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REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC MEETING

VOLUME II

Grand Aleutians Hotel
Unalaska, Alaska
August 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Della Trumble, Acting Chair
- Coral Chernoff
- Patrick Holmes
- Richard Koso
- Thomas Schwantes
- Antone Shelikoff
- Rebecca Skinner

- Regional Council Coordinator, Karen Deatherage

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Unalaska, Alaska - 8/16/2016)

(On record)

ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, everybody.
Good evening. We'll call this meeting back to order.
Can we have a roll call, please.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Madame Chair. Roll
call. Coral Chernoff.

MS. CHERNOFF: Here.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Patrick Holmes.

MR. HOLMES: Here.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Della Trumble.

ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Here.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Antone Shelikoff.

MR. SHELIKOFF: Here.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Rebecca Skinner.

MS. SKINNER: Here.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Tom Schwantes.

MR. SCHWANTES: Here.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Richard Koso.

MR. KOSO: Here.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Thank you.

ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: And we have two
absent -- three absent.

MS. DEATHERAGE: Mitch Simeonoff is not
present, Melissa Berns is absent due to a medical
situation and Sam Rohrer is absent excused.

Thank you.

1 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
2 Karen. We welcome everybody back this evening. We've
3 had a very busy couple of days and I thank the tribe
4 from Unalaska, Qawalangin Tribe, for their wonderful
5 rainy barbecue tonight. We're still drying off, but
6 your efforts and everything the last couple days are
7 wonderful. And to see the dancers and just to be in
8 the community I think we've all been pretty excited and
9 appreciative.

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11 So thank you very much.

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13 We appreciate that.

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15 Vince has been a great tour guide. I've
16 now got his name right. But we really appreciate all
17 the efforts from both the Tribe and the corporation and
18 the community. It's been wonderful to be here. We've
19 had some discussion about that.

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21 If anybody does want to testify or say
22 anything, please do fill out the green form. We will
23 be wrapping up tonight. Just set that up here when
24 you're ready.

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26 We have just a handful of items to
27 finish up tonight. We have the FRMP priority
28 information needs. We need to identify issues for the
29 annual report, feedback on the all-Councils meeting.
30 After that I'd like to add a handout, a letter from
31 John Reft and we had some discussion about that
32 yesterday after his public comments. And we need to
33 confirm our winter 2017 meeting date and select the
34 fall 2017 date. Closing comments and adjournment.

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36 So given that, Council, do you want to
37 go ahead and -- I'm going to go ahead and allow Vince
38 Tutiakoff, Sr. to speak. He says his name is now
39 Mitch.

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41 (Laughter)

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43 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: So, Mitch
44 Tutiakoff, would you like to come up.

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46 MS. DEATHERAGE: Madame Chair. If we
47 could have the people on the phone introduce
48 themselves. I believe we do have some people on the
49 telephone. It would also be nice if we had the people
50 in the room introduce themselves and what tribe or

1 community they might be representing.

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3 Thank you.

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5 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
6 Karen. I'm sorry I forgot about that. If those of you
7 that are online could state your name and identify what
8 organization you're with.

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10 (No comments)

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12 MS. DEATHERAGE: This is Karen
13 Deatherage. Is there anybody on the phone? If so,
14 would you please identify yourself.

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16 Thank you.

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18 (No comments)

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20 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. With that
21 we will continue. Vince, you've put your name up for
22 public comment. Would you like to speak at this time.

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24 MR. TUTIAKOFF: My name is Vince
25 Tutiakoff. I live here in Unalaska. Again, welcome.
26 We had one nice day here. Hopefully the rest of the
27 trip -- there will be better weather tomorrow, but some
28 of you I guess are leaving.

29

30 I wanted to say a couple things about
31 Fish and Wildlife Service. As a community member and
32 as a mentor and elder, I would like to have this
33 Council continue to support or get a letter of support
34 to Fish and Wildlife Service for their cultural camp
35 funding. Every year we send a report to them about the
36 activities. It's kind of getting urgent now.

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38 As you know, the Federal funding is
39 kind of draining away and there are priorities, but in
40 our region and in Kodiak I think culture camps are
41 important and I would like to see this Council do a
42 letter of support for that particular issue so that
43 people in Washington, D.C. will understand that there's
44 more to what Fish and Wildlife Service does and it's
45 more of a human thing. I'd like to see that continue.

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47 The other thing is I just left a
48 meeting with the Unalaska A.C. and the primary
49 discussion was subsistence and sports fishing in the
50 Unalaska Bay area. I'd like to see this Council write

1 a letter of support in regards to weirs. We'd like at
2 least one weir in Unalaska. Unalaska Creek as a
3 priority and then Summers Bay Lake and system as number
4 two priority.

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6 We have a lot of community support for
7 one. I just don't understand why the Department of
8 Fish and Game and other entities that see this as a
9 need just keep coming up with various ideas why it
10 shouldn't or they can't do it. I know Pat Holmes has
11 made some great recommendations and we're going to look
12 into trying to find a used weir and that would help.
13 As far as manning it, I don't think that was a real
14 problem. I think it's kicking the Department of Fish
15 and Game to give it an issue, a priority. So I'd like
16 to see that happen.

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18 On the bird hunt, the Emperors, I full
19 support the efforts that this Council has been doing
20 for the last 10, 12 years in trying to get a beach
21 geese hunt for the communities in Kodiak and the
22 Aleutians. As I testified earlier the other day,
23 there's a whole generation of our Native kids that do
24 not know that we hunted beach geese. They just never
25 participated in it, they never -- I can't say they
26 tasted that because then I'd be putting myself in
27 jeopardy. But they need to understand that is part of
28 our livelihood for many years many years ago. To get
29 that hunt back, even if it's one or two a season, is
30 better than none at all, so we support that effort. I
31 do.

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33 In regards to what's happening with the
34 Aleutian Life Forum, I think it's a great thing that
35 it's here in this community and that you are here to
36 see it because it's not just Unalaska. I think it's
37 the region, the Aleutians and Kodiak, that's going to
38 get affected. Hopefully they have a forum in other
39 communities to understand the real issues that our
40 future young kids are going to have to deal with.

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42 I have concerns that -- eating mussels
43 and sea urchins was a daily habit for me as I was
44 growing up. I can say right now I probably only had
45 one or two in the last year and a lot of it is the fear
46 they make you sick.

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48 (Phone issue)

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50 REPORTER: Sorry Vince, go ahead.

1 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Let's see. When you do
2 your annual report to the Board, I'd like for you to
3 include that they need to listen to the communities
4 speaking out. I've been part of this board for many
5 years and my frustration was, sure, that will do it and
6 we'll get it done and then we run into sending on a
7 report to the main board and it seems to just stumble
8 around. If you don't keep an eye on the particular
9 issue, it goes away and then it pops up in your annual
10 meeting, whether it be for wildlife or for fisheries.

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12 I've heard it again these past couple
13 of days. We've been talking about this for a long time
14 and nothing's happened. I think it's a matter of you
15 putting it in your report that this is an important
16 issue to the people in our region, whatever it is.
17 Whatever the issue is. They come here and you've heard
18 them at Cold Bay, you've heard them in King Cove,
19 you've heard them in Sand Point and then we hear it
20 here again in Unalaska in the reports. It doesn't seem
21 like the minutes have changed much in the last couple
22 years because you talk about the same thing every time.

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24 That's no fault of this Council.
25 That's the fault of those people that you are reporting
26 to. You need to hold them accountable. They have a
27 responsibility to protect our subsistence rights as we
28 have had them for many years. Not to change the law to
29 make it better for the sports fishermen or the big game
30 hunter. I mean I could respect their views, but they
31 have other avenues. They have other entities that
32 speak for them.

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34 This is the only way that the
35 subsistence user can voice their concerns is to you and
36 then you to the full Subsistence Board. So I'd
37 encourage you to do that when you do write your report.
38 Make it an issue that we've had issues for the last two
39 to three years and we get no response.

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41 That's about all I have for now unless
42 you have some questions.

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44 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Anybody have a
45 comment for Vince at this time. Pat.

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47 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, Vince, you were on
48 the Council for a long, long time. Tom and I have been
49 having some deep philosophical questions about how much
50 longer we want to continue. Do you think the point you

1 just mentioned there, the reasons why you left, are why
2 we have a turnover in our Council and other Councils in
3 the state, because one can only pound their head
4 against the wall so long?

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6 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I guess it can't hurt
7 me to say it, but I wish I was still on this Council
8 because I felt like I was doing something for the
9 communities, representing their interest. But over the
10 last five years that I was on the Council there was
11 dramatic changes being made. The MOU with the State of
12 Alaska for example. I really didn't like it when they
13 first talked about it.

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15 The State of Alaska does not recognize
16 subsistence users as a priority and I was wondering why
17 we were being brought in, but as I started to look
18 around me, those commissioners from the various
19 departments of the State of Alaska were now our
20 managers and rules were being changed. They were being
21 changed in Washington.

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23 I remember Bill, what's his name, from
24 Southeast Alaska, the elderly fellow, saying that if we
25 don't keep an eye on ANILCA and make them follow the
26 rules of ANILCA, that's the basis of this whole
27 subsistence effort. That if we don't keep an eye on
28 ANILCA, they will make little changes in Washington,
29 D.C. that basically phase out Native subsistence
30 rights. I was very upset when I heard that and I
31 started to realize that it was happening, but it was
32 happening in just little chunks. Take a little bit
33 here, a little bit there. Hunting birds, hunting seal.
34 They tried to stricken-up the laws to make you
35 basically a criminal to be a subsistence user.

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37 The other was the frustration of
38 meeting with the people that we represent. All of you
39 know that when we call for a meeting, we'd like to have
40 it in one particular area, and then
41 they'd come up, well, I'm going to be on vacation or
42 some manager can't go, so they pull us all into
43 Anchorage or they take us to Kodiak.

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45 Kodiak is fine, but there's other
46 areas. Cold Bay. We tried to get to King Cove a
47 couple times when Cold Bay didn't make it because of
48 weather. I mean I could understand that. I believe we
49 went to Sand Point one time. The Pribilofs is a
50 Federally controlled area for many, many years and

1 you've got a lot of Federal users up there. Federal
2 subsistence users.

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4 We had a representative on this Council
5 that hollered at every meeting we need to be in St.
6 Paul or St. George. Our people need to hear what
7 you're telling them, why the rules are changing. Yet
8 we never made it there because of so-called "funding."
9 My frustration was that I was going in circles and like
10 you said, Pat, running against a wall in all four
11 directions and there's no way out, so I just said I'll
12 go back to doing what I do at home.

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14 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat.

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16 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, I sure agree with
17 you, Vince. I recall when we did have a member from
18 the Pribs and the tribe and village corporation offered
19 to pay our housing and food while we were there and to
20 contribute to the flight and the interpretation was
21 that it was too expensive for us to go. My goodness
22 sakes, if you look at what it costs for Rick to get in
23 from Adak and all these other things -- you know, I
24 called a local travel agent and told him that's what I
25 heard and they said, well, balderdash.

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27 Sometimes I think some of the opinions
28 we get from head shed are just sometimes -- I don't
29 know. I think it's getting better and we're getting
30 more documentation and reasons why, but it is terribly
31 frustrating. This is so fantastic for us to get to
32 Unalaska.

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34 Thank you very much.

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36 I think we'll try and get all your
37 comments into our report there.

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39 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Thank you very much.

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41 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rick.

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43 MR. KOSO: Vince, I just want to thank
44 you too and the city and corporation, the tribe for
45 your great service and stuff and giving us a van to use
46 and run around. Yeah, we miss you on this board,
47 Vince. I hope maybe this next term you'll put your
48 name back in and maybe start over. Unless we keep
49 fighting nobody else can do it for us, so we have to do
50 it ourselves. Hopefully the younger generation will

1 move in and continue where we left off here eventually.
2 That's about all we could do at this point, I think.
3 We've just got to keep fighting.

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5 Thanks.

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7 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tom.

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9 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, Vince, I too
10 would like to express my appreciation. I know it's
11 extremely frustrating at times, but certainly we would
12 love to see somebody from this area back on the board,
13 whether it's you or whether you decide to encourage
14 somebody else, but we'd really love to have somebody
15 from out here on the Council.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MR. TUTIAKOFF: I understand there is
20 one person running from Unalaska and he works for the
21 tribal government here, so he could be a good asset for
22 you.

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24 MR. HOLMES: Do you know who that is?

