to harvest moose in an area that typically receives  
41 relatively high hunting pressure. This closure was  
42 last reviewed in 2015.

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44 Just some brief biological background.  
45 The Unit 5A moose population is estimated for two sub-  
46 management areas, east and west of the Dangerous River,  
47 referred to as 5A east and 5A west in this review.  
48 Winter aerial surveys are conducted as feasible.  
49 December aerial surveys have ranged from a total of 197  
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1 to 328 and 173 to 535 moose in 5A west and east  
2 respectfully, from 2003 to 2020. And note that these  
3 are raw survey numbers, not a count for detectability  
4 so they should be considered a minimum population  
5 estimate and used primarily as an index.

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7 For harvest history as shown on Pages  
8 398 and 399, total harvest has ranged from 33 to 64  
9 moose from 2012 to 2020. An average of 19 and 29 moose  
10 were harvested annually in 5A east and west,  
11 respectively, from 2012 to 2020. The harvest has met  
12 or exceeded the quota guideline in Unit 5A west  
13 annually since 2012. Harvest in 5A east, however, has  
14 not met the quota during the same time period with the  
15 exception of 2020. Federally-qualified subsistence  
16 users account for the majority of the harvest in 5A  
17 west, accounting for 100 percent of the harvest  
18 annually from 2014 to 2020. In 5A east subsistence  
19 users accounted for an average of 50 percent of the  
20 harvest from 2012 to 2020. Overall, subsistence users  
21 accounted for an average of 79 percent of the moose  
22 harvested from 2012 to 2020. The lower percentage of  
23 the harvest from Federally-qualified subsistence users  
24 in 5A east is primarily due to the limited and costlier  
25 access relative to the west side.

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27 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to  
28 maintain the status quo. The Federal closure for Unit  
29 5A moose remains important to the residents of Unit 5A  
30 as it provides for the continued subsistence use of  
31 this population as mandated by Title VIII of ANILCA.  
32 Subsistence users account for the majority of the moose  
33 harvested in Unit 5A and 100 percent of the moose  
34 harvested in Unit 5A west since 2014. The annual hunt  
35 by subsistence users takes place primarily in 5A west  
36 where accessibility by boat or vehicle is much greater  
37 and hunting expense is generally lower than in 5A east.  
38 A majority of the moose harvested are taken by  
39 subsistence users during the first two weeks of the  
40 season in 5A west. The Federal season in 5A west was  
41 closed prior to the State season opening annually from  
42 2014 to 2018 and again in 2020. The number of moose  
43 available for harvest is limited as moose numbers  
44 remain at a relatively low density. Without this  
45 closure subsistence users -- I'm sorry -- non-  
46 Federally-qualified users would be able to hunt Federal  
47 lands a week earlier in Unit 5A west resulting in  
48 increased competition between Federally-qualified and  
49 non-Federally-qualified users and, thereby, decreasing  
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1 harvest opportunity of a limited resource for  
2 subsistence users. The status quo is necessary to  
3 continue subsistence uses of the moose population under  
4 Section .815-3 of ANILCA and does not violate the  
5 prohibitions outlined in ANILCA Section .816b. The  
6 closure to moose harvest on Federal public lands in the  
7 affected area will continue to be reviewed, at least  
8 every four years, as per the Federal Subsistence Board  
9 closure policy.

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11 And, Mr. Chair, that concludes my  
12 presentation. I'm available for questions. Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Susan.  
16 So Council members, do we have questions on this  
17 closure policy on this particular closure.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Are there any  
questions.

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MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez.

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MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair, this is.....

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Mr. Douville.

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MR. DOUVILLE: I support the  
continuation of this closure as it very well appears to  
be doing what it was intended for and I think it should  
continue. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
Mike. Are there any questions about it from anybody  
else.

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MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair, this is  
Harold.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

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MR. ROBBINS: Yes, I have a question for  
Susan.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
Harold.

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1 MR. ROBBINS: Out of the moose shot on  
2 the east side of the quota only 34 percent in 2020 was  
3 taken by resident, local area hunter subsistence users?  
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5 MS. OEHLERS: Through the Chair. Mr.  
6 Robbins. Let me check the numbers here, one moment  
7 please.  
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9 MR. ROBBINS: I believe it's on Table 2,  
10 399.  
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12 MS. OEHLERS: Yes, you are correct. In  
13 2020 34 percent by Federally-qualified subsistence  
14 users on the east side. Correct.  
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16 MR. ROBBINS: Thank you.  
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18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Anybody else with  
19 a question for Susan.  
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21 (No comments)  
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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you  
24 for your presentation, Susan. For the clear and  
25 straight forward, no questions. DeAnna, do we have any  
26 tribal or corporation consultations to report on for  
27 this proposal.  
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29 MS. PERRY: No comments from Southeast  
30 tribes, Mr. Chair.  
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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, DeAnna.  
33 Does the Department of Fish and Game have any comments  
34 they'd like to make on this proposal.  
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36 MR. SCHUMACHER: Yes, this is Tom  
37 Schumacher with the Department of Fish and Game.  
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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Tom.  
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41 MR. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. The  
42 Federal Staff analysis did a good job summarizing the  
43 situation. The current harvest restriction was enacted  
44 as part of a larger agreement that created, in part,  
45 greater harvest opportunity for all hunters east of the  
46 Dangerous River. The Department is willing to stick by  
47 the terms of that agreement and so we're neutral on  
48 this proposal.  
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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Tom. Any questions for Mr. Schumacher from the  
3 Council.

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5 MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair, this is  
6 Harold.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harold.

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10 MR. ROBBINS: Yes, I have a question for  
11 Mr. Schumacher. When is the prime time for the rut for  
12 the moose in the Yakutat area?

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14 MR. SCHUMACHER: I would think that you  
15 would have a better handle on that than me.

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17 MR. ROBBINS: Yeah, my observation.....

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19 MR. SCHUMACHER: I'd think the Yakutat  
20 users know.

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22 MR. ROBBINS: .....is.....

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24 MR. SCHUMACHER: Pardon me.

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26 MR. ROBBINS: My observation is about  
27 the 15th of September is when the bulls really get  
28 active and so consequently my personal experience  
29 indicates that by starting the subsistence hunt on the  
30 15th, the subsistence hunters get a lot more real musky  
31 rutted bulls than if we wait until later like the  
32 subsistence season was set up originally, back October  
33 8th. So that's my comment.

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
36 Harold. I don't know if Fish and Game has a response  
37 to that.

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39 MR. SCHUMACHER: The seasons were set  
40 by both the Federal and State process so the State has  
41 -- we got no further comment on it.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
44 Any other questions for Mr. Schumacher.

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46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, not hearing  
49 any. Any other comments from other Federal or tribal  
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1 agencies, DeAnna.

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3 MS. PERRY: No, Mr. Chair.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Do we have  
6 Advisory Group comments or Resource Commission comments  
7 on this proposal.

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9 MS. PERRY: No comments from SRCs, Mr.  
10 Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Do we have  
13 written public comments on this closure review.

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15 MS. OEHLERS: Mr. Chair, this is Ms.  
16 Oehlers. There were no written public comments for  
17 this closure. Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,  
20 Susan. How about public testimony. Anybody on the  
21 phone lines who would like to testify about this  
22 closure review.

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24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Not hearing  
27 anybody, so it's time for the Council to take an action  
28 on this. What's the wish of the Council.

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30 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
31 Albert. Move to adopt WCR22-02.

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.

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35 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is that Cal with a  
38 second.....

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40 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....we need a  
43 second.

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45 MR. CASIPIT: Yes -- no, I'm not going  
46 to second. I think the appropriate motion here is to  
47 support maintaining the status quo for the Yakutat  
48 moose hunt.

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1 MR. HOWARD: I second that motion, Mr.  
2 Chair.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
5 Let the record show that Cal made a motion and Albert  
6 seconded.

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8 REPORTER: Yes, got it.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So the motion was  
11 to -- say that again, Cal. We need to support the.....

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13 MR. CASIPIT: Sorry, Mr. Chair, I'll  
14 restate that.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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18 MR. CASIPIT: My motion is to support  
19 the OSM preliminary conclusion for the Yakutat  
20 forelands subsistence moose hunt to maintain the status  
21 quo.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right, okay, to  
24 maintain the status quo. Okay, thank you. Council  
25 discussion on this closure review recommendation.

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27 MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair, this is  
28 Harold.

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30 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Did I hear Harold  
33 first.

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35 MR. SLATER: This is Jim from Pelican  
36 but I'll defer to Harold.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, Jim, sorry.

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40 MR. SLATER: There are several people  
41 from the Pelican area and also several people I know  
42 from Juneau who, and myself who have personally hunted  
43 there for moose and I recognize that without this  
44 there's a significant amount of pressure and it would  
45 affect the subsistence capabilities of the local  
46 community. So I wanted to go on record that I would  
47 vote to maintain the status quo.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
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1 Jim. Any other Council members.

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3 MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair, this is  
4 Harold.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harold.

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8 MR. ROBBINS: I would just like to make  
9 one comment. That when the subsistence season was  
10 moved ahead to two plus weeks, it became very  
11 inconvenient for the local area subsistence users there  
12 because they were busy fishing and all the other  
13 activity and where it was set originally on the 8th of  
14 October was way more convenient and so it makes it a  
15 lot more difficult for the local area subsistence users  
16 to participate in that moose hunt early and we're  
17 getting less -- we end up with less quality meat in the  
18 freezer. So that's my observations. So consequently,  
19 I would really like to see it changed back to the way  
20 it was instead of how we have it today but this is not  
21 the venue to do that at this point.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, right, thank  
26 you, Harold. And you would be correct, that would take  
27 a new proposal to change that. So under the existing  
28 regulation in this closure review process, or the way  
29 things stand now are you in favor of maintaining the  
30 status quo for now, though?

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32 MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair. Yes. That's  
33 what we've got to work with at the moment and that's  
34 better than what we could have. Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
37 that's clear. Any other Council members want to weigh  
38 in on this closure review.

