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8 Egan Convention Center
9 Anchorage, Alaska
10 March 10, 2016
11 8:30 a.m.
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15 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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18 Molly Chythlook, Chair
19 Pete Abraham
20 Dan Dunaway
21 Daniel O'Hara
22 Bill Maines
23 Victor Seybert
24 Senafont Shugak
25 Richard Wilson
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30 Regional Council Coordinator, Donald Mike

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Anchorage, Alaska - 3/10/2016)

(On record)

MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Good morning. It's 8:33, but I see a lot of empty chairs. I don't know if we should -- do we have a quorum? If we do -- if we have a quorum I guess we can get started. I know that Dan is going to be a little late, he's busy running kids to the airport, but I don't know where the rest of our members are.

Donald.

MR. MIKE: Yeah. Thank you. Larry Hill had to return home early, he had village commitments to attend to so he -- it was important for him to get back to the village so he can take care of business. And Nanci Morris, again she had to go back to King Salmon with community commitments also.

Thank you.

MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll -- I'm going to open the -- our meeting at -- what time is it now, 8:35. We'll do a roll call and then I'll go down the agenda items after invocation.

Donald, am I on the right agenda, number 1 roll call?

MR. MIKE: Yes, Madam Chair. Roll call and establish a quorum.

MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You want to do the roll call, please.

MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. This is the roll call at the Bristol Bay Council.

Mr. Pete Abraham.

MR. ABRAHAM: Here.

MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan O'Hara.

(No response)

1 MR. MIKE: Mr. O'Hara will be late
2 coming in today.
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4 Ms. Nanci Morris.
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6 (No response)
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8 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, Ms. Nanci
9 Morris had to return to King Salmon for community
10 commitments.
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12 Ms. Molly Chythlook.
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Here.
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16 MR. MIKE: Mr. Senafont Shugak.
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18 MR. SHUGAK: Here.
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20 MR. MIKE: Mr. Bill Maines.
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22 MR. MAINES: Here.
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24 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan Dunaway.
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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Here.
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28 MR. MIKE: Mr. Lary Hill.
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30 (No response)
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32 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, Mr. Hill had to
33 return home for -- due to other commitments.
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35 Mr. Victor Seybert.
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37 MR. SEYBERT: Here.
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39 MR. MIKE: Mr. Richard Wilson.
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41 MR. WILSON: Here.
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43 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, we have seven
44 [sic] members -- six [sic] members present so we have a
45 quorum.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, sorry.
48 We're going to have our invocation. If we can all
49 stand, Pete Abraham will have the invocation.
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1 MR. ABRAHAM: (Invocation)

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
4 you, Pete.

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6 Okay. I'm -- I'll quickly go over our
7 agenda. Number 1, we did the roll call, we have a
8 quorum. Number 2, invocation, Pete Abraham. 3, call
9 to order. We did the call to order about 8:35. Number
10 4 is welcome and introductions. Number 5, review and
11 adopt agenda. Number 6 is election of officers.
12 Number 7 is review and approve previous meeting
13 minutes. Number 8, reports. Number 9, public and
14 tribal comment on non-agenda items. Number 10, old
15 business. Number 11 is new business. 12, joint session
16 with Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory
17 Council. Number 13 is agency reports. 14, future
18 meeting minutes -- sorry, future meeting dates. 15
19 will be the closing comments. 16 is adjournment.

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21 Okay. Welcome and introduction. We've
22 had what, three or four busy -- very busy days, but
23 very productive and a lot of us are here to be involved
24 in it so here we are again, but in a smaller forum.
25 And I welcome each and every one of you that are
26 sitting in the back. You're our faithful supporters to
27 our meeting and it really -- it really makes our
28 meeting probably more productive with you folks when
29 you're here to support or meeting. And so thanks,
30 thank you again.

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32 We'll start from Dan -- I guess, Dan,
33 we'll introduce the Council members first and then
34 we'll go probably to the front, just go back and forth
35 as we -- as you introduce -- as we do the introduction.

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38 Thank you. Not Dan. Yeah, Dan. Dan
39 Dunaway, you can start.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
42 I'm Dan Dunaway, I live in Dillingham for the last, I
43 don't know, 27, 28 years. And I want to welcome our
44 new member, Victor, it's good to see him.

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46 Thank you.

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48 MR. ABRAHAM: Peter Abraham. Welcome,
49 Victor and then -- well, all you guys anyway. Welcome
50 to the meeting.

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Thank you.

MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Molly Chythlook, Bristol Bay or Dillingham. Originally from Aleknagik and I'm retired.

MR. WILSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. Rich Wilson out of Naknek there. Good morning.

MR. SEYBERT: Good morning. Victor Seybert from Pilot Point.

MR. MAINES: Good morning, everyone. Billy Maines, Curyung Tribal Council out of Dillingham, Alaska.

MR. SHUGAK: Good morning. Senafont Shugak, Jr. from Pedro Bay.

MR. MIKE: Donald Mike, Council Coordinator.

MS. PETRIVELLI: I'm Pat Petrivelli, the BIA Subsistence Anthropologist and I'm out of here in Anchorage.

MR. KRON: Welcome all. Madam Chair, members of the Council. I am Tom Kron, I'm the OSM Leadership Team representative for your meeting.

Thank you.

MS. MCBURNEY: Good morning, Madam Chair, Council members. I'm Mary McBurney, the Subsistence Program Lead for the National Park Service, Alaska Region and also the National Park Service representative on the Interagency Staff Committee.

MS. ALEXANDER: Good morning. I'm Susan Alexander, I'm the Refuge Manger for Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife Refuges. Our office is in King Salmon.

MR. PAYNE: Good morning. I'm Kevin Payne, I'm a Biologist for Alaska Peninsula, Becharof.

MS. CHISIM: Good morning, everyone. My name is Linda Chisim, I'm the Subsistence Coordinator and Archaeologist at Katmai National Park,

1 Aniakchak and Alagnak.

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3 MS. CHUNG: Good morning. Diane Chung,
4 Superintendent for Katmai, Aniakchak and Alagnak.

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6 MR. V. WILSON: Good morning. My name
7 is Verner Wilson, I'm the new Director of Natural
8 Resources for the Bristol Bay Native Association.

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10 MR. LARSON: Good morning. My name's
11 Cody Larson, I'm with the Monitoring Program with BBNA
12 and in Dillingham also.

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14 MS. HENRY: Good morning, everyone.
15 I'm Susanna Henry, I'm the Refuge Manager at Togiak
16 National Wildlife Refuge with its headquarters in
17 Dillingham.

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19 MS. JONES: Good morning. I'm Bronwyn
20 Jones, I'm a Research Specialist for the Division of
21 Subsistence at Fish and Game.

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23 MS. RUPP: Good morning. I'm Liza
24 Rupp, I'm the Cultural Resources Program Manager and
25 Subsistence Coordinator at Lake Clark National Park and
26 Preserve.

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28 MS. GOODROW: Good morning, Madam
29 Chair, Chairpersons. I'm Margaret Goodrow,
30 Superintendent for Lake Clark National Park and
31 Preserve.

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33 MS. WORKER: Good morning, everybody.
34 My name is Suzanne Worker and I'm a Biologist with OSM.

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36 MR. WALSH: Pat Walsh, Supervisory
37 Biologist at Togiak Refuge in Dillingham.

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39 MR. FOX: Good morning. I'm Trevor Fox
40 with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage
41 and I'm the Interagency Staff Committee member for the
42 agency.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. That's
45 it. And then we have the two -- I guess they're called
46 recorders. You want to.....

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48 REPORTER: Tina, I'm the recorder for
49 the RAC today.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
2 you. The number 5, this is an action item, review and
3 adopt agenda. Look through the agenda, see if there's
4 anything that you need to -- that we -- if there's any
5 changes, corrections, additions. If not.....

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7 MR. MAINES: Madam Chair, I move to
8 approve the agenda as presented.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
11 been a motion by William to adopt the agenda.

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13 MR. ABRAHAM: Second.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Second by
16 Pete.

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18 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I'm sorry.

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22 MR. MIKE: Yeah, there's some items
23 that need to be included under new business. So when
24 it comes time to discuss new business we can discuss
25 those.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Second
28 by Pete Abraham. Guess we're to the discussion.

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30 Donald.

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32 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
33 From Monday and Tuesday's all RAC session there's a
34 letter that came out from the Southeast Council and
35 basically they're -- the 10 Subsistence Regional
36 Advisory Councils appreciate the opportunity to meet in
37 Anchorage in a joint session and thought it was very --
38 extremely informative. And the Councils would like to
39 inform the Board of the issues that were stated in --
40 from each of the Councils during the joint sessions.
41 And so they would like to take this opportunity to
42 jointly bring these requests to the Board on a
43 collective way so there are seven items which the
44 Southeast Council developed through correspondence that
45 will be sent to the Federal Subsistence Board. And we
46 can add that under new business and take action to
47 either -- this Council can support the letter and go
48 forward with it or it's up to the Council if they want
49 to support it and be a co-signature of this letter from
50 the Southeast Council.

1 Thank you, Madam Chair.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And it would
4 be under new business?
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6 MR. MIKE: Yes, new business.
7 Number.....
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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Would it
10 be.....
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12 MR. MIKE:number E
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: E. And,
15 Donald, do we have a copy of that letter?
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17 MR. MIKE: Yes, we do. I'll hand it
18 out. So.....
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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22 MR. MIKE: And, Madam Chair, the Yukon-
23 Kuskokwim Regional Advisory Council met yesterday or
24 Wednesday and they passed a motion adopted by the
25 Council and I'll hand out copies too. So this motion
26 was adopted by the Yukon-Kuskokwim Regional Advisory
27 Council and their motion states, give up a joint
28 statement with the other Federal Subsistence Regional
29 Advisory Councils with similar concerns of opposition
30 to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's proposed rule
31 for predator management on Refuges that includes a
32 request that the Federal Subsistence Board advocate on
33 behalf of the Councils for withdrawal of the proposed
34 rule. So we can put it under new business, item number
35 F. And the Yukon-Kuskokwim Council is looking for
36 support or endorsement of their motion.
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38 Thank you, Madam Chair.
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The --
41 it could be under F. Excuse me, new business F, the YK
42 support letter. Anything else?
43
44 Donald.
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46 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
47 There were some letters that were sent to my office,
48 there's one from the Choggiung, Limited regarding the
49 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd and a letter from the
50 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak Refuge. And

1 this is also on Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd. So I
2 just want to inform the Council that these letters are
3 in front of you and we have presenters at the table
4 they will be referring these letters to the Council.
5 And I don't know if we have any -- a representative
6 from the Choggiung correspondence, but it's there for
7 your reference.

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9 Madam Chair, that's all I have. Thank
10 you.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
13 you, Donald. Any other -- any other additions or.....

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15 Dan.

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17 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
18 I think I've looked at the Togiak Refuge Nushagak
19 Peninsula Caribou letter. I don't think I've seen the
20 -- is that out of your group, Billy, the letter that
21 we're going to be looking at here or.....

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23 MR. MAINES: No, it's from the Village
24 Corporation.

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Oh, Choggiung. Okay.
27 And I'm kind of looking back at the Togiak Refuge
28 staff, I don't want to be out of order, but there's a
29 chance we might want to consider a special action
30 request for next fall. I was kind of hoping I might
31 see something from BBNA here, I thought they were
32 working on something, but maybe we can roll it into
33 these letters, but a heads-up, I'm thinking we may want
34 to consider some fall special actions because I don't
35 think we're on the calendar for the normal proposals.
36 And we've got -- the brief story is we got too many
37 caribou and we got -- we need to crop them off. Maybe
38 we just roll it in with these letters.

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40 Thank you.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So, Dan, is
43 that something you want to add to our agenda item?

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: If we could -- I think
46 with the letters, but as kind of a heads-up I'm
47 thinking it might be appropriate to start the ball
48 rolling on some -- because the special action requests
49 we have right now, if I'm correct, will all expire here
50 at the end of the spring season and we need to look out

1 ahead. And I've been to so many meetings right now
2 I've lost track of where the Nushagak Advisory
3 Committee is on this and I was working with BBNA a
4 little bit, but I think they're taking the lead on some
5 of this. But anyway we may want to talk about it here
6 and at least recommend getting started.

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8 Thank you.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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12 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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16 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, I think that
17 subject we might be getting a little bit ahead of
18 ourselves because we don't have the actual language in
19 front of us to actually consider or to try to support.
20 So I -- that -- with that one, you know, I think we can
21 probably -- in my mind we might be able to pick up some
22 of that conversation when we start getting reports from
23 Togiak on that, we might be able to help them out
24 there.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, that's
27 my thought. I think we could wait until, you know, we
28 get reports and then deal with that after we get the
29 information.

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31 Anything else? Dan.

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33 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. That -- that's
34 fine with me too. I see that we do have some reports,
35 I just didn't know if we needed to get something on the
36 agenda, that it could turn into an action item. So
37 maybe I spent too much at Robert's Rules yesterday.

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39 Thank you.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Like my -- our
42 grandpa says that we've gotten too many A, B C's in our
43 baby oil where everything's going to fall.

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45 Okay. If we're -- Richard, do you
46 have.....

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48 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, I move to
49 adopt the agenda as amended.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
2 been a motion by Richard to adopt the agenda as -- with
3 those two additions.
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5 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Second by Dan.
8 All in favor say aye.
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10 IN UNISON: Aye.
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
13 opposition.
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15 (No opposing votes)
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. No
18 opposition. Thank you.
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20 Okay. The next on our agenda is
21 elections.
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23 Donald.
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25 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
26 This is for every winter's meeting so we hold elections
27 of officers and this year we're -- this is the time for
28 election of officers. And I will open the nominations
29 for Chair.
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31 Thank you.
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33 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, I nominate
34 Molly for Chair.
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36 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Second the motion.
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38 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, there's a
39 motion -- nomination to nominate Molly Chythlook as
40 Chair and seconded. Any other nominations.
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42 (No comments)
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44 MR. WILSON: I move to close
45 nominations.
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47 MR. MIKE: Motion to close nominations.
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50 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Second.

1 MR. MIKE: Seconded. Any discussion?
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3 (No comments)
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5 MR. MIKE: All in -- all those in favor
6 of Molly as the Chair say aye.
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8 IN UNISON: Aye.
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10 MR. MIKE: Any opposition.
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12 (No opposing votes)
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14 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, you have the
15 gavel. You're the Chair.
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17 Thank you.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I -- thank
20 you. I've been trying to encourage others to take over
21 the Chairmanship, but eventually. But thank you all, I
22 will try my best again to Chair for the rest of the
23 year.
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25 I guess our next on the agenda are --
26 is Vice Chair. Our Vice Chair has been Nanci Morris
27 Lyon.
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29 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, I nominate
30 Nanci Morris Lyon for Vice Chair.
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32 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Richard
35 nominated Nanci Morris Lyon and seconded by Dan. Any
36 other nominations?
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38 (No comments)
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40 MR. ABRAHAM: Nomination closed.
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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The
43 nomination's been closed. All in favor of appointing
44 Nanci as Vice Chair say aye.
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46 IN UNISON: Aye.
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
49 opposition.
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1 (No opposing votes)
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
4 you. Secretary. Our Secretary's been Richard. Any
5 nominations.
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7 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, if anybody
8 else wishes to share that duty they're more than
9 welcome to.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, did you
12 have your hand up?
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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair, I think
15 Richard's done a great job and nominate him again.
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17 (Laughter)
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19 MR. DUNAWAY: Welcome to the train
20 ride, Richard.
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan
23 Dunaway has appointed Richard.
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25 (Laughter)
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27 MR. DUNAWAY: Nominated.
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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I meant.....
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31 MR. MAINES: I'll second the
32 nomination.
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And, William,
35 do you close the nomination?
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37 MR. MAINES: No, I seconded the
38 nomination.
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, second.
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42 MR. MAINES: And now I'll move to close
43 nominations.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So all
46 in favor say aye.
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48 IN UNISON: Aye.
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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any

1 opposition.

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(No opposing votes)

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
6 you. The election of officers stay the same and guess
7 we'll do our darnedest to do our duty for this past --
8 this coming season.

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10 Thank you so much.

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12 Okay. Number 7 would be review and
13 approve previous meeting minutes. And if you haven't
14 read the minutes I'll just give you a few minutes.

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16 MR. DUNAWAY: I'll go ahead and move to
17 adopt, but don't rush.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
20 been a motion to adopt the minutes.

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22 MR. WILSON: Second it.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Second by
25 Richard. Discussion.

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27 MR. MAINES: Madam Chair, I'm going to
28 abstain from the vote since I wasn't at the meeting.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'll
31 just give you a few minutes and then we'll adopt the
32 minutes as soon as you all are ready.

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34 Dan Dunaway.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair, I kind of
37 looked at these last night and as far as I could tell
38 they're pretty darn complete. And I want to express
39 the gratitude that we have official recorders because
40 I'm stuck doing this kind of stuff for the Nushagak
41 Advisory Committee and it's a heck of a chore. And
42 having recorders to do it probably more accurately and
43 professionally is really nice.

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45 Thank you.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So was that
48 your motion to adopt or.....

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50 MR. DUNAWAY: That was my brief

1 discussion on the motion.
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3 Thank you.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Call for the
8 question.
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Where are we,
11 are we ready to vote?
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13 MR. WILSON: Uh-huh.
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: All in favor
16 say aye.
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18 IN UNISON: Aye.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
21 opposition.
22
23 (No opposing votes)
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you. I
26 want to also express my appreciation for timely
27 information that come to our -- come to us because so
28 many times attending other meetings that we don't get
29 the materials until we were at our meeting, but I think
30 Donald and the staff have been really helpful in giving
31 us or getting us the materials in a timely manner. So
32 thank you.
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34 Okay. We're down to reports, Council
35 members reports.
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37 Dan Dunaway you can start.
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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Thank you, Madam
40 Chair. I mentioned I serve as Secretary on the
41 Nushagak Advisory Committee, it's a State deal. We had
42 an area -- Bristol Bay area meeting and there was a lot
43 of different proposals addressed. I attended that. I
44 can't reel off all of the stuff there, in fact, they're
45 blurring between all the other things, but it's one of
46 the things I was involved in.
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48 As I mentioned earlier and I think
49 it'll come up later so I won't belabor it, but I've
50 been trying to stay informed on the Nushagak Caribou --

1 Peninsula Caribou Herd and I see we got staff here,
2 it'll give us a real complete report. I'm kind of
3 thrilled to be dealing with an abundance of resource
4 for a change.

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6 And I attended Area M meeting for the
7 Board of Fish and we sought to maybe change the recent
8 development out of Port Heiden without success. I
9 still have concerns over the subsistence -- adequate
10 subsistence for Port Heiden people, they've continued
11 to express dissatisfaction and say they don't get
12 enough. We couldn't convince the Board of that. And I
13 don't quite know what to do, but I sure want to support
14 the Port Heiden folks and maybe somewhere along the
15 line we can discuss some of that.

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17 We've tried to get some weirs or other
18 counting system going there, the Department of Fish and
19 Game couldn't support what we wanted to do and we
20 couldn't have done it without their help. So there's
21 some other ideas floating around too, possibly I think
22 BBNA's mentioned they might try to help have a couple
23 more aerial surveys or something down there so there's
24 not -- everything depending on one or two surveys kind
25 of late in the season.

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27 And that's about all I have. Thank
28 you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
31 you, Dan.

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33 Pete.

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35 MR. ABRAHAM: Well, this winter is
36 another very warm winter we had. The moose season are
37 doing all right over there at this time because the
38 river's wide open and we -- people have been getting
39 their moose meat over there. But we had a bad incident
40 at one point over there, we lost three young people,
41 overloaded their boat. It was a sad tragedy that we
42 had over there. Other than that the -- everything is
43 all right. We had (indiscernible) snow people will go
44 up behind the mountains to trap a little bit. Only two
45 bags and lots of wolves over there.

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47 And this fall -- well, I observe the
48 area over there as much as I can we had some dead birds
49 over there, but the, you know, murrens from experience
50 for years and years every time the murrens hit the

1 freshwater they're not going to live. They die
2 instantly. Every time they hit the freshwater in
3 Togiak mouth and Togiak because going after possibly
4 small fingerlings over there and just die out of
5 freshwater. These little birds are deepwater birds,
6 but constant southeast wind -- tide, winds over there
7 brings them into the shore therefore they cannot --
8 they cannot work in the shallow water so they're --
9 therefore they die out from starving over there. And
10 but I heard some -- I heard some other stories from
11 other places, but the -- I'm not surprised because like
12 I said freshwater they're not going to live.

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14 Other than that well, Nushagak
15 Peninsula Herd over there, we talked about it, I talked
16 about it with the local people over there, what is the
17 best way to do it. But without snow it's a big
18 question. I mean, you can increase -- add more days on
19 same day flying, stay open to the south -- staying wide
20 open, those are not going to solve any problem without
21 any snow. But we just hope the wolves leave them alone
22 and we just hope they don't move. And because people
23 work together hard enough to get them things over there
24 when we got a camper one time. Well, I just hope you
25 say it, don't give up nothing to the wolves and
26 solution is a big question mark right now.

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28 (In Yup'ik)

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
31 you, Pete.

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33 You know, it's with the no snow and ice
34 and I have empathy for Togiak region as well as our
35 region. It really imbalances our diet. With no ice we
36 can't -- we can't harvest fish and without snow, you
37 know, we can't get into our land mammals. And so it
38 really impacts our freezers and if we didn't put enough
39 food items in our freezers this summer and fall there's
40 people that are struggling. And I've noticed just from
41 being around the communities that people aren't able to
42 put away as many food resources as they used to before
43 because of the preservation issue. And so I feel for
44 the villages and especially for Togiak, you know,
45 Togiak has about a thousand people and without ice to
46 harvest marine and freshwater resources and with no
47 snow it's been a hardship. I've been over there and
48 seeing how they're struggling to get their food items.

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50 So thank you, Pete.

1 Richard.
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3 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, I have
4 nothing to actually report to this Council at this
5 time. I will be talking on some of the other subjects
6 further on down the agenda though.
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8 Thank you.
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Victor.
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12 MR. SEYBERT: Good morning. I just had
13 a comment from our Council that they do not want the
14 taking of bears or wolves in our Refuge, that needs to
15 continue because there's too many wolves.
16
17 Thank you.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
20 William.
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22 MR. MAINES: It's strange to hear
23 William, I'm really -- I keep looking for dad to be
24 somewhere.
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26 (Laughter)
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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You should be
29 called Bill.
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31 MR. MAINES: Billy.
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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy.
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35 MR. MAINES: Billy. That's my name.
36 I'm sorry.
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38 Thank you, Madam Chair. The only thing
39 I have to add to the comments is that our monthly
40 Tribal Council meeting we've talked the last couple
41 months about the Nushagak Peninsula Herd and we took
42 action to support increasing the bag limit to five,
43 increase the residency as far as allowing the other
44 folks in Bristol Bay besides ones that are around the
45 herd, we wanted to share the wealth of the caribou even
46 though that the ones that are around that herd have not
47 had the opportunity really to partake because of the
48 weather conditions and it's been that way for a number
49 of years now, lack of snow, rivers not freezing. I've
50 been down that -- after that herd on a small snowfall

1 and my back paid for it for about a week to 10 days
2 after the trip and I don't envy anybody who wants to go
3 down and do that. At times we have to, but the last
4 couple years I haven't even thought about it. And we
5 also approve the same day air hunt. And I was hesitant
6 to do that, but then I started thinking well, why
7 should I be hesitant, you know, who's going to actually
8 have seven, \$800 in their pocket to hire a helicopter
9 to go down there because planes unless you have a good
10 Super Cub and fat tires and the tides are right that
11 you're not going to be able to land anywhere down there
12 except for on the beach and then the animals have got
13 to be close by. So we went along with the
14 recommendations that were in front of us for the
15 increased bag limit, hopefully share the wealth with
16 the folks in the Bristol Bay area and same day hunt so
17 -- air hunt.

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19 So that's all I have right now, Madam
20 Chair.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
23 you, Billy.

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25 Yeah, I having a husband that flies
26 I've been fortunate to observe the resources like moose
27 and caribou from down the chain all the way over to
28 Togiak and in the '70s and '80s, you know, the moose
29 population down in the chain, might have been even
30 earlier, was so plentiful that anytime you fly you
31 can't help but see moose and also caribou. And it's
32 baffling to me now to see the moose and caribou no
33 longer available down there like historically. And to
34 see the west side -- you know, the caribou -- the
35 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou are actually borrowed or
36 given or however they were given to because --
37 transported or transferred down to Nushagak Peninsula
38 and that herd flourished and now we're like Billy said
39 trying to deal with the harvesting of those before they
40 crash. And then -- and when I got involved with
41 Subsistence Division in the '80s there was no moose,
42 there was hardly any moose in the Togiak and west area
43 and now they have plenty moose over there. So there's
44 -- I'm not a biologist, but I can't see how this
45 balance is completely turned around from the east to
46 the west as far as our land mammals are concerned. So
47 I guess that's going to be a puzzle to our -- to us
48 that are consumers and hoping that our biologists will
49 help us figure all that out.

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1 Let's see, you're -- I can never say
2 your name.

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4 MR. SHUGAK: Senafont.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Senafont.

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8 MR. SHUGAK: Senafont Shugak, Pedro
9 Bay. Anyway, yeah, we did have a couple issues up
10 there in Pedro Bay and I mentioned them at our last
11 meeting and that's the moose population there, bear
12 population. Bear population is just -- lot of bears.
13 And I'm glad the people from the Fish and Game from
14 King Salmon are here because maybe they can answer that
15 question on the moose. They were supposed to do a
16 survey or they got up so far in our area for the moose
17 and I know we have barely any moose up there in Pedro
18 Bay. And, you know, caribou, we used to go down to
19 Goose Bay and get them there.

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21 And then the other things was the -- I
22 don't know what happened to that chumming proposal that
23 went through at the Board of Fish. I know that's out
24 there, but I haven't heard any information back on
25 that.

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27 So but that's about all I have, Madam
28 Chair.

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30 Thank you.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
33 you. I think was it Dan and Richard attended the Board
34 of Fish and I don't know if you have any information
35 regarding that chumming issue?

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37 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Madam Chair. I
38 don't think that it passed the Board. Like I say
39 things are blurring together, but I was talking to
40 Billy Treefon last week when there was folks down in
41 Dillingham and he's all fired up to keep working on it.
42 And, yeah, it -- I think there was a hope that at least
43 the concern got aired and that part of it's just the
44 concern of having an overactive enforcement effort.
45 And I think that was discussed pretty thoroughly and
46 the message might have got to them, but that kind of
47 leaves a lot of people feeling pretty uneasy. I think
48 they'd much rather have a clear cut regulation that
49 permitted them to do that. And I was -- Nanci has
50 taken that on a personal interest and I was kind of

1 depending on her being here to discuss it more
2 thoroughly. I could try to -- I think there's going to
3 be a Fish and Game guy here at some point, Drew
4 Crawford, might be here and he might be up to date on
5 that.

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7 I apologize, I -- like I say I've been
8 to so many meetings lately things are really blurring
9 for me.

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11 Thank you.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I didn't
14 really expect you to give a full report, just a little
15 synopsis.

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17 Okay. I guess everybody else is -- and
18 my report, I've just kind of given to my report as the
19 different people here did their reports. But I guess
20 the biggest -- one was, you know, after our Federal
21 Subsistence Board all Regional Chairs that were present
22 there met to discuss this all 10 region session and
23 when we discussed it at that time because I had never
24 attended or was never involved in this 10 region
25 session before, it was really kind of baffling to me to
26 see how in the world this was going to, you know, come
27 about, but, you know, with our staff -- I really want
28 to thank the staff of OSM and Donald and our RAC staff.
29 It takes -- you know, just to get our little group here
30 ready for a meeting is a lot of work, but to have the
31 10 regions here, it was really baffling and amazing to
32 be sitting up there and seeing all these people at one
33 point. But at the end we could -- we could surely see
34 that it was an informational and people appreciated the
35 -- I know I did, to hear how -- you know, how -- what
36 am I trying to say, all our issues even from the
37 different regions are all similar. There's a few of
38 the traditional and ecological knowledge way of doing
39 things are different and I heard that, but overall it
40 was just amazing and I'm glad this happened and now
41 we're winding down to it and we're hoping that we won't
42 wait 10 years or so for another session like this. So
43 I -- I'm very thankful and full of knowledge after this
44 session.

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46 Thank you.

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48 I guess number 9 would be the public
49 and Tribal comment on non-agenda items. And that's for
50 any of you public folks that want to make any comments

1 on non-agenda items.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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7 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Sorry. Don't mean
8 to be rude to the public. One thing else is that when
9 somebody else mentioned the seabirds, murrees, I was
10 corresponding with Gary Nielsen last night about murrees
11 over near Kokhanok, I think somewhere in here we get to
12 talk about it and that's another concern.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Sue.

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18 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you, Madam Chair,
19 members of the Council. Two items. One is to address
20 Mr. Dunaway's comment just now. Each of you has a
21 packet and a manila envelope from the Fish and Wildlife
22 Service that is primarily geared towards the old
23 business item of our statewide proposed rule, however
24 there are a couple of items in with that about the
25 seabird die offs that have been occurring. So there is
26 some seabird die off information for you in there.

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28 I also wanted to address Mr. Shugak's
29 request for some information about surveys up in the
30 Iliamna Lake area and unfortunately I'm not going to be
31 able to help you out with that question. Our office
32 manages the two National Wildlife Refuges that are
33 south of Katmai so we don't do any work in that area.
34 And I'm -- I don't know what Fish and Game might be
35 doing or other agencies might be doing in that area,
36 I'm hopeful that maybe someone from Fish and Game will
37 be here later and can speak to that for you. And I'm
38 sorry that we can't, but our area of responsibility is
39 all south of King Salmon, Naknek and south of Katmai
40 National Park. So we don't get up your way.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Anybody else?

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47 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Verner Wilson.

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1 MR. V. WILSON: Hi, my name is Verner
2 Wilson and I'm the new Director of Natural Resources
3 for BBNA and I would like to let you all know that I'm
4 really looking forward to learning a lot about this
5 process and to working with each of you, but also I
6 serve on the Western Alaska Landscape Conservation
7 Cooperative along with Togiak National Wildlife Refuge
8 Director.....

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10 MS. HENRY: Manager.

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12 MR. V. WILSON:Manager, Susanna
13 Harris [sic] and we just had a meeting last week and we
14 determined some funding for some very great scientific
15 projects and I can't get into detail, I should have
16 brought them up right now, I didn't think that it would
17 be this fast to go over this, but we did fund some
18 projects that looked at the science on how berries in
19 Western Alaska are going to be affected by climate
20 change and specifically related to fires and how fires
21 could -- and it's basically like a model on how berries
22 could be affected by climate change and fires in the
23 future. So that'll be really interesting I think to
24 this RAC. And also we did fund a proposal by Andy
25 Aderman that looks at moose and how aerial surveys
26 could be -- could track moose during the winter when
27 there's low snowfall. And so that would be very
28 interesting. I think we funded up to \$100,000 for
29 that. And then there's also one about the Mulchatna
30 Caribou Herd and how traditional ecological knowledge
31 could be used in data for that. So that's related to
32 the tagging of the moose and they're going to be
33 comparing with the actual data for all the caribou that
34 was tagged in the Mulchatna Herd.

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36 So I can't get into detail, but I'll
37 definitely let you all know.

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39 Thank you.

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41 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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45 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, thank you.
46 Mr. Wilson, your natural resource position there, when
47 you guys look to fund things do you guys do a call for
48 proposals or how do you come upon some of the things
49 that you're actually able to do now with the funding?

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1 MR. V. WILSON: Yeah, my understanding
2 and I'm a new Steering Committee member of WALC which
3 is the -- I don't know if you -- have you heard of the
4 Western Alaska Landscape Cooperative. So basically I
5 think what they do is they allow proposals to come in
6 from the public and this year we got I think nine
7 proposals from the pub -- from -- I think it's mostly
8 from the science community, but, yeah, I mean, they're
9 -- it's mostly scientific.

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11 MS. HENRY: Madam Chair and members of
12 the Bristol Bay RAC. I'm Susanna Henry, Refuge Manager
13 at Togiak. And I've been on the Steering Committee I
14 guess since July of last -- of 2015. And they did do a
15 request for proposals, the Western Alaska LCC and they
16 received almost 50 proposals. And then the Steering
17 Committee looked at the -- just a two page preproposal
18 was requested and then what we did was we scored them
19 and rated them and discussed them and decided on 10
20 that we would request a full proposal on. And one of
21 those 10 decided not to submit a full proposal, it's a
22 lot of work, it's supposed to be another eight pages of
23 description of how you're going to conduct your
24 research and not including tables and all of your
25 support information. So we received nine full
26 proposals and of those ended up funding six of them,
27 some for fiscal year '16 and some for next year, for
28 fiscal year '17.

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30 And I think -- Verner, thank you for
31 bringing it all up and you brought the ones that affect
32 the Bristol Bay area specifically. There's another one
33 that's going to look at fire I think that will affect
34 all of Western Alaska and just it affects permafrost
35 and changes to the overall landscape.

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37 Thank you.

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39 MR. V. WILSON: Yeah, thank you,
40 Susanna, not Harris, Henry, I apologize for that.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
45 Richard, do you have a -- no.

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47 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, that was
48 complete. Thank you. Got what I wanted.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any

1 other questions for Verner?

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3 Dan.

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5 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Verner, apologize
6 earlier when I was talking, I kept looking for Gayla
7 and.....

