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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Della Trumble, Chair
Coral Chernoff
Natasha Hayden
Patrick Holmes
Christopher Price
Sam Rohrer
Rebecca Skinner

Regional Council Coordinator, Donald Mike

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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(On record)

MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Good morning everyone. Welcome to our meeting on September 2nd, Kodiak/Aleutians. I'm going to ask Pat, are you on line, can you do an invocation.

MR. HOLMES: Yes, I can, Ma'am. At this point I usually hold up that yellow cedar carving of (In Alutiiq) deity, and ask folks to think about what our role is and that we need to be fair and just and to identify all the different aspects that relate to subsistence so that we can provide folks in our district and statewide with their undeniable rights to obtain subsistence to sustain their families and their culture.

And so I don't think I'll do the Lord's Prayer on the phone, but if people would just take about two minutes to kind of go through that in their minds, or in their homes and I think that would give our meeting a good invocation.

Thank you.

(Pause)

MR. HOLMES: Okay, I'm done, Della. Thank you.

MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat. And with that we'll call the meeting to order, and the time is 8:40, September 2nd. Can we have a roll call.

Donald.

MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. This is the roll call of the Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

First of all, we do have two vacant seats so for a quorum we'll need a total of five members for a quorum.

Mr. Pat Holmes.

1 MR. HOLMES: Here.
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3 MR. MIKE: Mr. Sam Rohrer.
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5 MR. ROHRER: Here.
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7 MR. MIKE: Mr. Christopher Price.
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9 MR. PRICE: Here.
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11 MR. MIKE: Ms. Coral Chernoff.
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13 MS. CHERNOFF: Here.
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15 MR. MIKE: Ms. Rebecca Skinner.
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17 MS. SKINNER: Here.
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19 MR. MIKE: Ms. Della Trumble.
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21 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Here.
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23 MR. MIKE: Ms. Natasha Hayden.
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25 MS. HAYDEN: Here.
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27 MR. MIKE: Natasha, are you on line?
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29 MS. HAYDEN: Can you hear me?
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31 MR. MIKE: I can barely hear you, is
32 this Natasha?
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34 MS. HAYDEN: I'm having a little audio
35 difficulties right now.
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37 MR. MIKE: Yes, but you're Natasha,
38 right?
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40 MS. HAYDEN: Yes.
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42 MR. MIKE: Ms. Melissa Berns.
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44 (No comments)
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46 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. We have six
47 verbally confirmed on line and I think we're having
48 difficulty with Natasha Hayden, so we do have a quorum.
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1 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
4 Donald. And Ms. Berns will be excused, she's traveling
5 at this time. I think we all saw her email, she would
6 try calling if she was able.

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8 So moving on with that, can we have the
9 Staff introduce themselves that are on line.

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11 Oh, excuse me, let's back up a little
12 bit here.

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14 Let's go ahead, Donald, should we go
15 ahead and have the Council members introduce themselves
16 and then Staff, or we just go ahead and move on to
17 Staff?

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19 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I think it's a
20 good idea to have Council members introduce themselves
21 that way the public will know who's on line from the
22 Council.

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24 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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26 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
27 Donald. Pat, go ahead, we'll start with you.

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29 MR. HOLMES: Yes, thank you, Madame
30 Chair. This is Pat Holmes from Kodiak. I guess I'm
31 the token biogeezer for our RAC. And been working in
32 Kodiak and the Aleutians since 1963 and spent 27 years
33 with the Department of Fish and Game and finished out
34 at Unalaska Aleutian area, salmon biologist. I'm a
35 passionate believer of subsistence. A lot of this has
36 come from my contacts with so many elders in our region
37 and just learning from them the value and how to pursue
38 subsistence, everything from (indiscernible) to
39 sockeye. So I just really was pleased to be appointed
40 to this slot years ago and I really would like to
41 continue until my brain fails.

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43 Thank you very much.

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45 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.

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47 Chris.

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49 MR. PRICE: Hi, good morning. Hi, this

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1 is Chris Price from Unalaska. I am currently the CEO
2 of the Qawalangin Tribe. And I've been on the RAC for
3 almost three years now and appreciate the participation
4 and appreciate representing Unalaska.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
9 Chris, and welcome.

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11 Rebecca.

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13 MS. SKINNER: Thanks. This is Rebecca
14 Skinner from Kodiak. And I've been on the RAC for six
15 years now. Thanks.

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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
18 Rebecca.

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20 Sam.

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22 MR. ROHRER: Yeah, good morning. Sam
23 Rohrer from Kodiak. Born and raised in Kodiak. I've
24 been on the RAC since 2004. And I'm a hunting guide.
25 I spend a good part of the year on the west side of
26 Kodiak Island, and then the rest of the time here, in
27 the town of Kodiak. So thanks.

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29 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Sam.

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31 Coral.

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33 MS. CHERNOFF: Good morning. This is
34 Coral Chernoff. I am a resident of Kodiak. I am a
35 subsistence user and an Alutiiq artist.

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37 Thank you.

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39 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
40 Coral.

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42 Natasha.

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44 MS. HAYDEN: Good morning, this is
45 Natasha. Can you hear me okay?

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47 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Can you hear
48 loud and clear, Natasha.

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1 MS. HAYDEN: Okay, good. Natasha
2 Hayden, born and raised in Kodiak. I'm on the Native
3 Village of Afognak Tribal Council for six years. I've
4 been on the RAC, I think this is my second year. I
5 work with lands and natural resources for the Afognak
6 Native Corporation. And I'm just really happy to be
7 here and hope everybody's healthy and doing well.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
12 Natasha.

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14 My name's Della Trumble, I'm the Chair
15 of the Kodiak/Aleutians. I was born and raised in King
16 Cove. I've been involved with this Council for a total
17 of, I believe, 22 years.

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19 With that, I guess, Donald, we'll start
20 with you, on Staff.

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22 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
23 This is Donald Mike. Going back during the roll call,
24 we have confirmed seven members present so we have a
25 quorum. And Melissa Berns, I think she's on the road
26 and she's excused and we have two vacant seats.

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28 And for introductions of Staff, we can
29 start with Staff from Anchorage, the OSM Staff and then
30 we'll move on to field stations, Kodiak and Cold Bay
31 and then the Department of Fish and Game, and then any
32 other organizations, tribes or corporations.

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34 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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36 OSM.

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38 MR. LIND: Good morning, Madame Chair.
39 This is Orville Lind, Native Liaison for the Office of
40 Subsistence Management. It's really good to hear you
41 guys on.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MS. HYER: Good morning. This is Karen
46 Hyer, fisheries biologist with Office of Subsistence
47 Management. Welcome everyone.

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49 MR. KRON: Good morning, Madame Chair.

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1 This is Tom Kron. I'm the leadership team
2 representative for this meeting. And from OSM.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MR. PAPPAS: Good morning, Madame
7 Chair. George Pappas, State subsistence liaison for
8 OSM based here in Anchorage.

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10 MR. STONE: Good morning, Madame Chair,
11 and members of the Council. This is Jared Stone,
12 fisheries biologist with the Office of Subsistence
13 Management.

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15 MR. MIKE: Okay. Field stations, Fish
16 and Wildlife Service.

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19 MR. PYLE: Good morning. This is Bill
20 Pyle with the -- the supervisory biologist at Kodiak
21 National Wildlife Refuge.

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23 MR. BRADY: Good morning. This is Mike
24 Brady. I'm the Refuge Manager at Kodiak National
25 Wildlife Refuge.

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27 MS. ERLENBACH: Hi, this is Joy
28 Erlenbach, the bear biologist at the Kodiak Refuge.

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30 MR. MIKE: Thank you. Do we have any
31 representatives from Izembek.

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34 (No comments)

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36 MR. MIKE: If not we can go to -- move
37 on over to representatives from the Alaska Department
38 of Fish and Game.

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40 MS. KEATING: Good morning. This is
41 Jackie Keating, Division of Subsistence with ADF&G.

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43 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Jackie. And
44 we'll move on to tribes or Native corporations.

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46 MR. VAN DAELE: Good morning everyone.
47 This is Matt Van Daele with Sun'ag Tribe of Kodiak in
48 Kodiak.

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1 MS. POE: Good morning. This is
2 Chandra Poe with Qawalangin Tribe, Unalaska.

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4 MR. MIKE: Thank you. Do we have any
5 other.....

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7 MR. CHEN: Aloha Council Members. This
8 is Glenn Chen from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
9 Always a pleasure to attend your meetings.

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11 MR. HOLMES: Who was that?

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13 MR. MIKE: Glenn Chen from BIA. And
14 any other tribes on the call or Native associations.

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16 (No comments)

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18 MR. MIKE: So anyone on line that have
19 not identified themselves, please do so now.

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21 MR. REAM: Good morning, Donald and
22 Members of the Council. This is Joshua Ream. I am the
23 Regional Subsistence Program Manager for the Park
24 Service and also a member of the InterAgency Staff
25 Committee. Thank you.

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27 MR. SARAFIN: Good morning. This is
28 Dave Sarafin. I'm also working with Josh with the
29 National Park Service Subsistence Program.

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31 MR. HARRIS: Good morning everyone.
32 This is Frank Harris. I'm a fish biologist with the
33 Anchorage Fish and Wildlife Conservation Field Office.

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35 MS. STICKMAN: Good morning, Madame
36 Chair and members of the Council. Good morning,
37 Donald. This is Danielle Stickman, the Western Alaska
38 Partnership Network coordinator here based in
39 Anchorage.

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41 MR. MIKE: Thank you, everyone. Is
42 there anybody else that hasn't introduced themselves to
43 the Council on the teleconference.

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46 (No comments)

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48 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, we're done
49 with the introductions and as we move on for today's

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1 meeting we'll probably hear some beeps and we'll
2 request that they identify themselves in the meeting.

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4 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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6 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
7 Donald. And welcome everyone. Just for a note, I
8 think if anybody has public comments, they're welcome
9 for each agenda item, and we also try to make available
10 for the communities on line, and if they want to
11 testify to -- I'm not sure how we did that before,
12 Donald, or what the procedure is, but just to somehow
13 let either myself or Donald know.

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15 MR. MIKE: Yeah, Madame Chair, this is
16 Donald Mike. We can accommodate public comment
17 throughout the public meeting if a public comment -- or
18 if the public wishes to make comments on a specific
19 item, please state your name and address which agenda
20 items you wish to make comment on, otherwise if you
21 have a public comment we can take note of that and
22 accommodate your public testimony.

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24 Thank you.

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26 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. With
27 that we'll move on to review and adopt agenda. Does
28 anybody have any additions to add to the agenda.

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30 Donald.

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32 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. I
33 have some suggestions here. The 2019 annual report,
34 response from the Federal Subsistence Board did not
35 make it into our meeting material, so I sent an
36 electronic copy to all the Council members and if you
37 wish to do so we can include the 2019 annual report
38 under old business after the .805(c) report.

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40 And under agency reports, you heard the
41 introduction of Ms. Danielle Stickman, she's from the
42 Western Alaska Partnership and wishes to provide a
43 report under agency reports.

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45 That's all I have, Madame Chair.

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47 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
48 Donald. Does anybody else, any Council member have
49 anything to add to the agenda.

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1 MR. HOLMES: Well, I have a question
2 for Donald. This is Pat.

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4 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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6 MR. HOLMES: Donald, I was wondering,
7 that annual subsistence -- Federal Subsistence Board
8 report, when did you send that out, because if it was
9 yesterday or the day before I probably got it, but if
10 it was this morning, I didn't.

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12 MR. MIKE: Yeah, I sent out the annual
13 report yesterday but I'll send it out again today and
14 you should get it this morning.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, thank you. My brain
19 gets foggy, I'll go look at it during a break.

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21 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. I
22 heard it sounded like two beeps, can you identify who
23 just came on line.

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25 MS. LAVINE: This is Robbin LaVine, an
26 anthropologist with the Office of Subsistence
27 Management. Thank you.

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29 MR. WITTEVEEN: This is Mark Witteveen
30 here in the Kodiak Office, Fish and Game in Kodiak,
31 Sportfish. I have with me, Kelly Krueger, Sportfish
32 and Lisa Fox with Commercial Fisheries.

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34 REPORTER: Excuse me, could you state
35 your name again, I didn't get it.

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37 MR. WITTEVEEN: Sure. My name is Mark
38 Witteveen, with Fish and Game Sportfish here in Kodiak.

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40 REPORTER: Thank you.

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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Good
43 morning.

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45 Okay. So with that I guess we will
46 move on, Council member reports, we will start with
47 that unless Donald you have something I'm missing.

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49 MR. MIKE: Yes, you did not review and
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1 adopt the meeting agenda yet. Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you.
4 I just noticed that too. Can we identify who just came
5 on line.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Can I hear a
10 motion to approve the agenda as amended.

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12 MR. HOLMES: Move to adopt, Pat.

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14 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion made by
15 Pat. A second -- do we hear a second.

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17 MR. ROHRER: This is Sam. I'll second
18 it.

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20 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Sam.
21 Discussion.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Question. Call
26 for question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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30 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Opposed, same
31 sign.

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33 (No opposing votes)

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35 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion carried.

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37 MR. MIKE: Sorry, Della, I got dropped,
38 I hit the wrong button here so I had to call back in.
39 So I was reminding the Council that we were needing to
40 review and adopt the agenda.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: The agenda was
45 approved. A motion was made by Pat and seconded by Sam
46 and the motion was passed.

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48 MR. MIKE: Thank you.

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So moving on.
2 We have the review and approve previous minutes of the
3 meeting and that's on Page 5 of your book.
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5 Do I hear a motion to approve the
6 minutes of March 19th.
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8 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair.
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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.
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12 MR. HOLMES: I'd like to move to
13 approve but I would like to mention that there's on --
14 on the discussion of agency reports there's, you know,
15 some many points that are made but some of the reports
16 were not on paper and so one would, let's say, Mark
17 Witteveen's, I don't know if it was his, but anyway
18 some of them there's a lot of detail that's not really
19 reflected in the statements of the people that
20 commented in some of this. The Council members
21 comments on those reports aren't reflected. And I
22 don't really know how to capture those but hopefully in
23 the future we can have a little bit more detail on
24 people's comments in relation to the reports.
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26 Thank you, Ma'am.
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28 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.
29 I guess, maybe, Donald, we need to check on maybe the
30 process here, do we just make a motion to approve and
31 second and then on discussion do corrections or
32 additions.
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34 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. If
35 there's a particular item on what Mr. Holmes stated, I
36 can certainly include those and just state on record
37 which specific topic he would like to include in the
38 minutes.
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40 Thank you.
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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Any
43 other Council members have any corrections or
44 discussion on the minutes.
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46 REPORTER: So, excuse me, Della, this
47 is Tina. Pat did make a motion, I think you need to go
48 with the second and then go to the discussion.
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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, that's
2 kind of what I was thinking.

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4 REPORTER: Okay.

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6 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So, Pat, I think
7 we'll just -- okay, we're going to start this kind of
8 over. You made a motion to approve the minutes, do I
9 hear a second.

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11 MR. PRICE: Second.

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13 MR. ROHRER: This is Sam, I'll second.

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15 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: And a second by
16 Chris and Sam, with that we'll move on to the
17 discussion and I think, Pat, if you can maybe one more
18 time just state what your comments were.

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20 MR. HOLMES: Well, my comments were on
21 the testimony that was given by agencies. Some of that
22 was completely verbal and so that should be reflected
23 and then have more detail. I know some things came in
24 afterwards and, you know, I can't really go through all
25 of these things but -- I'm sorry I just can't add all
26 that in, some of those details. But I just think maybe
27 in the future it would be good to put down a little bit
28 more on what's reported, particularly in the reports,
29 and that the individual member comments on each report.
30 Because sometimes we'll have some lengthy discussions
31 and so the highlights of those should be reflected in
32 the future.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.
37 Any other comments. Council members.

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39 (No comments)

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41 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I guess at this
42 point we'll call for a question. All in favor signify
43 by saying aye.

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45 IN UNISON: Aye.

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47 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Opposed same
48 sign.

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1 (No opposing votes)

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion carries.
4 I think I heard about four beeps, three or four beeps
5 coming in line, can you identify who just came on line
6 in the last five minutes.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: All right, well,
11 we'll move on.

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13 Council member reports. I'm going to
14 start with Natasha, are you on line.

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16 MS. HAYDEN: Thank you. The report
17 would be this time of year thinking a lot about the
18 salmon harvest and berry harvest and bear presence.
19 But I think one of the things that I have noticed is
20 that it's taking a lot more effort to be able to -- is
21 that better, I had my microphone off, sorry.

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23 REPORTER: Yes, thank you.

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25 MS. HAYDEN: Okay. I have noticed that
26 it does seem to take a lot more effort to be able to
27 get all of our subsistence salmon take needs met. It
28 seems like the -- I know all of the escapements are
29 being met. It seems like it is sort of drawn out over
30 a longer period of time with less concentrated sort of
31 hits like we used to see. And with the dry weather
32 conditions, I believe that there was a lot of fish that
33 were schooled up outside of the mouth of the rivers,
34 then at some point were able to kind of surge up the
35 river when we had some rain. It's a little bit
36 concerning with how dry it's been without our regular
37 sort of rain coming periodically throughout the summer.

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39 Berries -- from the berries standpoint,
40 I had expected to see really good production for
41 salmonberries and blueberries, blueberries in
42 particular, and I've been scouting out blueberries this
43 year and I have had -- I'm finding hardly any. I'd
44 like to hear about some of the other people's
45 experiences to see where they are with that but it's
46 kind of -- I've never seen it before with how few
47 berries are out there, blueberries. Raspberries, on
48 the other hand, have been very productive.

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1 We've had a huge amount of bear
2 activity around the road system this year. I think you
3 guys are all familiar with. There was somebody that
4 had a bear encounter on Pillar Mountain, which is
5 really close to town. I'd be curious to hear how, if
6 Sam has any insight into maybe the impact of having --
7 ADF&G having cancelled the non-resident spring bear
8 hunt, if that's, you know, contributing to that.

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10 I've also seen a lot of deer. You
11 know, I was worried about the winter die-off from last
12 winter with all of the large amounts of snow that we
13 had but I've seen lots of does and babies and some
14 looks like one year old bucks around town. I haven't
15 been out in the back country yet so I haven't really
16 seen what's going on out there.

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18 But otherwise things are good. You
19 know we've all adapted to our new normal and getting
20 ready to start school with our kids. The school
21 district here in Kodiak is making in-person schooling
22 available to those that choose, or also making on-line
23 available.

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25 I had seen there was some
26 correspondence related to us having our sea otter
27 workgroup meeting. I'm not really sure where we are
28 with that. I'm interested to find out, I am interested
29 to find out if we're going to be able to have a meeting
30 sometime soon and start diving into that topic.

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32 I think that is all that I have other
33 than the, you know, pandemic impacts that everybody
34 else has seen with our kids camp for Native Village of
35 Afognak was cancelled this year for the first year in
36 20 years. You know we just have all been trying to
37 make the best of a challenging situation.

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39 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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41 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
42 Natasha.

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44 Coral.

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46 MS. CHERNOFF: Yes, hi, this is Coral.
47 I guess this year I agree with Natasha, definitely on
48 the salmon, the last couple of years actually it's kind
49 of hard to target when you get salmon. Last year we

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1 didn't get any reds, this year we didn't get any reds
2 although there have been -- it seems like so many more
3 kings and people going out fishing for silvers.
4 There's quite a healthy run of silvers it seems like.
5 So we have mostly silvers this year and no reds.

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7 The berries, I think the same with the
8 timing and I have not -- I guess I missed the
9 salmonberries. They didn't seem to be that plentiful.
10 It wasn't a terrible year but several places -- well,
11 actually quite a few places I noticed that half of the
12 bushes kind of in an area seemed to be dead, like the
13 previous year when we had a die-off.

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15 So blueberries, I saw -- I've not been
16 out -- usually in the past I've not gone out for
17 blueberries until the end of August, you know, to the
18 middle of September, but I saw someone way back in
19 early July picking -- picked a whole bowl full of
20 blueberries, so I don't know, their timing is off too.
21 I think last year they were quite early but they also
22 continued to produce, it seemed like, through the end
23 of August. We were picking pretty late. So the
24 blueberry season seemed to be pretty long.

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26 As far as the birds. I think that I
27 haven't heard any report around Kodiak of die-offs of
28 birds this year. We went out -- one of the islands we
29 go to just to picnic, this year there were Aleutian and
30 Arctic Terns and they were nests and birds all over --
31 well, I wouldn't say all over the beach, we probably
32 saw about 10 nests and two hatched. I don't know what
33 kind of terns they were that were hatched. But there
34 was Aleutian and Arctic Terns on this island that we
35 hadn't seen before so it's nice to see maybe there's
36 more, maybe they're spreading out in nesting areas. I
37 think we're going to hear from Robin Corcoran later and
38 she'll talk about those. So hopefully we've got more
39 birds because I know they were worried about the
40 colonies here on the Kodiak road system producing
41 birds.

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43 As far as the deer, I see a lot of
44 pictures on social media of deer around town, I've
45 driven around town and seen deer. But when we went to--
46 last week I was on the other side of the island and
47 for eight days didn't see a single deer, which is
48 unusual, and then my friend's been out there for four
49 weeks and he says, you know, they've been out in the

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1 skiff and then they've also been, one day his friend
2 went hunting, and they've not seen one deer, which is
3 pretty interesting. But there does seem to be a lot of
4 deer around town, at least on the road system.

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6 And then this past year we were
7 supposed to have a road system opening for emperor
8 geese but because regulations weren't published because
9 of Covid, unfortunately that road system season didn't
10 get to happen. So for our AMBCC fall meeting, I think
11 we're going to look at with our opening, we asked for,
12 is going to be just a three year kind of a trial
13 opening for the road system to see how things went,
14 with a permit, and so now we're going to reapply, back
15 that up, and get another three years, instead of, you
16 know, missing our first year and going into our second
17 year. So we're going to try and get our full three
18 years and we're going to ask for that at the fall AMBCC
19 meeting.

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21 I don't know, on the way out to Womens
22 Bay here on the road system, there's an area where you
23 regularly could see two to 400 emperor geese along the
24 beach area and this year they brought in and put in a
25 new dock. And I didn't think much about it when they
26 started putting in the dock but then they kept pushing
27 out -- so the whole beach has been graveled over, plus
28 they've gone out even farther with extending with like
29 a metal kind of a -- kind of a metal fence even further
30 out into the water, and I guess I was a little
31 concerned about that, I was wondering, you know, since
32 we haven't had an emperor goose hunt until recently and
33 then we can't hunt on the road system because they are
34 watching the numbers and as of the last population
35 count the numbers were down, I'm concerned that this
36 dock was put in where so many geese spend their winter
37 feeding and so I was just wondering, maybe later, Fish
38 and Wildlife Service could let us know if there was any
39 permitting done for that. I hadn't really thought
40 about it when it was beginning, but the last time I
41 drove out there, there was quite a change in that area
42 so I'm kind of surprised that they were able to do
43 that. So I don't know if there's anything -- you know,
44 I would definitely be interested in surveys in that
45 area or start watching the geese and what they're
46 trying to do around there. Obviously there's going to
47 be a lot more activity in and out of there if they're
48 going to build a dock so I'm concerned, again, with the
49 environment, that these emperors rely on for the
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1 winter.

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3 And then I guess lastly the halibut.
4 We seem to, you know, be good on catching halibut and
5 cod and so we are -- the last week we spent -- the last
6 two weeks we spent a good amount of time putting a lot
7 more fish into the freezer so I guess overall
8 everything looks good and stable. It's not -- I mean
9 it's a little off base, but that's all I have.

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11 Thank you.

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13 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
14 Coral.

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16 Sam.

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18 MR. ROHRER: Yeah, thanks, Della. I
19 don't have a whole lot to report. Just kind of
20 reiterate what some of the others on the Council said,
21 that the deer situation looks to be pretty rough,
22 particularly on the west side of the island. I think
23 that area got hit the hardest between last winter and
24 the winter before that, we've had a couple of bad
25 winters in a row that have really just kept those
26 numbers down. And the east side of the island, from
27 what I've been hearing, isn't as bad, but certainly the
28 west side got hit really hard.

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30 The other thing I'll just comment on
31 briefly was Natasha's question about the bear
32 population that we're seeing along the road system.
33 She was kind of curious what my thoughts were, if I
34 think that having the non-resident hunting closure
35 affected those numbers and I would say probably not,
36 definitely having the non-resident closure, you know,
37 you would see excess bears around the rest of the
38 island, but harvest isn't that great by non-residents
39 on the road system. I mean there's certainly some, but
40 I would say that's probably minimal. But going along
41 those same lines, something I've been thinking about
42 for some time, I've been hearing from lots of folks in
43 the community about concerns about the bear numbers on
44 the road system, and I think there's a general
45 consensus from a lot of the folks I've talked to that
46 it's time to look at expanding the hunting seasons for
47 bear on the road system, whether it be the fall,
48 whether it be the spring, maybe opening, you know,
49 holding the fall bear season open longer. There's a

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1 lot of different options that we as a community could
2 look at for putting in proposals the next time the
3 Board of Game cycle comes up for expanding that season.
4 But, you know, it's just a shame to have bears DLP'd
5 when there's people that would be happy to harvest them
6 and use them, you know, make use of the parts or just,
7 you know, have the -- you know, be able to go on a bear
8 hunt. So anyways I think that's something that
9 probably this Council should look at maybe in
10 conjunction with our local AC next time that the Kodiak
11 cycle comes up for the Board of Game.

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13 With that, I have to say please excuse
14 the rumbling in the background, it is pouring down in
15 Kodiak harder than I've seen it rain in years, like
16 giant drops, so anyways that's what all the background
17 noise is.

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19 With that, that's all I have. Thanks,
20 Della.

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22 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Sam.

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24 Rebecca.

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26 MS. SKINNER: Thanks, Della. All
27 right, so I also observed in Kodiak that there's very
28 few salmonberries out on the bushes. Earlier in the
29 summer, I guess maybe a month or so I was seeing a lot
30 of blue -- you know, initial starts of blueberries out
31 on the bushes and I guess I haven't checked lately. I
32 know when I'm walking along the paths there aren't
33 blueberries right next to the trail but I assume that
34 was because people picked them because they were right
35 next to the trail. And then I agree that the
36 salmonberries have done very well this year.

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38 We had the issue with the fish die-off
39 there at the head of the Buskin. I did get out
40 subsistence fishing at the end of August near Buskin
41 and was successful, got a few fish. It was a mix of
42 reds, pinks and silvers all together.

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44 There have been a lot of bears in town
45 around the town of Kodiak on the road system. I guess
46 to be fair it's probably two bears that are wondering
47 around. But they've been showing up on the trails
48 where people like to walk. So their presence is very
49 much noted.

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1 Going to, I guess, the Federal
2 commercial fisheries side, the North Pacific Fishery
3 Management Council meetings have been virtual since
4 April -- or virtual since June, the April meeting was
5 cancelled. On a somewhat related note, all of the
6 Federal surveys were cancelled for 2021 and so we're
7 not going to have that information from the surveys
8 coming into the management system to inform us about
9 those fish populations. A note that the Federal 2018
10 cod disaster, there was 24 million awarded for that.
11 The State of Alaska comes up with a spend plan for
12 those dollars, that spend plan has been put out for a
13 couple of rounds of public comment, and I think they're
14 looking at trying to distribute it here in the fall and
15 then \$10 million was awarded for the Chignik salmon
16 disaster. I know a little bit less about the public
17 comment on that. I assume it also went out for public
18 comment and that it has the similar distribution in
19 line. I would also note that for the cod disaster, the
20 State of Alaska was wanting to set aside a considerable
21 portion of that for research, which relates a little
22 bit to the FRMP discussion we had at our committee
23 meeting earlier this week, you know, opportunities for
24 different pots of money to fund research that might be
25 relevant to subsistence needs. So we did have -- I
26 participated in our FRMP committee meeting, this was
27 members of the KRAC and members of the Bristol Bay RAC
28 and I think we had some really good discussion. I'm
29 sure we'll touch on that later.

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31 As follow-up to that committee meeting,
32 I had said I was going to reach out to the NPRB, the
33 North Pacific Research Board, and I did that and I have
34 some interesting information to share, hopefully will
35 get to do that during the FRMP discussion.

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37 We did have the sea otter working group
38 committee meeting, that was back on August 26th and I
39 think we'll have a report out about that later in the
40 meeting.

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42 Short Covid update, for the Kodiak
43 Island Borough we've had 66 cases reported or
44 associated or assigned to the Borough, and we had two
45 new cases reported yesterday. So I think Kodiak has
46 been fairly lucky from a Covid standpoint but it is
47 something, you know, it's clear people in the community
48 are taking seriously and, you know, trying -- we do not
49 want to have a surge in cases because I think while

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1 we're okay now, if we had a surge in cases, that would
2 be pretty devastating because I'm not sure we're ready
3 to handle that.

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5 And I guess that's it for my report.
6 Thanks.

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8 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
9 Rebecca. And just out of curiosity, are the kids going
10 to school there, or are they doing the homeschool?

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12 MS. SKINNER: I think Natasha spoke to
13 that earlier, I think it's a mix. But I would let --
14 if Natasha wants to go back and talk a little bit more
15 about that, I would let her do that.

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17 MS. HAYDEN: Sure, thanks, Rebecca.
18 What the Kodiak Island Borough School District is doing
19 is they're offering three different choices for
20 parents. Parents that want to have their kids attend
21 in-person school full-time they can do that. Parents
22 that want to have their kids continue with the at home
23 virtual delivery with the same curriculum through the
24 school district, they can do that. Or they can switch
25 over to homeschooling, which is sort of a different --
26 it's a different delivery system. And so parents -- so
27 the schools are opening in the way that they're going
28 to be handling the schools with the district here, you
29 know, we have elementary, several elementary schools on
30 the road system, one middle school and one high school,
31 and then outside of the road system we've got, I think,
32 three or four other village schools that are -- that
33 still have enough kids to open up and they're going to
34 handle it school by school, so if there is like a
35 localized hotspot of Covid cases that come up then
36 they'll consider changing the, you know, limiting the
37 in-person schooling in that location. So even if
38 Kodiak road system has some outbreaks, it's not
39 necessarily going to automatically shut down the
40 village schools, that they would be looking at each one
41 of those areas on a -- sort of like a region by region
42 basis. So from what I understand, the Kodiak area --
43 Kodiak Island School District is very well prepared,
44 they've been working very hard and it's kind of being
45 heralded as an example in the state of Alaska for its
46 level of preparedness. Definitely doing the best they
47 can in a very challenging situation.

