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REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

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Dolly's Hall
Naknek, Alaska
March 12, 2019
9:05 a.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Molly Chythlook, Chair
Dennis Andrew
Dan Dunaway
Lary Hill
Nanci Morris Lyon
William Maines
William Trefon
Richard Wilson
Frank Woods

Acting Regional Council Coordinator, Donald Mike

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5 (On record)

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: It is now
8 9:05. I'm going to call the meeting to order. Before
9 we go through our agenda we'll have invocation.
10 Richard will have our invocation, so if everybody can
11 stand.

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13 (Invocation)

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, do you
16 want to do the roll call.

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18 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
19 Donald Mike, Council Coordinator. Roll call of the
20 Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

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22 Mr. Frank Woods.

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24 MR. WOODS: Here.

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26 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dennis Andrew.

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28 MR. ANDREW: Here.

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30 MR. MIKE: Ms. Nanci Morris Lyon.

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32 MS. MORRIS LYON: Here.

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34 MR. MIKE: Ms. Molly Chythlook.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Here.

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38 MR. MIKE: Mr. William Trefon, Jr.

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40 (No response)

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42 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Mr. Trefon
43 will be joining us later on today. He'll be flying in
44 from Nondalton. His departure from Nondalton should be
45 about 9:00, 9:30 today.

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47 Mr. Billy Maines.

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49 MR. MAINES: Here.

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1 MR. MIKE: Mr. Dan Dunaway.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Here.

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5 MR. MIKE: Mr. Lary Hill.

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7 (No response)

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9 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair, Mr. Hill will
10 be on his way from Iliamna on his way to King Salmon
11 later on today about 9:00, 9:30.

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13 Mr. Robert Larson.

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15 (No response)

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17 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Mr. Larson is
18 one of our newest appointments to the Bristol Bay
19 Council. He informed me that he had some medical
20 appointments in Anchorage, so I gave him an excused
21 absence.

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23 Mr. Richard Wilson.

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25 MR. WILSON: Here.

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27 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. We have eight
28 members present. We have a quorum. We have two
29 members online.

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31 Thank you.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We have
34 a quorum so we can start our meeting. I'm going to
35 review our agenda.

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37 We just had our roll call.

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39 Number four will be welcome and
40 introduction.

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42 Number five review and adopt agenda.
43 This is an action item.

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45 Another action item, number six, is
46 election of officers.

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48 Another action item, number seven, is
49 review and approve previous meeting minutes.

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1 Number eight will be reports.

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3 And then number nine public and tribal
4 comment on non-agenda items.

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6 Number 10 is new business. We have
7 wildlife closure reviews. That's an action item. B,
8 call for Federal wildlife proposals. That's an action
9 item.

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11 Council Charter review. That's an
12 action item.

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14 Approve FY2018 annual report is an
15 action item.

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17 Number 10 agency reports I guess we're
18 recommending that these reports are limited to about 15
19 minutes unless when you come up to the table that you
20 let us know if your report is going to be more than 15
21 minutes. Then we have a list of several people that
22 will be reporting.

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24 Then number 11 is an action item,
25 future meeting dates.

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27 Then 12 closing comments.

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29 Thirteen is adjourn.

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31 If there's no corrections or additions,
32 we could put this on the table and then we can discuss
33 to make corrections or add to the agenda.

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35 Donald.

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37 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
38 Just for your information, we have on Page 1 through 9
39 and then on Page 10 it starts again with number 9. So
40 we have two number 9's. But what the agenda lacks is
41 old business, so we can call that after public and
42 tribal comments. We can place old business as 9(a).

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So the new
45 business would be 9.....

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47 MR. MIKE: Old business before.....

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, old

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1 business.

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3 MR. MIKE: Yeah, before new business.

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5 MS. MORRIS LYON: So you want to put
6 old business in as number 10 and then 11 will be new
7 business?

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9 MR. MIKE: What I'm suggesting on page
10 2 of your agenda items on the top we can place a new
11 number 9(a) old business and then we can call new
12 business number 10 if you want to go that route and
13 then agency reports 11, future meeting dates 12 and so
14 on and so forth.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So, Donald,
17 number 9 would be old business?