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9 MR. V. WILSON: She's on a much needed
10 vacation.

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12 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. But maybe -- is
13 BBNA likely to discuss a little bit about any special
14 action request or anything with Nushagak Caribou when
15 we get down to that?

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17 MR. V. WILSON: Yes, I'm -- I was
18 putting together some comments, but I would, yeah,
19 definitely like to entertain that. I'm not sure how we
20 go forward with that, but if we could meet to talk
21 about that.

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23 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Thank you. I just
24 -- yeah, I want to apologize and also something else,
25 you know, I get a real kick, Verner's a young man, he's
26 the kind of guys we're looking for and we have some of
27 these other things on how to get youth involved and I
28 just get the biggest kick out of seeing a smart young
29 man from the local area coming back into the system.
30 It -- I -- it really does my heart huge, I just feel
31 really strong about it. So it's sure good to see you
32 here.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
37 other comments.

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39 (No comments)

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If not
42 I want to personally welcome Verner. That Natural
43 Resources Director position for BBNA has been my --
44 it's my -- I guess my utmost -- I guess.....

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46 MR. WILSON: Passion.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, passion.
49 And I -- I'm just so thankful that you have -- you are
50 in that position and like Dan said you're young, you're

1 electric -- electronically minded and.....

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:so I just
6 wish you luck and I'll help in any way that I can -- I
7 can be available for you. I'm just so thankful.

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9 And then you want to introduce

10 your.....

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12 MR. V. WILSON: Yes. Cody Larson was
13 just hired, he started last week. And we were here for
14 the -- we wanted to come especially for the Fisheries
15 Resource Man -- I think it's Resource Management Plan
16 -- Monitoring Plan, FRMP, which is, you know, he was
17 hired under the Partners Program and he's going to be
18 working I think a lot with the RAC on that. And we
19 went to the session yesterday and we learned a lot
20 about it and the timeline and so we'll definitely be
21 here for a resource for everybody to go through that
22 program and to try to, you know, get funding for our
23 part of the state. And so it was really a good eye
24 opener to see that and to meet with everyone who's
25 involved with that project. And we are going to be --
26 I know we're going to be hiring some fisheries interns
27 this summer through that program and through BBNA. And
28 so if you -- if anyone here has any ideas of young
29 people who would like to be part of that program, I
30 know that was -- it's a historic program within BBNA.

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32 And related to that we also -- I'm
33 working with Kevin Payne and Sara Griffith over at the
34 Becharof National Wildlife Refuge to hire up to five --
35 three or five I believe interns this summer for young
36 students on the Alaska Peninsula to do some film -- a
37 film internship. And it would basically be the young
38 people interviewing elders on traditional knowledge and
39 cultural life in their communities. So if you know any
40 youth who are interested in that I could also pass that
41 around. We're going to be having the job description
42 done I think this week and so those are some of the
43 things that I think people here would be interested in.

44

45 Thank you.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
48 other -- any other questions?

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50 (No comments)

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, we're at
2 the non-agenda item discussion and that's why we have
3 Verner right here on -- yeah, under 9, public and
4 Tribal comment on non-agenda items.

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6 MR. O'HARA: Thank you.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do you have
9 anything for -- we're just thanking Verner for taking
10 the responsibility for the Natural Resources Director
11 at BBNA.

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13 MR. V. WILSON: Thank you.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If
16 nothing else, thank you. Thank you, Verner.

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18 Anybody else under this topic?

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20 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Sorry, Donald,
23 I didn't see that.

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25 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr.
26 George Pappas is from OSM, he's our Board of Fish/OSM
27 Liaison and he's going to be updating this Council
28 under old business, Naknek Lake Red Fish Proposal and
29 Bristol Bay Board of Fish update and he'll have some
30 answers on the chumming issue. Last January the Board
31 of Fish met here in Anchorage and this Council
32 nominated Nanci Morris Lyon to represent this Council
33 on the Naknek Lake Red Fish fish proposals which with
34 the efforts of Richard and Nanci and the BBNA we got
35 some language that was adopted by the Board of Fish and
36 the red fish issue is finally hopefully closed.

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38 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. George,
41 you have the floor.

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43 MR. PAPPAS: Thank you very much. Good
44 morning, Madam Chair, George Pappas. I was tapped at
45 the meeting next door to come over and provide the
46 chumming proposal that was provided to the Board of
47 Fish, their concerns and I was -- dug up the regulatory
48 language that was passed there on December 10th, 2015.
49 Proposal number 83 was to allow traditional harvest of
50 white fish and non-salmon subsistence fish in specific

1 waters of the Newhalen River. It was modified. The
2 proposal number 83 was modified with RC-157 and the
3 language is 5 AAC 67.022(k). In freshwaters of the
4 Bristol Bay area where the use of bait is not allowed a
5 sport fishing guide or guided angler may not apply to
6 fishing gear or place in the water any substance for
7 the purpose of attracting fish by scent. That was the
8 modification. So what was initially asked for to
9 modify regulations, there was discussions of possibly
10 making rod and reel a legal method and means, that
11 wasn't the issue. What they settled on was if you a
12 sport fishing guide or guided angler you couldn't throw
13 eggs in the water, you couldn't throw carcasses
14 upstream of where you're conducting your business as a
15 guided angler or guide. And that addressed the issue
16 in the minds of the Board of Fish and their legal
17 advice.

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19 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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21 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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25 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. The -- what the
26 problem we had as I'm sure you understand is people
27 have a splitting table and usually have a little -- a
28 laundered area with a lot of salmon in it and then they
29 split and then heads and guts get thrown in the water
30 and it attracts the fish and the young people will come
31 and -- with their rod and reel or a pole and catch the
32 fish. So it's pretty well understood then that that is
33 not the issue of really of chumming the water; is that
34 right?

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36 MR. PAPPAS: That is correct. And that
37 was explained and discussed in thorough, but if one of
38 those kids did hire a guide to take them to fish near
39 there there might be an issue.

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41 Thank you, Madam Chair. And that's
42 what I have. That's what I was pulled over here, but
43 thank you for letting me testify.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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1 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, George,
2 for clarifying that. It's -- I'd lost track, but it's
3 a real relief to know that the kids can fish by all the
4 cleaning tables like my kids have and everybody else
5 and not worry about getting busted. So, yeah, we
6 actually got more of a solution there than I
7 remembered.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
12 you, George. Any other discussions on this?

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14 (No comments)

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Seeing
17 none, I'm going to call for a 10 minute break. It's
18 9:41 now so we'll be back exactly 10 minutes.

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20 (Off record)

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22 (On record)

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We need
25 to start coming, finding our seats.

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27 We'll start -- Dan O'Hara and was a
28 little bit late this morning and we went through our
29 Council reports without him so I'm going to give him an
30 opportunity now to have him do his Council report
31 before we get into the old business.

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33 So, Dan O'Hara, you have the floor.

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35 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Thank you, Madam
36 Chair. Yeah, I had a little transportation to do this
37 morning so -- taking care of some grandkids, getting
38 them to school. And since you were doing reports I
39 didn't figure that too much damage was done. But we're
40 going to get into the next subject here, but I think
41 one of the things that we have been facing in our
42 region is the red fish issue and the Katmai National
43 Park. and I see the Park Superintendent's here today so
44 that's good. And that's an ongoing.

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46 Appreciate the Park Ranger who came and
47 met with us and is working this issue out and so
48 that'll be important. He probably maybe made a comment
49 this morning about the caribou herd there at Dillingham
50 and not available to access them quite so much. And I

1 guess that's something that's going to be really
2 important for the RAC to deal with.

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4 It's strange that we've -- I think
5 today's report said that the average temperature in
6 Bristol Bay was 14 above normal. I just went like
7 that, Dan, yeah, that puts it up around 43. And that's
8 -- you know, coming in the other day I grew up on Lake
9 Iliamna, not a stitch of ice, Senafont, in the Lake
10 Iliamna you can row a skiff anywhere you want. Take
11 care of the murre, okay. All right. So that's going
12 to be an issue.

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14 I -- you know, the five species of
15 salmon four of them are predators, your king salmon,
16 your chums, your pinks and your silvers are all
17 predators so they are mid -- mid column type species
18 and they eat their young or anything in sight and
19 they'll bite a hook and they're good sport. We have no
20 harvest whatsoever, Richard, in Bristol Bay on silver,
21 they just go up the stream and -- by the hundreds of
22 thousands, just great for the recreational and
23 subsistence users, but no harvest.

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25 The other species is the sockeye and
26 this is finfish 101, Madam Chair. And the sockeye is
27 not a predator and they are a surface fish, there's no
28 bycatch. You don't hear about the bycatch in the mid
29 water, hard on bottom. Now we talk about hard on
30 bottom, by the way I attended the North Pacific Council
31 on the bycatch for the Council. I was designated by
32 the Chair and Donald Mike set it up where we went to
33 the -- I went to the Council and talked about bycatch.
34 I was on the original Advisory Panel when the Magnuson-
35 Stevens Act passed, I was in Tokyo working salmon of
36 the high seas which we got a pretty good -- we got high
37 seas. And when I got back I found out I was put on the
38 Advisory Panel. So going to the North Pacific is
39 nothing new for me. They're kind of scary people,
40 they're very greedy, they're very powerful and people
41 don't like going before them. Those are the kind of
42 people we like to go forward to, let them know where we
43 stand on the issue. So if the sockeye eats plankton,
44 he's at the surface, there's no bycatch. And 200 miles
45 offshore they quit eating and they do not bite a hook,
46 they're not a recreational type fish. They come to
47 spawn only. They will strike a hook if they're making
48 a nest or something like that. So why are we talking
49 about that. With the way the situation is going now 53
50 million salmon came back to Bristol Bay last year, we

1 harvested 41. Forty-six to 52 maybe next year,
2 Richard, something like that, Dan?

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4 MR. WILSON: (Indiscernible) season.

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6 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. I think some 46
7 million is what they designated, it may be as high as
8 52 or again you're going to have a lot of fish. But if
9 something happens to that plankton on the high seas
10 with temperatures going the way they are, I kind of
11 worry about that, I lose a little bit of sleep over
12 that and I think that's something for us to think
13 about.

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15 The last thing I'd like to mention,
16 Madam Chair, I had a discussion with Mary McBurney
17 here. For you new people, Mary's been with us a long
18 time and helped us in a lot of areas. We've done well
19 in our Council because of this kind of guidance. But I
20 think it would be good if we would today somewhere in
21 the agenda invite the Federal Board down to King Salmon
22 to have a meeting. You know, we got the military base
23 there, the officer's quarters are just as nice as
24 you're ever going to see and it would be nice for the
25 Federal Board to come down when -- July, maybe, Susan,
26 when -- and go to the Park and see our fishery at the
27 last of July. We don't want them there on the 4th of
28 July because there's just way too much going on, it --
29 it's bedlam. So you might think about that.

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31 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
34 you, Dan. When we were going through the agenda items
35 Dan wasn't here and I don't know what the process would
36 be to possibly add the -- regarding that -- inviting
37 the Federal Subsistence Board to go to King Salmon.

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39 MR. O'HARA: And they can go to
40 Dillingham too.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That's what I
43 was going to say.

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45 MR. O'HARA: Only.....

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That's what I
48 was going to say.....

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50 MR. O'HARA: Yeah.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:
2Dillingham too.
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4 MR. O'HARA: They can come to King
5 Salmon and go to Dillingham and go back to.....
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. So I'll
8 -- that is a good item on the -- that we need to deal
9 with on the agenda.
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11 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.
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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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15 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, we actually send
16 them to Perryville and take seven days to get out of
17 there and the accommodations are not that good, but
18 they could have a good steam.
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20 Thank you.
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22 MR. MAINES: Madam Chair.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy.
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26 MR. MAINES: I was thinking that when
27 it comes time to closing comments, you know, member Dan
28 O'Hara can make that recommendation or make that motion
29 and we can go ahead and just go ahead and vote on it at
30 that time.
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32 Thank you.
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. That
35 will work. Thank you, Dan and Billy.
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37 Okay. We're down to number 10, old
38 business. It's the Naknek Lake Red Fish Proposals in
39 Bristol Bay, Board of Fish. Who has that?
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41 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, we already
42 addressed that. It was presented by Mr. George Pappas.
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44 Thank you.
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I just --
47 okay. Thank you.
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49 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Donald, there's a little
4 more to that than -- was that the report we just
5 received there this -- a few minutes ago, the red fish
6 issue?
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8 MR. MIKE: Yeah, the red fish iss --
9 no, we didn't get into detail on the red fish issue,
10 but I was telling the Council that we had sent a
11 delegate to the Board of Fish in December or January
12 meeting, Nanci Morris Lyon, and along with Mr. Richard
13 Wilson. They were able to testify to the Board of Fish
14 on the red fish language for the State subsistence
15 regulations. So and with OSM's assistance and staff
16 assistance and Nanci and -- we finally got a State of
17 Alaska Board of Fish proposal in the books. So the
18 next thing to do is to work with the Park Service.
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20 Thank you, Madam Chair.
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22 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.
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26 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, we had -- maybe Ms.
27 Chung can help me out a little bit, but the head Park
28 Ranger met with some of the locals in Naknek here about
29 a month ago and they kind of have a dilemma on their
30 hands on how this list is going to work for the people
31 who can participate in the red fish. So it's going to
32 be an ongoing situation and I appreciate the fact that
33 -- and Richard has been very, very involved in that.
34 And so he was unable -- not there, but we took -- we
35 took good record of that and we're going to figure out
36 since that red fish issue is a bill passed in congress
37 the decedents of Katmai are going away, we need to
38 figure out who's going to be able to participate in
39 that red fish and it'll be ongoing, but just let you
40 know that there's a little more detail going on.
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42 Thank you.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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46 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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50 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1 Thank you, Mr. O'Hara. (Indiscernible) to have the
2 Park Service staff here if they -- Mr. O'Hara's talking
3 about a meeting with the staff. Do we have someone
4 from Katmai to address and give us an update on the
5 results of that meeting just for the Council benefit
6 and then it may be an agenda item for next fall.

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8 Thank you.

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10 MS. CHUNG: Madam Chair, members of the
11 Council, Diane Chung, Superintendent for Katmai
12 National Park. I was not attended that meeting, but I
13 was aware of it. And one of our issues is in our
14 compendium which is our local Park regulations is that
15 it's stated that the Superintendent has to maintain a
16 list and to date we have never been able to create a
17 list or get people's names so we decided that we would
18 strike that from our compendium and we're working on a
19 different process which would involve the Village
20 Councils in helping us out with telling us who is
21 eligible. And it's going to be an ongoing, creative
22 thing and mostly it's pretty -- we're looking to be as
23 flexible as we can.

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25 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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29 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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33 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, thank you.
34 Yeah, it's -- it might not seem like it's an important
35 issue, but it is a very important issue to pass some
36 language or a baton from -- you know, some language
37 coming out of a compendium onto the local villages.
38 Giving -- and that's kind of what we're struggling
39 trying to find the right language and, you know, I'm
40 sure we will over time find this right language so that
41 -- so that over time this list can keep going on
42 instead of a descendent, you know, as we -- you know,
43 as it's -- some of it's -- I don't know, I won't get
44 into detail here, but we'll -- we're definitely working
45 on some of that language and I think it's important
46 that we keep that ball rolling.

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48 I would like to suggest that when we
49 have these meetings with the agencies on whatever level
50 with the communities that we have a recording mechanism

1 there to record these meetings because -- or written so
2 that we have records of what is being -- what is being
3 said and both entities can actually work with the
4 language much better instead of hearsay. And that's
5 one of my requests I've been wanting to do is as we go
6 on to these -- you know, as we have these local
7 meetings to have some sort of recording mechanism there
8 so that we can -- you know, it can be an official type
9 thing.

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Thank you.

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MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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3 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I
4 just want to ask of the Park Service when is the next
5 review for the compendium for benefit of the Council so
6 they be prepared to review and comment on the
7 compendium.
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9 Thank you, Madam Chair.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
12 Donald.
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14 MS. CHUNG: Madam Chair, members of the
15 Council. The compendium has been finalized for this
16 year, but certainly, you know, it's -- they may update
17 every year. So when we get to it next year we'll try
18 again.
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20 Thank you, Madam Chair.
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
23 Anything else?
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25 (No comments)
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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
28 you, Diane.
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30 Okay. The next on our agenda is the
31 Refuge proposal rules on hunting. And this is an
32 update.
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34 Sue, Donald.
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36 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. All
37 that information is in your meeting material on page
38 216. I take that back, 210, page 210.
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40 Thank you, Madam Chair.
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42 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you, Madam Chair,
43 members of the Council. Susan Alexander, Refuge
44 Manager for Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National
45 Wildlife Refuges.
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47 This has been an ongoing conversation,
48 communication between Fish and Wildlife Service and the
49 Councils for about a year and a half so I won't go into
50 a detailed presentation. You do have a variety of

1 materials in your packet including the published text
2 of the proposed rule. And of course we are now in --
3 you know, the rule has been published in the Federal
4 Register, it is open for public comment. All our
5 previous conversation was during the Tribal
6 consultation phase so now we are in the public comment
7 phase and that deadline has been recently extended to
8 April 7th. So as a Council and/or as members,
9 individuals, members of the public, you have until
10 April 7th, on or before April 7th to comment.

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12 I wanted to ask the Council, I know you
13 have a couple of members who when -- well, and I
14 apologize, I was not at the last meeting, I was
15 attending my mother's 96th birthday party, but so I
16 know there are a couple of members who might not be as
17 familiar with some of the others, would you like me to
18 touch briefly on the basic components of the proposal?

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes, if you
21 would. Thank you.

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23 MS. ALEXANDER: Certainly. And I would
24 suggest for those who want to follow along that this
25 handout with the picture of the bear and the cub on the
26 front is the shortest and most compact summary.

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28 There are essentially three parts to
29 the proposals. And all of these are -- well, I should
30 say the first two of these are based on.....

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32 MR. MIKE: Page 216.

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34 MS. ALEXANDER: Oh, that's page 216.
35 Thank you, Donald.

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37 Are based on the Fish and Wildlife
38 Service's and the National Wildlife Refuge Service's
39 legal mandates in ANILCA and in the National Wildlife
40 Refuge System Improvement Act, specifically the Refuge
41 purposes which mandate that we will manage for natural
42 diversity and the Refuge Improvement Act which
43 stipulates that we will manage for biological
44 integrity, diversity and environmental health which are
45 all defined in regulation.

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47 So the first provision of the proposed
48 rule, it has to do with predator control, and it states
49 that predator control will not be allowed on Refuges in
50 Alaska, National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska, unless it

1 is determined to be necessary to meet Refuge purposes,
2 Federal laws or policy and is consistent with our
3 mandates to manage for natural and biological diversity
4 and environmental health. And I should say this refers
5 to predator control conducted by wildlife management
6 staffs or their agents, the State or the Fish and
7 Wildlife Service. So it does not rule out predator
8 control, but it places some fairly specific limitations
9 on when and where it would be used and it does say that
10 it would not be used solely or primarily to satisfy a
11 desire for increased wildlife for harvest. So that's
12 the first provision.

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14 The second provision prohibits five
15 methods and means of take which are particularly
16 effective and therefore are of concern in that
17 particularly effective means and methods can accelerate
18 harvest to the extent that it's difficult to manage
19 and there can be natural resource impacts. And those
20 five are take of bear cubs or sows with cubs. There's
21 an exception for that for some areas of the State that
22 have a customary and traditional use of taking sows
23 with cubs. Second, is take of brown bears over bait,
24 take of bears using traps or snares and take of wolves
25 and coyotes during the spring and summer denning season
26 and also take of bears from aircraft on the same day
27 airborne. So those are the five that are currently
28 proposed to be prohibited on National Wildlife Refuges
29 in Alaska.

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31 And then the third provision is
32 summarized on the back of your sheet, it is updates to
33 our process for emergency, temporary and permanent
34 closures on Refuges. And it's laid out in this table
35 here, I don't know if you want me to go through the
36 details of that proposal or not.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If you can
39 summarize, you know, for our new Board members it would
40 be -- I think it could be helpful.

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42 MS. ALEXANDER: Certainly. I'll try to
43 condense it down and, Susanna, jump in if you think I'm
44 missing something.

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46 On emergency closures it increases the
47 period, the maximum period for an emergency closure
48 from 30 days to 60 days. And anything beyond 60 days
49 falls under the -- either the temporary or the
50 permanent closure provisions. And I don't believe --

1 oh, thank you, that's a good -- so then I think that's
2 it for emergency.

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4 Temporary closures, the duration would
5 -- formerly was not to exceed 12 months. The proposal
6 is for as long as reasonably necessary given the
7 conditions that caused the closure in the first place.
8 So if those conditions are resolved then the closure
9 would have to be removed. And those -- it also calls
10 for those closures to be reviewed every three years
11 with a written justification for -- if the closure is
12 to be continued a written justification would be
13 required for why it was to be continued at those three
14 year reviews. There would be one additional piece
15 which would be an annual list of closures that would be
16 published for -- to inform the public and to allow for
17 comment. So that's temporary.

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19 Permanent closures -- have we -- Susan,
20 help me out.

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22 MS. HENRY: Madam Chair, members of the
23 Council, Susanna Henry, Refuge Manager at Togiak
24 Refuge.

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26 There's also some provisions that --
27 for increasing the methods of announcing any kind of
28 public notification regarding Refuge closure. So not
29 just the traditional means of television and radio and
30 newspaper, but the internet can also be used in
31 addition to, but not instead of. And let's see, you
32 mentioned already that there's going to be an annual
33 list published of public -- of Refuge closures and then
34 it requires consultation with State, Tribes and Native
35 corporations before a closure can take place.

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37 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you, Susanna.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete, did you
40 have your hand up?

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42 MR. ABRAHAM: I'm still listening.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I
45 wanted to encourage the new Board members to ask
46 questions. You know, I know that -- you know, when I
47 first joined the session and I'm still not fully
48 educated, I used to get totally lost in these
49 terminologies. So be free to ask questions because if
50 you don't then you'll be lost forever like me.

1 Thank you.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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7 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, Susanna or -- oh,
8 you're both Susan?
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10 MS. HENRY: Yeah, Susanna.
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12 MR. O'HARA: Susan one and two.
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14 MS. ALEXANDER: Susan and Susanna.
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16 MR. O'HARA: Okay. All right.
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18 MS. ALEXANDER: Very close names.
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20 MR. O'HARA: You mentioned that before
21 this change and review would take place if there were
22 to be a change that you would notify the Native
23 corporations. Why would you notify -- Bristol Bay has
24 3 million acres of land and 40 percent of the land is
25 on the east side which is Federal, the other 40 percent
26 is on the north side and west side which is the Bering
27 Sea, that's State, and 20 percent -- the remaining 20
28 percent is private land which basically is Native land.
29 So why would you be contacting the Native corporations
30 versus the traditional Councils if that's a good
31 question?
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33 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you, Mr. O'Hara.
34 We should clarify that we would not be just contacting
35 the Native corporations, it would be our normal Tribal
36 consultation procedure where we contact Traditional
37 Councils, Village Councils, we contact all the Tribal
38 entities and the ANCSA corporations. And so we contact
39 regional corporation, village corporations and all the
40 Tribes.
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42 MR. O'HARA: It was brought up the
43 other day in the Federal Register which is a good way
44 to go to sleep at night and I don't know of anybody who
45 even looks at that things. So and that's the Federal
46 way a lot of times to say and it's been -- this has
47 gone public now and that's the reason I asked the
48 question. Just the Native corporations is fine because
49 they don't filter anything down to the Traditional
50 Councils or even the Village Council and Richard sits

1 on that Board, probably several people sit on that
2 Village Board.

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4 So that's good information. I
5 appreciate that.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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11 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
16 I've actually already written a little personal
17 testimony and submitted it and also testified verbally
18 on my own personal position. I'm hoping that we as a
19 RAC can come to some position on it as well. My
20 position has been opposed. Several things, I want to
21 thank the folks for extending the deadline so we could
22 bring this up. Susan and Fish and Wildlife has been
23 really good about keeping us informed, but this is like
24 Molly's saying is I've had a hard time clearing the fog
25 away from what it all means. And in the end I've come
26 out opposed to it and you've heard much talk about that
27 among all of the RACS in the joint meetings. There's
28 parts that are really good and I want to acknowledge
29 those like the part about public contact. I'm really
30 supportive of using more modern means as long as that's
31 not the only means because there's a lot of folks that
32 still don't do internet and still don't even have
33 access to internet. So still hanging a note in post
34 office or putting it on the radio and Tribal
35 consultation. Obviously in some of the comments I
36 heard in the joint meeting it -- some of the news
37 travels slower than you'd want. So I'd encourage them
38 to do that part and again thank them for the efforts
39 they have made to bring this up.

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41 As I said in my personal comments my
42 whole understanding of this keeps evolving, but one
43 thing in a way we're worried about the bio diversity
44 and the health and the environment, but they sometimes
45 don't include the human users as part of the diversity.
46 And I think of the north peninsula and the folks that
47 have not had access even at subsistence levels or very
48 little, now it sounds like from the reports things are
49 getting better, but for years, Dan, we've called for
50 predator control. And then their report also says it

1 looks like the problem with the herd has been
2 predators. Now I also support good science like the
3 Nushagak Peninsula Togiak Refuge did an extensive study
4 and found that wolves and bears really aren't a factor
5 and of course we have too many animals down there now.
6 But north peninsula's been a problem for a long time
7 and yet my dad hunt down there in the '50s and back in
8 the days when it was open year round and what a change
9 now.

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11 Another objection I have is I'm worried about
12 this language particularly effective, it's like darn
13 straight, if you want to control predators you need
14 particularly effective means, you don't want to be
15 piddling around out there. I also worry though that
16 will this language, those words, somehow become
17 magically enshrined and then be applied to other
18 methods and means in the future. And so it's kind of
19 -- that -- those terms can really become loaded and
20 seem to have a magic button to give more power in the
21 future. And I don't really want to see that, I'd
22 rather just say that we don't like these means or that
23 those means they seek to restrict or close. I'm not
24 particularly liking any of those means, I wouldn't
25 particularly enjoy using them, but if we need to
26 control predators then we use all especially effective
27 methods. And so I'm objecting to that.

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29 I think I'd rather see as far as a
30 temporary closures I'd just not -- I don't want to
31 change the language to as long as reasonably necessary.
32 I've talked to some other folks that fear that that
33 could end up being pretty much permanent. I'd much
34 rather see a 12 month limit. And there is some review
35 in there, but I'd rather see the 12 months stay in
36 there. But, yeah, especially hearing so many people
37 speak and Refuges affect a lot of people. Somebody
38 mentioned that some of the Refuges in a sense were
39 designed to make subsistence animals especially
40 available to people and then if they -- but if we go to
41 kind of a -- like almost non-management we could get
42 into a thing like the North Peninsula where was it 15,
43 20 years people haven't really been able to hunt them
44 and maybe a little bit of surgical removal of predators
45 might have speeded that up. So I'm opposed to the main
46 force of this. At times I think somebody within the
47 Service was -- had their personal ethics offended and
48 they're seeking to kind of push this down on top of
49 folks rather than asking what local folks want.
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1 So I've talked lot enough, see what
2 other folks think.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
7 you, Dan. Any other comments?

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9 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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13 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Has there ever been
14 a time when the Refuges have done predator control. I
15 know that on one of the islands off of the Sand Point
16 area they killed off all the rats because they were
17 eating the -- and yet they say they don't want predator
18 control, but they go do that, then when we want to deal
19 with the caribou herd. And I had one of -- say in a
20 public meeting you could cut off -- kill off 25 percent
21 of all the brown bears on the Alaska Peninsula and
22 still not really affect the population of the brown
23 bear because there's so many of them. So is there a
24 history that we can go back and say you did do predator
25 control so therefore we would hold your feet to the
26 fire saying you will possibly do predator control
27 again. Could you answer that?

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29 Thank you.

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31 MS. HENRY: Oh, you're going to try.

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33 MS. ALEXANDER: We have and we may
34 again and it is important that -- to realize that this
35 rule does not eliminate any predator control. And to
36 try to put it in a little bit different language from
37 kind of the very formal language that's in the rule and
38 in our summary, the use of predator control would be to
39 try to restore a natural balance. And the rat island
40 which has now been renamed since there are no longer
41 any rats, I don't know the new name, was a situation
42 where those rats were an invasive and introduced
43 species, they were not native to the island, you know,
44 they came from some shipwreck at some point and they
45 had decimated the local seabird population. And so the
46 removal of the rats was to allow the seabirds to
47 naturally recolonize that island. So in situations
48 like that, yes, we would use predator control again to
49 try to restore an ecosystem to its former healthy
50 condition. So, yes, we have and we may again and this

1 does not say we never would. It does say that we would
2 not and the language in the rule is if the sole or
3 primary basis for predator control was increasing
4 populations for harvest we would not do predator
5 control for that reason, for the sole or primary
6 reason. And so that I think is key piece that pertains
7 to some of the Council's concerns.

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9 MR. ABRAHAM: Madam Chair.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete.

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13 MR. ABRAHAM: You know what, sometimes
14 when I have a concern about (indiscernible) I usually
15 go to my elders and try to find out what's in their
16 minds. So on this predator control I called the people
17 I know for a long time about predator control, I ask
18 them do we have a word for predator control in Yup'ik,
19 none of them did, they didn't even know what it is.
20 One person answered me that we don't need predator
21 control because the nature take care of itself. For
22 all these years, just years after years, the
23 (indiscernible) has been controlling itself and every
24 time us people try to diverge this way or the other way
25 it goes haywire. So something admitted was like using
26 example of a caribou or reindeer, when they're being
27 chased by wolf only the healthy survives. Same with
28 the moose, same with the other animals, only healthy
29 survives. So predator control are not nuisance, they
30 are keeping -- giving us healthy animals all the way
31 around. That's the answers I got from these elders I
32 have known for some time. So we don't even have a word
33 for predator control in our languages.

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35 (In Yup'ik)

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
38 you, Pete.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway,
43 do you have a.....

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, there's another
46 point I forgot to make and it probably won't happen
47 again, but, you know, there was a situation there on
48 Unimak Island to where wolves were and probably bears
49 too, but the focus was wolves, were really, really
50 depleting the caribou. And the False Pass wanted

1 predator control. And my understanding is the science
2 supported predator control. In that case my
3 understanding is the Refuge Manager at the time had a
4 strong personal conviction opposing predator control
5 and almost any use of the Refuge. I've heard since
6 that she was blocking roads and just closing off all
7 kinds of things. She utterly blocked the rest of the
8 folks who called for predator control including the
9 State of Alaska Biologist. And so nothing happened.
10 The caribou weren't wiped out, but they were severely
11 depleted. I believe those folks really don't have much
12 subsistence opportunity compared to (indiscernible) Bay
13 where they -- over in that area where they did do a
14 surgical removal of wolves and the herd came around.
15 And now I probably have more history hunting the Cold
16 Bay Herd than anywhere else for caribou and we used to
17 have quite a few. But they did have predator control
18 there, it turned into something of a media circus in
19 some ways, but they removed I think Pat Holmes was
20 saying the other day 26 wolves and it made a big
21 difference. Do it the right time and the right place.

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23 But getting back to like about predator
24 control, my sense is that the only time we're going to
25 see it on the Refuge will be if there's some predator
26 animal besides humans threatened with extinction. Now
27 I'm not saying we'd go extinct if we didn't have
28 subsistence access, but there's a lot of other
29 opportunities now, but I -- I've heard the complaints
30 and concerns from Chignik to Naknek about that North
31 Peninsula Herd. And I think that solely using it when
32 you think you're going to have another decimation and
33 in that case sometimes it's even blocked. I think they
34 should be allowed to do predator control carefully,
35 scientifically, to provide for subsistence, a
36 harvestable surplus. And you can't separate -- some of
37 this is terms they call non-subsistence like you're
38 only going to affect the non-local sport hunters or
39 whatever, but you -- I don't see how you can possibly
40 manage any sort of harvestable surplus for say a
41 particular user group, you either manage to have some
42 and then we can all discuss who gets them or you don't
43 manage and you don't have any in some cases like we've
44 seen. So there again I think it's wrong especially
45 when people are reminded that some of these Refuges are
46 somewhat formed to assure there would be subsistence
47 opportunities.

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49 So I'm again really opposed to the
50 overall rule, that part of it. Go ahead with the

1 public contact part, maybe some adjustments to the
2 closure part, but I -- I'd like to oppose it and I'd
3 like to see our RAC oppose it and support the other
4 RACs who are -- some of them are far more vehemently
5 opposed to it than even I am.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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13 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, thank you.

14 Yeah, just my -- put my little bit of comments in here
15 on this. You know, we've been struggling with this
16 ever since we've -- you know, ever since we've heard
17 about it. And I -- I've got to go back to my natural
18 way of thinking, you know, you go back far enough and
19 the Peninsula there was not divided, you did not have
20 Federal uplands, you didn't have State lowlands and the
21 area was useful for everybody. And then you get these
22 divisions coming in with the Feds and the State and the
23 different regulations, you know, with State and Feds
24 and the usage and it wasn't up until then that we
25 started having these problems. And then everybody's
26 got a different book to go by, you know, and all of a
27 sudden now we got, you know, rules for, you know, the
28 Fed side of things, we got rules for the State side of
29 things and you can and you cannot do and it just -- and
30 it upset the natural way things were back then. And
31 somewhere along the way, you know, it -- you know,
32 government decided this is a good thing. And here we
33 are, here -- you know, management has to try to manage
34 for what they're told to do, you know, and here we are
35 as, you know, the recipients of all this and stewards
36 of all our lands and to have to deal with these kinds
37 of things and it's -- I've really been struggling with
38 it. And I -- you know, of course personally we
39 struggle with, you know, the Parks that we -- you know,
40 pre ANILCA that we have no involvement in with, you
41 know, our living conditions or anything up in these
42 areas. And take it that some of our -- you know, our
43 Refuges do have -- you know, there is some public use,
44 you know, harvesting in those areas. But it -- to
45 restrict -- to further restrict on the books, to give
46 an entity further abilities to restrict to me is -- it
47 just doesn't hit me right, doesn't hit me well at all
48 and it never had. And I'm not smart enough to try to
49 dictate everything that's going on here and what's
50 behind the lines and I'm totally opposed to this type

1 of ruling. I -- it just doesn't -- it doesn't sit well
2 with me and that's my comment for now.