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40 MR. CASIPIT: Well, this is Cal again.  
41 I just want to echo what Mr. Douville said at the  
42 beginning. I mean as envisioned way back when these  
43 regulations were put in place I think it's doing  
44 exactly what we wanted. You know 100 percent of the  
45 harvest west of the Dangerous is going to Federally-  
46 qualified subsistence users and varying percentages for  
47 east of the Dangerous probably according to a lot of  
48 the factors that Mr. Robbins was talking about. Maybe  
49 we can work on that east of the Dangerous thing in the  
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1 future. But I think these closures are working as  
2 advertised and it is providing that meaningful priority  
3 to Federally-qualified users.

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5 Thank you.

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7 I'm voting in favor.

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9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal. I  
10 think that was a pretty good rationale for maintaining  
11 the status quo on this closure west of the Dangerous  
12 River. Does anybody want to add anything to that.

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14 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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18 MS. NEEDHAM: Call for the question.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
21 Cathy. Question's been called for. We'll do a roll  
22 call vote on this one, Frank. The motion was to  
23 support the status quo to maintain the existing closure  
24 to non-Federally-qualified users that's in place west  
25 of the Dangerous River in Unit 5A.

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27 MR. WRIGHT: Okay, Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So, Frank, do you  
30 want to do a roll call vote on that.

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32 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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34 Cal Casipit.

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36 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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38 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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40 (No comments)

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42 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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44 MR. DOUVILLE: Mike Douville votes yes.

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46 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Mike.

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48 Jim Slater.

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MR. SLATER: Jim Slater votes yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

MR. HOWARD: Albert votes yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Albert.

Don Hernandez.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I vote yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Don.

Harold Robbins.

MR. ROBBINS: I vote yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Harold.

Harvey Kitka.

MR. KITKA: I vote yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Harvey.

Larry Bemis.

(No comments)

MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

(No comments)

MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Cathy. Frank votes yes. Motion carries, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank. Okay, now we'll move on to the other wildlife closure review, 22-01.

MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Sorry, I was missed on the  
2 roll call but I vote yes, thank you.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, sorry. Thank  
5 you for that. Wildlife Closure Review 22-01. Prince  
6 of Wales Island, are we ready for the presentation on  
7 that one.

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9 MR. DUNN: Good morning, Mr. Chair,  
10 this is Greg Dunn.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Good morning,  
13 Greg. Go ahead.

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15 MR. DUNN: All right, for the record  
16 this is Greg Dunn, I am with the Tongass National  
17 Forest and I will be presenting Wildlife Closure Review  
18 22-01. The executive summary for Wildlife Closure  
19 Review 22-01 for GMU 2 deer begins on Page 366 of your  
20 Council books and the analysis begins on Page 368.

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22 The closure location is within GMU2 on  
23 Prince of Wales Island excluding the southeast portion,  
24 which is the land south of the west arm of Cholmondeley  
25 Sound draining into Cholmondeley Sound or draining  
26 eastward into Clarence Strait. The closure dates are  
27 from August 1st through August 15th and coincides with  
28 the early start for the Federally-qualified subsistence  
29 users of July 24th.

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31 In 2003 the Federal Subsistence Board  
32 adopted Proposal WP03-05 which initially closed Federal  
33 public lands for hunting deer August 1st through August  
34 21st. August was chosen to coincide with the earlier  
35 start date of July 24th with the Proposal WP03-04 and  
36 provide a total of 28 days to hunt for Federally-  
37 qualified subsistence users before non-Federally-  
38 qualified subsistence users were allowed to hunt. In  
39 2004 the Board adopted Proposal WP04-15 with  
40 modification to change the Federal public lands closure  
41 from August 1st through the 21st, to August 1st through  
42 the 15th, and to keep the closure in perpetuity. In  
43 2006 the Board adopted Proposal WP06-08 to exclude the  
44 southeast portion of Prince of Wales Island from the  
45 Federal closure area, you can see that in Table 1.  
46 This made the closure more consistent with prior Alaska  
47 Department of Fish and Game recommendation and ensured  
48 opportunity for State residents as well as other  
49 hunters. In 2016 the season was extended for  
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1 Federally-qualified users to January 31st, and in 2018  
2 non-Federally-qualified users were restricted to two  
3 bucks.

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5 I'll give you a little background so  
6 far in -- pellet group transects and Alpine aerial  
7 surveys showed that the population is stable.  
8 Historical hunting areas and clear-cuts are no longer  
9 huntable or not easily accessible, logging activity has  
10 reduced deer habitat in north Prince of Wales by 46  
11 percent and south Prince of Wales by 18 percent.

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13 Federally-qualified subsistence users  
14 harvest the most deer in Unit 2 and account for 59 to  
15 71 percent of the total harvest from 2005 to 2018, you  
16 can see that in Figure 5. Between 2005 and 2015 the  
17 number of deer harvested per hunter by non-Federally-  
18 qualified users averaged 1.5 and the number harvested  
19 by Federally-qualified users averaged 1.8, you could  
20 see that in Figure 6. Federally-qualified subsistence  
21 users in Unit 2 had a higher success rate than other  
22 hunters from 1997 to 2017 with an average success rate  
23 of 74.4 percent compared to 59.6 percent rate for the  
24 non-Federally-qualified users. Also to note, you can  
25 see from 2015 at the peak of harvest it has -- the  
26 harvest has declined considerably.

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28 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to  
29 remain the status quo. And the justification is the  
30 long-term trend of declining deer habitat, decreasing  
31 deer population size, an increase in hunter  
32 participation and competition between user groups and  
33 the most roaded accessible portions of the Prince of  
34 Wales Island have affected the perception of increased  
35 competition between Federally-qualified users and non-  
36 Federally-qualified users. The harvest objective has  
37 not been met since 2017 and the number of deer  
38 harvested per user has dropped as well. Finding deer  
39 in traditional hunting areas has decreased because of  
40 weather, competition, stem-exclusion, predation and  
41 road access. This shows there may be less deer on the  
42 landscape and supports maintaining the closure.

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44 Other alternatives that were considered  
45 in this analysis that should be of note is that  
46 modifying the closure to the first two weeks of  
47 November as that would have a greater benefit to  
48 subsistence users, most of the harvest from Federally  
49 and non-Federally-qualified users occur during the  
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1 month of November because of the rut.

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3 That is the end of the presentation.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
6 Greg. So questions from the Council on this closure  
7 review.

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9 MR. DOUVILLE: Chairman Hernandez.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mr.  
12 Douville.

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14 MR. DOUVILLE: I would be in favor of  
15 maintaining the status quo. Living here it's -- well,  
16 it's absolutely correct we have a lot of stem-  
17 exclusion, we have -- in spite of what some may think,  
18 a high wolf population, that's been -- and lower deer  
19 population and it's still trending down. I think it  
20 will continue to do so because of the wolf population  
21 and continued acreage of stem-exclusion. So until we  
22 get a handle on those things the population will  
23 continue to be a downward trend. In any case that's  
24 what I see.

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26 Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
29 Mike. Any other Council members have a question for  
30 Mr. Dunn on his presentation.

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32 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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36 MR. JOHNSON: I guess maybe it's not --  
37 it's kind of a question about the analysis, it's also  
38 just a question about the history of this. I was just  
39 wondering is the continuation of this closure linked to  
40 the Unit 2 deer strategy that we've discussed quite a  
41 bit here in the last three days, three and a half days.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Mr. Dunn.

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45 MR. DUNN: Sorry, Mr. Chair, this is  
46 Mr. Dunn. To answer your question, Ian, yes, this is  
47 part of the strategy.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Ian, just to maybe

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1 elaborate that a little more. This original closure  
2 did come as a direct result of that working group that  
3 the Council put together back in 2006/2007, I believe.  
4 So that was one of the recommendations that was  
5 hammered out and approved by the Board. Actually it  
6 wasn't a working group, it was actually a sub-committee  
7 of the Council that undertook that deer review.

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9 MR. JOHNSON: Okay, thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any other  
12 questions.

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14 (No comments)

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I think  
17 we're done, Greg, thank you very much. Moving on, were  
18 there any consultations to report on for this closure  
19 review, DeAnna.

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21 MS. PERRY: No comments from tribes,  
22 Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
25 Does that Department of Fish and Game want to comment  
26 on this closure review.

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28 MR. SCHUMACHER: Yes, this is Tom  
29 Schumacher with the Department of Fish and Game.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Tom.

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33 MR. SCHUMACHER: Thank you. The Forest  
34 Service summarized much of the data relative to the  
35 issue at hand here. The Department takes a little bit  
36 longer term view of things and we'd like to point out  
37 in our comments that although deer harvest has declined  
38 since the peak in 2015, so has the number of deer  
39 hunters and both the number of hunters total and the  
40 harvest total remain well within historic ranges. The  
41 same can be said for Federally-qualified users,  
42 although it's lower than it was in 2006 through 2016,  
43 it is -- remains within range between 1997 and 2005.  
44 And although the numbers of hunters have declined, the  
45 rate of harvest among those hunters really hasn't  
46 changed that much, although the days of hunting effort  
47 required to harvest a deer have increased a little bit.  
48 During periods of high harvest it was about four days  
49 per deer and in the last four years, and these are data  
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1 through 2020, the average was about 5.5. days per deer.  
2 And this might be something, you know, to consider when  
3 thinking about those proposals in Unit 4 where it took  
4 less than two days for hunters to harvest a deer, here  
5 in Unit 2 that average is between five and six days per  
6 deer now. So the deer hunter in Unit 4 is a lot better  
7 than anywhere else.

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9                   Actually, excuse me, I misspoke here  
10 about the days required to harvest a deer by Federally-  
11 qualified users, I was talking about non-Federally-  
12 qualified -- the Federally-qualified users require  
13 about four days in the last few years to harvest a  
14 deer, so about double what it was in Unit 4.

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16                   (Teleconference interference -  
17 participants not muted)

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19                   MR. SCHUMACHER: The Department does  
20 not support this proposal because we don't see a  
21 conservation concern for the population of deer and  
22 because measures of hunter effort and harvest are well  
23 within historic norms. We can't have all peaks,  
24 they're are going to be some valleys and, you know, the  
25 population will likely increase again at some point.

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27                   So we don't support the bag limit  
28 restriction. And that's it for my comments.