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49 Thank you.
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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.
2 Thank you.
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4 With that we will move on to Pat.
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6 MR. HOLMES: Thank you, Madame Chair.
7 I'll try and not hit things other people have.
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9 I might offer some possible ideas on
10 the declined berries. It didn't seem to be any second
11 set on salmonberries this year. And I'm wondering if
12 the blueberries might have had the same problem. But I
13 did absorb that when we had our spring hatch of the big
14 mamma bumblebees that do most of the pollination that
15 within about eight days, 10 days of when they came out
16 there was a huge hatch of yellow hornets and they eat
17 bumblebees and the trees, the fruit trees in my yard
18 had tons of blossoms and I might have 20 cherries for
19 three trees, and so I think that the pollinators just
20 got wiped out by the hornets. And I think also I would
21 reflect in terms of the last 40 or 50 years, and
22 particularly with these warm years, there's been a
23 geometric increase in the size and the amount of alders
24 and brush and so our alpine, in the last 40 years has
25 probably moved up 600 feet or more on Pillar Mountain
26 and other places, so the amount of habitat for alpine
27 berries has severely decreased.
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29 I only got one red. My favorite day to
30 go to the Buskin, I usually get 50 to 75 and then give
31 three-quarters of them away and I got one fish so I
32 gave it to my neighbor but they gave it back. And if
33 I'd known that it was going to be so poor I probably
34 would have gone off to a secret place and gotten some
35 chums earlier or gone with some of my friends that went
36 30 or 40 miles from town. But, you know, when you got
37 a 16 foot skiff you get kind of limited.
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39 I would like to comment that we had
40 really high PSP and the sampling that the tribes do,
41 flag that, as well as the State's reporting of it, and
42 so, you know, a lot of things that folks would normally
43 in the past have gone for, they just didn't even
44 bother.
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46 The king crab, dungeness, Womens Bay,
47 made a shot with a friend and a pot and zip.
48 Dungeness, zip for years. There's some folks who did
49 get tanners but they had bigger boats that could get
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1 out to deeper water, but basically I think the sea
2 otters have really thinned things out here.

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4 Folks I know who went for cod said that
5 they weren't as numerous. Halibut were moderate but
6 smaller.

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8 And anyway that's kind of it in a
9 nutshell, big changes, things are getting warmer, and
10 things are changing and I think all the observations on
11 deers and bears is spot on.

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13 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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15 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.

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17 Chris, are you on line.

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19 MR. PRICE: Yeah, I'm here. Okay, I'll
20 go ahead. Thanks everyone.

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22 Today, we're going to have during the
23 agency reports, we're going to have some of our tribal
24 Staff do some specific report outs, which will be
25 Chandra, Kayla (ph) and Kate so they can comment quite
26 a bit also on what's going on here in Unalaska but I'll
27 just do a broad overview.

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29 You know, the red salmon fishing this
30 summer has been, you know, I think they said the worst
31 year on record. So we're fortunate that McLees had the
32 weir set up so we could at least document that. I'm
33 sure Tyler or Lisa will have some comments about that.
34 So that really did impact our community and, you know,
35 most of the run was during the year was closed so there
36 was really limited subsistence fishing for red salmon
37 at McLees, and throughout the island. And just
38 throughout the island the reds just didn't show up this
39 summer. So it's been really rough on us this year.

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41 Halibut fishing has been decent. It's
42 the first year I've heard pretty decent reports. Some
43 speculation on why that is, but some of the commercial
44 fleets, because of Covid just couldn't get out here and
45 do their fishing so it may be related to that. Our
46 local waters seemed to have some halibut.

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48 We do have some real low water flows
49 this year as well in our rivers. Just recently, this
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1 last weekend we had a big storm, and the rains brought
2 the water levels up a bit but for the most part our
3 water levels have been under, you know, the normal
4 summer flow and I don't know how much that's affected
5 the runs but the water levels have definitely been low.

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7 We did have a death in the community
8 this year related to paralytic shellfish poisoning and
9 I'm sure Chandra will comment more on that. And it's
10 been -- there's quite a bit of work that needs to be
11 done in our community to help address some of the high
12 levels of PSP in our communities and we'll hear some
13 reports on that today from our tribal Staff.

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15 So we have an elder distribution
16 program that we set up at the tribe for helping them
17 get fish and berries so we were fortunate to have some
18 donations come in where they could be -- trying to help
19 the elders out because we're trying to keep, you know,
20 their exposure down.

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22 So anyway that's kind of the high level
23 report from Unalaska and, then, again, during the
24 agency reports we'll have tribal Staff give you some
25 specifics on what's happening here.

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27 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
28 Chris.

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30 The report from here. Basically
31 overall, between the Shumigans and through False Pass,
32 I think this fishing season in June and July and
33 through the first probably half of August was very bad.
34 I think comments made by local fishermen here have
35 basically they've never seen anything like it in their
36 life. I think they started getting a few of the pinks
37 towards the end of August until I think PeterPan quit
38 taking fish on August 31st, I believe was their last
39 day. So guys are fishing now the dungeness, they
40 started doing that, I want to say sometime in August
41 and so they seem to be continuing on with that. But
42 like I say the salmon was very bad.

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44 The berries actually out here were
45 good. Our summer for June and July was fairly cold,
46 pretty cold, and we had a lot of rain. August weather
47 did improve. But the salmonberries, mossberries and
48 blueberries were actually really good.

1 Guys are now, the caribou season opened
2 on August 1st and I noticed that a couple people from
3 False Pass did harvest. I haven't talked to them
4 whether they got 9D or 10, so I'm going to try to call
5 him sometime before the day's over to find out on that.

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7 We had a whale on the outside of King
8 Cove that was killed by a killer whales, they have a
9 tendency to take the tongue and eat the bottom part of
10 the jaw, so one of the local guys towed it in and
11 people harvested the whale and then they towed it back
12 out, that was also in August.

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14 We all know we had an earthquake and a
15 Tsunami warning, and I have to say that that's
16 something I don't think I ever want to live through
17 again, it was pretty frightening, but we're thankful
18 there wasn't a Tsunami.

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20 We did attend the FRMP meeting a few
21 days ago and that report is coming up.

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23 I did attend the statewide meeting for
24 a couple days, I believe that was -- in fact I'm losing
25 dates because -- and, of course, we did have the high
26 winds, and our winds -- probably at the highest would
27 be 100 miles, and not the 120 that Dutch Harbor had, so
28 thankful for that.

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30 Other than that I think that should
31 fairly cover my report.

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33 Except to just comment that Council
34 member Rick Koso did have surgery, heart surgery and
35 he's doing well, I talked to him the other day, but
36 he's doing well he said.

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38 So with that, Donald, I guess we will
39 move on.

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41 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair, I have one
42 question about the Peninsula. This is Pat.

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44 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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46 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, when I used to work
47 out there it seemed to me there was a lot of folks in
48 King Cove and on the Peninsula that don't really have
49 access to -- easily access to reds or bigger streams,

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1 that a lot of your subsistence comes out of the
2 commercial catch and so having the worst commercial
3 catch that must mean that your salmon harvest for
4 subsistence -- or sharing for subsistence was pretty
5 bleak, I would imagine.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, that's
10 correct. I think we got some and we're happy to get
11 what we got. But not like we usually get to put away.

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13 Okay. So the Chair's report. I did
14 attend the two day meeting and a lot of it was
15 proposals, I believe, from the other areas on the fish.
16 We did go through our annual reports and I think as you
17 will see, the ones for the Kodiak/Aleutians response
18 was about 15 pages so there's quite a bit in that
19 report.

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21 Statewide, or region-wide, from all the
22 regions, of the RACs, was a major concern on the
23 appointments to their Councils and the effect that it
24 has had, so hopefully they're going to get some
25 resolution on that issue.

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27 Other than that it was two full days
28 and into the evening, but a lot of it was, like I said,
29 the proposals.

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31 And, Donald, if I'm missing something,
32 I have to admit that my file box that I had with all my
33 notes and everything has been moved -- relocated in
34 this office and so I have to track it down and so I
35 wasn't able to do that last night.

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37 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I think you
38 covered it well unless the OSM Staff has any reminders,
39 like the last work session of the Federal Subsistence
40 Board had in early August.

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42 Madame Chair, if you can request if
43 there are any public or tribal comments on non-agenda
44 items before we get further along.

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46 Thank you.

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48 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, I think
49 that's next on the agenda. Are there any public or

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1 tribal comments on the agenda before we move on.

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(No comments)

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MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Any tribes or
anybody locally from any of the communities.

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(No comments)

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MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So I did hear
also a couple beeps, I don't know, Izembek, did you get
on line.

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(No comments)

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MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So I think when
we take a break I'll give a call over there to figure
out if they're going to be calling in.

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Okay, moving on to No. 9 on our agenda,
old business, .805(c) report, information update,
Council coordinator, Page 12 in your book.

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MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
Donald Mike, Council coordinator.

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For the Council's reference beginning
on Page 12 and ending on Page 13 is the .805(c) report
on the actions taken by the Federal Subsistence Board.
There was only one wildlife proposal from the
Kodiak/Aleutians which was a non-consensus agenda item
for WP20-25, a proposal to conduct a subsistence user
prioritization and establish a season harvest limit for
Unit 10 caribou on Unimak Island, the Board adopted
that. And the .805(c) report is just here for your
reference.

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Thank you, Madame Chair.

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MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
Donald. And maybe to add to that since, Pat, I know
you -- and I think this Council has always had an
interest in this Unit 9D and 10 caribou, is changing
the dates so it opens August 1st and then closed --
before it closed later and talking to a couple locals
in False Pass, they said they liked it opened because a
lot of times they fished until into September so what
was recommended is if they don't get their harvest
they're limited to, at this point, when it gets close

1 to that time then I can work with them to recommend to
2 extending the date. So I'll give Tommy a call here
3 during lunch and just get an update from him on the
4 caribou hunt and if anybody locally -- I know that a
5 couple people from there did get a couple caribou but
6 like I said I'm not sure from where they got them from
7 recently.

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9 Okay. I guess we're going to move on
10 here, No. 10, new business, fishery closure reviews,
11 OSM Fisheries. The first one is on Page 15.

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13 I have to say, guys, doing these
14 meetings like on conference calls, I can't wait until
15 this Covid stuff is over, it's so much easier to be
16 able to meet in person than going through this.

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18 So, we'll move on Donald.

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20 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, this is
21 Donald. If we can have a five minute break that would
22 be great.

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24 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, we can do
25 that. Reconvene here at about 10 to 10, and we'll go
26 ahead and take a 10 minute break, Donald.

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28 MR. MIKE: We'll have a 10 minute break
29 and reconvene at 10:55 -- 9:55.

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33 (On record)

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35 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: If everybody
36 else is, we're ready to go. I did try calling Izembek
37 but nobody's answering so I'm not sure.

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39 MS. FOSADO: Hi, I am on, this is Maria
40 Fosado, I'm sorry, I just got the email information
41 forwarded on from Kodiak.

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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. All right,
44 thank you.

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46 REPORTER: All right, sorry, this is
47 Tina, the reporter. Could I get Izembek, could you
48 state your name again for me, I missed it.

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1 MS. FOSADO: Yes, hi, this is Maria
2 Fosado.

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4 REPORTER: Thank you. Go ahead, Della.

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6 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Maria is the new
7 Refuge Manager for Izembek, Tina.

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9 REPORTER: Thanks, Della.

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11 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, welcome aboard,
12 Maria. Glad that we got a manager out there, it was
13 touch and go for awhile, thanks a lot.

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15 Bye.

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17 MS. FOSADO: Thank you. I'm excited to
18 be here and I'm sorry for being late but I think we're
19 getting all the wrinkles ironed out.

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21 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Donald, do you
22 want to do just a fast run through to make sure all the
23 Council members are back on line and then we'll get
24 started.

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26 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
27 Pat Holmes.

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29 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I'm here and hi to
30 my cousin Ronnie.

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32 MR. MIKE: Sam Rohrer.

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34 MR. ROHRER: Yes, sir, I'm on.

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36 MR. MIKE: Chris Price.

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38 MR. PRICE: Yes, I'm here.

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40 MR. MIKE: Coral.

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42 MS. CHERNOFF: I'm here.

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44 MR. MIKE: Rebecca.

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46 MS. SKINNER: Here.

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48 MR. MIKE: Della's here, of course.

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1 Natasha.

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3 MS. HAYDEN: Here.

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5 MR. MIKE: Natasha, are you back on
6 line?

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8 MS. HAYDEN: Sorry, yes, I'm here.

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10 MR. MIKE: Okay. Thank you. Natasha.
11 Madame Chair, we have six -- we have all the members
12 present during roll call.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you,
17 Donald. With that we will move on, and before we move
18 on, are there any other tribes or corporations or
19 public on line that haven't identified themselves. I
20 think this morning we had Sun'ag and Unalaska.

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22 MR. GRINALDI: This is Todd Grinaldi
23 and I'm with the Department of Fish and Game, Division
24 of Wildlife Conservation out of Palmer office.

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26 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Tom.
27 Is there anyone else on line.

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29 MR. BIRCH: Hello, Madame Chair. This
30 is Mark Birch also with the Department of Fish and
31 Game. Thank you.

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33 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Mark.

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35 Anyone else.

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37 MS. PETRIVELLI: Pat Petrivelli with
38 the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anchorage.

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40 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Good morning,
41 Pat.

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43 MS. PETRIVELLI: Good morning.

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45 MR. BRADY: We're still on line here,
46 Kodiak Sportfish, and we have Tyler is present now as
47 well.

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49 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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1 Okay, I guess we'll go ahead and move
2 on in the agenda, we're on new business; Fisheries
3 Closures Review, and start on Page 15 in your booklet,
4 if we want to go ahead with that Unalaska Lake Salmon.

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6 MS. LAVINE: Yes, hello, Madame Chair,
7 members of the Council. Can you hear me?

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9 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Can hear you
10 loud and clear.

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12 MS. LAVINE: Excellent. All right. So
13 for the record my name is Robbin LaVine and I'm an
14 anthropologist with the Office of Subsistence
15 Management. And I guess we just want to start by
16 acknowledging the challenging circumstances under which
17 we are all working. And I want to express my gratitude
18 to you all, the Council members, for being here and
19 supporting this process. You make my work meaningful,
20 and thank you.

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22 I will be presenting fisheries closure
23 reviews 21-0-8, 09, 11 and 13. But before we start, I
24 just wanted to direct your attention to Page 14 of your
25 Council books. This is the process for presenting
26 closure reviews, the presentation procedure for closure
27 reviews. They're a little different than what we are
28 used to as far as fisheries and wildlife regulation
29 analysis. I'm tongue twisting this morning. So just
30 note that we'll be presenting the analysis, the
31 Regional Advisory Council will make a motion, the
32 discussion and justification will center around these
33 five bullet points:

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35 Is the recommendation consistent with
36 established fish or wildlife management principals.

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38 Is the recommendation supported by
39 substantial evidence, such as biological and
40 traditional ecological knowledge.

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42 Will the recommendation be beneficial
43 or detrimental to subsistence needs and uses.

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45 If a closure is involved, is closure
46 necessary for conservation of healthy fish or wildlife
47 population.

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49 Or is the closure necessary to ensure
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1 continued subsistence uses.

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3 And discuss what other relevant factors
4 are mentioned in the OSM analysis.

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6 So restate then the final motion for
7 the record and the Council's vote.

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9 So with that, once, again, I'll be
10 presenting fisheries closure review 21-08. The
11 analysis begins on Page 15 of your Council book and a
12 copy is available for download from our website. For
13 those of you who are listening on line, if you can
14 access our website, you can find Council book materials
15 under the regions tab, click the link for
16 Kodiak/Aleutians and there you'll find the link for
17 meeting materials.

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19 So I'm going to take just a little more
20 time on this first closure review. It's structured a
21 bit differently, as I said, from proposal analysis, I
22 think as we proceed moving through these analysis it'll
23 get easier.

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25 Fisheries Closure 21-08 states, you may
26 not subsistence fish for salmon in the waters of
27 Unalaska Lake, its tributaries and outlet streams.
28 Federal public waters comprise Unalaska Lake, also
29 known as Iliuliuk Lake, and its tributaries and outlet
30 streams, which are within and adjacent to the exterior
31 boundaries of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife
32 Refuge.

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34 This closure was incorporated into
35 Federal regulations from existing State regulations in
36 2001. In 1997 this closure was in the proposed rule
37 for the management of fish in navigable waters in
38 addition to non-navigable waters, Board justification
39 was that the proposed wording of these sections is
40 based on the existing State subsistence regulations
41 with some exceptions. There have been no previous
42 reviews of this closure.

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44 This system has been identified to
45 contain coho, pink and sockeye salmon along with Dolly
46 Varden. Minimum escapements indicate that this is
47 currently a very small run, sockeye salmon, around 583
48 and under, pink 605 and under, and coho 21 and under,
49 additionally substantial erosion and siltation within

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1 this system has been observed and may have eliminated
2 shore spawning habitat for sockeye salmon.

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4 Sport fishing under State regulation is
5 the only harvest currently allowed in the system. It
6 occurs downstream from the Alaska Department of Fish
7 and Game regulatory marker and approximately 200 yards
8 long stretch of river. The entire system is closed to
9 fishing for sockeye salmon.

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11 A marine waters State sportfishery
12 takes place in close vicinity to the mouth of the
13 drainage in Margaret's Bay. Subsistence harvest in
14 this area has contributed only a small percentage of
15 overall subsistence harvest in the Unalaska Island area
16 in the past few years, most harvest takes place in
17 Reece Bay near McLees Lake.

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19 The Alaska Department of Fish and Game
20 conducted household subsistence surveys in Unalaska for
21 the 1993 study year. Residents reported harvesting
22 approximately 195 pounds of subsistence foods per
23 person in '93. 28 percent of which, or 55 pounds per
24 person was salmon. Harvest methods for the salmon
25 caught were subsistence methods which are primarily
26 nets, that was 62 percent of the salmon harvest, rod
27 and reel was 34 percent of the harvest, and removal
28 from commercial harvest was only four percent of the
29 harvest. In 2013 Reedy conducted a partial house to
30 house salmon harvest survey in Unalaska and made these
31 observations. Many people go beach seining at Front
32 Beach in Unalaska Bay for salmon in the summer months.
33 The culture camp seines for pinks as well. Pink salmon
34 are the most abundant on the island but the less
35 abundant sockeye is the most desired fish. The decline
36 in sockeye is blamed by locals on road construction,
37 culverts, sediment runoffs and siltation ruining
38 spawning beds. A high school class runs the local coho
39 salmon hatchery in the Iliuliuk River and the students
40 are stewards of the river and its fish.

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42 If the closure were removed, the
43 Federal subsistence regulations for the Unalaska
44 district would apply; salmon could be taken by seine or
45 gillnet and gillnets would have to be physically
46 supervised at all times when in use. In the Unalaska
47 district salmon harvest is limited to 25 salmon plus an
48 additional 25 salmon for each family member of a
49 household listed on a permit.

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1 So I'm going to run through
2 alternatives considered regarding this closure.

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4 So alternatives considered upon a
5 review of a closure include, maintaining the status
6 quo; eliminating the closure if no longer necessary;
7 modifying the timing of the closure; or eliminating the
8 closure and restricting legal gear and harvest limits.

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10 Salmon returns in the Iliuliuk drainage
11 are small and remain a conservation concern. However,
12 the system does support some sport opportunity.
13 Maintaining the status quo, which would continue to
14 allow sportfishing while prohibiting subsistence does
15 not provide for a subsistence priority, therefore, this
16 alternative was rejected. Eliminating the closure is
17 also rejected due to the vulnerable status of the
18 salmon population. One modification considered would
19 close the waters of Unalaska Lake, its tributaries and
20 outlet stream to all uses restricting both subsistence
21 fishing and sport opportunity within this drainage.
22 This modification is rejected because the system
23 currently supports a limited harvest under sport
24 regulation and may possibly support a similar
25 opportunity under limited subsistence regulations
26 providing a subsistence opportunity for Federally-
27 qualified subsistence users.

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29 The OSM preliminary conclusion is to
30 modify the closure to allow limited opportunity for
31 subsistence harvest in Unalaska Lake, its tributaries
32 and outlet stream.

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34 Under this modification you may not
35 take sockeye salmon and no more than five salmon per
36 day and five salmon in possession with rod and reel, of
37 which only two may be coho salmon.

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39 Currently this drainage is closed.
40 This is the justification. So currently this drainage
41 is closed to the harvest of salmon by Federally-
42 qualified subsistence users and remains open to other
43 uses. There's likely a small amount of harvest under
44 restricted State sportfishing at the mouth and across
45 the lagoon of the system and through State subsistence
46 in the marine environment. This system should be open
47 to limited subsistence harvest. If this closure is
48 modified to open subsistence harvest of salmon OSM
49 recommends the harvest by restricted to rod and reel

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1 and low harvest and possession limits in order to
2 protect healthy populations of salmon in the system.

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4 And I am done, thank you so much, and
5 I'm ready for your questions.

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7 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
8 Robbin. Anybody have any questions for Robbin, and
9 I'll start with Chris.

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11 MR. PRICE: Hi, Robbin. Thank you for
12 your report and I can sense the concern that OSM has
13 for our fisheries and our tributaries and I appreciate
14 that.

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16 (Teleconference interruption -
17 participants not on mute)

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19 MR. PRICE: Can you guys hear me okay.

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21 REPORTER: Well, hold on just a minute,
22 Chris, please.

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24 MR. PRICE: Okay.

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26 REPORTER: I believe someone is trying
27 to dial in and their phone is on speaker, not yet
28 muted.

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30 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I'm sorry, Madame
31 Chair, Chris, I lost you folks. I had to start over.
32 I'll be quiet, Chris. Thank you.

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34 MR. PRICE: Okay. Okay, thanks, again.
35 So I know a lot of work has gone into this.....

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37 (Teleconference interruption -
38 participants not on mute)

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40 REPORTER: Sorry, Chris, I think Pat's
41 information is still going through on speaker. Hold
42 just a moment please.

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44 MR. PRICE: Okay, are we back on here?

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46 REPORTER: So we are back on line but
47 whoever just came in has an echo on their line. This
48 is Tina, the reporter.

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1 MR. PRICE: Yeah, we got a bad echo
2 now.

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4 REPORTER: Right. So, Pat, if you're
5 on line, I'm thinking that might be your phone. Is
6 there a chance of you taking it off speaker.

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8 MR. HOLMES: I'll try again.

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10 REPORTER: Thank you, Pat. Chris, are
11 you still there?

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13 MR. PRICE: Yeah, I'm here. Did that
14 fix it.

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16 REPORTER: Okay, go ahead, why don't
17 you go ahead and we'll let Pat try to get back on.

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19 MR. PRICE: Okay. Anyway I wanted to
20 just say that we support the conservative measures to
21 try to protect our salmon fisheries right now. They
22 are in a really tough spot here locally. And I know
23 there's a balance between sport and subsistence that
24 needs to be kept. I guess the -- and there seems to
25 be, locally, we have a system where we sort of monitor
26 ourselves. When the runs are low we generally try to
27 take the pressure off by not fishing as much. But the
28 sportfishing has been controversial over the years.
29 Sportfishing out at Summer Bay Lake especially and then
30 I think that's going to be next so I'll probably leave
31 that alone. I think that's a separate report.

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33 But, anyway, I just want to let you
34 guys know we support the conservative.....

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36 (Teleconference interruption -
37 participants not on mute)

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39 MR. PRICE: So are you guys hearing me
40 now?

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42 MR. HOLMES: I think I'm here, this is
43 Pat, I hope I'm on.

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45 MR. PRICE: Hi, Pat. So you probably
46 missed my summary, Pat, but I just made some comments
47 about the concern about the runs here in Unalaska Lake,
48 especially. And then when we get to -- so we're going
49 to talk about Summer Bay Lake separate, is that going

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1 to be a separate conversation?

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MS. LAVINE: That is, yes.

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MR. PRICE: Okay. So I think I'll wait
to comment about sportfishing when we get to that one.

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But in general I appreciate the
conservative measures that you're trying to look at
right now for subsistence and sport in our community
and that we definitely need to increase, if anything,
the conservation measures at this time, in my opinion.
And then I'll go ahead and leave it at that.

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MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
Chris. Does anybody else have any comments for Robbin
in regard to FCR21-08.

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MR. HOLMES: Yes, Madame Chair, this is
Pat.

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MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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MR. HOLMES: I hope you copy me okay.
I knocked the phone on the floor.

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Anyway I think some background would be
necessary here and I don't think was, while motivated
as this concept is, that it will achieve what is
expected. The reason for the sportfishery ending at
the Church Hole, which is only about 300 yards up from
the mouth of the river, maybe four, is because of the
very fragile nature of the amount of fish in the
system. And I think the recent surveys that they've
got with drones are probably some of the highest ones
they've had in 20 or 30 years. I would have expected
you folks to go into the Fish and Game data base,
there's log books in Cold Bay that go back to 1960 with
some attempts at aerial surveys by Glenn Davenport,
later by Arnie Shawl, and then I tried some, couldn't
get it done by air, but I would go and hike up on the
mountain and sit there for hours waiting for the tide
to change and the wind to stop for 15 minutes to count
the lakes and, particularly, Unalaska, and it's just
extremely fragile. The community many years ago went
to the Board of Fish expressed their concerns and
suggested that any fishing stop at the Church Hole and
by having people allowed to fish in the lake for reds,
began subsistence fish and therefore other things if

1 you want, Dollys, but with even a net, but that has to
2 be selective and monitored and run through the area
3 biologist and everything else, but -- but for reds, it
4 would just simply not work. The community, I think
5 would be very much against it. There's quite a
6 conflict in the community when we were out there for
7 our meeting two years ago, several people chewed me
8 out, even though I've been retired for 20 years, about
9 the sportfishermen and their competition in the
10 community with subsistence users. The subsistence
11 folks there, they don't always -- maybe it's changed,
12 Chris, you can correct me, but the harvest on Front
13 Beach is something traditional, it's gone on for
14 thousands of years. I think occasionally they use a
15 beach seine, but maybe Lisa might correct me, but I
16 think a fair amount of it is done by gillnet. The
17 local community through their Advisory Committee has
18 changed that to reduce the harvest by subsistence with
19 nets so that they could try to get more fish up in the
20 creek. And Robbin's spot on about the siltation, I
21 think if you go back 20, 30 years, if there's -- you
22 know, the few surveys that have been done, there was
23 much larger populations there but with the development
24 of housing up the Iliuliuk Valley, and then a huge
25 flood they had, it basically obscured -- if you look at
26 that air photo on Page 20 you can vaguely see the muddy
27 area about maybe 3/8ths to 3/4s of an inch around the
28 south end of the lake, that used to be all alluvial
29 gravel and now the fish have to literally pound and
30 flap in the mud to get enough places for the fish to
31 survive and to be able to, you know, deposit their
32 eggs. And I think if you allowed sportfishing in the
33 stream or in the lake, that that would just really
34 increase the risk of reducing the run further.

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36 And so I think while your plan is well
37 motivated, that allowing that just would, A, not be
38 palatable to the community, and, B, it would not be
39 palatable, you know, it would be a risk to the fish.
40 And you need to think in that perspective because
41 several folks, when we were out there the last time,
42 and I hope I'm not repeating myself, they're really
43 upset because probably 2,000 people there are cannery
44 workers and so they're coming and going and, yet,
45 they're getting sportfish licenses and so that creates
46 a big conflict at the mouth of all the small red
47 systems on the road with people snagging fish and it's
48 probably responsible for why they're such small runs in
49 these systems.

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1 So at that I'll let it rest for a
2 minute and see if I can find my notes on other
3 thoughts.

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5 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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7 Oh, it would be good to have maybe the
8 State folks' thoughts and opinions on this,
9 particularly the area biologist and maybe the sportfish
10 folks.

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12 Thank you, Ma'am.

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14 MS. SKINNER: Della.

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16 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead. Go
17 ahead, Rebecca, is that you.

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19 MS. SKINNER: Thanks. Thanks, this is
20 Rebecca, yep. Would you like a motion, I'm just
21 looking at the presentation procedure for closure
22 reviews, I think we've had the Staff analysis, would
23 you like a motion and then we'll continue on with
24 discussion.

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26 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, I think
27 that would be in order, go ahead.

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29 MS. SKINNER: Okay. Yeah, so I'll go
30 ahead and make a motion, I guess is the motion to
31 recommend, is that what the motion should be?

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33 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, this is
34 Donald.

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36 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
37 Donald.

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39 MR. MIKE: Yeah, Madame Chair, thank
40 you. This is Donald Mike, Council coordinator. For
41 the process for this closure review, just a simple
42 motion, in the positive, to move to adopt Federal
43 Closure Review 21-08 and then get into discussion.

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45 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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47 MS. SKINNER: Okay, thanks, Donald.
48 This is Rebecca. Then I move to adopt FCR21-08.

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, do I hear
2 a second to Rebecca's motion.

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4 MS. CHERNOFF: I'll second, this.....

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6 MR. HOLMES: I'll second.

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8 MS. CHERNOFF:is Coral.

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, Coral
11 seconded the motion and we are continuing on with the
12 discussion. As part of the discussion, I think Pat had
13 requested someone from the State maybe or sportfishery
14 to make comments in regards to that, is that right?

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16 MR. POLLUM: Yeah, Madame Chair,
17 this.....

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19 MR. HOLMES: Yes, Ma'am.

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21 MR. POLLUM:is Tyler Pollum in
22 Kodiak, area sportfish biologist.

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24 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Tyler.

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26 MR. POLLUM: Okay. Yeah, so in regards
27 to what the closure review for Unalaska Lake, for
28 sportfishing lake, as many of you know the whole
29 Unalaska Bay area has extensive sportfishing
30 restrictions and subsistence fishing, but I'll let Lisa
31 Fox speak to that if she's available, or if she's on
32 the line.

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34 The community there has been the driver
35 for most of those restrictions just so everybody knows.
36 And so with the full support of the community and in
37 many cases with the community leading the effort to put
38 those restrictions in place, we now have an extensive
39 closure for the Unalaska Lake drainage and so this, as
40 written, the proposal from OSM would allow rod and reel
41 harvest of pinks and coho in Unalaska Lake above the
42 current sportfishing closure, which -- well, everybody
43 mentioned the red run is declining, the sportfishery is
44 closed for reds and it looks like this proposal would
45 keep that, however, the drainage also has a very small
46 coho run as well that does get harvest in sportfishery
47 and probably in subsistence too, but this would allow
48 harvest of pinks and silvers in the lake. It would
49 allow people to use rod and reel gear above the current

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1 closed waters for sportfishing, which is -- seems to be
2 different than what the community had asked for in --
3 not this previous Board of Fish meeting, but the one
4 previous to that, was when they had asked the Board to
5 close all fishing above the Church Hole for salmon, and
6 that was at the request of the community.

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8 So I would just like to point that out,
9 that this would expand opportunity for that, probably
10 would allow for a greater harvest. It would also make
11 it more challenging for the enforcement issues that
12 have been reported on the drainage. So it does present
13 some management challenges in terms of those small
14 salmon runs there.

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16 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
17 Tyler. Any questions for Tyler.

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19 MR. PRICE: Yeah, this is Chris. I
20 have some questions, comments.

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22 So if we were to close all fishing
23 above the Church Hole, would that also include -- I
24 mean some people like to fish Dollies and in the creek,
25 then would that also be closed?

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27 MR. POLLUM: Mr. Price, through the
28 Chair, this is Tyler. Dolly fishing is open in the
29 drainage, the whole drainage still so for sportfishing,
30 that exists. As far as what this proposal would do for
31 that, it looks like it would keep that for under the
32 Federal regulations, but fishing's already closed above
33 the Church Hole right now, this would open up the lake
34 and its tributaries to subsistence fishing with rod and
35 reel. It looks like to me anyway.