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26 MR. SCHWANTES: Chris Price.

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28 MR. TUTIAKOFF: Chris Price. I believe
29 he submitted his name.

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31 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.
32 Anybody else have comments for Vince.

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34 (No comments)

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36 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Just maybe one
37 comment. I don't know if you saw the State listed
38 their priority information needs. They do have two
39 sections in here for Unalaska. I think my
40 recommendation is we'll do the letter of support on the
41 weir because she was asking for anything else that we
42 could add to this. We could also recommend that it
43 gets added to this.

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45 MR. TUTIAKOFF: All right. Thank you.

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47 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
48 Vince. I'm going to go ahead and allow for the public
49 at this time to speak before we move on with our agenda
50 items because I think it's important. That's why we're

1 here in Unalaska.

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3 With that, Tom, would you like to come
4 forward, Tom Robinson. And you're referencing Proposal
5 194.

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7 MR. ROBINSON: Hi. Tribal president
8 Tom Robinson. Proposal 194 and I would like to ask for
9 a letter of support regarding our initial effort to
10 exclude trawlers from our bay and I would like to
11 recommend in that letter that there be further
12 understanding of the biodiversity of our bay before the
13 State ever attempts to open it back up. To understand
14 the impacts that may occur so they can basically
15 understand the biodiversity of our bay before they
16 impact it.

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18 Also I testified in between -- I think
19 it was on a break and it was in Anchorage, but I
20 certainly would like a letter of support for a
21 subsistence seat on the North Pacific Fisheries
22 Management Council. Again I would like to hopefully
23 have your board recommend to the North Pacific
24 Management Council that we have a voice on that
25 Council.

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27 And, yes, I did come from the Fish and
28 Game Advisory Panel meeting tonight. Of course, you
29 know, they're trying to solve a Federal problem. I
30 believe it's subsistence at a State level and trying to
31 enforce it at a local level and I just really have a
32 problem with that. At what level do they -- you know,
33 at some point in time they have to be mindful of the
34 resource, that they're supposed to be in -- to have
35 jurisdictional responsibility inside three miles. We
36 don't have enforcement on a sports fishing level. We
37 have no monitoring of our lakes and rivers on
38 escapement before they even allow a sports fishery or
39 even a subsistence effort. I just feel that, you know,
40 where do we get the funding other than another fight
41 for the tribe to vet for resource management. What is
42 it going to take? Asking the State of Alaska to
43 deputize our tribal members to enforce a
44 sport fishery because nobody is willing to take the
45 responsibility to look out for our resource.

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47 We're really at a -- our lakes and
48 rivers are really suffering. To point it at one thing
49 would be unfair. There's bycatch, there's runoff,
50 there's sports fishing, there's

1 subsistence fishing, they're willing -- they have four
2 wells in our valley floor taking our fresh water. The
3 tide level or the level of the lake is way down.

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5 So there's many factors and nobody
6 really wants to take the responsibility for the health
7 of the lake. We have a gravel quarry that is leaching
8 sediment into the lake killing the eelgrass. We have a
9 municipality that doesn't enforce setback rules in the
10 valley floor where the housing projects go up. We need
11 the health and clean water to be able to spawn. And
12 that's only one lake.

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14 You know, if we want to address Summers
15 Bay, the Kuroshima Maru, the wreck in '97, we still
16 have oil in the lake, chunks of oil. Coho salmon are
17 very sensitive to oil, but that run is dead. It has
18 been dead. Our efforts to rebuild that have -- you
19 know, where do we start.

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21 We're going to start in Morris Cove.
22 You know, as I testified this morning, we did get
23 mitigation funds from the Department of Defense to
24 rebuild the river and that's the tree we had to bark
25 up. But we will reroute the river. We held them
26 accountable for changing the course of that river
27 during World War II. Hopefully the CA would be
28 approved and we can move forward with the approval in
29 the NELA Program to get that river restored back to its
30 original origin.

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32 So we're impacted with many things in
33 this community regarding subsistence, sports fishing.
34 I think I'm airing my laundry here, but when we have a
35 local Fish and Game Advisory Committee fighting for
36 sustainability in one area, but four miles away they
37 oppose 194, I just really don't understand the thinking
38 there and it's directed towards subsistence. And I
39 really think it's a Federal issue and it isn't a State
40 issue. I think it's jurisdictional authority of the
41 Federal government to at least oversee our subsistence
42 efforts and enforcement, not the State.

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44 But I really -- you know, I think like
45 Vince was
46 saying it's becoming a diluted effort to maintain our
47 sustainability, to maintain our cultural way of life
48 and it's very frustrating. With that said, Unalaska is
49 vetting for a position on this board and I really would
50 like to encourage you to really focus on Unalaska and

1 if there's an alternate seat on there, I'd like to be
2 an alternate for Unalaska should you vote Unalaska in.

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4 That's about all I've got, but if you
5 have any questions I can take them now.

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7 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think first,
8 Tom, to get on the
9 board you have to go through the application interview
10 process, so it would be good to do that. Can you help
11 me out a little bit. Sometimes after I'm sitting a
12 couple days and a whole bunch of things I get myself a
13 little confused. On this Proposal 194 wasn't that
14 passed at the Board of Fish? And then I think I asked
15 you to explain maybe why you're asking for support
16 again on that proposal.

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18 MR. ROBINSON: Okay. It is a proposal.
19 They're a three year cycle. Private industry could
20 submit another proposal to open it back up and it's
21 something that is so fragile that on the premise of
22 getting that accomplished we want baseline data. We're
23 taking our traditional knowledge and applying that.
24 That

25 was one of the frustrations confronted with, was the
26 entities that were responsible for providing the
27 baseline data were looking at us for the baseline data
28 and it was so insulting.

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30 But we want this measure protected
31 before -- and here's where it is and might be a premise
32 on a Federal level to enforce that is because of the
33 fact they treated Unalaska Bay as a parallel fishery,
34 therefore Federal rules applied to inside State waters
35 and here we go again. If there ever is another
36 asserted attempt to open up Unalaska Bay, it would be
37 on that premise.

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39 We learned a whole bunch of things,
40 folks. That was our third attempt to try to get
41 Unalaska closed. Prior to 2011, they weren't required
42 to have observers inside three mile. Chelan Bank.
43 It's well known to host juvenile chinook, juvenile
44 black cod, juvenile red salmon, juvenile pollock and an
45 array of rich biodiversity of what we understood just
46 on a subsistence level and that was traditional
47 knowledge.

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49 But why I think it's very important to
50 support and to fight for Proposal 194, you know, it was

1 a State body of water and a Federal fishery was being
2 implemented in it. So at least at a subsistence level,
3 this is where we subsist. The majority of the
4 biomasses they happen at the shoreline where the people
5 are and then they swim out and it's being imperiled and
6 it's very frustrating to try to fight for your cultural
7 way of life and to have to fight for everything to
8 maintain our existence.

9

10 We have the oldest occupied village in
11 the world 90 miles west of us, folks. That says
12 something about how long we've been here. And for us
13 to fight for our cultural way of life and even at a
14 subsistence level. So Proposal 194 that was to
15 maintain our
16 cultural way of life and to be able to subsistence
17 because the impacts of the trawlers were devastating
18 our bay.

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20 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I know how
21 passionate you feel and we heard you at the last
22 meeting and we actually -- at the time I think a motion
23 was made to support Proposal 194 and then we found out
24 that it had passed.

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26 MR. ROBINSON: An hour later.

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28 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: An hour later,
29 exactly. But I think this Council would continue to do
30 that. I'm looking at Tom here raising his hand, so
31 I'll let him speak to that too.

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33 MR. SCHWANTES: So my understanding now
34 the bay is closed. In order to reopen the bay, there
35 would have to be another proposal put in and have to go
36 before the Board of Fish to reopen the bay. So I guess
37 I would just say certainly I believe this board would
38 go along with opposing that if that's what you're
39 requesting.

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41 MR. ROBINSON: That's what I'm
42 requesting.

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44 MR. SCHWANTES: But at this time
45 there's really nothing we can do because there's no
46 proposal there to open it.

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48 Thank you.

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50 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca.

1 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, I agree. I think
2 this board is supportive of the effort. I don't favor
3 doing a letter for Proposal 194 because if this comes
4 up again, it's not going to
5 be Proposal 194 and I think that's more likely to cause
6 confusion. That's not to say -- I think all of us
7 again support the effort, but I think it would be more
8 effective to do a letter that is more current if a
9 proposal is put forward and that it has the actual
10 proposal number or it could just be a general letter
11 that doesn't reference any proposal, but then that
12 might not be as strong either.

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14 MR. ROBINSON: Just let me add to it.
15 It's a letter of support supporting Proposal 194 with
16 the efforts of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service doing a
17 survey data study on the biodiversity of our bay. I
18 just left that out. We heard that U.S. Fish and
19 Wildlife Service was going to come out and do a survey
20 assessment on the utilization of our bay to get an
21 understanding of the biodiversity of our bay. Where is
22 this person? We're waiting.

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24 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rick.

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26 MR. KOSO: Yeah, Tom, I agree with you
27 100 percent on what you're saying because we're in Adak
28 right now going through the same process of what you're
29 doing but more or less on a commercial basis. We put
30 in a proposal years ago in Adak to guarantee a shore
31 base delivery for the shore plants. We got that
32 passed. But now, today, we are having to go back and
33 we're sending in another letter, not necessarily a
34 proposal, but a letter saying that we would like it to
35 stay status quo.

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37 Because what's happening is you've got
38 these big guys with lots of money working behind the
39 scenes that's got lobbyists in Washington, D.C. and
40 they're working behind the scenes to get this action
41 taken behind the scenes and they're trying to do it
42 without going through an action and bring it as an
43 emergency type of an action to the Board to where the
44 public doesn't really have time to go out and do much
45 reviewing of it or a public access to it.

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47 So it's happening to us in Adak right
48 now. I sympathize with you. But what we did is we're
49 sending another letter that's going to go to the Board
50 here in the next couple days for the meeting in October

1 on the North Pacific Council. In my mind, it's the
2 same thing you guys are doing. You close down an area,
3 it's closed, but behind the scenes people are working
4 to get it back open.

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6 What you need to do is just probably
7 put in another proposal or a letter to the North
8 Pacific Council saying that you still want to keep that
9 area closed and you do not want it to change. Then,
10 with that letter, we can combine and maybe give you
11 support of that letter. I think that would be an easy
12 way to go about doing that. That's exactly what we're
13 doing now but on a commercial basis.

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15 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you for that. If
16 I could just get clarification from my constituent,
17 Chris Price. Chris, I alluded to the fact that U.S.
18 Fish and Wildlife was supposed to come out and do a
19 survey on utilization of our bay. When was that to
20 take place.

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22 MR. PRICE: Tom was talking about Fish
23 and Game was working with the tribe and UNFA earlier in
24 the summer to get some funding because the State's
25 funding is really dwindling in these areas, but to do a
26 subsistence survey of harvests locally, so it's really
27 not looking at the baseline -- like the biological
28 aspects of our bay, but just what the harvests are
29 locally. So you've got a copy of that. So that's what
30 he's referring to.

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32 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: If I may, Tom,
33 what I was talking about was the State priority
34 information needs and it's Federal and State
35 subsistence for 2016. They have Unalaska as updated
36 comprehensive subsistence resource harvest surveys with
37 a representative sample including harvest and use
38 mapping and key respondent interviews.

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40 They also have under Unalaska salmon
41 and halibut ethnographic study to evaluate harvest and
42 harvest patterns of salmon and halibut for home use and
43 assess changes and adaptations to subsistence practices
44 due to climate change, environmental regulation changes
45 and competition with commercial and sports users. So
46 they're trying at this point. This is on their
47 priority list for funding.

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49 MR. ROBINSON: Yeah, I'm just wondering
50 why they're studying us and not the bay. I think

1 that's.....

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3 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: But didn't you
4 allude to at one point in time you didn't have this
5 information when you were trying to go after your
6 proposal? No matter what you do with proposals you're
7 going to need this information.

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9 MR. ROBINSON: Yes. We have that
10 information, but I like Tom's recommendation. I think
11 what we'll do is write a letter to the North Pacific
12 Management Council and ask for your support on that as
13 well.

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15 Thank you.

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17 MS. DEATHERAGE: Madame Chair.

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19 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Karen.