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4 And I would be willing if we were in
5 the State here before the end of this session to
6 evaluate this and to make some sort of ruling here at
7 this meeting.

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9 Thanks.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.

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13 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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17 MR. O'HARA: I would -- Richard, I
18 appreciate you making that comment because I think it's
19 good to get that on the table that we should take a
20 look at this toward the end of our program today.

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22 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
25 other -- any other comment?

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27 MS. ALEXANDER: Madam Chair.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Sue.

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31 MS. ALEXANDER: Would you mind if I
32 responded to a couple of the comments from the Council?

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Go ahead.

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36 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you. Susan
37 Alexander, Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National
38 Wildlife Refuge.

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40 Just a couple of things I wanted to --
41 and I apologize, I wasn't able to listen and find the
42 language quite quickly enough, but addressing Mr.
43 Dunaway's comment concerning the particularly effective
44 language that was used to describe the five prohibited
45 methods and means, I was unable to have it -- while
46 listening to try to find it in the actual text of the
47 rule itself and the way it would change the
48 regulations. I don't believe that language appears in
49 the new regulations, I think that was our attempt to
50 try to explain why we were focusing on those five, but

1 I don't -- and you all have the text, please double
2 check me, but I don't believe that there is -- that
3 particularly effective language would actually appear
4 in the new regulations.

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6 And I did also want to just reassure, I
7 don't know if that's the right word, but we completely
8 understand that these regulations would have affects on
9 subsistence users, anything you do out there that
10 impacts populations of animals that are used for
11 subsistence potentially affects subsistence users. We
12 have stressed that these regulations don't -- we're
13 trying to make it clear that these affect the sport or
14 general hunting regulations and not the subsistence
15 regulations. We didn't want there to be confusion
16 there about the changes we were making actually being
17 part of the subsistence rules. They're part of the
18 sport or general hunt rules, but clearly impacts can go
19 beyond what's set, as Mr. Wilson said, what book it's
20 in.

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22 And then my last comment was addressing
23 the question of the 12 month limit on temporary
24 closures which I certainly understand why you might
25 have concerns about that. One -- kind of the flip side
26 of a way to look at that though is that frequently the
27 conditions which cause a closure go on for longer than
28 12 months. And we all know that situations involving
29 wildlife populations frequently evolve on a fairly
30 lengthy time frame. And if there is a limit of 12
31 months on a temporary closure and say a situation with
32 a population of concern goes on for 24 months at the
33 end of 12 months if the manager -- if the condition
34 still exists that caused the closure in the first place
35 the manager has no choice at that point but to go for a
36 permanent closure. And so in a way it can almost tie
37 things up more firmly, I'm not sure I'm quite
38 describing right, but, you know, permanent closure then
39 you would have to go through a whole process to remove
40 a permanent closure whereas removing a temporary
41 closure is relatively easy. So in a situation that
42 went on for a couple of years it might actually be hard
43 to reverse if the - if it caused -- if the limit on a
44 temporary closure caused a permanent closure to be put
45 in place.

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47 Thank you.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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1 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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5 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Susan, for
6 those -- that's helpful. Is there a way we can then
7 alter that -- the need to go into a permanent closure
8 rather than -- I just -- I don't want to see that a
9 temporary slides into a permanent, you know, I -- I
10 recall now when you explained this that one time we
11 went oh, okay, well, that makes sense, but I have heard
12 this fear that these temporaries could maybe become too
13 -- have too long a life. So my real concern is, yeah,
14 if some mechanism here so we don't end up with that and
15 especially if it's one that kind of slides under the
16 door where especially the RAC and the subsistence users
17 aren't consulted and advised of. That's one point.

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19 I still object to using the language of
20 particularly effective anywhere because I have seen --
21 whether that becomes the golden justification that then
22 I can imagine anybody doesn't like what they see out
23 there they're going to seize on that language as the
24 justification. And beyond it being -- I mean, it comes
25 out a little bit arbitrary like I said before don't
26 strain it's effective, that's how we -- you've got to
27 use those kind of things to do what you're going to do
28 and I don't want it to come out that somebody decides
29 my .30-06 is particularly effective, wants to tell me
30 to use a spear or something.

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32 So I'd still like to see that
33 justification removed. I've been having some language
34 sent to me where even just a discussion about predator
35 control in the enabling legislation for ANILCA, Senator
36 Stevens asked for clarification that this does not mean
37 that it will preclude predator control and he was
38 assured that, no, it did not preclude it. But beyond
39 that it's not clear to me if it meant precluded in the
40 event of an imminent eradication of a species or if it
41 meant predator control's allowed when there's not
42 enough animals to harvest. I'm going to prefer to
43 interpret it to mean when there's not enough animals to
44 harvest since the intent of ANILCA was to assure
45 subsistence opportunities. And, shoot, I've looked at
46 the Federal comments and we're getting just swamped
47 from the Lower 48, you know, they think we're going to
48 try to exterminate the wolves. I've heard a call-in
49 where a guy was going on and on about passenger pigeons
50 and buffalo and all this stuff. You know, there's

1 other things that contributed to the ultimate
2 extermination of them in other places, major -- mainly
3 habitat destruction and you all -- you know, the
4 alternation and use to other things. So I do not ever
5 want to eradicate a species and it's nothing like being
6 out there, drifting down the river hearing a wolf howl
7 except that when moose hunting and all the tracks I
8 find the moose are running because the wolves are
9 around, that's frustrating.

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11 So thank you for those clarifications.
12 If there was -- I'd still want some mechanism for very
13 close and frequent scrutiny on closures, but, yes, if
14 it -- if the -- this makes it more flexible, the
15 proposed language, or if there's another way to make it
16 more flexible I'm in support of that. I don't want to
17 see something called temporary that goes on and on.

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19 Thank you again.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
22 other comments?

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24 Susan.

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26 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you, Madam Chair.
27 Thanks, Dan. One thing I wanted to make sure was clear
28 because it's a little different from how we have --
29 well, actually I'm sorry, let me -- I was going to make
30 one -- two suggestions. One is that I definitely
31 understand that one of the core issues is what Mr.
32 Dunaway was just addressing, the use of predator
33 control in situations where the principal aim is
34 increasing the harvestable population and the relation
35 of that to the subsistence priority. If you choose to
36 submit comments on that issue one thing that is very
37 helpful that has shaped where this has gone for the
38 Fish and Wildlife Service is the fact that in the
39 Refuge purposes, I know we all know there's a
40 subsistence purpose for all the Refuges other than
41 Kenai, and there's also the purpose for natural
42 diversity. And the subsistence purpose states that it
43 must be consistent with the natural diversity purpose
44 which is part of what informed the shaping of this
45 rule. So if you choose to comment on that issue I'm
46 just suggesting that it might be useful to address that
47 because that's in a lot of ways the central issue that
48 this rule is grappling with.

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50 There was another one, but I've

1 forgotten it. Sorry.

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3 The other thing I was going to explain
4 though because it is a little different from now that
5 we're in the public comments phase from when we were in
6 the Tribal consultation phase when we've been in front
7 of you all, when we were in Tribal consultation we were
8 going through and gleaning information out of the
9 transcripts of all the RAC meetings. Because we're now
10 in the public comment phase where there is a formal
11 mechanism for comment on the proposal, we will not be
12 extracting comments from your transcripts of this
13 meeting. So if the Council wishes to comment as a
14 Council you need to draft something and submit it as a
15 comment. It's certainly informative for us who are
16 sitting here to be hearing your concerns and certainly
17 in the internal discussions we have within Fish and
18 Wildlife we voice those concerns that this is what
19 we're hearing from the people in our region, but if you
20 wish to make a formal comment that will be in the
21 written record the Council will need to comment in
22 writing through one of the available means for doing
23 that.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy and then
26 Dan O'Hara.

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28 MR. MAINES: Thank you, Madam Chair. I
29 really appreciate the conversation that's going on with
30 the changes. I like Richard like to state every once
31 in a while I'm not the smartest person you'll come
32 across or the brightest bulb in the room, so in order
33 for me to learned up I have to ask my idiotic
34 questions. And there's terminologies that tend to make
35 me I guess rock in my chair when I harvestable
36 population, harvestable for who. When we're talking
37 about predator control, predator -- what predators. I
38 talked to the attorney with the Office of the Solicitor
39 to ask him for a definition of wildlife and I wanted to
40 hear him give me a definition and he really didn't give
41 me something satisfactory to make me exclude wolves,
42 brown bears, black bears, grizzly, coyotes, birds,
43 human, out of the terminology as far as predators go.
44 When you're talking predator control and I know that
45 there's been practices in the past where you increased
46 the bag limit of bear, increased the bag limit of
47 wolves that can be taken. Back in my younger days I
48 used to trap these suckers religiously every year. I
49 quit trapping them because the prices went down,
50 couldn't come forward to make a living to sustain my

1 livelihood. I don't know if the prices of fur have
2 changed, I just do know that the increase of population
3 of bear, wolves and coyote, especially in our neck of
4 the woods has gone up. And we're not -- where I'm at
5 it's not within a Federal Park or Reserve. I'm on that
6 40 percent that Dan was talking about, the State land.
7 And I can understand why the Village corporations have
8 to be consulted because they're the other land manager,
9 you know, Federal, State and private. So when I hear
10 the discussion I hear the comments and I hear the
11 concerns, I just would like to know who are we really
12 writing these regulations for. I looked at the CFR,
13 I'm well versed in the CFRs. More times than not it's
14 the changes of the language that they have in the
15 proposed rule. This is the first time where I see
16 where it doesn't have the full language in there and
17 saying this is what we're proposing to change, it just
18 says these are the things that we're looking at
19 changing. And you're right, there is no terminology of
20 particularly effective methods in here, it just says
21 that we're going to do this and that's it, you know,
22 we're going to stop you from being able to take the
23 cubs during the cubbing season. You aren't -- really
24 not going to be allowed to bait, but then of course
25 there's discussion on what do you call bait, what type
26 of bait are we looking at or considering.

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28 So I'm -- I'm not really too sure what
29 I'm trying to say to try to clear up my thoughts and my
30 concerns is that again what is harvestable population,
31 who's that really for, is it for the bears, for the
32 wolves or for the human consumption, who's it really
33 for because as I've heard from comments and I
34 understand from my experience we're all predators. I
35 heard Dan talk about the five species of salmon, four
36 of them are predators. And there's a whole lot of the
37 freshwater fish that are out there that are predators.
38 So when we're looking at our caribou, if we're looking
39 at our moose, if we're looking at our fish or any of
40 the berries or greens that we are having troubles
41 finding nowadays because of things that are changing,
42 that mother nature and time and things are going on. I
43 appreciate Pete's conversation with the elders because
44 when I talk to the elders who are no longer here, but
45 when I was younger and having the opportunity to sit
46 around the table and share some tea and crackers with,
47 you know, they would take what they needed and the one
48 thing that they never did was take something that
49 wasn't coming for them. If I'm out in the woods and I
50 see a wolf coming after me I'm definitely going to do

1 what I can to protect myself, same with bear. And I've
2 had to do that. But to -- I'm really not sure what I'm
3 trying to say except I'm having trouble coming up with
4 a reason to have any of this because it seems like
5 mother nature herself tends to take care of things by
6 herself. And anytime that mankind interferes with what
7 she has on her mind she puts up back in the chair, she
8 sits out butt down really hard and says you don't play
9 with me. I -- I'm just really having a tough time
10 trying to understand the verbiage and the reason why we
11 need to do this because populations go up, populations
12 go down, animals move, animals come back, fish go away,
13 they come back, the sun goes up, the sun goes down, you
14 know. I -- I'm having a tough time to come up with the
15 firm commitment that I hear out of some of my other
16 Council people on a specific ruling when I'm saying
17 well, to me, I don't see a issue. If we have a problem
18 with a certain species then we tend to want to do
19 something to address it. I mean, we're talking about
20 caribou in my back yard, increasing the bag limit to
21 try to take the population down. Why, because we can't
22 get to them and it's an area where we don't have to
23 worry about wolves or bears for some unknown reason
24 because it's wide open and it's flat and there's no
25 cover, I mean, you look at things that's around to try
26 to make a decision on how you get to it.

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28 So I just wanted to add my two cents
29 and add some food for thought when we're looking at
30 what we have in front of us and remembering the lessons
31 we were taught and what we pass on and how to maintain
32 the balance when to me it's out of control more times
33 than now because mother nature like I said, she's got
34 her own plan. And she has made things well aware of
35 whenever we try to step in and try to change what she
36 has on her plate.

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38 Thank you.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
41 you, Billy. Any reply?

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43 Susanna.

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45 MS. HENRY: Madam Chair and members of
46 the RAC. Thank you, Billy, I appreciate your comments.

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49 I just wanted to emphasize one thing
50 about the first part of this whole proposed rule where

1 it's talking about predator control, it's saying that
2 there still is a possibility of having predator control
3 if it's to meet Refuge purposes or for a conservation
4 reason based on sound science. It can't be solely for
5 harvest by humans, it does say that, it's not for other
6 animals. And I wanted to mention some of my personal
7 experience with this. At my old Refuge in Arizona
8 there's a predator control program going on right now
9 on mountain lions that are known to take desert bighorn
10 sheep. And the numbers of bighorn sheep was a concern
11 for conservation reasons on that Refuge and part of its
12 reason for establishment was for bighorn sheep. And
13 the numbers were down so low, below 400, that they no
14 longer could use it as a source population for
15 transplants to reestablish sheep in other areas. So
16 they radio collared sheep and they radio collared lions
17 and they started removing lions that were regularly
18 taking bighorn sheep, two or more in a six month
19 period. And gosh, they've removed about 17 lions now
20 and the sheep population is back up over 600. So it's
21 been effective, but it's been very -- what would you
22 say, a surgical removal of predators known to be a
23 problem. And concert with the Refuge purposes and a
24 specific conservation reason. And in the Lower 48 I
25 would say that some of those natural processes are
26 hemmed in even though the Refuge I used to work at is
27 665,000 acres it's bounded by interstates and canals
28 and the habitat's broken in terms of connectivity. The
29 animals can't move like they used to.

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31 So we're not ruling it out, we're
32 saying that it has to be for a specific conservation
33 reason or for Refuge purposes.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're
36 running behind time and this has been really
37 informative, maybe we can have one more comment and
38 then move on. We have this joint session with
39 Kodiak/Aleutians at 1:30 and here we're at 11:00
40 o'clock.

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42 Dan O'Hara.

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44 MR. O'HARA: Well, the eye opener is
45 that we had 18,000 animals on the North Peninsula which
46 crossed the river and mingled with the Mulchatna Herd.
47 And I've watched them walk past each other in April
48 when it's time for them to go to their location. And
49 then down to 1,600, you'd think that something would
50 trigger you to try to bring that herd back up at least

1 to 16,000. I mean, it -- you're looking at a practical
2 situation there where down to 1,600 from 18,000 is a
3 huge number, staggering number.

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5 Thank you. I do appreciate your
6 comments though. It's really been enlightening to have
7 your feedback on some of this stuff. I appreciate
8 that.

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10 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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12 CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm -- is
13 there -- I guess I'm asking the Council members here
14 how -- is there going to be any action item that was
15 mentioned earlier later on regarding this, Donald or
16 somebody, or is this.....

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18 MR. MIKE: Thank.....

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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22 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
23 During the discussion I took it as a committee from the
24 Council will get together and draft a document for this
25 Council to approve so we can submit it as a comment to
26 the Refuge. It's up to the Council, but you can go --
27 take action now or form a committee and get your
28 thoughts together and we can submit a written document
29 to the Refuge.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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33 MR. O'HARA: Why don't you as the Chair
34 appoint two or three of us to a committee and then
35 we'll -- we do have something written here.....

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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39 MR. O'HARA:that we can work from
40 and then if it's possible -- we've all gone to Robert's
41 Rules of Order and we're all afraid now.....

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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45 MR. O'HARA:what we're supposed
46 to do, but work it into this program somewhere along
47 the line and at the end of the day.

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49 Thank you, Madam Chair, and we'll hurry
50 along.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I can get Dan
2 O'Hara, Dan Dunaway and maybe Richard or William, I'm
3 sorry.....

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5 MR. WILSON: I think Billy.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:Billy to
8 maybe work on this during lunch to do this.

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10 So let's move on. Thank you, ladies.
11 I hate to cut you off, this is interesting, but we need
12 to move on our agenda.

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14 Next on our agenda is the National Park
15 Service and, Mary, I want you to come up along with
16 Bert Frost.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MS. McBURNEY: Thank you, Madam Chair
21 and members of the Council. I'd like to introduce our
22 National Park Service Alaska Region Regional Director,
23 Bert Frost. He's joining me this afternoon or I should
24 say this morning rather, to provide a briefing on
25 another proposed rule, but this is a proposed rule that
26 you've received briefings on in previous meetings, that
27 is everyone except our newer members.

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29 But before I turn the mic over to Bert
30 for the briefing, I would like to just let the new
31 members know that this proposed rule will apply to all
32 National Park Service Areas in the Bristol Bay area
33 where subsistence activities are authorized. So this
34 would affect the Aniakchak National Park and Preserve
35 or Monument and Preserve, the Katmai National Preserve,
36 the Alagnak Wild River and Lake Clark National Park and
37 Preserve.

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39 So with that I'll turn it over to Bert.

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41 MR. FROST: Madam Chair, Council
42 members. Appreciate the opportunity to come here this
43 morning and to visit with you about this proposed rule.
44 Like Mary said my name's Bert Frost, I'm the Regional
45 Director for the National Park Service. I've been in
46 this position for -- it'll be two years in April. I
47 sit as the National Park Service representative on the
48 Federal Subsistence Board. And I've had opportunity to
49 meet with many RACs during this week, I think this is
50 my fourth. I had opportunity to go out in the field

1 and meet with a couple of RACs over the previous two
2 years and I look forward to visiting with you both
3 today and in the future.

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5 Today I'd just to concentrate on this
6 proposed rule. So this proposed rule has three
7 different parts. The first part will allow qualified
8 subsistence users to collect and use non-edible fish
9 and wildlife parts and plant materials to create
10 handicrafts for use, barter or sale. And I'll go into
11 a little more detail on each one of these. The second
12 piece is to clarify that collecting or possessing
13 living wildlife is generally prohibited and the third
14 piece is to limit the types of bait that may be used to
15 take bears for subsistence uses.

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17 So let me walk through each of these
18 with a little bit more detail. On the first one this
19 would allow NPS qualified local rural residence to
20 collect and use plant materials and non-edible animal
21 parts to make and sell handicrafts. And also, you
22 know, defining things like edible parts, handicraft
23 article and amending the definition of customary trade.
24 So let me just talk about that a little bit.

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26 The definition of animal parts would
27 include things like antlers, horns, bones, teeth,
28 claws, hooves, skins, hides, fur, hair, feathers and
29 quills that have come from animals that have been
30 lawfully hunted or trapped or parts that have been
31 naturally shed or discarded or those that remain on the
32 landscape due to a natural mortality of an animal. So
33 anything that sort of is available on the landscape
34 that has sort of come there either through a hunting
35 activity or through a natural process.

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37 The definition of a handicraft article,
38 we're adopting the definition that's in the Federal
39 Subsistence Program regulations. So that's not going
40 to change, we don't want to have two different
41 definitions and try to confuse people, we want to make
42 it as consistent as possible so we're just adopting
43 that definition. And it says that handicraft must
44 result from the alteration or skilful manipulation of
45 the shape and appearance of natural materials to create
46 something of greater monetary or aesthetic value.

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48 The third piece is the customary trade.
49 And this will allow the sale of these handicraft
50 articles to support personal and family needs in all

1 Park units. And it would -- and as long as it does not
2 constitute a significant commercial enterprise. So
3 what we're trying to do here is to allow the
4 traditional and customary use of these activities, but
5 we don't want to sort of open it wide up where you get
6 people coming from the outside and sort of try to make
7 a commercial operation out of this.

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9 Users would be required to have a
10 Federal Subsistence Board customary and traditional use
11 determination done for the animal species that would be
12 collected and used for the handicrafts. And this
13 determination would be specific to the area where the
14 collection would occur. Users would also be required
15 to have a written authorization from the Superintendent
16 to collect these materials. The sale of raw, unworked
17 materials or parts would -- as currently written in the
18 proposed rule would be prohibited. Superintendents
19 would have the authority to identify specific areas
20 open to the collection activities, but also be able to
21 set conditions, limits and other restrictions to
22 protect resources and values.

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24 There's been some concern raised about
25 the written authorization and we've tried to make it as
26 painless as possible. You know, this could be
27 accomplished in numerous ways. It could be an
28 individual permit, it could be an area-wide permit, it
29 could be an authorization for as broad as Park resident
30 zones or Park resident zone communities or it could be
31 done on an annual authorization as through the
32 compendia. So we don't want to make this an onerous
33 effort, but at the same time we need to understand what
34 level of collection is going on so that if it ever
35 reach -- if in our determination ever reached that
36 commercial enterprise that we could step in and stop
37 that activity if we felt it was necessary. But that's
38 -- but the point is to give as much leeway as possible
39 to the local users without putting too much of a burden
40 on them.

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42 The second part of the rule is the
43 collection of live wildlife. So this is just
44 clarifying that we believe that this activity is
45 already not allowed on National Park Service lands, but
46 there is some confusion especially when it comes to
47 falconers and they want to go out in the spring to
48 collect falcon chicks and/or eggs. So this will just
49 clarify that collecting living wildlife, including eggs
50 and offspring, is not authorized in units of the

1 National Park Service in Alaska. Like I said this is a
2 clarification, we get these requests fairly routine and
3 because it's not real clear in our current regulations
4 there's always this, because they come with a State
5 permit and perhaps a Federal Fish and Wildlife Service
6 permit, they think that they can go anywhere and have
7 -- and do this activity and we feel that it is not
8 currently prohibited -- I mean, we don't -- we feel it
9 is currently not allowed in -- on National Park Service
10 lands and so we're just sort of making this a little
11 bit clearer so we don't sort of have to have this
12 ongoing discussion on whether the -- where you have
13 competing permits. It would not prohibit the use of
14 falcons in hunting so if people still want to hunt with
15 falcons that is still a permissible activity. The only
16 thing is prohibiting is the collection of those animals
17 in the springtime.

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19 The third piece of the rule is the use
20 of bait for taking bears. Under the Federal
21 subsistence regulations this would limit the type of
22 bait that could be used to take both black and brown
23 bears. Bait would be limited to parts of legally taken
24 native fish or wildlife that are not required to be
25 salvaged or the remains of native fish or wildlife that
26 died of natural causes. The intent is to prohibit the
27 use of food items such as dog food, grease, bread or
28 popcorn as bait for taking bears. This is -- the
29 reason for doing this is this consistent with NPS
30 regulations that prohibit feeding the wildlife and NPS
31 legal and policy frame work that calls for managing
32 wildlife for natural processes. It also addressed
33 efforts to avoid habituating wildlife to unnatural food
34 sources such as human or commercial pet foods.

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36 The proposed rule was published on
37 January 13th of this year. It's open for 90 days so
38 the public comment period is still open and it's open
39 through April 12th so there's still about a little over
40 a month until it's -- the comment period is closed.

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42 There's been a couple of comments in
43 some of the other RAC meetings that I've attended this
44 week about -- concern about they like parts of it, some
45 folks like parts of the rule, they don't like other
46 parts. As you deliberate and if you want to make
47 comments you -- it's not an all in sort of thing. If
48 you want to disagree on parts and agree on parts that's
49 more than appropriate, you don't have to accept the
50 whole thing as written. We received some good comments

1 already that I've heard, that's the whole purpose of
2 this comment period. I -- there are things that we
3 need to go back and reevaluate and I think there will
4 be changes. I want to make it perfectly clear that
5 this is only a proposed rule, it's not a done deal,
6 decisions have not been made. These are the proposals
7 that we've thought through, you know, we're not
8 perfect, we don't know everything, we need the
9 expertise from the people on the ground that are doing
10 the activities so that we can understand their
11 perspective and we look forward to hearing from you and
12 listening to the comments that you have.

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14 So with that I'll stop and take any
15 questions.

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17 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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21 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, thank you. I
22 was just curious on the date when -- you know, after
23 the comment period. When would this proposed rule
24 actually be heard at the Federal level, what -- in what
25 cycle or when would this be heard.

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27 MR. FROST: So this is an NPS specific
28 rule. So it doesn't -- it's not going through the
29 Federal cycle. It's -- this is not a -- this isn't
30 part of the Federal Board process. When the Federal
31 Board meets it -- the rule making is for all Federal
32 public lands in Alaska, this is Park Service specific
33 so this is a Park Service only rule so it doesn't go
34 through that Federal Board process.

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36 MR. WILSON: So then I'll ask it a
37 little differently. When will you be looking at after
38 the comment period when will you be holding a meeting
39 or whatever you do there to accept or not accept this?
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41 MR. FROST: Well, so during the --
42 during the comment period we're -- you know, we're
43 meeting with all the RACs here today, this week to meet
44 with them. Have we done the public -- I don't -- I
45 can't remember if we've actually done public meetings
46 with this or not. But after the public comment period
47 is closed then we go back and we look at all the
48 comments, both the written and any oral comments that
49 we have, and then -- and it's just a matter of timing
50 of how fast you can get through the bureaucracy before

1 a final rule is published, but it usually takes
2 anywhere from four to six months to eight months before
3 a final rule is completed so probably towards the end
4 of the year before this -- before anything is
5 finalized.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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9 MR. WILSON: One final thought. Then --
10 so are we able to comment on this -- is this your last
11 public comment period or which one are we on, is there
12 other times to do this or is this it?

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14 MR. FROST: This is -- this is the
15 period, this 90 days.

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17 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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21 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Who would take a
22 falcon egg, what's the purpose of a falcon egg? And
23 also you said you don't want them eating a falcon egg,
24 but we eat other eggs. So did you have other eggs in
25 mind too?

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27 MR. FROST: And that's a question that
28 came up yesterday in one of the RAC meetings. And so
29 we're -- and I didn't have a good answer and I still
30 don't have a good answer because it's a complex issue
31 because it has to do with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act
32 and other statutes. This rule would not trump the
33 Migratory Bird Treaty Act so if you're collecting eggs
34 under that authority then you would still be able to
35 continue to do that activity. But we've actually
36 talked to -- we've asked Ken Lord, the Solicitor for
37 the Federal Subsistence Board, to help us clarify
38 because that's a question that has come up in the past.

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40 MR. O'HARA: You still haven't answered
41 my question on who collects falcon eggs.

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43 MR. FROST: Right. So again falconers
44 that have the capacity, they can actually go out and
45 collect eggs, they bring them back in and they have a --
46 they put them in an incubator and hatch them out and
47 raise them as young birds as opposed to collecting
48 young birds out of the nest they can collect the eggs
49 instead.

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1 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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5 MR. O'HARA: In '71 -- '73 to '75, the
6 Federal government collected falcons from Lake Clark
7 before it became a Preserve or a Park, whatever it is,
8 and they gave them to the barons over in Arabia. It
9 wasn't a very nice thing to do.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
12 other -- any other comments?
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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.
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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.
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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, it's real
19 confusing, my middle initial's O also. Thank you,
20 Madam Chair.
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22 So this is kind of the public contact
23 with us, was there any Tribal consultation ahead of
24 time or are you required to?
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26 MR. FROST: So for the subsistence
27 collection piece, that's been -- we've had numerous
28 meetings, this has been going on for, I don't know,
29 six, seven, eight, nine years so there's been a lot of
30 discussion on that. As part of the other two pieces we
31 have reached out to a few folks. I assume that if we
32 have not done consultation we will do consultation, I --
33 I'm not always up to speed on the exact schedule of
34 those things that happen, but we are required to do
35 that consultation so if we haven't done it, we will --
36 that will be done during this comment period for the
37 entire package.
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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Thank you. Yeah,
40 I was kind of getting used to the deal where Tribal
41 consultation had been done well in advance of before we
42 even heard it. So -- but so to clarify, seems like
43 I've heard of people getting in trouble for picking up
44 a jawbone or whatever. This would allow that kind of
45 activity if they wanted to like -- they found a caribou
46 jaw or something, make it into a dog sled or whatever
47 or whatever use they want, like cutting grass for
48 baskets, cutting bark for baskets or other similar uses
49 because, yeah, I've heard where there's been some real,
50 you know, it's like what's the harm, people used to do

1 it, but this would actually kind of protect that
2 especially for traditional uses. I'm -- I think I'm
3 glad I hear that, I don't want -- folks don't need to
4 be pestered. Do they need -- are they going to need to
5 have a written permit before they collect? Sometimes
6 when -- when I'm out with my kids you -- when you find
7 it is when you decide you want to collect it.

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9 So and then I have a couple more
10 questions, but that one first.

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12 MR. FROST: So like I mentioned we want
13 to make this as easy as possible and so there has to be
14 some written authorization. We're not saying it has to
15 be a permit, it doesn't have to be an individual permit
16 for you or for your kids. And so this could be a
17 letter -- as simple as a letter that the Superintendent
18 has on file that says all rural residents are permitted
19 to collect, you know, whatever it is, and it's just --
20 and it's posted in -- you know, it's on file in the
21 office, it could be part of the compendia process which
22 we do every year and we can update that to allow those
23 types of activities. So it doesn't have to be an
24 individual permit, we're trying to make it as easy as
25 possible, but at the same time have an ability to
26 understand how much is being done.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, that sounds good to
29 me because, you know, it's kind of an opportunistic
30 thing sometimes, what if somebody like a resident of
31 Nondalton happens along a winter sheep kill and wants
32 to salvage the horns for some craft they could without
33 having to, you know, GPS it and go to the office and
34 come back and all that sort of thing.

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36 And I wanted to -- what's the final
37 public deadline here, April?

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39 MR. FROST: April 12th is when the
40 comment period closes.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. I think that's all
43 I have. Thanks. That sounds -- it all sounds good to
44 me, enabling folks to do what they've been doing.

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46 Thank you.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
49 other comment?

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1 (No comments)

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Mary,
4 do you have any additional? We don't want to have you
5 leave and not say anything to us.

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7 (Laughter)

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9 MS. MCBURNEY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
10 No, I think Bert did a very good job covering all of
11 the bases on this one. So I really have nothing more
12 to add.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
15 you. I guess I'll put my two cents in. You know, when
16 I -- when I go to explain these different activities to
17 our communities except that, you know, where I live and
18 where Billy and I live, we're away from the National
19 Parks Preserve area, but it's really -- it -- you know,
20 people that aren't -- and this Board even has a hard
21 time, you know, keeping track of -- or I do, maybe my
22 counterparts here are good about separating or I -- not
23 separating, but keeping track of everything that -- you
24 know, these different agencies have as far as their
25 regulations are concerned. And this to realize that
26 National Park Service, you know, has their -- you know,
27 has their own regulations, but then I heard Bert say
28 that the -- that they sometimes trump some of their
29 other subsistence regulations. And so that's -- that's
30 another confusing, you know, part. What regulations
31 outside of the nat -- National Park Service are trump
32 -- are, you know, I guess used from other subsistence
33 regulations.

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35 But that's just -- that's just my
36 comment and so.....

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38 MR. FROST: I can just give you an
39 example that came up in the Eastern Interior RAC
40 conversation this morning. Somebody asked if they
41 found an eagle feather could they collect an eagle
42 feather. And so because there's the Bald and Golden
43 Eagle Protection Act that prohibits the use of -- the
44 collection of eagle feathers unless you have some
45 permit to do that from the Fish and Wildlife Service.
46 And so this regulation would not allow that activity on
47 Park Service land. You'd -- there'd still have to be a
48 different authorization that the Fish and Wildlife
49 Service would have to give to allow someone to collect
50 feathers of eagles because of the Bald and Golden Eagle

1 Act is -- has supremacy over Park Service regulations.
2 So that's just an example.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy and then
5 Dan O'Hara.

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7 MR. MAINES: Thank you, Madam Chair.
8 I'm glad you brought up the issue with the State and
9 this is part of my dilemma too, the dual management
10 situation that a lot of us have to abide by and
11 understanding each one of the rules. Has your
12 counterpart with the State of Alaska made any comments
13 of have any concerns with your definitions of handcraft
14 articles or customary trade or even animal parts
15 because I do know that it's so easy for the State of
16 Alaska to pick up a walrus tusk off the beach that
17 might be within the Togiak National Park or Wildlife
18 Refuge and stuff like that and then go to sell it
19 without it being carved or stuff like that. So I was
20 just kind of curious with the Parks, it's where the
21 sheep horn or bear ivory teeth or jaws or stuff like
22 that that they may have commented on the changes that
23 you're looking at for your regs?

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25 Thank you.

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27 MR. FROST: So we have talked with the
28 State and they are making comments to the language of
29 the rule also.