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30                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
31 Tom. Any questions for Mr. Schumacher from the  
32 Council.

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34                   (No comments)

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36                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm not  
37 hearing any questions, thank you, Tom, for your  
38 presentation. And you're on record as not supporting  
39 the continuation of the closure, so thank you for that.

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41                   DeAnna, do we have Advisory Committee  
42 comments on this closure review.

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44                   MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. The Subsistence  
45 Regional Commissions did not comment, and actually I  
46 have to kind of scroll through here, I don't have it  
47 right in front of me -- I will defer to Greg on the  
48 public comments received but they did not come from an  
49 Advisory Council -- or Advisory Committee -- sorry.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 DeAnna. Greg, do you have some written public comments  
3 there.

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5 MR. DUNN: Yes, Mr. Chair, this is  
6 Greg. I have one written public comment and it's by  
7 the Resident Hunters of Alaska. Their comment simply  
8 states, rescind closure to non-Federally-qualified  
9 users on Prince of Wales Island. That's it.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, what was  
12 that group again?

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14 MR. DUNN: Yes, Mr. Chair, the group is  
15 Resident Hunters of Alaska, RHAK.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
18 Is there any public testimony on this closure review,  
19 and that would be anybody on the phone line who wished  
20 to comment.

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22 (No comments)

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't hear  
25 anybody so we'll move to the Council recommendation.  
26 What's the Council's wishes on this.

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28 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cal.

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32 MR. CASIPIT: I move to support the  
33 preliminary OSM conclusion to maintain the status quo  
34 for the Unit 2 deer closure.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.

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38 MR. HOWARD: Second.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.  
41 Okay, it's now under discussion. And, Mike, you  
42 already provided some discussion on this one, is there  
43 anything else you'd like to add, or if anybody else  
44 would like to add anything.

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46 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman, Mike  
47 Douville.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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1 MR. DOUVILLE: You know I did add some.  
2 In some of these reports, you know, we've just touched  
3 on this before, is a lot of these hunters only write  
4 down the day they got a deer, they don't write down how  
5 many times they went hunting. I mean you'd need quite  
6 a log book to do that. Myself, I've been out three  
7 times this year and have only had success once, and I  
8 didn't write those down but I guess maybe I will. But  
9 I don't think the true effort to success ratio is  
10 really portrayed in a lot of these reports because of  
11 that.

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13 Being that, like I said, stem-  
14 exclusion, geography is a real important thing here.  
15 You know if we have a bad winter here it's really going  
16 to be bad because we have so much stem-exclusion and  
17 clear-cut along with predation, which is still a  
18 significant factor even though there might be some that  
19 think that there's endangered species, it's not even  
20 close to that.

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22 I think we are seeing what appears to  
23 be a little bit less effort from non-rural hunters  
24 because the hunting is not as good. So I think there's  
25 some less effort in that respect although I think in  
26 some cases there is a little bit of increase in early  
27 hunting up on the Alpine, which is probably fine.

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29 Anyway, that's all I have.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
32 Mike. I'd like to add to that in my justification.  
33 I'm going to support maintaining status quo on this  
34 closure as well. It's been a closure that's been in  
35 place now for a good number of years. It was  
36 originally recommended through the efforts of a  
37 stakeholder's group that met and tried to find  
38 solutions to a perceived problem of subsistence users  
39 needs not being met in Unit 2. This is one of the  
40 solutions crafted by that group that was composed both  
41 subsistence -- Federally-qualified and non-Federally-  
42 qualified hunters. This closure is line with  
43 recognized principles of fish and wildlife management.  
44 It doesn't exclude non-subsistence hunters, they still  
45 have opportunity but it does meet the criteria of  
46 meaningful priority for subsistence users. It's been  
47 very effective to have an earlier season. And also to  
48 something Mike brought up there, in addition to the  
49 closure we also had a bag limit restriction that was  
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1 implemented a couple of years ago. I think that bag  
2 limit restriction has resulted in probably less hunter  
3 effort from non-subsistence users because a lot of  
4 those people live in Ketchikan, Ketchikan is in Unit 1  
5 which has a greater bag limit and also actually has a  
6 pretty good success rate for deer hunters in District  
7 1, which is right in Ketchikan's backyard so I think  
8 that bag limit restriction has shifted some of the  
9 effort from Unit 2 to Unit 1 and all of that has worked  
10 towards solving a problem where there was a lot of  
11 competition in Unit 2, which was resulting in  
12 subsistence users having a harder time meeting their  
13 needs. So I think all those things taken together it's  
14 been a good successful strategy in ensuring that  
15 subsistence uses are being met.

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17 So I would support this closure,  
18 continuation of the status quo on this closure.

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20 Anybody else on the Council have  
21 anything else they'd like to add.

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23 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal.  
24 I think you've done an excellent job summarizing up our  
25 rationale for that, I'm calling for the question.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
28 Question's been called for. Frank, would you do a roll  
29 call vote on this one as well.

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31 MR. WRIGHT: Okay, Mr. Chair. I'm  
32 trying to find some space on this tally sheet here.  
33 Okay.

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35 Cal Casipit.

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37 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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39 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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41 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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43 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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45 MR. DOUVILLE: Mike Douville votes yes.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you.

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49 Jim Slater.

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1 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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3 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Jim.

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5 Albert Howard.

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7 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Albert.

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MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Harold.  
Harvey Kitka.  
MR. KITKA: Yes.  
MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Kaagwaantaan.  
Larry Bemis.  
(No comments)  
MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.  
MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.  
MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Cathy. Frank  
votes yes. Motion's carried. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
Frank. Thank you, Council members. That completes our  
wildlife closure reviews for this time period. Next up  
on the agenda is what's referred to as crossover  
proposals. These are proposals that actually came in  
Unit 6, which is not Southeast region, however, Unit 6  
does show some customary and traditional use by Yakutat  
residents so we do have an opportunity for this Council  
to weigh in on those proposals. And looking down on  
the agenda we also have statewide proposals that are

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1 proposed for Unit 6 as well, so those are on our agenda  
2 for the same reason.

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5 So I guess on these proposals I  
6 deferred to our Yakutat Council member to see if he  
7 would like the Council to take action on these  
8 proposals and Mr. Robbins indicated he thought it might  
9 be of interest to at least hear the issues that are  
10 involved so we could do that. There is a presentation  
11 on these from OSM. So if we could hear that and then  
12 the Council can decide if they want to take any action  
13 or not.

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MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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And also I just kind of want to make  
note that I was, you know, involved in this working  
group on indigenous management, we still have a couple  
presenters that will be up very shortly, I believe on  
the agenda and it's very interesting discussion to be  
had there. And I'm really sorry that it doesn't appear  
that I'm going to be available for that discussion but  
I would point out also Bob Schroeder was part of that  
group and he is not able to be with us either, however,  
Ian Johnson was very involved in that group and, Ian, I



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1 guess I'm going to have to leave it up to you to kind  
2 of relate what the work group's recommended actions  
3 were and really sorry about that but just kind of  
4 unavoidable so Ian I hope you're okay with that.

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6 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir, that's fine,  
7 thanks.

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9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
10 appreciate it. So with that we'll bring up Mr.  
11 Ubelaker to present analysis on these Unit 6 proposals  
12 and I'll turn the Chair over to Cathy Needham.

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14 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr.  
15 Chair. Member Robbins, are you on the line right now?

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17 MR. ROBBINS: Yes, I am.

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19 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: At this time I  
20 would be interested in knowing, you would like for us  
21 to take up these Unit 6 proposals, is that my  
22 understanding?

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24 MR. ROBBINS: I would like to at least  
25 hear the presenter and at least take it that far.  
26 Thank you.

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28 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
29 you for that. Mr. Ubelaker, Brian Ubelaker, are you  
30 here to give us a presentation regarding Wildlife  
31 Proposal 22-14?

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33 MR. UBELAKER: I am, Madame Chair.

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35 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you.  
36 Please proceed.

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38 MR. UBELAKER: Okay, thank you. Good  
39 morning, Madame Chair and Council members. My name is  
40 Brian Ubelaker. I am a Wildlife Biologist with the  
41 Office of Subsistence Management and I will give you a  
42 brief rundown right now of Wildlife Proposal WP22-14,  
43 which deals with the black bear harvest limit in Unit  
44 6. This analysis begins on Page 405 of your meeting  
45 book.

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47 Proposal WP22-14 submitted by Dan  
48 Schmalzer and Nick Docken of Cordova, Alaska request  
49 that the black bear harvest limit in Unit 6 be

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1 increased from one to two black bears per year and that  
2 the Unit 6 D season would close if the harvest quota  
3 was met.

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5 The proponents request the ability to  
6 harvest two black bears in a regulatory year. This  
7 would allow Federally-qualified subsistence users  
8 additional opportunity to harvest red meat. Currently  
9 if a hunter harvests a black bear in the fall they  
10 cannot harvest another in the spring. They cite the  
11 cost of living, reduced ferry service and Covid19  
12 restrictions as factors making Prince William Sound  
13 residents more dependent on wild renewable resources.  
14 Additionally, many local residents do not have access  
15 to moose and deer because boats or airboats are often  
16 necessary to harvest these species. Black bear hunting  
17 opportunity is easily accessed from the Copper River  
18 Highway and does not require a boat.

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20 Black bears are common throughout Unit  
21 6 except for Kayak and Middleton Islands along the  
22 north Gulf Coast of Alaska and Montague, Hinchinbrook,  
23 Hawkins and several smaller islands in Prince William  
24 Sound. While there is no accurate population data for  
25 black bears in Unit 6, black bear densities tend to be  
26 highest in western Prince William Sound and lowest  
27 along the north Gulf Coast and eastern Prince William  
28 Sound. A sharp decline in black bear harvest was  
29 observed in years following the severe winter of 2011  
30 and 2012 which may have resulted in low recruitment of  
31 young in the following years. This information and  
32 reports of fewer black bear sightings by many user  
33 groups prompted the U.S. Forest Service and the Alaska  
34 Department of Fish and Game to begin a collaborative  
35 research project on Prince William Sound black bears.  
36 That project is currently ongoing.