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21 MS. DEATHERAGE: Thank you, Madame
22 Chair. I just have a comment to make because two
23 people mentioned the idea of putting proposals in
24 through the Board of Game or the Board of Fish. I have
25 known in the past, and Jill Klein on the phone can
26 correct me, you can also ask both of those bodies to
27 put a restriction on allowing proposals to come in to
28 overturn the decision of the Board.

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30 I have seen that happen personally
31 where they have not allowed proposals for like a period
32 of five years to change the decision of the Board. So
33 that's something you might consider and you can talk
34 with your Board support person at ADF&G to see how
35 that's done.

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37 Thank you.

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39 MR. ROBINSON: You're a wealth of
40 information. Thank you. The only reason I'm bringing
41 this up is we fought long and hard to get any kind of
42 normalcy in our bay. We're being impacted at all
43 corners and it's very frustrating and we're starting
44 the process to try to rebuild and at least get some
45 kind of sanity in our bay.

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47 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Tom.

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49 MR. HOLMES: Don't go away, Tom.

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1 MR. ROBINSON: Okay.

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3 MR. HOLMES: I would suggest besides
4 the subsistence information, we're also working on
5 that and we're also tossing out the idea of -- because
6 the funding for subsistence surveys is getting more
7 difficult to achieve, and I'm not making excuses, it
8 just is. Some of the big costs on doing those surveys
9 when they're done by different grant agencies -- the
10 last lady that did the one in Unalaska, her sample size
11 and style was a good anthropology study, but it wasn't
12 parallel to what Jim Fall and the State subsistence
13 folks do. So I understand that like her overhead is
14 like 55 percent on top of the grant. So that sort of
15 thing with travel it makes them very expensive.

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17 One of the things we're hoping to get a
18 proposal on is for the State subsistence folks to work
19 with local people and we're going to ask for funding
20 for a pilot study for Togiak because they've got real
21 problems with their kings and it hasn't been surveyed
22 in a long time.

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24 Jim Fall suggested that Unalaska needed
25 to be done again. Our first hope on this would be that
26 his shop could work with local high school students if
27 that's acceptable with the schools and, if not, then
28 with local folks or the tribe so that there could be an
29 ongoing survey every years. So then that information
30 is always available to answer problems.

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32 I would suggest if you're interested in
33 more biological information, you've got Rob Foy here
34 from NOAA and they're doing that stuff all over here.
35 You can also talk to the Halibut Commission because
36 they do work out this way and ask them to do some
37 specific work in Unalaska Bay, so that will give you
38 information.

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40 Now that I don't work for an agency,
41 politically, one of the best things you can do is look
42 at the harvest data. The trawlers aren't in the bay.
43 Has their catch of pollock dropped at all because of
44 it. No. Well, you just tally it off every year and
45 that's going to be one of the biggest things
46 politically for you to argue because a lot of folks I'm
47 afraid down in America and Juneau they don't care about
48 what people eat and that they're having problems, you
49 know. So that's one stroke for you. So we are trying
50 to get those things done.

1 And on the weirs -- I'll kind of do a
2 report to the committee here for my comments at the AC
3 really quick.

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5 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I'll give you
6 three minutes.

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8 MR. HOLMES: Three minutes, okay.
9 Going to try and find some weir material. Also that
10 there's not a ghost of a chance of any money coming
11 from the State, but I think that we should be able to
12 find some materials for you. Maybe even borrow a sonar
13 because all these things have been put on the shelf all
14 over the state or find the photographic things or
15 whatever where folks here can do that work. I heard
16 some rumors there was some negative feedback from
17 somebody in the Fish and Game, but I'll try and trace
18 it down and give him a little poke.

19
20 I think that things hopefully should be
21 better for you folks out here. We are really listening
22 to you and I'm so glad Morris Cove is getting fixed.
23 That's something I tried to do 20 years ago and I did
24 the best I could with a shovel, but we might be back to
25 that.

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27 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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29 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.
30 He's talking about the weir that's taken apart in Cold
31 Bay, so we're arm wrestling after this meeting to see
32 who gets it.

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34 But thank you.

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36 MR. ROBINSON: It's been a pleasure
37 having you here and I really thank you for coming out
38 to Unalaska. I just think that it's so important that
39 we got somebody's attention. We're happy to host you
40 and just on behalf of the Qawalangin Tribe thank you
41 for coming out.

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43 Thank you.

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45 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.
46 We're going to go ahead and move, since this subject
47 all kind of falls in here, Chris Price.

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49 MR. PRICE: I'll make it quick. I was
50 at the Board of Fish meeting and I think it was two

1 minutes and they had the timer going.

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3 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: You've got time.

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5 MR. PRICE: Thank you guys for being
6 here. It's really important that you're here. We're
7 very thankful that you took the time in the middle of
8 the summer to come on down here and be with us and
9 listen to us and hear our concerns. You've heard a lot
10 already, so I'm not going to try to repeat that. I
11 wanted to talk about halibut subsistence a little bit.
12 I want to talk about McLees Lake and maybe seagull eggs
13 briefly.

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15 Halibut subsistence is really important
16 and I know you guys are not related to the Halibut
17 Commission, but you may have lobbied or however you got
18 that law to change about 10 years ago to allow for the
19 SHARC cards to be implemented was very instrumental in
20 helping the culture of the people that have done it for
21 thousands of years to have a legal way to harvest
22 halibut and that needs to be maintained for a long
23 time. So we appreciate any efforts that you can
24 provide in that area.

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26 Also the same thing, subsistence crab
27 is super important for us here as well.

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29 McLees Lake. If you guys are familiar,
30 that's one of our main red salmon subsistence locations
31 and the run was good this year. 38,000-40,000 fish
32 went up the lake. We have a cooperative agreement with
33 Fish and Game and the Tribe to count the fish and
34 that's been successful for many years. But the funding
35 is always difficult to get and you guys know that as
36 well.

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38 Being in a small skiff is tough when
39 you're out there. The weather determines what you can
40 do and how far you can go out. It is good to see that
41 -- it appears that halibut is improving in our local
42 bay. I guess that means the commercial guys are
43 getting their fish and there's still more fish
44 available for subsistence users.

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46 Hopefully the limits on the bycatch in
47 the Bering Sea and Bristol Bay have been working. I'm
48 hopeful of that and would like you guys to support the
49 bycatch limits on halibut in the Bering Sea and the
50 Bristol Bay and, of course, salmon as well.

1 I'll just say a quick couple words
2 about seagull eggs. My kids' grandma would make
3 traditional seagull egg pies and those are important,
4 but we've got to keep the contaminants -- we've got to
5 have a healthy resource. We've got to have a healthy
6 environment. Seagull eggs are kind of like a top
7 predator and they can even accumulate toxins and
8 things, so it's important to all of us to have a clean,
9 healthy environment here throughout Alaska.

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11 I've got about a minute left. The
12 shellfish out here is very polluted in our local bay
13 and of course with the warming trends paralytic
14 shellfish poisoning is a problem. So unless you fix
15 global warming, but just recognize that it's a burden
16 on us. There's a lot of things we can't traditionally
17 that we may have traditionally been able to do but are
18 no longer able to do because of climate change and
19 things like paralytic shellfish poisoning.

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21 Thank you for your time.

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23 I appreciate you guys being here and
24 thank you for listening.

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26 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Comments or
27 questions for Chris.

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29 MR. HOLMES: Chris, I don't know if you
30 were here on Monday, but we have asked Fish and Game to
31 explore the potential of having a community harvest
32 permit for McLees Lake or to potentially expand proxy
33 permits. I know in Kodiak we do that through Fish and
34 Game proxies. But that might be a way in which, if
35 you're cutting back -- discussions when I left the AC
36 were should they cut back on Front Beach or not, but
37 that might be a way in which to help the folks that
38 can't get to McLees. So hopefully we'll get a positive
39 answer on that option.

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41 MR. PRICE: That's a great suggestion.
42 It would help a lot of people here if we could have the
43 proxy.

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45 Thank you.

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47 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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49 Peter Devine.

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1 MR. DEVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair,
2 Regional Advisory Council, for being out here in the
3 communities. It's important. I sit on the Migratory
4 Bird Commission for the Aleutian/Pribilof Region. I've
5 been there since it started. The first three years as
6 the alternate and the last 13 years as primary rep. My
7 main thing for getting on there was I wanted to hunt
8 geese legally. I'm hunting them, but I wanted to make
9 it legal.

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11 I'd like to echo what Vince said about
12 the culture camps and the funding through Fish and
13 Game. In Sand Point, we just
14 finished our 16th year of culture camp and Fish and
15 Game has been a supporter since day one. We haven't
16 lost too much of our funding. We only lost a couple
17 thousand. But, you know, then we start talking to
18 other people and we found out who had control of the
19 money. So our funding never dropped too much. But it
20 all kind of goes hand in hand because with our culture
21 camp they started that YCC group.

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23 Well this year Brianna Larson
24 originally from King Cove, she got into the program
25 with the Youth Conservation group and she was the team
26 leader this year. Not only that, from that she spread
27 out to the Arctic Youth Council and went to Norway and
28 sent some good pictures back. So it's a pretty good
29 thing and it's all tying together and it's all coming
30 from the cultural aspect. I mean they're recognizing
31 what we're doing. When she gets done, she wants to be
32 an RIT, a refuge information technician, and I see that
33 there's a vacancy in Kodiak. If they can, I'd like to
34 see that filled back up.

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36 I seen the letter that the Chairman
37 wrote and I think it's important, but being on the
38 Migratory Bird Commission I know the funding thing --
39 well, once they go and put these things out, we thought
40 we'll just hand a note across the table. Well, I guess
41 when they go and put out requests for people to fill
42 these vacancies, it has to go throughout the whole
43 United States. For the last three or four years in the
44 Migratory Bird Commission we've been working with a
45 skeleton crew.

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47 There was one position that was dropped
48 and they won't fill it. We keep asking them to fill
49 it, but their reason for not filling it is the price
50 tag to get them -- if it's somebody from down in the

1 States, the price tag to bring them up, relocate them
2 without the hire is extra \$200,000 just to get them
3 relocated. I seen the letter already that you guys
4 sent asking them to fill it, but I think it's
5 important, you know, that be filled.

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7 Another thing with this goose thing,
8 you know, it's kind of surprising. We've beat our
9 heads against the wall ever since 2010. We started up
10 in Nome saying, hey, we want to hunt geese and they
11 kept telling us the numbers weren't there. And then we
12 had a retired person come in and say what do you mean
13 the numbers aren't there, there's 180,000, you know,
14 which is significantly higher than what they said. So
15 then it's like, well, can we get one or two, can we get
16 some for our elders. I was kind of surprised to hear
17 that we're going to get a lot more than we thought we
18 were going to.

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20 I guess that's it. I'd like to thank
21 the Unalaska Tribe for bringing us out here.

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23 Thank you.

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25 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pete.

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27 Comments, Rick.

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29 MR. KOSO: Yeah, Pete, I just wanted to
30 thank you too for working on that Emperor goose for us,
31 that beach goose, we've been working on for the past,
32 since I can remember, 12 years ago. I know you've put
33 a lot of time and effort into it too. So I just wanted
34 to thank you for that. I think we're finally getting
35 to a head on it to where the folks are going to be able
36 to get a hunt out of it here next years. So thanks
37 again.

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39 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Orville.

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41 MR. LIND: Thank you, Madame Chair.
42 Council members. Just to make you guys aware that the
43 refuge information technician is a local hire position
44 and I don't know what the status of the Kodiak Refuge
45 is in refilling that position, but it should be open to
46 all local communities such as King Cove, Akutan. They
47 can actually hire a person from those communities and
48 they can serve as their refuge information technician
49 for this region.

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1 Thank you, ma'am.

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3 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
4 Orville. Thank you, Pete. I too express our gratitude
5 in this, to be able to hunt the Emperors. It's been an
6 ongoing battle for many years. It was good when we
7 went to the statewide meeting to actually meet with
8 them at length and also to meet with the other regions
9 that are affected by it and just to know that they've
10 finally found a way to count the birds that we knew
11 were there.

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13 So thanks.

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15 John Reft.

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17 MR. REFT: Thank you, Madame Chair.
18 Yesterday when you talked about the sea otter and
19 stuff, in my opinion, and I never got to mention this
20 part of it, is that even if the Natives can hunt them
21 it's going to be hard to get the sea otter down, which
22 are detrimental to Kodiak and other areas in the
23 shellfish. The king, tanner crab, the clams,
24 everything is disappearing.