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19 MR. MIKE: 9(a) would be old business.
20 So 10 would be new business, 11 agency reports, 12
21 future meeting dates, 13 closing comments, 14
22 adjourned.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, we got
25 the numbering right, Donald?

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27 MR. MIKE: Yes. And under new business
28 we have Mr. Orville Lind as our Native Liaison and he'd
29 like to include tribal engagement as an item number (e)
30 under new business.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So that's
33 under new business.

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35 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. Tribal
36 engagement under new business item number (e).

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
39 more additions, corrections. Judy. Nanci. Why am I
40 calling you Judy.

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42 MS. MORRIS LYON: I make a motion to
43 accept the agenda as revised.

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Could I have a
48 discussion. I was going to make a couple suggestions
49 on the agenda before we -- Donald.

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1 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Ms. Nanci
2 Morris Lyon moved to adopt the agenda and we can go
3 under discussion, add to it and then take final action.
4 So under old business if you wish to include we can put
5 that as a discussion part for old business.
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7 MR. DUNAWAY: If you need it for the
8 record, I seconded the motion on the adoption.
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10 MS. MORRIS LYON: It could still be
11 open for discussion.
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13 MR. ANDREW: Call for question.
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, what I
16 was going to suggest maybe for future agenda I don't
17 see too much public here, but I think it would be nice
18 to have public and tribal comment on non-agenda items
19 placed more than once because under this item we get to
20 have our public people more engaged during our meeting.
21 This morning we just have a place this morning, but I
22 think it would be nice to have public and tribal
23 comment on non-agenda items placed a couple times on
24 our agenda in the future.
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26 That was going to be my suggestion.
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28 Frank and then Dan.
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30 MR. WOODS: Madame Chair. I think it's
31 a good idea to put it under its own designation. As
32 people come in, they're talking about whatever. You
33 know, I agree that we have an opportunity when people
34 show up at the end or whenever we're getting close to
35 it they have an opportunity to speak.
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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan and then
38 Richard.
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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.
41 Yeah, I agree with Frank and you. Something I might
42 bring up is in another committee I participate in. We
43 put in our agenda public comment and we add a note that
44 typically we allow through the meeting if somebody
45 wants to comment we encourage them to make their wishes
46 known. Because it is a good point if people think,
47 well, I can only talk Tuesday morning and I'm too busy,
48 we don't want to discourage them from coming whenever
49 they can because we always have accommodated them as
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1 best we can.

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3 So, yeah, I fully support that idea.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, Richard.

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9 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, yes. You
10 know, we've actually been very good about allowing
11 public comment through -- ever since I've been sitting
12 on this Council we really open the door to that. So it
13 seems to me like we're already allowing that kind of
14 action to happen here. We're pretty easy on that.
15 Anything you guys decide would be good.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: And I think
18 it's important for a sitting Chair to announce that so
19 that the public would feel welcome and knowing that
20 we're not so formal. We want them to make comments.
21 Because the public comments have really been useful in
22 the past. Let's keep that in mind maybe at our next
23 agenda or we could add another public and tribal
24 comment period for maybe -- I was thinking we could put
25 one in just before the agency reports for non-agenda
26 items.

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28 MS. MORRIS LYON: Today?

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. As the
31 public come in I want them to feel welcome and know
32 that we want them to participate.

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34 Richard and Nanci.

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36 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Might I
37 suggest that just under public and tribal comments on
38 non-agenda items that maybe in the quotations there
39 just indicate what your wishes might be instead of
40 making a new one.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. And
43 then Dan -- or Judy. I mean Nanci. Why in the world
44 do I have Judy stuck in my mind.

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46 MS. MORRIS LYON: Actually Richard
47 encapsulated what my comment was, so I'm good.

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49 MR. MAINES: Hey, Donald, can you make

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1 sure that whoever is talking turns on their microphone.
2 I didn't hear that.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That was just
5 Judy -- Nanci saying what Richard's comment
6 encapsulated a comment about having the public
7 participate I guess after agenda item number 9.

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9 MR. WILSON: Under that title.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Under that
12 title. Judy was saying that and she didn't have her
13 mic on, but that was her comment. Anything else.