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38 From 2005 to 2010 the hunting pressure  
39 and take of black bears in Unit 6 was greatest in Unit  
40 6D which averaged 83 to 86 percent, which coincides  
41 with the greatest densities of black bears and ease of  
42 access by Anchorage hunters through Whittier. An  
43 average of 427 black bears were taken per regulatory  
44 year between 2004 and 2013, which exceeds the State  
45 management goal to average 200 black bears over a three  
46 year period. Without accurate population estimates it  
47 is difficult to determine if current harvest levels are  
48 sustainable. Although it is difficult to determine the  
49 status of black bear populations using harvest data,  
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1 the decrease in age of harvested male bears during the  
2 high harvest from 2005 to 2009 suggested that the  
3 harvest was having a population level effect. More  
4 compelling was a sharp drop in total Unit 6D harvest  
5 during 2012 and 2013. The total reported harvest of  
6 black bears taken in Unit 6D by Federally-qualified  
7 users from 2010 to 2019 was 24 black bears. Between  
8 2010 and 2019 Federally-qualified subsistence users  
9 harvested zero to seven bears in Unit 6D accounting for  
10 just one percent of the total Unit 6D black bear  
11 harvest on average.

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13 If adopted, this proposal would allow  
14 Federally-qualified subsistence users to harvest two  
15 black bears in Unit 6. This would allow additional  
16 harvest opportunity for rural residents that would help  
17 offset increases in the cost of living, reductions in  
18 ferry service and restrictions imposed to mitigate the  
19 Covid pandemic.

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21 In Unit 6D where conservation concerns  
22 have existed Federally-qualified subsistence users have  
23 harvested less than eight bears per year. From a total  
24 harvest that has ranged from 91 to 453 bears per year  
25 between 2010 and 2020. While some conservation  
26 concerns still exist for black bears in Unit 6D concern  
27 would be mitigated if the Federal season closed when  
28 the State closes its season if the black bear harvest  
29 quota is reached in Unit 6D.

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31 Current Federal regulations in Unit 6D  
32 require a State registration permit. Permission from  
33 the ADF&G would be needed to use a State permit with a  
34 different harvest limit under Federal regulations.  
35 Alternatively, Federal users may be able to obtain two  
36 State registration permits, or a Federal permit could  
37 be established.

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39 Increasing the Federal subsistence  
40 harvest limit from one to two black bears in a  
41 regulatory year would increase subsistence harvest  
42 opportunity and allow Federally-qualified rural  
43 residents of Unit 6 to harvest an additional bear  
44 providing an additional source of red meat. The small  
45 number of black bears harvested by Federally-qualified  
46 subsistence users in Unit 6D in combination with  
47 closing the Federal subsistence season if the State  
48 quota is met mitigate conservation concerns.

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1                   Therefore, OSM's preliminary conclusion  
2 is to support Proposal WP22-14.

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4                   Thank you, and I will be happy to take  
5 any questions the Council may have.

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7                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr.  
8 Ubelaker. Are there any questions from Council  
9 members.

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11                   (No comments)

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13                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
14 you for that presentation. Hearing none, are there any  
15 reports on -- oh, did.....

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17                   MR. WRIGHT: This is Frank.

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19                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Frank,  
20 please.

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22                   MR. WRIGHT: I have to leave. I'm  
23 getting my boat ready to go out longlining so. Hello.

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25                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
26 you, Frank.

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28                   MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, we got a weather  
29 break so we got to get ready to go, so, thank you.  
30 Have a good day guys.

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32                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you,  
33 Frank.

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35                   MR. CASIPIT: Ms. Chair, this is Cal.

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37                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Cal.

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39                   MR. CASIPIT: I would like to get to  
40 that one last action item before we lose too many  
41 Council members of choosing our location for our fall  
42 meeting and some tentative dates. Can we get that done  
43 first. And I'm not even -- yeah, I'm afraid we're  
44 going to lose all our members because I got to leave  
45 here pretty quick.

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47                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Cal.  
48 Also I am trying to get through our action items, if  
49 the Council wishes to take action on any of these  
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1 remainder proposals then we will need to do that so I  
2 was trying to get through that process and we have a  
3 member that asked for the presentation for bear on Unit  
4 2 [sic]. I'm not positive if the Council is wanting to  
5 take action on it. My understanding is that we need to  
6 decide if we're going to take action on any of these  
7 proposals, if we are not, then I can move them down on  
8 the agenda and take up the other two action items that  
9 we still have before us, which would be our annual  
10 report and choosing meeting dates.

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12 I'm trying to get through those while  
13 we still have a quorum. I understand we're late. I  
14 guess the question is whether or not we intend to take  
15 action on any of the remaining proposals.

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17 MR. ROBBINS: Madame Chair, this is  
18 Harold.

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20 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Harold.

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22 MR. ROBBINS: I don't feel we really  
23 need to take any action on this Unit 6 proposal on the  
24 bear or the deer, and so consequently I suggest we move  
25 on.

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27 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
28 you, Harold. Are there any other Council members that  
29 would like to take action on any of the remaining  
30 proposals.

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32 (No comments)

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34 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
35 hearing none. I know that we have been encouraged to  
36 cover Wildlife Proposal 22-01 and 22-02 but I can make  
37 the recommendation that we do that at our March meeting  
38 if we don't intend to take action on them and then if  
39 that's what we do then the rest of the proposals will  
40 basically just go to the Board without any input from  
41 us. So regarding the proposals, if anybody disagrees  
42 with moving on from proposals please speak now  
43 otherwise we'll go to our next action item.

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45 (No comments)

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47 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
48 hearing none, we'll.....

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1 MS. PERRY: Madame Chair.

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3 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, DeAnna.

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5 MS. PERRY: Yes, this is DeAnna. I  
6 just wanted to let the Council know on the two  
7 statewide proposals that I know we had hoped to get to,  
8 we can certainly put a vote of taking no action just so  
9 that the recommendation or the formal action does go  
10 before the Board.

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12 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: DeAnna, for  
13 clarification, are you speaking about Wildlife Proposal  
14 22-01 and 22-02?

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16 MS. PERRY: Yes.

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18 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: And can you --  
19 I'm sorry, my head is a little bit fuzzy. Can you  
20 explain to me, if we just don't do anything then it  
21 doesn't -- then if we take no action, what are the --  
22 I'm just wondering what the difference is. Thank you.

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24 MS. PERRY: So when the executive  
25 summary goes before the Board there will be places for  
26 all of the RACs to have weighed in and instead of our  
27 spot just being blank that we did not discuss it, it's  
28 more of a showing our intention not to take it up. If  
29 we do a simple motion to take no action and everybody  
30 agrees with that, that shows the Board that we  
31 intentionally chose not to bring that up. If it's  
32 blank then the Board will wonder if it was discussed at  
33 all. If that makes sense.

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35 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Do we just have  
36 a motion to take no action, and instead of doing them  
37 individually can we just say we take no action on all  
38 of these wildlife proposals, and just put the numbers  
39 in and just do it in one fell sweep?

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41 MS. PERRY: I believe you could do  
42 that, yes.

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44 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you. What  
45 is the wish of the Council.

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47 MR. ROBBINS: That sounds like a great  
48 idea.....

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1                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  If I'm not  
2 hearing anybody -- I'm sorry, who was that?

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4                   MR. ROBBINS:  This is Harold.

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6                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  Harold, you have  
7 the floor.

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9                   MS. PERRY:  Was that a motion Harold?

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11                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  Harold.

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13                   MR. ROBBINS:  Yes, let's make that the  
14 motion.

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16                   MR. JOHNSON:  Madame Chair.

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18                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  Is there a  
19 second.  Ian.

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21                   MR. JOHNSON:  Yeah, I second.

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23                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  Thank you, Ian.

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25                   MR. CASIPIT:  Madame Chair, may I take  
26 a shot at providing a motion that can take care of all  
27 of this all at once.

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29                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  Well, we do have  
30 a motion on the floor now.

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32                   MR. CASIPIT:  I'm not clear what that  
33 motion is, are we taking no action on WP22-01 and 22-02  
34 or are we taking action on 22-14, 12, 13, 22-01 and 22-  
35 02; that's what I'm wondering.  It's not clear in the  
36 motion what we're taking a vote on.

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38                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  I believe when I  
39 was asking my question if we could put them altogether  
40 I was saying all of the remaining proposals that are on  
41 our agenda and Harold said so moved, and so my  
42 interpretation is we'd be taking no action on the  
43 remaining proposals that are listed on our agenda.

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45                   MR. JOHNSON:  Madame Chair, this is  
46 Ian.

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48                   MR. CASIPIT:  Okay.  As long as they're  
49 all the proposals that I just listed, that's fine.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Okay, thank you,  
2 Cal. Ian.

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4                   MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, I guess to Cal's  
5 point maybe I wasn't clear either. I thought we were  
6 only talking about the Unit 6 proposal. So the motion  
7 wasn't directly stated by Harold, but my understanding  
8 is it would have been to take no action on WP22-14, 12,  
9 13, the Unit 6 proposals.

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11                   (Teleconference interference -  
12 participants not muted)

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14                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Is there any  
15 other discussion from Council.

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17                   MR. HOWARD: Madame Chair, this is  
18 Albert.

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20                   MS. PERRY: Madame Chair.

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22                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Albert.

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24                   MR. HOWARD: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
25 I think it's important that we -- part of the reason  
26 that we're not doing these proposals is because we ran  
27 out of time and everyone on the Council -- the schedule  
28 was a three day meeting and we're now on day four and  
29 we just ran out of time. It isn't that these proposals  
30 aren't important, to, me, I think they're important,  
31 people have put them forward for us to consider  
32 supporting them or not supporting them. I would have  
33 liked to have seen us support the Unit 6 proposal  
34 because it has valid reasons. But, you know, we are up  
35 against the clock. So thank you, Madame Chair.

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37                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you for  
38 providing that, Albert, I think that's helpful for when  
39 it does go before the Board. That Staff can say we  
40 took -- the reason why we took no action so I  
41 appreciate you adding that. Are there any other  
42 comments from Council.

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44                   MS. PERRY: Madame Chair, this is  
45 DeAnna.

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47                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, DeAnna.