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26 The rules and regs from the Fish and
27 Wildlife are so stringent that if they don't make them
28 more lenient, how are you going to get them down if you
29 can't get rid of them. That is the hard part about it.
30 The clause that they have in there, significantly
31 altered, can be an argument. I don't like it, but they
32 could have done it years ago if they didn't get afraid
33 of Greenpeace and we'd been able to monitor and
34 regulate it together. But it's overwhelming. I mean
35 it's devastating. It's scary what they're doing.

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37 Not only that, but I mentioned the
38 crayfish. There's three species that Tom and Kelly are
39 working on on the Buskin that are detrimental to that
40 river and that whole river is essential to the town of
41 Kodiak. We can't lose that even with the extension in
42 the airport runway. They go out and they dive and they
43 check kelp and everything, you know for the salmon fry
44 to see what the results are on the next extension
45 runway. But we're monitoring everything as close as we
46 can to protect that piece of Federal ground that
47 maintains and feeds a lot of people in Kodiak. It's
48 essential to us. We can't lose that.

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50 The other thing is the Emperor geese

1 and the spring hunt. We cannot do it, the 500 foot.
2 It's a killer for us. We can't utilize it. Our elders
3 cannot get anything in the subsistence category that
4 they are used to because can't afford to go 500 feet
5 offshore. You know, skiffs, trailers, outboards and
6 all that stuff.

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8 Like I said, I talked with Pete
9 Probasco and he agreed and the whole thing is the fact
10 that there is no impact from the Coast Guard or the
11 Philippine community and there's impact from us as
12 Natives that are used to utilizing this food. If this
13 was thrown out or dropped, then we would be able to
14 walk the shores and those little islands and stuff and
15 go back to the subsistence lifestyle that we had before
16 it was introduced.

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18 I mean things come and the Audubon
19 Society got in there when they asked them to endorse
20 it. Sure, they did, because they were worried about
21 the Arctic tern eggs. Who in the hell uses the Arctic
22 tern eggs. They're just little tiny things. All we're
23 concerned with is the seagull eggs.

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25 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: John, if you
26 don't mind, I'm going to interrupt you, but we did get
27 the copy of your proposal, your letter. One of the
28 things we discussed a little bit is this letter was
29 going to the Aleut Marine Mammal -- not Aleut Marine
30 Mammal, but the Migratory Bird Council and they have a
31 meeting coming up soon. Is that correct?

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33 MR. REFT: Yes.

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35 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: One of the
36 things maybe that was suggested by one of the Council
37 members is -- and since, Pete, you're a part of the
38 Migratory Bird Council, was suggested the possibility
39 of holding a public hearing in Kodiak prior to the
40 meeting to discuss this for as much public output as
41 you can get on it.

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43 MR. REFT: Yeah.

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45 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I don't know
46 what we could from our side of it right now, but just --
47 I don't know what you would like us to do, but as a
48 possible suggestion do you think that might work?

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50 MR. REFT: It would help if we could

1 get some comment out of here because there's Kodiak
2 people here and they know what I'm talking about. I
3 mean this board has very intelligent people on here.
4 We could use any kind of help we can get because as a
5 personal hunter, fisherman, you know, and subsistence
6 and everything, I can't supply these elders. Not with
7 this regulation in there. I have to go offshore and
8 stuff and do the subsistence hunting myself and
9 distribute it among -- it's impossible. There's a lot
10 of people that are getting elderly and can't do it
11 anymore and we need some help somewhere.

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13 If the AMBCC board, where I am the
14 alternate because I cannot take a chair anymore. I'm
15 so deep in everything, my wife just pulls her hair when
16 I say, well, I could go on and be a -- no, no more, you
17 promised me, you keep your word. So that's why I'm an
18 alternate and I've been vice chair of Sun'aq.....

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20 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Hey, John.

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22 MR. REFT:for 20 years and I
23 can't keep a chair there either.

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25 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I feel your
26 frustration. And I can't -- do you want to turn your
27 mic for a second. First of all, I want all of us to
28 look at John and look at his white hair and he says I'm
29 trying to get all this subsistence food for these
30 elders.

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32 (Laughter)

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34 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Wow, how much
35 older. I think Tom had a comment or something.

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37 MR. SCHWANTES: I guess, John, I
38 understand your frustration. My concern is in talking
39 with some of the other board members or Council members
40 what happens if we open that up where anybody can go
41 out there on the road system, the number of birds that
42 are going to be killed locally. I guess my concern is
43 and some of our concern is that are we going to kill so
44 many birds there in Kodiak on the road system that in
45 the future we're going to wipe out the opportunity for
46 anybody to kill any Emperor geese.

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48 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca.

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50 MS. SKINNER: So my response is, and

1 I'll probably say this on more than one issue that
2 comes up, if there is an appropriate regulatory body
3 that needs to take an action, I'm going to say it needs
4 to go through that process. So I would be leery of the
5 RAC stepping in to the middle of something that's
6 already going through a process, so that's my RAC hat.
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8 On a personal level, I would be at the
9 meeting on the 23rd because I have my -- I'm not going
10 to get into the substance of this issue because I don't
11 think that this is the right place, but I hear you and
12 I share your concerns and I will be there on the 23rd.
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14 MR. REFT: Thank you, Rebecca. I
15 appreciate that. And I hope that Pat will be there
16 too. That's 11:00 a.m. on the 23rd till 3:00 p.m. But
17 there is a lot of pressure and people are being denied
18 because of this. So I really appreciate you letting me
19 talk on it. That's all I'm going to say on it because
20 there's basically nothing, I don't think, you can do.
21 But AMBCC is coming up and this is an issue or a topic
22 that will be brought up and discussed and we'll see
23 where it goes from there. In my paper here it says
24 that the public will be invited and it's either going
25 to be one way or the other at the AMBCC meeting in
26 Kodiak. So thank you very much for that part.
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28 There's another thing that I need to
29 mention and I couldn't yesterday because too much going
30 on. It has to do with bycatch. That letter or
31 pamphlet I got on the Yukon, Mike Williams and them and
32 the decline of their king salmon fishery that's cut in
33 half 50 percent and I feel for them. I wish that
34 somehow they could be supported, you know, this
35 bycatch.
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37 And it also pertains to Kodiak because
38 in Kodiak we have a cannery now, Sun'aq, WildSource.
39 We're not in full operation with the other canneries
40 yet because we just have the upstairs at East Point,
41 but we just purchased the cannery from Ursin's family
42 and it's going to be still titled Norm Ursin's Seafood.
43 We are building and we will be able to utilize that
44 cannery and handle bycatch.
45

46 I talked to Byron Mallott when he was
47 there and I thought he was my friend, lieutenant
48 governor or not. I talked to him at a meeting there
49 and I called our processor manager and he said he could
50 handle it if we could get it. Well, this is the

1 halibut and king salmon and everything. It could be
2 utilized by the elders in Kodiak and different people,
3 you know, to keep them alive.

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5 I don't think it ought to be allowed to
6 be shoveled overboard and wasted like they're doing up
7 there with the kings and stuff to the Yukon area
8 anymore than I like to see it done in Kodiak area. I
9 don't care what they say, they do waste a lot of fish
10 that could be utilized by people.

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12 Thank you.

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14 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: John. I believe
15 your comments got on the record and this Council can
16 discuss some of that. Right now I'm seeing a
17 resolution that was passed in public record on the
18 Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association.
19 Unfortunately, it technically involves Area M and
20 that's where we're from and I just at this point think
21 this is way above where we're at at this particular
22 point in this meeting and time, but I think we'd be,
23 you know, mindful of what's going on.

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25 MR. REFT: Thank you, Madame Chair.
26 I'm finished.

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28 MR. HOLMES: Johnny, I'd really like to
29 thank you on behalf of our Council on how you kept us
30 abreast of what's going on for Sun'aq and for the
31 Native community and the entire community of Kodiak.
32 You're really on the ball.

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34 I'd like to end my compliment with
35 Della's comment about your white hair and mine almost
36 being at that point. Several years ago after Iver and
37 I went over to Pasagshak, which was exciting watching
38 my dory through the surf, she said I should no longer
39 go out with Iver because he couldn't pull me in the
40 boat. Before I came over here I was thinking about
41 going out for silvers and she said I know Johnny's your
42 buddy, but can he get you out of the water. So I've
43 got to go look for a young kid I'm afraid, Johnny.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MR. REFT: Yeah, thank you very much,
48 Pat. We used to have enjoyable times there, but the
49 subsistence catches and stuff are down, halibut and
50 everything. So we're struggling, but I think bycatch

1 could help us.

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3 Thank you. That's all I have. I
4 appreciate the board listening to me. I'm sorry if I
5 went back over things, but thank you, Madame Chair.
6 Thank you very much.

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8 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, John.
9 Hold on. I think we've got one more comment for you.

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11 MR. KOSO: John, I just wanted to thank
12 you too. I know we talked a lot about it and I know I
13 was maybe just a little bit on the other side of what
14 your train of thought was on Kodiak, but it's kind of
15 hard for me to make a decision when you've got locals
16 in Kodiak that are not coming to a decision. It's real
17 hard for me to go and make a decision or give a
18 recommendation when I don't know what the other side is
19 talking about.

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21 I heard your side, but I didn't hear
22 his side. I don't know if it's appropriate for me to
23 get into that position at this time. It would be nice
24 once we get all the information and then maybe we could
25 go through it and make a recommendation one way or
26 another.

27

28 So I just wanted to thank you.

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30 MR. REFT: Yeah, I understand where
31 you're coming from, Rick, as well as the board.
32 Basically the fear is impact and so far there has been
33 no impact.

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35 Thank you. Appreciate the time.

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37 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, John.
38 We appreciate you coming in. I've always enjoyed you
39 being at the meetings. Some of you don't know. When I
40 was in high school, I went to high school in Kodiak and
41 we were at a dorm and John Reft was a dorm attendant.

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43 (Laughter)

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45 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: So I always
46 enjoy seeing him. Karen, I think, had a couple
47 comments or information.

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49 MS. DEATHERAGE: Just a couple pieces
50 of information that might be helpful. If anybody in

1 the room would like information on the meeting, the
2 Kodiak Region Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management
3 Council meeting next week, the 23rd, you can call into
4 that meeting so you don't have to be present. The
5 Emperor goose issue is on the agenda and it is a
6 statewide hunt, so your comments will be welcomed by
7 that group. So please see me and I will give you the
8 information for call in.

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10 The second thing that I think we've
11 heard a couple things about bycatch and the North
12 Pacific Fisheries Council. At our all-Councils meeting
13 that we held in Anchorage last March, all 10 of our
14 Regional Advisory Councils developed a joint letter to
15 the Federal Subsistence Board and in that joint letter
16 they are asking for a subsistence seat on that Council
17 to represent subsistence users. So all 10 RACs from
18 the state are asking the Board to put that
19 recommendation forth. So that's going to have a lot of
20 power in it, I think, once that letter is completed.

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22 Thank you.

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24 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pete, do you
25 have a comment.

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27 MR. DEVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
28 I forgot to mention that the reason they don't want to
29 open these hunts is fear. I mean here you've got
30 Unalaska, all this big processing community. They
31 figure everyone is going to go out and hunt. The same
32 thing with Sand Point, you know. We've got 1,000,
33 1,500 processors there. They're thinking, oh, everyone
34 is going to go bird hunting. Well, that's not going to
35 be the case.

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37 Look at the caribou that we got
38 allocated for our region. We never even got close to --
39 you know, not even 10 percent of what we got
40 allocated. So I mean those are pretty good-sized
41 animals and not everybody went out and got them.

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43 Another thing I wanted to say is I know
44 Fish and Game has been working on cultural stuff with
45 their employees. I don't know what they're doing, if
46 they're putting them in a box for a week and telling
47 them this is how we do it. I think it would be
48 beneficial if they could maybe have their tribal
49 liaison come to the culture camps for training and then
50 go back and, you know, show them what we're doing and

1 whatnot.

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3 Thank you. That's all I have.

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5 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pete.

6 We have a Neverley Shoemake. This will be the last

7 person, I think, that I have right here in front of me.

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9 MS. SHOEMAKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

10 Council members. I appreciate the opportunity to just

11 introduce myself. I don't have any specific comments

12 this evening. Just taking advantage of the opportunity

13 to be in Unalaska for this forum and making

14 connections.