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31 In terms of the one point you brought
32 out that I think is important and this is something
33 that we have heard and this is something that we are
34 going to have to talk about is if somebody collects
35 something. And the way the proposed rule is written
36 right now is that you can -- you can -- somebody can
37 collect, you know, a sheep skull or a sheep horn or
38 something and then they could -- they could modify it
39 somehow and then they could trade it, barter it, sell
40 it, whatever. But if somebody were to just pick up the
41 sheep horn, let's say your kids were out and they found
42 a sheep horn and they brought it back to you and they
43 didn't have the capacity to alter it somehow, but you
44 did, in theory under the way the rule is written today
45 they couldn't give that to you because it says it has
46 to be altered before it can be traded. And so that's
47 something that we need to -- and so we heard that loud
48 and clear. And so we would have -- you know, we need
49 to figure out how to deal with that in the rule to
50 allow some level of, you know, if person A collects you

1 know, a caribou antler or a moose antler and maybe --
2 and an elder wants to carve on that and they don't have
3 the capacity to go out, but somebody can take that
4 antler and give it to the elder so they can do the
5 work, I don't see a problem with that and so we need to
6 make sure that that type of activity is allowed.

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8 So that was -- that's why we have these
9 comments because we didn't think about things like
10 that. And that's an excellent point that we -- that we
11 need to deal with.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan
14 O'Hara.

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16 MR. O'HARA: (No audible response).....

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete Abraham.

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20 MR. ABRAHAM: You know, the people that
21 does that -- do all that, sell crafts, doesn't make a
22 hell of a lot of money. And just the -- just --
23 they're just trying to make ends meet sometimes. And
24 we have written in the paper somewhere on line -- it
25 doesn't take much to confuse the old lady out there or
26 an old guy out there trying to make ends meet. The
27 guy's making some very simple, I can understand that, I
28 can -- you know, I totally help out as much as I can
29 out there, you know, what is legal, what is not and
30 this is out in the village. So ivory carving is no
31 problem out there, but when it come to like sea otter
32 and all the other brown bear that's a different story.
33 Lee wanted to be careful how you go about it. So if
34 you guys simply put it in the paper, the new
35 regulations, how to do it, you know, we can -- we can
36 (indiscernible) headache and put it out with a simple
37 (indiscernible) out there in my offices or wherever
38 people might be needed. And that'll care of it. I
39 mean, we can talk about it here for one week and we
40 never accomplish anything unless you put it in a piece
41 of paper and supply it and go from there.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. You know, I'm
48 thinking that -- this is what I heard on that other
49 rule that some of these processes we can talk like this
50 and they are hearing us, but I'm thinking maybe we

1 ought to at the time we take up that other rule we
2 might try -- have a little time to think about this and
3 then maybe have an actual position from the RAC on this
4 rule too just so we don't -- you know, somewhere on the
5 record I guess is -- I'm just encouraging the RAC to
6 think about that for about the same time as the other
7 one.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Quick
12 question. If I'm not misunderstanding regarding
13 written requests to collect, individuals can do it as
14 well as this Board and if this Board is able would we
15 be able to write a -- beforehand write you a written
16 request for the purpose of those people that live near
17 the Park?

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19 MR. FROST: That's a good question. I
20 don't know if the Board can request the authorization
21 for somebody else, but we'll -- we can figure that out.
22 The authorization would be for folks to -- that, you
23 know, perhaps rural residents or rural subsistence
24 users would be allowed to collect, you know, the list
25 of things. And it would -- it could be a very broad
26 authorization. We could do it -- like I said we could
27 do it by letter, we could do it in the compendium which
28 we -- which we redo every year and so those can be
29 revisited on an annual basis. So the -- so like I just
30 finished signing all the compendiums for 2016 and so as
31 we start on this -- on this next cycle of compendium we
32 could make sure that those things are in the compendium
33 so like Mr. Dunaway said that if -- that it's already
34 taken care of when you're out in the Park and you come
35 across something you don't have to worry about it, you
36 don't have to GPS something and go back and get a
37 permit, it's already done. So, yeah, you could do
38 something way in advance so that's not an issue.

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40 MR. ABRAHAM: Madam Chairman.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete.

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44 MR. ABRAHAM: In a box there was these
45 different story, you cannot take anything home for
46 carving. In the Refuge that's another story.

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48 Thank you.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If no

1 more comments, questions, I guess we can move on.
2 Thank you, Mary and Bert.

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4 We have about 25 minutes. The next on
5 our agenda is the Board non-rural policy timeline.

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7 MR. KRON: Madam Chair, this is Tom
8 Kron with OSM. And again this can be real short. I
9 think as you all know there's been discussions about
10 the rural, non-rural determination process. And a lot
11 of progress in that regard. At their last meeting the
12 Board talked about this timeline and I think Donald has
13 provided this to you, but basically all we wanted to
14 let you know is that there's a group that's going to be
15 working on a draft and they will bring it back to you
16 this fall to look at. So you'll get a chance to weigh
17 in before it goes back to the Federal Subsistence
18 Board.

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20 And that's all I've got to say. Thank
21 you, Mr. Chair or Madam Chair. Excuse me.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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25 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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29 MR. O'HARA: What's your last name?

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31 MR. KRON: Tom Kron with OSM. Thank
32 you, Madam Chair.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. That
35 was just an update. Any questions for him?

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38 (No comments)

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That's good,
41 I'm glad you brought that up. I'd forgotten about
42 that, that little dash that we did. If.....

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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48 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I'm kind of
49 relieved we don't -- might have -- not to deal with it
50 right now, but I'm wondering if it's expected that

1 something will be available somewhat in advance of our
2 next meeting, if it could get sent out so we have time
3 to -- these things take some thinking and some talking
4 and stuff.

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6 Thanks.

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8 MR. KRON: Madam Chair, Council member
9 Dunaway. I'll pass that on, I'm sure that that's their
10 intent. But again we want to hear from all the
11 Councils and let you know what's going on. So, you
12 know, I think everybody wants to see things in advance.
13 So I'll make sure they understand you want to see it in
14 advance so you can read it and think about it.

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16 Thank you, Madam Chair, Dan.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
19 Usually if you give the information to Donald he'll
20 make sure that he'll, you know, give it to us on a
21 timely manner.

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23 Thank you.

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25 Before we get to our next agenda item,
26 I didn't see where we're going to -- are we -- that
27 blue card section would be available. Donald, I don't --
28 I know that there was a few people that wanted that
29 time.

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31 Donald.

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33 MR. MIKE: Yeah, thank you, Madam
34 Chair. Thank you for that reminder. The public
35 testimony cards are located on the back table so if we
36 have public who wants to testify specifically on agenda
37 or non-agenda items, they can just hand me the card and
38 I'll notify the Council as far as -- and then you can --
39 excuse me, you can recognize it.

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41 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Sorry
44 for overlooking that this morning. We usually try to
45 get that information out to the public at the very
46 onset.

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48 Moving on to our next agenda item under
49 new business -- oh, before we move on, Donald, could
50 you give us a little bit more information on item 12,

1 joint session with Kodiak/Aleutians, what exactly is
2 that?

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4 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. The
5 joint session with the Kodiak/Aleutians, I think they --
6 the Kodiak/Aleutians specifically asked for a joint
7 session with this Council to discuss Fisheries Resource
8 Monitoring Programs. And since we share the same sort
9 of regions, you know, it affects the Kodiak and Bristol
10 Bay regions, they wanted to get together and discuss
11 some common issues and make some future plans for a
12 future project to submit. But we'll have anthropology
13 stuff available to help with the discussion.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Is this going
16 to be in this room or are we going to move to another?

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18 MR. MIKE: I think we'll have it in
19 this room. So after lunch we'll see if we can
20 accommodate that, the Kodiak/Aleutians without being
21 too crowded.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So they're
24 going to be Chairing, I hope.

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26 (No comments)

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess -- you
29 know, it's now 11:44. We're -- I -- it doesn't --
30 unless we go super fast we're not going to be able to
31 finish our agenda items unless we sit here and sort of
32 miss our lunch time before the 1:30 joint session.

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34 Donald.

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36 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, we have this
37 room all day and the joint session with the
38 Kodiak/Aleutians I'm going to take a bet that it won't
39 take more than an hour. And for the remainder of the
40 agenda we can go ahead and take a lunch break and then
41 address the remainder of the agenda later on this
42 afternoon if that's the wish of the Council.

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44 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The
47 joint session's going to be at 1:30. If we can break
48 for an hour for lunch we'll try to see how far we can
49 get with this between now and is it 12:30. So let's go
50 to our new business, call for Federal Fish and

1 Shellfish Regulatory Proposals, OSM.

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3 MR. KRON: Yeah, Madam Chair, Tom Kron
4 again. I'm looking around the room and I don't see any
5 of our Fisheries staff here. So I will take this one.

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8 And basically we just want to let you
9 know if you look to page 225 in your book, we're
10 entering into the fisheries cycle. We're working on
11 and finishing up the wildlife cycle right now. The
12 Federal Board will be meeting in April to address those
13 proposals. But if anyone here has fisheries proposals
14 that they want to submit and again it's all described,
15 you guys have dealt with it before, but on 225. If you
16 have fisheries proposals you want to submit for the
17 Bristol Bay region let us know, we can help you with
18 that or if you want to submit something, but now would
19 be the time for the Council to work on those. And
20 again they don't have to be submitted at this meeting.
21 I think the deadline requirement is probably in here,
22 March 31st, so the end of the month. But again just be
23 thinking about it and if you -- if people brought
24 proposals, the Council members brought proposals with
25 them, again this would be something for you as a
26 Council to weigh-in on a Council proposal for fisheries
27 for the next cycle.

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29 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
32 you. Any.....

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34 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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38 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, Tom, maybe Donald
39 could help with this too, but this does not pertain to
40 shellfish, this is pertaining to the moose proposal.
41 So would that be somewhere else or another time.

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43 MR. KRON: Yeah, Madam Chair, Council
44 member O'Hara. Again this specific issue relates to
45 fish proposals, so fish and shellfish. So salmon, non-
46 salmon species, shellfish for example near the coastal
47 waters. A moose issue would be addressed via current
48 wildlife cycle process or a special action request and
49 I'm not sure specifically what the issue is here.
50 Maybe Donald can weigh-in.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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3 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
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5 Thank you, Madam Chair.
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7 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, thank you, Donald.
8 I think I spoke with you off record about extending the
9 moose season into January due to the fact that the last
10 two years we have not had any frozen tundra or very few
11 lakes to land on and I just could not get out so maybe
12 there'd be a possibility of we could do a special
13 action on that.
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15 Thank you.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. This is
18 -- Donald, it's got a little star indicating that it's
19 an action item so how do we deal with this?
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21 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, yes, it is an
22 action item. It's just to notify the public and if
23 this Council has any fisheries proposals they'd like to
24 submit it. So but we can move on to the next agenda
25 item.
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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
28 you. The next item is identifying priority information
29 needs, FRMP. Still you, you're back on here.
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31 MR. KRON: Yeah, Madam Chair, Tom Kron
32 again for OSM. I'm guessing, I don't see any fisheries
33 staff here from OSM, I'm guessing that this would be
34 something that would be addressed at 1:30 jointly with
35 Kodiak/Aleutians. And Donald's nodding his head so I
36 think he's got something to say.
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38 Thank you, Madam Chair.
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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42 MR. MIKE: Yes, that was the plan.
43 Sorry, I neglected to mention that. So that was to --
44 discuss FRMP when we have a joint session with the
45 Kodiak/Aleutians.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, we're
48 moving along here.
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50 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. And maybe after
4 with that other part would be good, but there's a
5 couple things that I wanted to mention earlier that I
6 want to bring up. And I don't know if FRMP can help or
7 not, but we found out that there's been a problem in
8 getting sufficient subsistence harvest data out of --
9 for fish in the Port Heiden area. And there's been a
10 bunch of bureaucratic snafus, but I'm kind of looking
11 at BBNA here for some help. I think there's been --
12 again been some talk about helping -- there's been a
13 little bit of data collected, but if there was a
14 project that would tell -- better document fish
15 harvests in the Port Heiden area, I don't know, maybe
16 Pilot Point, Ugashik too, I would encourage folks to
17 bring that idea up. I've heard recently of part of the
18 record problem in Port Heiden might be that some people
19 are getting their fish out of Chignik and flying it
20 over or something like this. But we've supported that
21 subsistence network study and this is a good example of
22 why we want it to happen and I think it's supposed to.

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24 Also there is the problem of assessing
25 the Port Heiden basin runs and if there's an idea it
26 would be another thing to encourage. I've tried to
27 help in the past and it was difficult from my angle,
28 but something to think about over lunchtime and before
29 the deadline. I'm sure we'd like to support something
30 if something viable could surface.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
35 other comments?

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37 (No comments)

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're
40 down to -- oh, BBNA. Glad to have you come up here.

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42 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.
43 My name's Cody Larson, I'm with the Fisheries Resource
44 Monitoring Program. I started last week with BBNA.
45 But about the -- any concerns that Dan Dunaway brought
46 up and I can be a point of contact to get those
47 proposals started and finding principal investigators
48 to work with on those. And the -- so the timeline here
49 and this is what we'll be doing later is getting those
50 priority information needs set up, is those proposals

1 I'll be working on and getting those ready for the
2 November through February submission time frame.

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4 So that's -- if you have anything like
5 that I'll be the point of contact with the BBNA on
6 those concerns.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Sounds
9 good. That's what happen when we get fresh, young
10 minds, things get done.

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12 Thank you so much.

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14 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. B,
17 season harvest limits for Nushagak Caribou. Okay.
18 You're -- you got the.....

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20 MR. WALSH: Madam Chair, my name's Pat
21 Walsh and I'm the Lead Biologist at Togiak Refuge.

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23 MS. HENRY: Madam Chair and Council,
24 I'm Susanna Henry, Refuge Manager and here in support
25 of Pat in case he misses anything.

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27 MR. WALSH: Okay. We want to talk with
28 you about a problem of overpopulation of caribou on the
29 Nushagak Peninsula. And I'm going to be referring to a
30 letter that Donald gave you that we, Togiak Refuge, and
31 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game wrote to you
32 requesting this Council to consider supporting us --
33 we're going to ask your support in going to the Federal
34 Subsistence Board basically to request opening the
35 Nushagak Peninsula to all state residents in the fall
36 of 2016.

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38 So now let me give you some background
39 on why we would bring such a crazy idea to this Council
40 that's charged with managing subsistence resources, why
41 would you even consider something like this. Right now
42 there's 1,400 caribou on the Nushagak Peninsula. We
43 have a population goal of 400 to 900. The optimum
44 number is 750. Okay. So at 1,400 now and another 300
45 to be produced this spring we could be looking at 17 or
46 1,750 caribou this next fall, a thousand caribou over
47 the number that the habitat really can support. The
48 reason that there's so many caribou there is because
49 lack of snow has prevented people for the last several
50 years to get down there and effectively harvest them.

1 And there's no snow in the forecast for this winter and
2 the long term forecast suggests that the conditions we
3 have right now are going to persist for a while.

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5 So we need to kill a lot of caribou and
6 we need to do this very soon. If we don't then we face
7 habitat damage that could be similar to what we saw on
8 Hagemeister Island which I think most of you are
9 familiar with. A reindeer population there increased
10 to the point that habitat was damaged, many of them
11 starved to death and we removed the rest and the area
12 was no longer suitable for caribou or reindeer after
13 that. If habitat damage takes places on the Nushagak
14 Peninsula to that extent we don't think they're going
15 to die off and starve to death there because that
16 they're not on an island, they're going to walk away
17 and when they do walk away there is a very good chance
18 that they won't come back. So, I mean, we're
19 speculating here, there's no guarantees on any of this,
20 but what's at stake here is losing this entire
21 subsistence resource if we can't act now.

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23 And so, you know, in a minute I'm going
24 to get to this idea of opening this up to all State
25 residents, but the thing I'd like you to keep in mind
26 is we're not proposing this for the benefit of all
27 State residents, we're proposing this for the benefit
28 of the people in these local communities in order to
29 maintain this subsistence resource.

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31 So we've tried a number of things and
32 actually this isn't the first time we've addressed this
33 Council with this problem, but now we're at a problem
34 where it's kind of an emergency. Things that we've
35 done in the past is to virtually make permits unlimited
36 instead of restricting the numbers we've given out to
37 the villages to try to maintain a harvest at a given
38 level we've made the number of permits unlimited. Just
39 recently we increased the bag limit from two to three
40 caribou. Earlier this month the Alaska Department of
41 Fish and Game opened State lands that they've had
42 closed, State lands adjacent to the Nushagak Peninsula
43 for the first time. That hunt's never been opened in
44 the past because really caribou haven't used it much in
45 the past and it's not a big enough hunt or big enough
46 area for that kind of hunt to normally work, but the
47 caribou on the Peninsula are now starting to move off,
48 they're moving up around the village of Manokotak and
49 over close to Dillingham onto those State lands so the
50 State's worked with us and opened this hunt and, in

1 fact, we've gotten one caribou harvested that we know
2 of this year.

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4 We've requested extending the caribou
5 season to April 15th, we've requested same day airborne
6 access to caribou for this spring, we've also requested
7 opening the Nushagak Peninsula to all State residents,
8 that is lifting the Federal closure for this spring,
9 but none of these things that I'm mentioning right now
10 are going to solve this problem. Without the snow this
11 spring none of these things are going to work, we may
12 get a few caribou harvested, but we're still going to
13 be hundreds short of what we need. The only solution
14 that we've been able to see is to have people who can
15 afford to go down there by airplane in the fall to do
16 that. Now that's been available all along, but the
17 local communities traditionally don't go that way, they
18 go by snowmachine, most people in the local communities
19 can't afford to pay an air taxi to go down there, but
20 during the heyday of the Mulchatna Caribou Herd there
21 were five or 6,000 caribou taken per year, mostly by
22 people flying in from Anchorage and Fairbanks and other
23 places where they have the means to do that.

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25 So even though this idea just grates
26 everybody to the marrow thinking if we're going to let
27 rich people from Anchorage come in and have these
28 caribou that we can't get to, this is for the local
29 people so that they can maintain a caribou resource.
30 And the way we're proposing this be done is this would --
31 this Federal closure would be lifted only in times of --
32 overpopulation. And so we'd have a threshold in there,
33 right now the number is 900, that's what we're
34 proposing. So when the population is over 900 the
35 State would issue their own State registration permits,
36 when the population falls under 900 then they no longer
37 provide any other opportunity other than the
38 opportunity to the seven villages that have C&T.

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40 Now one other thing, Billy mentioned
41 earlier the possibility of opening this hunt not to the
42 whole State, but to say all of Bristol Bay villages.
43 We can't do that, we can't pick and choose the villages
44 we want, it's only those that have a C&T determination
45 for the area. So even if we would want to say, okay,
46 King Salmon and Naknek can join in, there's no
47 mechanism that we're aware of that that can be done.
48 Either the Federal closure gets lifted or it stays in
49 place.

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1 So, you know, we've talked with a
2 number of the local groups, there's broad acceptance
3 that there is a problem and that the solution is to
4 kill a lot of caribou and that we don't have very much
5 time. People are -- some of the people have bought
6 into this idea that, yeah, as unpleasant as this idea
7 is, this is the best solution, other people still have
8 reservations and think that this could result in a lack
9 of local control, but what I would suggest you think is
10 if this Council and the communities and the agencies
11 work together on this we still maintain basic control
12 over how this kind of hunt would take place.

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14 So that's all I have.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
17 comments?

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19 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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23 MR. WILSON: Yeah. Thanks, Pat. Yeah,
24 I mentioned this earlier when we -- you know, the idea
25 of opening this up Statewide, same day airborne, upping
26 the bag limits and I guess my only thought to that was
27 that, you know, here you have a population that has
28 some very excellent breeder bulls out there and that if
29 it was to be -- you know, the bag limit was to be
30 extended is that a method in place where it's not all
31 just sports hunting activity for the big bulls, that we
32 can somehow maintain a good, big bull population for
33 breeders, I mean, here's an opportunity to perhaps, you
34 know, work with that a little bit because, you know,
35 it's not very often we get an overpopulation where you
36 got to -- you know, you got to narrow it down. But I
37 just wanted to kind of emphasize that it's not -- you
38 know, we strive in other areas to try to keep our
39 breeder bulls, you know, for healthy population and I
40 wonder if that was even considered.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MR. WALSH: Pat Walsh, Togiak Refuge.
45 Yes, Richard, we have talked about that and it's a
46 concern that everybody recognizes right away that
47 people who would come there that time of the year would
48 be mostly interested on trophy bulls. And so I think
49 we would have to somehow address that such as the State
50 bag limit is two caribou and it would have to be

1 addressed somehow that like one bull, one cow, but
2 there'd -- we haven't worked through all the ideas on
3 how to ensure this isn't just a trophy hunt, but that
4 does have to be addressed.

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6 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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10 MR. O'HARA: Well, it's an interesting --
11 interesting the fact that you'd come to too much
12 caribou and we haven't seen a caribou in Bristol Bay,
13 got to go to the Park now to see a caribou over on the
14 east side. But I think one of the things that you
15 might want to think about is the tier system, the
16 tiered system in the State of Alaska, you're probably
17 familiar with that. One of the question they ask you
18 is where do you buy 60 percent of your fuel, well, that
19 would eliminate everybody except Bristol Bay drainage
20 and that's a possibility if you want to get away from
21 the trophy hunt.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Go
24 ahead.

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26 MR. FOX: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair.
27 For the record I'm Trevor Fox, I'm with the U.S. Fish
28 and Wildlife Service in Anchorage and I just want to
29 reiterate that this would be a special action so this
30 would only take place for one year. To put it into --
31 to lift that closure for more than one year would have
32 to be a proposal so what we're talking about here is a
33 temporary special action so it would only cover the
34 next regulatory year. It -- the closure would go back
35 into place automatically after that.

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37 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madam
42 Chair. Yeah, I've sat in on quite a few, but not all
43 of these meetings. And originally I was pretty
44 reluctant to consider, you know, open Statewide because
45 of the expected reaction, but then I remember when we
46 start saying since there's no really history of this
47 herd there's no way for say Naknek, King Salmon to
48 build the C&T basis to be included, at least that's the
49 way I understand it, or it would have to take, you
50 know, a couple of years and go on and on and on. As it

1 is I think if we broaden the definition, was it Lime
2 Village and Stony River could come down. Right now
3 it's just six villages, but because they already have
4 C&T for 17, but the likelihood of that is extremely
5 low. So I really have supported the Statewide
6 specifically thinking of you, Richard, and the other
7 pilot hunters in the Naknek, King Salmon area that in
8 my mind would be most able to benefit from this. I
9 also get a sense of -- from friends that fly out of
10 Anchorage or used to, it's one thing to fly to the
11 upper Mulchatna out of Kenai, Anchorage, Homer, I think
12 it's another leap to get to Dillingham and past
13 Dillingham to come down and gamble on weather and
14 everything else. But even then regardless if a few do
15 that will help us protect the herd for the long term
16 for everybody to use.

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18 I'm kind of intrigued too about, you
19 know, if there would way to encourage harvesting of
20 cows because in this case that might be a more
21 effective way to control the population. Here I've
22 been grumbling about shooting a cow moose that's
23 pregnant and seeing the Fish and Games mugs with the
24 circle on it, but in this case we want that circle to
25 work in reverse and whether there was a way to allow
26 one or two bulls and -- or you can only -- some
27 combination of cows. I don't recall us talking about
28 that in these meetings yet. I think we've also talked
29 about allowing a bag limit of up to five and giving
30 some freedom to the biologist to pick where that number
31 is depending on the most recent data.

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33 And with that I'll let other folks
34 talk.

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36 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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40 MR. WILSON: It's just a thought. You
41 know, you talk about C&T, those caribou originally came
42 from our area so can we be.....

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44 (Laughter)

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46 MR. WILSON:can we be C&T'd in
47 because they were originally ours, I mean, you know,
48 what up.

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50 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thanks, Madam
4 Chair. That's actually been discussed and people
5 recognize the -- that folks from over there did -- were
6 gracious enough, I'm not sure were entirely happy about
7 seeing some of theirs hauled off, I wasn't there when
8 that happened. But there's even some folks brought up
9 well, why don't we haul a bunch back, but that -- boy,
10 then you get into EISes and EAs and funding and things
11 like that, you know, okay, bureaucracy could extend
12 that for 10 years before anything got happening. So
13 but those are good points and even locally here in
14 Dillingham people were appreciative of you sharing some
15 breeders.
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17 MR. ABRAHAM: Madam Chair.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy and then
20 Pete.
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22 MR. MAINES: I'll let my elder go
23 first.
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete.
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27 MR. ABRAHAM: Well, I have thought this
28 too just like everybody else. You know, if we -- if we
29 open it Statewide, same day airborne and whomever we
30 can get to monitor it up to the threshold. But right
31 now the toward the spring nobody's going to be that
32 adamant to go after them. Fall comes, yes, there might
33 -- we might get some action out there. But same day
34 airborne, but monitoring what we're getting, out there.
35 Maybe reporting to somebody that'll be there all the
36 time. And I think that will -- I mean, that's the only
37 option I've been thinking about. Other than that, no
38 snow, no nothing, we're losing it.
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40 Thank you.
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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Billy.
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44 MR. MAINES: Thank you, Madam Chair.
45 Again I'll for the record talk on behalf of the Curyung
46 Tribal Council. Their last monthly meeting and the
47 meeting before that we all agreed that we would stand
48 behind increasing the bag limit to five, same day air
49 and opening it up for the Bristol Bay residents.
50 Statewide issue and I understand it, it's good and it's

1 meeting that strategy.

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3 But I guess the -- and you've also all
4 received a letter from the Choggiung endorsing this so
5 not everybody's opposed to this, not all the locals are
6 opposed. So that letter is in your packet.

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8 But addressing the concern on loss of
9 local control, I want to give you an example on a
10 similar incident where those same concerns were thought
11 through and that's with moose in unit 17A. Now moose
12 in unit 17A, 25 years ago there weren't any there, but
13 over a period of time that population grew and the
14 local communities, Dillingham, Togiak, Twin Hills and
15 ADF&G and Togiak Refuge worked together to devise a
16 strategy and look down the line as to how to manage
17 that moose population when it grows to the point that
18 there would be increasing demands from outsiders to
19 come in. And so early on that -- a plan was written
20 with thresholds written in there at which different
21 points -- different harvest strategies would kick in,
22 including opening the area up to a general hunt,
23 allowing all State residents and then finally even
24 reaching a point opening it up to nonresidents. Well,
25 that's all in place now, all of that's there in unit
26 17A so there's a nonresident hunt and a State hunt, but
27 it's done in a way that the residents in the village of
28 Togiak find acceptable. Basically it separates those
29 non-local hunters, put them in remote lakes that the
30 people from the village can't get to anyway and keeps
31 the people who have airplanes to access the area away
32 from the rivers where local people hunt. Okay. So
33 that works, but the more powerful thing about that is
34 there have been outside entities that want in and have
35 proposed to change the rules to the Board of Game and
36 open up more harvest opportunity and the Board of Game
37 has gone back to the management plan and so, no, we're
38 not going to do it because this is the plan we're going
39 to follow. So the point there is local control, they
40 still have local control even though they've permitted
41 outside entities to come in under their circumstance or
42 under their -- really under their control. And so I
43 see that same thing here with this threshold limit
44 where it seems scary, but it looks to me like it could
45 work.

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47 MR. MAINES: Thanks. Again I can't say
48 enough to the fact that for -- even though it's only
49 this one special action for this one year, how fast are
50 you going to be able to put in a packet, get the plan

1 approved in order for the process to happen. The
2 second thing is that as part of the plan I'm assuming
3 and I hate using that word, that as part of the plan
4 you're going to have an allocation process because I'm
5 sure you're not going to take away our opportunity to
6 go after that. So with our opportunity to go after
7 that the increased bag limit, the possibility of
8 extending the season to accommodate the fall hunt
9 especially, then to open it up for the rest of the
10 folks in the State to come in, that you don't over
11 compensate by almost wiping out the herd, you know.
12 Because I don't know if you're going to have the pulse
13 of the State as far as who's giving out how many
14 permits to where, at what time and regardless of what
15 the State limit is of two, but for the watershed
16 residents or the ones who have the ability right now
17 it's three. So I really concerns that maybe we're over
18 thinking or over managing or over -- over -- I'm in a
19 quandary right now, what -- what's the word that I want
20 to put out there that we're going to kill of something
21 that's alive and well right now and itself may kill
22 itself off if it continues to grow and damage the
23 habitat just like, you know, you brought up the
24 instance of Hagemeister Island where the Federal
25 government came in, killed half of them and then
26 transferred the other half over to the Refuge. The
27 talking of the herd coming from the Naknek, King Salmon
28 area, what's wrong with corralling half of them and
29 taking them back over there and have two healthy,
30 thriving populations, you know. So the issue of
31 opening it up and trying to manage by killing in a
32 fast, quick fashion is a real concern.

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34 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan
37 O'Hara.

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39 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. The -- in the
40 Katmai National Park on the red fish, that has been
41 regulated, the people who live there type thing, in
42 other words a lot of people move to Anchorage, but
43 they're not going to come back and go up to Katmai
44 National Park and get a red fish. And you can do the
45 same thing with caribou. In the permitting system that
46 Richard and I are familiar with and probably Dan too,
47 is this fall we went and got a special permit from the
48 Alaska Department of Fish and Game saying can take any
49 bull. Well, that's a gift and that permit goes back,
50 you take that permit back and I didn't and I got a \$65

1 fine once for it. So that permit's followed through.
2 There's no problem taking care of the permitting, you
3 know, you're going to go get an animal, there's going
4 to be a permit, you're going to give the permit back
5 and you got the statistics. So it's possible to do the
6 resident thing and not the whole State.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan
9 Dunaway.

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11 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Thank you, Madam
12 Chair. Very -- some of these discussions you're
13 bringing up we're -- you know, I sat in and I'm not
14 part of the Caribou Committee, but I sat in there and
15 every time there was like one or two new people sit in
16 and we'd go through all of this. And what's kind of
17 filtered down to me where I accepted the idea of open
18 it to Statewide, I talked to Tom Schlages, one of the
19 air taxi guys, and he said that -- of course Tom and
20 Rick, the two local air taxi folks are pretty sensitive
21 to local concerns and they're probably not likely to do
22 a major operation, but he said it takes more than like
23 one or two years to -- of consistent opportunity to
24 really bring in any number of even Anchorage hunters is
25 the way I understood it from him. So they have a bit
26 of a delayed reaction time, there's a few that will
27 come that Barry or I mentioned earlier about a lot of
28 your private pilots with some of the smaller airplanes,
29 I think the distance barrier is much greater than Upper
30 Mulchatna or over around Iliamna. We're talking versus
31 Mulchatna where we have vast area and multiple entry
32 points coming Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai, Homer, most
33 likely everybody about has to pass through Dillingham
34 and I think there'd be a way of requiring a permit, but
35 can only pick up in Dillingham could control that
36 somewhat. And also it's a natural return point so it
37 could facilitate reporting.

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39 One of the things that I get a kick out
40 of is we got a healthy and productive cooperative
41 relationship that I see between the State and Federal
42 biologists, the Refuge people, it's really nice,
43 there's other places I hear about a lot of contention,
44 but they work together on a day to day basis. We've
45 got a radio station there, we've got other means of
46 announcing say a closure, if they're aware that we're
47 bearing down on 500 animals on the 15th of September I
48 think it could be written into these permits like the
49 moose one where you have a 24 or a 48 hour reporting
50 requirement. It's not that hard to report it and it

1 would be pretty easy to close it. So and you've got a
2 compact area there. So I feel like there's kind of
3 convergence of all that's good to make it possible.

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5 Also like Neil Barten at times has said
6 that for the State part of the hunt, he has a lot of
7 freedom on how he runs that, that's how we were able to
8 get it open as quickly as he did. He was reluctant to
9 open in on State lands, he wanted to keep it just to
10 the same Federal lands, but when the word got out that
11 animals are close to Manokotak that's when he pulled
12 the trigger on opening it. But he's got a lot of
13 freedom in how he runs that registration hunt and it's
14 already written in there. It's amazing to me that for
15 once we don't have to go back and rewrite something,
16 unwittingly it's already there. So we got the State
17 piece pretty well lined up. I don't think right now
18 that any -- he can only do two and I don't think he can
19 allow the same day airborne. So we've got that
20 control. And again I keep thinking of our neighbors.
21 And again getting back to the transplant idea that
22 you're transplanting them back, I -- it would take five
23 to seven years minimum and by then -- we already have a
24 movement towards Manokotak which tells me and from my
25 walking on the tundra out there which is coated in ice,
26 they're probably struggling to find food right now. I
27 know Clark's Point folks is starting to scheme on how
28 he can take the set net skiffs and some four wheelers
29 and get over there as soon as the ice -- it's safe to
30 cross the bay. They don't hunt them as much as they
31 normally or as -- normally they have caribou right
32 behind Clark's, but he said they're kind of sparse now.
33 So I'm -- and then also because it's temporary, I'm
34 willing to take some risks on this, you know, if the
35 Refuge and the State were fighting and they will argue,
36 you know, a month on whether to open it or close it and
37 in the meantime things are out of control, I would be
38 reluctant to do this, but they work hand in hand all
39 the time. So I'm willing to take the risk and try it
40 out and if -- even if we got two or 300 animals it
41 would be way better than -- I don't -- I mean, the
42 maximum that's ever been harvested is 126 the last time
43 the herd was fairly large. And I was one of them that
44 got one. And then we had the decline where we were
45 like giving one to Alagnak and two to Dillingham and
46 three to Manokotak or something. I remember we spent
47 an afternoon figuring that out. It was all done really
48 well, but let's not go back to that.