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49                   MS. PERRY: I think it would be helpful

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1 for Harold to go ahead and restate his motion because  
2 it sounds like we do have a motion on the floor but the  
3 second is actually seconding something different than  
4 the motion so we do have kind of a conflict because it  
5 sounds like Ian was only providing a second if the  
6 motion was for 12, 13 and 14, the Unit 6 proposals.

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8 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Ms.  
9 Perry. All right, so Harold are you able to restate  
10 your motion.

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12 MR. ROBBINS: Yes, I would like to make  
13 that motion to just reflect just the Unit 6 proposals,  
14 those three, that we take no action.

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16 MS. PERRY: Now the record's clear,  
17 thank you.

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19 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you. Are  
20 there any other comments from Council.

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22 (No comments)

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24 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: If there are no  
25 other comments from the Council I'd entertain a  
26 question.

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28 MR. CASIPIT: Question.

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30 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you. I  
31 think we can do this by just a regular vote, so all in  
32 favor say aye.

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34 IN UNISON: Aye.

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36 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Opposed, say  
37 nay.

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39 (No opposing votes)

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41 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
42 motion carries. What's the wish of the Council for  
43 Wildlife Proposal 22-01 and Wildlife Proposal 22-02.

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45 MR. CASIPIT: Madame Chair, this is  
46 Cal.

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48 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Cal.

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1 MR. CASIPIT: I suggest that we take no  
2 action on this one as well. To tell you the truth I'm  
3 not aware of any community harvest type regulations in  
4 Southeast. Maybe Staff can correct me if I'm wrong,  
5 but I'm aware of none of those community harvest  
6 permits in Southeast. So it almost doesn't really  
7 apply, this has been more of a thing for up north for  
8 some of our rural communities up north, so I'd almost  
9 rather defer to Councils up north to make this  
10 decision. Like I said, we have very little experience  
11 with community harvest systems here in Southeast. So  
12 I'm okay with taking no action.

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14 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Cal,  
15 is that a motion.

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17 MR. CASIPIT: Yes, Madame Chair, I'll  
18 make that a motion. I move that we take no action on  
19 WP22-01 and 22-02 since there is very little community  
20 harvest programs in Southeast, little, if any.

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22 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr.  
23 Chair.....

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25 (Laughter)

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27 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Cal.  
28 Is there a second.

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30 MR. DOUVILLE: Madame Chair, Mike  
31 Douville, I'll second.

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33 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mike.  
34 Are there any other discussion points from Council.

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36 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair, this is  
37 Ian.

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39 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Ian.

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41 MR. JOHNSON: I guess I might request  
42 when we go to vote on this that we do a roll call vote  
43 because honestly I'm not positive we have quorum at  
44 this point. It's unclear to me who's on the call at  
45 this point, and to Cal's point earlier, we seem to be  
46 losing members quickly and I just feel like we might  
47 want to have a full record.

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49 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
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1 you, Ian. Any other Council comments or discussion.

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3 MR. DOUVILLE: Madame Chair, Mike

4 Douville.

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6 MR. HOWARD: Madame Chair, this is.....

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8 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Mike and then

9 Harvey.

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11 MR. HOWARD: It's Albert.

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13 MR. DOUVILLE: I will vote in favor of  
14 the motion to -- as I agree with what Cal said, very  
15 little community harvest and the way things happen  
16 here, I'll defer to those that it affects.

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18 Thank you.

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20 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mike.

21 If it was not Harvey, I believe it was Albert.

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23 MR. HOWARD: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
24 I know that the tribe here was looking at the ability  
25 to do community harvest when it comes to sockeye and  
26 subsistence uses. I think this may be a useful tool if  
27 you come across something as the Organized Village of  
28 Kake has done in the past, you may be able to set up  
29 this type of system and I think this is something we  
30 should look at and consider for a future meeting on how  
31 to do that so everyone's in compliance with the State  
32 where you set aside a certain resource for emergency  
33 purposes for communities like Kake and Angoon and  
34 perhaps Pelican if they can't get food to them, that  
35 they have the ability to support themselves.

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37 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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39 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you,

40 Albert. Are there other comments from the Council.

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42 (No comments)

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44 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Would somebody  
45 like to call for the question.

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47 MR. CASIPIT: Question. This is Cal.

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49 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Cal.

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1 The question has been called. We'll now do a roll call  
2 vote. The motion, which was to take no action on  
3 Wildlife Proposal 22-01 and Wildlife Proposal 22-02.  
4 Mr. Wright, do you have room on your paper for a roll  
5 call vote, please.

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7 MS. PERRY: Madame Chair, I believe Mr.  
8 Wright needed to leave the meeting so I'm prepared to  
9 take that vote.

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11 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Oh, that's  
12 right, thank you. Thank you, DeAnna, will you please  
13 do a roll call vote.

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15 MS. PERRY: Ian Johnson -- or let me --  
16 let me again restate, that this is a motion to take no  
17 action on Wildlife Proposal 22-01 and 22-02. Ian  
18 Johnson.

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20 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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22 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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24 Cal Casipit.

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26 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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28 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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30 Mike Douville.

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32 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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34 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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36 Jim Slater.

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38 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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40 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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42 Albert Howard.

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44 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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46 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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48 Harold Robbins.

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1 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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3 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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5 Harvey Kitka.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MS. PERRY: Harvey, are you still with  
10 us.

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12 (No comments)

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14 MS. PERRY: Okay, and Cathy Needham.

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16 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes.

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18 MS. PERRY: Madame Chair, the vote  
19 passes seven to zero. You barely have a quorum.

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21 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you.

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23 MS. PERRY: But you do have a quorum.

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25 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: So we are going  
26 to move agenda items up to take care of our action  
27 items next before we lose a quorum and so next on the  
28 agenda is identify issues for the fiscal year 2021  
29 annual report and I believe DeAnna has a presentation  
30 for that.

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32 MS. PERRY: Yes, thank you, Madame  
33 Chair. This is the time that we usually look at our  
34 annual report items that go before the Board. In the  
35 past as you have seen there are -- there is the annual  
36 report reply that's in your book. First, we want to  
37 make sure that that reply has indeed met -- has been  
38 sufficiently answered by the Board, make sure that if  
39 there's any lingering questions, that we can address  
40 that. And then the action that this Council needs to  
41 take currently is to identify any issues to go before  
42 the Board for its next fiscal year annual report.

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44 And just to remind you, the Federal  
45 Subsistence Board's reply to the annual report can be  
46 found in your meeting books on Page 520. You will  
47 remember that this Council wanted to share some  
48 information with the Board such as public participation  
49 provided for in ANILCA, restrictions on Federally-

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1 qualified subsistence users with a concern that  
2 subsistence users to be the group most burdened with  
3 sacrificing any harvest to conserve fish or wildlife  
4 species; the need for the most current data to be used  
5 in analysis; and this Council's thoughts on the changes  
6 to the individual C&T permitting. The Board did  
7 include some documents in their reply, you'll find all  
8 that attached so I won't take time to read that  
9 response.

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11 But I would like to bring your  
12 attention to Pages 520 to 553 of your meeting book.  
13 And then starting on Page 518 you'll see the details  
14 about the purpose of the annual report. And ANILCA  
15 established the annual report for the way to bring  
16 regional subsistence uses and needs to the attention of  
17 the directors of each of the four Department of  
18 Interior agencies and the Department of Agriculture  
19 Forest Service in their capacity as members of the  
20 Federal Subsistence Board. I know Don has mentioned to  
21 us this before, under report content, under ANILCA  
22 Section .805-8(3)(d) a list of issues not generally  
23 addressed by the normal regulatory process such as an  
24 identification of current and anticipated subsistence  
25 and uses of fish and wildlife populations within the  
26 region; an evaluation of current and anticipated  
27 subsistence needs for fish and wildlife populations  
28 within the region; a recommended strategy for the  
29 management of fish and wildlife populations within the  
30 region to accommodate such subsistence uses and needs;  
31 and recommendations concerning policies, standard  
32 guidelines and regulations to implement the strategies.

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34 I know in the past we have received,  
35 from Staff, wildlife and fish harvest reports which we  
36 have usually attached to our annual report to kind of  
37 take care of that first one, the current and  
38 anticipated subsistence uses of fish and wildlife.

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40 So this is an action item and at this  
41 meeting the Council should identify topics for the next  
42 annual report and I will go ahead and clear my screen  
43 and be ready to capture those while the Council  
44 discusses potential topics.

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46 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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48 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you,  
49 DeAnna. All right, are there any topics that Council  
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1 members would like to bring forward to include in our  
2 annual report.

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5 MR. CASIPIT: Yes, Mrs. -- Madame  
6 Chair, this is Cal Casipit. I was keeping some notes  
7 on some issues I'd like to put into our annual report.  
8 Hopefully, just capturing my words from the transcript,  
9 our Coordinator, DeAnna, can put together a first draft  
10 for our report to look at at our next meeting.

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Anyway, my first topic was  
transboundary river mining and the impacts to  
subsistence users. And I would like us to -- I know in  
the past we've written about this, I know in the past  
we've asked the Federal Subsistence Board to pass on  
our concerns to the United States Department of State  
for activating this transboundary commission to talk  
about transboundary mining. So, you know, we can pull  
some of that out from the record and put that in our  
letter. So yeah the transboundary mining issue is  
something we probably want to talk about.

I have a concern about information  
sharing. You know there was a bunch of confusion  
caused for this Council, you know, when a draft State  
report was being circulated among the public. I,  
myself, didn't get a copy of that draft State report  
until the first day of the meeting. I got it from a  
fellow Council member, and that was the first time I  
had seen it although I had seen references to it  
throughout all the public comments I was reading  
through. So some discussion with the Board about what  
an information sharing policy should look like between  
the State and the Federal Program. I thought there was  
something already in place for that but maybe it needs  
to be reemphasized.

Also I would like Staff, or OSM to do a  
better job of documenting this email sharing thing  
that's going on. On the first day of our meeting we  
heard -- I heard a bunch of oral testimony over the  
phone regarding the Pelican proposal, and then later,  
you know, and they were taken out of order because  
folks were saying they had to testify on the first day  
because they weren't going to be here when we got to it  
and then when we got to it there was a bunch of emails  
that were read into the record that was basically  
verbatim from the oral testimony we heard two days  
before. That wasted a bunch of time. So I would just

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1 like to see some clarification from OSM on this public  
2 comment stuff because we got bogged down in that.