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16 I'm the new tribal coordinator with EPA

17 Region 10. I'm in the Anchorage office and I represent

18 a lot of the tribal communities that you also work

19 with, with the Lower Peninsula Chigniks on out through

20 the Aleutian Chain and the Consortium of Bristol Bay

21 and APIA. I'm the project officer for those

22 communities with the GAP grant, but I'm also the tribal

23 coordinator to represent as a liaison to my agency

24 regardless of program and whether those communities

25 have a GAP grant or not.

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27 So just saying hi. I'm looking forward

28 to talking with folks, especially learning about the

29 challenges that are facing this area, the issues the

30 communities are facing. Even though it's not

31 subsistence specifically, it's all a part of the

32 environmental programs. I'm also looking for more

33 information on the range of options so that I can bring

34 the information that I have to this GAP grant program

35 and the capacity building for solving some of the

36 challenges.

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38 That's all I have.

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40 Thank you.

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42 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Council members,

43 are we ready to.....

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45 MR. HOLMES: I just had one little side

46 thing.

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48 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Oh, I'm sorry.

49 Go ahead, Pat.

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1 MR. HOLMES: Something just came to my
2 foggy mind that I was thinking about when Tom was
3 talking and also that Karen clarified on the
4 subsistence position on the NPFMC. Recently the
5 governor appointed Theresa Peterson from Kodiak onto
6 the council. When I was active with the local advisory
7 committee and then also I let her know what's going on
8 with our Council.

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10 She's been a long-time active, very go-
11 get-it-done gal and she said -- and my opinion of her
12 is she's already been interested in subsistence, so if
13 you have something of immediate need before the council
14 actually gets a position, and hopefully they will,
15 she'd be a person you could chat with to get some
16 advice or information or to educate. She said she'd do
17 her best to not only represent Kodiak, but the rest of
18 the region and she's a really top notch gal.

19
20 MR. ROBINSON: Yeah, I sit on the
21 Unalaska Native Fishermen's Association board and we
22 did support Theresa's getting on, but thank you for
23 that. I think that's a door we'll
24 be knocking on.

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26 Thank you.

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28 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay, Council,
29 moving on. We have the FRMP priority information
30 needs. Following that we'll identify issues for the
31 annual report.

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33 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair. On our list
34 of the PIN things and the final proposal documents and
35 doing our own RAC-ing we've had a pretty active
36 committee on that and we've drafted a few things up
37 that have been submitted. So would you like me to
38 summarize these?

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40 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: (Nods
41 affirmatively).

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43 MR. HOLMES: We have down for
44 Kodiak/Aleutians a comparative evaluation of lake
45 rearing in our south end lakes and this is of
46 particular concern to the the village of Akhiok and
47 looking at their ability to catch fish and comparing
48 the productivity of several lakes there.

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50 Also on our list is the crab

1 populations for Womens Bay, impact of crab pots, sea
2 otter predation. I guess we're not supposed to talk
3 about sea otter predation, but we'd just rephrase that
4 to environmental influences to the king crab
5 populations and go from there.

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7 The Bristol Bay Council, we concurred
8 with them on -- I'll just skip that unless I should
9 discuss that. Anyway, quickly, Bristol Bay sockeye
10 escapements, Lake Clark chinook salmon, problems that
11 they have up there and some other studies for sockeye
12 on the Naknek and Nushagak.

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14 Some mutual ones were developing
15 reliable estimates of chinook salmon in Southwest
16 region, looking at abundance and other factors. I
17 would like to qualify for our Council that the chinook
18 on our side of the mountains, the major run is at
19 Chignik, which is Bristol Bay's turf. It has a weir.
20 And in Kodiak our two main systems, the Karluk and Red
21 River, Ikolik have a weir, so we might be a little more
22 relaxed on that as we're writing up our summary of
23 proposals.

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25 Also the one thing I mentioned earlier
26 was the subsistence harvest surveys and our pilot study
27 to try to get local folks more involved and
28 coordinating them with the Subsistence Division to get
29 more timely information and to give harvest trends.
30 The two places we're going to focus on requesting would
31 be for Togiak because of their chinook problem there
32 and Unalaska Bay because of the things that you folks
33 so eloquently have discussed during our meeting and our
34 little visit over to the AC.

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36 So those are kind of our summary things
37 at this point. Madame Chair, I think perhaps if we
38 can, Karen, and with the concurrence of the folks, I
39 might propose to speed things up that if these are
40 acceptable topics, that the committee for this from our
41 Council might wish to examine the testimony that we've
42 got and expand from those points because we've got them
43 on the record of concern and perhaps evaluate some
44 other items to put into our hopeful list for proposals.
45 That way we don't have to discuss them in depth and all
46 the members can participate by phone or something.

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48 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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50 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca.

1 MS. SKINNER: I had asked that the
2 Buskin weir be added, so whoever is taking notes if you
3 could please add the Buskin weir or however you want
4 to word that.

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6 Then I have another comment. I, in
7 general, for things that this Council needs to decide
8 as a Council I feel uncomfortable sending that kind of
9 final decision work to committees or workgroups. So if
10 we're not going to decide the PINs today, I'd prefer to
11 have a teleconference with the Council.

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13 Thank you.

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15 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Karen.

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17 MS. HYER: Madame Chair. Council
18 members. This is Karen Hyer for the record. I just
19 have a question about the Buskin weir. That's for the
20 sockeye, right? Can I presume it's the Buskin River
21 for sockeye salmon, the weir?

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23 MS. SKINNER: It would be a
24 continuation of whatever is there now. I see Tyler in
25 the back. I don't know if he can clarify what that is.

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27 MS. HYER: That would be sockeye then.

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29 MS. SKINNER: Thank you.

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31 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: This is Della.
32 I have a comment. When we did this, and it's
33 unfortunate I think to some degree on the timing, and I
34 say that because today we hear from Unalaska about
35 wanting a weir or some sort of mechanism for that whole
36 system and the very reasons that this one is in here
37 too, I think, for Kodiak. I almost agree with Rebecca
38 a little bit.

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40 I know the timing because of having
41 this meeting and then our Regional Councils meetings
42 coming up, for us it would have been nicer to have had
43 this meeting and done this and then this goes forward.
44 So I feel really uncomfortable to some degree on the
45 timing. What I hear from yesterday and today, some of
46 this stuff needs to maybe be rethought and rewritten so
47 that we cover maybe more areas or expand on more areas.

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49 Karen, can you explain to me again this
50 process and why do we have to have this done today or

1 can we have it maybe, like Rebecca has suggested, that
2 our Council or workgroup have another meeting.

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4 MS. HYER: Madame Chair. Council
5 members. The priority information needs will be the
6 Council's recommendation for where to focus the
7 research for the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program,
8 so it is important that it's thoughtful and you
9 identify what you consider the most important
10 priorities and then you'll make your recommendation and
11 we will take this list and we'll circle back around to
12 the land managers and have them also give us input.

13

14 The reason we're addressing it at this
15 Council is because the call, which this will be a part
16 of, will go out sometime in November or December. So
17 we need to have a decision made before that point
18 because we will ask for projects in the fall. So you
19 could meet again via teleconference. I'm getting the
20 head nod from your council coordinator. So that is a
21 possibility, but the timing of it is because the call
22 will go out this fall because our process is long. We
23 are looking for funding these projects in 2018. It
24 takes a while so we have to start the process and
25 that's why the deadline.

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27 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tom and then
28 Pat.

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30 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, I agree. I think
31 I would like to see us meet again in that
32 teleconference. I think we just need more time to
33 really look at those and refine what we really want to
34 put forward as the programs we want funding on.

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36 Thank you.

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38 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat.

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40 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair. To the
41 lovely young lady from OSM, how about if we had it done
42 by the end of August.

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44 MS. HYER: End of August would be fine.
45 I'm looking again at Karen because she's the one that
46 controls the schedule.

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48 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Karen, can you
49 respond to that.

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1 MS. DEATHERAGE: Madame Chair. I would
2 have to check into any kind of meeting where the
3 Council is going to be making a decision has to be
4 publicly noticed. So I believe that takes at least 30
5 days to publically notice that meeting, so I don't
6 believe that the end of August would be doable for a
7 teleconference by the Council.

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9 Thank you.

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11 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Rebecca,
12 Tom, Pat.

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14 MS. SKINNER: Okay, two questions.
15 What is your deadline for when you need this list of
16 priorities from the Council?

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18 MS. HYER: Probably November.

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20 MS. SKINNER: Okay. So we could have a
21 meeting with 30 days notice. It doesn't have to be by
22 the end of August. Okay.

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24 My second question, I feel like I want
25 to do something with a weir in Unalaska, but I'm not
26 clear on the, I guess, jurisdictional issues. So if at
27 some point we can get information on that.

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29 MS. HYER: Madame Chair. Council
30 members. After our discussion yesterday I did a little
31 bit of research with the help of the Refuge and there
32 was a discussion about Summers Bay River and Lake and
33 Unalaska River. We actually called our cartographer
34 back at the office and neither of those would have
35 Federal jurisdiction, so those wouldn't be eligible for
36 funding.

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38 Then the other thing that came up that
39 there was a question about is McLees Lake and McLees
40 Lake is also called -- to make sure we're talking about
41 the same place, but it's also called -- the run is also
42 called Listlow (ph) Island and Wheez (ph) Bay sockeye
43 run. So those are the two other names that I found for
44 that. That is a project that currently is funded
45 through -- the State is running that weir. They spoke
46 about it a little bit earlier. It's funded through the
47 Salmon Fund, AKSSF, and their funding is due to expire
48 in 2018. That weir has been historically funded
49 through the FRMP also and that was the other one we
50 were having a discussion about yesterday and then

1 somewhat tonight.

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3 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, do you have
4 a comment.

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6 MR. HOLMES: Yeah, Madame Chair. I
7 would suggest that maybe you toss the topic to the
8 committee to sort through all the things that have been
9 discussed and provide some preliminary verbiage and
10 then, when we have our meeting, we'll have copies by
11 email to all the members and then we can announce the
12 meeting and then the members can think about what they
13 want to add or detract, so that would make the meeting
14 perhaps more expedient.

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16 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tom.

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18 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, I was just going
19 to say I think we do need to spend more time on this.
20 Since we have that time, I think it's really important
21 that we take it and get these things narrowed down to
22 where we really want them.

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24 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.
25 Vince, McLees, is that Federal or State?

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27 MS. HYER: Madame Chair. Council
28 members. That actually is a Federal project and it has
29 been funded historically from the Fisheries Resource
30 Monitoring Program. It just has been ongoing and they
31 were able to secure funding from a different source.
32 It is the State of Alaska running it currently. It has
33 been run by our fisheries office too, but we do fund
34 projects run by the State of Alaska that have a Federal
35 nexus. So it is a project that would be eligible for
36 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Plan program funding.

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39 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I'm not sure if
40 I made myself clear. It's Federal jurisdiction or is it
41 State waters?

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43 MS. HYER: Yes, it is. There is a
44 Federal nexus to that river, yes.

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46 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.
47 Council, would you like to maybe entertain a motion
48 that we have Karen go through, as Pat suggested, all
49 the items I think that were brought up in our meeting
50 today and yesterday and try to organize in some form

1 that we can go back over as a Council and maybe in a
2 30-day period from now have the time to go through and
3 have a better document that includes some of the items
4 also that was discussed at this meeting.

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6 MS. SKINNER: So moved.

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8 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion made by
9 Rebecca. A second.

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11 MR. KOSO: Second

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13 MR. SCHWANTES: Second.

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15 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Second by Rick.

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17 MR. HOLMES: Discussion.

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19 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Discussion.

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21 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair. I had hoped
22 that the committee could work on that. We could work
23 with Karen. She could say here's the topics and then
24 the committee might work on some of the verbiage or
25 kind of prepare with Karen to come up with a
26 preliminary list and have some discussion before we end
27 up -- because if we go straight for a list, then we're
28 going to end up with 15, a whole bunch of topics and
29 maybe we could think them out and then -- I don't know.
30 I just was hoping to go to committee on it and then
31 come back to the Council.

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33 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca.

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35 MS. SKINNER: I actually agree with
36 staff providing us with a list and then the committee
37 can flesh it out or pare it down. I think in the
38 interest of having a clearly defined plan and using
39 time most efficiently, I do think -- and given we have
40 enough time to do this, but we don't have time to
41 waste. So I actually support the idea of Karen kind of
42 going through the data and comments and getting us
43 something to start with. I think that will save a lot
44 of time as opposed to starting with the committee to
45 put that together.

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47 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tom.