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50 Thank you.

1 MR. MAINES: Madam Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy.

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5 MR. MAINES: Thank you, Madam Chair.

6 One final comment. Again I'll go back to the issue of
7 possible over harvesting of our animals that are
8 plentiful right at this moment. Curyung Tribal is a
9 place where most of the people in Dillingham and
10 outside of Dillingham come to get their permits for
11 this herd. And there have been a number of times we
12 have given out all the permits. Okay. Just going by
13 that one paper issue, that one paper product, the
14 animals have been managed, they should have been
15 decimated. There's no guarantee that all those permits
16 have come back. There's no guarantee that all those
17 permits have been reported as killed or not killed. So
18 if we give out all the permits that you guys give us
19 for that herd and it comes back as to whether or not
20 they were brought back in the first place, were
21 successful in the second place, if we go to open it up
22 and we issue new permits for the same hunt, to me I
23 don't feel comfortable in my gut and in my heart and in
24 my soul that the end product is going to happen. I
25 think it's going to be exceeded. And we're going to go
26 back to those days of one or two because of an action
27 that we took that we weren't 100 percent behind.

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29 I understand what you're trying to do,
30 but to me it's almost like opening up the dam and
31 letting the water flow freely and I don't want that to
32 happen.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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38 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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42 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. Donald, we're going
43 to be meeting after the Kodiak most likely I would
44 assume, we should think about this over lunch. Like I
45 see yeas and nays going on here so it might be good to,
46 you know, have some little private discussions as we
47 have lunch or something. That's just a thought.

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49 Thank you.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I want to put
2 my two cents in. I'm -- my husband's a pilot and every
3 year that I can talk him into taking me down to the
4 coast to pick blackberries we do go, but the last three
5 falls we have not been able to land on the beach
6 because it's been so sand -- sandboardy I call it, it
7 looks like a washboard on the beach, you know. And so
8 we haven't been able to land last two falls. And just --
9 I don't know -- and I don't know if you've surveyed
10 the -- all the ponds and lakes in that area, there's
11 numerous ponds and lakes, some of them are huge, but so
12 many of those huge ponds are brown and that indicates
13 shallow. And they're just a few smaller ponds that are
14 clear indicating that they're deep enough for
15 floatplanes to land. My husband wasn't a pilot at this
16 time that I had a friend on the floatplane land me to
17 see if we can get some salmonberries, we couldn't take
18 off because we landed in shallow water. It was -- it
19 hadn't blown so the shallow lake had discolored so we
20 thought or the pilot thought that it was deep enough
21 for us to land. So the -- even though it's same day
22 airborne, in fact, my husband was kind of excited about
23 that, there's those areas that, you know, the pilots
24 are not going to be able to make use of. The smaller
25 lakes that are deep aren't big enough for floatplanes
26 to land and to get a load of caribou out there unless
27 they take, you know, one caribou at a time, one or two
28 caribou at a time. So those are going to be the issues
29 to -- not issues, but maybe a plus -- but an issue for
30 our thinking of over harvesting, you know, if that same
31 day airborne comes into play.

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33 And, yeah, I think during lunch we can
34 muddle over this and pick it up after the regional --
35 not the regional, but the Kodiak joint session. So how
36 would we -- how would we deal with this, just kind of
37 table it and then pick it up after the Kodiak joint
38 session?

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40 Donald.

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42 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, it's still in
43 discussion so after the joint session we can pick this
44 back up.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Was
47 there somebody.....

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49 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I thought Mr.
50 Walsh had one more point.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Pat,
2 did you have one more thing?

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4 MR. WALSH: Well, I had two or three
5 things. I guess I will say that your concerns over
6 landing areas, yeah, we've talked about that a lot.
7 There are lots of limitations there and so that's going
8 to be one of the things that's probably going to
9 prevent this from turning into some kind of potential
10 over harvest. You know, Billy has concerns that this
11 could get away from us. In fact, we think that this --
12 the best this can do is help, but it's not likely that
13 we're going to actually see hundreds of caribou taken
14 in a very short amount of time. What we still need is
15 we still need snow in the wintertime where people can
16 get down there then and this in the fall. We are
17 looking at this as just for this coming fall as Trevor
18 pointed out, but I can tell you I -- that can't be
19 enough. And so we're going to need to continue these
20 discussions. And so maybe we can look at it this fall,
21 see how this works out and then continue these
22 discussions and see if we can come up with something
23 that everybody will work with and that'll make sense.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Donald.

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27 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I
28 just want to remind the Council that we have less than
29 an hour for lunch and I want to provide after the
30 Council has enough opportunity to get their lunch and
31 reconvene at 1:30.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Verner,
34 I haven't forgotten you, we'll have you after lunch or
35 after we get back to this later.

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37 So let's break for lunch, 12:35 my
38 time. We need to be back here by 1:30.

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40 (Off record)

41 (On record)

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It's -- I've
44 got 1:32 and we're in the joint session with
45 Kodiak/Aleutians Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.
46 And I guess the process is I'm going to give the floor
47 to Robbin and she will tell us, you know, how we're
48 going to go through this.

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50 So, Robbin, you have the floor.

1 MS. LA VINE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
2 Members of both Councils, my name is Robbin La Vine and
3 I'm an anthropologist with the Office of Subsistence
4 Management and I'm tasked this afternoon with covering
5 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program priority
6 information needs development. Now we've given you a
7 number of handouts. First off you should have the
8 history of the priority information needs for the last
9 three cycles, they're on a two year cycle I think
10 beginning -- well, actually 2010, 2012, 2014 and 2016.
11 So you can kind of chart the progress of the
12 information needs deemed significant in your regions.
13 Then we have also a handout that shows all the projects
14 that have been funded or are ongoing in your region
15 here. And then we're going to review and I -- you
16 don't have this, there were only a few of them when I
17 got ahold of it at the time, but the current FRMP
18 timeline. So where we're at right now is we are -- we
19 are way in advance of the announcement for the next
20 cycle of funding for projects. We are looking to
21 cultivate and develop those priority information needs
22 that are significant to the fisheries resources in your
23 region. So right now and I know we don't have a lot of
24 time, but we want to begin a dialogue with you to
25 encourage you also to begin a dialogue with those
26 agencies, entities and researchers that are on the
27 ground conducting research in your region and we're
28 looking for feedback from you on those issues that are
29 of great importance under the Federal Fisheries
30 Management Program.

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32 So at this time again -- okay. So I'll
33 cover the timeline really quick and then you've got
34 everything else instead of this. So right now we have --
35 as you know there are a number of projects that were
36 approved by the Board for funding, the finalization of
37 that has yet to be determined. So notification should
38 be going out for those 2016 projects that will begin
39 this summer. And starting in the fall, the next
40 Council cycle, we'll come back and we will finalize
41 your list of prioritization -- your list of prioritized
42 needs and immediately after the next fall cycle we will
43 issue a notice of funding, our NOFO, a notice of
44 funding opportunity. And then that will be open to
45 receive everybody's projects until about February when
46 it closes and we will begin the analysis of the
47 projects. Again when we look at those projects, when
48 the organization looks at which projects might have
49 priority to be funded, we are following the priority
50 information needs that are developed by you.

1 So I'm here to begin the discussion.
2 It can continue in your regions with your partners, the
3 people who are conducting research, various agencies
4 and with your Council Coordinators.

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6 And I will take your questions now.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The silence
9 indicates that we don't know.

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11 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, if I might
12 just throw out just the beginning thought of something
13 here, the chinook salmon. If I just might start with
14 that, I mean, we -- as a starting point because the
15 whole State has seen, you know, issues for chinook. So
16 I'd -- maybe knowing where we're at in our monitoring
17 program on the list for that in our region perhaps and
18 then maybe Kodiak can fill-in.

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20 Thanks.

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22 MS. TRUMBLE: I guess maybe a comment.
23 I first of all appreciate being able to sit with the
24 Bristol Bay region, but I'm chuckling because I was
25 looking at the map and I think they got King Cove and
26 Sand Point and Bristol Bay now. So I'm not sure if we
27 need to speak.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Robbin.

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31 MS. LA VINE: Madam Chair, members of
32 both Councils. I would also like to introduce -- you
33 -- I'm sure you know who this is, our Director of
34 Fisheries for OSM, Stewart Cogswell, and he's joining
35 us for this discussion.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Sorry, what
38 was the name?

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40 MR. COGSWELL: Ms. Chair, I am Stewart
41 Cogswell, I'm the Fisheries Division Chief for Office
42 of Subsistence Management and I haven't met all you
43 folks from Dillingham yet. I've been here about a year
44 and a half. So I just met all the Kodiak/Aleutian
45 folks.

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47 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Spell Stewart.

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49 Through the Chair it's S-T-E-W-A-R-T
50 and my last name is Cogswell, C-O-G-S-W-E-L-L.

1 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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5 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
6 Throwing out another concern that that arose at the
7 Board of Fish is subsistence harvest of salmon and fish
8 in Port Heiden, we need better documentation and
9 understanding of the process. And that's -- ever since
10 I went down there in 2009 I've been hearing that
11 concern. And also actually if there's a better way to
12 assess salmon escapement in the Port Heiden
13 tributaries, and that's a really tough nut to crack,
14 but I'll at least put it on the list.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Della.

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20 MS. TRUMBLE: Madam Chair, I guess I'm
21 really not sure what the process is and whether I'm
22 going to be speaking for the importance of the harvest
23 of salmon and subsistence for the communities of King
24 Cove and Sand Point and Cold Bay, but also in our
25 meeting this morning we had a gentleman from Unalaska
26 who voiced -- was able to attend personally which we
27 appreciated a lot, but voiced the importance of not
28 having documentation showing what their subsistence
29 uses are as a Tribe and community and the conflict
30 between user groups, in this particular case I believe
31 it's the county workers who are just there temporarily
32 for a short period of time, but I think -- I'm not sure
33 if there's a way we can even add to ours to include
34 that. I think it's important that we get it documented
35 because they're having a problem trying to with
36 Unalaska Bay I think in the user groups I think with
37 the fisheries and trying to just have an ability to
38 subsist. It is in State waters, yes, but sometimes
39 these overlap I think and being able to doc -- being
40 able to help them to support their wishes to continue
41 to use the resources available to them as they have for
42 many years.

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44 MS. LA VINE: Madam Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Robbin.

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48 MS. LA VINE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
49 Through the Chair, Ms. Trumble. I just want to clarify
50 for my notes you're looking at in particular Unalaska

1 as far as those subsistence harvest survey, being able
2 to document the full-time residents of that community
3 and their use, not the temporary workers, correct?

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5 MS. TRUMBLE: That is correct. It
6 follows along what is here on the -- farther down the
7 line, the second bullet to last I think where -- which
8 basically is documenting subsistence. It's almost a
9 C&T issue basically.

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11 MR. COGSWELL: Through the Chair. I am
12 booked for another meeting so I have about a half hour
13 with you guys and I -- this is great to have this
14 discussion. Before I leave though I'd like to hear
15 thoughts specifically on the combined region. I think
16 there's been some concerns with the Fisheries Resource
17 Monitoring Program in the Southwest combining
18 Kodiak/Aleutians and Bristol Bay. So that -- I was
19 asked to be here to talk about that. So I'd like to
20 maybe hear thoughts on that and what people option --
21 what options people have. I do have a suggestion that
22 you could probably discuss and see how -- what you
23 think of that and if you'd like I could open the floor
24 up with that to start of the discussion.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, go
27 ahead.

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29 MR. COGSWELL: Okay. Through the
30 Chair. It's been brought to my attention and I really
31 want to hear your thoughts on this, the FRMP, Fisheries
32 Resource Monitoring Program, is -- it has a general
33 dynamic, not hard and fast, but 15 percent of the funds
34 go to the Southwest, that's your two combined RACs. So
35 what that means if my math is right, the next cycle we
36 are 1.4 million. So that would be about \$210,000 you
37 have. It's not a lot of money to do a project. Some
38 projects are -- depending on the project that's
39 probably two, maybe three projects whether it be a --
40 I'm speaking in generalities, whether it be an
41 anthropologic study, social science or fisheries study
42 depending on which one -- they're all different costs,
43 but average -- I think average cost is right around
44 \$100,000, 75 to \$100,000 per project, weirs being more
45 expensive. So one option we have is since there's
46 limited fund it's been -- we've been talking about one
47 option could be every other cycle, Bristol Bay gets
48 one, okay, they just applied for their priority needs
49 that cycle and it would be for four years. The next
50 cycle Kodiak/Aleutians would apply for funds, they

1 would get that for four years so you'd always be
2 overlapped. So it's four year funding, but you apply
3 every two years. So that would be one way for the two
4 RACs to kind of get more money per cycle otherwise
5 you're going to be competing, the projects are
6 competing against each other. So if we want you could
7 kind of split it up by every other cycle.

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9 That's just one option we were thinking
10 about and I don't -- I just want a discussion, if it's
11 not good, bad or indifferent, but I want to know if
12 that's a possibility, one possibility to consider.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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20 MR. O'HARA: Yes. Could we combine our
21 things in Kodiak area down through the Aleutians and
22 Southwest into Bristol Bay where we similarly have the
23 same problems where we could even share the -- you
24 know, the parts of it. We'd have to look at it first
25 of course to know that, but that's a possibility.
26 There's no sense competing with one another because we
27 just need things done.

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29 Thank you.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Rebecca.

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33 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, I think that was
34 one of our desires when this came up at the Kodiak RAC
35 last fall when we started talking about the FRMP
36 project funding. The challenge of how this region is
37 combined for project purposes, but is separated for RAC
38 purposes and we didn't know anything about the Bristol
39 Bay projects and that if we had known more the
40 discussion was well, we might actually support some of
41 your projects instead of just advocating for the Kodiak
42 and Aleutians projects. So I would like to see that be
43 an outcome of this discussion is that we do have more
44 communication somehow in some form, I don't know what
45 that looks like, but so that we can either do joint
46 projects or support each other's proposals because I
47 think a lot of our problems are going to be that they
48 are going to have commonalities and I do think we could
49 go farther if we kind of collaborate and support each
50 other.

1 THANK YOU.

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3 MR. HOLMES: Pat. Molly, I'd like to
4 go along with the discussion as it's developed here,
5 this alternate cycle is a good concept, Daniel's
6 concept of combining projects. And one of the things
7 that's been banging in my head is, and I've heard it on
8 all the Council's I sat in on, is everybody has some
9 difficulties on getting subsistence harvest data,
10 funding is shrinking up for Fish and Game, it's
11 shrinking for the Service, we've seen that in the
12 budgets here. And what I would like to suggest is to
13 see if -- I was chatting with Pippa Kenner, one of the
14 anthropologists in the shop and this young lady -- you
15 should ask her to do some dancing at the end, she's
16 really good.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 MR. HOLMES: Anyway, but would be to
21 work Hazel Nixon's folk at the State and maybe develop
22 a project that could be used. We had a proposal to us
23 with this one lady that does excellent studies on
24 trying to develop a mentoring program with the Sand
25 Point peninsula schools for doing harvest surveys. And
26 I think if we could get something like that going maybe
27 between our regions or certainly even -- maybe even
28 statewide where we could get something defined so that
29 we could develop -- because we've had all these
30 discussions of outreach with children, all these sorts
31 of things and if we could find some way to either pool
32 the funding or pool conceptually where we could use our
33 professionals to train people in the communities at the
34 school so that we could every year have a school
35 project on summarizing this information because who's
36 going to lie to a school kid, you know, and that would
37 be a way to keep things going because some of our areas
38 haven't had a survey in 10 or 15 years. And then when
39 the costs come it's five or \$600,000. So why not take --
40 if one of these projects that available between us is
41 500 grand us that and have the staff try to design
42 something could be piloted and then start to working in
43 our individual schools so that we could have a good
44 long term data base on what people's utilization of
45 resources are. And that I think would help a whole lot
46 when these questions come up and folks are discussing
47 things like who gets what. And just like my former
48 colleague's, Dan's comment on Port Heiden, you know.
49 You know, that's the most vital bit of information we
50 got. I think the allocation of funds with us being

1 lumped together, I think the OSM staff when they were
2 putting it together they got to the end of the line and
3 said well, what do we do, let's lump them together and
4 nobody knew about the June harvest interception
5 arguments at False Pass that we've been arguing about
6 for a hundred years. But anyway that's my point is
7 maybe focusing on trying to find some joint things and
8 ways to get long term harvest data.

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10 MR. KOSO: I guess I got a question for
11 Stewart. On this priority information needs that you
12 came up with here, whoever came up with, I know that
13 you mentioned in our meetings that you -- we did have
14 the funding, is that -- was that an ongoing funding for
15 the Cold Bay, King Cove region and could you tell me if
16 -- what other parts of this priority information sheet
17 we have, the other areas that are funded, could you put
18 that down or give us the deal on that?

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20 MR. COGSWELL: Through the Chair,
21 Council member Koso. I have a list on my computer in
22 my other meetings so I don't have that in front of me,
23 the other projects that are -- that have been
24 recommended for funding right now. But I know the
25 second from the last for the 2016 has been funded, a
26 project that addresses that through Carolyn Reedy.

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28 So we can get that for you.

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
31 Can you explain to me so I can get it a little clearer,
32 can you maybe explain to me when you're talking about
33 like the Bristol Bay region be funded for projects for
34 four years and then the Kodiak/Aleutians, are you
35 talking about -- are you saying that say the next four
36 years Bristol Bay projects are being funded and then we
37 have to wait four years. I need to kind of get this in
38 my mind how that -- how exactly that's working.

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40 MR. COGSWELL: Through the Chair. The
41 projects -- there's no cycle right now. It would be --
42 so like for this next cycle coming up it -- when the --
43 in this fall when you apply for the proposals for 2018
44 just one RAC would apply for proposals. So they would
45 split, you know, all but -- roughly \$210,000, you know
46 they would be -- that's not guaranteed, but that's kind
47 of what's allocated. So then they'd get that for four
48 years, from 2018 to 2021. Then at the 2020 cycle
49 Kodiak -- the other RAC would apply. So there's be an
50 overlap of two years for each RAC, but there wouldn't

1 -- because it's four year money, but the cycle's every
2 two years. So I wish I had a big chart, I'm very
3 visual so I could draw it out. But so in 2016 you'd
4 have four years of funding and -- or 2018 you'd have
5 four years of funding and then in 2020 you'd have four
6 years of funding and then that would go through 2023.
7 So there would be just every cycle -- every two year
8 cycle one RAC would apply and that would be -- they'd
9 be going after all those funds that are available for
10 the Southwest region for the FRMP.

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12 I don't know if that helps or not.

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14 MS. TRUMBLE: I wish you had something
15 to draw sometimes, it's better for me when it's visual.
16 I guess my only concern would be, you know, when we
17 look at right now with the issue of global warming and
18 looking at some of the things that are happening, you
19 know, are we going to get to a point where it's going
20 to be really important for one region or the other
21 that, you know, or maybe even both that we need to look
22 at some of the issues that are involving it and that
23 might even be an issue that we can both work on. But
24 my concern is if it leaves us in a position where we
25 need something really bad how -- what is the process
26 going to be?

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28 MR. COGSWELL: Through the Chair. You
29 brought up a good point and I have talked about this
30 with Council members. There -- you know, that's just
31 one option, there could be an option like of better
32 communication, maybe you talk together and support
33 projects for that year. So every year you get together
34 and say these are the ones we're supporting for this
35 year together and you talk, if you -- if there's an
36 open line of communication where you talk so you don't
37 wait every other year, you just sort of agree together
38 to say these are our top priorities for this year,
39 these are the projects we want going forward. There
40 may be a couple -- there may be some Bristol Bay, there
41 may be no Kodiak, and that -- but it's a communication
42 thing. So that's another kind of variation of that
43 option.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

46 Rebecca.

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48 MS. SKINNER: At the -- at our RAC
49 meeting that we just had we formed a subcommittee or a
50 workgroup that will focus on FRMP. And if the Bristol

1 Bay RAC also has a similar subcommittee or if you want
2 -- if you are going to form one maybe the two
3 subcommittees could commit to communicate and kind of
4 work together on an ongoing basis throughout the year
5 because I think whatever I observed for the Kodiak RAC
6 part of the problem is with only meeting twice a year
7 your -- so it was kind of thrown on our plate right,
8 come up with your priorities and then you finalize them
9 in the fall, but because we don't meet between now and
10 the fall by the time you get to the fall meeting and
11 you have to finalize the priorities, sometimes it's
12 almost like looking at something new again. But if we
13 have a subcommittee that can kind of carry on that work
14 I think it might be easier for that subcommittee to
15 interface with a Bristol Bay subcommittee and I think
16 that could really help with the communication and maybe
17 identifying projects and initiatives that will really
18 benefit the whole region and by that I mean the area
19 encompassed by both RACs.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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23 MR. COGSWELL: Through the Chair.

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25 I was going to -- that's the last thing
26 I was going to do before I left was recommend what
27 other RACs have been doing. For this all Council
28 meeting we were going to try something with the
29 Northwest Arctic and North Slope RACs, creating a
30 subcommittee. And we're going to see how it grows and
31 to work on priority needs. And then it just kind of
32 happened with the Kodiak/Aleutians and the
33 Southcentral, they both wanted to form a group of
34 people because this -- I'll be on my soapbox a little
35 bit. The priority needs really drives the FRMP and you
36 Kodiak/Aleutians folks have already heard this. This
37 is the driver, you have -- this is a control of what we
38 work on, you know, setting those priority needs is
39 very, very important, that drives the whole program
40 because we have to have -- the priority needs are what
41 drives what research is done. So and that's determined
42 here. So you have -- it's very important to work on
43 these. And like Council member Skinner was saying, if
44 you just talk about them now and don't look at them
45 until we get into the fall, you can refine them. You
46 may have a project someplace -- some river where you
47 have -- you know, chinook are low returns. Well, it
48 takes a while to refine that. What about that return
49 do you need to specifically get at. You can contact
50 OSM, we'll put you in -- we don't write proposals, but

1 we'll put you in contact with some researchers and you
2 can refine that to get the exact question you need and
3 then that can be a priority need. So that's a process
4 and it doesn't happen and we -- it doesn't happen
5 unless you work on it.

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7 So I think a subcommittee or workgroup
8 is a great idea and it would be great to have one for
9 each RAC that you could work together on.

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11 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: With the overlap
12 on the projects we'd be starting projects every two
13 years or you got to wait those four years?

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15 MR. COGSWELL: Through the Chair. If --
16 I mean, that's just an option I just threw out to
17 start the conversation as an option. But it's -- every
18 two years there's funding available and if you would
19 choose to split that up between each RAC it would be
20 every two years there'd be a -- or you'd get funded
21 every four years, but you'd probably never be without
22 funding. So each RAC would submit every two years.

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24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Well, you get --
25 you got projects for four years?

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27 MR. COGSWELL: Right.

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29 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: You've got an
30 overlap of two years?

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32 MR. COGSWELL: Correct.

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34 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: So that means that
35 if you have two projects for Bristol Bay and then in
36 two years you would have two projects going for Kodiak;
37 that's correct?

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39 MR. COGSWELL: Correct.

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41 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Okay.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pat.

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45 MR. HOLMES: A question on this
46 suggested process. How about where -- and I'm sure
47 from looking at the list Bristol Bay has got some
48 favorite priority things that they go for every year
49 just like we do for the Buskin River which is the most
50 intimate sockeye system to our town. And that's a

1 question of how that's handled, but I was thinking also
2 beyond this discussion that getting so charged with
3 having this joint meeting it would be really
4 interesting in a broader context on -- besides funding
5 to have on the OSM website maybe a list of each
6 Council's subcommittee so folks would know if you've
7 got an issue going. One of the things I'm going to be
8 working on for our group is interacting with the Arctic
9 Councils on their discussions on developing a data base
10 on predator/prey. But if you had a list of each of the
11 subcommittees, I know like the Southeast RAC, they've
12 got some subcommittees that have been going on ever
13 since they started. And so if a problem comes up the
14 Chair just punts it and then they get at it where often
15 our Council in Kodiak we're not obviously as successful
16 as you folks are on this process and we're trying to
17 learn how to play the game more successfully. But I
18 think coordinating is a really important thing in the
19 context of funding as well as just other Councils
20 helping each other on developing common needs and
21 communications with the Board and with other agencies.

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23 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
26 comments?

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28 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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32 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair. Yeah, I can
33 see that. I understand Kodiak has already got --
34 formed a subcommittee in the last -- in this -- in
35 their last session here and that if we as Bristol Bay
36 was to -- you know, if that was, you know, the
37 appropriate way to go here and the lack of time, I
38 mean, understanding that, you know, this big list
39 before us it ain't going to get done here, you know,
40 we're just going to have to come together again at some
41 point. So if we was as Bristol Bay also to form a
42 subcommittee I would be actually supportive of that.
43 And then to work on the list at our next RAC meeting
44 or, you know, work on it and then at the next RAC
45 meeting we can all come together with some better
46 numbers and ways to go.

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48 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

1 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, getting together --
2 you know, our teleconferences work pretty well and you
3 sit there, you get everything done in an hour and a
4 half. And you could -- if you had a subcommittee from
5 Kodiak and one from Bristol Bay and it was scaled down
6 to three or four or five people, whatever it is, and
7 get your lists from the project manager such as you we
8 could get something done. I don't know, does Kodiak
9 have the same problem with kings that we have or is
10 that just a Bristol Bay isolated situation speaking of
11 something that we might have in common.

12

13 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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15 MR. HOLMES: Madam Chair, our king runs
16 are mainly in the Karluk and Ayakulik Rivers and both --
17 some of them have been having trouble even making
18 their escapement goals. There's hardly -- the Karluk
19 is a focus more for subsistence and probably more
20 incidental commercial at Ayakulik and more sport focus
21 there on both of them. But they're small runs, but in
22 the last three cycle it's continually downhill. And so
23 that -- you know, there might be some commonality thing
24 of what's going on around the State, you know, marine
25 survival, some of those things can be solved with
26 looking at the otolith growth or scales or something
27 just to try to see what's going on in all areas.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you, Madam
32 Chair. This working together would be kind of cool.
33 I've lived on both sides of the gap, I've lived a total
34 of six years in Sand Point and five years in Unalaska
35 and now 27 at Dillingham, I mean, we can show some of
36 the other folks how to get along because, you know, I
37 feel sad sometimes at some of the stuff that's gone in
38 the past and we
39 could work on that. It's going to take a lot of
40 determination because I look around the room and I know
41 how crazy busy Billy is and Molly is and Dan is and I
42 feel busier than I want to be. So its was heartening
43 to hear that Southeast knows how to make subcommittees
44 work. And so we could probably use a lot of
45 encouragement, but it seems like it's worth trying and
46 then also Pat's idea of building local capacity for
47 monitoring and recording and reporting subsistence with
48 some of these far-flung communities, could it be a way
49 of bringing in young folks or other folks for
50 developing talent for this Board or folks like Verner

1 or other folks. So seems like it's worth trying, just
2 honestly it's going to be a real challenge to it's
3 going to take something, we will make it work.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think one of
8 our successes, you know, with our projects is we work
9 closely with the -- with our Bristol Bay Natural
10 Resources Department. And I think that if we develop a
11 subcommittee we need to include them in, into this area
12 because without their support, they're Tribal oriented
13 folks that get the permission from our people to
14 actually work on, you know, these projects, without
15 their help we just can't jump in and develop anything
16 or even collect anything. So that subcommittee process
17 sounds good and I think we can work with that to
18 alleviate -- you know, try to get a number of people
19 together. So I'm for that.

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21 Any other?

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23 Dan.

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25 MR. DUNAWAY: Question. I haven't been
26 closely involved with the Fish and Game office in
27 Kodiak, I think it used to be they had no real
28 subsistence staff down there for the Department of Fish
29 and Game. And I know we also rely on Fish and Game
30 staff in Dillingham that are subsistence oriented.
31 What's the situation in Kodiak, that -- could we also
32 get the State folks coordinating and working?

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pat.

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36 MR. HOLMES: Well, I can give a guess.
37 There's no -- there's no -- like I say there's no State
38 subsistence staff in Kodiak and the (indiscernible)
39 staff kind of takes a role on to try to monitor where
40 problems are at and try to make things easier for
41 reporting and everything. I think one of the things
42 that if you folks would like I could try to track down
43 my old colleague, Jim Fall, and punt the idea to him
44 because my thoughts I've have been developing this
45 whole meeting is, you know, if the anthro group here
46 and the anthro group with the State can get together
47 and then also as Molly suggested the Tribes because in
48 Kodiak, you know, the Sunaq Tribe and Native Village of
49 Afognak seem to be doing better on their funding
50 whereas there's some real questions in commercial

1 fisheries with their 20 percent cut if they're even
2 going to keep some of the big weirs going. And, you
3 know, I think Hazel Nixon deserves all our support in
4 the State subsistence because that's one of the things
5 I'm sure the Senate is looking at just eviscerating.
6 And so, you know, if we can find ways to give them
7 justification for support and mutual partnership on
8 this capacity building and getting harvest data then
9 that just gives us more support from the public and
10 from the families on trying to keep some of these vital
11 projects going that affect us in the subsistence
12 community and our commercial fishing, you know, it just
13 -- it would be a good partnership.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
16 Stewart.

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18 MR. COGSWELL: Madam Chair, I have to
19 leave now, I've been flagged down that I have to go
20 teach the FRMP class again. So I just want to say in
21 closing thanks for having me, I look forward to getting
22 out to your next RAC meetings and like I told the
23 Kodiak/Aleutians, Bristol Bay, if you're in Anchorage
24 stop into OSM, if you have something to say tell me,
25 I'm -- call me, whatever, we want to be open and
26 approachable and we want to listen to folks so please
27 come on in and OSM is here for you guys.

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29 You know, for the Kodiak/Aleutians
30 subcommittee. We are going to produce a one page just
31 kind of basic guiding directions for the subcommittee.
32 It's -- you know, it's (indiscernible), but it will be
33 just kind of some general -- a starting point. Karen
34 Hyer, a Fish Biologist from our office is working with
35 the two Arctic or Northwest Arctic and North Slope RACs
36 and she said she'd prepare that. So the next week or
37 so, week or two weeks, we could probably get that out
38 to you. And if Bristol Bay chooses to form a
39 subcommittee we'll get that out to your too.

40

41 But anyway it was nice meeting you all
42 and thanks for your time.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Well,
45 thank you. Thanks for kind of giving us a guideline.

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47 That was helpful.

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49 MR. HOLMES: Madam Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pat.
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3 MR. HOLMES: If you would excuse me,
4 I'm going to exit and follow him because I missed his
5 class when I went to the Arctic meeting. And so being
6 as I'm on the committee to do this I need to see what
7 the current thoughts are.
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9 And I wanted to let you folks know this
10 is not traditional subsistence, but the concept is
11 there, usually I bring pickled herring or (in Native),
12 you know, salmon eggs or something like that, but I did
13 a raid on the OSM room around the corner so there's
14 call kinds of trail mix here and over there when you
15 take a little break. And I'll rely on Becky and
16 Melissa to update me.
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18 Thank you very much, this is a
19 thrill.....
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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
22 you.
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24 MR. HOLMES:to talk to you folks.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That you, Pat,
27 Stewart.
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29 Okay. Anymore discussions?
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31 Robbin? You're just listening now?
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33 I guess for our sort of like an action
34 item we can deal with possibly developing a
35 subcommittee. I guess my question is, Della or
36 somebody, how many people did you have in your
37 subcommittee?
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39 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Four.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I
42 guess.....
43 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We have.....
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:they have
46 four.
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48 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE:four people
49 on our committee.
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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3 MS. TRUMBLE: Maybe just to follow-up,
4 the subcommittees will probably go through -- meet at
5 some point in time. Do we have an estimated like
6 timeline that we need to be thinking about having to,
7 you know, the two subcommittees to get together so
8 people can work with their schedules to make sure that
9 they do have that time.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Della, is that
12 going to be coordinated by.....
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14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible -
15 away from microphone).....
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. But
18 through them. So -- okay. That -- that'll work.
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20 Robbin.
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22 MS. LA VINE: Madam Chair, through the
23 Chair, Della. Yes, the timeline would be to have a
24 list of preliminary priority information needs ready
25 for the next Council cycle so that the subcommittees
26 hopefully will maybe take some time over the summer,
27 through the end of the summer, to work together, to
28 work in your communities, to work with Donald who will
29 also work with me. I'll be writing up notes that I've
30 gathered and other folks will be -- you know, we'll be
31 comparing and we also forward our notes to you for
32 consideration during your meetings. But we -- if you
33 can have a draft for your priority information needs
34 ready before the next Council cycle you can then review
35 it and finalize it so that it's ready to go right out
36 of the chute as soon as next meeting cycle is closed.
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38 Thank you.
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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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42 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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46 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, it's kind of nice to
47 meet with the Kodiak, see who you are. You know, we
48 pop up through the meeting here and there, I think you
49 guys are right next to us or ahead of us there. So we --
50 it's nice to put a face with a name and maybe we'll

1 see in five years, you never know.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. It
4 sounds like we're pretty well wrapping down and at some
5 point we need to -- I guess -- I don't know if we
6 should do it now or after or -- or before we start our
7 next -- our -- you know, going on to our main agenda
8 after the Kodiak folks leave.

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10 Donald, did you have a suggestion?