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15 Donald.

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17 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
18 That's a good comment by Member Wilson, so we can make
19 it available all day for public. After the break we
20 can announce that the public is encouraged to provide
21 public testimony.

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23 For those online please make sure your
24 phone is on mute.

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26 Thank you.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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30 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
31 Chair. I would propose then that we would change the
32 comment under number 9 to public and tribal comment on
33 non-agenda items and then in parentheses just put
34 available each morning and throughout the meeting.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There
37 should be some blue cards available somewhere for
38 public. Robbin has them in the back. Thank you.

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40 Donald.

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42 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. I
43 was going to mention that there's blue cards in the
44 back for public testimony. For those attending the
45 public meeting please make sure you sign in at the
46 sign-in table. For our members online, Mr. William
47 Maines and Mr. Dennis Andrew, when you speak please
48 identify yourself for the record. You're a member of
49 this Council and we want to make sure we capture your
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1 comments clearly on record. Thank you.

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3 And I want to recognize Mr. Dan O'Hara
4 as a public member participating in this public
5 meeting. Welcome, Dan.

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7 (Applause)

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
10 more additions to the agenda.

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12 Nanci.

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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
15 Chair. Do we have a spot in here where the caribou
16 issue you plan to have that already or do we need to
17 add that to this?

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19 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Earlier I
20 stated that under old business 9(a) we can include the
21 old business as item number 1, positioning of animals,
22 if that's the wish of the Council.

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24 That was my suggestion.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Would that be
27 -- reading through the minutes, because I wasn't here
28 at our last meeting, I notice that there was a
29 snowmachine working group requested. Has that been
30 established and do we have a report for them if that's
31 been established, Donald?

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33 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. At
34 our last fall meeting in Dillingham the Council made a
35 motion to get a working group together to address the
36 positioning of animals. After the holidays I had
37 planned to get this working group together, but we had
38 a long government shutdown for over three weeks and
39 then we opened back up and there was no time to get
40 this working group together. So we'll continue working
41 on this issue.

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43 During the discussion it will be wishes
44 of the Council if they want to have the working group
45 come together and come up with some recommendations for
46 the Council to consider or we can work as a Council and
47 try to develop something. I'd certainly like to get
48 the public involved in this issue.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. So
2 we'll just take note of it during this meeting and then
3 you'll continue to work on that. Okay.

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5 Anything else.

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7 Dan.

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9 MR. DUNAWAY: I know amongst some of us
10 last night and this morning we were discussing the
11 possibility of taking up the agency reports first.
12 Does that matter before we adopt an agenda or can we
13 adopt the agenda and then just suggest we take it in a
14 different order? Process-wise I'm not sure how to
15 proceed.

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17 Thanks.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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21 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. You as a
22 Council have that option to go through the agency
23 reports. It would be better if we had our two public
24 members here in this room to discuss the action items
25 on the agenda. So if the Council wishes to go through
26 agency reports first, you certainly can do that and
27 then we can get down to dealing with agenda items that
28 need to be taken care of during the day.

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30 Thank you.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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34 MS. MORRIS LYON: I would like to
35 suggest that we would possibly start with the agency
36 reports but only up until the time that they're able to
37 join us so that we don't overlook the action items as a
38 priority.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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42 Dan.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: So we could adopt the
45 agenda kind of as we were forming up and then we'll
46 just take separately -- take them maybe in a different
47 order. So that's fine with me, thanks.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So if we could
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1 adopt -- Donald.

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3 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

4 Before anybody calls the question to the motion, just
5 to highlight that under public and tribal comments and
6 non-agenda items they're suggesting in parentheses
7 available each morning and throughout the day for
8 public comment and testimony.

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10 Then we included under agenda item 9(a)
11 old business and then number (1) would be positioning
12 of animals. Then we changed the new sequence of
13 numbers. New business would be 10 and then agency
14 reports 11, future meeting dates 12, 13, 14. Under new
15 business the Council ensured that item number (e)
16 tribal engagement, which will be presented by Mr.
17 Orville Lind.

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19 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Donald,
22 you'll have to help me along the agenda items. I tried
23 taking notes on this.

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25 Richard, do you have a.....