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37 MR. PRICE: Yeah, but that would -- if
38 they closed it to subsistence fishing with rod and reel
39 above the Church Hole, would -- I'm trying to figure
40 out, Dollies would still be -- you could still fish for
41 Dollies, that's what I'm trying to figure out.

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43 MR. POLLUM: Yeah, and I would defer to
44 OSM on that and how they would -- what their proposal
45 would do in effect, I guess.

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47 MS. LAVINE: Hello, Chris, thank you
48 Tyler. I might suggest that you could recommend more
49 specific language and that could be closed to all
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1 salmon fishing above the Church Hole and open by a
2 particular gear type to non-salmon fishing. That might
3 be an option. Again, remember this can be -- you can
4 maintain the closure as is, which means there is some
5 limited opportunity for sportfishing under State
6 regulations. The Federal regulation could close to all
7 uses, subsistence and sport, or at least all uses of
8 salmon and then be open to non-salmon harvest with
9 particular gear type restrictions.

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11 MR. PRICE: Then I guess the one other
12 question I would have is has this been proposed to the
13 local Fish and Game Advisory Board, and how would we
14 interact with those folks. I'm also on the Board and
15 they would have, I'm sure, a lot of comments.

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17 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, thank you.

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19 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair, Pat.

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21 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Let's hold up a
22 second here. Maybe before we get to recommendations,
23 can we hear from the State, is that Lisa, to make her
24 comments in regards to this and then to if there's
25 recommended changes or amendments.

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27 MS. FOX: Yeah, hi, Della, this is Lisa
28 in Kodiak. So what I'm reading from this is that the
29 Federal subsistence fishing would like to have as much
30 opportunity as the sportfishing opportunity in Unalaska
31 Lake and its tributaries. And the proposal, or this
32 recommendation doesn't quite match up with the
33 sportfishing regulations, it's a little bit more
34 liberal. And I do believe there are conservation
35 concerns for salmon in the system, so any additional
36 harvesting opportunity, I believe would be a
37 (indiscernible) in that system. If the intent is to
38 mirror the sportfishing regulations so that there's
39 equal opportunity for the subsistence rod and reel as
40 for sportfishing, then the language in this needs to be
41 addressed to reflect that.

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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: You mean.....

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45 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair.

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47 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, Pat, go
48 ahead.

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1 MR. HOLMES: Pat, through the Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, go ahead.

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5 MR. HOLMES: I think it's a matter of
6 perspective and if you lived in the community you would
7 understand it more. I think most folks there would
8 view the fact that sportfishermen have equal
9 opportunity. They actually have, if you're talking
10 about space, more opportunity, because they can fish
11 the beach, they can fish up in the river to the Church
12 Hole, whereas subsistence people cannot, and I really
13 don't see how this proposal would achieve what you're
14 saying as far as equity.

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16 And I'm sorry, also I -- and I'm way
17 out of touch, but it seems to me that there were
18 memorandums of understanding several times between the
19 State and the Federal government about this sort of
20 thing and I think there might have been something as
21 recently as that, conflict in up river Yukon or Tanana
22 with some friend of our Federal House Rep Don Young and
23 that went through the court in and out and came back
24 again, not necessarily in the Federal perspective. I
25 was wondering if there might be anybody there from the
26 State that might have some view on those interactions
27 between the State and the Federal regulation process.

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29 Maybe.....

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31 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, and Della can
32 Rebecca get in line?

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34 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes. Does
35 anybody have any comments in regards to Pat's question.

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37 MR. HOLMES: Maybe George Pappas or
38 Mark Birch, if they're available. I don't know what's
39 the skinny on the interactions.

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41 Thank you.

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43 MR. PAPPAS: Madame Chair, George
44 Pappas. I'm just waiting for Mark to speak.

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46 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Go ahead,
47 Mark.

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49 MR. BIRCH: This is Mark. I don't

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1 really have anything. I don't know if anybody else
2 does from the State but I'm not prepared to that issue
3 right now.
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5 MR. PAPPAS: So, Madame Chair, I can
6 step in. Yes, the MOU that was in existence between the
7 State of Alaska and the Federal Subsistence Board
8 expired in 2014. There was multiple attempts to
9 resuscitate it going out to the review process in both
10 the State and Federal side, and in the end it was
11 dissolved because both sides could not agree upon like
12 verbiage and at this time we just have a professional
13 relationship with the State and we're working under
14 best practices, so we don't have a MOU there, to Pat's
15 concern.
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17 There was a question that came up with
18 Mr. Price about what is the timing of this for being
19 presented to the local Advisory Committee process on
20 the State side; that part of this particular process,
21 Mark is aware of it, the local AC's aware of it, the
22 Board of Fish and Board of Game are aware of the
23 subject matter, so my assumption is it will appear on
24 the agenda for discussion at the local AC as Mr. Price
25 said.
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27 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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29 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
30 George.
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32 Rebecca.
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34 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, I have a question
35 and then I have a comment. My question is, where did
36 this request originate? So what prompted this analysis
37 and preparation of the amended language?
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39 MS. LAVINE: Hello, thank you, Madame
40 Chair. This is Robbin. May I speak?
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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, go ahead,
43 Robbin.
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45 MS. LAVINE: Thank you. Through the
46 Chair, Rebecca. This is a new process that has been
47 under review at the Office of Subsistence Management
48 recognizing that there are a number of closures, both
49 for wildlife and fisheries across the state. Many have
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1 not been reviewed in a very long time, if ever.
2 Initially, i believe that closure reviews could be
3 investigated or sorry instigated by the Council. So
4 the Council could bring up a recommendation to review a
5 particular closure in their region if they thought fit.
6 What has evolved is sometimes is that doesn't happen
7 and so we are looking at a cycle where we, every other,
8 let's say fisheries cycle, we're going to be reviewing
9 half of the closures in all regions. So for this
10 particular fisheries cycle, we have half the closures
11 in your region under review. The next fisheries cycle
12 we'll be looking at the second half. So it brings it
13 up -- it brings it before your notice, it helps us
14 maintain an ability to track the issues, and confirm,
15 you know, whether they're indeed important and need to
16 be maintained or whether we should be looking at
17 opportunities to provide for some subsistence harvest.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MS. SKINNER: Okay, thanks. So that
22 helps me to understand that OSM actually generated
23 this, it wasn't generated based on a request from the
24 community. And I guess I have another followup
25 question before my comment. For this process, is this
26 fisheries closure review, is it already on track to go
27 in front of the Federal Subsistence Board, so if we
28 don't take any action on these today or tomorrow or at
29 this meeting, is it still going to end up in front of
30 the Federal Subsistence Board, or can we, as a Council,
31 basically stop these from going forward altogether.

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33 MS. LAVINE: Hello, Rebecca, this is
34 Robbin, and through the Chair, that's a really good
35 question and give me a moment to confirm, okay, and
36 please continue the discussion. I'm going to take a
37 quick look at the closure review policy. I should have
38 known that question but give me a moment.

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40 Thanks.

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42 MS. SKINNER: Okay, thanks. And then I
43 guess my comment or suggestion is that, I mean I think
44 at a high level, if I'm understanding this particular
45 change in closure correctly, it is actually
46 liberalizing or making more access for subsistence
47 users at Unalaska Lake and the attempt was to make the
48 subsistence access the same as or consistent with the
49 sport access. So I think if as a Council, we decide or
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1 think that that's a good thing, so we feel like we want
2 to go ahead and approve this closure review, then the
3 next thing is we need to amend the language so the
4 subsistence use really is consistent with the sport
5 use, if that's what we're trying to do. I am going to
6 give a lot of weight to what Unalaska -- the Unalaska
7 representative says about this, so if Unalaska thinks
8 that this is a good thing to, again, open up the
9 subsistence access a little bit to make it at least on
10 par with the sport access, which, I mean that makes
11 sense to me, but if Unalaska said, no, that's a bad
12 thing, it's going to cause an issue, I would give that
13 a lot of weight. But from what I'm hearing so far I
14 think at the very least the language needs to be
15 amended so that the subsistence and the sport use are
16 on par and I, perhaps, would look to Lisa Fox to
17 provide that language, but if this isn't a direction
18 the Council wants to go and we're probably going to
19 vote no then I don't really see a need to amend the
20 language.

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22 But I guess that would be my, I guess,
23 recommendation of maybe how to proceed through with
24 this particular action.

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26 Thanks.

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28 MR. KRON: Madame Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Go
31 ahead.

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33 MR. KRON: Yeah, Madame Chair, this is
34 Tom Kron with OSM. The current wording for these
35 closures, for all the closure reviews came originally
36 from State regulations and I'm glad that OSM is
37 reviewing them with you now. It's important to protect
38 our small fishery resources, and at the same time meet
39 the subsistence requirements of ANILCA and that's what
40 we're trying to do, and, again, conservation is
41 paramount. We look forward to the Council's
42 recommendations.

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44 As Pat knows, I served as the ADF&G
45 regional supervisor for Commercial Fisheries Division
46 for the Arctic, Yukon, Kuskokwim region from 1993 to
47 2000. I was responsible for managing both commercial
48 and subsistence fisheries in that region. As such, I
49 have a little bit of familiarity with State fishery
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1 statues and regulations. Federal management adopted
2 these closures from the State regulations 20 years ago.
3 In my opinion, the closures aren't consistent with
4 State law and they sure aren't consistent with ANILCA.
5 Alaska State law AS16.05.258(b) directs the State to
6 "provide a reasonable opportunity for subsistence use
7 first before providing for other uses of any
8 harvestable surplus of fish and game populations."
9 Under ANILCA, Section .804 of Title VIII, the Federal
10 law says, "subsistence uses shall be accorded priority
11 over the taking on such lands of fish and wildlife for
12 the purposes."

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14 OSM Staff are providing a preliminary
15 conclusion and a justification and the analysis for
16 you, we look forward to the Council's recommendations
17 and comments.

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19 And, again, I think the intent is to
20 just try tom, and, again, recognizing the very small
21 resource, the intent is to try to bring the management
22 of that small resource and protection of it in line
23 with ANILCA, with the requirement to provide a
24 subsistence priority. And, again, I think that there's
25 been a lot of good discussion around that issue, but
26 that is the focus here, and in these other closure
27 reviews.

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29 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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31 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.
32 Thank you for that clarification, Tom. So I have a
33 question, and this kind of came up a little bit with my
34 discussion with Robbin yesterday a little bit, too.
35 When you're looking at it being a subsistence priority
36 and then you have the sport, how do you -- how is this
37 going to work when you've got a limited resource and
38 the concern for the impact that this would have,
39 wouldn't the subsistence have a priority over the
40 sports in regard to this resource, or what is the
41 procedure?

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43 MR. KRON: Madame Chair, again, Tom
44 Kron with OSM. Again, the law says subsistence uses
45 shall be accorded priority. So, again, that's at the
46 heart of the analysis that Robbin provided. So I guess
47 my recommendation would be to look at it from that
48 perspective and we need to protect the resource first
49 and I heard discussion about not allowing salmon

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1 fishing above the slough there at the mouth, but
2 allowing Dolly Varden fishing, so, again, the law
3 requires that subsistence is a priority and how, you
4 know, we deal with all the other fisheries is an issue
5 for the Council to look at, consider it, make
6 recommendations on it.

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8 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Tom.

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12 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair.

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14 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, I
15 think that was you Natasha?

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17 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
18 Robbin.

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20 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Oh, go ahead,
21 Robbin.

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23 MS. LAVINE: One of the options, again,
24 that we can consider especially in these really
25 vulnerable watersheds -- so there's a couple of options
26 when conservation is a great concern. Certainly you
27 can -- you can actually modify the closure and that
28 modification is closed to all uses, so that would
29 include subsistence or sport -- and sport, and so
30 closed to all uses, or you can modify the closure to be
31 closed to all but subsistence uses; you can modify the
32 closure to close to all -- close the subsistence
33 fishing -- or the fishing of salmon to all uses, but
34 not the non-salmon fish. So there's a number of
35 different directions you could go, and I'm sorry that
36 it's going to be a bit of a tangle until we get into
37 the rhythm of these kind of reviews.

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39 Thanks.

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41 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
42 Robbin. Yeah, it's been awhile, I think.

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44 Chris, hearing all that and deferring
45 to you at this point, what are your thoughts in regards
46 to this?

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48 MR. PRICE: Well, my first thought is
49 I've got to bring this before the local Fish and Game

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1 Advisory Board. If I don't do that then I'm not going
2 to have much support when I work those folks on that
3 board. So I think there's a lot of support for the
4 conservation measures, it's just that they probably
5 don't know anything about what we're talking about here
6 today. So that would be my first thought.

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8 And then the second thought would be,
9 you know, my general thing would be to close all
10 fishing above the Church Hole until the subsistence
11 needs can be met, which is mostly when people fish on
12 the front beach, until that run starts to come back,
13 and then also trying to protect the coho run as well.

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15 So those are my general thoughts. I
16 don't think I could vote for this now unless it's --
17 the way it is because I really have to -- you know, I
18 need to meet with the local Fish and Game Advisory
19 Board, that's just something that I feel that I would
20 have to do.

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22 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, Chris.
23 So, Chris, hearing that, I'm going to ask the
24 representative from your tribe whether they have a
25 comment in regard to this discussion.

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27 MS. POE: Madame Chair, this is
28 Chandra Poe, I'm the environmental director for the
29 Qawalangin Tribe. And I would echo Chris' sentiments
30 about the importance of some local coordination.

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32 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Hearing
33 all this, I'm trying to -- in my mind I understand we
34 all have to take into consideration who we represent
35 and what the -- what we -- how we all play into this
36 process, understanding that the conservation is the
37 issue of priority here right now, and then the second
38 being the subsistence user. Robbin, do you have a
39 recommendation on potential wording for this?

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41 MR. HOLMES: May I make a suggestion --
42 a comment, Madame Chair, that might give a little
43 clarity?

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45 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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47 MR. HOLMES: Pardon me for
48 interrupting, Madame Chair and Robbin.

1 I think one thing that, you know, OSM
2 is looking at this as sportfishing is a subsistence
3 user group. If you look at the community and most
4 communities, subsistence is not restricted to any
5 particular -- I mean it may be specified gillnet and
6 seine and a lot of people take their catch when they
7 sport catch and use it for subsistence but particularly
8 in Unalaska if somebody catches fish, and I forget the
9 fellow that owns the one seine in town, beach seine,
10 the people that do the gillnetting, everybody shares,
11 and so it's not the fact that just because Michael
12 Berastoff (ph) doesn't have a gillnet anymore and he's
13 80 years old or whatever, if he needs fish he might go
14 out with his fishing pole and catch a couple, but he's
15 going to get most of his fish from his neighbor or
16 he'll call up Chris or he'll call the Q Tribe or the
17 Unalaska Corporation and say, gee, I need some fish,
18 and to me, I think that the whole question of having to
19 have sportfish for subsistence is really not necessary
20 when you look at the traditional sharing that's
21 implicit with the whole concept of subsistence and
22 particularly at Unalaska and smaller communities in the
23 Western Gulf of Alaska and the Aleutians and so I think
24 you're looking at this gear type thing from an urban
25 perspective in Anchorage as bureaucrats rather than
26 within local people. And I think if anything, Chris'
27 comment, is that the whole discussion should go through
28 the Advisory Committee, whether even having sportfish
29 gear for subsistence in the river is even necessary.

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31 So with that I'll rest, Madame Chair,
32 but we need to think about how people live and how they
33 share and having a fishing pole is not necessarily mean
34 they're discriminated against, they're going to get
35 their fish from the common all anyway unless there's
36 somebody from a cannery that's cheating and lying. And
37 that's, I think, the biggest worry of the folks I've
38 met out at Unalaska and other places on the Peninsula,
39 is outsiders lying and cheating and getting something
40 and so you need to think about those things.

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42 So thank you very much, Madame Chair.
43 And Robbin, I think your options are reasonable to
44 discuss but I think you should toss the whole questions
45 to the local community first.

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47 Thank you.

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49 MS. SKINNER: Della.

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
2 Rebecca.

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4 MS. SKINNER: Thanks, yeah, this is
5 Rebecca. I guess I take a -- I don't completely
6 disagree with what Pat said about the sharing and the
7 network but I do take issue with this concept that
8 catching fish for subsistence purposes with a rod and
9 reel is, I don't know, not real or doesn't happen. You
10 know, my family of seven was based -- I mean we ate
11 subsistence foods, that was what we ate, but it was not
12 caught with a gillnet, it was caught with a rod and
13 reel. And so when I'm looking at this, to me there's a
14 lot of logic, that for whatever reason some people may
15 not have access to a boat and a net and they're going
16 to get their fish with a rod and reel, I don't view
17 that as sport, I view that as you're going to get your
18 fish and you're using the tools that you have
19 available. All of that being said, I do agree that
20 this needs to be a community discussion in Unalaska and
21 like I said I'm going to give a lot of weight to what
22 Unalaska says. So if they feel like this is not ripe
23 for decision and, I mean I don't want to weigh in and
24 recommend or not recommend, change, that really is
25 impacting Unalaska when they are asking for more local
26 discussion.

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28 I am also wondering, Robbin, if you
29 were able to find an answer to whether this action or
30 this closure review, is it on track to going to the
31 Federal Subsistence Board regardless of what we do
32 today, or can we -- I guess my concern is if we don't
33 do anything with this today because we want it to go
34 back to Unalaska, but this is already on track to go in
35 front of the Federal Subsistence Board at the next
36 meeting or the meeting after that, I don't want to miss
37 an opportunity to give input and I'm just not familiar
38 with what the process is for these closures. So were
39 you able to find an answer to that?

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41 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Rebecca.
42 Through the Chair. Yeah, there's -- in reviewing the
43 policy on closures, it does appear, and I'm saying this
44 with caution because this is a new policy like our non-
45 rural policy. So these two new policies that we're
46 kind of rolling out now, you all are, congratulations
47 here, you're test subjects, you're test driving these
48 through. It does appear that it will go through the
49 whole review process and the next step, the next review

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1 that will take place after the Council's review will be
2 the ISC and then it will go before the Board at the end
3 of January, beginning of February, around that time.

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5 So it is on track.

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7 But what I'm hearing, what I'm hearing
8 from the Council, is I'm hearing across the region
9 concern and support for the conservation of these
10 vulnerable systems. I'm also hearing across the
11 region, from the Council members, that you are
12 supportive and very interested in local perspectives
13 and -- and local guidance, just as I go to you for
14 guidance, you are going to the community that will be
15 most impacted and is most impacted by this closure and
16 this closure review. So I'm hearing these things.

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18 I'm also hearing, locally, that there
19 is great importance for local representatives of local
20 coordination among the agencies. I'm sure that the
21 Board and the ISC would love to hear all of your
22 concerns and all of the -- can summarize the statements
23 that you have been sharing with us. And as you express
24 your concerns, and these various different points,
25 potentially that goes before the Board as an executive
26 summary, there may also be time in between now and then
27 to check in with all of the various different interest
28 groups at a local level and to have a representative,
29 as we often do, at the Federal Subsistence Board,
30 provide comments that will help the Board in their
31 deliberation.

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33 Thank you.

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35 MR. KRON: Madame Chair.

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37 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead.

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39 MR. KRON: Yeah, Madame Chair. This is
40 Tom Kron again. And just another option for you to
41 consider, again, this is before the Council for your
42 recommendation, one option would be, for example, for
43 the Council to defer until you get the input you want
44 from the local Advisory Committee. At the same time
45 you might be able to provide some recommendations for
46 things that you would like to adhere to, adhere to the
47 law, provide a subsistence priority, but at the same
48 time provide conservation. So adding some direction
49 along those lines but deferring is totally within what

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1 you could do. We've seen a number of Councils defer to
2 other Councils, for example, but you could defer on
3 this decision for those reasons and provide direction.

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5 Thank you.

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7 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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9 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Tom.

10 You know in looking at this and then as we go through
11 this, I think the next two are also Unalaska closure
12 reviews, and as you read this it, you know, basically
13 does say you may not subsistence fish and when I -- you
14 know, I think about our meeting and the discussion I've
15 had with people when we've had our meetings in Unalaska
16 and I wish I could take the time to talk to Vincent a
17 little bit about what his thoughts are in regard to
18 this because I always depended heavily on a lot of his
19 history and knowledge about Unalaska also. So I'm not --
20 to be honest with you, I'm not exactly sure where we
21 go with this at this time.

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23 Chris, what are your thoughts, I know
24 you wanted to wait so should we just, as a Council --
25 what is your recommendation?

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27 MR. PRICE: I mean I'll comment again,
28 I think all three of these would be controversial if I
29 didn't have some background meetings with the local
30 Fish and Game Advisory Board and, UNFA, the Unalaska
31 Native Fishermen's Association, so I think we just need
32 some time to go through it. And then probably the
33 people from OSM to actually be on the phone to explain
34 to the community what -- I mean I know we can do that
35 as a community, I know that we'll come up with the best
36 solution but it's just -- this is new, this is new to
37 me and new, probably to a lot of the community so I
38 think we need a little more time to kind of digest it.
39 But I know when we're looking at -- I mean if we need
40 to do closures we can't wait around either, so I'm
41 ready to make decisions, it's just that we need some
42 time to discuss it locally also what's going on here
43 with these proposals.

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45 MS. SKINNER: Madame Chair.

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47 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair.

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49 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think I heard

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1 -- was that you Rebecca, maybe, or.....

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MS. SKINNER: Yeah, it was.

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MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: And then Pat.

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Okay, Rebecca.

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MS. SKINNER: Okay, thank you. So given everything that we've heard, I -- it seems like maybe the best course of action for the Unalaska, for all three of these, is for our Council to state a -- you know, state that we're taking no action but then have, you know, several bullet points that articulate some of the major points that have come up in this discussion. So to me, the first major point is, that these closure reviews need to be run by the local community first. I mean I do think it's unfair that this is the first time anybody has seen these at this RAC meeting and we don't have the benefit of knowing what the local community thought or giving the -- because, you know, there are different user groups in a community and I completely understand where Chris is coming from, that if he does go on the record supporting this or voting on this and it's perceived as, you know, harmful to the sports users, that does have the potential of, you know, creating bad feelings and could interfere with working relationships. I mean that's a legitimate concern. And I think it's fair that the local community should have first crack at what's their reaction to this proposal.

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So I think the first bullet would be the local community needs to weigh in and they should be weighing in before the RAC weighs in.

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It seems like the second bullet is that we are prioritizing conservation concerns.

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And then the third bullet, I don't know that we've talked about it -- like I don't think I've heard quite as much from each of the Council members saying this, but the subsistence -- subsistence should be a priority, although, I mean you can see how that might be in conflict with what sports users think, but, I think from our Council's perspective that is important. However, these things, they do need to be kind of weight and balanced at a local level and we haven't had that opportunity.

1 So it seems like that's kind of the
2 direction this is going, that we're not going to
3 support this or oppose it, we're probably going to take
4 no action but I do think we need to explain so the
5 Federal Subsistence Board has something in front of it,
6 why we didn't take action. And that, you know, when we
7 go into the next round of these closures, hopefully the
8 process can get tweaked so that the local community is
9 getting pulled into the discussion first.

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11 That's all I had, thank you.

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13 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
14 Rebecca.

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16 MR. KRON: Madame Chair.

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18 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Tom.

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20 MR. KRON: Yeah, again, just another
21 option for you to consider, you could ask that these
22 closure reviews, these three, if they're going to be
23 lumped together, could all be deferred until after your
24 next meeting in the winter of 2021 or after some other
25 time when you've been able to get this local input.
26 Again, this issue has been there for 20 years, to let
27 it wait for another year or two is not a major problem,
28 it's just that we've got a conflict with the law and we
29 want to provide a subsistence priority, we want to
30 protect the resource, how do we do that. And, again,
31 you could ask that it be deferred to a time into the
32 future when you've been able to get this input from the
33 local Advisory Committee.

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35 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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37 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Tom.

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39 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair, Pat.

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41 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, you had a
42 comment. Go ahead.

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44 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, Madame Chair, Pat
45 here. I guess the one thing that's in my mind, myself,
46 if it came to a vote, I'd vote it down. But I would go
47 along also with, I think deferment is the best plan,
48 but I would ask again, is there a gear problem, has
49 that been identified in the previous subsistence

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1 surveys. I believe there's one that's supposed to be
2 initiated soon, isn't there, Chris, and so I think you
3 need to see if the community is a problem, then if
4 there is a problem then it goes to the Advisory
5 Committee for discussions but I think part of this
6 discussion should also be including the local agencies
7 there because Fish and Game, Commercial Fisheries, is
8 the ones that have to do the permits and the handling
9 of all that, Sportfish is the one to look at to see if
10 they, you know, that impact, and then you also have to
11 look at they have a tap there as to whether that is a
12 reason not to be up in the lake. And so I think the
13 whole thing will come down to now and I would probably
14 go along with Becky to defer the whole thing until we
15 have that local input, look at the subsistence surveys,
16 visit the community, you've got the tribe, corporation,
17 the city, a lot of folks that participate, and, really,
18 they should be talking about this and getting advise
19 from the respective agencies.

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21 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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23 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.
24 I would fully agree. I think having the two Advisory
25 Councils in Unalaska review this with -- public
26 participation, I think, is important, because as we go
27 through these, I mean I think it's been longer than 10
28 years -- like he said, 20 years, I think Tom may have
29 said, and when we look at the conservation issues of
30 concern and that appears in this past summer for a lot
31 of us, this fishery, fish are of concern, so I think we
32 need to be careful, I think what we do, but we want to
33 do something that's going to protect the species and
34 protect the use of it.

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36 The one question I do have, when we are
37 talking about the subsistence user, and in the case of
38 sports and the reference to saying cannery at this --
39 cannery workers at this time, what is the residency
40 requirement just so we all are clear as if you are
41 classified as a subsistence user, a Federally-
42 recognized subsistence user in a community, is there a
43 residency requirement, is it -- like the city has a
44 residency -- say if you live in King Cove for 30 days
45 you're a resident, what is the residency or is there a
46 time limit as to the qualification for a subsistence
47 user.

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49 Tom.

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1 MR. KRON: Yeah, Della, Tom Kron here.
2 And, again, I'm going to ask Robbin if she would weigh
3 in, I believe it's one year requirement to be in a
4 rural area to be considered to be a Federally-qualified
5 rural subsistence user, but, again, I'm asking Robbin
6 if she could confirm that for me.

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8 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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10 MS. LAVINE: Hello, Madame Chair, this
11 is Robbin LaVine. And, I don't know if there's a -- I
12 don't think that there's a 12 month limit, you know,
13 that you must be a rural resident for 12 months, but I
14 think there has to be some demonstration that you are a
15 rural resident for a significant amount of time, that
16 your primary residence is a rural address, and I -- I
17 think -- I mean I -- and let me review in our
18 regulation books as well, but generally you must be a
19 resident of a rural locations, 30 days won't do it, and
20 certainly not if you are a temporary resident for
21 economic opportunity only.

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23 Thank you.

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25 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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27 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, this is
28 Donald.

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30 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I had recalled
31 -- go ahead, Donald.

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33 MR. MIKE: Yeah, just for the Council's
34 reference, if you look in our HandyDandy, our fishing
35 regulations, if you're looking for resident, and
36 resident means, any person who has his or her primary
37 permanent home for the previous 12 months within
38 Alaska, and whenever absent from his primary permanent
39 home, the person has the intention of returning to it.

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41 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. I
44 just wanted to bring that up, that's what I recalled
45 also was the one year.

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47 So then another question, I think for
48 everybody is timing, is it possible to have public
49 meetings or meetings in Unalaska in regard to these
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1 three proposals prior to our winter meeting so that
2 maybe we could put this back on the agenda?

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4 MR. PRICE: Madame Chair, this is Chris
5 here. I think Miranda or Lisa might know when the next
6 AC meeting is in Unalaska and we could definitely put
7 this on the agenda for that meeting. I'm not sure when
8 the next one is.

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So the next --
11 all three of these for your next meeting?

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13 MR. PRICE: Yeah, we could put them all
14 three into the next meeting. But I don't know if Lisa
15 Fox, if she knows when our next -- it's usually Miranda
16 here in the local office that organizes that, but as
17 soon as I know that, at the next AC meeting, we could
18 do a presentation of this regulation/proposal.

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20 MS. CHERNOFF: Yeah, this is Coral,
21 Della.

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23 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Coral.

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25 MS. CHERNOFF: Yeah, I have a question
26 for -- or maybe a request for Chris, if this is
27 deferred, I would like to see it not only go to the AC,
28 but maybe in front of a special tribal meeting or a
29 tribal meeting since those people -- what -- like I
30 would be more likely to attend a subsistence issue at
31 my tribe than at the local Fish and Game Advisory
32 meeting and so I was wondering if that's something that
33 could happen.

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35 MR. PRICE: And that's a good point.
36 But we kind of have our local group pretty stacked
37 towards where we like it and then the UNFA group, and
38 so we're pretty much all the same people on that board.
39 So we could also -- the UNFA meeting and the tribe and
40 the AC meeting, we could do all three for a
41 presentation; that's not a problem. It's just getting
42 everybody to be able to meet so often is the hard part
43 under the current situations.

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45 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: And, Chris, this
46 is Della. I agree with Coral. You know I weigh
47 heavily on what the tribe would like to do and I have a
48 feeling between the two groups we're going to be able
49 to make a solid recommendation on how to proceed with
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1 this. I think it's better to have ate done together
2 and having people from the public in the community be
3 able to make comment to this; none of these thing are
4 easy to do but it's before us to try to resolve, or
5 come to some kind of decisions, I think that we can all
6 live with in the future, I mean, and hopefully the
7 issues, the conservation issues of concern get better
8 and not worse.

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10 So hearing -- are there any other
11 comments.

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13 MS. SKINNER: Della.

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15 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
16 Rebecca.

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18 MS. SKINNER: Oh, yeah, I was just
19 going to make a motion that we defer this but if
20 there's further discussion I'll hold off.

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22 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, I think we
23 do have the motion on the floor, I think to bring this
24 on the table and then I think we would have to take
25 that motion off the floor. I'm trying to remember who
26 made that motion.

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28 MS. SKINNER: I did.

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30 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, this is
31 Donald.

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33 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
34 Donald.

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36 MR. MIKE: Yeah, my understanding for
37 this FCR was that the motion was to adopt FCR for
38 discussion and so I guess the next step is make a
39 formal motion to defer these FCRs.

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41 Thank you.

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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Rebecca
44 you were the maker of the last motion, then.....

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46 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, I mean I think we
47 can just do a motion to defer, I believe that that's
48 allowable or appropriate under Robert's Rules, so I'll
49 just make a motion to defer, you know, action on this

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1 until our winter meeting and that assumes that we have
2 the feedback from the local Unalaska community.

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4 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So my question,
5 I think -- do I hear a second.

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7 MR. HOLMES: Second. Pat.

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9 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Second by Pat.
10 Call for question.

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12 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, this is
13 Donald, before we move on.