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5 So basically that's about all I had. I  
6 had one question for Staff regarding whether or not we  
7 are still -- the Federal Program is still sharing money  
8 with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for a  
9 liaison to the Federal Program. You don't have to  
10 answer that now, just at some point in time an email  
11 will be fine. But that's about all I have for now.

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13 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you very  
14 much Cal for keeping track of things and providing  
15 those things for our annual report. Are there other  
16 Council members that have annual report topics that  
17 they'd like to offer up at this time.

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MR. CASIPIT: I'm sorry, Madame Chair,  
I had one more thing. This is Cal.

ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right.

MR. CASIPIT: I'm sorry.

ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Cal, go ahead.

MR. CASIPIT: I'm sorry I have one more  
thing, I just missed it. This issue of about only two  
amendments per main motion. This is the first time  
I've ever heard of it, you may be right, it may be  
there, but in -- when we have -- it's common practice  
that the Council puts on the agenda first the proposal,  
you know, it's like to move to adopt FP22-02 or  
whatever, and if there's an OSM modification or if  
there's some -- or in another case where it was  
actually the analysis was wrong and we had to actually  
use one of our amendments to get the right regulatory  
language in place that's really unfair to us. And I  
would implore OSM to rethink that rule about amendments  
because it makes it tougher on us.

Thank you.

ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Cal.  
Other Council members with annual report topics.

MR. DOUVILLE: Madame Chair, Mike  
Douville.



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1                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Mike.

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3                   MR. DOUVILLE: Okay. I don't know how  
4 to exactly do this, but kelp farm permitting in  
5 subsistence sensitive areas, meaning subsistence covers  
6 a lot of things, fish and game. But I don't think  
7 proper consideration is given to those specific things  
8 of how it affects the wildlife and other things before  
9 these permits are granted. So that is a concern, or it  
10 should be a topic that we can discuss farther or I  
11 don't know how to pursue it, but it needs further  
12 review.

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14                   Thank you.

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16                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mike.  
17 Other annual report topics.

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19                   MR. HOWARD: Madame Chair, this is  
20 Albert.

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22                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Albert.

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24                   MR. HOWARD: Thank you. One of my  
25 concerns throughout this whole meeting is that we hear  
26 the State's data on certain resources and it really  
27 isn't consistent with feet on the ground so to speak  
28 and what we see and there's a bunch of variables  
29 missing on what's having an impact on the natural  
30 resources we rely on and have relied on for  
31 generations. So I'd like to see a mechanism where  
32 local knowledge is implemented into OSM's  
33 recommendation, because a lot of their recommendations  
34 we're not to support certain proposals, and that wasn't  
35 consistent with the Council members that live in the  
36 area. I think there needs to be something done  
37 different otherwise we're going to have long meetings  
38 and discussions on why people in the area feel that  
39 their recommendation isn't consistent with what we're  
40 seeing on the ground.

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42                   I also agree that we should ask the  
43 State to do an impact statement before they create any  
44 commercialized industry that may have a negative affect  
45 on subsistence users. We have an example of it. We  
46 attended a meeting with Sitka, and Sitka residents  
47 talked about being able to fill up a whole cooler full  
48 of shrimp in Hoonah Sound and then the State created a  
49 fishery and gave them only a five gallon bucket. I

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1 think we need to get ahead of it and work with the  
2 State on -- before they create a new fishery, that they  
3 recognize the traditional user of the area and how much  
4 they've taken, otherwise you're going to have more of  
5 these area closures for consideration based on how  
6 they're doing business.

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8 I'm not sure if we can do this or not,  
9 I'm not a big fan of someone in Arkansas or California  
10 telling us that certain species of animals should be  
11 protected to look at when they're having a negative  
12 impact on certain areas, as an example, the Area 2  
13 wolves are having an impact on the users in the area  
14 and they're part of the equation of the deer numbers in  
15 that area. I'm not sure if we can support the State's  
16 position on not agreeing with a lawsuit that's  
17 happening. So it's just something for us to consider  
18 and maybe someone has an idea of how we can approach  
19 that.

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21 Thank you.

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23 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you,  
24 Albert. Are there other topics for the annual report.

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair, this is  
27 Ian.

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29 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Ian.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: Well, it sounds like in a  
32 lot of ways we're still bouncing back to the issue of  
33 co-management and I'm not sure how that's reflected in  
34 the letter right now. But obviously there's a lot of  
35 discussions that need to be had by the Council yet  
36 around that. So throwing that out there as a potential  
37 topic.

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39 And then, you know, it just seems that  
40 after all -- there's a couple of things that come to  
41 mind out of the discussions around all of the deer  
42 proposals and we kind have been angling at this  
43 strategy, it seems like that's a Unit 4 deer strategy,  
44 that is, and that maybe the Council sees that as a  
45 need, I guess. Again, since we haven't formerly -- I'm  
46 not totally familiar with how this process works, what  
47 get's included and what doesn't, so I apologize, but  
48 these are just things I see through the meeting  
49 patterns. Anyway a Unit 4 deer strategy could be  
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1 important.

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4 And then, shoot, I had -- I'll come  
5 back -- I know there was one other thing I had about  
6 the Unit 4 -- oh, sorry, in terms of the State  
7 analysis, it came up in the Unit 4 topic multiple times  
8 that, you know, a cumulative effect may have been  
9 appropriate in this case and that wasn't considered and  
10 I guess if we think about -- try to think about how to  
11 include cumulative effects if, under the scenario where  
12 multiple proposals are affecting a similar geographic  
13 area in the future, I think that would be helpful.

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And then my last comment would be in terms of meeting order and procedure. I did feel very uncomfortable during the public testimony that was disparaging to Council Member Slater and I would recommend that if we continue to meet virtually here that we determine a format that allows the Chair to regulate that more adequately, like the tools for instance to cut a microphone, are useful in person, and if we're going to continue to do this in the future we need to -- virtually, that is, we need to find out what that tool is.

ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Ian. Ian, I would ask you, if you would like an annual report -- if you want to put an annual report topic regarding the work group that the -- any work that the work group may have done. I know we didn't actually get a chance to actually discuss it at this meeting, but it feels like if that work group was formed in 2021 it should be an annual report topic. I would imagine we would have had something coming out of that discussion and maybe if -- I'm not sure if you have any wisdom on that, but if you think there's a topic you think should go into our annual report. But the work group work is usually pretty important.

MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, that would be good. And we have a really good, essentially synopsis, that was created out of the last meeting. You know, topics discussed in general were food sovereignty, and linking, broadening out the concept of subsistence to food sovereignty. We had a lot of participation from Central Council and the WECAN network representation and members of this Council including Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Schroeder and myself and others, I'm sorry -- oh, and DeAnna, and I'm going to forget some of the names.

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1 And then I have some points that were summarized in an  
2 email by DeAnna that we could definitely include in an  
3 annual report.

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5 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
6 you, Ian. Are there other topics for the annual  
7 report.

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9 MR. HOWARD: I may have another one,  
10 Madame Chair, but I have a question first.

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12 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
13 Albert.

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15 MR. HOWARD: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
16 The question I have and even though I logged in right  
17 at 9:00 o'clock, I heard the end of a conversation  
18 about traditional use determination and I don't know if  
19 I heard it right, is that being used now as part of  
20 regulating certain areas for certain resources.  
21 Because it seems like I heard the tail end of it, is it  
22 being used to open or close certain areas for different  
23 reasons. I got in on the end of that and then the  
24 subject changed.

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26 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
27 Albert has a question and I'm not sure if there's a  
28 Staff person online that is able to answer that. I  
29 actually honestly don't know.

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31 MR. HOWARD: Madame Chair, I believe it  
32 was Council members talking just having a discussing or  
33 something but it -- it was on Day 1, I called in at  
34 9:00 o'clock and I thought I had called in late.

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36 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right. Are  
37 there -- your question, though, is about whether or not  
38 -- are you actually asking a question if C&T use  
39 determinations are being used to make management  
40 decisions?

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42 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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44 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Or is your  
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47 MR. HOWARD: And if they are that's  
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4                   MR. HOWARD:   That's the question,  
5   Madame Chair.  Are they being used for management  
6   purposes and if they are, I know when we first had the  
7   conversation about customary and traditional use  
8   determination that was going to be my concern, was that  
9   was what it was going to be used for down the line.

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10                  ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  So my  
11   understanding is that we do use customary and  
12   traditional use determinations for management when  
13   there is a conservation concern and when we start  
14   restricting users.  That's just my understanding of how  
15   our Council operates in that.  Somebody can correct if  
16   I'm wrong, or Staff can answer the question more  
17   thoroughly, if anyone can.

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                  MR. HOWARD:  Is that possible to put  
the language of when the tide is out the table is set  
into that customary and traditional use determination  
because that implies everything that is exposed during  
that time.

                  Thank you, Madame Chair.

                  ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  All right, thank  
you, Albert.  Other annual report topics, topics that  
go into the annual report.

                  (No comments)

                  ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM:  All right, if  
there are no other Council members that have annual  
report topics I have one that I would like to add.  
This Council did a lot of work on the Roadless Rule and  
we did hear from our Regional Forester that there's the  
process of going back and potentially reinstating the  
2001 Roadless Rule and I think our Council, through all  
of its work in the past has supported the 2001 Roadless  
Rule, overall, and I think that we should include in  
our annual report to the Board that we continue to do  
so.  That we do continue to support it.

                  I would have liked to have seen us had  
time in this meeting to submit a comment letter on the  
proposal process when it comes up.  I know that the  
deadline for comments was going to be, I believe he  
said a 45 day, so we won't meet again before comments

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1 are due so I think we should have it documented  
2 probably both in our annual report and maybe in a  
3 letter if we are able to actually pull that off in  
4 terms of work, you know, vote to have a letter sent  
5 regarding our support for Roadless Rule given all of  
6 the -- you know, our 26 or 28 page letter that we wrote  
7 regarding opposing the Alaska Roadless Rule and still  
8 supporting the 2001 Roadless Rule. But we can get to  
9 that and maybe we can't, we'll see.