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27 MR. WILSON: No, just calling for
28 question.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. The
31 question has been called. All in favor say aye.

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33 IN UNISON: Aye.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
36 oppositions.

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38 (No opposing votes)

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.
41 Our agenda has been adopted. The next one is welcome
42 and introduction. I guess that I could say that I'm
43 glad to be back. I've always thought that this group
44 was special. It's been more special to me after
45 dealing with -- or working for Subsistence Division and
46 then coming to this meeting knowing that we're dealing
47 with our way of life, our resources that we truly
48 depend on. So I missed the last two meetings and I'm
49 glad to be back.

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1 I want to have the Council introduce
2 themselves. We'll start with Dennis and Bill on the
3 phone. Dennis.

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5 MR. ANDREW: Yes. Dennis Andrew from
6 New Stuyahok. Good morning.

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8 MR. MIKE: Mr. Maines, are you still
9 with us?

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11 MR. MAINES: Yes, I am. Thank you.
12 Good morning. Billy Maines, Dillingham.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Good morning,
15 Billy. I'm glad you're with us. We're doing
16 introductions.

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18 Now Dan.

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20 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan Dunaway, Dillingham.

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22 MR. WILSON: Rich Wilson, Naknek,
23 Kvichak.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Molly
26 Chythlook, Dillingham.

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28 MS. MORRIS LYON: Nanci Morris Lyon,
29 King Salmon.

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31 MR. WOODS: Frank Woods, Dillingham.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank Woods is
34 our new member of our board. Then Lary and William are
35 on their way, so we'll have them introduce themselves
36 when they come in.

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38 Starting from the public we'll start
39 with you, Robbin.

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41 MS. LAVINE: Good morning. My name is
42 Robbin LaVine. I'm with the Office of Subsistence
43 Management, anthropologist and former resident of
44 Bristol Bay.

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46 MR. LARSON: Good morning, Madame Chair
47 and Council members. Cody Larson, Dillingham, Bristol
48 Bay Native Association, subsistence fisheries
49 scientist. Good to be here.

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1 MR. STURM: Good morning. Mark Sturm,
2 superintendent at Katmai National Park and Preserve.
3 Nice to be here.
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5 MR. CHEN: Aloha, Council members. My
6 name is Glenn Chen with the BIA. Always good to attend
7 all your meeting and see all of you.
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9 MS. WORKER: Good morning. My name is
10 Suzanne Worker. I'm a wildlife biologist with OSM.
11 Glad to be here.
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13 MS. HENRY: Good morning everyone. I'm
14 Susanna Henry, Refuge Manager at Togiak National
15 Wildlife Refuge. It's a pleasure to be here.
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17 MR. SMITH: Good morning. Bill Smith,
18 supervisory biologist for Alaska Peninsula/Becharof
19 here in King Salmon.
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21 MS. CHISHOLM: Good morning. Linda
22 Chisholm, cultural resources program manager and
23 subsistence coordinator for Katmai and Aniakchak
24 National Park Monuments.
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26 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair, members of
27 the Council. My name is Troy Hamon. I'm the natural
28 resource manager for the National Park Service out here
29 in Southwest Alaska. Thank you.
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31 MR. LIND: Camai. (In Yup'ik) My name
32 is Orville Lind. I'm the Native Liaison for the Office
33 of Subsistence Management and it's an honor to be here.
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35 MR. O'HARA: I'm Dan O'Hara. I think
36 I've met most of you before.
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38 (Laughter)
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40 MR. O'HARA: I was on the original
41 board and first Chair. I had a very lovely painting in
42 my house that was given to me by this Council and I
43 have a nice little area downstairs to put it in and
44 it's mauve. It's by a former local artist who -- it's
45 a sailboat of Bristol Bay. I was proud to take it
46 downstairs, but my wife intercepted it. Now if you
47 come to my house, the interior design of my house is
48 mauve. She has a unique knack for that. And that
49 painting never made it downstairs. It's sitting on a
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1 wall up there.

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3 Nice to see you today.

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5 Also as a mayor of Bristol Bay Borough.