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15 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
16 Donald.

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18 MR. MIKE: Yeah, the maker of the
19 motion moved to defer the Federal Closure Reviews, so
20 does that include Federal Closure Review 21-08, 21-09
21 and 29-11; that's my question.

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23 Thank you.

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25 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: That was my
26 question also.

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28 MS. SKINNER: Yeah.....

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30 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair.

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32 MS. SKINNER: Sorry, go ahead.

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34 MR. HOLMES: Becky, I think that these
35 other things in the other areas up the Peninsula and on
36 Kodiak as well and Afognak, I mean we can start working
37 our way up, but I think we should defer this one but we
38 may want to -- on the ones that we -- folks from the
39 respective areas, might feel that will go through the
40 same thing, that's something to think about.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MS. SKINNER: Okay. So I feel like
45 we've -- so I don't disagree with Pat, but I feel like
46 our discussion so far has been just on Unalaska and so
47 I am -- I don't want to wrap in the other areas outside
48 of Unalaska yet just because we haven't talked about
49 them at all. But I think that I heard Chris correctly,

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1 that he would -- that he's on board with all three of
2 these being deferred, so I would clarify that my motion
3 to defer included FCR21-08, FCR21-09 and FCR21-11.

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5 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Do we
6 hear a second to -- we had a second by Pat, I believe,
7 for Rebecca's motion.

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9 MR. HOLMES: Yes, Madame Chair, I'd
10 friendly agreement on that.

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12 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Call for
13 question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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15 IN UNISON: Aye.

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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Opposed, same
18 sign.

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20 (No opposing votes)

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22 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. And I
23 guess we will move on to the next one.

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25 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, if I can
26 interrupt quickly. Who called the question on that
27 last motion?

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29 MS. SKINNER: I don't think anybody
30 called the question, Della just went ahead and asked if
31 -- and took a vote, because if you call for the
32 question, you really have to vote on calling the
33 question and then you have to vote on the underlying
34 motion so, you know, I think we voted on the issue.

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36 MR. MIKE: Well, thank you for the
37 clarification, sorry. Sorry to interrupt, thanks.

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39 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: No, that's okay.
40 So moving on to FCR21-13. I'm going to be honest,
41 before you even go through this, that I'm going to
42 recommend that we do the same thing because I would
43 like time to talk to people in the communities, I'd
44 like to talk to people in Cold Bay on what their
45 thoughts are on this. And so I would also ask to have--
46 recommend that we have this one deferred also.

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48 MS. SKINNER: Madame Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
2 Rebecca.

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4 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, so I'll make a
5 motion to -- so I'm going to make a motion and then I'm
6 hoping there'll be just a minute or two, you know, a
7 little bit of discussion at least about, you know,
8 deferring all of these so we can get something on the
9 record saying that that made sense to us. But my
10 motion is to defer the rest of these closure reviews,
11 so FCR21-13, FCR21-16, FCR21-18 and FCR21-10, deferring
12 to our winter meeting, and, again, that's provided that
13 we have the local feedback that we're looking for.

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15 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
16 Rebecca. Do I hear a second to Rebecca's motion.

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18 MS. CHERNOFF: Second, this is.....

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20 MR. HOLMES: Second.

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22 MS. CHERNOFF:Coral.

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24 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Second by Coral.
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26 Discussion.

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28 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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32 MR. HOLMES: A thought on this whole
33 topic area, I think it would be very valuable for folks
34 to, once the meeting is over, to have a -- get a
35 written transcript of this section of the meeting
36 mailed to us, I know it'd probably overload my printer
37 at this point, but -- so that we've got that as a
38 reference point to go back and look at our thoughts and
39 everything that's been presented and I would be more
40 than glad, and probably Sam as well, for Kodiak, to
41 take that to the local AC, when they have their fall
42 meeting, and I'm sure I'd be glad to work with Tom and
43 Natasha to make sure that it gets aired at the Sun'ag
44 and at Village of Afognak because I think that that's --
45 you know, we need to have the AC and the local tribes
46 involved and understanding the whole ball of wax, and
47 get consensus from them.

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49 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.

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3 Any other discussion.

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5 (No comments)

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7 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Hearing none,
8 call for question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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10 IN UNISON: Aye.

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12 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Opposed, same
13 sign.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion carried.
18 Before we move on though, just for clarification,
19 Donald, and maybe Robbin, or possibly Orville, how can
20 we work this to make sure we follow through and try and
21 get these meetings -- get this information out and then
22 trying to coordinate some meetings with the various
23 Advisory Councils and tribes; what are your thoughts
24 are and the process with that?

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26 MR. MIKE: Della, this is Donald.
27 First of all, we will need to find out when exactly the
28 tribes and the local Advisory Committees are going to
29 be meeting, and then we can share the information with
30 them as far as the technical documents that they need
31 to review. So we need to find out exactly when the
32 dates of the meetings are going to be held.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: And then I guess
37 getting this information together and out so we have it
38 available in enough time prior.

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40 MR. MIKE: And, Robbin or Orville, if
41 you have any further input on this process, please feel
42 free to pitch in.

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44 Thanks.

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46 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair.

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48 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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1 MR. HOLMES: I believe that, you know,
2 we've got Natasha is on line there for Native Village
3 of Afognak and I don't know if Tom Lance is still on
4 the phone, but he's the resource person at Sun'aq, so
5 they could go and inquire when their next meeting is.
6 When we get done with this I'll call up Paul Chernavak
7 and see if I can get a vague notion of when they have
8 their meeting, usually it's not until the end of
9 September, isn't that right Sam.

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11 MR. ROHRER: Yeah, that's correct, yep.

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13 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, sounds
14 good.

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16 MR. HOLMES: And then everybody report
17 back in to Donald.

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19 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, that
20 sounds good. Okay, I guess we will move on at this
21 point, Item No. B, Fisheries Resource Monitoring
22 Program. The first one is fisheries -- I don't know,
23 it looks like -- I don't know, is that you Donald on
24 these reports, there's no name at the end of these?

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26 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. The next item
27 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program is Robbin LaVine
28 and Jared Stone.

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30 Thank you.

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32 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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34 MS. LAVINE: Hello, Madame Chair.
35 Members of the Council. Again, this is Robbin LaVine,
36 and my colleague Jared Stone, and I think we have to
37 pivot really quickly, this happened really quickly, so,
38 Jared, do you have our talking points. And while we
39 are waiting for the talking points, the materials that
40 we will be reviewing are the FRMP regional overview.
41 We have -- you should have recently received also the
42 2018 and 2019 priority information needs -- or sorry,
43 2018 and 2020 priority information needs, so that's a
44 separate document, and then the final document is a
45 draft of recommended priority information needs for the
46 2022 call for proposals -- or notice of funding
47 opportunity for the FRMP.

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49 So those are the documents that will
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1 help support our conversation today, and if you have
2 all of those in front of you, I'm going to pass the mic
3 to my colleague Jared Stone.

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5 (Pause)

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7 MR. STONE: Good morning, can everybody
8 hear me okay?

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes.

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12 MR. STONE: All right, I'm switching
13 gears as well so just give me a moment while I pull up
14 my information here.

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16 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I just -- if we
17 can hold on a second. I think we've put you both on
18 the spot pretty fast here, Donald, and we're moving
19 right along on this agenda, I'm wondering if we can --
20 because people might want to take a little bit more
21 time to take this one up first after lunch, and maybe
22 we can kind of talk a little bit about Item C, which is
23 something on the agenda that we can basically -- we
24 usually put this to the last of our agenda, but to kind
25 of keep thinking about that, and then I'm wondering if
26 we can just move on to the D and the individual C&T
27 process guidelines and that piece of it, and then at
28 1:00 o'clock when we come back go to the Fisheries
29 Resource Monitoring Program.

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31 Because a lot of this stuff came out
32 late yesterday and I'm hoping everybody had time to go
33 through it. If you didn't, maybe you want to do it
34 during your lunch break. Does that sound okay to
35 everyone?

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37 MS. SKINNER: Hey, Della.

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39 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead.

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41 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, thanks, this is
42 Rebecca. I just realized that there's no place on the
43 agenda for the report out on the sea otter working
44 group, so if you're looking for something to fill the
45 next little bit, I can give a report out on the sea
46 otter working group. I know it's not on the agenda
47 right now, and I missed the ball in not getting it
48 specifically added, but I did want to -- I was supposed
49 to give a report out on our discussion.

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1 So if you could figure out where you
2 want that, and I'm ready to do it now if that works.

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4 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I would agree.
5 If we can go ahead and do that then we'll break for
6 lunch and then give time for Robbin and Jared for their
7 presentation and also for everyone to get a chance to
8 review that unless anyone disagrees, I guess we can go
9 ahead.

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11 MS. SKINNER: Okay. Yeah, I figured
12 other people probably didn't want to get caught trying
13 to immediately prepare to give a presentation either so
14 okay.

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16 Okay, so I'm going to report out on the
17 sea otter working group that the RAC formed a few
18 meetings back. So just a reminder that the sea otter
19 working group members are Chris Price, Coral Chernoff,
20 Melissa Berns, Natasha Hayden, and Rebecca Skinner. We
21 had our -- I guess it would be our first meeting on
22 August 26th and in attendance were Coral Chernoff and
23 Rebecca Skinner, and then Donald Mike.

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25 The first thing that we did is we
26 reviewed/talked about the Federal Subsistence Board
27 response to our annual report. They had quite a
28 lengthy response in regard to the sea otter issue. And
29 I think the high level takeaway from that response was --
30 well, one, they summarized the pieces of data
31 regarding sea otter populations, or presentations we've
32 had about sea otters over time. And one of the big
33 takeaways is that the most recent population data is
34 fairly dated, it's from, you know, 2014, 2015, I think
35 time period, so we don't have good more recent
36 population data.

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38 The second big takeaway recommendation
39 from the Federal Subsistence Board was their
40 encouragement that the -- if sea otters are something
41 that the RAC is continuing to be engaged on, to be
42 involved in other existing committees or organizational
43 meetings that deal with sea otters. So for example,
44 IPComm or the Sea Otter Commission, or other gatherings
45 like the Sea Otter stakeholder meeting they had down in
46 Juneau last fall. So the second big thing we talked
47 about was the Sea Otter stakeholder meeting that was
48 down in Juneau last fall. Coral Chernoff attended that
49 and in the Federal Subsistence Board report, or their
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1 response, it was noted that several times that they had
2 invited members of the RAC to come to the stakeholder
3 meeting, I guess I have to say it felt like it did take
4 effort to kind of get us down there. So while I
5 appreciate we were able to send someone, I think there
6 was a lot of local effort, you know, Kodiak effort that
7 went into getting somebody to that meeting. The final
8 report from that stakeholder group has not been
9 published yet. I think originally it was supposed to
10 come out several months after the meeting, it didn't.
11 Then it was supposed to come out in July or August, and
12 it didn't. So as far as I know, unless Donald has an
13 update, that final report is not yet available.

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15 The next thing we talked about -- so
16 reflecting back to the Federal Subsistence Board
17 recommendation that we, you know, become involved with
18 these other, you know, kind of ongoing meetings, we
19 specifically talked about sending a representative to
20 the next IPCoMM and the next Sea Otter Commission
21 meeting and the recommendation out of the committee,
22 which was me, I recommended that Coral attend because
23 of the continuity since she attended the stakeholder
24 meeting in Juneau, but, again, we had pretty sparse
25 committee turnout, so I just want to be up front that
26 of the two people that were at the meeting, you know, I
27 recommended that Coral go. But I do think, again,
28 because Coral attended the stakeholder meeting down in
29 Juneau, she's going to have all of the -- kind of the
30 context and background from that discussion which may
31 be helpful in attending these other meetings so that
32 with the point that the KRAC can get a better
33 understanding of how to effectively kind of weigh in on
34 or engage with the sea otter management issues.

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36 We also requested the charters for both
37 IPCoMM and the Sea Otter Commission and this is so that
38 our sea otter working group can better understand the
39 kind of scope and function of those two entities and
40 also get a better sense of how they work as we start
41 interfacing more with them.

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43 And then we did discuss the need for
44 more recent population data and noted the lack of
45 current population counts in the Kodiak area. So
46 previously, again, back -- I think 2014 was the last
47 set of data, I think, Fish and -- or Refuge Staff, I
48 think it was Refuge -- we had a -- there was a Refuge
49 biologist that put together and presented sea otter

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1 population data and I believe that that data came from
2 area surveys, I think the otters were kind of counted
3 as like an ancillary species count, it might have been
4 in conjunction with bird surveys, I'm not sure, but
5 nonetheless, the most recent data we have from that is
6 quite dated. So we wished to see more current data
7 from that. And one of the potential places where there
8 might be more population data is the five year
9 Endangered Species Act review that is being conducted
10 on sea otters, I'm assuming that may have more current
11 population data, but we did note a request for that
12 report -- that review report when it becomes available.

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14 So those are the highlights of what we
15 talked about at the working group meeting. And I guess
16 I'd like to give Coral a chance, if I've missed
17 anything, and then Donald as well. So I guess we'll go
18 to Coral first.

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20 MS. CHERNOFF: Yeah, thanks, Rebecca,
21 for the report. I don't have anything additional to
22 add. I think you covered it.

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24 MS. SKINNER: All right, thanks. And
25 then, Donald, did you have anything else you wanted to
26 add or were there any updates on like the stakeholder
27 report out from that Juneau meeting.

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29 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
30 Thank you, Rebecca, for the excellent report. First of
31 all, for the other working group members, you know,
32 it's been a hard spring and summer and trying to get
33 people together and have a working group meeting. But
34 my initial thought on this working group meeting was to
35 get together and get all the information we need to
36 start this dialogue and discussion.

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38 And as far as the stakeholder report,
39 the last I heard the report has not received final
40 approval for distribution so we're still waiting on
41 that report.

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43 And the other thing the working group
44 discussed, was, you know, we identified Coral Chernoff
45 as the representative from this working group to attend
46 other forums on sea otters like ICoMM or the Sea Otter
47 Commission, or the Marine Mammal Commission, so we'll
48 need to find some outside funding to send
49 representatives to those forums so that this working

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1 group can be more informed. But looking at one of the
2 websites, on the Marine Mammal Commission their annual
3 meeting has been postponed due to the Covid pandemic
4 that is going on. So, thank you, but I'd like to
5 continue this working group and get all the information
6 together and then move forward from there.

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8 Thank you Coral and Rebecca.

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10 Madame Chair.

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12 MS. HAYDEN: Madame Chair, this is
13 Natasha, may I speak please?

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15 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes, go ahead,
16 Natasha.

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18 MS. HAYDEN: So thanks for the report,
19 Rebecca, thanks Donald. There's a couple of things.

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21 I had been -- I had responded to an
22 email from Donald about scheduling this meeting and I
23 didn't ever receive any confirmation of what time the
24 meeting was. I appreciate all the work, I think it is
25 all very thorough and comprehensive. I don't think
26 that I would like for us to have considered that an
27 official workgroup meeting. I had requested multiple
28 times to be involved from the very beginning of this
29 effort. On our tribal side we have been working -- I
30 have been on the tribal council for six years, ever
31 since I started on the tribal council we've been
32 working on trying to address the issue of Alaska
33 Natives eligibility for marine mammal harvesting.
34 Others in our region have been working on this issue
35 for decades. I would really like for us to have an
36 actual workgroup meeting where more of the -- more of
37 us who had -- well, I want to be involved in this, I
38 mean I think that it is premature for the workgroup to
39 have gone through that process and then designated one
40 of the two members that had participated in it as the
41 representative of this body.

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43 I'm not really sure how I would request
44 to proceed other than scheduling another meeting to
45 basically, you know, start at the beginning versus
46 starting where this summary, or this, you know, where
47 this report leaves off. I have had -- I personally
48 have been working on and engaging with, you know,
49 Federal representatives and different representatives

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1 through AFN and IPCoMM to try to address this issue and
2 I would really like an opportunity for us to restart
3 this effort with all of those of us who had requested
4 to be involved.

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6 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, this is
7 Donald.

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9 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
10 Donald.

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12 MR. MIKE: Yeah, thank you for your
13 comments, Natasha. I'm sorry -- my apologies if I
14 didn't get you an email, but I've been trying to get
15 this working group together to meet, but, for me, I
16 certainly can take your comment seriously about getting
17 this working group back together again and hit a reset
18 button, but for this working group, the first working
19 group meeting, I wanted to get together to get all the
20 information together and plan what our next strategies
21 are and go from there.

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23 Thank you, Natasha, for your comments.

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25 MS. HAYDEN: Sure, thanks, Donald, I
26 appreciate that. I mean I would be fine if the outcome
27 of the workgroup meeting was a summary of information
28 that had been collected and discussed, but what I'm
29 hearing is is that the workgroup had designated a
30 representative of the RAC to interface with these other
31 organizations, and I'm not supportive of that right now
32 without having all five of us participate.

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34 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair, Pat.

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36 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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38 MR. HOLMES: I'm kind of foggy but I
39 think I may have made the motion, or certainly
40 participated in the discussion for putting this group
41 together after listening in previous meetings and then
42 talking with Michael -- sorry, can't remember his name,
43 he's the nephew of John Little [sic] -- John -- he
44 works for the Sitka Tribe, had pointed out that they
45 were looking for more participation in our neck of the
46 woods, and so having other Council's comments on this
47 and their impact on subsistence, you know, I believe
48 that -- I suggested that Natasha and Coral kind of be
49 taking the lead on this, so I think that would be a

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1 good thing to do, and for folks, local, to just kind of
2 figure it out, but I would think that Natasha would
3 also be a good representative, you know, because you
4 could have one from Sun'aq and one from NVA and one at
5 large or something, but I think that's for your folks.

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7 But, 2, on the question of travel. And
8 if this Covid should get to be solved, and if I'd known
9 that Coral had to get Becky's help to do that, I might
10 have found a couple of -- you know, a little bit of it
11 from air miles that I've got stashed, but I think
12 travel being we were going to be out to Dutch Harbor
13 and that didn't make it, we were going to be having a
14 personal meeting, so there's a ton of money and I don't
15 know if that goes back to Washington, D.C., at the end
16 of the fiscal year or not but I would suggest that
17 perhaps Donald could explore if we could use some
18 travel money from the Council that wasn't spent to
19 support at least two delegates for this continued work.

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21 The third item is information. And our
22 Council, before, and I suspect you people have -- your
23 committee has as well, asked for specific sea otter
24 distribution around the island in a more specific way,
25 by bay and all we've gotten is east side, west side,
26 and, you know, if a person is flying there and taking a
27 tally on their knee doing an aerial survey, they know
28 where they are, so they should be able to go back to
29 their spreadsheets and give a general idea of where
30 things are going because from what I hear from the
31 Squartsoffs and folks over at Port Lions, that, you
32 know, those big pods move through there. People I know
33 that setnet on the west side say there's still pods of
34 hundreds moving there. And so an island-wide estimate
35 is good to know but that hasn't changed, it hasn't
36 dropped, it's been increasing.

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38 And that takes me to my -- another
39 information request that our Council has asked for and
40 myself, specifically, for more than two years, since it
41 started at the meeting that we had from the Marine
42 Mammal folks, and that was a question of why is Kodiak
43 lumped in as endangered when our populations continue
44 to increase and so they've studiously avoided that.
45 It's been brought up at all our meetings. And so if
46 you guys could kind of give them a poke on those two
47 things, I think that would be good information.

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49 And I really appreciate all you ladies
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1 working on this because it's so important to our town
2 because Sitka, since they developed their plan, they
3 have enough harvest to get things done and yet the
4 population hasn't been hurt and they're getting their
5 sea urchins and abalone again.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MS. HAYDEN: Madame Chair, this is
10 Natasha. Not sure process-wise, what is most
11 appropriate, but I would like to -- considering if it
12 is appropriate to make a motion to schedule the sea
13 otter working group as another meeting to set this
14 process off, between now and the winter meeting and not
15 accept the report from the last meeting.

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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: This is Della.
18 I think I'd maybe like to make a recommendation. If
19 you look to the annual report and what was from OSM,
20 from the Federal Subsistence Board, it does reference
21 our discussion and request in regard to sea otters. I
22 know there's a number of issues with that. I don't
23 know that we have the authority to be making
24 recommendation for this committee, because it's not
25 necessarily a committee. I think the recommendation is
26 that Council members can be a part of this committee,
27 but it was my understanding, it makes better sense that
28 a tribe, in this case, I think it was Sun'aq, to try to
29 coordinate the effort.

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31 Rebecca, you might help me with this
32 but -- and the other piece of it is just with Covid,
33 period, and trying to coordinate anything is pretty
34 hard and if people are able to do it and even travel,
35 that's pretty amazing in itself. Like I don't know --
36 you know, I don't know what the recommendation is, but
37 I think communication seems to have been an issue here,
38 and I don't know, Donald, what are your thoughts in
39 regard to this.

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41 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
42 First of all this working group is a volunteer group
43 from the Regional Advisory Council. And if we get any
44 further from designating this working group as a
45 committee, you'd have to do a public announcement that
46 this committee is going to be meeting and that would
47 require a Federal register notice, so for this -- I'd
48 rather keep it as a working group so we can meet and
49 gather information and dig up some strategies as far as

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1 sea otter population that is currently in the Kodiak
2 area.

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4 But, Natasha, if you wish to -- and
5 other working groups, Christopher Price, Rebecca and
6 Coral and Natasha and I think that's all the working
7 group members, we can identify a date in October or
8 November and reset the -- just talk over what kind of
9 information we gathered at our first working group
10 meeting and share it among the working group members
11 and then move forward from there.

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13 Thank you.

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15 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair. I believe
16 Melissa Berns was also -- when we started this group,
17 part of the suggested folks. And I know she's out
18 wrestling buffalo right now.

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20 Thank you.

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22 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Natasha, I'm not
23 sure what the proper procedure is here, especially
24 without seeing the -- Donald, you mentioned that the
25 draft hasn't been released, so any indication of when
26 that will be released?

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28 MR. HAYDEN: That's the draft from the
29 Sea Otter stakeholder workshop from last fall?

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31 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes.

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33 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. The
34 stakeholder report from last fall in Juneau hasn't gone
35 through the final approval yet so we're still waiting
36 on the final document.

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38 MS. SKINNER: Della.

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40 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
41 Rebecca.

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43 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, thanks. Yeah, I
44 mean I just want to recognize that, you know, Donald's
45 kind of herculean efforts to try to get the working
46 group together. So I just want to be clear -- I guess
47 I'm going to speak for Coral, but she can correct me, I
48 didn't come out of the working group with an
49 understanding or assumption that, you know, Coral and I

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1 had appointed Coral as the rep. What I stated was the
2 two people who were on the call, between the two of us
3 recommended Coral, but like I said, I mean I think
4 we're all very aware that attendance at the meeting was
5 very light. So I have no issue with more discussion on
6 that at a subsequent meeting.

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8 I do have concerns with I guess if
9 there's going to be a motion to say that -- to
10 basically set aside this meeting as though it didn't
11 happen, I think that's a bit counterproductive because
12 we formed this committee quite awhile ago and this
13 literally was the first meeting and granted the
14 attendance was fairly sparse, but if we set that aside,
15 I mean we're going on like two years that this
16 committee hasn't met, so, you know, it sounded like
17 Natasha's biggest concern was the, you know,
18 appointment of the -- or choosing of the
19 representative, which, again, I mean that -- I do think
20 it would be nice if we could have a full committee
21 meeting to actually talk that through, but if there's
22 not disagreement with the -- you know, the information
23 requests that we identified, which literally are just
24 reiterating information requests that I think were made
25 at previous RAC meetings and if there's not
26 disagreement with them, I guess the information updates
27 that were identified as part of the working group, like
28 reference to the stakeholder meeting in Juneau and the
29 fact that the report hasn't come out. Donald also
30 provided some information updates on -- well, the
31 report wasn't available. I think he also had an update
32 from Marine Mammals which was that there wasn't an
33 update. IF there's not disagreement with the data, or
34 the information, I guess I don't think that the meeting
35 should completely be set aside like it didn't happen.
36 I think that it's important to note that we actually,
37 you know, did call a meeting and that a meeting
38 occurred. If there's any, you know, like I said,
39 concerns with recommendations for representation that
40 came out of that, that makes complete sense to me. But
41 I feel like Donald did put quite a bit of effort into
42 getting the meeting together, pulling together
43 information and I just think it's unfair to him to act
44 like the meeting didn't happen at all.

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46 So I guess that's my comment.

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48 Again, I think if we can have a fuller
49 committee meeting to talk about -- more about IPComm
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1 and Sea Otter Commission, et cetera, that makes perfect
2 sense to me.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
7 Rebecca.

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9 Donald, I have a question. Of the five
10 committee members that are on this committee, how many
11 of those committee members were at the stakeholder
12 meeting?

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14 MR. MIKE: The stakeholder meeting in
15 Juneau, I think Coral Chernoff was attending that
16 meeting.

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18 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So on this
19 committee meeting, how many of the appointed committee
20 members were at the committee meeting?

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22 MR. MIKE: Are we talking about the
23 working group meeting of the sea otters that the
24 Council formed?

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26 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes. Who was
27 available at that meeting, or how many people were
28 there?

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30 MR. MIKE: At this last working group
31 meeting we had Coral Chernoff and Rebecca Skinner.

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33 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So you had two
34 committee members out of five at this meeting?

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36 MR. MIKE: That's correct. And I sent
37 out an email notice notifying everyone on the committee
38 that we were going to be meeting on the 26th. But this
39 working group committee -- like I said earlier, is just
40 information gathering and see what we have in front of
41 us to move forward.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So I guess where
46 I'm headed with this, I can understand, I think,
47 Natasha's concern, and without talking -- my brain's
48 not working -- and also Chris you were on this
49 committee but you didn't attend, the recommendation is

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1 to try to get at least three or more, and even better
2 yet, to try to work this so you have all five available
3 to participate when decisions and things were made.
4 And I agree with Rebecca, this has been going on for
5 two years so if you want to be on this committee you
6 got to try to work to be able to attend so we don't get
7 into these situations. It's pretty important. And I
8 know, I just saw pictures that somebody posted on
9 FaceBook of a huge pile of sea otters in some area
10 hiding away from killer whales, and the guy that made
11 the comment, he never seen so many sea otters in his
12 life, so know that problem is there. I think we just
13 have to.....

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15 MS. HAYDEN: Madame Chair.

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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
18 Natasha.

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20 MS. HAYDEN: Sorry. I just wanted to
21 -- I agree that, you know, having gone through the work
22 to organize a committee meeting requires attendance and
23 participation. I just want to point out, I did not
24 receive a meeting notification. I had received an
25 email that had put out some requests for availability,
26 I responded to the email, then I received another email
27 that said we could do it next week and then that was
28 the last that I heard. I didn't receive any
29 notification of any email scheduled, I didn't receive
30 any materials for the meeting, any information. I had
31 prioritized this work group because this is such a
32 critical matter to our people in our region.

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34 I don't have any issues with
35 acknowledging some of the RAC members got together and
36 discussed the information that was available and having
37 that go into the record. Part of the reason why I
38 would request that we have a reset or a redo of this
39 meeting is because of the -- I mean I was -- even the
40 Southeast stakeholder sea otter meeting, I would have
41 attended that meeting if I had had a better
42 understanding early enough what that -- what that was
43 encompassing. I did attend on line. I listened into
44 that. I believe that the experiences that I have in
45 both advocacy and impact related to harvesting our
46 critical, you know, is a critical contribution to any
47 working group discussions, and even when it comes to
48 request for information, and, you know, how we're going
49 to proceed. And I would believe that Melissa Berns
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1 would have the same thoughts on that because she has
2 had very similar experiences and has been advocating
3 for years on this issue.

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5 And so I don't have any issues with
6 acknowledging that some of the RAC members got together
7 in the attempt to start this working group. I believe
8 that it's reasonable in the time of Covid to say that
9 no progress was made and that we will strive to have a
10 meeting of the larger working group before making any
11 reports or recommendations.

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13 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Chris, are you
14 still on line, what -- did you get notification for
15 these meetings?

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17 (No comments)

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19 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Chris Price.

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21 (No comments)

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23 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I guess hearing
24 all of this, Donald, what is your recommendation for
25 the.....

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27 MS. CHERNOFF: Della, can I say
28 something.

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30 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead.

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32 MS. CHERNOFF: This is Coral.

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34 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead.

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36 MS. CHERNOFF: Yeah, I just want to
37 respond to -- I think for purposes of our committee for
38 the sea otters, when I went to the stakeholders
39 meeting, that wasn't really under -- I mean I was --
40 like we had formed the group, but nothing really had
41 happened, and so that wasn't like a formal any sort of
42 a subsistence -- I just went so that I could have input
43 in the process and then bring back information. And
44 then perhaps answer some questions or figure out what
45 we could move forward with subsistence. That was
46 really more on kind of a personal public and it was on
47 very, very short notice.

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49 I also think that I just want to say
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1 that I guess I don't understand Natasha's being, you
2 know, like I guess upset over this, I think that we're
3 all on the same team and I think it's beneficial if she
4 is on a team and representing, you know, whoever she
5 represents, and then I'm also on that team, you know,
6 being involved in sea otters, and Melissa's on that
7 team, and we all got on this committee to be on that
8 team.

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10 Also I guess one last thing is we do
11 have these committees, there was notice, there was
12 emails and I make every effort to show up to every
13 meeting every -- I 100 percent commitment, and in that
14 I take the time through my busy life to show up, we're
15 all busy, we all have things to do, meetings are not my
16 number 1 priority, speaking is not my -- my greatest
17 asset. I am involved very heavily in sewing sea
18 otters, teaching art to the public, as well as hunting
19 the sea otters myself. I live nearly, food-wise, 90
20 percent subsistence. And so I am just as involved as
21 anybody else, just as concerned as anyone else. We had
22 a meeting. Nothing exceptional happened at that
23 meeting. We made some decisions. I think Donald was
24 going to look for funding so it seemed like we needed
25 kind of a name to move forward for our funding.

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27 I guess -- so I guess that's kind of
28 what happened, you know, with the meeting. So I'm
29 opposed to negating that this meeting happened or
30 anything that happened in the meeting. I think it
31 happened, people were there, we did what we said we
32 were going to do and I'd like to suggest that we move
33 forward and, you know, we all work together, we all
34 want to be on the same page, we all kind of want the
35 same thing. And I think that it doesn't hurt to have
36 more people involved.

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38 Thank you.

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40 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, Donald.

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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
43 Donald.

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45 MR. MIKE: Yeah, thank you, Rebecca and
46 for those working group that are listening, and I just
47 went through my emails, sent emails, and I saw my email
48 sent on the 24th of August and I neglected to include
49 Natasha, my apologies for leaving that email out from
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1 my initial sent to for notifications for the upcoming
2 working group members. But I'll make a contact list of
3 sea otter working group members and that way I have
4 everyone that should be on the working group on one
5 contact list and the information will be shared.

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7 I'm not against resetting this working
8 group meeting, we can just go over the highlights of
9 what happened at the first meeting.