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12 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank
13 you. I suggest the Council select a subcommittee group
14 now so that you can get an idea who all is working
15 together and that way Robbin and our office will
16 prepare a timeline and keep in contact.

17

18 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
21 the floor is open to select a subcommittee. And just
22 from working with this group and the knowledge base
23 could I put some names in.

24

25 Richard.

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27 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, if we may
28 just take a short break and then we regroup on our
29 regular meeting because that's something that's only
30 our -- Bristol Bay RAC is deciding; is that correct?

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, the
33 suggestion from, who was it, Donald, is to go ahead and
34 select our subcommittee so that the Kodiak folks could
35 know who our subcommittee is, also the OSM people.

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37 Thomas.

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39 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, Madam Chair, I
40 just -- maybe we ought to just introduce those of us
41 who are on the Kodiak Council.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The
44 subcommittee?

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46 MR. SCHWANTES: Yes.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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50 MR. SCHWANTES: Della.....

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Please do.
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3 MR. SCHWANTES:myself, Rebecca
4 Skinner and then Pat Holmes.
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6 Thank you.
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan
9 O'Hara, did you have something?
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11 MR. O'HARA: No, this.....
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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Do you
14 have.....
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16 Richard.
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18 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, I think -- I
19 guess it's appropriate to make a motion in our -- at
20 our meeting to form this subcommittee.
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22 Is that correct, Donald?
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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26 MR. WILSON: So I will make that motion
27 then.
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29 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair, I'll second
30 that motion.
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
33 been a motion by Richard Wilson to develop a
34 subcommittee, seconded by Dan O'Hara. If no discussion
35 I guess we can vote.
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37 (No comments)
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: All in favor
40 say aye.
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42 IN UNISON: Aye.
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
45 opposition?
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47 (No opposing votes)
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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,
50 let's start the subcommittee. And like I said earlier,

1 and this could be changed, just from working with this
2 group here and have known -- I've gotten the knowledge
3 base, I'll start off with names and we could -- if you
4 don't mind, we could change those -- the names that I
5 will put forth.

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7 The first one that came into mind was
8 Dan O'Hara, Richard Wilson, then Dan O'Hara.....

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10 MR. O'HARA: You said my name twice.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I mean,
13 Dan.....

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15 (Laughter)

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:Dan
18 Dunaway. And my thinking is, you know, there's three
19 there and you had how many?

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21 MS. TRUMBLE: Four.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: My thinking is
24 that we'll select four from our group here and invite
25 like for instance BBNA to attend, you know, this
26 subcommittee. How do you -- what does the Board.....

27 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Advisory.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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31 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: It would be
32 advisory.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, as the
35 advisory. So I've got Dan O'Hara, Richard, Dan Dunaway
36 and I need one more.

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38 MR. O'HARA: You.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess I -- I
41 was thinking of Billy, but I guess I need to, I need to
42 be involved so that I -- when we get together I
43 wouldn't be sitting -- so it'll be the people that I've
44 mentioned as the ad hoc or subcommittee.

45
46 Della.

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48 MS. TRUMBLE: I -- maybe just a comment
49 to follow-up when you were talking about BBNA and I
50 think it's important our group include the -- our

1 nonprofits too, regional nonprofits. And the reason I
2 bring this up is because sometimes they have funds that
3 can help with the funds that we're getting from Fish
4 and Wildlife to make it a better program or to add to
5 it. So I think it's important and I fully agree with
6 that.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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10 MR. O'HARA: Did I hear you people from
11 Kodiak say that there's not a follow-up program on your
12 salmon subsistence or moose or -- out of your office?
13 In Naknek, King Salmon, we have two people in that
14 office and when we go get our permit she -- they tell
15 us, they'd name the number of kings and silvers and
16 chums and whatever, pinks. And then at the end of the
17 summer they collect that. If -- they do that for you?

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20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible -
21 away from microphone).....

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23 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Well, your -- that
24 answered my question.

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26 Thank you.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We're sitting
29 here like we're happy so I guess we'll dismiss
30 Kodiak/Aleutians and then we'll take a.....

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32 MS. KENNER: Madame Chair, if I may.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Pippa,
35 you have one more?

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37 MS. KENNER: Yes.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Turn on
40 your mic, please, introduce yourself.

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42 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Madam Chair.
43 My name is Pippa Kenner and I'm an anthropologist at
44 the Office of Subsistence Management. And what we're
45 going to be looking at is an analysis for wildlife
46 proposal that concerns both areas and it's WP 16-21.
47 Now what I'm hoping is that the Bristol Bay Council
48 members have a copy of this. I'm not sure if the
49 Kodiak/Aleutians do. Okay. Well, I was wondering if
50 for right now if I'm taking you to different pages you

1 could share, I don't have extra copies of it, you could
2 share, but also I'm going to walk us through it. All
3 of you are familiar with at least your own region. And
4 so that's going to help tremendously in understanding
5 the issue.

6
7 Okay. So this proposal, WP 16-21, was
8 submitted by the Bristol Bay Regional Subsistence
9 Council and it requested to be announced caribou season
10 in units 9C and 9E to be open to residents of units 9C
11 and 9E. This was presented to the Bristol Bay Council
12 at its fall meeting. And they were presented with the
13 OSM preliminary conclusion, a recommended conclusion to
14 the Council and to the Board, and that conclusion is on
15 page 10. And that preliminary conclusion was to adopt
16 the proposal that was submitted by the Bristol Bay
17 Council with modification, to specify a may be
18 announced season as opposed to a to be announced
19 season, to be announced implies that there will be a
20 season. So OSM changed the wording to may be announced
21 and it removed the mention of Federal public land
22 closure and it removed mention of total number of
23 permits to be issued, and regulatory language
24 referencing quotas and needed closures and delegate --
25 and delegated the authority to determine quotas and set
26 season opening and closing dates via a delegation of
27 authority letter to the Federal in-season manager.

28
29 At its fall 2015 meeting the Bristol
30 Bay Council clarified its intent regarding this
31 proposal. It intended to allow only residents of units
32 9C and 9E to be eligible to harvest caribou in the
33 remainder area of unit 9C described in Federal
34 regulations, that is, unit 9C excluding the Alagnak
35 River drainage, and in unit 9E. Because the Council
36 requested that the pool of Federally-qualified users be
37 reduced, it required the application of ANILCA section
38 804 criteria to establish priority among those with a
39 customary and traditional use determination to harvest
40 caribou in these areas. After the Bristol Bay Council
41 meeting in fall 2005 staff conducted an ANILCA section
42 804 prioritization of subsistence users and that is the
43 focus of the addendum that begins on page 11. Now
44 oftentimes -- most times Council's do not review the
45 addendum. The addendum is usually added before the
46 Board meeting when the conclusion of the analysis
47 differs from what either the Council saw and reviewed
48 and voted on or differs from the request of the Council
49 in some way. But because you all happen to be meeting
50 again before the next Board meeting we've decided to

1 bring it back to you for your comment and
2 recommendations.

3

4 So I want to emphasize before we go any
5 further the area that we're talking about. We're going
6 to begin by discussing unit 9C remainder. And the
7 remainder area in Federal regulations are different
8 than the remainder area in State regulations. On the
9 page 6 of the analysis there's a map and the map shows
10 the outer boundary of unit 9C and in a red outline it
11 shows where the Alagnak River drainage is. So the
12 remainder area we're talking about is 9C minus the
13 Alagnak River drainage. You'll also notice that the
14 majority of the unit is within the boundaries of Katmai
15 National Park and is closed to hunting and fishing. So
16 we're talking about the non-crosshatched area of 9C
17 that is not within the Alagnak River drainage.

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19 So the three criteria that ANILCA and
20 our regulations ask me as a staff member to review to
21 see who could be -- to see who's determined the most
22 customarily dependent on the resource and therefore
23 will be eligible to hunt if these seasons become open
24 in a may be announced season are these. One,
25 customarily and direct dependence upon the populations
26 as a mainstay of livelihood; two, local residency; and
27 three, the availability of alternative resources.

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29 Now the Bristol Bay Council requested
30 that all residents of unit 9C and 9E be eligible to
31 hunt in the remainder area of 9C. But when I looked at
32 the customary and traditional use determination, non of
33 the communities in 9C have customary and traditional
34 uses recognized in 9C except Igiugig. So when I did
35 the review I only considered Igiugig in 9E as possibly
36 eligible to participate in the hunt. In addition to 9E
37 all the other residents of unit -- all residents of
38 unit 17 are included in the C&T and in unit 9B and C.

39

40 So the conclusion of that analysis for
41 9C begins on page 19. Now it was quite clear when I
42 looked at the results of harvest surveys the results of
43 which are in the analysis that all communities in the
44 customary and traditional use determination rely on
45 caribou. However what I was looking at was do they
46 rely on caribou in unit 9C remainder. And the
47 conclusion I came to was that residents of unit 9C
48 including the communities of King Salmon, Naknek and
49 South Naknek and residents of Igiugig, have a higher
50 level of customary use and dependence on caribou in

1 unit 9C remainder than do other Federally-qualified
2 users after consideration of the three criteria in
3 ANILCA 804 and in our Federal regulations. King
4 Salmon, Naknek and South Nak are situated in the hunt
5 area and therefore have a higher degree of local
6 residency, Igiugig is situated 15 miles --
7 approximately 15 miles south of the southern boundary
8 of unit 9C remainder and has access to no other
9 populations of caribou except the Northern Alaska
10 Caribou Herd in general and the Mulchatna Caribou Herd
11 when it migrates into Unit 9C remainder. Other
12 Federally-qualified users have alternative areas to
13 harvest caribou either in the Alagnak River drainage of
14 unit 9C where the Mulchatna Herd migrates or in units
15 9B or 17, also areas where other groups of caribou
16 migrate.

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18 So now the next part of my presentation
19 will be discussing who was shown to -- who was
20 recommended to be eligible to hunt in unit 9E if it
21 become -- if Federal public lands open to the harvest
22 of caribou.

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24 Before I move on would you like me to
25 stop to answer any questions?

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27 MR. SIMEONOFF: In determining your C&T
28 were you dealing with Tribes?

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30 MS. KENNER: Yeah, thank you, Mr. --
31 thank you, Mitch, through the Chair. This C&T was
32 adopted from State regulations in 1992 when the Federal
33 program adopted most of the State customary and
34 traditional use determinations for wildlife with only a
35 few modifications and it has not been visited since
36 then.

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38 MR. SIMEONOFF: That doesn't tell me
39 you -- we're dealing with Tribes. Were you dealing
40 with Tribes in determining C&T?

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42 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Customary and
43 traditional use determination are a regulatory term
44 that was used by the State to identify subsistence
45 users, it's not a Tribal term. Customary and
46 traditional uses are used in ANILCA just to identify
47 subsistence uses. So determinations are made on
48 different factors. The State uses one system and the
49 Federal program uses a different. But we -- when we
50 adopted the program we kind of -- the Federal program

1 adopted most of the State determination and since then
2 a lot of changes have been made like the State didn't
3 recognize the use of rainbow trout as a subsistence
4 species and so the different Councils looked at the
5 customary and traditional uses with the factors the
6 Federal government uses and made determinations. These
7 determinations are for the purposes of the regulations
8 that the Federal program has to harvest to provide
9 subsistence seasons. That's what these determinations
10 are for, to provide the subsistence priority for
11 harvesting on Federal public lands.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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15 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
16 Prior to the Council meeting this proposal, 16-21, we
17 went through Tribal consultation period and as far as
18 this new analysis I don't know if we have gone through
19 the Tribal consultation process. I think that's what
20 Mitch was asking about.

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22 Thank you.

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24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Oh, and not about
25 C&T determination?

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27 MS. KENNER: I think the thing I was
28 looking for from staff members who have been part of
29 this process longer than me like Pat Petrivelli with
30 the Bureau of Indian Affairs is -- was Tribal -- any
31 Tribal consultation done at the time in 1992 when the
32 Federal program adopted those C&Ts and none of us --
33 people can't remember if there was direct consultation
34 with Tribes like we do now, now we do with our
35 regulatory process.

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37 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: And there were
38 extensive public hearings on the EIS before the
39 regulations were adopted.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Anymore
42 -- Donald, I see that there's a little asterisk here.
43 How do -- how are we going to deal with this?

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45 MS. KENNER: It means it's a.....

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47 MR. MIKE: Yeah, it's an action item
48 for both the Bristol Bay and Kodiak/Aleutians. You --
49 either Bristol Bay can take the action separately or
50 Kodiak and will be up to each respective Chair.

1 Thank you, Madam Chair. But it is an
2 action item, their -- OSM is looking for
3 recommendations from these Councils.

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5 MS. KENNER: Madam Chair.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pippa.

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9 MS. KENNER: I'd like to explain that
10 the reason why Kodiak/Aleutians is involved in the
11 recommendation for this -- the recommendation to the
12 Board is that in unit 9E, unit -- okay. To harvest
13 caribou in unit 9E customary and traditional uses were
14 recognized for the communities in unit 9D which are in
15 the Kodiak/Aleutians region. That would be Sand Point
16 and Nelson Lagoon. In my conclusion I am going to
17 exclude those communities as eligible for harvest from
18 caribou in unit 9E and so as part of our process we
19 need the Kodiak/Aleutians Council to provide comments
20 on that.

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22 So should I -- I'll just continue then?

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24 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you. Yeah,
29 this -- you just brought up a point that I want to be
30 real cautious about. If we go through this would this
31 be extinguishing some C&T. Right now I don't -- you
32 know, there was a time when a lot of Dillinghamers flew
33 down to Jensen Strip, places like that, and I want to
34 be fully aware, I don't want to inadvertently give up
35 though essentially, you know, in a way we should, but I
36 just want to be really fully clear on what goes on here
37 because I probably have shot more caribou in unit 9
38 than 17 in my lifetime. So I want to be real careful.

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40 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Madam Chair, to
41 Mr. Dunaway. No, this will not modify the customary
42 and traditional use determination. We're doing a
43 section 804 prioritization of subsistence users while
44 the herd is a conservation concern. We would need a
45 proposal from the Council or the public or possibly
46 from the in-season manager, it would come from the in-
47 season manager to then open the season up further to
48 all Federally-qualified users, hopefully eventually to
49 the point where it would be open to all users and uses
50 including non-Federally-qualified people.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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3 MR. WILSON: Madam Chair, at this time
4 I'd like to support the proposal as described, as -- by
5 OSM. I mean, by.....
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pippa.
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9 MR. WILSON:Pippa.
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11 MS. KENNER: I lost my name tag, both
12 of them. Mr. Wilson, through the Chair. I have the
13 second half of the analysis now will be on 9E so can
14 you hold off just a minute until we get through the
15 whole thing or no?
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17 MR. O'HARA: You have to withdraw your
18 motion.
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20 MR. WILSON: I'll withdraw my motion.
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22 MS. KENNER: We could take it up in two
23 steps, I don't see a problem, it's just for efficiency.
24 How about if we go through it and then we can hear
25 everybody's comments? Okay.
26
27 So now we're going to move on to the
28 harvest of caribou in unit 9E. So in both unit 9C
29 remainder and unit 9E there are expectations by the
30 public, the Council and the managers that there may be
31 enough caribou to open the season. And if that happens
32 there are a lot of people in the C&T determination in
33 unit 9E and to help you realize how many people that
34 includes, I'm going to direct you to another page in
35 the analysis, the back page, page 32. And it is a list
36 of all the communities that are included -- it's on the
37 very back page, it's a list of all the communities that
38 are included in the customary and traditional use
39 determination for caribou in unit 9E. So these are the
40 Federally-qualified users. And the process we're going
41 through now is that first of all the Bristol Bay
42 Council requested that only residents of 9C and 9E be
43 included in the prioritization. So OSM staff analyzed
44 that question and our conclusion is on page -- I'm
45 going to get to it here, is on page 19.
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47 So on page 19 the conclusion of the
48 section 804 subsistence user prioritization for unit 9E
49 caribou. Residents of unit 9E have the higher level of
50 customary use and dependence on caribou in unit 9E than

1 do other Federally-qualified users. After
2 consideration of the three criteria in ANILCA section
3 804 and also in our regulations. The communities of
4 Chignik Bay, Chignik Lake, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay,
5 Igiugig, Perryville, Pilot Point, Port Heiden and
6 Ugashik. All nine communities are situated in the hunt
7 area and therefore have the higher degree of local
8 residency. Unit 9E communities situated on the south
9 side of the Alaska Peninsula, Chignik Bay, Chignik
10 Lake, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof Bay and Perryville have
11 access to no other populations of caribou except the
12 Northern Alaska Caribou Herd when it migrates into the
13 area. Most unit 9 communities on the north side of the
14 Alaska Peninsula, Pilot Point, Port Heiden and Ugashik,
15 have -- also have access to no other populations of
16 caribou except the Northern Alaska Caribou Herd.
17 Igiugig also is highly reliant on the Northern Alaska
18 Peninsula Caribou Herd. As an alternative to caribou
19 in unit 9E communities situated outside of 9E could
20 continue to harvest caribou in units 9B, 9C, 9D and 17
21 where other populations of caribou migrate.

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23 So continuing after that on page 19 is
24 the OSM conclusion which is what I just read you. It's
25 the OSM recommended conclusion and now we are asking
26 you for your comments and a recommendation.

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28 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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32 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. This is a proposal
33 that our RAC made, right?

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35 MS. KENNER: Uh-huh.

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37 MR. O'HARA: Okay. Now and these guys
38 are just walking in here blindsided by a proposal that
39 we made and you're asking them to vote on something
40 that they got just 20 minutes ago? That doesn't seem
41 to me like a very manageable way of doing business.

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43 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Madam Chair, if
44 you look at page 23 at the Kodiak/Aleutians last
45 meeting, the Kodiak/Aleutians supported it with
46 modifications recommended by OSM preliminary
47 conclusion. The Council supported giving the in-season
48 manager flexibility to establish the hunt if the. So
49 that's kind of where -- but we didn't vote -- we didn't
50 get all of this other.....

1 MS. KENNER: Yeah.
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3 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE:the changes.
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5 MS. KENNER: Nobody has because we just
6 wrote it.
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8 MR. O'HARA: I.....
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.
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12 MR. O'HARA: I have mint flavored socks
13 because I really stuck my foot in my mouth on that one.
14 Sorry about that. I didn't know you guys had already
15 had that action so I apologize.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.
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19 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I hope this isn't a
20 sidetrack, but when I lived in Sand Point I thought we
21 had restored Sand Point's rights to hunt in Stepovak
22 Bay and it -- if I'm looking at this right, I mean,
23 they -- while I lived there they hunted there. And I
24 can't tell if they're allowed, but I'm -- if they're
25 not I'm real concerned about that.
26
27 Thank you.
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29 MS. KENNER: Your -- thank you for that
30 comment, Mr. Dunaway, through the Chair. Of course
31 they do have their customary and traditional uses of
32 caribou have been recognized by the Board in unit 9E,
33 but for the purposes of this prioritization I haven't
34 included them. There is a herd in unit 9D, they do
35 have an alternative, but I am looking for comments and
36 recommendations. And you will develop a
37 recommendation.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Della. I know
40 -- Della Trumble. I know that we've had for the past
41 four years now the subsistence hunt on caribou in unit
42 9D which includes Nelson Lagoon, Sand Point, King Cove,
43 Cold Bay and False Pass. It doesn't include Akutan
44 because Akutan waived all of it because they don't go
45 that far down to Unimak to hunt or past -- or in 9D.
46 But I also know based on the reports that were given on
47 the harvest of caribou for the past four years I don't
48 think either Nelson Lagoon or Sand Point has harvested
49 a caribou in 9D because that would be on the Federal
50 lands which is a small, little piece inside of -- it's

1 a little sector in there and the bulk of it is Unimak.
2 They don't -- I mean, it costs a lot of money to be
3 going from Sand Point all the way to Unimak to hunt a
4 caribou.

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6 So my thoughts on this and I wish like
7 Dan said I know we had -- you know, we had some -- we
8 talked about this in our meeting, but not to this
9 degree of information and I wish I would have had this
10 prior to, you know, being here now because I don't feel
11 comfortable making a comment on behalf of Sand Point or
12 Nelson Lagoon without discussing it with those
13 communities.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thomas.

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17 MR. SCHWANTES: Can you tell us when
18 the Board is going to take this up, when will this go
19 before the Board of Game?

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21 MS. KENNER: Thank you for that
22 question. You don't have your name tag either.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 MR. SCHWANTES: Tom Schwantes.

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28 MS. KENNER: Through the Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question
31 was when is this going to be taken up, the proposal?

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33 MS. KENNER: All the wildlife proposals
34 from this cycle will be taken up by the Federal
35 Subsistence Board in May.

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37 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: April.

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39 MS. KENNER: April. Excuse me.

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41 MR. MIKE: The Federal Subsistence
42 Board will take up wildlife proposals April 12th to the
43 14th here in Anchorage.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Della.

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47 MS. TRUMBLE: Maybe -- thank you, Madam
48 Chair, one other question. If -- and I just need to
49 recall this, how this works. When you put these into
50 place and you review this year, is that how this

1 worked, I'm trying to recall what we did with the
2 Unimak or the 9D. We review it every year so if you're
3 looking at -- looking at 9E and it's open to everybody
4 then that's just for subsistence permit, is that what
5 you're saying, a subsistence permit for caribou is that
6 what you're saying if this is open -- you're saying
7 it's open -- it can be possibly opened for a hunt?
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9 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Della, through
10 the Chair. That's a really good question. I was
11 looking at you like that because I'm -- I want to make
12 sure I answer it correctly. These section 804
13 prioritizations operate almost like a temporary
14 restriction of the customary and traditional use
15 determination. So only the people who are shown to be
16 the most dependent, the most customarily dependent on
17 the resource, in this case only residents of unit 9E
18 would be eligible to hunt caribou on Federal public
19 lands, whether it be with a permit -- whatever method.
20

21 Oh, section 804 determinations or
22 section 804 prioritizations generally aren't formally
23 reviewed, the closure is. There's a cycle upon which
24 we review closures of Federal public lands to other
25 uses, but we would have to receive a proposal
26 requesting a change, either a -- we would need to
27 receive a proposal requesting that we go back to all
28 Federally-qualified users and that generally would have
29 to happen during the regulatory cycle. It could come
30 to us as a special action at anytime in the year.
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32 MS. TRUMBLE: So my next -- my next two
33 questions I guess. The first question would be the
34 Kodiak/Aleutians needs -- at this particular time needs
35 to make a comment on this proposal in order for the
36 Board to take action on it in April. That's the first --
37 my first question. The second point is more of a
38 point I think and unit 9D caribou the State is opening
39 this year. There's no tier tickets that will be
40 required. And whether we'll continue with the
41 subsistence harvest tickets from Fish and Wildlife when
42 we have in the past, remain I think -- we don't know at
43 this point or at least I don't know the answer to that,
44 but we have done that in the past. So it will -- 9D
45 will be open for caribou.
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47 MS. KENNER: Well, may I respond, Madam
48 Chair?
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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

1 MS. KENNER: On page 28 I tell you what
2 I'm looking at. The unit 9D communities that we're
3 talking about right now, Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point,
4 one of the problems staff had is that the most recent
5 harvest surveys were conducted in 1987 and 1992
6 respectively which is a while ago, but during those
7 surveys it does indicate that there was substantial
8 reliance on caribou in those communities. As an
9 example in 1987 almost 100 percent of households in
10 Nelson Lagoon reported using caribou and 51 percent of
11 households in Sand Point which is a pretty big
12 community. And it indicated that there were an
13 estimated 53 and 39 caribou harvested during that one
14 survey year. Whereas if you go to table -- another
15 table on page 16, if we look at a five year period
16 between 1999 and 2004 we see that Nelson Lagoon and
17 Sand point during that five year period harvested an
18 estimated three and four caribou respectively. So it
19 shows that in the past there have been problems in
20 these communities in their ability to harvest caribou.
21 And one might assume that's because of the
22 availability. Those numbers -- the difference between
23 four and 39 is substantial. So we do have a little bit
24 of readily available information that let's us know
25 that these communities have had problems in the past,
26 the question is are they having problems now. And so
27 what you're saying is that they may have lifted the
28 restrictions on the unit 9D caribou so that more
29 permits are available or more opportunity is available?

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31 MS. TRUMBLE: It's basically going to
32 be open. You can go get a ticket or whatever you call
33 it to get a caribou, you don't have to go through the
34 tier process.

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36 MS. KENNER: For the Southern Alaska
37 Caribou Herd?

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39 MS. TRUMBLE: The State is lifting
40 that, yes. And the other thought or recommendation
41 would be to look at how we did the 9D and we allowed a
42 certain amount for communities, say how many
43 communities you have for that particular area and put a
44 number on it. This community has -- say you have a
45 number that you're going to allow for that particular
46 area and then put, you know, that community and say how
47 much caribou can you -- you can harvest or this
48 community has this much or so. I -- that's -- you
49 know, I just -- I don't know what to tell you, but I do
50 know that caribou basically even in 9D has been tough

1 to harvest, the weather -- we've had some pretty
2 extreme weather.

3

4 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Della, through
5 the Chair and this Pippa again. Yes, and the
6 communities that are in unit 9E they'll -- there will
7 be a limited number of permits that are distributed for
8 a limited number of caribou so everybody wants to hunt
9 will not be able to get a permit.

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11 MS. TRUMBLE: Madam Chair, maybe -- and
12 I did share this with them just because we've been
13 through this I think two
14 times in our area and, you know, even to limit to --
15 when you get to a drawing put points -- you know, limit
16 to one caribou for one household. So three people in a
17 house put their names in and all three of them get a
18 caribou it doesn't -- well, just a thought to add to
19 that when you get to that point.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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23 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you, Madam
24 Chair. Overall I tend to support this and help the
25 folks with opportunity in these places like Igiugig and
26 Pilot Point and such that have not had opportunity for
27 a long time. I'm hesitant to exclude Sand Point. I
28 would -- you know, before their RAC, but just from my
29 personal experience living there and people hunted in
30 Stepovak, have set net sites and I wonder even if any
31 animals that are there are even really part of the ones
32 you might see up around Chignik or farther north, but I
33 would lean towards -- partly, they didn't do harvest
34 tickets and while I was there we sorted that out
35 because some folks especially up there at Stepovak have
36 a long tradition and so I really want to respect that
37 and I don't think it would do a lot of harm.

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39 So that's just kind of -- and, oh, and
40 the other thing, you have really low numbers at Nelson
41 Lagoon and Sand Point, maybe you looked into this and I
42 had moved out in '89, but I think they suffered some
43 bag limit restrictions and possibly season restrictions
44 which made it doubly difficult to get much or maybe
45 they just didn't get recorded because of that.

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47 But so anyway overall I support the
48 modified language, but I don't want to exclude Sand
49 Point.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan or
4 Della and then Dan O'Hara.

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6 MS. TRUMBLE: Maybe if I could make a
7 possible suggestion because you have to get on with
8 your meeting and I know we were pretty crunched with
9 ours this morning. I can pass on maybe to Mitch for
10 the Kodiak/Aleutians, I -- but I would just like to
11 maybe call a couple people in Sand Point and a couple
12 people in Nelson Lagoon and say hey, do you have a
13 problem with this if you're left out of this
14 subsistence hunt or if you feel like you need to be a
15 part of it what would you say, one or two caribou or a
16 couple caribou. Just, you know, our -- a small
17 percentage of what was. So I just like I say would
18 feel more comfortable, number 1, being able to talk to
19 a couple people up there. And then number 2, not to
20 drag this on any longer than need be, you have a lot on
21 your agenda.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So what
24 is the wishes of the Board? Pippa were you looking for
25 a motion to support this at this point?

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27 MR. FOX: Thank you, Madam Chair. For
28 the record, Trevor Fox with the Fish and Wildlife
29 Service. I just wanted to make it clear that this is
30 the opportunity for both Councils to make their
31 recommendation to the Federal Subsistence Board. So
32 this is the opportunity you have where you're meeting
33 as a full Council with a quorum to have an official
34 recommendation from the Councils. I understand the
35 hesitancy to make a recommendation if you haven't been
36 able to talk to the people that you represent, but this
37 is that opportunity. I guess if there -- if you talk
38 to people that have issues with it that might be a good
39 opportunity to have people call in to the meeting and --
40 or write in and provide some comments, but this is the
41 opportunity when your Councils are meeting.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Rebecca.

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45 MS. SKINNER: I just wanted to say for
46 the record that when we discussed this in the Kodiak
47 RAC the issue of Sand Point residents and potentially
48 Nelson Lagoon although we haven't heard as much today
49 about Nelson Lagoon, but the potential of those
50 residents being excluded from hunting caribou in areas

1 where they may have reliance was not clear to me at the
2 time and I'm not sure if it was because I didn't have
3 both regions' maps like this or if it was the quality
4 of the information that was presented, I'm trying to
5 remember back. But after hearing the discussion today
6 and looking at this report and looking at these maps, I
7 do have concerns about excluding residents of Sand
8 Point. And I'm just looking at how close they are to
9 the -- kind of the border between the two areas. And
10 given that this is our opportunity to comment before
11 the Federal Subsistence Board takes action on it, I
12 just do want to say I have a concern with that. Our
13 RAC in general did support the proposal that was in
14 front of us, but again I didn't have a clear
15 understanding of the Sand Point issue at that point.

16

17 Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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21 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. We can't add Sand
22 Point and Nelson Lagoon now. If we were to make a
23 motion to support the proposal and then a friendly
24 amendment to bring these two communities in we can do
25 that, whether the Federal Board likes it or not I don't
26 know how they would react to it and I don't know if we
27 would be illegal in doing so and so I guess that's a
28 question.

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30 MS. TRUMBLE: Can I answer?

31

32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Della.

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34 MS. TRUMBLE: I -- yeah, I think with
35 what Rebecca said and including me, I didn't realize
36 that they could have been included in there when we
37 were given the report on this issue. And I know maybe
38 as another possibility I know that you're here all
39 afternoon, I can possibly get on the phone and make a
40 few calls and come back and let your Chair know, but
41 and it -- and it's a possibility maybe if it's an
42 issue, an allocation and having to amend that then
43 maybe it's a smaller number than the other communities.
44 I don't know, you know, I don't have the answer right
45 now. Unfortunately I feel that I need to get on the
46 phone and make a couple phone calls.

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48 MS. KENNER: Call me first. My hand
49 was up first.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 MS. KENNER: Hi, this is Pippa Kenner
4 again, Madam Chair. Through the Chair to Mr. O'Hara.
5 Yes, what we are -- I'm sorry, I should have explained
6 this before I started that what we're asking the
7 Councils to do is to look at the conclusion which as
8 been modified by staff and amend it, change it in the
9 way you think it should be changed and vote on it to
10 deliver your recommendation to the Board.

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12 I did the best that I could and staff
13 helping me when I was doing this, but now we need your
14 local insights into the problem.

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16 MR. FOX: Thank you, Madam Chair, this
17 is Trevor Fox again. Just to make one more comment is
18 that once the Councils do make their recommendation
19 there's also an opportunity for further information,
20 they'll be a representative of each Council at the
21 Board meeting, typically the Chair. You'll have your
22 official recommendation from what the Council votes on,
23 but there'll also be an opportunity for additional
24 information from the Chair.

25

26 Thank you.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You
29 have the table.

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31 MR. KRON: Madam Chair, again Tom Kron
32 from OSM. Just for clarification the 804 analysis that
33 Pippa just presented, neither Council had this in the
34 fall, we didn't have it in Kodiak and they didn't have
35 it for the Bristol Bay analysis. They've been working
36 on a bunch of other stuff and they just now finished
37 it. So this is coming before both Councils now for the
38 first time and again this is what the staff thought
39 based on looking at the information. But based on
40 ANILCA 805(c) your recommendation has, you know, a lot
41 of weight. You guys have a lot of weight and that'll
42 be presented to the Board. I don't know if Pippa's
43 going to reevaluate things based on this discussion,
44 but she'll have the opportunity to do that as well.
45 But again at this meeting, you know, what the request
46 is is that you put forward what you think based on your
47 knowledge and understanding of the situation so you're
48 making a recommendation to the Board which carries
49 weight under ANILCA 805(c).

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1 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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3 MR. ROHRER: Madam Chair.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Is it Samuel?

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7 MR. ROHRER: Madam Chair, thank you.

8 You know, it would sure be nice to hear what Nelson

9 Lagoon and Sand Point have to say on this, but I have a

10 couple thoughts. Part of the 804 determination is made

11 -- the last criteria is available of other resources.

12 And so I look at this and go, okay, 9D's going to have

13 a season open to it, a caribou season so the folks in

14 Sand Point and Nelson Lagoon will have other

15 opportunities close by for them to harvest caribou.

16 There -- under this proposal there's no guarantee that

17 9E is even going to be opened, it's still going to be

18 dependent on what surveys show and it'll be a decision

19 that's make in-season is my understanding of it. But

20 we know for sure is we're going to have a season in 9D

21 and so we're really dealing with a very, very small

22 amount of opportunity in 9, we don't even know if there

23 will be opportunity. Hopefully there will be

24 opportunity and very well the -- if the herd keeps

25 increasing next year we could entertain a proposal to

26 expand that season to include folks in 9D. But based

27 off the fact that 9D will have a season this year for

28 caribou with opportunity and we don't even know if 9E

29 will, I would tend to lean to supporting this. Again I

30 would -- it would be nice to hear what those folks have

31 to say, but.....

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33 That's all for now.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Della.