6 Frank, it's good to see you here. It's too bad you

7 don't have an opinion or anything like that.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MR. O'HARA: You know, it's kind of
12 interesting that when Title VIII came along, maybe you
13 should be reminded once in a while of Title VIII.
14 Something the Feds decided that us locals needed on a
15 residential basis. I remember the contention between
16 the two management situation that existed. I think
17 things have gotten a lot better since then. Hardly any
18 staff left. Is that maybe a good thing?

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20 As closing remarks though, when the
21 public shows up in big numbers, you may be really sorry
22 that happens.

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24 So I think you're doing a great job.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
27 Dan. You're our honored public today. Thanks for
28 coming. After the introductions one thing that I was
29 going to suggest during our adoption of our agenda is I
30 was going to ask Donald if we should wait on election
31 of officers until the other two arrive.

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33 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair. I was
34 going to suggest that we have two members that are on
35 their way to be here and then we can take action on
36 election of officers. If the Council wishes, we can
37 begin with the agency reports.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I think
40 that will probably be a good idea.

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42 Richard.

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44 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Possibly
45 number 7, review and approve previous minutes.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Was that a
48 motion to adopt the minutes?

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1 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, yes.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
4 motion to adopt the minutes from the last meeting.

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6 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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10 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
11 Since this is a year for election of officer, I suggest
12 my recommendation that we don't take any action until
13 we elect new officers and take action on adopting the
14 meeting minutes and the other action items on the
15 agenda.

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17 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So we adopted
20 the agenda. I guess that's okay. So where would we go
21 to the reports? Number 11, the agency reports?

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23 MR. MIKE: Yes, agency reports. I
24 think we have folks from the agencies that provide
25 agency reports to this Council. I believe, Mr.
26 Dunaway, we have our biologist in Dillingham who wanted
27 to give us an update on the caribou herd for the
28 Bristol Bay Region.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. Donald. I
31 believe so. I was just checking my phone to see if he
32 got my email from last night. I can't tell if he has
33 or not. I could try to call him real quick.

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35 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. If we have
36 other agencies present in this room and they wish to
37 provide agency reports to the Council, they're welcome
38 to come up to the table and provide their reports.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Well, the
41 first one would be the tribal governments. Any tribal
42 government reports?

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44 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.
45 Cody Larson with Bristol Bay Native Association. I'd
46 like to acknowledge my colleagues on the phone, if they
47 could speak to that.

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49 MS. HOSETH: Hi. Thank you, Madame

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1 Chair. Gayla Hoseth, BBNA, Director of Natural
2 Resources. And we also have Christopher Maines, our
3 Subsistence Outreach Specialist. And Heidi Kritz, our
4 Program Activities Coordinator.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MR. LARSON: So I've got a quick update
9 myself for my position. Again, I'm the subsistence
10 fisheries scientist and I've been working on a couple
11 of the priority information needs that the Council has
12 prioritized through the FRMP proposals. Two of the
13 proposals are just finishing up. One is looking at the
14 sharing networks in the Chigniks and the Alaska
15 Peninsula communities. So the six communities there.

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17 We're towards the tail end of writing
18 that final paper as well as the assessment on chinook
19 salmon in the Togiak River for the communities of
20 Togiak and Twin Hills. So those are wrapping up and
21 going well. We've had a really positive response from
22 the communities on those projects.

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24 The Togiak River project spurred
25 another priority information need looking at Dolly
26 Varden in the Togiak drainage and the Kanektok
27 drainage. We're just beginning the first portion of
28 that and we're getting good feedback from that.

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30 One of the reasons for this trip last
31 week was to have some field observations or work with
32 some of the subsistence harvesters in looking at
33 techniques of harvest through the ice with ice fishing.
34 The small hiccup is that neither of the rivers have ice
35 currently, so that's I guess an interesting note in
36 itself. Seeing some of the adaptations that folks are
37 doing to harvest Dolly Varden or Togiak trout is
38 another name.

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40 Other than that things are on schedule
41 with meeting those priority information needs on those
42 projects.

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44 I can take any questions you might
45 have.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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49 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame

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1 Chair. Cody, when do you expect to have your results
2 available or report available?