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11 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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13 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
14 Donald. And that was going to be probably my
15 recommendation, is to try to get all five members on
16 this committee together to discuss, you know, how you
17 proceed in the future, because I think that's
18 important. I think it's an important issue and we
19 don't want to have problems amongst ourselves because,
20 you know, we all believe and we're all headed in the
21 same direction, trying to find some sort of resolution
22 to the issue surrounding the sea otters.

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24 So I think looking at the notes from
25 the meeting would also be beneficial for the group when
26 you get together but I just recommend that, please, try
27 to work with Donald to make it to the meeting if you
28 can because it is important and it's been an ongoing
29 issue for a very long time. We're not going to get
30 anything done unless we figure out how to work together
31 to do it.

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33 With that I think we'll break for
34 lunch, if we may, and just on a side note Sam has a
35 couple of issues he needs to do and he hopes to be back
36 into the meeting by 2:00 o'clock. So if we can maybe
37 convene at this time and then come back at 1:00
38 o'clock, is that good for everybody or 1:15.

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40 MS. HAYDEN: 1:15 would be better.

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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, let's do
43 1:15 everybody.

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45 (Off record)

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47 (On record)

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49 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: We'll call the
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1 meeting back to order and the time is 1:15.

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3 MR. MIKE: Pat Holmes, are you still
4 with us.

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6 (No comments)

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8 MR. MIKE: Sam Rohrer.

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10 (No comments)

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12 MR. MIKE: Oh, he's got other
13 commitments, he'll be back later on this afternoon.

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15 Chris Price.

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17 MR. PRICE: Here.

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19 MR. MIKE: Coral Chernoff.

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21 MS. CHERNOFF: I'm here.

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23 MR. MIKE: Rebecca Skinner.

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25 MS. SKINNER: Here.

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27 MR. MIKE: Della Trumble.

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29 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Here.

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31 MR. MIKE: Natasha Hayden.

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33 MS. HAYDEN: Here.

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35 MR. MIKE: Pat Holmes, are you with us?

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37 (No comments)

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39 MR. MIKE: Della, we have five members
40 present if you wish to continue. We can get on with
41 the FRMP and we can check later with Pat if he calls
42 in.

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44 Thank you.

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46 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: You might want
47 to maybe give him a fast call if you can and see if he
48 can call in. With that we'll move on to the Fisheries
49 Resource Monitoring Program, Robbin LaVine and Jared

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1 Stone.

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3 MR. STONE: All right, thank you.
4 Hello, Madame Chair and members of the Council. For
5 the record my name is Jared Stone and I am a fisheries
6 biologist with the Office of Subsistence Management.
7 Joining me today as well is Robbin LaVine, who is an
8 anthropologist with OSM. Today I will provide you with
9 an update on the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program.

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11 Sorry, give me a moment.

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13 (Pause)

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15 MR. STONE: There we go, I just had to
16 mute my computer.

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18 Today I'll be giving you an update on
19 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program and support
20 your Council in the development of priority information
21 needs, which is an action item.

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23 For the Fisheries Resource Monitoring
24 Program we would like to start with an update on the
25 projects currently funded. The following seven
26 projects were funded in the Southwest FRMP region, and
27 as a reminder, these are typically funded for four
28 years total.

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30 In 2016 there was one project, the
31 Western Gulf of Alaska Salmon and Other Harvest.

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33 In 2018 there were four projects that
34 were funded, which include the Buskin River Sockeye
35 Salmon Stock Assessment and Monitoring, the Unalaska
36 Fish Harvest Practices, the Subsistence Harvest Trends
37 for Fish in four Southern Kodiak Island Communities,
38 and the Togiak River Harvest Assessment of Dolly
39 Varden.

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41 And in 2020 there were two projects
42 that were funded, which include the Kodiak Road System
43 Subsistence Fisheries Harvest Assessment and the
44 Estimation of Sockeye Salmon Escapement into McLees
45 Lake on Unalaska Island.

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47 The Office of Subsistence Management
48 will announce the 2022 notice of funding opportunity
49 for the Monitoring Program later this fall or winter.

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1 We will be seeking proposals for projects that gather
2 information to manage and conserve subsistence fishery
3 resources in Federal public waters of Alaska. The
4 Monitoring Program is also directed at supporting
5 meaningful involvement in fisheries management by
6 Alaska Native and rural organizations and promoting
7 collaboration among Federal, State, Alaska Native and
8 local organizations.

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10 The first step in this process is for
11 volunteers of the Regional Advisory Councils to draft
12 potential priority information needs to present to the
13 Council. The Regional Advisory Council will work to
14 identify the priority information needs or information
15 gaps for each region. These priority information needs
16 ,or PINS for short, provide the framework for
17 soliciting evaluating and selecting projects for
18 funding through the Monitoring Program. The
19 development of the PINS is an important process for the
20 Council. These PINS will drive the remainder of this
21 FRMP cycle and are the primary point where the Councils
22 influence the direction of the Monitoring Program.
23 Today's discussion regarding the priority information
24 needs for the 2022 funding cycle is an action item for
25 the Council as part of the FRMP process.

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27 Volunteers composed of members of this
28 Council and Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council met
29 once earlier this week to discuss fisheries information
30 needs and issues for the region. The volunteers
31 consisted of the Chair of Kodiak/Aleutians Council
32 Della Trumble, and Kodiak/Aleutians Council members
33 Rebecca Skinner and Pat Holmers. Dan Dunaway from the
34 Bristol Bay Council was also in attendance. And OSM
35 Staff included anthropologist Robbin LaVine, myself and
36 Council Coordinator, Donald Mike. At the first meeting
37 the volunteers examined the PINS from the 2018 and 2020
38 cycles and looked at which projects had been funded via
39 those PINS. The volunteers also reviewed projects
40 funded through the Monitoring Program from 2000 to
41 present. And they also reviewed activities that are
42 not eligible for funding through the Monitoring
43 Program. From this, they composed a list of potential
44 fisheries information needs for your consideration
45 today. The draft list provided to you today is the
46 result of the volunteers meeting earlier this week.

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48 At this point, we would like to request
49 a representative to brief you on the discussions that
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1 took place. Robbin and I are here to support and
2 assist you as you finalize the 2022 priority
3 information needs.

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5 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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7 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Hold
8 on here for a second, I'm trying to pull this back up.

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10 (Pause)

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12 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, did you get
13 on line, Pat Holmes.

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15 (No comments)

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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Donald, were you
18 able to call Pat to find out if he's calling back in?

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20 MR. MIKE: Yes, I'm trying.

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22 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay.

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24 (Pause)

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26 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I'm having a
27 little bit of technical difficulties, hold on. I'm
28 sorry.

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30 MR. MIKE: Della, this is Donald, Pat's
31 still trying to call in.

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33 Thank you.

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35 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. If we
36 could just hold a second here, if we may, there's
37 people beeping in here.

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39 (Pause)

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41 MR. MIKE: Hello, this is Donald, who
42 just called in.

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44 (No comments)

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46 MR. MIKE: Pat, are you on?

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48 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, finally. Yep, thank
49 you much.

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1 MR. MIKE: Okay. We're still going
2 through the FRMP process and we're on a pause for a
3 second here.
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5 MR. HOLMES: Well, that's good. Well,
6 I needed to have my seven year old grandson teach me
7 how to use an iPhone and then get where I can sit here
8 and get it all done. Thank you, bye.
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10 (Pause)
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12 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. I'm just
13 having a problem here. I had pulled up the email that
14 Robbin had sent from yesterday and from Jared, and for
15 some reason I can't find it again. So that's what I
16 was trying to do, so I apologize for that.
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18 I would like to state for the record,
19 that the -- and I think Pat made it very clear, on how
20 well this was presented for one of these working group
21 meetings. That the amount of effort that both Robbin
22 and Jared put together, and the student that was part
23 of their team, did an exceptional job and I think they
24 could speak to him, having that information, and,
25 again, it was a good working group meeting. The
26 representatives were in with the group with Bristol
27 Bay, as part of the Western Regional area.
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29 And I just can't find.....
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31 MR. STONE: Madame Chair.
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33 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead.
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35 MR. STONE: Madame Chair, this is
36 Jared, if I may.
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38 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Jared.
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40 MR. STONE: Thank you. I was just
41 maybe going to ask Robbin LaVine if she could just
42 briefly talk about Keith Ivy's work, and then what I
43 can do during that time is get that draft maybe sent
44 back to you in an email so you've got it fresh at the
45 top of your list and then we'll go from there.
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47 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, I'd
48 appreciate it. I had it while you guys were talking
49 and I lost it somehow.
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1 MR. STONE: No worries.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So, yeah, I
4 appreciate it. Thank you.

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6 MR. STONE: Thank you.

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8 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, thank you.
9 This is Robbin LaVine, can you hear me?

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11 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Loud and clear.

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13 MS. LAVINE: Wonderful. Okay. Thank
14 you so much Jared. And, yeah, so I want to review a
15 little bit of our process when the group met a couple
16 of days ago.

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18 And for those of you listening on line,
19 this summer we had, at the Office of Subsistence
20 Management, a Directorate Fellows Program Intern who,
21 it was an Alaskan student originally from Bethel, just
22 completing his bachelors degree in biology at UAA, his
23 name was Keith Ivy. And Keith compiled a number of
24 documents and references in order to support our
25 discussion. Keith reviewed annual reports from the
26 Councils for the last couple of years. Keith reviewed
27 transcripts from the last number of Regional Advisory
28 Council cycles. He reviewed all of these documents,
29 including final report recommendations from the FRMP
30 projects that have been completed. And he compiled
31 them in a support document that is not for public
32 consumption, it's for internal use only, but to help
33 support our Council volunteers as they inform
34 themselves and then guide the discussion today on
35 record. His work was extensive, and incredibly
36 helpful. He did it for all six Fisheries Resource
37 Monitoring Program regions in Alaska. And each support
38 document was anywhere from, my gosh, 24 to 30-plus
39 pages of support materials.

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41 Now, the reason why we're going to
42 bring Keith up is because at the end of this process he
43 elevated for our consideration a number of issues that
44 he tracked through all of these different sources that
45 he thought the volunteers from the Council and the
46 Council itself might want to refer to and look at in
47 considering priority information needs for this
48 upcoming cycle.

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1 So with that overview of his work, I
2 want to draw your attention back to the documents that
3 you should have that are a matter of public record and
4 while they weren't available on our website earlier
5 today, they are there now.

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7 So within the Council book you will see
8 that there is a FRMP overview, and all added as
9 supplemental materials on the website, there are
10 priority information needs for 2018 and 2020, and there
11 are the draft -- there's a draft of suggested 2022
12 information needs for the Southwest region.

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14 So I would like to see you all pull up
15 -- let's look at the draft of suggested 2022
16 information needs for the Southwest region. This
17 document that is on our website and then also by --
18 hopefully by email and in the hands of all the Council
19 members, this is the result of our discussion that took
20 a place a couple days ago and I want to walk you
21 through it. I want you to note that in this document
22 there are some numbered topics, one, two, three, four,
23 five, and then I want you to see below on the second
24 page there's a section that says 2020 priority
25 information need remainders. So if you'll see that you
26 can follow me. This will be helpful to reference
27 because we're not here in person and it's challenging.

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29 So the points one, two, three and four
30 are those information needs and fisheries issues that
31 Keith Ivy elevated for your notice based on his review
32 of all of these different sources over the summer. So
33 that's one, two, three and four.

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35 Anything that you see on this list
36 that's in bold means this is language or an issue brand
37 new this year. So anything in bold is brand new this
38 year and you won't see it in previous priority
39 information needs of -- well, at least of 2020. Some
40 of them may actually be from cycles before because they
41 are coming back around as important issues.

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43 Now, you'll see that underneath one,
44 two, three and four there are nested issues and
45 potentially information needs. You'll see in brackets
46 that these nested issues were floated up from the 2020.
47 It seems that the information need labeled one, two,
48 three and four could serve as kind of an umbrella for
49 these issues from 2020. And so you'll note that most

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1 of them don't have letters -- don't have text in bold.
2 But if you look at No. 3, you'll see pretty much this
3 whole section and you'll also see prior to each issue
4 we have in brackets whether it's the -- it applies to
5 the whole of the Southwest region or whether it might
6 apply specifically to Bristol Bay or the
7 Kodiak/Aleutians. But, anyway, No. 3, you'll see this
8 whole recommendation, No. 3, examine how recent changes
9 in the environment affect the finfish and within their
10 range and habitats. This is brand new. That was
11 Keith Ivy's identification of an issue. You'll see
12 nested below it all in bold, further clarification of
13 that information need, and that's all new text based on
14 the discussion that the Council had a couple of days
15 ago -- or sorry, the volunteers had a couple of days ago.
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17 In some cases, you will see under
18 priority information need 1A, you'll see some sub-
19 bullets noting basically that this is an ongoing issue.
20 If you look, though, at let's see priority information
21 need 4, sub-bullet B that the FRMP Project 20-450
22 Kodiak Road System met one of these priority
23 information needs from 2020. So you'll see in the sub-
24 bullet A, Kodiak has been struck from that. You'll
25 also see that the volunteers discussed a number of
26 communities that they thought needed updating for that
27 particular information need and those are in bold.
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29 (Teleconference interference -
30 participants not muted)
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32 MS. LAVINE: So before we go through
33 these, and I realize I'm getting pretty detailed now, I
34 would like to pause and see if everyone's with me and
35 if you have any questions on what we're looking at in
36 the materials that you have before you.
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38 So I'm going to pause right now and you
39 can kind of review this and we can -- and both Jared
40 and I are here to answer your questions.
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42 (Teleconference interference -
43 participants not muted)
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45 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
46 Robbin. Are there any questions for Robbin or Jared at
47 this time.
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49 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, this is Pat. We're
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1 talking about the sheet that says draft suggested 2020
2 priority information needs and underneath it is in red,
3 like wording, et cetera, that's the three pager we're
4 looking at?

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6 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think Jared
7 just sent out a different one. I had some confusion
8 too with this because I had opened a different one and
9 then this last one that Jared sent out, I think,
10 Robbin, is that what you're using for this -- that
11 you're talking about now?

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13 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I got a message from
14 Jared just recently but there wasn't an attachment.
15 Oh, Patty said it just came in, okay, I'll print it
16 out, standby.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca, do you
21 have any comments?

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23 MS. HAYDEN: Was that sent out via
24 email just today?

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26 MR. STONE: Madame Chair, this is
27 Jared. Yes, the draft of suggested 2022 information
28 needs for Southwest region was just sent out today in
29 an email. It was also sent out just following our
30 meeting this last -- when did we have our meeting, on
31 Monday or Tuesday, this same document can also be found
32 on OSM's website. So if you're having trouble getting
33 it through your email, you can go to the Office of
34 Subsistence Management's website and under regions find
35 Kodiak/Aleutians, and under Council materials, this
36 particular document has been added to the Council
37 materials for the Kodiak/Aleutian region.

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39 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think Natasha
40 may not have been added to that email Jared. Somehow I
41 think we need to get Natasha's email.

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43 MR. STONE: I can forward that to
44 Natasha right now, sorry for that.

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46 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. I've got
47 it too, so I'll send it too.

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49 MS. HAYDEN: Can you please forward it

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1 to NHayden@afognak.com.

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3 (Pause)

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5 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Rebecca,
6 I guess, did you have any comments in regards to the
7 presentation.

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9 MS. SKINNER: To the presentation we
10 just received?

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12 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, the one --
13 we were all part of this meeting on Monday.

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15 MS. SKINNER: Right, okay, so if you're
16 asking if I have comments as followup to the meeting on
17 Monday, I think that the -- I do want to compliment the
18 work of the intern that prepared the summary, that was
19 very useful. I think that the draft suggested 2022
20 PINS that are in the document, I feel like those are
21 good recommendations that, one, reflect the previous
22 discussion and history of the priorities identified
23 within KRAC and within Bristol Bay, so I'm confident
24 that we're not losing discussion and prioritization
25 we've done in the past. I also think that the PINS
26 that are in the document reflect the extensive
27 discussion that occurred at the meeting earlier this
28 week. I think it was -- I had to drop after a little
29 over 2.5 hours, I'm not sure how long -- how much
30 longer it went on after that, but I think there was
31 really good discussion at the subcommittee, whatever
32 we're calling it, at the group level that discussed
33 this. And I would be very curious to hear what other
34 RAC members who weren't a part of that conversation,
35 what their thoughts are on these suggested PINS.

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37 Thanks, Della.

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39 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
40 Rebecca. Chris, you weren't available, we did try
41 calling you a couple times and your name is on this
42 committee, do you have any comments?

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44 (No comments)

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46 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Chris Price, are
47 you available?

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49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, Pat, do
2 you have any comments?

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4 MR. HOLMES: I just had to run upstairs
5 and send a copy of this to the Sun'ag and ask for
6 input, so I haven't finished reading it yet. Standby.

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8 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. And I
9 think Rebecca did a good overview, and like I said, we
10 really appreciate the effort that was put into this. I
11 think it was clear to me from both regions of the
12 concern that is happening in the Chigniks as they have
13 had three consecutive bad salmon seasons and then also
14 going on to our region this year and how bad that is,
15 and wanting to definitely take a look at what's
16 possibly going on. Whether it's the climate change or
17 whatever the issue is involved here.

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19 But overall I think it's been really --
20 being a part of this process for the last few years, I
21 think it's been worthwhile and it's been very nice to
22 be able to work with Bristol Bay as we move these and
23 prioritize them between both regions, I think it's been
24 very beneficial.

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26 Other than that, I'd just again like to
27 thank the work of both Robbin and Jared and the young
28 man that did this work, it was pretty impressive. It
29 was good to see.

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31 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
32 This is Robbin.

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34 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
35 Robbin.

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37 MS. LAVINE: Unless somebody else has
38 joined us and wants to provide Council comments, I just
39 wanted to make a couple of other observations in
40 regards to the document, the draft of suggested 2022
41 information needs document that you have before you.

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43 There was some discussion about
44 refining the language, potentially merging some of the
45 old language with the new, and there was also some
46 discussion about looking at the remaining priority
47 information needs from the 2020 cycle, and so you'll
48 see that on the second page and wondering if these
49 either can be nested within what we've listed as one,
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1 two, three, four, five information needs, or whether
2 they can be put on hold for this cycle and you can
3 revisit them again.

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5 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Before we
6 do that, Robbin, can I ask Natasha for her opinion on
7 this and then back to Pat and then we'll go to your
8 suggestions.

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10 So Natasha, do you have any comments in
11 regard to what's presented on this draft?

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13 MS. HAYDEN: I have just gotten it as
14 well, give me a few moments to finish reviewing it
15 Della. I'll be back in just a minute.

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17 MS. SKINNER: And then Coral didn't
18 share her opinion either.

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20 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Oh, okay, Coral.
21 I'm sorry, Coral, I need to keep my list in front of
22 me. Did you get time to review it Coral and then do
23 you have any comment.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Coral, did we
28 lose you?

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30 MS. CHERNOFF: Hello. Hi. Hello, can
31 you hear me now?

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33 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes, we can hear
34 you.

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36 MS. CHERNOFF: Okay. Yeah, I didn't
37 really have any comments except for that I just want to
38 thank the people who showed up and put their time into
39 that meeting and these are things we've talked about
40 before and so I'm sure they brought that all to the
41 table and it looks satisfactory to me.

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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
44 Coral.

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46 Okay, Pat, did you.....

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48 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, Madame Chair.....

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE:have any
2 comments?

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4 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I do. I thought
5 that -- excuse me a minute.

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7 (Pause)

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9 MR. HOLMES: I thought that.....

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11 (Phone disconnect)

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13 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, did you
14 disconnect yourself?

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16 (Pause)

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18 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, are you on
19 line?

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21 (No comments)

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23 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Natasha,
24 have you had time to kind of review this, sorry to put
25 you on the spot.

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27 MS. HAYDEN: Yeah, I have. Yep, I
28 don't have any concerns, comments, it looks
29 appropriate.

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31 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you.

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33 Pat, are you on line?

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35 (No comments)

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37 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, I guess,
38 Robbin, we'll go ahead and move on with what you were
39 asking us to -- maybe if you can go back through that
40 real fast what you brought up just a few minutes ago.

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42 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair
43 and the Council. This is -- I think this is such a
44 challenging format to really get this work done in a
45 meaningful way. I'm so used to seeing your faces, I'm
46 so used to being able to approach you, I'm so used to
47 being able to immediately start working with you all on
48 language, or shifting information needs around. So,
49 again, I'm expressing my gratitude for you all being

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1 here. And I'm trying to think about ways that we might
2 be able to approach this that allows for more time and
3 more thought.
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5 So we had the volunteer meeting on
6 Monday and we've come up with a preliminary document
7 that is not in final form. And one of my thoughts
8 might be -- so there's a couple of things that we
9 talked about, just all of us together, and one of them
10 is looking at what is critically important to you, yes,
11 thinking about finessing the language if you want, and
12 looking at maybe adding, you know, the 2020 priority
13 information needs remainder bullet points, if you all
14 agree, to join the list of the numbered priority
15 information needs. And we only have them numbered
16 right now for reference, for ease of reference, once
17 they become official priority information needs we take
18 numbers away because numbers give a feeling of
19 prioritized information needs.
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21 So one of the things that you did talk
22 about was possibly wanting to hear some of the reports
23 of fisheries. I know that you all have given your
24 Council member reports on fisheries issues for your
25 region and over the course of this year you may want to
26 hear reports from other managers in the region as they
27 share what they have seen and what they're tracking.
28 That can also help inform your decisionmaking process.
29 So here's a thought, that we have two days for this
30 meeting, and you may want to look and review -- look at
31 and review this document and you might want to direct
32 Jared and I to work on different bullets, work on
33 different language, you might want to -- and then we
34 can bring this document back to review tomorrow or at a
35 later date, yeah, probably tomorrow. You might also
36 just want to hear and run these by other folks that are
37 supporting you in the public process. So those are all
38 thoughts.
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40 MR. HOLMES: I'm back again if you got
41 time for me.
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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
44 Robbin.
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46 Pat, go ahead.
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48 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I don't know what
49 happened. I got bopped off and I heard Donald for a
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1 little tad and then I got busy signals and tried back
2 and forth umpteen times.

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4 What I was about to say and I can't
5 quite find it in this last one is I had suggested and
6 had concurrence about; it discusses a scale sampling at
7 Chignik, et cetera, looking at ocean but we -- I think
8 is -- we had something -- oh, I see, down here, scale
9 analysis to determine effects, ocean conditions over
10 multiple years research and decline size of age,
11 Nushagak, Naknek, Togiak, Chignik, Buskin and McLees
12 Lake, yeah, that's in there. I thought it might not
13 be.

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15 So I will correct myself and say it
16 looks reasonable at this point.

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18 So the game plan is you're going to
19 send out a draft and we'll redo it tonight with
20 comments, or just what -- thank you.

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22 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think, Pat,
23 what Robbin recommended is that we -- and I think it's
24 a good recommendation, as we go through and hear the
25 reports from the various agencies and maybe table this
26 until toward the end of our meeting, maybe before our
27 annual meeting report suggestions, and then to reword
28 the document then. And if I may, Robbin, also just for
29 me, if you can email it so it's really clear what you
30 are looking for us to do when you're saying rewording
31 this document and how you're looking at us doing that.
32 Because when you say that, I'm looking at the document
33 and seeing the bold print and what's under it, I guess,
34 is there a format -- you're saying take out the
35 numbers, so are you just looking for a document that
36 just says one, two, three, this is what we are looking
37 for? Or one through five, these are our
38 recommendations?

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40 MS. LAVINE: Yes, Madame Chair, thank
41 you. I guess what we -- if you recall when we were
42 reviewing this document, as we were reviewing it, we
43 were looking at initially there were four recommended
44 or recognized important information needs and fisheries
45 issues that came out of Keith Ivy's review, and then we
46 added No. 5, that's also new. When we were looking at
47 the four, 2022 recommended information needs, we
48 recognized that they addressed some of the 2020
49 priority information needs and so I nested those
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1 underneath, and they have a slightly different
2 language, right, so it's a different way of looking at
3 the same issue and I would really like guidance. Are
4 you happy with the new leaner language, or would you
5 like a little bit more detail, and the detail is added
6 in those subsections to each numbered point. And then
7 once, again, looking at the 2020 priority information
8 need reminders that didn't -- or remainders that didn't
9 nest with those original -- or those 2022
10 recommendations, these ones didn't nest, and so they
11 could still be floated up. If we did and you'll notice
12 on Page 2 you'll notice that we struck annual estimates
13 of sockeye salmon escapement into the Lake Clark
14 watershed because upon review we verified that there is
15 already a really good robust estimate of sockeye salmon
16 escapement in the Lake Clark watershed, I think run
17 jointly by the Park Service and ADF&G, so hopefully
18 we'll hear more about that later in the meeting.

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20 So that would mean we could have one,
21 two, three more to add to the five already.

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23 Another thing just to note is that part
24 of our opportunity to prioritize and emphasize what is
25 most important to you, what you see is most critical,
26 is to limit your priority information needs. It
27 doesn't mean that you can't, plenty of regions have a
28 pretty long list of important information needs but
29 that is our opportunity to really target what we say
30 we're looking for when we're seeking investigation
31 plans.

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33 Thank you.

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35 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
36 Robbin.

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38 MR. HOLMES: Pat here.

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40 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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42 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I kind of like a
43 little more detail but I really need to totally absorb
44 this latest draft. I would suggest maybe on the top
45 you put third draft or whatever draft it is and then
46 keep track because I've got like at least three
47 different things in my pile on the kitchen table. I
48 think that would help. And I did send, I think, to
49 Jared and Robbin, I don't know if it made it, a list

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1 that I got from Lisa Scarborough at Fish and Game on
2 which surveys -- subsistence surveys were current and
3 which communities had been taken care of and ones that
4 were pending, but I don't know if that got into the
5 heap, I can't -- haven't quite absorbed it yet. But I
6 do have, if people are interested, I did get some more
7 information, because Chignik was an area of mutual
8 concern within our district between both Councils, and
9 so that was a big thing, but we wanted to pursue this
10 item about Chignik River escapement in the event that
11 their disaster relief funding didn't go through. And I
12 found out yesterday that it's like one signature away --
13 I guess it's a 10-something million dollar disaster
14 relief and there may be -- may be, 3.1 million for
15 salmon research, and so if that went through then that
16 money for scale analysis probably wouldn't be needed.
17 But I think in our discussions on this we decided to
18 put that in now just in case something fell apart on
19 the other side. So if that money does come in, then I
20 would expect that, you know, it could be shifted into
21 one of the other points of discussion.

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23 Thank you.

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25 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.

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27 MS. SKINNER: Della.

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29 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca.

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31 MS. SKINNER: Thanks. So my preferred
32 way to I guess edit the wording of the document, so
33 Robbin wants to know, do we like the broader statements
34 or do we like the more detailed statements, so I think
35 we need to get rid of the nesting but I think it's easy
36 enough to start each of the PINS with the broad
37 statement, so the bold language would stay as it is and
38 then say with particular emphasis on or noting the
39 importance of, and then include the detail from what's
40 listed underneath each of the bold bullets. So that if
41 the detail underneath includes specific locations we're
42 not losing that detail but we're not wording the PIN so
43 narrowly so, you know, like this PIN only relates to
44 these specific locations. I'd like it to be broad
45 enough that if a different location came up in the
46 meantime, that it could fit, but I do think it's
47 important to include the specific locations that we
48 have already identified. I think if we did that, I
49 mean that pretty much -- all of the information on Page
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1 1 is going to end up being in the PIN, it's just a
2 matter of rewording -- kind of combining the different
3 statements together, dropping out some of the
4 unnecessary words, I think that would be fine.

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6 As far as adding in the other 2020
7 PINs, unless there's members of the RAC that feel very
8 strongly about adding in some of the priorities that
9 are listed on the last page, I think -- it seems like
10 identifying five priorities is a good number. I would
11 be concerned if we -- I think if we add too many then
12 it's hard to tell what our priorities actually are. So
13 I'm comfortable with the five that are on the first
14 page, and, again, as far as whether to capture the
15 detail or not, I do think the detail should be in there
16 but I would still keep the broader statement, so the
17 bold language, as the first part of the sentence, or
18 the first sentence of each of the PINs, and that would
19 be my preferred path forward.

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21 I do have a question.

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23 I think I understood Robbin to say
24 earlier that we do need to vote on these at this
25 meeting, is that correct, or is this something that we
26 would vote on at our winter meeting?

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28 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
29 Thank you, Rebecca. Council member Rebecca, yeah, we
30 need to finalize the priority information needs this
31 meeting cycle. A finished list for the priority
32 information needs for 2022 comes out of the fall
33 meeting cycle and the notice of funding opportunity for
34 the FRMP -- the 2022 FRMP goes out around January,
35 February of the beginning of 2021.

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37 And I would just note one more thing, a
38 little bit of sloppiness on my part, I realize it looks
39 like, unless I'm reading it too quickly, if you look at
40 the 2020 priority information needs remainder and you
41 look at the very last bullet point, Bristol Bay,
42 reliable estimates of chinook salmon escapement and
43 valuation of quality of escapement measures, this
44 actually has already been nested under our No. 2
45 information need in the Draft 2022 suggested needs. So
46 really we're doing pretty good at covering all of these
47 issues. So the only two remaining from 2020 that
48 hasn't fully been addressed, is, local observations of
49 change in fish populations in the Southwest Alaska

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1 region, and comparative ecological evaluation of lake
2 rearing habitats of sockeye salmon stocks in Southwest
3 Kodiak Island, including Olga Lakes and Akalura Lakes
4 watershed, including the assessment of. So those are
5 the two that, so far, were not floated up, carrying
6 over into 2022.

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8 So I just wanted to bring that to your
9 notice. And I really appreciate Rebecca's
10 recommendations to start with the broad PIN and then
11 pull up some of the more detailed information but
12 allowing it to be, again, such as or with particular
13 emphasis on so that we're not losing the opportunity to
14 be nimble if a critical need arises during the process.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
19 Robbin.

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21 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair, Pat.

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23 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, go ahead.

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25 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, Robbin, I noticed
26 something here on Item No. 3 in Draft 3, A, scale
27 analysis to determine effects of changes in ocean
28 conditions over multiple years. And I believe,
29 earlier, I mentioned that that could be freshwater as
30 well because you can see the freshwater growth on the
31 adult scales, and that might give you some indication
32 if they were really tight, that something was going
33 wrong in freshwater. And, to me, I did offer this
34 after talking to other biologists, I'm not a biologist
35 anymore, but, you know, people employed, that that
36 might be something that could answer the big questions
37 because things in Buskin have been very variable, it's
38 on the east side of the island, our west side sockeye
39 systems seem to be pretty stable. McLees was a
40 disaster this year. Chigniks have been a disaster for
41 two out of three years and weak in the middle, and so
42 to me the scale analysis, how can we approach that as
43 being kind of like a priority for the KRAC area because
44 it would get three key systems -- or two key systems
45 for us and one for Bristol Bay, and because like you
46 folks were saying if we have too many things listed
47 then you might not get what you think is the most
48 important one, and that's been a matter of contention
49 before. It took us two or three years to get funding

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1 for McLees and that, in our text of our meetings, was a
2 priority, and so it didn't come out because people were
3 taking different other projects that thought they had
4 better scientific merit but yet that didn't meet
5 identifying or working on a problem for our region, the
6 main one, which at that time was funding for McLees and
7 keeping funding for Buskin, is going to be, you know,
8 the two top ones forever on anything. So I'm just
9 wondering how can we identify No. 3 as being the
10 important thing for our neck of the woods and maybe
11 you'd want to shift that away from things that are all
12 the other regions, and I don't know, I just don't know,
13 because I -- I would hate to see that not happen
14 because that's a quick way of finding out what the
15 heck's going on in the ocean and it's getting warmer,
16 and things are happening.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.