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49 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, I agree with
50 that. I think she has the information and she can put

1 it together and that will simplify things for us when
2 we do get together.

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4 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Karen.

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6 MS. DEATHERAGE: Madame Chair. The
7 Council is also allowed to have a teleconference with
8 just its members as long as a decision isn't made. So
9 if Karen distributes a list and you all want to have a
10 phone call to discuss that list, you can do that prior
11 to having a teleconference that would engage the
12 public.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MR. HOLMES: I think that would be
17 great.

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19 MS. HYER: Madame Chair. I think what
20 I would suggest is exactly what I think I heard you
21 say. We'll start with an email, make sure the list is
22 complete. That will allow me to do some research.
23 Like when ideas come up, if I have to figure out if
24 there's a federal nexus. So by the time the working
25 group meets I should have it narrowed down so we could
26 have a good discussion.

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28 Also that will give me time to review
29 the transcripts from yesterday and today, so then I can
30 provide you with a complete list of what's talked about
31 and some parameters around those projects.

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33 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: All right.
34 Question.

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36 MR. KOSO: Call the question.

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38 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: The question has
39 been called. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Opposed same
44 sign.

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46 (No opposing votes)

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48 MR. HOLMES: I'll just be neutral
49 because I didn't hear everything in the last five
50 minutes. It's not worth going over again. Neutral.

1 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion passes.
2 Okay. Moving on. Identify issues for annual report.
3 We've had quite a number of issues that we've heard
4 over the past couple days. Karen, how do we want to
5 proceed with this process right now.

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7 MS. DEATHERAGE: I'm sorry, Madame
8 Chair. Did you ask me a question?

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10 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah. Do we
11 just want to give you items that we want in the report?
12 Is that how we did this before?

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14 MS. DEATHERAGE: Madame Chair. Before
15 what we did was we actually had it on the wall and we
16 spent quite a few hours going through it and adding
17 substantive issues. I am certainly more than happy for
18 you to bring up a list of issues and I can pull from
19 the transcripts as well as other information some
20 verbiage
21 for you and then you'll have an opportunity to review
22 that.

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24 Thank you.

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26 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca.

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28 MS. SKINNER: So I have some suggested
29 items for the annual report and I also have some
30 suggested items for correspondence that would come from
31 the Council. So I guess I'll just go ahead and go
32 through that.

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34 The first item for the annual report I
35 think should be a fair bit of information about our
36 trip to Dutch Harbor and participation in the Aleutian
37 Life Forum. Maybe Karen can include a thank you to
38 herself in the letter for all her work to get us out
39 here and getting the funding together and whatnot.

40
41 The second item in the annual report I
42 think I would like to say something about the RIT
43 program. This has come up before. The comments could
44 be along the lines of how important the RIT
45 program is. I think in the past Della has mentioned
46 maybe trying to be creative and/or get RITs in areas
47 outside of Kodiak, so we can address that.

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49 My third point for the annual report,
50 not that we would be asking the Federal Subsistence

1 Board to do anything -- oh, no. It's the predator
2 control, asking the Federal Subsistence Board to ask
3 the Secretaries to petition to change the rule in the
4 Refuge.

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6 Fourth item, Emperor goose update. I
7 guess I'd like to do kind of a wrap-up on the progress
8 we've made. It sounds like the hunt will most likely
9 happen. We need to get through a couple meetings to
10 get final approval, but I think I would like to kind of
11 give an update that explains where we are because I
12 think this has been an item that we've been trying to
13 get traction on for a while.

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15 Next item is the rural/nonrural
16 determinations and I think this I also have written
17 down as a letter. So the notes here, I think we wanted
18 some sort of local component for proposals to change
19 the status of a community, whether that's trying to
20 limit where proposals can come from, if they need to
21 come from within the community, or having a RAC have
22 more of a say in that process. I know we did get some
23 feedback that those things would not be legal.

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25 I think the benefit of including it in
26 a written report is that then we will get a response
27 back from the Federal Subsistence Board that will say
28 it is -- this is not permissible or not legal because
29 of X, Y and Z. I think it's helpful to have that
30 documented.

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32 Also with the rural determination a
33 clarification that either the 2016 state of a community
34 is the baseline if somebody proposes to change the
35 rural determination for a community or a clarification
36 that it's not the 2016 state of the community, it goes
37 back to 2007 or that the baseline year has not been
38 chosen. But I mean my recommendation is it should be
39 clear what that baseline year is. At this point, I
40 think going with 2016 as a baseline makes a lot of
41 sense.

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43 As far as letters from our Council, I
44 think a letter on the nonrural issue. If we need to
45 get something together more quickly than our annual
46 report and send a separate letter with our comments I
47 think that would be appropriate.

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49 I think that having a letter to the
50 FRMP program recommending or emphasizing the importance

1 of using local resources and being very cost conscious,
2 so this goes to what Pat has brought up several times
3 about using, I guess, researchers from the outside and
4 they have very high kind of overhead rates that get
5 charged to the grants.

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7 I do think this is probably taken into
8 account when the proposals are evaluated because any
9 cost effectiveness is one of the evaluatory criteria as
10 is building relationships or I can't remember the
11 phrase. So I think those are taken into account, but
12 because this is a very important issue and I think it
13 can have a really big impact on how far these dollars
14 go I see that it could be beneficial to have a letter
15 from our Council again to the FRMP program addressing
16 that.

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18 And then my third letter would be
19 regarding the Emperor geese. Maybe some kind of a --
20 and maybe we should wait until the hunt is approved,
21 but some sort of an acknowledgment letter or a thank
22 you letter to the appropriate recipient. Either the
23 AMBCC, because I think that covers all of the entities
24 and people that were involved in the process, or if we
25 feel it's appropriate to call out, you know, specific
26 people to send a letter to. Although it seems safer to
27 send it to the AMBCC. I think noting Dan Rosenberg and
28 his work on this would be appropriate in a letter.

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30 So there were three letters and then I
31 had five annual report issues.

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33 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Any Council
34 members have anything to add to that at this time.
35 Rick Koso.

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37 MR. KOSO: Yeah, I think you covered it
38 very well. I just would like to add maybe that, you
39 know, to not give them any more money to kill the
40 caribou on Kanaga or taking the caribou off of
41 Wosnesenski or Chernofski or Cherni, whatever it is,
42 and using that extra money for the Subsistence Board to
43 do more traveling and whatnot because I understand they
44 spent over \$300,00 to kill nine caribou on Kagalaska.

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46 So, you know, that kind of stuff really
47 bothers me, but we need to put a note in here to that
48 effect where the money could be used much better by
49 giving it to the Subsistence Board so they could do
50 more traveling and more outreach to the communities.

1 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Any more Council
2 -- Tom.

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4 MR. SCHWANTES: Madame Chair. I think
5 we were also going to send a letter to the other RACs
6 requesting they sign off on our letter to the Board
7 that was going to go to the Secretaries or to the Board
8 requesting they go to the Secretaries, requesting that
9 they go to the Alaska Delegation.

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11 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: This is predator
12 control, is that correct? Predator control?

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14 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, predator control.
15 The final rule, I guess.

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17 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think the
18 other item we had was supporting continued support of
19 the culture camps.

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21 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair. I have a
22 whole list that I took while we were talking if you'd
23 like me to run through.

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25 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yes.

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27 MR. HOLMES: Culture camp, fill the RIT
28 position for Kodiak, the Unalaska weir, letters of -- I
29 don't know whether we were supporting or seeking
30 funding or whatever, but that was a letter discussed,
31 the AMBCC, supporting the opening of the Emperor goose
32 hunt. I can't read that one. Letter to the NPFMC on
33 bycatch limits and then that would go out to the other
34 Councils, Tom's mentioning there of the letter through
35 the Federal Board to go to the Federal Delegation, to
36 OSM a need for an Aleutian rep on the Council when a
37 vacancy comes up. Let's see, the predator control.
38 Then on the FRMP program -- oh, that's Becky's.

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40 That's what I have.

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42 Thank you, ma'am.

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44 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Do
45 we also want to make comment in regard to one of the
46 items that Vince brought up to the board to continue to
47 realize how important subsistence is to the communities
48 and to take the time to make sure they listen. I think
49 that, in my mind, is important. The reason I say that
50 is when you look at some of the guidelines, including

1 the guideline with predator control, it affects our
2 subsistence. These work hand in hand.

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4 I feel that you just can't separate
5 them and say this is in this box and this is in this
6 box and you can't open them. I think along those
7 lines. And the importance of having these meetings in
8 the communities because this is where we get to hear
9 firsthand from the people that it affects and this
10 helps us to do our job as a board and Council.

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12 MR. SHELIKOFF: Can I make a comment?

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14 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Go ahead,
15 Antone.

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17 MR. SHELIKOFF: Thank you, Madame
18 Chair. I want to thank Karen, our coordinator, for
19 bringing us here. That is part of doing outreach, I
20 see, to bring the KARAC to Unalaska. Now we're hearing
21 the Unalaska issues, which they can't afford -- people
22 just can't afford to fly to Kodiak to speak their mind
23 on issues that are in their community or fly to
24 Anchorage and bring up issues. The KARAC being here is
25 very close to -- how do you say it. It meets all the
26 consultations of meeting protocols for them to bring up
27 their issues here and now, I feel. That's my opinion
28 of things. I think I'm starting to ramble.

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30 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, did you
31 have one more item before we can wrap this up.

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33 MR. HOLMES: Yes, Madame Chair. Antone
34 was getting into it too. Maybe one of the things in
35 our report as well as a letter, I don't know, is I
36 think definitely an emphasis on the positive results of
37 the Unalaska trip.

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39 Rebecca or somebody earlier had made a
40 comment about an attagirl for Karen for doing that. I
41 think we should have something more than that for Karen
42 than just reference positive results of finally being
43 able to get to Unalaska and talk and listen to folks.
44 Quite frankly, I think Karen deserves a very serious
45 attagirl from our Council because we have gotten more
46 things done, she has helped us achieve so many things
47 and added so much clarification and done a whole lot of
48 research.

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50 In my mind, she's been the best Council

1 coordinator that we've ever had. So I'd like to have
2 something in there so that that goes to Carl and that
3 she's recognized for really being a number one lady to
4 get things done for us.

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6 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.
7 Tom.

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9 MR. SCHWANTES: Madame Chair. Pat, you
10 need to just settle down. Karen's head is getting so
11 big now she's not going to be able to get through the
12 door.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I think adding
17 to that though with a thank you is I think we are here
18 because of a combination of
19 agency funding also and I think that needs to be
20 recognized and all the efforts of those that help us.
21 It's wonderful to be here.

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23 Coral.

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25 MS. CHERNOFF: I don't really have
26 anything to add, but I just wanted to say thank you to
27 everyone for us being here and just thank you to Becky
28 for starting out with such a great list so I don't
29 really have to speak. I'm a little bit shyer than most
30 of this board probably. Thank you, Rebecca.

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32 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rick, a comment.

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34 MR. KOSO: Oh, I don't know. I just
35 want to thank Karen again for her good job of getting
36 us here and thanks to Ms. Skinner there for her job on
37 setting up this list for us. It sure took a load off
38 the rest of us, I think.

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40 Do we need to make a motion to approve
41 that list or do we just carry on without having a
42 motion to that?

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44 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: It seems like we
45 always made a motion to be honest with you. I don't
46 know why I remember that, but I do.

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48 MR. HOLMES: I'll second.

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50 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Oh, it's Council

1 consensus on the list that has been provided at this
2 point and we approve the final document before it's
3 submitted.

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5 All right. Moving on. Feedback on
6 all-Council meeting. A number of us were able to go to
7 this. I think, Rick, you were there. Do you want to
8 start with you and your comments to the all-Council
9 meeting in Anchorage that we had in March.

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11 MR. KOSO: God, Della, I'm getting old.
12 That was quite a while ago, but I'll give it a whirl.
13 No, I thought it was very good. They had a lot of
14 great programs going on. I was able to attend quite a
15 bit of them. One of them was the rules of the road,
16 which I kind of learned a little bit about that.

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18 No, it was very good. Very nice to
19 meet with different people. We met with Bristol Bay
20 and had a good chat with them. They had a lot of
21 issues that were pretty similar to ours. I thought it
22 was very good. I wish we had a little more money so we
23 could do this annually. I think it would be really
24 good. Overall it was very good. I learned a lot. Met
25 a lot of people that I hadn't seen in a while. So I
26 thought it was very good.