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11 Are there any other topics for the  
12 annual report, otherwise I believe I would ask DeAnna,  
13 do we need to vote on -- does this need a vote?  
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16 MS. PERRY: Yes, Madame Chair, we do.  
17 Before we get to that I did want to revisit a few of  
18 these just to make sure I understand the intent. And I  
19 wanted to clarify, the thing about Robert's Rules and  
20 the second amendment, that you can only have a second  
21 amendment on an amendment, that was Robert's Rules and  
22 my interpretation of Robert's Rules. So I did not mean  
23 to insinuate that that was an OSM policy by any means.  
24 So I will happily go back and get some clarification on  
25 that, it is possible that I misinterpreted what I was  
26 reading. So I don't know if we want that as an annual  
27 report item that we're expecting an answer from the  
28 Board or if that's something that I can provide in a  
29 follow-up email. Cal, I believe that was yours, how  
30 would you like this to be addressed, in the annual  
31 report or a following email from me?

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33 MR. CASIPIT: A follow-up email from  
34 you to all the Council members would be fine because  
35 traditionally we've never had that limit as far as  
36 amendments.

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38 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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40 MR. CASIPIT: And it really bogs us  
41 down if we have to correct something in the Staff  
42 analysis, or if it's OSM -- or if the preliminary  
43 conclusion is to support with modification. A lot of  
44 times Council members just say, you know, approve  
45 Proposal FP-whatever-whatever and they don't include  
46 as, you know, as suggested by OSM in a certain place so  
47 right away we're using our first amendment to get to  
48 where OSM is suggesting we go. So -- or in the case of  
49 another one we had here, you know, there wasn't even  
50 the regulatory language to describe the area where the

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1 closure was going to be so we used an amendment just to  
2 do that. So there's got to be some flexibility for our  
3 uses of amendments. This is the first time I've heard  
4 where we're limited to two amendments.

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6 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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8 MR. CASIPIT: And an.....

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10 MS. PERRY: And I'll follow up.

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12 MR. CASIPIT: .....email response from  
13 you would be fine.

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15 MS. PERRY: Okay, great. Yeah, I'll  
16 follow up and, again, that was me reading Robert's  
17 Rules resource, it was not an OSM policy, and so in my  
18 haste I could have misinterpreted how it said an  
19 amendment on an amendment and I'll be happy to do  
20 further research on that and clarify it. So I think as  
21 long as we have the intent, the Council's intent very  
22 clear on the record we're good. So maybe as the  
23 facilitator of the meeting I need to exercise a little  
24 bit more flexibility. So thanks for bringing that up,  
25 I will follow through and see what that is, but I don't  
26 want that to hinder our process or, you know, getting  
27 in the way of making sure the Council's intent has been  
28 captured.

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30 And then, Cal, another question you had  
31 was for the Staff about sharing money for a ADF&G  
32 liaison. Is that something in the annual report, or  
33 did you want that as a question to the Staff with an  
34 emailed answer?

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36 MR. CASIPIT: Email answer would be  
37 fine to all Council members. I just want to know if  
38 the Federal Program shares dollars with Fish and Game  
39 for liaison with the Federal Program.

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41 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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43 MR. CASIPIT: I know we used to, I  
44 don't know if that's being done anymore. And on the  
45 subject -- I don't want to get bogged down on this but  
46 on the subject of the amendment stuff, okay. The way I  
47 understand it, you have a main motion, it gets amended,  
48 then it's the main motion again. I think what you're  
49 talking about is amending an amendment. You can't do  
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1 that, I understand that. Once you amend a main motion,  
2 and it passes you have the main motion, it can be  
3 amended again. It's just you can't amend an amendment,  
4 and I agree with that. That's the way I ran my City  
5 Council meetings. Anyway, I don't want to get into --  
6 we're spending too much time.

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8 MS. PERRY: Okay. Thanks for bringing  
9 that up Cal. I will get educated on that and let  
10 everybody know by email what I find out.

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12 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
13 so.....

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15 MS. PERRY: So, Cathy, if you're ready  
16 to move forward on a roll call I can mention all these  
17 topics for people who might not be on Teams and have a  
18 list of them, whatever you prefer.

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20 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yeah, I think we  
21 need a motion and I was going to ask you if -- well, I  
22 was just going to say I would entertain a motion to  
23 approve the annual report topics as written on Teams;  
24 is that not appropriate, do you actually have to say  
25 every single topic or you've captured it pretty well I  
26 can see that.

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28 MS. PERRY: Well, I'm not sure everyone  
29 is on Teams, so that was just courtesy for those who  
30 might not be able to see it.

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32 MR. CASIPIT: Madame Chair, this is  
33 Cal. I'm not on Teams but I'm totally okay voting to  
34 approve these topics, we've listened, we've talked  
35 about them, we've discussed them, we're going to get  
36 another shot at it at our next meeting. So, yeah, I  
37 second -- whoever made that motion to -- I second it.

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39 (Laughter)

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41 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: There wasn't a  
42 motion, I said I would entertain a motion but somebody  
43 still needs to make the motion.

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45 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair, this is  
46 Ian.

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48 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Ian.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: I make a motion to  
2 support and adopt the topics we've talked about for the  
3 annual letter.

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5 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Ian.  
6 Is there a second.

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8 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal, I second.

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10 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Cal.  
11 Is there any further discussion from Council members.

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13 (No comments)

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15 MR. DOUVILLE: Madame Chair, call for  
16 the question.

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18 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mike.  
19 DeAnna, would you please take a roll call vote.

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21 MS. PERRY: I'd be happy to. All  
22 right, let's see, Harvey Kitka.

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24 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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26 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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28 Larry Bemis.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MS. PERRY: Harold Robbins.

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34 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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36 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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38 Don Hernandez, I believe he is still  
39 out.

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41 Albert Howard.

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43 MR. HOWARD: Yeah.

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45 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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47 Robert Schroeder is out.

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49 Jim Slater.

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1 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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3 MS. PERRY: Mike Douville.

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5 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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7 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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9 Cal Casipit.

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11 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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13 MS. PERRY: Frank Wright is out.

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15 Ian Johnson.

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17 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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19 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Ian.

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21 Madame Chair, motion passes with a

22 quorum.

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24 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you,  
25 DeAnna. I don't believe I voted so I'll vote yes, for  
26 the record.

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28 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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30 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
31 Council members we still have a quorum so I'm hoping to  
32 get through the next action item which is actually  
33 picking our future meeting dates. We first need to  
34 confirm our winter 2022 meeting dates. Currently what  
35 we had put forth is that we would meet March 22nd  
36 through the 24th, 2022 in Sitka. If you -- if there's  
37 no real conflicts and somebody wants to make a motion  
38 we can put that on the floor and hopefully move to our  
39 fall 2022 meeting.

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41 I guess I would also note that if those  
42 of you that do have Teams, there is a meeting cycle  
43 calendar up on there and we probably have this in our  
44 meeting book but I don't have it opened to that so I  
45 don't know the page number for -- and that'll become  
46 important for when we select our next set of meetings.

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48 MS. PERRY: Madame Chair, it's on Page

49 560.

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1                           ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you.  
2    Would anybody like to make a motion to confirm our  
3    spring 2022 meeting dates.

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5                           MR. CASIPIT: Madame Chair, this is  
6    Cal. I move with unanimous consent to confirm our  
7    meeting dates for the winter meeting to be March 22nd  
8    through the 24th in the location of Sitka, Alaska.

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10                          MR. SLATER: And this is Jim, I second  
11    it.

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13                          ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
14    you. You guys are challenging me, I just now need to  
15    ask if there's any objection, correct?

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17                          REPORTER: Yes.

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19                          MR. CASIPIT: That is correct.

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21                          (Laughter)

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23                          ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right.

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25                          MS. PERRY: Yes.

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27                          ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Is there any  
28    objections to the motion.

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30                          (No objections)

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32                          ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
33    hearing none, by unanimous consent we have confirmed  
34    our winter meeting dates. Now we need to select fall  
35    2022 meeting dates. I would entertain a motion -- oh,  
36    on Page 561 of our meeting book is the meeting calendar  
37    for when the cycle for meetings open, it starts on  
38    August 8th and ends on November 4th. I do know that we  
39    cannot schedule more than two meetings in one week  
40    across Regional Advisory Councils, so I guess I would  
41    ask DeAnna if any other -- if there are any dates that  
42    have been confirmed by other Regional Advisory Councils  
43    that we need to be aware of.

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45                          MS. PERRY: Thank you, Madame Chair.  
46    Only one RAC has met so far and that is  
47    Kodiak/Aleutians. They selected the dates of September  
48    20th and 21st. So basically the entire meeting cycle  
49    is open because as you said we can have two during the  
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ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Well, I'm pretty  
4 sure that's the first time that's happened to us in a  
5 long time. Thank you, DeAnna. Does anyone have some  
6 meeting dates and location that they would like to put  
7 forward.

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MR. ROBBINS: Madame Chair, Harold.

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ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Harold.

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MR. ROBBINS: I would like to put  
14 forward the week of October 24/25.

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ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right.  
17 Harold has requested the week of October 24th, we  
18 typically do like a three day meeting and sometimes we  
19 try to squeeze it in the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
20 so we can travel, if we travel, would those three  
21 dates.....

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MR. ROBBINS: That would be fine.

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ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: .....25, 26, 27  
26 -- okay. Is there -- does that work for most of us who  
27 are still on the line.

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MR. CASIPIT: Madame Chair, this is

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ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Cal.

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MR. CASIPIT: I move that we use the  
35 dates October 25, 26, and 27, we'll pencil them in, may  
36 adjust according to agenda length, but I move that we  
37 use the 25th through the 27th for our next meeting  
38 dates.

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ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Cal.

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MR. DOUVILLE: Mike Douville seconds.

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MR. ROBBINS: I'll second that.

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ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mike.

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Thank you, Harold. Is there any discussion.

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MR. DOUVILLE: Call for the question.

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ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Question's been called. DeAnna, I'll probably ask for a roll call vote so we can make sure we still have a quorum.

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MS. PERRY: Okay.