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22 Robbin, one of the things you had
23 mentioned earlier was waiting until we got through
24 reports and then do a final evaluation of this, is that
25 still your recommendation? The one question I do have
26 is as we put this together with the committee,
27 including Bristol Bay, you know, how much can we -- we
28 probably -- probably change it some, they've got the
29 same documents in front of them, is that correct?

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31 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, yes, that is
32 correct. And that was something that was in my mind to
33 mention. This is a regional -- shared regional
34 document, and the volunteers from the Kodiak/Aleutians,
35 as you know, was joined by Dan Dunaway and other
36 members of the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council
37 have been informed of your discussion and I know very
38 supportive of this collaboration between the regions.
39 But the final document will occur -- or I think the
40 final version of the document won't take place until
41 after Bristol Bay has had an opportunity to review and
42 discuss. So there are -- and, yeah, so I'll just share
43 that.

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45 And then my thoughts might be, you all
46 may decide that you want to hear from others and you
47 may want to ask questions from others that are
48 presenting their reports to you today and tomorrow you
49 may want to inform yourself further by researchers and
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1 managers on the ground who have been, as you have been,
2 noting some of the critical issues in your region.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
7 Robbin. So what would be the recommendation of the
8 Council at this point. Do we put this aside and keep
9 it a working document until towards the end of the
10 meeting, that we work with Robbin and Jared on the
11 final wording?

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13 MR. HOLMES: Sounds good to me.

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15 MS. SKINNER: Della.

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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, is
18 that Coral or Rebecca.

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20 MS. SKINNER: This is Rebecca. You
21 couldn't tell because I was smiling when I said, Della.
22 So I just sent out my suggested edits to the PINS, but
23 I'm laughing because I just responded to Jared's email,
24 but I see that that's not actually the KRAC on the
25 mailing list, it looks like that was our -- that looks
26 like that was our group that met earlier this week. So
27 some of you will be getting an email from me with -- so
28 I've gone in and like, you know, done what I said,
29 changed, you know, adjusted the wording of the PINS,
30 some of you have not gotten it because like I said I
31 responded to this list and then realized that's not the
32 right list. So I will endeavor to find the KRAC list
33 and forward that document out to the whole RAC.

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35 But I was just trying to -- I thought
36 I'd save time by just making my changes in the document
37 and then sending it out.

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39 Thanks.

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41 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: And I think,
42 Rebecca, too, I see the email but I don't see an
43 attachment so I'm not sure.....

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45 MS. SKINNER: Okay, good, well, then
46 I'll try to get the correct email and send the whole
47 thing out.

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49 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I guess with

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1 that, everyone, we'll just keep this -- move this
2 document towards tomorrow. So we do have our annual
3 report, I think, that may not have been to --
4 identifying issues for annual report, I think we moved
5 that usually towards the end after all the other
6 reports and then I think we can move this document if
7 it's okay with everybody.

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9 So the annual meeting report we'll move
10 to.....

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12 MR. PRICE: Well, we didn't get to talk
13 about some things but we'll talk to you on the phone
14 tomorrow night after the meeting and.....

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16 (Teleconference interference -
17 participants not muted)

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19 REPORTER: So, Chris. Chris.

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21 MR. MIKE: Hey, Chris, this is Donald,
22 can you mute your phone if you're not addressing the
23 Council on the FRMP, please.

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25 (Laughter)

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27 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: It's been a day.

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29 (Laughter)

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31 MR. HOLMES: Well, everybody shares in
32 Alaska, you know.

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34 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: We found Chris.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MR. PRICE: Sorry about that.

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40 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: That's okay.
41 We'll move the annual report to before 12 so it'll be
42 after OSM general updates. Prior to that we'll go
43 ahead and move the priority needs, if we could move
44 that before the annual report I think we can -- if we
45 need to make any changes with it, after all of the
46 reports, and then take them into considerations, the
47 edits, so if that's okay with everybody.

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49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: All right.
2 Hearing no one say it's not we'll just go ahead and
3 move on. So we're not doing the identifying issues of
4 annual report, individual C&T process guidelines,
5 that's National Park Staff, is that correct, Donald?

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7 MR. MIKE: Yes, that's correct. And we
8 have Joshua Ream or their representative.

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10 Thank you.

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12 MR. REAM: Good afternoon, Madame
13 Chair, and members of the Council. For the record my
14 name is Joshua Ream, and I'm the Regional Subsistence
15 Program Manager for the National Park Service. And I
16 have with me today, David Sarafin. He is usually a
17 fisheries biologist for Wrangell-St.Elias and for the
18 summer he has been in a promotional detail with me and
19 he will be presenting the talking points to you today.

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21 Thank you.

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23 MR. SARAFIN: Yes, good afternoon, Mrs.
24 Chair. This is Dave Sarafin. And I'm here to talk
25 about some changes being considering regarding
26 subsistence eligibility permits and individual
27 customary and traditional use determinations.

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29 The Federal Subsistence Board is
30 considering a delegation of authority to the National
31 Park Service, which would grant the NPS Alaska Regional
32 Director the authority to make individual customary and
33 traditional use determinations known as individual
34 C&Ts. The draft delegation of authority letter can be
35 found -- I think it's on Page 20 of the link that's on
36 the website. I'm not familiar if you received written
37 book materials of where to locate that. And the draft
38 standard operating procedure would be found on the
39 first page of the document from the link. In
40 preparation for this.....

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42 MR. HOLMES: Where is it?

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44 MR. SARAFIN: On the internet site of
45 materials, I don't know if it's available in any other
46 materials you've been provided or not.

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48 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: It's on Page 93
49 of our handbook if you have it.

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1 MR. HOLMES: Yep.

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3 MR. SARAFIN: Okay, thank you. So in
4 preparation for this request of administrative change,
5 Staff with the National Park Service have developed
6 standard operating procedures for both the 13440
7 subsistence eligibility permits, and for individual
8 C&Ts. I'll be presenting you with an overview of both
9 topics. NPS' suggested changes to existing processes
10 and the reasons that it's being pursued.

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12 And let me touch back, this is likely
13 quite new to you, given the lack of Park land in your
14 area and also the lack of the associated Subsistence
15 Resource Commissions that we'll be talking about.

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17 So to begin it's important to recognize
18 that eligibility to engage in subsistence activities in
19 National Parks and National Monuments in Alaska is
20 different from that of National Preserves and other
21 types of Federal public lands, as you are likely aware.
22 To be eligible in these units one must not only be a
23 Federally-qualified user, but also have his or her
24 primary permanent home located within a resident zone
25 community or have obtained a 13440 eligibility permit.
26 Additionally, the subsistence user must also have a
27 customary or traditional use determination for the area
28 and species they intend to hunt.

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30 Customary and traditional use
31 determinations acknowledge an existing pattern of
32 subsistence use. The Federal Subsistence Board
33 frequently receives requests to evaluate, or reevaluate
34 these, predominately for inclusion of communities or
35 areas. For lands managed by the National Park Service,
36 determinations can also be made for individuals
37 pursuant to 50 CFR 100.16, which reads, for areas
38 managed by the National Park Service where subsistence
39 uses are allowed, the determinations may be made on an
40 individual basis. Requests for individual customary
41 and traditional use determinations have been rare in
42 the history of the program, and less than a dozen
43 requests have been made thus far. We have no reason to
44 believe this will change. Given this rarity, the
45 application to only National Parks and Monuments, NPS
46 feels that the Program and its stakeholders may be
47 better served if the Agency's Regional Director is
48 given delegated authority to make individual customary
49 and traditional use determinations. If delegated, the

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1 process would alleviate burden on the Office of
2 Subsistence Management and the Board, provide a more
3 substantive roles for Subsistence Resource Commissions,
4 allow requests to be acted upon outside of the normal
5 regulatory cycle, and provide better mechanisms for
6 documenting and achieving this decisions -- or
7 archiving these decisions. If the Board delegates
8 authority for individual customary and traditional use
9 determinations NPS intends to follow the procedures
10 outlined -- it would be, I think on Page 5 from the
11 link of materials, so it would probably -- if you guys
12 started at Page 93, it's five pages in on the documents
13 -- so these procedures, in order that the
14 responsibilities of all involved are clearly defined to
15 provide consistency and continuity across Park units,
16 to streamline both the 13440 permit process and the
17 individual C&T process, and to provide mechanisms for
18 evaluating and documenting the requests and subsequent
19 decisions. These procedures are consistent with Title
20 VIII of ANILCA and with existing regulations.

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22 So I'm not going to walk the Council
23 through every step and document outlined in the SOP,
24 but I will, however, point out, that the eight criteria
25 for evaluating individual C&T use determinations are
26 the same those for community and area C&Ts. NPS would
27 continue to analyze these criteria in a manner
28 consistent with the Board's policy. Delegation of
29 authority on these matters is considered an
30 administrative action of the Federal Subsistence Board.
31 Before approving this process, though, the Board has
32 asked the Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils to
33 review the proposed procedures and offer feedback,
34 especially given that the responsibility for making
35 recommendations on individual C&T requests will shift
36 from the Regional Advisory Councils to the Subsistence
37 Resource Commission.

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39 NPS believes that the Commissions are
40 perhaps best equipped to evaluate patterns of
41 subsistence use in their associated Parks and Monuments
42 and each includes representation from associated
43 Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils.

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45 So this is an action item and we would
46 appreciate your feedback on these processes and
47 specifically request that your body vote on whether to
48 endorse this change.

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1 And myself or Josh, who may be more
2 familiar would be happy to try and answer any questions
3 that you may have.
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5 That concludes my presentation on this
6 and open for any questions.
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8 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.
9 Any.....
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11 MR. HOLMES: I may be, David, this is
12 Pat. I may be misreading something, it's hard to scan
13 it so quickly, but this is to provide for people who do
14 not live within the Park or Monument, or how about
15 people that do live within the Park or Monument?
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17 MR. SARAFIN: Well, if they live within
18 a -- if they're within one of the resident zone
19 communities or within there then they would already --
20 if it is a Park that has the subsistence uses, they
21 would already have the C&T and qualifications. It
22 would be for someone who has a historical pattern
23 connection to that specific Park, however, may have
24 moved outside of those qualifying areas to a different
25 rural location. They would still have to be a rural
26 resident, but they have a connection to the subsistence
27 uses within the Park. So they could apply in that case
28 for one of these permits where it's evaluated.
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30 MR. HOLMES: Thank you.
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32 MR. SARAFIN: You're welcome.
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34 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Any questions.
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36 MS. SKINNER: Della.
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38 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
39 Rebecca.
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41 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, thanks, this is
42 Rebecca. Just a clarification and I apologize if you
43 already said this. But the superintendent, so the
44 person receiving the application, is there a
45 superintendent for each of the Parks and Monuments, or
46 how -- what is -- I'm just trying to understand the
47 kind of scope of the superintendent and how many there
48 are?
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1 MR. SARAFIN: Well, each Park would
2 have a superintendent, it would be under their
3 responsibilities that way, if that answers your
4 question there.

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6 MS. SKINNER: It does, thank you.

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8 MR. REAM: And this is Josh, and maybe
9 I'll just add a little bit of additional information.
10 The nearest Park I think to your region might be
11 Aniakchak National Monument and Katmai National Park
12 and Preserve, and they are under a single
13 superintendent at the moment that is located in King
14 Salmon. But the superintendent is only making the
15 final call on the 13440 permits, and that has been our
16 standard process, it is the Regional Director of the
17 Park Service that would make the call on the individual
18 C&T.

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20 Thank you.

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22 MS. SKINNER: All right, thanks. And
23 then is the Regional Director, is there one of those
24 for Alaska, or is there one for each Park?

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26 MR. REAM: Thank you for your question,
27 this is Josh, and through the Chair. There is one,
28 Alaska is its own region within the National Park
29 Service, and the Regional Director is the voting member
30 of the Park Service on the Federal Subsistence Board.

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32 MS. SKINNER: All right, thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Any
35 other questions or comments.

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37 MR. HOLMES: Excuse me, I believe,
38 Josh, Dave said that they would have to follow the same
39 eight C&T criteria, and so it wouldn't be the case
40 where -- this is just being facetious and paranoid,
41 where the Regional Director might have a good friend of
42 the President or of the Parks Association that he would
43 do that, the person would have to make all of the eight
44 criteria, that's correct?

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46 MR. REAM: Thank you for your question.
47 It is the Federal Subsistence Board's policy that those
48 applying for individual C&T do not have to meet all of
49 the criteria, they take a holistic approach to
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1 understanding if there's an existing pattern of use,
2 and those are the eight criteria that are used to
3 inform the analysis, so just as with community and area
4 C&Ts they would not have to meet all of those criteria.
5 However, they will be looking for the recommendation of
6 the Park Subsistence Coordinator, as well as the
7 associated Subsistence Resource Commission in making
8 those determinations.

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Does that answer
11 your question, Pat?

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13 MR. HOLMES: Yes, Ma'am.

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15 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Any
16 other questions or comments.

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18 (No comments)

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20 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Chris, Coral,
21 Natasha. Sam, I think is not back yet.

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23 MS. CHERNOFF: No, I have no questions.
24 This is Coral.

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26 MS. HAYDEN: I don't have any
27 questions. This is Natasha. Thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
30 Natasha. Chris.

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32 MR. PRICE: No, I don't have any
33 questions, thank you.

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35 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So, Donald,
36 they're asking that we approve this, or I guess it's
37 the recommendation that we approve this operating
38 procedure.

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40 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, Donald Mike.
41 Yes, this is an action item for the Council to take
42 action on if they wish to endorse the C&T process
43 guidelines or if you have any further comments, and
44 that could be included in the discussion.

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46 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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48 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Do I hear a
49 motion to approve as presented and written.

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1 MR. HOLMES: Move to approve.

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3 MR. PRICE: Second.

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5 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: A motion made by
6 Pat, second by Chris.

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8 Discussion.

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10 (No comments)

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12 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Hearing none,
13 question. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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15 IN UNISON: Aye.

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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Opposed, same
18 sign.

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20 (No opposing votes)

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22 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion carried.
23 Thank you.

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25 MR. REAM: Thank you.

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27 MR. SARAFIN: Thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: The next item on
30 our agenda I think is going to start with agency
31 reports, do we want to go ahead and take a 10 minute
32 break here and then get people ready for agency
33 reports. We will start with tribal governments, so
34 Sun'aq and Unalaska and any others that are on line.

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36 Is that okay with everybody, 10
37 minutes.

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39 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, that sounds swell
40 and I always wondered what happened to Mr. Sarafin, he
41 used to work at Fish and Game in this region. Anyway,
42 have a good -- thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. We'll be
45 back in 10.

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47 (Off record)

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49 (On record)

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, I guess
2 I'm going to go ahead and take a fast roll call to see
3 which Council members are back on line.

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5 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
6 Donald Mike.

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8 Pat Holmes, are you still with us?

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10 (No comments)

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12 MR. MIKE: Sam Rohrer, did you join?

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14 (No comments)

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16 MR. MIKE: Chris Price.

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18 (No comments)

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20 MR. MIKE: Coral Chernoff.

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22 MS. CHERNOFF: I'm here.

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24 MR. MIKE: Rebecca Skinner.

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26 (No comments)

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28 MR. MIKE: Natasha Hayden.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MR. MIKE: We're missing a few members
33 Della, maybe we can give it another minute.

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35 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, we'll give
36 it a few more minutes.

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38 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I made it back, Pat.

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40 (Pause)

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42 MR. MIKE: Okay, this is another roll
43 call. Pat Holmes, we just heard you get back on line.

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45 MR. HOLMES: Roger that.

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47 MR. MIKE: Did Sam Rohrer join us yet.

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49 (No comments)

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1 MR. MIKE: Chris Price, are you with
2 us.

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4 MR. PRICE: Yeah, I'm here.

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6 MR. MIKE: Coral Chernoff's here.

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8 MS. CHERNOFF: Yep, I'm here.

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10 MR. MIKE: Rebecca Skinner.

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12 (No comments)

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14 MR. MIKE: Rebecca are you with us?

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16 (No comments)

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18 MR. MIKE: Natasha Hayden.

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20 (No comments)

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22 MR. MIKE: And Della's with us. We're
23 still missing a couple of members, Della. Thank you.

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25 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay.

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27 (Pause)

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29 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Chris, is the
30 young lady from the Qawalangin Tribe on line?

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32 MR. PRICE: Yes. Chandra Poe will be
33 speaking for the agency report for the tribe.

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35 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. I'm going
36 to go ahead and ask if she wants to go ahead and go
37 first and then Sun'aq Tribe following.

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39 MS. POE: That would fine, Madame
40 Chair.

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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. I think,
43 Donald, we'll go ahead and get started with Chandra.

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45 MS. POE: Okay, thank you. I will have
46 a few items to touch on for the Qawalangin Tribe
47 report. Chris mentioned some of these items in his
48 introduction but we'll give you a little bit more
49 detail since we're able.

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1 We did, of course, have the fatality in
2 Unalaska, a community member who ate some shellfish,
3 and the PSP levels have been extremely high along the
4 Peninsula and throughout the Chain this summer. There
5 has been a great outreach effort, including translating
6 outreach materials to additional languages, Spanish and
7 Vietnamese and Tagalog and, you know, despite good
8 efforts through Sealaska Sea Grant and the city of
9 Unalaska and the tribe, we still had that fatality
10 event. So we are continuing to work toward increasing
11 our outreach, trying to find ways to make sure that
12 people understand the potential risks and some of the
13 mechanisms of why the PSP risk has increased due to the
14 warming waters. We are actively working right now to
15 try and get some NOAA event response money to continue
16 some more sampling and testing in Unalaska, also
17 working with St. Paul, King Cove and Sand Point on that
18 to try to get some more information. And so that's an
19 area that we're actively working on right now.

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21 People have mentioned the work out at
22 McLees this summer. That was a successful partnership
23 with the tribe and our partners at Fish and Game to get
24 that weir in, get the cabin all rehabilitated after it
25 was not -- the work was not funded for a couple of
26 seasons and so there was some work to be done. It went
27 very well, very successful work. As we've heard, a
28 very, very low salmon run. I'm sure that Lisa will be
29 talking more specifically about that. But I will just
30 say that there's a really high community interest and
31 awareness of that work out at McLees. Our radio
32 station did a story, there's just really high interest
33 and, you know, a lot of concern about those low numbers
34 for the reds this year.

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36 Our culture camp was cancelled due to
37 Covid considerations. And I know an important piece of
38 that always has been, the harvest there is part of camp
39 and processing those fish and that did not happen this
40 year.

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42 There are ongoing drone surveys, those
43 have been mentioned as well. Andy Diettrichs
44 (indiscernible) aerial, it's flown at McLees and
45 additionally at Morris Bay, Unalaska Bay and Summer
46 Bay, and those were really -- we're really pleased that
47 those are happening and we're looking forward to seeing
48 the results from those.

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1 Household harvest surveys, I know that
2 Fish and Game will address this in their report so I
3 will just briefly say that we appreciate the
4 responsiveness of Jackie Keating and the rest of the
5 Fish and Game Staff who are working on this as they
6 pivot to proceed via mail surveys due to our concerns
7 about community safety right now with the pandemic, and
8 we appreciate their working with us on that. And we
9 are really looking forward to those results, as
10 mentioned today, it's been a really long time since
11 household survey work has been completed for Unalaska.
12 It'll be fantastic to get that updated.

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14 One more thing on my list, as far as
15 like a Covid impact. We did postpone our Coastal
16 Communities Forum. We made the difficult decision to
17 postpone rather than trying to move to a virtual
18 platform. I think all of us are really keenly aware of
19 the difficulties of these platforms for hosting
20 meetings, particularly in a region with some IT
21 infrastructure challenges that we all face. We hope
22 that we will be able to move ahead with an in-person
23 event in August or September of 2021. We did get an
24 extension for that work, for that performance period,
25 so that is our current goal, is to have an in-person
26 meeting -- we'll have to make that decision, you know,
27 a few months before that, so we should know hopefully
28 by this spring one way or the other. But we are really
29 looking forward to that opportunity to meet together
30 and talk about a lot of the climate change impacts that
31 are impacting subsistence resources and impacting our
32 communities in other ways as well.

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34 And I would like to just conclude on a
35 positive note, our Wellness Program through the tribe,
36 which I, you know, will just speak to as to the best of
37 my ability as our wellness coordinator couldn't join us
38 today, but has been doing some really amazing work in
39 the community and this year that was able to include
40 some berry harvest and distribution for our elders. So
41 as a Staff, we were able to go harvest and get those
42 berries to our elders. It was a good blueberry year
43 fortunately on Unalaska. So that was really well
44 received and appreciated and a much needed sort of
45 blessing and high point for this season.

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47 I think that is all that I had in my
48 notes but if anybody has any questions I would be happy
49 to do my best to answer them.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
4 Chandra. Does anybody have any questions, comments.

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6 MR. HOLMES: I've got a couple, Pat.

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8 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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10 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, really nice report.
11 You did a good job. And I understand how crushing it
12 is not to have your forum but even more not having the
13 spirit camp. I participated in that and one time Moses
14 got me a ticket down to do it, I think that was so much
15 fun, and I can see how the kids in the community would
16 really feel lacking not having it.

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18 And I think your Wellness Program's
19 super.

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21 And spinning off that, a couple of
22 years ago when we were out there, I was at the Advisory
23 Committee, and I don't know if Tiny Shistien (ph)
24 brought it up or who, but there was some discussion
25 about trying to get a community subsistence harvest
26 permit for salmon so that they could have a central
27 distribution on fish and, of course, this year not
28 having much at McLees it didn't work, but I was
29 wondering if your community or tribe has pursued that
30 any more since Tiny left.

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32 MS. POE: Pat, I'm going to have to
33 defer to Chris, I don't know the answer to that. It's
34 something that is -- I will find out the answer to now
35 that you have asked the question but if Chris would
36 like to address that, I'm sorry I don't have that
37 information.

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39 MR. PRICE: Sure. Through the Chair.
40 Pat, you're asking our distribution system for like
41 salmon and berries?

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43 MR. HOLMES: Yeah. Because you can,
44 you know, go to Lisa or the area biologist and request
45 a community salmon harvest permit, like if you were to
46 take a beach seine out then you could go get your fish
47 and then distribute them out. But I think Tiny told me
48 that they couldn't figure out a way to do it before.

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1 MR. PRICE: Yeah, basically now what
2 we're doing through our Wellness Program mostly like
3 we're doing a food security Wellness Program where
4 basically we just started with the elders and the folks
5 in the Senior Center. So we're devoting Staff time to
6 actually harvesting the berries and then they did some
7 fish -- they delivered fish this summer as well. And
8 then we're getting a food bank set up and even had some
9 octopus at one point that was donated. So we have a --
10 we work with our Unalaska Senior Center to do that and
11 also with our local Staff.

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13 MR. HOLMES: Well, I think that's
14 really cool. I think that's very commendable.

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16 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Any
17 other comments or questions.

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19 MS. CHERNOFF: Yeah, I.....

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21 MR. HOLMES: If nobody else has
22 one.....

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24 MS. CHERNOFF:have.....

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26 MR. HOLMES:I'd like to ask the
27 young lady what she might think about our proposal, if
28 we got funding, to pay for an in-depth scale analysis
29 on scales that have been collected before and then
30 compare them to what happened this year, do you think
31 that would be a reasonable idea?

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33 MS. POE: I do. And I'm actually
34 curious and I don't have the history to know if there
35 are also opportunities for some of the other systems
36 for Unalaska for Morris, for Summer Bay, I don't know
37 if those have been collected or if that could be an
38 addition. But as you said, you know, it's saltwater
39 and fresh, you know, obviously all working together,
40 but I would be interested in seeing that move forward,
41 yes.

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43 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, that's correct.
44 And, you know, that would be the sort of thing that if
45 the funding did come through then, you know, maybe the
46 tribe could work out some -- a blend of things where
47 maybe they could have a student intern, you know, come
48 from the tribe or the city or something. So, anyway, I
49 sure hope we can get the funds.

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1 MS. CHERNOFF: Della, this is Coral.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Coral.

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5 MS. CHERNOFF: Hi, thank you for the
6 report. I had a question about the PSP out there. I
7 have -- I guess a couple questions.

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9 One, do you guys have several beaches
10 that you collect from or are they, you know, one, two,
11 three, or more beaches, or is there essentially one
12 beach that you collect from?

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14 Two, do you have current PSP testing?

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16 And, three, how many more years of
17 funding do you have that, or how many years in the past
18 leading up to current times, have you done PSP testing?

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20 MS. POE: Thank you. So in the past it
21 has happened at sporadic intervals in the past. The
22 last sort of, well, I won't say comprehensive, but the
23 last larger effort for testing actually occurred in
24 2014/15, and those data are not published yet. That
25 was an effort conducted by Alaska Sea Grant and working
26 with Bruce Wright, who is currently at Knik Tribe, I
27 believe. I'm not sure when he moved from APIA. So
28 it's been off and on. There are prior year data.
29 Currently, this summer we have collected weekly and we
30 will be sending those frozen samples in for analysis at
31 the Adak lab here in Anchorage. That is funded through
32 Bruce Wright's research efforts and those -- that
33 funding source is completed. We will not get any more
34 funding through that after this season. So that is one
35 of the strong motivations that I'm working with NOAA
36 right now, and it's not a long-term solution but I'm
37 hopeful that we can at least get a stop-gap here to
38 continue sampling and analysis. We do not have
39 analysis capability on the island, or along the Chain
40 so we do need to ship samples to either Anchorage, to
41 the SeaTour (ph) facilities. I think those are really
42 our two best options. Shipping has been a challenge.
43 You know, our air carrier situation is a challenge off
44 the island and there's also been some issues in the
45 past with Ace shipping and samples getting lost or
46 misplaced. So all of those are ongoing and we're doing
47 our best to address them. But, you know, long-term, it
48 would be an amazing service to all of our region to
49 have some testing capability that didn't require the
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1 shipping and such. The wait time is formidable and the
2 cost of it. I don't think anybody can realistically
3 expect that someone will go harvest, freeze what they
4 harvested, fulfill the sampling protocols, send it in,
5 wait for results, and then eat, so I think people just
6 are not harvesting or some people are going ahead and
7 harvesting and, you know, very sadly there was this
8 instance this summer of a tragic result.

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10 We've been collecting at one location
11 this summer. We have identified four locations that
12 we're hoping to increase our sampling through this NOAA
13 event response funding, if we get it. And, again,
14 we're working with three other communities to try and
15 make this more of a concerted regional effort.

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17 Does that answer your questions, did I
18 forget anything?

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20 MS. CHERNOFF: Nope, that was it, thank
21 you.

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23 MS. POE: Okay.

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25 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Chandra, this is
26 Della. Just out of curiosity, the three other
27 communities, which ones would they be?

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29 MS. POE: Yeah, it's Sand Point, and
30 they have had a long-term ongoing butter clam
31 monitoring, but again that funding is also ending.
32 King Cove, they have also collected again through Bruce
33 Wright's research program, which that funding is
34 ending, and St. Paul Island, and their primary species
35 of interest is actually limpids but they will also be
36 collecting mussels we hope.

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38 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, I think
39 it's -- we've got to figure that out because I think
40 it's important. The people here in this community, we
41 harvest clams, I mean we always grew up with being
42 told, don't ever harvest clams without the R in the
43 month, and, of course, watching the red tide, but we
44 eat a lot of clams here and we send clams to False
45 Pass, we send clams to Sand Point, so I think it's an
46 important that that continues.

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48 And, Chris, maybe, are you aware of
49 whether or not any of that can be done under the IGAP

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1 program at all?

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3 MS. POE: So from talking with our IGAP
4 coordinator, there are portions that can but there are
5 some pretty well known challenges of what is and isn't
6 allowable under IGAP. Right now the only thing that I
7 can finagle under there, is trying to increase
8 outreach, do some signage, might be able to find a way
9 to increase or continue some collection if I can work
10 to phrase it properly. I'm trying to work with Karen
11 Pletnikoff from APIA as well to see if there is a way
12 to move forward. I will say that they don't make it
13 easy.

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15 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Good to
16 know. In fact, my thoughts a little bit ago is that we
17 need to include Karen in these meetings when I was
18 looking at the tribal reports, so I will make sure I do
19 that in the future, to let them know, to please try to
20 attend.

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22 I really appreciate your report. I
23 think there's just a lot going on and the challenges we
24 are faced with, and I know Unalaska, Dutch, without an
25 air carrier is -- it's rough. There's just been a lot
26 of things going on. This Covid has had its impact on
27 all of us. So I thank you for your good report.

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29 MS. POE: Thank you.

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31 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I'll see what I
32 can do about checking with the tribe here and seeing --
33 maybe even with the Aleut Corp and maybe we can do
34 something.

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36 MS. POE: Thank you.

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38 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, any other
39 questions or comments.

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41 (No comments)

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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Hearing none,
44 we'll move on to Kodiak.....

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46 MR. PYLE: Good afternoon, Madame Chair
47 and members of the Council.

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49 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE:Sun'aq.

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1 MR. PYLE: My name is Bill Pyle,
2 supervisor of wildlife biologists. I will be
3 presenting Kodiak Refuge's report.....
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5 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Hey, Bill.
6 Bill.
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8 MR. PYLE:with -- excuse me, go
9 ahead.
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11 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I'm going to
12 interrupt you real fast, I think I was looking for the
13 Sun'aq Tribe.
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15 MR. PYLE: Very well, we'll standby.
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17 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: All right.
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19 MR. VAN DAELE: Yeah, thank you, Madame
20 Chair. Sorry Bill to duck in on you there. Good
21 afternoon, everyone. This is Matt Van Daele. I'm the
22 new tribal biologist for Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak.
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24 And first of all we're really excited
25 to be about to start working with Jackie Keating and
26 Fish and Game Subsistence Division and the OSM on the
27 upcoming survey of harvest trend salmon and non-salmon
28 fish around Kodiak's road system because it's -- as
29 Unalaska just said it's really important to get these
30 data sets updated and figure out what's going on with
31 that. But also it's -- all this Covid stuff right now
32 is a stark reminder of the paramount importance of food
33 security and protecting and enhancing access to
34 subsistence resources and activities, especially for
35 those of us on remote islands in the North Pacific.
36 It's nice to know what's going on with our food
37 resources and have some food security.
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39 And earlier in the meeting today it was
40 mentioned about the activity going on out there at LASH
41 Dock, and we're also watching that with concern, all
42 that take of very important feeding and wintering areas
43 of emperor geese and Womens Bay and with all that
44 extension for LASH Dock going on, there are definitely
45 some important questions to ask about what that's going
46 to mean for the eelgrass beds and also how it's going
47 to impact the geese when winter comes.
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49 And also on the topic of Womens Bay,
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1 we're actively pursuing a grant from NOAA, which would
2 provide funding to remove ghost fishing crab pots in
3 Womens Bay and I'm excited and optimistic about that
4 because that would be a very good step in the right
5 direction of trying to rehabilitate and rebuild the
6 dungeness populations out there and help other
7 shellfish species as well.