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28 So thanks.

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30 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. Tom.

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32 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, I too thought it
33 was an excellent opportunity to meet with the other
34 RACs. I thought the combined meeting with Bristol Bay
35 was really good. It opened a lot of dialogue for us.
36 Gave us an opportunity to work with them and I think it
37 opened up this opportunity that we're doing now with
38 this FRMP projects. So that was really good. I
39 thought a lot of the presentations were just excellent.

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41 And it would have been nice if we'd had
42 more time to go to more of the different ones, but I
43 thought it was an excellent opportunity and I think
44 it's something that we all will look at doing it at
45 least at a minimum of every five years.

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47 Thank you.

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49 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca.

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1 MS. SKINNER: Yeah, I also thought that
2 it was really, really nice and really informative to
3 get together with all of the other Councils and be able
4 to meet other Council members and hear what some of the
5 concerns are.

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7 I thought our meeting with Bristol Bay
8 was very helpful. I think that we had some good
9 dialogue and there was good outcomes. One was kind of
10 the joint meeting to talk about FRMP priorities and
11 projects. And it was nice to have an opportunity to
12 see how other Councils operate. So we got to see that
13 a little bit with Bristol Bay. Then I also sat in on --
14 I think it was Central Region RAC, so it was just nice
15 to see how other people do things.

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17 As far as the format, I actually --
18 well, I would have preferred to have more time in the
19 all-Council format where everyone was in the same room
20 and it would have been nice to do that maybe every
21 afternoon so that you could do a bit of debrief or hear
22 people's experiences in the smaller breakouts. And I
23 thought just logistically maybe there were too many
24 small breakouts or there were too many choices without
25 an opportunity to come back as a group. So I guess
26 there's different ways of addressing that. Maybe the
27 number of breakouts was fine, but if everyone came back
28 together, that would have helped.

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30 I think I had other comments closer in
31 time to the all-Council meeting, so I'll have to go
32 through my notes and if there's anything else I can
33 maybe forward that to Karen because I assume that OSM
34 does want to have a lot of feedback from all the RACs.

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36 Thank you.

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38 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Antone, were you
39 there? Did you make that?

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41 MR. SHELKOFF: On the all-Council
42 meeting in Anchorage it was very informative. I got to
43 meet people from different RACs. It was very
44 informative. Thanks for that meeting.

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46 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat.

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48 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair. I think the
49 thing that most astounded me was when we had the all-
50 Council meeting and seeing that almost every Council

1 shared the same concerns that we had. Even though we're
2 not supposed to talk about predator control, everybody
3 other than Anchorage was -- and even some of those
4 folks -- were concerned about that and I don't think in
5 the sense of the classic pre-statehood, but more in
6 terms of what we've experienced in our area where you
7 just do a little touch to get the equilibrium back.

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9 I really really concur with Rebecca on
10 her comments that it would be good when we do this
11 again to have more all-Council time so that we can do a
12 lot more discussions and fewer workshops. The
13 workshops were interesting, but the big thing I gained
14 was from the all-Council conference. I think the
15 renewal of friendships for folks all over the state and
16 being able to talk personally about those concerns was
17 swell. I wish that had happened 15, 20 years ago.

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19 Thank you, ma'am.

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21 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Coral.

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23 MS. CHERNOFF: The all-Council meeting
24 was pretty awesome. It was nice to hear that we were
25 sharing the same concerns all over the state, almost
26 every issue.

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28 For myself, it was really helpful for
29 me. I'm kind of a newbie to the whole meetings and
30 processes and what this Council does and, you know, all
31 the management. Like U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
32 U.S. Fish and Game, the Refuge Managers, what all those
33 people did I got a really big education in that. I
34 also am really grateful to have had the opportunity to
35 get a little more education in Section VIII, ANILCA,
36 parliamentary procedure.

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38 It was my suggestion to someone after
39 the meeting that every few years when new people come
40 to the Council that we have that little training for
41 them. I feel like it's made me feel like I can be so
42 much more effective on this board. It gives me more
43 confidence to really know the process and really know
44 the people and what their jobs are, what their
45 limitations are and what our
46 limitations are.

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48 It was really helpful. I really
49 enjoyed it and I hope it's not 20 years before that
50 happens again.

1 So thank you.

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3 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.

4 Karen.

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6 MS. DEATHERAGE: Madame Chair. Thank
7 you all very much for your comments and you can
8 continue to give those to us. The OSM and the Council
9 Coordination Division in particular also saw that the
10 energy in the room when all the Councils were together
11 was extraordinary and I think any future all-Council
12 get-together like that would include every day all the
13 Councils getting together as both Rebecca and Pat
14 remarked on.

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16 I'd also like on the record to put a
17 big compliment in to Carl Johnson. I'm not sure you
18 all know is our division chief. He had a lot to do
19 with the success of that meeting. He did an excellent
20 job with, as you saw, crazy logistics with all the
21 concurrent sessions and having to hold each separate
22 Council meeting during that week.

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24 So I just wanted to say that. Thank
25 you guys.

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27 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you. I
28 agree with everybody. The one thing -- I've been
29 fortunate to have done that before in the past when I
30 first was on this Council many years ago. It was
31 refreshing, I think, to be able to do this again and
32 just having the refresher training.

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34 The one thing that impacted me the most
35 was working with Bristol Bay on the issues that we work
36 on and then to work with the YK and the issues on the
37 birds. Just being able -- you know, it makes a big
38 difference when you are in the same room talking to
39 each other and knowing that the very things that they
40 subsist on we subsist on and we all agree that we're
41 basically one and the same and to be able to work
42 together.

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44 So, yeah, I'm very thankful to have
45 attended that. I agree that every five years would be
46 a good thing for everyone.

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48 Pat, did you want to say something.

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50 MR. HOLMES: Yeah. Our last discussion

1 here and Karen pointing out that Carl was the number
2 one guy for making it happen, I think we ought to tuck
3 that into our list of letters to OSM and give him a
4 great attaboy because of his precise way he thinks and
5 his ability to make the whole adventure happen. We've
6 again done so many things as a Council since Carl
7 joined OSM and I think he really deserves a three-star
8 attaboy as well.

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10 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Okay. Moving
11 on. I think one of the last items that we have here
12 are confirming our winter 2017 meeting dates and
13 location and then we'll follow with the fall 2017
14 meeting dates and location.

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16 MR. SCHWANTES: Madame Chair.

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18 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tom.

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20 MR. SCHWANTES: When we had our last
21 meeting, we had -- in fact, Rick Koso -- it's in the
22 minutes from our last meeting that we had suggested the
23 22nd and 23rd of February for our meeting in Old
24 Harbor. I see the book has it changed to Kodiak. So
25 I'd like to be back on record saying that this Council
26 voted to have that meeting in Old Harbor, so I'd like
27 to see us put it back on going to Old Harbor.

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29 Thank you.

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31 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Should we put
32 that in a motion at this time or.....

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34 MR. HOLMES: I'll second it.

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36 MR. KOSO: I'll just make it a motion
37 for the winter 2017 meeting to be held February 22nd
38 and 23rd in Old Harbor.

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40 MS. SKINNER: Second.

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42 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Seconded by
43 Rebecca. Discussion.

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45 MR. HOLMES: I think on the discussion
46 it would be important to note so that when our letter
47 goes in the evaluation isn't made on prior evaluations
48 on going to Old Harbor, the cost of that. Because
49 Melissa Berns has relatives with almost all the lodges
50 there and she said that she would be willing to

1 facilitate finding us the best accommodations for the
2 best price. So I don't know if the previous
3 evaluations would be valid. Whoever does -- when this
4 motion gets into the system and it gets discussed with
5 the bureaucratic staff, that they do their evaluation
6 after contacting Melissa to see what the options are in
7 the community.

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9 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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11 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.
12 Any other discussion.

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14 Coral.

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16 MS. CHERNOFF: I think I'm just going
17 to say that I guess I would be more in support of a
18 meeting in Kodiak because of the amount of people that
19 we can reach. Old Harbor is a small community, it's
20 hard to get to, there's few planes. I'm not sure about
21 their phone service either as far as being able to set
22 up a telephone for people to call in to our meeting. I
23 guess I would be in support of a Kodiak meeting where
24 we can service a lot more people.

25

26 Thank you.

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28 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rick and then
29 Tom.

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31 MR. KOSO: Coral, I could understand
32 that, but we've had most of our meetings in Kodiak and
33 I think the whole idea, in my mind at least, is that we
34 need to get to the villages to where most of the people
35 depend on the wildlife and fish for their survival. I
36 think in Kodiak I know a lot of the folks there depend
37 a lot on the subsistence, but in Old Harbor it's
38 probably 99 percent of the people there that do. I
39 think 90 percent of them are unable to get to the
40 meetings in Kodiak.

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42 So it will be one time in my mind that
43 -- we've never had it there that I could remember since
44 I've been on the board. It may have happened before
45 then, but I think it's due time. And I think we need
46 to go to more of the villages around the state.

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48 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tom.

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50 MR. KOSO: I would echo the same thing.

1 I've been on this board now -- I was off for a year,
2 but this will be 10 years counting the year that I was
3 off. We have not been to Old Harbor during that time
4 and we have been trying to get to Old Harbor for a
5 number of years. I think it's time we bite the bullet
6 and go down there.

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8 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: When I was on
9 this Council many, many years ago, my first nine year
10 round, we did make it to Old Harbor. We did make it to
11 Port Lions. We couldn't make it to Akiak. Larsen Bay
12 I think we tried, but the weather was bad.

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14 I think, Rebecca, just maybe sort of an
15 education kind of thing. What's really helpful when
16 you go to the smaller communities is kind of like what
17 we saw here. You get to talk to people one on one
18 firsthand. You get a good sense of the community and
19 how it's run. Sometimes, when you're fortunate, like
20 today and the last couple days, you get people from
21 other communities that are unable to attend the
22 meeting.

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24 My frustration from our side, being on
25 the Aleutian side, is technically they use Kodiak as
26 our hub and we have to even fight to say -- they say
27 Cold Bay is not even our hub, so we try to get to some
28 of our smaller communities because it makes a big
29 difference. It makes a big difference to hear from
30 people that live in the smaller communities that also
31 subsist and things I think we need to be updated and
32 educated on. It only helps us do a better job.
33 Nothing wrong with going to Kodiak. I think it's
34 important to listen to the small communities too.

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36 MR. SCHWANTES: I guess I want to call
37 for the question. I think we've got a motion on the
38 floor and seconded.

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40 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Rebecca.

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42 MS. SKINNER: So in our book we have --
43 it's not a memo, but it's a page that talks about the
44 regional hubs and I thought it said that -- I guess it
45 does say Councils that need to meet in a community not
46 encompassed by this list -- so for us the hubs are
47 Kodiak and Cold Bay -- must submit a justification for
48 the alternate location along with a cost comparison.

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50 So I just wanted to, I guess, get

1 clarification that the policy is that we are supposed
2 to be meeting in hubs and would it be under
3 extraordinary circumstance that we don't meet in a hub?
4 I guess I hadn't seen this particular piece of paper
5 before, so I wanted to get a little more information.

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7 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: That basically
8 is what they'd like us to do to be honest with you.
9 Prior to all this we were able to select communities
10 and it wasn't so much an issue of getting there except
11 if the accommodations were not available.

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13 Karen, do you have anything to add to
14 that.

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16 MS. DEATHERAGE: Yes, Madame Chair.
17 Thank you for the opportunity. The way that the Office
18 of Subsistence Management deals with it is every
19 Council has hub communities. As Rebecca stated, Kodiak
20 and Cold Bay are the hub communities for the Kodiak
21 RAC.

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23 What has actually more recently been
24 relaxed is the requirement to meet in those hub
25 communities. What the OSM is trying to do at this
26 point is give each RAC an opportunity every two to
27 three years to meet in a non-hub community. So that is
28 the reason why Kodiak is currently on the calendar for
29 winter meeting 2017. Dutch Harbor is not a hub city,
30 so they consider that as qualifying. Actually Kodiak
31 went to King Cove a couple of years ago, so they're
32 kind of ahead of the game a little bit on going to
33 outer communities compared to the rest of our Regional
34 Advisory Councils.

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36 So certainly the Council is more than
37 welcome to make a motion and vote to go to Old Harbor,
38 but from what my perception is right now at OSM, that
39 probably will not be accepted for winter of 2017.

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41 Thank you.