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37 MS. TRUMBLE: I think, Sam, what I was

38 trying to -- thank you, Madam Chair. What I was trying

39 to get at is the people in Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point

40 haven't harvested caribou in 9D because it's too far

41 for them to go. And the problem -- and the issue is

42 they've been -- they get -- Nelson Lagoon gets their

43 caribou probably more closely to the 9E and then Sand

44 Point does like they said Stepovak because it's closer.

45 They -- it's a long distance, you know, to go, but I

46 just wish -- like I say I wish it was that easy and I

47 could say, you know, I don't have a problem with this

48 and then I go talk to the guys in Sand Point and Nelson

49 Lagoon and they tell me what have you done, you know.

50 And they could -- they -- and it just might be they go,

1 you know, that's no big deal, Della, it's fine, you
2 know, we understand. We're trying to rebuild our herd
3 too and we understand. And so I just -- like I say my
4 comfort level right now without talking to a couple of
5 people just isn't there.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Tom.

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9 MR. SCHWANTES: It sounds to me like
10 from what I'm hearing there's certainly no opposition
11 to including Sand Point and Nelson Lagoon so I think we
12 ought to just make a recommendation to support this
13 including Sand Point and Nelson Lagoon in this
14 proposal.

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16 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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20 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, we -- we're not
21 going to have a quorum here too much longer, people are
22 here on a voluntary basis and they have other things to
23 do, five day sitting in here is a long time. So we
24 need to vote on the issue or else we're not going to
25 have a quorum because we got another guy leaving here
26 shortly out of Bristol Bay, Richard already left.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: I'd like to volunteer and
31 given the last two speakers, I'm going to move that we
32 support the amended or modified language as recommended
33 by OSM's analysis and include Nelson Lagoon and Sand
34 Point as eligible should there be sufficient here to --
35 that they could harvest because from what I know of
36 both areas and how they hunt I do believe that they
37 would like to have that opportunity, I feel real strong
38 about it.

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40 Thank you.

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42 MR. SCHWANTES: I'll second that.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
45 been a motion by Dan Dunaway to approve OSM's
46 recommendation with the addition including Sand Point
47 and Nelson Lagoon, seconded by Thomas.

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49 MR. ROHRER: Point of order, Madam
50 Chair. So are we voting on this as a joint -- the two

1 RACS together because we have.....
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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5 MR. ROHRER: Okay. If everyone's fine.
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
8 been a motion and second. And.....
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10 MR. O'HARA: Are we going to have
11 discussion.
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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Question's
14 been called?
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16 MR. O'HARA: No, discussion.
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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Is there
19 somebody else that needed.....
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21 MR. O'HARA: Okay. The question's been
22 called.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, question's
25 been called. All in favor say aye.
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27 IN UNISON: Aye.
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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
30 opposition?
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32 (No opposing votes)
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none,
35 we got it.
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37 Della, was there.....
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39 MS. TRUMBLE: Just a comment. Thank
40 you, Madam Chair. You know, we just went through a
41 hard process here and a lot of it is trying to figure
42 out the information which we didn't have at our last
43 meeting and then trying to figure it out now and I'm
44 hoping we don't have to go through this again in the
45 future and we have this information in front of us and
46 the committees at this point can possibly go through a
47 lot of this. But I do thank you and I'll tell the guys
48 up in Sand Point and Nelson Lagoon don't hunt the
49 caribou.
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1 Thank you very much.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, Della, I
4 really appreciate your comments. I know how tough it
5 is to go through this process because you have to live
6 with those people. You have to go home and tell them
7 that the -- you know, the actions that has been taken.
8 But I think the process that we went through just now
9 should help because it will give us a chance to discuss
10 this before -- is it April 12th.

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12 Pippa.

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14 MS. KENNER: Were you asking me if it's
15 on April 12th or.....

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No. No,
18 you're good. You were close to the table so I thought
19 you had something to say to add to it. But there's
20 been a motion and seconded and we all voted and we're
21 ready to go.

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23 MS. KENNER: I just wanted to make a
24 comment, Madam Chair. Thank you. To Ms. Trumble
25 through the Chair. There was a real important piece of
26 information that you gave me that even though the herd
27 in 9D may be available that the route that people take
28 is into 9E. That was information that I didn't have
29 and I will discuss this further with our staff and it's
30 possible that our conclusion will change to match the
31 Council's.

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33 So thank you very much for the
34 information and from the other people who contributed
35 the local information.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think
38 I'm going to call for a break and I really appreciate
39 the Kodiak/Aleutians being here. Now we're good
40 neighbors, right?

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We kind of got
45 acquainted and hopefully we'll -- well, we are going to
46 work together through our subcommittees. So thanks
47 again for coming. Safe travels.

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49 (Off record)

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1 (On record)
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We should pick
4 up the -- pick up where we left off before we broke for
5 lunch. So we -- I need the same people that were
6 dealing with this agenda item under new business, D.
7 So where are the people that were dealing with the --
8 Sue, was it Susan, Susanna? Who was dealing with this?
9 Oh, it was Pat and Susanna.
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11 MS. HENRY: Madam Chair and members of
12 the Council. Do you still want us up here?
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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We're -- we
15 were cut short because we had to recess for lunch. And
16 I think where we were was that we were sort of still
17 taking recommendations and I have a blue card for BBNA.
18 And.....
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20 Yeah, do you remember where we were at,
21 Dan?
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23 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, I do. We had a
24 discussion.....
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, yes.
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28 MR. O'HARA: I'm sorry.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Then -- sorry.
31 And then there was just a little committee that we
32 developed that was going to come up with a
33 recommendation.
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35 MR. O'HARA: We were having a little
36 discussion, two or three of us in the hallway before we
37 went to lunch, and, Susanna, we -- the Refuges or your
38 Refuge is making a recommendation that you take five
39 animals per day.....
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41 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (Indiscernible -
42 away from microphone).....
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44 How many, three? How many do you
45 recommend?
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47 MR. WALSH: The -- what's on the table
48 right now is three.
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50 MR. O'HARA: Then it's -- you can stick

1 a mic out there.

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3 MR. WALSH: It's three per season.

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5 MR. O'HARA: Yeah.

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7 MR. WALSH: So it's not three per day.

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9 MR. O'HARA: I thought I was talking
10 about ducks.

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12 (Laughter)

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14 MR. O'HARA: And we had a little
15 discussion on I think your recommending that it just be
16 open to the entire State. And we were wondering if we
17 decided to do some things like William had recommended
18 which are good ones, that they might take us to court
19 and we'd have to open it up anyway.

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21 So do you have any thoughts on that?

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23 MR. WALSH: Yes, I was kind of hoping
24 we wouldn't go there in this discussion here today, but
25 I think that we don't have a Federal -- we don't have a
26 legal basis for not removing the Federal closure.
27 ANILCA tells us we have to provide this priority during
28 times of shortage, but there's no legal basis for
29 continuing to keep this open when there -- we're not
30 dealing with a shortage issue, but, in fact, we're
31 dealing with the opposite end of it. But I was hoping
32 that we as the local groups could come together without
33 discussing really the ramifications, but doing this in
34 terms of proper caribou management and then, you know,
35 addressing it in those terms.

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37 MR. O'HARA: You may have to make --
38 you might as well face the legal part of it, that's
39 real life, you know, if somebody's out there, 18 years
40 old and a hundred buck they can do whatever they want.
41 So but I think maybe some modifications that we might
42 think of here would be -- working with you would be
43 good.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Was
46 that the kind of a recommendation that your group came
47 up with or just a -- you just ended up with a question?

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49 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, we just talked about
50 it is all.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And did
2 we get a satisfactory answer?

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4 MR. WALSH: I'm not sure. Are you
5 asking me a question, Madam Chairman, I'm not quite
6 sure?

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I heard a
9 question, sort of a question from Dan O'Hara to you
10 about the legality of opening the whole State versus
11 what Billy was recommending, just for the Bristol Bay
12 area is my understanding unless I'm not hearing this
13 right.

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15 MR. WALSH: Well, we, Togiak Refuge and
16 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game are going to
17 jointly send the proposed special action request to the
18 Federal Subsistence Board and we're hoping we'll have
19 other entities such as the Bristol Bay RAC endorse
20 that. When that goes to them they're going to staff it
21 completely and almost certainly they'll address the
22 legal end of this. It's not our intent to specifically
23 bring that to their attention, but that's what they do
24 and so I'm certain that will be brought out.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And then
27 that'll come back to us, right, or the.....

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29 MR. WALSH: Is Trevor still here?

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31 MR. FOX: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair.
32 Trevor Fox from Fish and Wildlife Service. I guess to
33 specifically address the question of whether or not it
34 could be opened up just to residents of the Bristol Bay
35 area, as you all probably know this hunt currently is
36 restricted to residents of Togiak, Twin Hills,
37 Manokotak, Aleknagik, Dillingham, Clark's Point and
38 Ekuk. So that's a restriction on which rural residents
39 can participate. If the closure's lifted Federal
40 regulations would basically go to the customary and
41 traditional use determination. So it wouldn't just be
42 to those residents of those communities, it would be
43 then open to all residents of unit 9B, unit 17, Lime
44 Village and Stony River. So those would be the
45 Federally-qualified subsistence users once that closure
46 is lifted. If the closure is also lifted to non-
47 subsistence users then State regulations would apply if
48 the State of Alaska opened -- opens up that may be
49 announced season that's on the books. So as far as the
50 -- you know, the more liberal regulations we've talked

1 about, increasing the harvest limit to three caribou,
2 there's potential to increase that, it's been discussed
3 already, the same day airborne, if that is approved by
4 the Board and the full proposal is passed by the Board
5 that would only apply to the Federal users, that would
6 not be something that's under the State, that would
7 require further action from the Board of Game. So
8 those more liberal regulations we've talked about would
9 only apply if the closure's lifted to residents of 9B,
10 17, Lime Village and Stony River. The State
11 regulations -- that regulation in the books is limited
12 to caribou.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Bill.

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16 MR. MAINES: It is my understanding
17 that the recommendation coming from the Refuge is to
18 lift the closure to non-Federally hunters -- residents
19 also, right?

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21 MR. FOX: Yes.

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23 MR. MAINES: So the third part of your
24 scenario is what is being recommended right now, it's
25 not only just opening up to those who have the C&T
26 which are the other villages, but to open it up to all
27 non-Federally so it would be basically the State?

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29 MR. FOX: Yeah, that's the correct, the
30 more liberal regulations would only apply if the
31 closure is lifted to the Federal ones. That State
32 regulation is on the books as I think Mr. Dunaway
33 talked about earlier, the State can put that into
34 effect quickly, it's in effect for this year on those
35 areas outside of Federal lands. But, yeah, so that
36 would be an option is to open it up to all non-Federal
37 users.

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39 MR. WALSH: And that is what we are
40 proposing, Togiak Refuge and the Alaska Department of
41 Fish and Game in Dillingham is proposing just that.

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43 MR. MAINES And this is going before
44 the Board when?

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46 MR. FOX: Through the Chair. So this
47 one hasn't been submitted yet. So one thing I wanted
48 to note is that the season is going to start before
49 this Council meets again in the fall whether it's
50 September or October time. So since this hasn't been

1 submitted yet this would be an opportunity to make
2 things clear on what the intent of the Council is just
3 so there's something on the record, when it does come
4 up there's something to point to. Special actions
5 don't always go to the Councils unless it fits within
6 the Council meeting schedule. So I think it would be --
7 you know, it's up to the Council to do as they wish,
8 but it would be an opportunity to provide a comment at
9 least on a proposed special action.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: In the
12 meantime I'd like to have Verner Wilson find a mic.

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14 Dan Dunaway.

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16 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, just to supplement
17 a little bit of what.....

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Verner, you
20 can go sit over on the chair over there.

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22 MR. DUNAWAY: But by opening statewide
23 some of -- you know, the C&T wouldn't include King
24 Salmon, Naknek, Igiugig. And that's where we could be --
25 I'm thinking we conclude by going statewide that does
26 open it to King Salmon, Naknek and there's a number of
27 like pilots over there with the kinds of planes and the
28 local knowledge and ability to respond versus Stony
29 River or -- well, there might be a few Iliamna that
30 could respond to, but.....

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32 Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Go ahead.

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36 MR. KRON: Yeah, Madam Chair, just to
37 refer to something and I think Pat was touching on a
38 little bit, in ANILCA -- again ANILCA protects rural
39 subsistence users, but it does have a clause, section
40 815(3) talks about situations like I think we're
41 talking about here. And it specifically says authorize
42 -- may not authorize a restriction on the taking of
43 fish and wildlife for non-subsistence users on public
44 land unless necessary for conservation of healthy
45 populations of fish and wildlife. So anyway I would
46 refer you to section 815 of ANILCA and again as I think
47 Pat noted, this would be something that will be
48 discussed at the staff committee and analysis
49 development. But it sounds like based on the timeline
50 here, based on the time -- based on the timeline we're

1 looking at if there's a need to get something in place
2 by fall, you know, this is your Council meeting, there
3 won't be another Council meeting until probably after
4 the caribou season starts in the fall so this would be
5 the time to talk about it.

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Thank you, Madam Chair.

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MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

10 Verner's been waiting for a while so let's give him a
11 time here to -- since he wanted to discuss Nushagak
12 Peninsula Caribou Herd also so let's give him a moment
13 here.

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MR. V. WILSON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

16 I'd like to first of all say that my employer, BBNA, is
17 on record against the statewide -- opening it up to
18 statewide harvest, but I wanted to offer my personal
19 views on this proposal. And while I share the concern
20 of overpopulation and I'm glad that this proposed
21 statewide harvest of caribou would only last for a
22 year, I'm afraid that opening the area to statewide
23 harvest will set precedent. And we've heard testimony,
24 I was a part of a couple of meetings and we've heard
25 testimony that when statewide harvest was opened on the
26 east side of the bay people came from other parts of
27 the State and used same day airborne and really took
28 advantage of it. And that might not apply to this
29 proposal, but just keep that in mind. And I think a
30 good question is while they're trying to open it up to
31 statewide in the fall of 2016, but what if we have more
32 snowfall next winter that allows locals to use
33 snowmachines and what about bringing a special action
34 this fall. As he just said that it's not -- your
35 meeting is not going to be until after the season might
36 open, but I think that is a good point that, you know,
37 you do have another meeting so there's -- I don't think
38 that there is a need to rush into a decision right now
39 on opening statewide harvest. And the original
40 Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd Cooperative Agreement
41 made in 1988 between the seven area villages and Fish
42 and Wildlife Service and Alaska Department of Fish and
43 Game, it states that as the herd continues to grow the
44 harvest will be allowed to increase as long as the herd
45 can support such a harvest and still continue to grow.
46 After five years a subsistence harvest may be allowed
47 depending on the size of the population. Each year
48 harvest level will be established based on the growth
49 of the herd. And so in that agreement my point is that
50 while the agreement was set to expire in 1993

1 remembering that agreement is important. Harvest
2 levels have not been consistent with this original
3 intent due to limits imposed by the regulatory agencies
4 and I hope that we do move towards the original intent
5 to allow more hunting by local residents in the future.
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8 And I think there are a lot of
9 potential solutions in the future. I know this is kind
10 of a, you know, dire situation in terms of
11 overpopulation, but I think we have missed those
12 opportunities and I think we do need to press forward
13 and increase hunting opportunities for locals, we need
14 to increase the bag limit as Bill said, Bill Maines,
15 you know, not just for three, but, you know, maybe up
16 to five and then having a designated hunter up to 10.
17 Other special actions can include adding October and
18 November to the hunt, have same day airborne from
19 January to March and liberalizing the season to allow
20 same day airborne hunting in the summer. And, I mean,
21 we all know how expensive food and goods are out in the
22 bay and I just -- I really think that if we came
23 together as residents of the bay and we were allowed to
24 work together and to plan as -- maybe even as part of
25 communities, maybe there could be a community harvest
26 in the future with higher bag limits so that
27 communities could work together and say let's say, you
28 know, Dillingham's able to collect 50 and then people
29 in Dillingham could come together and put all these --
30 put a pot of money together because they're -- not
31 everybody can afford to go hunting as we all know and
32 but I was thinking about how we could also use other
33 methods because there is a concern about not being able
34 to land during, you know, seasons of low snowfall so I
35 was thinking about how could we utilize, you know,
36 boats and other ways and my family for example has a
37 fishing boat so we would love to be able to work
38 together with other people in the community to organize
39 and I'm just afraid that this statewide harvest -- it
40 -- while I understand that this overpopulation is a
41 problem I'm just afraid that it might set precedent and
42 that we do have -- we have options to go forward in the
43 future.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
46 you, Verner. Any comments?

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48 Dan Dunaway.

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50 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you for your

1 comments, Verner. And I'll -- I've been making a list
2 of things to consider in a special action and what I
3 have understood from being in the Caribou Committee and
4 maybe the Refuge folks can correct me, but I think the
5 discussions at one point were -- that we would discuss
6 how long the special action would be for the statewide
7 part and the same day airborne. There were some people
8 recommending up to a bag limit of five which -- in
9 which case kind of answering the -- whether community
10 harvest or designated hunter I think what, a designated
11 hunter can take two bag limits at a time or something
12 which if you're up to five could be as many as 10. It
13 gets into sometimes almost little semantics games
14 there. And in the past I -- you know, I believe from
15 my previous experience in the Caribou Committee
16 observing it when there was a surplus of caribou it was
17 distributed among the communities, I remember that and
18 I remember one -- I think it was Dillingham said we
19 need to share with Aleknagik. I remember that being
20 just -- I mean, that really seemed huge to me that
21 there was a -- you know, a heartfelt commitment to
22 sharing. So when there's been surpluses they have
23 shared it out. This -- because of circumstances of
24 weather and anticipation we haven't maybe kept up with
25 the potential of the herd thinking oh, next month we'll
26 have snow and the reason they're in the three bag limit
27 right now is because we were still expecting snow when
28 that special action was thrown in there. And I thought
29 man we get two weeks of good snow and three per --
30 permits per person and that would be as many as six per
31 designated hunter that it could happen. Well, boom,
32 three weeks later and it's still raining and no snow.
33 So some of this is just a matter of -- it's really hard
34 to keep up. You don't want to go overboard, but I do
35 believe that the main points of that cooperative
36 agreement have been adhered to pretty closely. I would
37 love to get a copy of that from you, Verner, because I
38 haven't been able to yet. So I guess that -- just that
39 response to that part, but I guess that's everything
40 right now.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I don't know
43 about this, but wouldn't once we -- once we I guess
44 agree to this proposal what Dan is bringing up and
45 others, wouldn't that all be discussed before the next
46 cycle or are we wanting to get this done so that
47 whatever we're discussing would be in place for the
48 fall harvest. I'm.....

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50 MR. WALSH: Yeah, Pat Walsh. And, yes,

1 the intent is to submit this now to the Federal
2 Subsistence Board to consider for this fall harvest.
3 And so this Council can act on this now if you so
4 choose. Sometime between now and in the near future
5 we're going to send this to them. If you wanted to
6 take a little more time and -- we could wait for that
7 if that works for you rather than acting on this here
8 today, but we don't have a whole lot of time.

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10 MR. FOX: Yeah, thank you, Madam Chair.
11 Trevor Fox again. Yeah, so there will be other
12 opportunities for comment so this would almost
13 certainly be a temporary special action because it's
14 going to affect more than 60 days. That has a
15 requirement for a public hearing similar to the public
16 hearings that took place recently for the recent
17 special actions. So there's opportunities for public
18 comments. There's usually also a Tribal consultation
19 that can be take -- that can be requested or there was
20 one recently conducted, a Tribal and ANCSA corporation
21 consultation for the temporary special action affecting
22 the Western Arctic Caribou Herd which is going to be
23 addressed again tomorrow at the joint Northwest Arctic
24 and North Slope. So that's another opportunity for
25 comments. And these Nushagak Peninsula special actions
26 also had Tribal and ANCSA corporation consultations
27 through OSM.

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29 The Board would take action on a
30 submitted proposal sometime before the season starts,
31 that would be preferable. The Federal season starts
32 August 1st so that's why I was saying this is a good
33 opportunity for the Council to put some comments
34 together because most likely something could be acted
35 on by the Board before the season starts. And this
36 Council, I -- I'm not sure what the fall meeting
37 schedule is going to be, but I assume it's going to be
38 later than August 1st.

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40 Thank you.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. Yeah, and what I
45 see here is if we had -- were able to -- would be a lot
46 of power if we grill you on some special action now and
47 getting ahead of this instead of kind of being behind
48 it. And like I was saying we only did three -- 20/20
49 hindsight, we should have asked for five in -- whenever
50 it was in December. But so this is a good opportunity

1 and it's -- I don't know that we could act as a group
2 again until fall.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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8 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, I think we ought to
9 act on this in one form or another and I actually I
10 guess just a planning team from the Nushagak Peninsula
11 with the Refuge and State of Alaska jointly making a
12 proposal or making recommendations to the Federal Board
13 that your recommendations be carried out like you have
14 explained to us today, right?

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16 MR. WALSH: The proposal's going to
17 come from Togiak Refuge and the Alaska Department of
18 Fish and Game, but not the entire Nushagak Peninsula
19 Caribou Planning Committee. We held four meetings with
20 the Committee and never got to the point of voting on
21 this. There were a number of other issues that came
22 up. We planned to continue working with the Committee
23 as the Committee chooses to meet, but the fact that the
24 Committee hasn't been able to come to a conclusion on
25 this, we can't let another year go by. So that's why
26 our next step was coming here to this Council.

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28 MR. O'HARA: Might need a little help
29 on this in how it works as I make the motion and
30 there's a second I hope. And so let's see,
31 recommendation from the Togiak Refuge and the State of
32 Alaska that the Nushagak Peninsula Herd be opened to
33 all of the State of Alaska for the purpose of
34 maintaining a balance of the herd.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
37 been a motion by Dan, Dan O'Hara.

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39 MR. SEYBERT: Second.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And seconded
42 by Victor.

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44 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Discussion?

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48 MR. O'HARA: I'd like to speak to the
49 motion, yeah.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Does that kind of satisfy
4 -- is that where you're coming from as far as that
5 motion goes, proper channels?
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7 MR. WALSH: I think there's one
8 critical part that should be added to that and that is
9 some kind of language to the effect that as long as the
10 herd is in an overpopulated state. So you'd make it
11 clear that it's only open to the State when it's
12 overpopulated and the number that we're submitting is
13 900. Anytime it's below that it is not open to anybody
14 but
15 Federally-qualified users.
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17 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair, could I
18 withdraw my motion and if the second would withdraw his
19 second, would that be okay?
20
21 MR. SEYBERT: Okay.
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23 MR. O'HARA: Okay. All right. That --
24 and then if I could have the Chair to make another
25 motion. Okay. Just the Togiak Refuge and the State of
26 Alaska, Department of Fish and Game jointly making a
27 recommendation to the Federal Subsistence Board that
28 the Nushagak Peninsula Herd remain at a health number
29 of 900 and for planning purposes. And is that okay or
30 was there something else I should add there? I still
31 have the motion.
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33 (No comments)
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35 MR. O'HARA: Okay. That's my motion.
36 Go ahead.
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38 MR. WALSH: Yeah, I think you captured
39 it, but the -- it would be the Federal closure would be
40 lifted and it would be open to all State residents when
41 the population is over 900.
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43 MR. O'HARA: Okay. That will be added
44 to that motion. And, no, we cannot discuss anything
45 until there's a second on this. And then that is the
46 motion and we have to have a second and then you can
47 open for discussion.
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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There
50 was a motion and second. And discussion?

1 MR. MAINES: Madam Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy.

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5 MR. MAINES: I plan on voting against
6 the motion only for the fact for the reasons I stated
7 as far as our Council's concerned. We want to have the
8 bag limit up to five, we want the same day air, but we
9 all want it for the residents of Bristol Bay. That's
10 who that herd's meant for, it isn't meant for the rest
11 of the State. I understand the reasoning behind it,
12 but to me even if it was open to the entire State there
13 is no guarantee that the number taken will supplement
14 the ones that come after. I -- you know, to kill 500
15 caribou in one season, that's quite a bit especially in
16 a -- it would be real easily in a complex area, but
17 getting to that complex area or that small area is
18 almost impossible only except for helicopter year
19 round. And I would hate to see the number of
20 helicopters that would have to be utilized to take 500
21 out of that small area. And whether or not the 500
22 were taken doesn't mean that there's not another 500
23 calves. So I can see a potential continuing
24 overpopulation process with caribou in that specific
25 area to where it does become a statewide hunt every
26 single year.

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28 So my objections have already been
29 stated and I will stick by it as far as my voting goes
30 on this motion.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan
33 O'Hara.

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35 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, we can vote on the
36 motion and, you know, as a Council member who's given
37 it some thought if you got something better, vote it
38 down and we'll come up with something better. But to
39 get it on the floor and get something done it's in
40 front of you. So that's all.

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42 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
45 more discussions?

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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1 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm kind of look to the
2 Refuge a little bit. I'm in full support of this. I
3 guess I have the advantage of been sitting in for a
4 long time and hearing this. I'm wondering if it would
5 be helpful to have intent language or modification to
6 include the up to five bag limit, do we need to amend
7 that or can we just include it in intent language.
8 Over.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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12 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. No, this -- a
13 friendly amendment is fine. And you just make the
14 amendment and if somebody wants to second it and under
15 discussion and then we'll vote on the amendment and
16 we'll vote on the full motion.

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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madam Chair.
19 Then I'd like to move to amend to include in addition
20 language as Mr. O'Hara put forth as to bag limit could
21 be up to five and that implies discretion on the part
22 of the managers to what they think can be sustained or
23 is necessary and proper.

24
25 Thank you.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
28 other discussions?

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30 MR. O'HARA: You need a second.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pardon?

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34 MR. O'HARA: You need a second.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We need a
37 second to the -- O'Hara's -- I mean, Dan's amendment.

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39 MR. ABRAHAM: Second.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Second by Pete
42 Abraham. Further discussion?

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44 MR. ABRAHAM: Question

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The
47 question's been called. Time to vote.

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49 MR. O'HARA: We vote on the amendment.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pardon?
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3 MR. O'HARA: We vote on the amendment.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We need
6 to vote on the amendment. All in favor.....
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8 MR. O'HARA: Wait a minute, Madam
9 Chair.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Just
12 one moment.
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14 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, we just finished
15 Robert's Rules of Order and I was mayor for many, many
16 years in Naknek and, I mean, we've had some -- I -- we
17 put up a mail plant and a lawyer had to sit there and
18 formulate my words in my mouth to keep from getting
19 into some serious trouble. And one of the things that
20 we had a seminar on for eight hours with a guy out of
21 Anchorage was when you make a motion does the main
22 voting body understand the motion. So if there's any
23 doubt in your mind that you don't understand this,
24 don't vote on -- we have discussion until you fully
25 understand where we're at.
26
27 And that's just a courtesy thing,
28 Madam, thank you.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'm
31 sorry. I should have repeated the motion. And, you
32 know, both of the motions and also amendment. It's
33 been a long four or five days. So where are we, we
34 voted on the amendment?
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36 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: No, we need to
37 vote.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pardon?
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41 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: We need to vote.
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We need
44 to vote on the amendment. All in favor say aye.
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46 IN UNISON: Aye.
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
49 opposition?
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1 (No opposing votes)
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none,
4 thank you.
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6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Can you vote?
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8 MR. MAINES: I'll vote to increase the
9 bag limit, yeah. Yeah.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So
12 we're now at the main motion.
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14 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.
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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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18 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, once again that was
19 a long motion so you need to be satisfied in your mind,
20 you know, as good members of the committee that we are --
21 what we're voting on.
22
23 Thank you.
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
26 Question's been called. All in favor say aye.
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28 IN UNISON: Aye.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
31 opposition?
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33 IN UNISON: Aye.
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. One,
36 two, three, four, five yeses and one opposition -- no,
37 two opposition. Okay. Two oppositions.
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39 MR. MAINES: Four for and two against.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
42 And.....
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44 MR. O'HARA: Does the Chair vote?
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If there's a
47 tie.
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49 MR. O'HARA: That's the easy way.
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.
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3 MR. O'HARA: Sometimes that's the hard
4 way though.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So we've got
7 that and any -- anything else?
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9 Dan Dunaway?
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11 MR. DUNAWAY: We didn't quite manage to
12 have a real committee meeting. I think Dan and I
13 talked a little bit and then Billy and I talked a
14 little bit about the -- whether we want to have a
15 formal position on this proposed rule of Fish and
16 Wildlife Service regarding predator control. And so we
17 don't really have a committee report. I guess I'd like
18 to see it back on the table and I guess I'll move to
19 oppose that portion of that proposed rule that has to
20 do with prohibiting predator control.
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22 MR. O'HARA: I'll second that.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
25 been a motion by.....
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27 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair, for the
28 record, second.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:Dan
31 Dunaway to oppose the predator control, seconded by Dan
32 O'Hara. Any discussions?
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34 Dan Dunaway?
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36 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I'd refer back to
37 the comments I've made discussing this. I think in the
38 interest of a subsistence users I think that there
39 should be -- and of course this is scientist --
40 scientifically based, but predator control using
41 effective methods should be allowed to provide surplus,
42 enough of a population of animals that subsistence
43 harvesters can have an opportunity. This low level
44 non-management with see on the North Peninsula, now it
45 may be that science would show that predator control
46 wouldn't be effective, but we just had a report there
47 that said predators are the main reason those herds are
48 depressed the best they can tell. So I -- I'm opposed
49 to it. And we've had other RACS are seeking support
50 for their opposition on this. I think other places

1 would have had real problems, bigger problems with
2 predators that were clearly defined by science and in
3 some cases there's been attempts or some success at
4 answering the problem with predator control. So I
5 don't want to take those tools off the table should we
6 need them.

7

8 Thank you.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Anymore
11 discussion?

12

13 Billy.

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15 MR. MAINES: Thank you, Madam Chair. I
16 want to concur with Dan, but in a different format.
17 When I read the rule and asked my questions earlier as
18 far as harvestable amount or sustainable yield I asked
19 the question who's it for, you know, is it for the
20 subsistence users or is it for the -- who are predators
21 or is it for the other predators, the wolves, bears,
22 coyotes. I think more times than not wildlife may have
23 advantage over us. They can adapt to the circumstances
24 a lot quicker than we can, the weather doesn't seem to
25 bother them as much as it does us, you know, if I was a
26 duck I'd love it to rain all the time.

27

28 (Laughter.....

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30 MR. MAINES: You know, it's those type
31 of things that I consider and I take great humble
32 knowledge in knowing that, you know, the good lord gave
33 us this and mother earth and father time tends to keep
34 us going along with it. But I think there are ways to
35 determine and I think it's not been done, we've asked
36 for moose surveys and it hasn't happened, caribou
37 surveys that hasn't happened. We all know we live the
38 lives that we do depending on the animals we take. And
39 those animals are decreasing. There's a lot of reasons
40 or possible reasons that it's going on, but one of the
41 things that I've been hearing it is the wolves, it is
42 the bears, it is the coyotes. And I know that there's
43 a whole lot of other predators that like the idea of
44 what the wolves, bears and coyotes leave behind because
45 I know the birds and the squirrels and other animals
46 and creatures love whatever leftovers they leave
47 behind.

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49 So I will vote against the proposed
50 rule for the purpose that there is sound science that

1 can be taken and utilized to find out whether or not it
2 is something that is other than the predator itself.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
7 further discussions?

8

9 (No comments)

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, we're --
12 are we ready to vote?

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14 MR. MAINES: Question.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah,
17 question's been called. All in favor say aye.

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19 IN UNISON: Aye.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
22 opposition?

23

24 (No opposing votes)

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
27 you. Okay. I think I saw a blue card waiting back
28 there, if there is it needs to go to Donald Mike.

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30 Okay. We're down to joint session --
31 no, we did that already, agency reports, 15.

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33 Okay, Donald, correct me.

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35 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
36 There's one agenda item we overlooked this on new
37 business, approve the 2015 annual report and you'll
38 find that in your Bristol Bay meeting materials page
39 16.

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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And that's E
42 and it's regarding that letter that we discussed
43 earlier or.....

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45 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madam Chair.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:we have
48 it.

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50 MR. MIKE: We.....

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We have E and
2 F.....

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4 MR. MIKE: Yes.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:to deal
7 with?

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9 MR. MIKE: We can.....

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Sorry.

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13 MR. MIKE: Yep. And then the next
14 agenda item's the annual report and you'll find it on
15 page 16.

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17 Madam Chair, at the fall meeting of
18 Bristol Bay this Council had an opportunity to discuss
19 annual report items and the Bristol Bay Council
20 submitted 12 items for the Federal Subsistence Board.
21 The first item is consistent enumeration reports and
22 especially current enumeration reports on moose,
23 caribou and other large mammal species in order to base
24 it's rec -- well, first of all the Council needed more
25 enumeration reports to base its recommendations on
26 sound science and survey reports. And item number 2,
27 chinook salmon intercepts in the Bering Sea. Item
28 number 3, commercial interference with subsistence
29 salmon harvest and that came from the -- since the
30 inception of the outer Port Heiden commercial fishery
31 in 2007. Port Heiden residents have not met their
32 subsistence needs. Number 5, management attendance at
33 Council meetings. The Council meets at least twice a
34 year to discuss fish and wildlife proposal and it's
35 charged to review and comment on management plans
36 affective subsistence resources. This often -- there
37 are often issues affective subsistence in the Bristol
38 Bay region and personnel qualified to address these
39 issues are Federal and State staff. This Council
40 requests that Federal and State staff be present at all
41 these meetings. The Chignik fisheries, that's item
42 number 6. It's relied on by the residents of the area
43 as a subsistence resource and livelihood. The
44 residents of Chignik communities, Port Heiden and
45 Perryville are concerned for the subsistence fishery
46 and their recent difficulty in meeting subsistence --
47 their needs. And the Council requests the Federal
48 Board to support funding project related to subsistence
49 harvest in these area through the FRMP process. Item
50 number 7 is the Bering Sea bycatch. There's a typo.