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9 And in regards to freshwater
10 crustaceans, work's still ongoing with the Buskin
11 crayfish. The field work portion has pretty much
12 wrapped up and we're in data analysis and report
13 writing mode right now, but we definitely need to
14 maintain our high tempo of outreach and education to
15 keep tabs on the crayfish situation and protect our
16 salmon resources. And we're still and always, probably
17 like everyone else, on the hunt for funding to support
18 additional future work.

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20 We are also working to continue to
21 refine our capabilities of the marine mammals stranding
22 responders in partnership with NOAA, and though Covid
23 related travel restrictions have posed some challenges,
24 especially with training opportunities, or lack
25 thereof, overall things are going very well in that
26 regard.

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28 And that's it for our report. Thank
29 you for your time. I look forward to working with all
30 of you in the future, and if you've got any questions
31 I'd be happy to answer them to the best of my
32 abilities.

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34 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Are
35 there any questions, comments.

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37 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I do. Pat.

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39 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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41 MR. HOLMES: Nice report, Matt. I
42 think Sun'ag really does a lot of work for the
43 community, particularly on trying to help with all
44 these different things that you were talking about. I
45 might suggest if you do get your crab pot grant that
46 you might consider taking the doors off or leaving them
47 open, and then maybe making a reef. Because you might
48 talk with Eric Monk, he's still in town, he used to be
49 a diver, but that seemed to be the only place that any

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1 king crab were left when they were doing their work,
2 was in the pots, because the sea otters couldn't get
3 them. That might be something to check with the
4 professionals and see how that goes.

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6 And really looking forward to seeing
7 what the results is on the crayfish and whether or not
8 they're scarfing up salmon eggs.

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10 But, anyway, good job, thank you.

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12 MR. VAN DAELE: Yeah, thank you, Pat.
13 And actually as a matter of fact, that is in the letter
14 of intent for the ghost pot grant, is if we're not able
15 to remove a pot or if the opportunity presents itself,
16 just to disable it so that it would allow the poor crab
17 to hide from the sea otters. So that is, indeed, in
18 there, and preliminary -- just very preliminary
19 analysis that some stabilize the topic, signatures of
20 crayfish are indicating that they're kind of a mid-
21 level detritivore, but we're going to definitely
22 continue to refine that and hopefully be able to do
23 some more isotopic analysis and analysis.

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25 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you.
26 Does anyone have comments or questions.

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28 MS. CHERNOFF: Yeah, this is Coral.

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30 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Coral.

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32 MS. CHERNOFF: Yeah, Matt, thank you
33 for your report. I was just wondering, has Sun'ag
34 looked into that dock in Womens Bay or have you -- has
35 anyone checked to see if there was an environmental
36 impact statement that had to be done before that whole
37 beach was pushed out like 100 yards or something? And
38 maybe you could direct me or us to where we could find
39 that information.

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41 MR. VAN DAELE: Yeah, that is a very
42 good question. I'm actually actively working on trying
43 to figure that out. So once I do determine anything
44 I'll certainly go through the channels to properly
45 inform all of you.

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47 MS. CHERNOFF: Thank you. And welcome
48 to the Sun'ag Team by the way.

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1 MR. VAN DAELE: Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. I
4 think, Donald, just for the record, both Rebecca and
5 Sam are on line.

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7 MR. MIKE: Yes, MadameChair, thank you.

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9 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Any more
10 questions or comments.

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12 (No comments)

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14 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you for
15 your report, appreciate it.

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17 Okay, moving on. We have Native
18 organizations and Alaska Native corporations, do we
19 have any on line there, or Orville?

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21 (No comments)

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23 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, moving on.
24 U.S. Fish and Wildlife. We're going to go ahead and go
25 with Kodiak. I was asked to move Izembek down the line
26 here and I think that's okay. I'll go ahead and start
27 with Kodiak.

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29 MR. PYLE: Good afternoon, Madame Chair
30 and members of the Council. This is Bill Pyle,
31 supervisor wildlife biologist with the Refuge and I
32 will be presenting the report with assistance by bear
33 biologist Joy Erlenbach for that particular bear topic.

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35 If I may preface my presentation by
36 saying that due to Covid19 safety concerns and
37 restrictions of the Fish and Wildlife Service, our
38 field work was -- as well as seasonal hiring was
39 severely curtailed so our report is short. Not a lot
40 of field work occurred. Several surveys were outright
41 cancelled and deferred to 2021.

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43 And so reportful items I'll cover here,
44 and starting with fisheries, and we were grateful for
45 the work that is done by the Alaska Department of Fish
46 and Game to monitor various runs in the Archipelago,
47 and that's vital information for the combination of
48 different user groups, including subsistence,
49 traditional and customary users. And so I will refer

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1 members to the Council to the report that was submitted
2 by the Refuge starting off with a presentation on the
3 Western Area summary.
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5 So with respect to the Ayakulik and
6 Karluk and specifically the early run of sockeye
7 salmon, escapement goals were met according to the
8 Department's information. And Ayakulik, pretty much
9 the same with late run sockeye, escapement goals met.
10 And then I guess while I'm on the topic of sockeye
11 salmon, I just may mention, well, okay, that's the
12 early run, escapement goals were met, we're still
13 looking forward to -- we're still in the midst of
14 returns on the late run and what is very notable about
15 the current situation, this is somewhat of an update,
16 information, again, provided by the Department with
17 their weir monitoring is that the situation in the
18 Ayakulik as well as the Karluk is fairly exceptional
19 because we've had an incredible return of pink salmon.
20 If you combine all the sockeye that have returned so
21 far along with the pink in those two systems, we're
22 talking 4.5 million fish in accordance with what's
23 passed the weir, with the Department noting that there
24 are additional fish, say, in the case of the Karluk
25 where they continue to monitor stacked up in lagoons.
26 And there is some concern associated with lots of pinks
27 in the Karluk specifically and exceeding 1.5 million
28 fish and sockeye that are staged in the lagoon and
29 turning red and water conditions being quite low and
30 some concern about the ability of sockeye to make it to
31 the lake, you know, and passing through a bunch of
32 pinks, I don't think that's an issue as much as low
33 water, lack of oxygen and especially if the pinks start
34 spawning and dying off. So it's a pretty exceptional
35 situation. Lots of variability over the last few
36 years, this is a real twist and so this is kind of an
37 unfolding situation and hopefully we see some rains
38 here shortly that allow the sockeye to make it to the
39 lake. Because they're kind of behind on escapement for
40 this same point in time compared to the 10 year record.
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42 So moving on to chinook, on the west
43 side, the Karluk exceeded its escapement goal, which is
44 good news, which about half of the last 10 years has
45 been the case. In contrast the Ayakulik did not. And
46 it's only really met that goal three of the last 10
47 years. The escapement goal is 4,000 fish, 2,402 were
48 counted passing the weir this year.
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1 In the Northern area, which includes
2 this end of Kodiak Island, as well as nearby Afognak
3 Island, both the Litnik, or Afognak River and Buskin
4 River met escapement goals for sockeye salmon. And
5 then the reports that we received kind of correspond
6 with the assessment we did with subsistence users and
7 what we heard earlier from Kodiak based Council
8 members, in terms it was difficult to secure a high
9 catch rate because of the variability in timing with
10 the fish coming later this year and a little bit spread
11 out during that late period versus the normal kind of
12 peak of run timing.

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14 Another noteworthy item that would be
15 an update that's really not in your report pertains to
16 Akalura Creek, we do mention that we continued the
17 monitoring of returning adult salmon to that system.
18 And the added information is that the other day we sent
19 our pilot fisheries biologist down there based on a
20 report that we had received that beaver were blocking
21 passage of fish to the lake. In other words, we had a
22 beaver dam there in the main stem of Akalura Creek
23 below the lake and typically the late run is the
24 strongest component in that creek, the late run of
25 sockeye salmon. And so he, working with another
26 assistant, was able to breach that dam and sure enough
27 within a half hour the pinks and the reds came charging
28 up through it. And that's a concern, again, associated
29 with low water conditions that we've seen here on
30 Kodiak Island and additionally an abundance of beavers.
31 On these small creeks, in particular, it's a concern
32 with sockeye salmon that are trying to access lakes or
33 spawning tributaries and, you know, Akalura Creek isn't
34 the only place that we've noted this occurring. So we
35 took some management action there at Akalura Creek and
36 we'll keep an eye on it to try and keep the salmon
37 passage open.

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39 Now, if I may, turn it to Joy
40 Erlenbach, my colleague, to describe actions on brown
41 bear.

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43 MS. ERLENBACH: Thanks, Bill. Hi,
44 everyone. Unfortunately we were unable to conduct
45 either of our annual bear surveys this year due to
46 flight restrictions related to Covid. So instead we've
47 had more time to thoroughly review and summarize our
48 previously collected data, and to continue discussions
49 with Fish and Game about those findings from our 2018
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1 and 2019 surveys. And those surveys showed a decrease
2 in the number of bears observed in the Sturgeon River
3 area compared to previous years. So our review of that
4 available data and those discussions are ongoing as
5 well as work towards improving our survey efforts into
6 the future.

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Thanks.

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10 MR. PYLE: Okay, thank you, Joy. This
11 is Bill Pyle again, and I'm continuing on with the
12 mammal theme. Joy had an opportunity to survey mountain
13 goats, this is a cooperative venture with Department of
14 Fish and Game and this information is clearly used in
15 harvest management and that includes both, you know,
16 recreational sport harvest and though the Department
17 manages all forms of mountain goat harvest, clearly
18 there's the subsistence usage component that occurs of
19 the goat herd on Kodiak Island. So typically we do
20 present on mountain goat as well, even though they're
21 not a Federally-designated traditional and customary
22 species.

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25 In any case, what we can share with you
26 is Joy's assessment, which focused on about 60 percent
27 of the goat herd that occurs in the registration hunt
28 unit known as 480, which takes in the goat range on
29 Western, Southern Kodiak Island. And her results, she
30 was able to survey most of the area and the number of
31 goats she counted totaled 1,703 with a kid to adult
32 ratio of about 28 percent. And that's right kind of
33 within the range of recent surveys of that area.
34 Certainly the kid to adult ratio indicates that this is
35 a continued high herd productivity. And one of the
36 reasons we have that registration hunt set that way as
37 a registration hunt with a two goat bag limit and very
38 long season, it's kind of the exception to how goat
39 harvest is managed in Alaska, is to maintain that herd
40 at a stable level, to certainly provide for harvest
41 opportunities but to prevent over use of the range
42 which would reduce productivity and ultimately the goat
43 populations and harvest opportunities. So certainly
44 since the registration hunt was initiated years ago,
45 goat harvest in that area has increased, opportunities
46 have also correspondingly increased, but it -- and the
47 herd is -- certainly the assessment of both the
48 Department and the Refuge is that the rate of increase
49 has declined somewhat but it hasn't apparently gone
50 down and we do maintain high herd productivity still.

1 Regarding Migratory Birds, Robin
2 Corcoran, the oralothologist for the Refuge, teamed up
3 with Oregon State University and a graduate student,
4 Jill Tengeres, again, this year, this is Jill's last
5 year as a graduate student, to focus on research of
6 Arctic and Aleutian Terns and they were able to monitor
7 specifically the nesting colonies on the road system
8 here at this end of Kodiak Island. Several colonies
9 were ultimately inactive but two primary ones were
10 active, and at the larger of the two, Kalsin Bay, 120
11 Aleutian Terns and 75 Arctic Terns were estimated
12 nesting, and then at the other active colony there in
13 Middle Bay about 50 to 60 Aleutian Terns. So we've had
14 two years where the terns were successful nesting in
15 those areas. Robin has done a -- and her OSU cohort
16 had good luck putting up electric fences, they're at
17 Kalsin Bay specifically to protect the colony, to
18 advise people of what's going on, it's a temporary
19 manoeuver just during the nesting season, and it seems
20 to have made quite a difference in terms of protecting
21 the nesting effort by terns in that very accessible
22 area. Robin typically gets out and she had a plan to
23 do a near shore marine survey this year, we targeted
24 Afognak and Shuyak Island, but because of safety
25 concerns and restrictions, that survey did not happen
26 and will be deferred to 2021.

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28 That concludes my report and I welcome
29 your questions.

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31 Thank you.

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33 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Bill.
34 Any questions for Bill or comments.

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36 MR. HOLMES: Pat.

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38 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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40 MR. HOLMES: Okay, starting from the
41 back end there Bill, nice report, and the same comments
42 there to your young associate -- I just lost her name,
43 so sorry. Anyway, any thoughts with the success on
44 kind of providing for enhancement for the Arctic Terns
45 in Kalsin Bay and Middle Bay, any thoughts on the
46 potential of doing that in Womens Bay now that Koniag
47 has the former colony area closed to fourwheelers?

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49 MR. PYLE: Pat, through the Chair,
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1 thank you for that question. It seems as though
2 Robbin, at least last year, as well as Jill was
3 specifically experimenting with trying to attract terns
4 to nearby Mary Island where there was some historic
5 reports of their nesting. I'm not sure what activities
6 they detected in Womens Bay this year with terns trying
7 to nest on the mainland, previously they had been
8 flooded out. They nested and then, you know, we had a
9 high tide cycle and it flooded nests out, but she did
10 meet with some success of at least attracting terns
11 with decoys and tern calls last year but did not have
12 the resources to follow up this year. And I think
13 that's one of the themes, is certainly to see if the
14 birds can be attracted to some of these nearby islands
15 where some suitable habitat occurs. And as Ms.
16 Chernoff mentioned earlier, there was some activity out
17 at Puffin Island, the scope of which we didn't really
18 find out about until later in the season. But if
19 that's the place where Ms. Chernoff saw the terns then,
20 you know, that's supported by what we saw too but we're
21 not sure, you know, how much nesting or what nesting
22 occurred out there. But that was kind of new
23 information for us. So there's no specific effort that
24 we have ongoing to attract terns that I know of, to
25 your question, Mr. Holmes, to the intertidal area or
26 the high tide area of that back end of Womens Bay as
27 much as it seems feasible to actually attract them to
28 the nearby Mary Island in particular.

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30 Thank you.

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32 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, Roger that. Well, I
33 think that's a wonderful, wonderful experiment and it
34 really tickles me that it's getting -- helping things
35 out on the terns.

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37 Moving back to mountain goats. I was
38 intrigued with your comment that the mountain goats
39 study group's recommendation to reduce the bag limits
40 through the Board of Game -- or increase bag limits,
41 seemed to have reduced the rate of growth, do you think
42 it would be happening that you'd want to work with Nate
43 and maybe have another series of meetings to increase
44 the bag limit, or just kind of see how it goes for now?

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46 MR. PYLE: Mr. Holmes, through the
47 Chair. The most recent change that occurred did extend
48 the -- and this is the Board of Game action of March of
49 2019, that regulation went into place that summer,

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1 extended the mountain goat season by a couple weeks and
2 also required harvest and the two goat bag limit, at
3 least one of those goats had to be a nannie. So those
4 were the principal changes that occurred recently. And
5 I think I recall that we did consult with the mountain
6 goat working group and solicit perspective on what
7 additional changes, based on the information that had
8 been acquired on the management response of that goat
9 herd. And it was viewed that additional liberalization
10 was called for because there was some indication that,
11 notwithstanding the size of the herd in that
12 particular area, that the consensus was that it was
13 still increasing, although at a lower rate. And it's
14 hard to believe you could fit that many mountain goats
15 in that country. All evidence indicates it's one of
16 the densest populations in North America. And so, you
17 know, it's one of the reasons why the Refuge is pretty
18 focused on monitoring, as a priority. And I would say
19 since we haven't seen the Department's analysis of this
20 information, we ship the information that we collect on
21 the survey to the Department, that I would have to kind
22 of defer that question, Mr. Holmes, for a time perhaps
23 later this fall after the Department completes its
24 analysis of the entire herd, including the information
25 that we provided on that region of Kodiak Island and
26 the registration hunt area and see what they have to
27 say. But I certainly would expect that the Refuge
28 would look forward to continued discussion about what's
29 the herd's status and what, if any, additional
30 management actions may be warranted.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, well, that's great.
35 I'd like to maybe say a few words about the working
36 group or the study group because that's been going for
37 several years and they were able to solve some user
38 conflicts quite awhile back and provide for increased
39 subsistence access for the folks that usually want to
40 go for those, not for sport, but for meat, and I think
41 that that's been a really successful group and a few of
42 the RAC members were not invited for being RAC members,
43 but because they're public, and that contribution, I
44 think, has been really good.

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46 The last thing I wanted to ask you
47 about is on the bear populations from Sturgeon. Have
48 you had a chance to correlate the populations with the --
49 I know you're looking at berries and fish, but I just
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1 was chatting with CommFish folks and it looks like
2 there's been kind of a pretty definite down, decline in
3 chum salmon over there, and I just wondered if you had
4 a chance to really draw any regression lines to
5 correlate anything on the salmon and bears?

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7 MS. ERLLENBACH: We haven't done any
8 specific analysis, but if you do look at the graphs of
9 chum abundance in the Sturgeon it's really obvious that
10 it's declined pretty significantly, so at least looking
11 at figures so far it seems like that's a pretty likely
12 part of the explanation.

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14 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I found when I was
15 working for the Department, and I will do this joke
16 hopefully the last time, but I always found it
17 interesting at Frazer that within a matter of 10 hours,
18 it would go from one bear, and 10 or 15 would move of
19 over from Karluk and it seems like sometimes they
20 almost have extra-sensory perception of when there's a
21 better place to feed.

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23 So, anyway, thank you very much.

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25 Good report folks.

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27 MS. ERLLENBACH: Thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Any other
30 comments or questions for Bill or Joy.

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32 (No comments)

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34 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Hearing none,
35 thank you for your report, good report.

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37 Okay, the next item on the agenda is
38 the Marine Mammal Management Program, U.S. Fish and
39 Wildlife.

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41 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, this is
42 Donald.

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44 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
45 Donald.

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47 MR. MIKE: I didn't receive any
48 commitments from the Marine Mammals folks, so that's
49 what I have.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you,
4 Donald.

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6 Migratory Birds Program.

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8 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair.

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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12 MR. HOLMES: Okay, sorry. I just
13 wanted to comment that, you know, we've asked about
14 from the sea otter group of Marine Mammals for almost
15 two years now, about why Kodiak's included in the
16 Western endangered group and have we gotten any more
17 feedback on that?

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19 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think, Pat,
20 there was -- if you look in the annual -- response to
21 our annual report there is some reference to that, on
22 Page 12, I think, but it doesn't necessarily answer
23 your question.

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25 MR. HOLMES: Oh, yeah, I found it,
26 yeah. Yeah, it doesn't really answer the question.

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28 Thank you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: The other
31 question I have, Donald, is Alaska Maritime Refuge. We
32 had kind of, I think, if I recall correctly, asked to
33 have them on our list and hopefully start getting a
34 report from them because it basically affects all of us
35 on this side of the Aleutians.

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37 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair.

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39 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Maybe we could
40 keep that in mind for the winter meeting. But it would
41 sure be nice to start getting reports from them.

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43 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. Donald
44 Mike. I got a call from Steve Delehanty stating that
45 he didn't have much to report but if you want him to be
46 on line and present a brief report, we can arrange
47 that.

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49 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, thank you
2 if you could do that, I'd appreciate it. Because
3 sometimes whether or not they really have a report, if
4 someone has questions brought forward to them or
5 observations, I think it's -- or things we need to be
6 aware of, I think it would be good to have Steve on
7 hand.

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9 Moving on, Alaska Department of Fish
10 and Game. Well, we've got Izembek, I don't know I seen
11 a note to move that until tomorrow morning, or is
12 Izembek ready to do a report at this time?

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14 MS. FOSADO: Hi, good afternoon, Madame
15 Chair. I'm not quite ready. I'm sorry for the
16 miscommunication but I'm not prepared. If there's any
17 way I can present a report tomorrow morning I would
18 greatly appreciate it.

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20 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, we can do
21 that. We'll move you first on the agenda for the
22 morning.

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24 MS. FOSADO: Will do. Thank you very
25 much, I appreciate it.

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27 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: You're welcome.

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29 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.
30 We've got Commercial Sportfishing.

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32 MR. WITTEVEEN: Madame Chairman, this
33 is Mark Witteveen with Fish and Game. We don't really
34 have anything prepared for a sportfishing report. We
35 are prepared to talk about the Buskin River sockeye
36 assessment project, which is more of a subsistence
37 thing administered by us at Sportfish, so I can give
38 you that information at this time if you would like.

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40 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: We do have the
41 -- well, yeah, we have the subsistence next and we have
42 commercial and sport. Lisa, are you on line, somebody
43 to do the commercial?

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45 MS. FOX: Yeah, Madame Chair, this is
46 Lisa Fox. I don't really have a report to supply for
47 Commercial Fisheries and Area M but I can give a brief
48 summary about how the season went if you would like.

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1 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think if we
2 can do the commercial and then the subsistence, that's
3 just the way it's written out on the agenda; if that's
4 okay Mark.

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6 MR. WITTEVEEN: Yeah, that works for
7 me.

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9 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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11 MS. FOX: Okay. Yeah, so for the
12 Commercial Fisheries for the South Alaska Peninsula
13 area and Aleutians area, the salmon fishery started off
14 pretty normally with the scheduled fishing periods in
15 June and then due to the very low returns of sockeye
16 salmon to the Chignik River system there were some
17 restrictions placed on the commercial fishing in parts
18 of the South Peninsula fishery in June. The normal
19 last two fishing periods were cut in half and that was
20 to try and conserve some fish that were traveling to
21 Chignik hopefully. The July fishery, there was not a
22 large presence of immature salmon at the beginning of
23 the July fishery and so the July fishery went off
24 pretty normally. And then in August the fishery is
25 managed based on local pink and chum escapement and
26 there was enough escapement to have a few fishing
27 period opportunities for the commercial fleet. And
28 that's the first time since 2008 that there's been any
29 fishing in August on an even year because the pink runs
30 have been really, really low, and this year the pink
31 escapement was actually fairly good. It wasn't really,
32 really strong, but it was strong enough to allow some
33 commercial fishing.

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35 Overall the sockeye harvest was very,
36 very poor. The chum harvest was low. And the coho
37 harvest was low. And the pink salmon harvest was
38 higher than forecasted but was not as strong as what we
39 would see on an odd year.

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41 There was not any commercial salmon
42 fishing in the Unalaska area this year. We didn't
43 actually even get out and do a survey, we were just
44 busy flying surveys in the South Penn and there wasn't
45 a ton of interest for people to head out to Dutch
46 Harbor for salmon fishing.

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48 There was a herring fishery that was
49 very, very limited. There was only one participant and
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1 so that information is still kind of confidential even
2 though we've been given the verbal that it's okay to
3 release that information, we're still waiting on the
4 form to get signed for that.

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6 But, yeah, commercial fishing, it was a
7 pretty poor year for the South Penn in general, and,
8 yeah, that's all the summary I have for that. If you
9 have any questions on that I can try to answer them.

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11 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Lisa.
12 Do we have any questions for Lisa.

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14 MR. HOLMES: I've got one.

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16 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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18 MR. HOLMES: yes, thank you, Madame
19 Chair. Lisa, taking your comments on the Peninsula
20 there it looked like a pretty tough season and do not a
21 lot of the folks on the South Peninsula, for their
22 subsistence, they depend on folks donating things from
23 the commercial catch, so with the commercial catch
24 being way down, did you have less opportunity for local
25 folks on subsistence?

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27 MS. FOX: Through the Chair. The
28 subsistence harvest seemed like it was pretty normal.
29 We don't have the permits back, there was still quite a
30 few people coming in and getting permits and there was
31 some folks that took their commercial vessels out and
32 did subsistence fishing with their commercial vessels,
33 which is kind of how they do it around Sand Point and
34 King Cove. And then, you know, I heard some reports
35 that fishing was pretty bad around Mortensen's but
36 there was more fish up in the northern parts of Cold
37 Bay and I don't know I think people had a hard time
38 finding subsistence fish if they weren't using
39 commercial gear, but I know when the commercial people
40 would go out and fish, they do distribute it through
41 the community. But, yeah, it was definitely -- it was
42 a light year for sockeye. Orzinski's escapement was
43 very, very low again, and a lot of the systems that we
44 survey doing aerial surveys, they looked -- there was
45 some sockeye in there but it was definitely not a big
46 year for any kind of sockeye subsistence harvesting.

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48 MR. HOLMES: Well, that's good, and I
49 think it's important for our Council to note that you
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1 folks for the South Peninsula fishery try to get as
2 much fish up to Chignik as you can so that closed thing
3 was at a cost on the South side, but maybe hopefully
4 got a few fish to Chignik even though that was pretty
5 much a disaster again.

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7 So thank you very much for all that you
8 do.

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, this is
11 Della. Maybe to kind of answer your question because
12 it's came up -- you've kind of asked it twice. In the
13 beginning of the season I think these guys were getting
14 like, 10, 15 fish a day, so there were a couple of
15 occasions when you came in from fishing with your 10 or
16 15 fish and just put it away because there was no sense
17 in effort to try to do anything with it commercially.
18 So that's kind of the answer to your question.

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20 MR. HOLMES: Roger that. Thank you,
21 Ma'am. Sorry.

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23 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: No, no problem.
24 No problem. I probably should have said it earlier.

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26 Any other questions for Lisa, or
27 comments.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I guess, Lisa,
33 do you know how long it would be before we'll be kind
34 of getting some numbers put together for this season?

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36 MS. FOX: So for subsistence harvest,
37 is that the question?

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39 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: For both,
40 commercial and subsistence.

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42 MS. FOX: We'll have a season summary
43 for the commercial fishery out here pretty soon. We
44 have preliminary numbers now but a lot of them, because
45 there was such low harvest and because the processor
46 participation was a little bit different this year, a
47 lot of the in-season numbers ended up being kind of
48 confidential but we'll have season total harvest for
49 commercial probably within the next month.

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1 And then for subsistence harvest, it
2 usually -- it takes awhile for those permits to kind of
3 come trickling in and we don't actually publish that
4 information until the following year but we'll have,
5 probably 60 percent of the permits back by the end of
6 this year.

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8 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, okay,
9 well, hopefully they're a little better. I know last
10 year Cold Bay was not good. Yeah, it's been different
11 all the way around, so hopefully things get better.

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13 Thank you.

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15 MS. FOX: Yeah, no problem. One thing
16 to note is there was a couple of places where there
17 were extra sockeyes showing up in places for
18 subsistence harvest that they don't seem to normally
19 show up. There was a conversation about fish showing
20 up out in Adak in numbers that they hadn't seen before,
21 sockeye coming into I think it's Andrew Lake, and then
22 there was also reports out in Unalaska about more
23 sockeye coming into Volcano Bay and people going over
24 there and harvesting quite a few sockeye this season.

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26 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you
27 very much for your report.

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29 Pat, did you have any comments to that
30 last part?

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32 MR. HOLMES: Well, I think that's
33 pretty darn exciting to get a good shot of reds at Adak
34 because that's pretty variable and then Volcano Bay
35 there around the Mucushin side, that sometimes pulses
36 up. It's good that folks had an opportunity from
37 Unalaska to go around to there because it seemed like
38 McLees is pretty darn short so that's a nice report.

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40 Thank you, Lisa.

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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. I
43 have a question, I guess I don't know if -- do we get a
44 commercial report from Kodiak, too, from ADF&G?

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46 MS. FOX: Madame Chair, this is Lisa
47 Fox again. James Jackson would normally be the person
48 who gave a report and he is out today. I don't think
49 he's going to have a report. And their fishery is

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1 still kind of ongoing.

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay.

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5 MS. FOX: Yeah, so he's not in.

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7 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, I just
8 want to make sure I'm not missing something.

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10 All right, thank you.

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12 We'll go ahead and move on to the
13 Subsistence, and Mark.

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15 MR. WITTEVEEN: Thank you, Madame Chair
16 and members of the Council. My name is Mark Witteveen
17 and I'm an assistant area sportfish biologist for
18 Kodiak and Alaska Peninsula Aleutian Islands.

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20 I do have a couple of slides prepared.
21 They are located on the meeting material page under
22 supplemental material, a PowerPoint presentation, if
23 you guys want to download that, if you haven't already.
24 I'll kind of stall here for a second and give you a
25 chance to get it.

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27 I wanted to say I'm sorry for not
28 having a written report ready. Since the meeting was a
29 little earlier this year, we're still counting fish, I
30 have two weirs in the water and so we're not really
31 ready to process any numbers yet. If there are not any
32 questions before I start I will get going.

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34 Do you guys have anything on the front
35 end?

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37 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Hold on.
38 Donald, was that an email or what am I missing here?

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40 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. All the
41 supplemental materials were posted on our
42 Kodiak/Aleutians website, if you need it I can email it
43 to you real quick.

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45 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: No, I'll try to
46 pull it up. Go ahead.

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48 MR. WITTEVEEN: Okay. I'll try to
49 describe what's going on so if people don't have the

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1 slides, they can kind of figure out what's happening.

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3 But the report I'll be giving is on the
4 2020 season of the Buskin River Sockeye Stock
5 Assessment Project. That project is essentially two
6 fish counting weirs, one at Buskin Lake and one on the
7 Lake Louise tributary to count sockeye. We also
8 generally take age, sex and length samples from all
9 fish and try to take age, sex, length samples from the
10 subsistence fishery as well as conduct subsistence
11 interviews, but due to concerns with public contact
12 with Covid this year, we did cancel all the subsistence
13 interviews, so we don't have that information this
14 year.

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16 If you refer to Slide 2, you will see a
17 bar chart that shows the escapement of Buskin and Lake
18 Louise this year compared to previous years. The
19 escapement so far is 7,703 sockeye as of yesterday. As
20 I said we're still counting. Our escapement goal is
21 five to 8,000 so we're on the upper end of that
22 escapement goal. Lake Louise escapement has been low
23 the last several years. Right now I think we had 18
24 fish as of yesterday. There are a few fish around in
25 the last couple of days but that run seems to be kind
26 of periodic. I think environmental conditions have to
27 be just right for sockeye to be productive there, the
28 access is pretty difficult, pretty small access stream,
29 and the lake itself is kind of marginal sockeye
30 habitat. We do see escapements numbering close to a
31 thousand in some years but we haven't seen much lately
32 and it seems to be just a periodically productive
33 system. I think a lot of times it's just not very
34 productive, it's not good sockeye habitat.

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36 If you refer to the next slide, please.

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38 Slide No. 3 shows daily counts in red
39 bars and the continuous black line is the cumulative
40 escapement. So the run timing in that black line is a
41 little bit later than the previous five years, a little
42 bit more typical to historical. It seems that with the
43 exception of 2018 and '19, we were seeing pretty early
44 run timing, a lot of escapement in May, and this is a
45 little bit more typical with most of the escapement
46 occurring in June.