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43 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Karen, if I may
44 share what I recall here. I recall we ended up in King
45 Cove because we hadn't had a meeting in the Aleutian
46 part of the Kodiak/Aleutians for two, almost three
47 years, is what I do recall. And we actually would have
48 ended up in Cold Bay had I not fought it.

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50 MS. DEATHERAGE: Madame Chair.

1 Actually your persistence was indeed what I heard was
2 why we went to King Cove, which is great, but it is not
3 a hub community, nor is it considered a hub community,
4 so it was considered -- one of those communities was
5 in a two to three-year period that could be approved
6 for the Council to go to.

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8 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: I guess my point
9 was -- I don't want to get in an argument with you, but
10 the point was at one point they basically said the
11 Kodiak/Aleutian hub was Kodiak. We ended up all four
12 meetings in Kodiak for two years is what I recall.
13 Maybe, Tom, you can help me with that one.

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15 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, I think you're
16 right, Della. I guess I would get back to the motion
17 that we have. I think one of the reasons why it's so
18 important we get to Old Harbor, like Rick said, we're
19 here to serve the people, the subsistence users, and
20 there's a much higher percentage of subsistence users
21 in Old Harbor than there is in Kodiak. So I think, as
22 far as I'm concerned, I would vote to go to Old Harbor.
23 If they don't fund it, they don't fund it, then we're
24 stuck in Kodiak. My feeling is the motion is there,
25 let's vote on it.

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27 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: The question has
28 been called. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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30 IN UNISON: Aye.

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32 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: All opposed same
33 sign.

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35 MS. CHERNOFF: Aye.

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37 MS. DEATHERAGE: One nay.

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39 MS. CHERNOFF: Nay.

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41 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: One nay. Motion
42 carried. Thank you. That was just the winter meeting.

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44 (Laughter)

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46 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Do you want us
47 to go to our hub in Cold Bay?

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49 MR. KOSO: I've got a question. I
50 called you Rebecca earlier. It should have been Coral.

1 Two sisters. You should be sitting together maybe. I
2 don't know. Anyway, what you brought up there about
3 the two places that are considered hubs. So if Cold
4 Bay is considered a hub, I know -- it's like Della
5 said, we had four or five meetings in Kodiak in a row
6 and we never used Cold Bay as a hub because you even
7 told us it was too expensive to go there when we were
8 going to try to fly down there in the Aleutians.

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10 So when you're mentioning that we have
11 Kodiak as a hub and Cold Bay as a hub, it's not under
12 equal terms as far as I'm concerned as far as setting
13 up meetings because we tried and tried to get the
14 meeting down in the Peninsula. For three to four years
15 we hadn't had one down there and Della was right on
16 that. Then we had about four to five in a row in
17 Kodiak. That was when Della protested and fought it
18 that we were able to get into King Cove.

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20 We went to Sand Point one time out of
21 the 10 years that I've been here or 11, 12 years. I'm
22 going on 12. One time in Dutch Harbor. So we've been
23 hitting Kodiak probably I would say 80 percent of the
24 time, maybe 75. I don't know. I'm not too good at
25 numbers. Anyway, if Cold Bay is the hub, does it
26 automatically then each year go to -- let's say Kodiak
27 this year and then automatically Cold Bay will be in
28 the fall time then. And then, if able, then we can
29 determine whether or not King Cove or Sand Point is in
30 that -- if we were to go there, we'd have to kind of
31 put in a protest to do that. Is that what I'm hearing
32 when you came up with that?

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34 MR. SCHWANTES: Madame Chair.

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36 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tom.

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38 MR. SCHWANTES: Yeah, I'm going to just
39 move forward and make a motion that we have the fall
40 meeting in Cold Bay on September 19 and 20th.

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42 MS. SKINNER: Second.

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44 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion made and
45 second. Discussion.

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47 Pat.

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49 MR. HOLMES: Madame Chair. I'd suggest
50 maybe we move that to the following week because

1 usually the middle two weeks of September used to
2 always be the time when we'd get that great, huge,
3 sucking low coming out of the Gulf of Alaska and that's
4 always the time to close down all the Fish and Game
5 camps because everything would wash out. I think we
6 might have better odds of getting there if we move to
7 the 26th and 27th unless that causes heartburn. But
8 that is a big airport, so they can get in on lower
9 standards too. That's just a thought.

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11 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Pat, we've got
12 global warming. Our winter is right now and it's
13 starting fall.

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15 MR. KOSO: I've got to agree with the
16 19th and 20th. I don't want to make it any later.
17 It's getting too late there. Like you're talking
18 weather, it gets worse then. I think the 19th and 20th
19 in my mind for Cold Bay would be probably a lot more
20 fun for a lot of people because the fish will still be
21 running for everybody and you'll have a chance to do
22 something besides sit inside the room when they're not
23 doing anything. So I would suggest the 19th and 20th
24 would be a good time. You've got my vote on that.

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26 If there's no other stuff, I'd like to
27 call the question.

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29 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: The question has
30 been called. All in favor signify by saying aye.

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32 IN UNISON: Aye.

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34 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Opposed same
35 sign.

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37 (No opposing votes)

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39 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Motion carried.
40 The only recommendation I do have, because this is a
41 busy time in Cold Bay, to get those reservations done
42 because you've got fishermen and hunters galore.

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44 At this time we do have our closing
45 comments. I'm going to start with Coral and go this
46 way this time for closing comments.

47 Just brief comments at the close of this meeting. Go
48 ahead, Coral.

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50 MS. CHERNOFF: Whose version of brief?

1 (Laughter)

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3 MS. CHERNOFF: I'm going to become a
4 talker. I've got a few mentors here. I am just
5 thrilled to have been able to come here. I think it's
6 been a really good meeting. It's been a real
7 eye-opener. I think I received some good information
8 from the
9 community out here and some of their issues that they
10 feel like haven't been worked on. I think they spoke
11 to some pretty understanding and open-ears here and
12 hopefully we can do a little more with them and for
13 them and get them what they need out here to be able to
14 continue with their food security issues.

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16 I think it was a great meeting and
17 thank you to everyone for getting us here.

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19 Thank you.

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21 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,
22 Coral.

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24 Pat.

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26 MR. HOLMES: Let's see. I'd like to
27 note for the record that our new Refuge Manager in
28 contrast to some others stayed through the whole bloody
29 meeting and he's sitting here in his T-shirt and not
30 wearing a uniform and taking notes all the way.
31 Attaboy, Greg. For me coming here was so rewarding.
32 It's like coming home and it might have been my home if
33 I could get my wife to move farther west. This has
34 just been so great to renew friendships, make new
35 friendships and interact with the Fish and Game AC here
36 and I think that hopefully -- we can't solve all the
37 problems here, but we can sure give it a try.

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39 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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41 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Pat.

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43 Antone.

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45 MR. SHELIKOFF: Thank you, Madame
46 Chair. I just want to thank, like I said, Karen for
47 doing what I feel is doing outreach
48 and that was the best day in my mind.

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50 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you,

1 Antone.

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3 Rebecca.

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5 MS. SKINNER: I also appreciated the
6 opportunity to come
7 out to Dutch Harbor. This is my first time out here
8 and it was very educational and illuminating to
9 experience the difference between Dutch Harbor and
10 Kodiak. I think that will be really helpful in
11 understanding and discussing and putting forward
12 issues.

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14 It was good to go see the Fish and Game
15 Advisory Committee meeting over in Unalaska this
16 evening. It's always useful for me to see how other
17 groups, other versions of the same group do things so
18 I'm familiar with Fish and Game Advisory Committee
19 meetings from Kodiak. I was really impressed with the
20 Unalaska Advisory Committee. I thought they had great
21 discussion. Not everybody agreed. In fact, I don't
22 know that anybody agreed on any issue.....

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24 (Laughter)

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26 MS. SKINNER:but they worked the
27 issue, they were civil and everyone had an opportunity
28 to state their opinion and they were really working
29 towards solutions and that's what I was really
30 impressed with.

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32 I do want to thank members of the
33 public. Do we have members of the public here other
34 than people who either have to be here or came here
35 specifically for the meeting. I always
36 appreciate it when people stick around for the whole
37 meeting. I know that it's a big time commitment and I
38 do appreciate people who stick around.

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40 My last comment is that while I hope
41 that we can get someone from the Aleutians onto the
42 RAC, I think we need to make sure that we have
43 communication mechanisms in place in either way. So in
44 case somebody doesn't get on the RAC, but also because
45 it's just not possible to have representation from
46 every community in this region and this region is so
47 big and I think so diverse.

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49 I think we do have an opportunity to
50 improve those mechanisms in communication channels.

1 Even just making sure that people know if they have
2 concerns where do those concerns need to go in between
3 our meetings. Because this was a good opportunity for
4 people here in Dutch Harbor and Unalaska to personally
5 speak about concerns or issues they have. At the same
6 time, you know, we're not in Sand Point, we're not in
7 Cold Bay, we're not in Old Harbor. How do people in
8 those communities make sure that if they have concerns
9 and issues that they're getting to our Councils.
10 Again, not just at meetings because things come up all
11 throughout the year.

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13 I know there's mechanisms. I'm sure
14 that everyone at the table can speak to what those
15 mechanisms are. I think my point is it's important
16 that the public understand what those mechanisms are
17 and feel comfortable that when they use them that their
18 concerns and issues are getting to where they need to
19 go and are being taken seriously and kind of put into
20 the process so that eventually they can be action
21 items.

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23 Other than that I really do appreciate
24 being out here and a huge thanks to everyone that made
25 that possible.

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27 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Tom.

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29 MR. SCHWANTES: I guess I would echo
30 what Rebecca said. A special thanks to Karen and to
31 all of those at OSM that were able to pull the strings
32 to get us out here. It really has been
33 an enjoyable time being here and speaking with a lot of
34 the folks from the community. I had the opportunity to
35 encourage several folks to try to get on the Council.

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37 I guess the one thing I would have to
38 say is I am a little disappointed that we didn't have
39 more people here this evening to testify before the
40 board, but it is what it is and it's been a good
41 meeting.

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43 Thank you.

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45 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you.

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47 Rick.

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49 MR. KOSO: Yeah, like what Rebecca said
50 there, kind of in the same boat. One thing about this

1 meeting that really kind of -- out of all those
2 meetings that we had I think this was probably one of
3 the most intense I could say. Working with the crowd,
4 with the different entities here. I know Della did a
5 tremendous job on keeping the floor open to the public
6 and for
7 speaking.

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9 I think the board has done a great job
10 in presenting themselves. It seems like to me it
11 wasn't contentious by no
12 means, but it was certainly more exciting and more
13 vibrant I would say, this meeting, than of any other
14 meeting that I've ever been to. I think that had a lot
15 to do with the community that showed up here and the
16 testimony that we got and just the thankfulness that
17 people showed toward us for being here.

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19 So that's about all I have to say on
20 this deal.

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22 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Thank you, Rick.
23 I thank everybody, the Council, Staff. Orville it's
24 nice to meet you and see you face to face. We have a
25 new Refuge Manager for Izembek. Some new faces in the
26 group. Karen, thank you. Glenn, it's always just --
27 we're always just happy to have you there holding down
28 the fort.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Yeah, it's the
33 times that you're able to come out and be in front of
34 those people and to hear from the people that you work
35 for and this was a really good meeting and being able
36 to tie it in with this other workshop I think worked
37 really well, but it also gave us an opportunity, I
38 think, for more people from other communities to have
39 been here.

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41 Unfortunately, if your planes can't get
42 in, they can't get here. There were supposedly a lot
43 more representatives coming in from St. Paul, St.
44 George, Akutan, that group. They were in here for a
45 little bit tonight, but they just finally got in. It's
46 unfortunate. But, you know what, it was a good try and
47 thankful for that.

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49 So I have to just say it was a lot of
50 hard work. A lot of issues I think and I think issues

1 that are going to be ongoing, so they're not going to
2 go on the wayside. So good job everybody. I thank you
3 all.

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5 With that, I'd like a motion to
6 adjourn.

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8 MR. SCHWANTES: Motion to adjourn.

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10 MR. KOSO: Second.

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12 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Second. Call
13 for question.

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15 MR. KOSO: Question.

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17 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: All in favor
18 signify by saying aye.

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20 IN UNISON: Aye.

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22 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Opposed same
23 sign.

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25 (No opposing votes)

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27 ACTING CHAIR TRUMBLE: Good job
28 everybody. Thank you.

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30 (Off record)

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32 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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