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Ian Johnson.

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MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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Cal Casipit.

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MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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Mike Douville.

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MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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Jim Slater.

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MR. SLATER: Yes.

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MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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Albert Howard.

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MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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MS. PERRY: Albert -- thank you,

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Harold Robbins.

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MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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MS. PERRY: Harvey Kitka.

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MR. KITKA: Yes.

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1 MS. PERRY: And Cathy Needham.

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3 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes.

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5 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Madame Chair.

6 The motion to use the October 25th through the 27th  
7 meeting dates has passed with a quorum, and I will  
8 assume that at the next meeting we'll pick a location.

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10 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: I think that's  
11 appropriate, we'll revisit the dates and then we'll  
12 probably know more about whether we're meeting  
13 virtually or what the world's doing.

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15 So, all right, with that, that takes  
16 care of all of our action items. I appreciate those of  
17 you that are sticking around to make sure that we had a  
18 quorum so that we were able to do our voting. We do  
19 have a number of agenda items left. And I guess,  
20 DeAnna, I would look to you for a moment of guidance of  
21 whether or not there are specific things I can and  
22 should cross off and, if not, we can just start going  
23 down them in order.

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25 MS. PERRY: Madame Chair. Since we've  
26 hit all of the action items it's really the will of the  
27 Council which of the remaining items they have time  
28 for.

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30 MS. SAWERS-CONTRERAS: Madame Chair,  
31 this is Rebekah.

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33 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right,  
34 Rebekah.

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36 MS. SAWERS-CONTRERAS: We would like  
37 for the wish of the Council -- or we would like what is  
38 best for the wish of the Council but we would like to  
39 meet with you all on our presentation.

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41 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
42 you, Rebekah, this is the WECAN presentation that would  
43 be under agency reports, is that what you're referring  
44 to?

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46 MS. SAWERS-CONTRERAS: Yes. Indigenous  
47 Management Working Group report.

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49 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right.

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1 MS. CULP: This is Wanda.

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3 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Wanda.

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5 MS. CULP: I'd like to make a quick  
6 comment. Thank you. I know you folks are so busy,  
7 we're so impressed with all the work you folks are  
8 doing. You've literally given me a brain cramp.  
9 Anyway, we'd like to let you folks off the hook on our  
10 presentation but request that we meet with the  
11 indigenous management -- set up an indigenous  
12 management meeting prior to meeting with the Federal  
13 Subsistence Board because our presentation  
14 encompassed.....

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16 (Teleconference interference -  
17 participants not muted)

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19 MS. CULP: So we would just like to  
20 pass this on -- so we will meet with you later rather  
21 than right now.

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23 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
24 you for that Wanda. I would ask that Ian-- I'm not  
25 exactly sure how the work group works, but would you --  
26 is your group going to be meeting between now and the  
27 Federal Subsistence Board so that -- and would you --  
28 would that work group be able to work with the WECAN  
29 group?

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31 MS. SAWERS-CONTRERAS: Madame Chair.  
32 We'd like to set that up, thank you.

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34 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, Madame Chair, this  
35 is Ian.

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37 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Ian.

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39 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, so we don't have  
40 anything on the calendar, meetings, currently between  
41 now and the Federal Subsistence Board. DeAnna was  
42 coordinating kind of the scheduling of those and would  
43 certainly be happy to meet a little more, you know,  
44 meet more with the group, in general. It's definitely  
45 unfortunate we didn't get time to get to this in the  
46 meeting because there are some, just, I think, needs  
47 from the Council, but it's, you know, obviously there's  
48 -- yeah, in my opinion, unfortunate -- I do need to  
49 leave very shortly here and have some commitments

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1 coming up very soon. Yeah, I'd say if DeAnna's willing  
2 to help us coordinate with WECAN and others to meet  
3 before the Federal Subsistence Board meeting that would  
4 be good by me.

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6 MS. PERRY: This is DeAnna. I could  
7 certainly poll the participants and come up with a  
8 convenient date for everyone. We lost quite a few  
9 members at our last meeting and was not able to  
10 schedule a new date because there weren't that many  
11 left on the call but I will be happy to do that.

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13 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
14 you. Other agenda items that Council would like to  
15 take up that's on our agenda.

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17 MR. CASIPIT: Madame Chair, this is  
18 Cal. I don't have anything on here that's on the  
19 agenda that I want discussed. I did want to mention  
20 somebody, that's probably still on the phone, Lauren  
21 Sill, Subsistence Division, researcher. I just wanted  
22 to voice my support for her -- for the proposal that  
23 was submitted by her group, it's in our FRMP materials  
24 that we weren't able to get to, but her updated  
25 household use service -- updated household use surveys  
26 -- boy I'm getting -- for Pelican, Gustavus, and  
27 Tenakee Springs is really worthwhile and I sure hope it  
28 makes it through the next filter.

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30 Anyway, that's all I had for stuff  
31 still left on the agenda. I would love to hear  
32 Melinda's presentation, information from the management  
33 working group, and WECAN and stuff, but I'm afraid I'm  
34 just about tapped out.

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36 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Cal.  
37 I think that we can also ask that agenda items that we  
38 did not get to from this meeting be scheduled for our  
39 winter meeting in March so that we do eventually get to  
40 hear and discuss some of these important things that  
41 are going on in our region.

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43 Are there any other agenda topics that  
44 any Council members would like for us to cover at this  
45 meeting.

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47 (No comments)

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49 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, I'm

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1 not hearing anyone. I'd just like to express my  
2 appreciation for all of those that stayed on this late  
3 -- I hope those that didn't get a chance to present to  
4 us at this time, understand that we do appreciate you  
5 for sticking in there, we just had a lot of work to do  
6 this meeting and it took us a very long time to get  
7 through it, and it's not that we don't think that these  
8 other things are of value. So thank you for sticking  
9 with us and I look forward to us hearing more about  
10 these topics in our March meeting. And, hopefully, we  
11 can do our March meeting in person and maybe actually  
12 be able to interact and dialogue a little more.

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14 Are there any closing comments that the  
15 Council members would like to make.

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17 MR. DOUVILLE: Madame Chair, Mike  
18 Douville.

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20 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Mr.  
21 Douville.

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23 MR. DOUVILLE: These virtual meetings  
24 have been a real challenge as far as information flow  
25 between Council members and general public then when we  
26 have an in-person meeting. I would like to see OSM or  
27 whoever, to review some mechanism by which we can meet,  
28 even though there's Covid around, like are you  
29 vaccinated, are you fully vaccinated, could you attend,  
30 things like that. I mean this is very difficult, not  
31 only for -- it's difficult for everybody, not only  
32 Council members, but it's difficult for everybody to  
33 have the proper communication flow here to really get  
34 things done. So in any case that's -- looking for  
35 information as to how we can better accomplish a  
36 meeting, a real meeting.

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38 Thank you.

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40 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mike.  
41 I would echo that sentiment 100 percent. I found that  
42 this meeting was extremely -- regulatory meetings,  
43 especially, are extremely difficult to do this way.  
44 Yeah.

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46 Any other Council comments.

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48 MR. ROBBINS: Madame Chair, this is  
49 Harold.

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1                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Harold.

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3                   MR. ROBBINS: I would like to echo that.  
4 I find it very frustrating, these virtual meetings, and  
5 the lack of being able to communicate properly with all  
6 the people involved.

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8                   Thank you.

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10                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you,  
11 Harold. Other Council closing comments.

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13                   MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair, this is  
14 Ian.

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16                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Ian.

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18                   MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, just to express my  
19 gratitude for this process and the discussions we had.  
20 I guess, you know, I think that, you know, it was  
21 really interesting to talk through all of the very  
22 divisive and difficult complex issues and it was, I  
23 guess, a relief to me to hear many of the really  
24 experienced Council members that this is some of the  
25 most complex issues to come before them, you know, in  
26 20 years. Anyways, just want to acknowledge that I  
27 learned a lot and appreciate the process and thank  
28 everyone for their time.

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30                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you, Ian.

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32                   MR. DOUVILLE: Madame Chair, I might  
33 that these proposals were not the most complex but the  
34 most difficult to deal with considering the conditions  
35 that we have to do it in. We've tackled really tough  
36 things before and got through them and got them done in  
37 good fashion. But we're at a distinct disadvantage on  
38 some of this. Anyway, I'm done, I'm ready to go home  
39 now, okay.

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41                   (Laughter)

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43                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right. Any  
44 other Council closing comments.

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46                   MR. HOWARD: I have a quick on, Madame  
47 Chair.

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49                   ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Yes, Albert.

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1 MR. HOWARD: This is Albert. Thank  
2 you, Madame Chair. This is for James Slater. So  
3 typically in a face to face meeting if somebody's  
4 conducting themselves the way a certain gentleman  
5 conducted himself we would have called point of order  
6 and stopped what had happened. So I'd like to  
7 encourage him to stay a part of the process and do the  
8 best we can to put a stop to something that happens  
9 such as that. That happens here in Angoon quite a bit  
10 so we're used to people throwing stones, but that was,  
11 in my mind, uncalled for, and I just want to encourage  
12 him to stay a part of the process.

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14 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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16 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Thank you,  
17 Albert. Any other closing comments from Council  
18 members.

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20 (No comments)

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22 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Hearing no other  
23 closing comments, I would entertain a motion to  
24 adjourn.

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26 MR. DOUVILLE: I move we adjourn.

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28 MR. JOHNSON: Madame Chair.

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30 MR. HOWARD: Madame Chair.

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32 MR. SLATER: Madame Chair.

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34 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, I had  
35 three people at once.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 REPORTER: Somebody second.

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41 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: I don't even  
42 know who to say made the motion.

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44 REPORTER: Somebody second.

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46 MR. ROBBINS: I'll second it.

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48 REPORTER: Thank you.

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1 MR. HOWARD: I heard Mike, Madame  
2 Chair.

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4 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: All right, thank  
5 you. It's been moved by Mike Douville to adjourn,  
6 seconded by Harold to adjourn. All in favor say aye.

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8 IN UNISON: Aye.

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10 ACTING CHAIR NEEDHAM: Have a great  
11 weekend everybody.

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13 (Off record)

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15 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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