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48 Slide No. 4. This is a slide you've
49 seen before. It was a sibling relationship -- the

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1 relationship between fish that are aged at one year in
2 the ocean -- or one year in the freshwater, two years
3 in the ocean in a given year, compared to fish that
4 return the next year that spend one year in the
5 freshwater and three years in the ocean. So that
6 relationship kind of allows us to predict what next
7 years run might be. And it's a little hard to grasp,
8 that fish math, but I'll just give you the broad
9 strokes. This year we expected a large return of 1:3
10 fish based on last year's 1:2 fish. We expected a
11 pretty big run and it was a little bit more of an
12 average run. As I said we were at the upper end of our
13 escapement goal, anecdotally subsistence harvests were
14 not great so it was less than expected.

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16 And if you look at the next slide, No.
17 5, this is the sockeye scale -- two sockeye scales, and
18 part of the reason we take these age samples. If you
19 look at the two yellow lines on the left scale, those
20 represent the second and third year of ocean growth in
21 the fish. And you see there, that's very typical
22 Buskin fish, the areas that the yellow areas point to
23 are pretty far apart. The scale on the right is real
24 typical of what we saw this year and you'll see that
25 those arrows are much closer together. And so the
26 lines between the areas is highlighted by the yellow
27 arrows are proportional to growth and so the take home
28 message is that the last year of ocean growth in this
29 year's fish was very small relative to what we normally
30 see, and, Pat has alluded to some of this scale growth
31 stuff. And we'll take a closer look at this as the
32 season winds down and see if it's consistent through
33 the entire season.

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35 The next slide, slide No. 6, is I just
36 wanted to highlight our intern program again. We had a
37 couple of interns this year, Jenny Ing, and Clara
38 Underwood, and both of them did great, we're really
39 happy with their performance and they were real excited
40 about learning all kinds of new stuff. I think, Clara,
41 especially, is interested in biology so hopefully we'll
42 get her back. I know at least one other former intern
43 worked for Fish and Game this year. So out of the last
44 30 interns, we're up to 23 of them have come back to
45 work full-time for the Department so that continues to
46 be a really good program for us and we're real happy to
47 continue that.

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49 Last slide is just a question slide. I
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1 can answer any questions and then I have a couple of
2 comments or questions for the Council as well after
3 that.

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5 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Are
6 there any questions.

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8 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, my classic question;
9 what might happen next year, and the growth thing on
10 the scales was just -- that's really, really good
11 illustration.

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13 Thank you.

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15 MR. WITTEVEEN: You bet, Pat. We don't
16 really have all the data analyzed to answer that
17 question of what we expect is coming next. As we
18 expected this year was going to have a lot of age 1:3
19 fish, at least the scales I've read so far indicate
20 that there's kind of an overwhelming proportion of 1:3
21 fish, which doesn't really bode well for the future.
22 With that being said, I haven't read all the scales and
23 we haven't looked at any numbers, but that's all I'm
24 going to give you.

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26 But if there aren't any other
27 questions, there's a couple changes that we were
28 considering for the next proposal cycle, if we want to
29 address that now and see what the will of the Board is,
30 or the Council.

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32 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Before we do
33 that, are there any more comments or questions for
34 Mark.

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36 (No comments)

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38 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, go ahead,
39 Mark.

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41 MR. WITTEVEEN: Yeah, as I get more
42 familiar with this project, there was a couple of items
43 that I thought we might change in the future,
44 proposals, but I wanted to make sure that the Council
45 agreed with them.

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47 The first one I kind of spoke to is the
48 Lake Louise weir. I really think that's kind of
49 marginal habitat. There was a time that we wanted to
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1 assess those numbers. There's no escapement goal with
2 that system. I think we'd have a little more
3 streamlined and efficient project if we dropped that
4 portion. It wouldn't -- it would save some money in a
5 proposal, I'm just not sure if we're collecting
6 information that we're using, and so I would just like
7 to see if the Council was interested in continuing that
8 part of this project into the future.

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10 And while we're going here, the
11 subsistence interviews are kind of the same vein. We,
12 in previous cycles, had done some genetics work on the
13 Buskin subsistence harvest and saw that there were
14 other stocks around but it was mostly Buskin stocks.
15 We kind of answered the question, who the subsistence
16 users were, and I don't know if that needs to be
17 continually monitored and that would also save some
18 money into the future, and kind of streamline the
19 project.

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21 So those are the two main changes that
22 I was looking at. And then, of course, I'd be open to
23 suggestions of other changes that we might discuss.

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25 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair, if nobody
26 else wants to, I'll ask.

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28 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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30 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I think probably
31 dropping those would be good and it would be
32 interesting, you know, if you have the little bit of
33 extra money, to be able to go back and do some
34 comparisons to some previous years. I think having
35 that tight growth there on the 1:3's in the ocean,
36 that's certainly -- do you think that correlates with
37 the information that we've been getting from Ellen at
38 NOAA, where she was saying she thought that things were
39 heating up in the Pacific, could that be an indication
40 of that?

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42 MR. WITTEVEEN: Well, Pat, that's a -- I
43 mean that seems like a reasonable speculation but, of
44 course, it's a pretty difficult question to answer. We
45 can certainly look into this further. You know there's
46 even a possibility of a graduate project in there
47 somewhere. I'm not -- I haven't done an in-depth
48 literature review of measuring that ocean growth and
49 comparing it to, you know, the proportion of fish that

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1 return one year versus the next year, but it's pretty
2 interesting stuff. And the whole scale measurement,
3 studies haven't really been -- haven't really been used
4 lately but I think they're still useful, and that whole
5 kind of area of study could use a technology upgrade
6 from the way things were done in the past anyway.

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8 So yeah that sounds all possible, we
9 can kind of take a broad strokes look and maybe get in
10 further depth.

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12 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, well, that would be
13 swell because that is going to be one of our
14 suggestions for funding on research is to have a chance
15 to do that for the Buskin so hopefully things might
16 work out. And as usual, great report, and when you do
17 get a vague idea on your best guess on what will happen
18 next year, if you could get that to Donald or Della so
19 that we could get that and share it with the community
20 because I was hoping this year to have a whole lot
21 better at the Buskin and went out and got one skinny
22 little fish at the time that I normally get 50 or more,
23 and I should have used my common sense and gone out and
24 got a few chums, and I think I'll probably go for some
25 cohos here pretty soon.

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27 So thank you very much, good work.

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29 MR. WITTEVEEN: Thanks, Pat. Yeah,
30 we'll get that information out as soon as we have it.

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32 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Any
33 other comments or questions.

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35 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, Della, this is
36 Rebecca.

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38 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
39 Rebecca.

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41 MS. SKINNER: Thanks. Mark, I was
42 looking at the weir counts and I think I clicked on
43 sockeye so looking at the weir counts for 2020 at
44 Buskin and it looked like the numbers were a lot lower
45 than they were last year, so I was flipping back
46 through your slides to see if I had missed something in
47 your slides where you specifically talked about this,
48 but I think you didn't show a comparison between 2020
49 and 2019, you showed a comparison between the five year

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1 average and 2020. And you may have spoken to this a
2 little bit, but can you talk a little bit more about
3 the -- so is 2020 a lot lower for sockeye or does it
4 just look that way right now, would you expect much --
5 many more sockeye to come into Buskin at this point?
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7 MR. WITTEVEEN: Madame Chairman.
8 Rebecca. I would say that the escapement of sockeye at
9 Buskin is pretty well done. We did get less fish this
10 year than last year, although we are right at the top
11 of our escapement goal so we're kind of where we want
12 to be as far as fish goes. We try not to blow out that
13 escapement goal if we can manage. So I would say
14 certainly this year was not as good as last. I think
15 you make the right characterization there.
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17 MS. SKINNER: If I could clarify. So
18 based on your comment that you do try to like optimize
19 the escapement, is this year not as good as last year,
20 or last year, was it more that due to a variety of
21 reasons there were just more fish going up than you may
22 have wanted, or I guess I'm just kind of honing in on
23 your comment that you don't want to blow out the
24 escapement, so I'm trying to put this year and last
25 year into context.
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27 MR. WITTEVEEN: Yeah, I would say this
28 year was definitely not as good as last year. The bar
29 graph in my report doesn't have sport and subsistence
30 harvest in it and we don't actually know what the
31 subsistence harvest or the sport harvest is this year,
32 so it's difficult to talk about the whole run. We
33 usually don't have subsistence numbers until springtime
34 and sport numbers are generally almost a whole year
35 out. So it's really hard to dial down on how different
36 they are.
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38 Last year seemed to have a real
39 homogeneous run timing, there wasn't a real big
40 distinct peak and that's when fish are easy to catch in
41 a subsistence fishery, when there's lots going by. So
42 I think last year's fish were a little less catchable
43 and perhaps the subsistence harvest was low and more
44 fish made it to the lake as a result, that's largely
45 speculative but I do recall that about last year, that
46 it seemed like there was kind of a continuous
47 reasonable escapement but people were not catching
48 fish.
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1 So I'm trying -- I'm not trying to
2 weasel out of your question, I think this year was not
3 as good but it's difficult to really characterize
4 fully.

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6 MS. SKINNER: Okay, no, that was very
7 helpful, thank you.

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9 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair. A couple of
10 last words.

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12 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Pat.

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14 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I think last year my
15 dory got killed so I didn't get out so I was watching
16 other folks and helping them, but it seemed to me that
17 even though we had a decent run of fish, everybody who
18 went out there had so much trouble with seals and sea
19 lions that, you know, their nets would get torn to heck
20 or I know one person thought he got bit trying to fight
21 over fish, so that was pretty difficult last year.
22 This year the gossip I heard was things just kind of
23 trickled along and then one squirt and that was it.

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25 But -- so that's kind of a bit of a
26 sticky-wicket for sure.

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28 Anyway, thank you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Any
31 other comments or questions.

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33 (No comments)

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35 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, hearing
36 none, thank you Mark, and thank you Lisa, and thank you
37 for your reports.

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39 MS. KEATING: Madame Chair, this is
40 Jackie Keating with the Division of Subsistence at Fish
41 and Game, if you'd like our update now.

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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Oh, I'm sorry,
44 Jackie, yes.

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46 MS. KEATING: There's a lot of us, it's
47 hard to keep track up. Is now a good time?

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49 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Now is a good
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1 time. I'm sorry, I just was making notes and somehow I
2 missed that so go ahead.

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4 MS. KEATING: No worries, thank you,
5 Madame Chair. And thanks everybody, it's really good
6 to hear your voices, I think like everybody else,
7 really look forward to when we can meet in person
8 again. We did provide a written update, I think it's
9 called the Fish and Game update on the meeting page,
10 and I believe it looks like at Page 114 in your meeting
11 materials. I'm going to go slightly out of order on
12 that page and start with Item No. 2 just because it's
13 the project that we pretty much have wrapped up at this
14 point, and that would be the FRMP18-451, which is the
15 comprehensive surveys that we did in the three Kodiak
16 Island south villages of Larsen Bay, Akhiok and Old
17 Harbor.

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19 We did that research for the 2018
20 harvest season and we had been hoping to go out in
21 those communities this spring, this past spring to do
22 data review meetings and, of course, like everything
23 else, that was postponed. We were hopeful that we
24 could potentially do them this fall but travel is not
25 looking realistic so we're in the process of figuring
26 out how to do those remotely on an individual basis
27 with each community, and we're also in the process of
28 writing that draft report right now so you'll be seeing
29 that report from us within the coming year. We're also
30 hopeful that if the Kodiak Marine Science Symposium in
31 the spring that we can present that data there as well.

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33 I'll skip back up to No. 1, which is
34 the Unalaska comprehensive surveys. We had planned to
35 go out and do those in April, and the Q Tribe has been
36 just such an outstanding partner and I had been joking
37 with them prior to when we went out, that everything
38 was going so smoothly that it was inevitable that
39 something would go horribly wrong so if I jinxed it and
40 caused the pandemic I apologize. But we're, of course,
41 not going to Unalaska any time soon. But I want to
42 start by thanking Chandra at the Q Tribe and everyone
43 else at the tribe who's just been outstanding to work
44 with. Robbin LaVine at OSM has been our project
45 officer and everybody at OSM has been equally wonderful
46 and flexible as we try to figure out how to make this
47 happen. I think we all agree it's really important
48 research and long overdue in Unalaska since we haven't
49 been on the ground doing surveys there since the early
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1 '90s.

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3 As always, safety in the community is
4 our top concern, so we have decided to redesign our
5 entire comprehensive survey and launch it as a mail
6 survey instead of us being on the ground in person.
7 We're in the early stages of redesigning this. I know
8 there will be a lot of questions and this is
9 drastically different than what we normally do but it's
10 not completely unprecedented, we've done large mail
11 surveys like this in the past.

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13 I'll be happy to answer specific
14 questions about this.

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16 We're definitely in the early stages.
17 We're going to be working very closely with the tribe
18 to test this to see how it might work, to figure out
19 how to get this out in the most effective way.

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21 Our on the ground survey was going to
22 be a random sample of households, this one we're going
23 to try to get out to every household in the community.
24 The survey is going to look different than it normally
25 does, of course, but it's important to emphasize that
26 it will cover all the information that normally gets
27 put into our community subsistence information system.
28 So we are confident that we'll be able to provide a
29 high quality level of comprehensive data.

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31 I do also want to stress that even
32 though we're redesigning this, it will not be our new
33 normal, this is kind of a holdover and trying to work
34 with our current situation. I think we can all agree
35 that us spending time and working closely is a huge
36 staple of what we do in our Division and we're
37 certainly not looking to get rid of that. But this
38 does seem like a good alternative for addressing
39 everyone's immediate concern. I also want to stress
40 that hiring local research assistants is a huge part of
41 what we do and we're going to continue working to find
42 ways to figure out how to do this for the current
43 survey.

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45 Outreach is going to be really
46 important to talk about why we're doing it this way and
47 why it's important to participate so we'll be working
48 really closely with the tribe to figure out how to get
49 outreach campaigns on the paper and radio and fliers.

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1 We thought lots about doing like a subsistence photo
2 contest to get people involved and excited, and we're
3 looking to launch this in January to cover the 2020
4 harvest year.

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6 And so I'm happy to answer more
7 questions about that. It's a big change. It's going
8 to be an experiment for us but, again, we're confident
9 that we can get good data. Really appreciate everybody
10 working with us and we'll certainly keep you updated.

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12 Item No. 3 of our update is for the
13 Kodiak road system comprehensive surveys. And, again,
14 we just have outstanding partners, we've been working
15 with Matt Van Daele and Tom Lance at Sun'aq and folks
16 at the Refuge too. There's not too much to say about
17 this at this point besides the fact that originally our
18 schedule was going to be to start launching that this
19 fall and conduct surveys and in the winter and spring
20 of 2021. And what we're doing at this point is pushing
21 everything back an entire year with the hopes that we
22 can still do it in person on the ground the following
23 year. Of course, no one knows what things are going to
24 look like, there's a possibility that we might have to
25 do a mail survey there, too, but we're hopeful that we
26 can keep this done in the traditional method.

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28 The only other thing I'll mention while
29 I've got the mic here is looking at the priority
30 information needs, we're very interested in putting in
31 a proposal for doing comprehensive surveys in Port
32 Lions and Ouzinkie, which we wanted to do last cycle
33 and it just didn't work out funding-wise. And I also
34 emailed Robbin LaVine a list of communities that
35 currently, I think it's in Item No. 4 in the PINS,
36 there's some of those that we've very recently
37 conducted comprehensive surveys in, that includes Port
38 Heiden and Cold Bay. And then we also recently
39 obtained money from the Park Service to do
40 comprehensive surveys in Port Alsworth, which we'll be
41 doing this year. So just something to consider once we
42 get back to reviewing those potential priority
43 information needs.

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45 With that, I'll take any questions and
46 thanks for your time and, again, look forward to seeing
47 everybody in person.

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49 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Do
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1 we have any questions or comments on Jackie's report.

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3 MR. HOLMES: Jackie, I think you hit on
4 some really good points and I think it's so important
5 to get these subsistence surveys and a reflection of
6 what's going on and I'm sorry things are getting
7 delayed. If you get some kind of a feeling of crises
8 or something, even though it's not publishable or
9 something, if -- I mean everyone would agree on Chignik
10 as having severe problems, but if you see something's
11 running amuck in the other areas, if you could let us
12 know, because that would be helpful in selling some of
13 our other FRMPs that we're trying to develop and so
14 we'll try and get as much support for you as we can.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MS. KEATING: Thanks, Pat, will do.

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20 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Any
21 other questions or comments.

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23 MR. PRICE: This is Chris in Unalaska,
24 Della, if I could comment.

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26 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead, Chris.

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28 MR. PRICE: Okay. Hey, I just want to
29 thank everybody that's working on these household
30 surveys and Jackie for just not giving up and for
31 forging ahead and trying to make the best out of this
32 and we really appreciate it. And we, here in the
33 community, will work with you to help you get that
34 survey done and get it -- the public event set up to,
35 you know, receive you and we could have a tribal
36 council meeting, we could have a city council meeting
37 and an UNFA meeting to, you know, you could do a
38 presentation.

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40 So anyway thanks for that report and
41 look forward to helping you, assisting you with getting
42 those done.

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44 Thank you.

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46 MS. KEATING: Awesome, thanks, Chris,
47 appreciate it and look forward to that too.

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49 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you.

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1 Other comments or questions.

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3 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, Della, this is
4 Rebecca.

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6 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
7 Rebecca.

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9 MS. SKINNER: Can you repeat the three
10 communities where you said there was recent
11 comprehensive surveys. It was either Port Alsworth,
12 Port Heiden and Cold Bay, or Port Lions, Port Heiden
13 and Cold Bay and I missed it.

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15 MS. KEATING: Through the Chair, sure.
16 No problem. We have done them recently in Port Heiden,
17 that was for the study year 2018 and we just published
18 the technical paper on that like a month ago, it's
19 Technical Paper 465. We just received funding for Port
20 Alsworth and we'll be doing that project hopefully this
21 year, maybe next. As far as Port Lions, that's one
22 that we would like to do research in so that should
23 hopefully still remain a priority information need.
24 And then I think you mentioned Cold Bay, too, we
25 completed comprehensives there in 2016.

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27 Does that answer your question?

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29 MS. SKINNER: It does, thank you.

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31 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you.
32 Any other comments or questions.

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34 MR. HOLMES: Would it be possible to
35 get those reports or maybe you could get Michael Donald
36 know where we could look those up or something and he
37 can share the sites, it's just always interesting to
38 know what's going on around the rest of our region.

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40 Thank you.

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42 MS. KEATING: Yeah, absolutely, I can
43 send him a link and all of those papers are available
44 on the Fish and Game technical paper page. I'll send
45 that to Donald Mike. But if you just search the
46 community it'll pop right up.

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48 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, thank you.
49 So anybody else on the Alaska Department of Fish and
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1 Game, I don't have your name that has a report.

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3 MS. PETERSON: Madame Chair, this is
4 Kris Peterson with Alaska Fish and Game in Unit 9 and
5 10 in King Salmon.

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7 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Oh, hi, Kris.

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9 MS. PETERSON: Hi.

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11 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Hi, Kris,
12 welcome.

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14 MS. PETERSON: It's been awhile.

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16 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes, it has, go
17 ahead.

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19 MS. PETERSON: Thank you. I'll try to
20 get this done quickly since I know you need to be
21 finished in a few moments.

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23 So first off, I thought you would be
24 interested in some caribou data and information.
25 Because of the Covid restrictions we were unable to get
26 out and do our patrician this spring, but fortunately
27 we kind of got in really early on our captures and we
28 beat the Covid so we were able to get out and get, I
29 believe we had 23 collars that we put out on the
30 Northern Peninsula Caribou Herd. They are satellite
31 collars, or GPS collars I should say, and they will
32 help a lot in keeping track of those animals as they
33 travel up into mountains more than they used to. So
34 we're really tickled about that.

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36 The really poor weather conditions that
37 we encountered past fall, in October, for our
38 composition counts, really impacted what we were able
39 to do. We had a full team of pilots and planes and we
40 sat and waited and day after day we cancelled because
41 of just horrific weather. But at the very end of the
42 period we were able to squeak out and get the northern
43 portion of the Northern Peninsula Caribou Herd done.
44 So we were able to get numbers on those. We located 20
45 of 33collars, which is 61 percent of those that were --
46 of all the collars that were available. We observed
47 1,500 caribou and classified 1,203 caribou based on sex
48 and age. Came up with a 33.7 calves per 100 cows and
49 53.1 bulls per 100 cows. The collared based mortality

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1 rate was a bit high at 15 percent, but we believe this
2 is due to the age of a lot of our collared cows. They
3 were collared quite a few years ago and are probably
4 getting to the age where we're going to lose some of
5 them, which is why it was so important that we could
6 get out and get our collars on in February. So we were
7 real happy about that.

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9 Then in the interest of time I'll just
10 move right along unless somebody has some questions
11 about caribou.

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13 MR. HOLMES: Could you do those ratios
14 again. Thank you.

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16 MS. PETERSON: Oh, okay. We had 33.7
17 calves per 100 cows and 53.1 bulls per 100 cows, both
18 of which are pretty decent. The bulls ratio is down a
19 little bit but that's because we have had a Tier II
20 hunt going for the past few years and I am sure that
21 that's largely responsible for the decrease in the bull
22 ratio.

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24 The calf ratio is remaining quite
25 strong for this herd and it continues to increase
26 slowly but steadily. It's not a big increase but we do
27 estimate that we're somewhere around 4,000 to 4,200
28 caribou now on the Northern Peninsula Caribou Herd.

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30 So slow increase, but consistent.

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32 We were unable to get out, as I said
33 and do the Southern Peninsula Caribou Herd or the
34 Unimak Herd. So the only numbers I have for those are
35 from back in 2018. The Southern Peninsula Caribou
36 Herd, we estimate is at about 2,700 to 3,000. The last
37 ratios that we had were 42 calves per 100 cows and 62
38 bulls per 100 cows. We can -- there is a very minimal
39 Federal subsistence hunt on Unimak and we are actively
40 trying to get increased harvest on the Southern
41 Peninsula Herd but access is the name of the game down
42 there and it's difficult to get in to harvest. That
43 herd just continues to grow. It is probably over 3,000
44 by now. I mean we're missing a year of data there but
45 there's nothing to indicate that it's done anything
46 except continue to grow. So I believe the bag limit is
47 now at two caribou per resident, or two bull caribou
48 for non-residents and it is a harvest ticket hunt. So
49 we hope that the Alaskans that live down there might

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1 take advantage of that. We would like to keep it from
2 growing too fast, too far.

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4 On Unimak, there's just a little small
5 Federal hunt for a couple of caribou a year, a couple
6 bulls. That herd, on the last surveys in 2018 -- I'm
7 sorry, can you folks hear because there's just an awful
8 lot of static on my end; is that bothering you?

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10 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: We don't hear
11 it.

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13 MS. CHERNOFF: This is Coral, I don't
14 hear any static and I can hear you clearly.

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16 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes.

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18 MS. PETERSON: Okay, well, I hope I'm
19 not yelling because I feel like I have to it's really
20 loud here.

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22 So on Unimak Island we had -- in 2018
23 we had 80 bulls per 100 cows, 44 calves per 100 cows.
24 We estimate the population currently would be somewhere
25 460 to 500 on the island, so it is getting up there
26 better and continues to -- it's doing well.

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28 And that would be about it for caribou.

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30 On moose, we were.....

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32 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: So, Kris, if I
33 could.....

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35 MS. PETERSON:able to get our
36 composition counts done in fall of 2019.

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38 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Kris, can I.....

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40 MS. PETERSON: We did decide.....

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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE:interrupt
43 you?

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45 MS. PETERSON:after several years
46 of doing snowless composition counts, we compared the
47 results and the conditions and the biases and concerned
48 and decided that if there was any way that we could
49 avoid during a snowless composition count then we would
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1 avoid it. But there are some years when we cannot
2 because there's no snow and so we will do it those
3 years and now we have a better understanding of how to
4 compare that data to the typical snow year.

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6 Let's see, we did reevaluate the count
7 areas that had been established back in -- oh, my, the
8 '90s, or late '80s, and we dropped a few of -- a couple
9 of those areas out, expanded a couple of them and
10 changed their boundaries. We tried to exclude large
11 areas of poplar growth, which probably were not there
12 when those areas were first implemented. In the
13 poplars it's almost impossible to count those, it's
14 really difficult, and they don't tend to stay in there
15 in large numbers. So we dropped out large areas of
16 poplars. We included more areas that follow the
17 streams and rivers that show consistent occupation by
18 moose, particularly in the fall season and the early
19 winter. So by doing that, we were able to increase our
20 counts, which gives us a much better hold on how many
21 moose that we do have.

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23 In snowless years, our counts are very
24 biased for bulls and, against cows, obviously when you
25 have a big bull out there flashing his antlers around
26 it's really a lot easier to find him when there's no
27 snow than it is to find a cow. So that was one of the
28 problems with the snowless years, even though it did
29 help us to get a count, which, if we didn't go, we
30 wouldn't get it so.

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32 So in fall of 2019 we observed 1,110
33 moose across 2,400 square miles in Unit 9 and we had a
34 density of .4 moose per square mile. We added 200
35 moose to that sample from two new survey units, the
36 Lower Alagnak and King Salmon River, which had not been
37 included previously. Our herd composition was 65 bulls
38 per 100 cows and 38 calves per 100 cows. The high bull
39 ratio indicates that we missed cows in the conditions
40 last fall because of the lack of snow, so it is biased
41 for bulls and we don't -- and we know that we don't
42 have that high of a bull/cow ratio. We do have a good
43 ratio, but average bull to cow ratio for the last 10
44 snowy surveys suggests that we probably missed 20 to 30
45 percent of the cows on the landscape and that makes --
46 and that's reasonable. So we feel like the counts were
47 pretty decent.

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49 In Unit 9B, we came up with a density,
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1 very low density, 0.06 moose per square mile; in Unit
2 9C 0.36 moose per square mile; in 9E 0.6 moose per
3 square mile; and overall in Unit 9 is 0.4 moose per
4 square mile. So it's -- you know, it changes some
5 through time, there's ups and downs. We've had a low
6 in bears for a few years, which certainly improves the
7 chances of survival of moose calves and I think that we
8 have seen a slight increase in moose which was
9 something that we really wanted. The bears are -- they
10 have compensated for the low numbers and have produced
11 really well so in the next two years we do expect that
12 we will have more bears out there and we need to keep
13 an eye on that, keep the hunt going and at the same
14 time manage for the trophy (ph) bear because that is
15 one of our objectives in this unit.

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17 So all in all moose look pretty good.

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19 For wolves, somebody had requested that
20 we have some information on wolves and it looks like
21 I'm out of time so all I'm going to say is our numbers
22 on wolves are just fine, we feel like we have plenty of
23 wolves. No conservation concerns there. We estimate,
24 and it is just an estimation with a preliminary
25 evaluation of the data that we do have, that the
26 population is fairly stable in 9C and 9E, and it's
27 somewhere between 350 and 550 wolves, which equates to
28 about 16 to 18 wolves per 1,000 square miles, so wolf
29 population is doing fine. It does -- the harvest does
30 increase in odd numbered years when there is a bear
31 hunt, and the harvest goes down in other years, the
32 even numbered years. So in 2019 so far it only appears
33 to be around 23 wolves harvested in 9, but we expect
34 that is probably due to the lack of bear hunters this
35 spring due to Covid, and also to not all of the reports
36 are in yet.

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38 That's about it in a quick nutshell
39 unless somebody has some questions, thank you.

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41 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Kris.
42 We're ahead of our schedule so I think you're good. I
43 just would.....

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45 MS. PETERSON: Oh, okay.

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47 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE:like to
48 make a comment when you were talking about caribou. I
49 did have a chance to talk to Tommy Hubblet at lunchtime

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1 and, yeah, they did get a couple caribou from 9D but we
2 talked about Unimak and he said Unimak has a lot of
3 caribou so it's going to be good to finally see when
4 some surveys can get completed to see exactly what
5 those numbers are. But it sounds encouraging.
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7 And as far as people hunting, people
8 have been trying to hunt caribou and they continue,
9 hopefully weather will allow them to be able to be more
10 successful this year so with that, not for lack of
11 trying either.
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13 Are there any questions or comments for
14 Kris.
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16 MR. HOLMES: Excellent report, thank
17 you so much.
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19 MS. PETERSON: Oh, thank you. I would
20 add one more comment, Madame Chair, since you brought
21 it to mind, which is that for the Tier II hunt on the
22 Northern Peninsula Caribou Herd, it started August --
23 I've got so many numbers in my head -- early August and
24 we've had surprisingly good harvest thus far, it's not
25 high but it's high relative to previous years for the
26 Tier II hunt so I think people are getting out and
27 taking advantage of the weather and of the higher
28 populations, it's starting to have better harvest than
29 it has the previous years so that's good.
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31 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I agree. And,
32 yes, thanks for your report, it's good to hear numbers,
33 appreciate it.
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35 MS. PETERSON: Thank you.
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37 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Other comments
38 in regards to Kris' report.
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40 (No comments)
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42 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, hearing
43 none, I thank you Kris.
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45 MS. PETERSON: Thank you members of the
46 Board and Madame Chair. Thank you.
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48 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: You're welcome,
49 thank you. Anybody else from ADF&G.
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1 (No comments)

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3 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: I thank all of
4 you for the good reports.

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6 I don't know about the rest of you but
7 I'm telling myself I have Covid brain here and I feel
8 like I've had it all day, we can -- I'd like to break
9 at this time and start again in the morning with NOAA
10 and OSM and -- or Izembek, NOAA and OSM and then I
11 think continue on with our priority needs, our annual
12 report and concerning our dates of meetings. I have a
13 feeling we can complete this, finish up by noon
14 tomorrow or no later than 1:00. What is the wishes of
15 the Council?

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17 MR. HOLMES: Sounds good.

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19 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Everybody else,
20 is that good, 8:30 in the morning?

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22 MR. ROHRER: Yeah, this is Sam, I have
23 no problem with that.

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25 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Sam.

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27 I think we'll just go ahead and
28 convene, Donald, I know you're tired too. Having to do
29 these meetings gets a little tricky in trying to juggle
30 things around but I think it's where we're -- we've
31 done a lot today so I think with that if we can recess
32 until tomorrow morning at 8:30 we can get a good
33 night's rest.

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35 MR. MIKE: Yeah, thank you, Madame
36 Chair, Della. Yeah, this is Donald, after Izembek's
37 agency report, I got a hold of Steve Delehanty from the
38 Maritime Refuge, we can accommodate his short report
39 after Izembek.

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41 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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43 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, perfect,
44 that's good to hear. All right, talk to everybody in
45 the morning, be safe.

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47 MS. SKINNER: All right, thanks Donald,
48 thanks Della.

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1 MR. PAPPAS: Great job, Madame Chair.

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3 MR. ROHRER: Good night.

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5 MADAME CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tomorrow morning
6 at 8:30, thank you.

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