1 Item number 9, agency involvement in Regional Advisory
2 Council meetings. Item 10, youth involvement. Item
3 12, research funding.

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5 So those are the 12 items that at the
6 fall meeting of this Council that they submitted as
7 annual report items to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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9 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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13 MR. O'HARA: Yeah. There's no eight in
14 my report, number 8. Did you say eight?

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, eight is
17 missing.

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19 MR. MIKE: Yeah, there's a typo, Madam
20 Chair. I apologize for that, but the typo will be
21 corrected when we -- the Council passes this annual
22 report as a final.

23
24 Thank you.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan
27 Dunaway.

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29 MR. DUNAWAY: I see you're mentioning
30 Chignik subsistence fisheries. I believe just for your
31 information I believe the Board of Fish, I'm hoping
32 there's somebody here, maybe even Verner can correct
33 me, I thought the Board of Fish took action to assure
34 more fish will be available for the Chignik folks and
35 it's a substantial chunk. I want to say they allocated
36 another 100,000 up the river, something like that. I
37 wasn't paying attention, I'm trying to get it up now,
38 but Chignik folks have been having some struggles and
39 I'm kind of excited to see the Board of Fish took them
40 pretty serious on it. If I can look it up later I
41 might try to clarify what they did.

42
43 Thank you.

44
45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan
46 O'Hara.

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48 MR. O'HARA: Yes. They got plenty of
49 fish this year because the processing plants did not
50 buy fish in the second season at all. All the fish

1 that came in the second season went up the streams and
2 only got a half a season at .83 cents a pound. So it's
3 a real economic crunch and it's just very unfortunate.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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7 MR. O'HARA: Did we address this?

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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11 MR. O'HARA: I'm really delighted with
12 this report going to the Secretary -- I mean, to the
13 Chairman of the Federal Board and to the Board itself.
14 Under management attendance at Council meetings I see
15 managers here today and I really applaud them for being
16 here, I'm sure there's other things more exciting going
17 on than listening to us, but when we were in Dillingham
18 and Naknek making proposals on fish and game we have
19 the State of Alaska on a recording, you know, and
20 granted they're -- they have some serious restrictions
21 on travel because of State shortfalls and budget, but
22 there's no reason why the local Biologist can't come
23 down and give us information from the State of Alaska.
24 And when the Lieutenant Governor came the other day,
25 the small community of the Bristol Bay RAC went over
26 and met with him and told him that we want you to start
27 having your people, if they're in their community and
28 they're a biologist and we need information on how many
29 fish and how many game that we're dealing with here, we
30 need your people there, there's no reason why you
31 should not be there. And I'm sure that the Feds could
32 do a better job of some of their people ending up at
33 our Council meetings as well. And then the Lieutenant
34 Governor said he would certainly look into it and he
35 told us go directly to Sam Cotton, the Commissioner.
36 So we're -- I'm going to do that and I would hope that
37 you would help with that because it's a dual management
38 system, but if we're going to be making decisions on
39 fish and game for our subsistence user then we need all
40 the help we can get and all the information we can get.
41 So I'm glad to see this is going in.

42

43 Thank you.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
46 other -- any other discussions regarding this?

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48 (No comments)

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, if

1 nobody was going to bring this up I was going to make a
2 little statement.....
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4 MR. O'HARA: Make it.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:and I
7 sure appreciate -- I always appreciate people, you
8 know, attending. I'm sure it gets boring for a lot of
9 you that aren't involved, but it's always nice to see
10 agency people especially the decision maker -- decision
11 making people and that's what we were asking for when
12 we put this in.
13
14 So thank you again.
15
16 Anymore discussions on this?
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18 MR. MAINES: Madam Chair.
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy.
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22 MR. MAINES: Donald, you're looking for
23 a motion from us.....
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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27 MR. MAINES:approving the report
28 to submit it?
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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32 MR. MIKE: That's correct, Madam Chair.
33 Thank you.
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35 MR. MAINES: So moved.
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
38 been a motion to approve this report. Was there a
39 second by Dan Dunaway or no, no.....
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41 MR. O'HARA: Senafont.
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:Senafont.
44 Okay. Anymore discussions on this?
45
46 MR. O'HARA: Question.
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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question's
49 been called, all in favor say aye.
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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
4 opposition?

5

6 (No opposing votes)

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
9 you. Okay. Donald, are we.....

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11 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair.
12 We're under new business, agenda item number E and
13 that's the letter from the Southeast Council to the
14 Federal Subsistence Board. So I'll just read the first
15 two -- you all should have a copy in front of you in
16 your pile somewhere, but the 10 -- the 10 Regional
17 Advisory Councils appreciate the opportunity to meet in
18 Anchorage for a joint session on March 7 to 8, 2016.
19 The meeting was extremely informative, Council members
20 were united in finding value in hearing summary reports
21 from each Council. There were numerous concerns that
22 were specific to each region, it was very enlightening
23 to hear there were several subsistence concerns that
24 were common to all regions. The Council would like to
25 inform the Board of the issues that resonated with each
26 of the Councils although many of these issues have been
27 brought up previously by individual Councils in their
28 annual reports. We would like to take this opportunity
29 to jointly bring these requests to the Board as a
30 collective voice. And there are seven points of items
31 that the Southeast Regional Advisory Council submitted.
32 And they're requesting the Councils to either endorse
33 this letter or you can come up with your own letter.

34

35 Madam Chair.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, I
38 didn't hear -- seemed like during the joint sessions, I
39 don't know if it's coming from that Southcentral.

40

41 MR. MAINES: Southeast.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Southeast?

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45 MR. MIKE: Southeast.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That I thought
48 that they were going to request to have our joint
49 sessions a little bit more regularly than before, is
50 that -- is there -- is that in their letter?

1 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madam Chair. I think
2 they wrote.....
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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I didn't hear
5 it when you were reading the letter.
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7 MR. MAINES: It's under -- Madam Chair,
8 it's under item number 7.....
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
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12 MR. MAINES:and they're talking
13 about it in their letter, it's the very last one.
14
15 MR. MIKE: Yeah.
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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I don't have
18 the letter in front of me.....
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20 MR. MIKE: Okay.
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:I have
23 two people sitting here and they took my paperwork.
24
25 MR. MIKE: Yeah, it's item number 7, it
26 recommends the Councils -- that such joint sessions
27 occur at least every five years. And, you know,
28 Southcentral Council made the recommendation to have it
29 every two years, two or three years.
30
31 Thank you.
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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
34 you. I guess we need a mot -- this is an action item
35 or just is this informational?
36
37 MR. MIKE: It can be an action item.
38 You can endorse this letter and show your support to
39 the Southeast Council and I think they'll submit it to
40 the Federal Subsistence Board as showing that the
41 Bristol Bay Council supported the letter also.
42
43 Thank you.
44
45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I don't know
46 about two or three years, this is -- I'm sure this is a
47 lot of work, you know, for the staff to get everybody
48 in here together, but I wouldn't mind, you know, five
49 years instead of just two or three years.
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1 MR. SEYBERT: It's five. I think it
2 says five years.
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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: About five
5 years instead of two or three years. So I'd recommend,
6 you know, to maybe change that, the two, three to five
7 for -- from -- coming from this RAC. It's to bridge
8 the.....
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10 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, the Southeast
11 letter states five -- every five years.
12
13 Thank you.
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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair, I'd move to
16 adopt and support this letter from Southeast and move
17 to endorse it I guess is the proper term. I think it
18 was a great effort.
19
20 Thank you.
21
22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
23 been a motion to endorse the Southeast letter. We need
24 a second.
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26 MR. MAINES: Second.
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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Second by
29 Billy.
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31 MR. MAINES: Question.
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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Question's
34 been called. All in favor say aye.
35
36 IN UNISON: Aye.
37
38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
39 opposition?
40
41 (No opposing votes?)
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
44 That's E, now F, YK?
45
46 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank
47 you. The YK, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Advisory
48 Council passed a motion which they adopted and their
49 motion states develop a joint statement with the other
50 Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils with

1 similar concerns of opposition to the U.S. Fish and
2 Wildlife Service's proposed rule for predator
3 management on Refuges. That includes a request that
4 the Federal Subsistence Board advocate on behalf of the
5 Councils for withdrawal of the proposed rule. The YK
6 Delta RAC is requesting the other Council members
7 support this -- their motion on behalf of their
8 efforts.

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10 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess
13 we should -- so we should.....

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15 MR. MAINES: Madam Chair.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy.

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19 MR. MAINES: I would make a
20 recommendation other than a motion I guess, basically
21 stating that due to action that this Council has taken
22 that we do support the YK Delta's request to the
23 Federal Subsistence Board, the withdrawal of the
24 proposed predator rule.

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26 MR. O'HARA: I second that motion if
27 that is a motion.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Okay.

30

31 MR. O'HARA: Okay.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I -- yeah,
34 okay. Billy made a motion to -- I guess it's a -- it's
35 not a motion, but a recommendation?

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37 MR. MAINES: Well, it could be both. I
38 -- it could be handled either way, but basically what
39 it is that the Bristol Bay RAC supports the YK RAC on
40 the proposed withdrawal of the predator rule.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And was
43 there a second by.....

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45 MR. O'HARA: Yes, Madam Chair, I
46 seconded it.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
49 Seconded by Dan O'Hara.

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1 MR. MAINES: Question.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question's
4 been called, all in favor say aye.
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6 IN UNISON: Aye.
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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
9 opposition?
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11 (No opposing votes)
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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
14 Okay. The -- now the -- now we're into -- Donald,
15 unless you have any more, we've got the E and F taken
16 care of. We can move down to the agency reports.
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18 MR. MIKE: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair.
19 Under agency reports we have Federal and State staff,
20 new survey population data needs. If you recall at our
21 last Council meeting in the fall this Council requested
22 that their -- due to climate change and low snow
23 conditions do proper new surveys. They're wanting some
24 update on either -- from the Federal and State
25 Biologist to present to this Council as far as moose
26 survey and population data that they're working on on
27 new methods to count moose populations. I know -- I
28 think I spoke with Andy Aderman, he said they were
29 meeting with the State on developing new methods --
30 methodology to do surveys. And the.....
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32 Pat, are you involved in that?
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34 MR. WALSH: Yes, I am.
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36 MR. MIKE: And would -- if you wouldn't
37 mind addressing the Council as far as the progress on
38 that, maybe also Susanna.
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40 MR. WALSH: Pat Walsh, Togiak Refuge.
41 And, yeah, the fact that poor conditions has affected
42 moose surveys has been a problem for Togiak Refuge.
43 The last time we were able to complete a moose
44 population survey was 2013, that was on part of the
45 Refuge, not the whole Refuge. We see no letup in the --
46 what the climate is dealing us so we know we have to
47 change our methods, we can't keep relying on the method
48 that we used forever which is -- which basically
49 depends on complete snow cover in order to be able to
50 see the greatest amount of moose and not miss any.

1 When I say not miss any, we actually miss some, but the
2 number is small enough that it doesn't really matter.
3 But when there's incomplete snow or no snow then the
4 important number is not the number we counted, but the
5 number we missed. And so how do you do that, how do
6 you figure out how many you've missed.

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8 Well, I'll tell you how or I'll tell
9 you how we're trying and in fact we're trying to do
10 this through a two year experiment, but it's based on
11 the fact that we have radio collars on 60 moose. We've
12 had radio collars on cows as part of a demographic
13 study for a long time, but as part of this experiment I
14 just mentioned we also added 20 collars to bulls so we
15 have both bulls and cows collared. And so when we do a
16 moose survey we send our survey crews out and they
17 don't know how many moose have collars and they don't
18 know where they are and they count as many as they can.
19 And so if the survey crews come back and they have
20 found 30 of the collared moose then we know they missed
21 30, they missed 50 percent. And so if they saw a
22 thousand total moose we assume they've missed a
23 thousand so the overall population is 2,000.

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25 So that sounds really simple. The
26 devil is in the details
27 and those are the details that we're going to be
28 working out over a two year period where we will do
29 four population surveys and one of them we're in the
30 process of doing now as we speak. We have survey crews
31 in Dillingham, they -- they're dealing with some
32 airplane problems, but they're working through them,
33 but they working on the first trial now. We'll do one
34 again in October and then another one next March and
35 then the following October. So over a period of two
36 years we'll have surveyed moose during times of no
37 snow, none at all in October, to the very best snow
38 that the year offers which would be around this time of
39 the year. And we have a fleet of statisticians working
40 with us to analyze the data that we'll be collecting
41 from this and a number of other collaborators too. A
42 number of collaborators from ADF&G, from BLM, Yukon
43 Delta Refuge is working with us on. I would welcome
44 Alaska Peninsula Refuge and the Park, anybody who's
45 interested in this topic, we can use the help here over
46 these next couple years and it would make a more
47 powerful project if we got that.

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49 So that's what -- that's the approach
50 we're taking.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pete Abraham.

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3 MR. ABRAHAM: Now last fall when the
4 moose season opened in Togiak the people that go up to
5 Togiak Lake in the area. I see lots of young bulls,
6 hardly any mature bulls came down that river. And then
7 I was surprised, I never seen that many young bulls
8 before. So they are -- the population's increasing
9 rapidly over there again I think because there's a lot
10 of twins, a lot of twins here and there -- open it this
11 winter, the people that report seeing cows, most of
12 them had twins all the time. So that's just around
13 Togiak area, I mean, around the village.

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15 I'm afraid if we don't have any snow
16 again next year we're going to have another Cape
17 Constantine in Togiak area. The moose -- too many
18 moose in that area there. I mean, we need a contract
19 to buy some snows from Point Barrow.

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21 (Laughter)

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23 MR. WALSH: Yeah, we observed the same
24 thing that you observed and the moose population is in
25 healthy condition, it's still growing, it's growing
26 fastest the furthest to the west on Togiak Refuge and
27 growth has slowed to a great deal near Dillingham,
28 Dillingham and Manokotak, but all in all it's still a
29 healthy moose population. And it's not really -- we're
30 not dealing with an overpopulation situation with moose
31 as we are with caribou. So that does not seem to be
32 the case.

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34 MR. ABRAHAM: Well, it seems like
35 they're moving westerly. Lots of them moving to the
36 (In Yup'ik) area.

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38 MR. WALSH: Yes, they are. Their
39 calves -- when their calves are born they're moving
40 that direction and set up a home range. They
41 (indiscernible) calves and then they move west. So
42 it's not so much the mature animals migrating as it is
43 they're expanding through reproduction.

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45 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I
48 remember when I started working for the State in the
49 early '80s people were fighting for moose over there.
50 And when the Village hunters decided to -- once we --

1 once they understood how they can rebuild that
2 population there was like three or four key people,
3 three or four key hunters that informed the Goodnews
4 and Platinum hunters because and Platinum and Goodnews
5 hunters at that time would shoot moose, you know,
6 anytime they saw any moose they'd shoot the moose in or
7 out of season. So I really give credit to those -- to
8 the hunters at Togiak for encouraging the hunters, you
9 know, the east villages to learn to conserve. And here
10 they are, you know, with enough moose to hunt. And I
11 hope that like Pete's concern that it doesn't get in --
12 it doesn't -- we don't get into overpopulation. But
13 with that management plan, that's a great management
14 plan and if it's followed I think that it'll be
15 controlled pretty well.

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17 Dan Dunaway.

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19 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you, Molly.
20 Sometime this winter I got a -- I think it was a phone
21 call or an email out of the blue which finally turned
22 out that somebody was kind of checking references on
23 these guys on this moose study and they're out looking
24 for whether I thought it was a good idea. I don't know
25 why they asked me, but are you looking for further
26 endorsements of this study? Dan, your family paid a
27 high price trying to do moose surveys. If we can find
28 another way -- sorry, I get emotional about that every
29 time. But anyway I'm -- if you're looking for support
30 I'm willing to make a motion to that effect here.

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32 MR. WALSH: You know, we have not
33 approached OSM with support for this. We could use
34 more support, but we haven't been very successful in
35 gaining support for game management project through OSM
36 so we really haven't pursued that. If there was a
37 mechanism to do so we would welcome it.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, Madam Chair, I'd
42 move we make at least a vote or a verbal words of
43 support for -- especially since they seem to have some
44 magic fairy dust, every place else in the country's,
45 except a few places on the Yukon are declining, but I'm
46 -- I'd sure support their efforts to find new and
47 stronger management techniques. And for my -- I could
48 make that as a motion if you want to carry it.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's

1 been a motion by Dan Dunaway to support -- I'm not sure
2 if -- are you just looking for a support in going
3 forward with your planned survey process or are you
4 looking for funding?

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6 MR. WALSH: Funding.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So we
9 need a second, sorry, to Dan's motion. Seconded by Dan
10 O'Hara?

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12 MR. O'HARA: No.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Nobody yet.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We have no
17 second.

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19 MR. O'HARA: Oh, I'll second.

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21 MS. HENRY: Susanna Henry, Madam Chair,
22 and members of the RAC. This is really part of the
23 agency report so it's informational for you and
24 supplemental.

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26 MR. O'HARA: So unless you want to go
27 through it, but it's fine with me, doesn't matter.

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29 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, it's in discussion
30 time, what do we want to do.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I didn't see a
33 asterisk on that so I didn't think it was an action
34 item, but where do we go from here?

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, Madam Chair, I
37 could withdraw my motion if we want to show on the
38 record that we're highly supporting of their efforts to
39 improve management techniques and encourage them to
40 come back to us with project recommendation or for
41 support.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair, I'll withdraw
46 my second. And that -- you'll send it in, Dan, as just
47 an atta boy type thing.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Well,
50 we'll just put into the record that this body supports

1 your endeavor.

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3 MR. WALSH: We appreciate that.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.

6 And are we to 14 now?

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8 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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12 MR. O'HARA: May I have the floor?

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Uh-huh.

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16 MR. O'HARA: Donald, are there other

17 reports here from managers or what's the story?

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19 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, no, there are

20 no other agency reports. But for your reference

21 beginning on page -- Bristol Bay -- page 20 of your

22 Bristol Bay meeting materials, there are various agency

23 reports for you to read and get updates. And we also

24 have an agency report from Lake Clark National Park and

25 Preserve and it's a handout. But these reports are

26 just for your reference.

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28 Thank you, Madam Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We're

31 to -- by the way, thank you for this little snack here,

32 it's a good energy boost.

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34 We're to 14, future meeting minutes or

35 dates. What am I doing, I keep saying minutes. Future

36 meeting dates. And we need to confirm the fall 2016

37 meetings. Normally we meet in October, usually right

38 after AFN.

39

40 Donald.

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42 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madam Chair. The

43 Bristol Bay selected it's fall meeting dates for

44 October 26, 27 in Dillingham. And you can find that on

45 page 235 on -- of your meeting material book, the

46 meeting calendar.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So the

49 fall meeting's already been selected. Now the winter.

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1 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madam Chair. For the
2 winter meeting dates the YK RAC is meeting February 15
3 and 16, the Southcentral RAC will be meeting February
4 14th and 15th and the Seward Peninsula March 6 and 7th.
5 The only one I have conflicts is with the Southcentral
6 RAC, other than that the calendar's open.

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8 MR. DUNAWAY: What was the first one
9 you listed, Donald?

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11 MR. MIKE: The YK RAC is meeting
12 February 15, 16th, Southcentral February 14th, 15th and
13 Seward Peninsula March 6, 7th.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair, if I may ask
16 Donald. What's -- we kind of shifted considerably this
17 year to team up and I know -- I'm trying to remember
18 when we -- did we normally try to do fairly early
19 because I know like Nanci ends up with basketball and
20 guiding closer you get to the end. I'm trying to
21 remember what our past history was.

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23 Thank you.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, what is
26 our normal March dates because I think we resolve that
27 with our -- some of our Board conflicts, meaning our
28 date conflicts.

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30 MR. MIKE: I'd have to go back to my
31 office and get that information.

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33 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, Madam Chairman, you
34 meet on the 14th of February while I'm on vacation two
35 years in a row.

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37 MR. DUNAWAY: It's rigged.

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39 MR. O'HARA: Don't worry about it. I'm
40 not going to be on the RAC anymore so you can meet
41 anytime you want to.

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43 MR. DUNAWAY: Right.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You know, we
46 have an aging group here.

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48 MR. O'HARA: Over the hill.

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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Over the hill.

1 So we need to recruit young people. So.....
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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, to that I've had a
4 few people.....
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6 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair.
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8 MR. DUNAWAY:much younger that --
9 oh, I'm sorry. They've -- I've forwarded links to help
10 people apply.
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12 MR. MIKE: Madam Chair, we had some
13 research, quick research done, but usually our winter
14 meetings are the last week of February, the last three
15 years or so. Last two years.
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17 MR. DUNAWAY: Would something more like
18 February 28th and March 1st work? Hopefully Naknek, I
19 like going there.
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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, the
22 winter ones are usually at Naknek. Aren't the winter --
23 no, the spring ones are at Naknek.
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25 MR. O'HARA: The winter ones are in
26 Naknek.
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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Winter ones
29 are at Naknek.
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31 MR. O'HARA: We meet in Dillingham in
32 October.
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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So what's the
35 wishes, we need to quickly select the dates so we can
36 have our closing comments. What was the October or the
37 February in the past dates?
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39 MR. MIKE: The last two -- the last
40 week in February the last two years, the last week of
41 February.
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43 MR. ABRAHAM: 26, 28, 27, 28.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That's
46 weekend.
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48 MR. ABRAHAM: That's.....
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50 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, no, no.

1 This would be 2017.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair, I -- the
4 week of February 20 starts off with Presidents Day so
5 that's kind of a problem. The week of February 27,
6 typically don't we do like a Tuesday, Wednesday or a
7 Wednesday, Thursday to allow for travel and all of that
8 kind of stuff. So I was thinking like 28th and 1st or
9 March 1st and 2nd might work. I have no idea what my
10 schedule will be, but.....

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: February 28
13 and March 1? I see Billy saying, yeah, yeah. Victor?

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15 MR. SEYBERT: Fine.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
18 February 28, March 1. Naknek. Okay. We're good with
19 this, these dates.

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21 Closing comments.

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23 MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

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25 MR. ABRAHAM: Good-bye.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 MR. O'HARA: I'll make a motion that
30 the Bristol Bay RAC go on record by inviting the
31 Federal Subsistence Board to come to Bristol Bay in
32 July, starting at King Salmon and perhaps other points.
33 That's a motion.

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35 MR. MAINES: I'll second it.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
38 been a motion, Dan O'Hara to invite the Bristol Bay --
39 I mean, Federal Subsistence Board.....

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41 MR. O'HARA: Yes.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:to come
44 did you say July?

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46 MR. O'HARA: Yes, end of -- towards the
47 end of July, 23rd or somewhere in there.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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1 MR. O'HARA: They can figure that out.
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. To come
4 to King Salmon then on over to Dillingham. Seconded by
5 Billy. Discussion?
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7 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, discussion. Let's
8 see. Yeah, the air force base has officers' quarters
9 that are really, really nice. So and there's five or
10 six, seven, eight flights a day going out of
11 Dillingham, King Salmon and it might be nice for them
12 to see Katmai National Park and Dillingham and the
13 Refuge, might be nice to fly over Togiak and something
14 like that, give them a little look at what they're
15 dealing with out in the Bristol Bay area, maybe Port
16 Heiden. So that -- and I don't know where we would
17 start and who we would talk to, but we would figure
18 that out.
19
20 Thank you, Ma'am.
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Anymore
23 discussion?
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25 (No comments)
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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. All in
28 favor say aye.
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30 IN UNISON: Aye.
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
33 opposition?
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35 (No opposing votes)
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
38 you. Okay. Anymore.....
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40 Donald.
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42 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madam Chair. For
43 this Council I can prepare a correspondence from this
44 Council and send it to the Federal -- Federal
45 Subsistence Board.
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47 Thank you.
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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
50 you. Thank you, Donald. Figure that out, I'll gladly

1 sign it. Discussion?

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Pat.

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MS. PETRIVELLI: Hi, my name's Pat
6 Petrivelli and I just wanted to have one comment and I
7 -- it was just -- it goes back to the Nushagak
8 discussion. I know some of you are on the local
9 planning committee and I know it'll come up again, but
10 when Tom Kron read about 815 section of ANILCA, about
11 authorizing restriction on the taking of wildlife to
12 non-subsistence uses, that is only unless necessary for
13 conservation of health populations of fish and
14 wildlife, he didn't read the whole section. And I'd
15 just to just emphasize the rest of that section. And
16 it says for reasons set forth in 816 which I don't
17 remember, but then it also says to continue subsistence
18 uses of such populations. And I think the people who
19 define what those subsistence uses are the Regional
20 Council member and the local residents. And so as you
21 keep having the discussions about the Nushagak
22 Peninsula and the yo-yo pop -- the population goes up
23 and down and whether -- as you manage it, you know,
24 just be cognizant that that is a factor that could
25 enter into your decisions about making recommendations.
26 It's not just conservation only, but it is to continue
27 subsistence uses of the population.

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And I think that was part of the
30 Nushagak Cooperative Agreement and I thought I'd
31 mention that. But I did manage to -- I somehow
32 inherited all of Helga Econ's and Rachel Mason's
33 Council books and so I have a copy of the Nushagak
34 Cooperative Agreement. So I'll -- I could email you a
35 copy or just give you a hard copy, but you could just
36 let me know. But that was a very good document where
37 it showed that the Refuge, the State, all work together
38 to provide for the subsistence uses of those
39 communities. And they all work together and they
40 stated that was the purposes of introducing that
41 population. So I just wanted to just add that comment
42 in there. And I know biologists see conservation
43 populations, but anthropologists see continuing
44 subsistence uses. So we all have different
45 perspectives.

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And sorry to interrupt, but I just
48 wanted to let -- make sure everyone was aware of that.

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MR. O'HARA: Madam Chair.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan O'Hara.

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3 MR. O'HARA: Helga was our first
4 manager and I think in a year and a half we finished
5 C&T. She was incredible, she feared no man and she had
6 -- she just drove the Council members absolutely to
7 work and she was incredible to start off our and we
8 were way ahead and it was because of her, it was
9 excellent management and we got a pretty good manager
10 here too so we're not doing too bad.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you. Thank
15 you, Pat, I'd be eager to get that because, you know, I
16 always want to do these actions in the context and I
17 was trying to get ahold of that and had never really
18 got my hands on it because it could make a big
19 difference. There's other arguments people have tried
20 to forward and I heard that this might be the case and
21 so that's good to know.

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23 So thank you very much. Looks like
24 Pat's got something to say.

25

26 Thank you.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Pat.

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30 MR. WALSH: Yeah, Pat Walsh. And,
31 yeah, I want to follow-up on your comments, Pat, that
32 the proposed special action that we're making is done
33 for subsistence. We are trying to maintain a
34 subsistence resource into the future. We are not doing
35 this for State residents. So that is what everybody
36 has to keep clear.

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38 MR. MAINES: Madam Chair.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy.

41

42 MR. MAINES: We're doing Council
43 comments, right?

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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47 MR. MAINES: Okay. Thank you. I want
48 the -- for the record to express my thanks and
49 gratitude to the OSM, boy my alphabetic soup is getting
50 bigger and bigger.

1 (Laughter)

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4 MR. MAINES: I know that this is
5 probably the only second time that all the RACs have
6 come together under one roof and had a chance to see as
7 well as listen and chat with one another. I thought it
8 was a great experience. When we gave our report out I
9 was the one that asked Nanci to relay that it was great
10 to hear all the RACs, their concerns, their issues,
11 their desires and there was a lot of commonality
12 between all 10 regions. So it was also a learn -- good
13 learning experience to hear the differences too. I --
14 I'm real happy that we supported that letter from
15 Southeast that said every five years because I think
16 it's needed. Because sometimes we feel like we're
17 working in a vacuum and even though we have the
18 experience and knowledge around the table in our area,
19 it's hard to say what somebody else is doing elsewhere.
20 And I find myself in positions trying to guess what
21 people are doing elsewhere and try to make a decision
22 based on that. I don't like working in a vacuum or in
23 a bubble, but this week has been really informative and
24 exhilarating for myself, I've learned quite a bit. And
25 I thought I knew Robert's Rules and I'm pretty sure I
26 still do so that was a nice refresher course, but when
27 I first took it the book was about an inch and a half
28 to two inches thick and the one that the guy was using
29 was maybe 10 pages. So I'm glad they kind of went
30 through and came up with a guidebook for idiots which
31 I'm happy to say I can raise my hand to that issue. I
32 also like the aspect of being able to work with other
33 RACs and doing what we did this afternoon earlier with
34 the Kodiak/Aleutian Island RAC and what we're doing
35 tomorrow with the Western Interior. It's a good chance
36 to get one on one with them. And I also appreciate the
37 experience around this table that it's okay to agree to
38 disagree. And even with the recommendations coming
39 from the people that we rely on for technical expertise
40 and advise and consideration that I hope that I haven't
41 offended anyone or made it personal in any way, shape
42 or form. I just know as a Council member from my
43 Council an action that I took as a Council member for
44 my Council it's my duty to relay that information to
45 this body, especially when it comes to our subsistence
46 issues and concerns.

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47 Other than that, thank you and welcome
48 to the Chairmanship, Madam Chair.

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50 Thank you.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Any
2 other reports?
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4 MR. DUNAWAY: Madam Chair.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.
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8 MR. DUNAWAY: Just real quick. You
9 know, I -- yeah, I agree with Billy and I think it's
10 been pretty cool to meet other folks and often what you
11 end up doing turns out better when you grind out the
12 little details. So there's -- you know, that's the way
13 it works. And I think we've had some -- I've seen
14 other places like the king plan for the Nushagak, it
15 was forged in fire, Rom and Sammison screaming at Max
16 and Max screaming back and in the end we still have
17 kings. So there's good things come out of it and I'm
18 -- it's just the proper process.
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20 Thank you very much.
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Anybody
23 else?
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25 MR. ABRAHAM: (In Yup'ik)
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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Victor.
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29 (Laughter)
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We are ready
32 to adjourn. I just want to backup Billy, I know what
33 he's struggling with and he's just like me when I'm
34 struggling, when I'm Chairing and not just the RACs,
35 but I Chair other meetings to cut off the elders
36 because I grew up to respect and so that's the -- been
37 the hardest area, you know, as far as dealing with
38 elders. And then like Billy ingrained in our culture
39 and trying to I guess not mandate, but keep in touch
40 with the -- with the wishes of the people that we
41 serve, but usually with these different struggles and
42 issues if our -- if our people understand the pros and
43 cons of what we're dealing with and what we're
44 struggling with usually they -- you know, they'll
45 eventually understand. But, yeah, Billy, I'm -- I feel
46 for you. But again I know we -- I'll leave with
47 accomplishments for the good of our people at the end.
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50 MR. O'HARA: What kind of a meeting

1 tomorrow -- do we meet tomorrow?
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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: 8:30 with the
4 first session. And, Pete Abraham, you ready to say (in
5 Yup'ik) again?
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7 MR. ABRAHAM: Now you guys will get me
8 going.
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10 (Laughter)
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12 MR. ABRAHAM: I quit. Let's start all
13 over again.
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So is that a
16 motion?
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18 MR. ABRAHAM: Lots of times though when
19 I'm lost or can't find an answer I go to my elders,
20 lots of times. Even though they're not scientifically
21 documented, they are scientifically knowledgeable
22 people because for long time the stories, the things I
23 heard before, today I see them, I start seeing them
24 today. (In Yup'ik) will come in your place. One
25 Native and two guys -- two guys were talking about the
26 galaxy up there. One guy says it's turning a lot of
27 ways. And the one from (indiscernible) says it's
28 turning towards the warm area. One time he -- the guy
29 who pointed up with his (indiscernible) by the time
30 he's old -- by the time this guy's old there'll be no
31 more winter here. These are -- I mean, they know what
32 they're talking about them guys. We have some
33 stargazers. The (indiscernible) seven years
34 (indiscernible) these guys know what they're talking
35 about, that's why I turn -- you know, I go check on
36 them, I invite them. They are -- they are wonderful
37 story tellers.
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39 Like especially (in Yup'ik) he's from
40 Dillingham. I don't stay in a hotel in Dillingham, I
41 don't stay in the bunkhouse in Dillingham, I go there
42 because he fired up the steam bath and lots and lots of
43 good old stories.
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45 Yep, (in Yup'ik).....
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Call
48 for adjournment? Okay. Who called -- Pete Abraham.
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50 MR. ABRAHAM: Yeah.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Second. All
2 in favor say aye.
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4 IN UNISON: Aye.
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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Have a good
7 trip home, you guys. Thank you. Oh, I guess we have
8 one more session tomorrow
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10 MR. MIKE: Yeah, at.....
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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'm ready to
13 go home.
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15 MR. MIKE:1:30 we'll be meeting
16 with Western Interior and it'll just be a general
17 discussion, no action will be taken.
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19 MR. O'HARA: Tomorrow morning's a
20 general meeting?
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22 MR. MIKE: Yeah, tomorrow morning at
23 8:30 starts the training sessions, yep.
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Then what was
26 that about 1:30?
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28 MR. MIKE: Joint session with Western
29 Interior and I'll find out where we'll be meeting and
30 I'll let you know.
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32 (Off record)
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34 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