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4 MR. LARSON: So the Togiak chinook
5 projects should be finalized by the fall meeting
6 certainly and the sharing network one has been extended
7 and may not be finished by this fall, but certainly by
8 next spring.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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12 MR. WOODS: Thanks, Cody. For the
13 record, Frank Woods. You mentioned the sharing network
14 for the Chigniks. I just attended a Board of Fish
15 meeting where subsistence wasn't a big priority as far
16 as testimony goes. I was listening and trying to track
17 where that went, but the sharing network that you're
18 doing is real important, especially when we're dealing
19 with the disaster, I guess. I mean it isn't even a
20 disaster. I don't know what you want to call it. It's
21 an apocalypse if a whole fishing industry delivers like
22 3,000 pounds for the whole village of Perryville,
23 Chignik Lake and Chignik Lagoon and Chignik itself.

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25 That whole system I think would pay
26 attention. I don't know who prioritizes or who sits --
27 we have managers here. I don't know how we can
28 coordinate all that stuff. But it was pretty apparent
29 that wasn't on the radar. At least what I observed I
30 think it deserved a lot more attention and a lot more
31 action from the State and the Feds. It's pretty
32 serious. You know, we're talking the locals down there
33 that can't even fill their freezers or even get fish to
34 smokehouse. It's just ongoing. And they're importing
35 fish to help the villages.

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37 That was my question, how is that.

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39 And we're grateful for the work you're
40 doing.

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42 MR. LARSON: Through the Chair, Mr.
43 Woods. This fall there was some discussion at the RAC
44 meeting that outlined that as a priority to get some
45 research done there. We had sort of an informal
46 assessment from some of the community members from
47 meetings that -- community meetings that I had
48 presented some of the sharing materials to. So that
49 has reverberated I think through the Council here and

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1 hopefully finding some research to sort of address the
2 lack of the return.

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4 Thanks for those comments.

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6 Any other questions.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
9 questions for Cody.

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11 (No comments)

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess my
14 question or comment would be regarding the trout issue.
15 Are you having a full-blown survey regarding that or
16 what was the purpose and how are you -- or what
17 communities are you targeting for that?

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19 MR. LARSON: Thanks, Madame Chair. So
20 the project that was presented for funding is focusing
21 on -- the two rivers that I referred to is the Togiak
22 River. So the communities there involved are Togiak
23 and Twin Hills. Then the Kanektok River, so only the
24 community of Quinhagak. Those were rivers that the
25 Refuge biologists have been working on for a lot of
26 genetic baseline information.

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28 So we're incorporating some genetic
29 sampling from the harvest of the subsistence users to
30 see what natal streams those trout are using or those
31 trout from the Togiak River or the Goodnews or Kanektok
32 and then pairing that with the traditional knowledge of
33 the harvesters on what those trout are doing, if
34 they're migrating in or outmigrating, overwintering.
35 Using that knowledge to supplement what the genetics is
36 telling us for their natal streams. So it's sort of a
37 pairing of those two knowledge systems.

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39 I think it's a really big project and
40 it's been going really well. Also identifies some of
41 the differences in the classification of the type of
42 fish. In Yup'ik there's more classifications than in
43 some of the contemporary taxonomy. So it's really been
44 interesting and everyone has been really happy to talk
45 about trout. There seems to be an abundance at least
46 this fall and winter so far.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So just mainly
49 the migration routes for that trout?

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1 MR. LARSON: Yeah. Sorry I didn't
2 quite answer the question, but yeah. Some of the
3 sampling is doing that, but then we're also doing
4 surveys, actual household surveys in those three
5 communities that look at Dolly Varden but also all of
6 the other freshwater species that are harvested as
7 well. So we'll be looking at blackfish, pike, any of
8 the other freshwater species outside of salmon to kind
9 of get an updated idea of what harvest rates and
10 participation rates are on freshwater. Non-salmon
11 species in those drainages as well.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: That sounds very
16 interesting to me. I know when I was working that when
17 we found out from some of those early subsistence
18 surveys how important Dolly Varden were to subsistence
19 users, we moved to reduce the sport harvest bag limits
20 because there was a really substantial number of
21 Dollies in the Togiak area and we didn't think it
22 appropriate to compete with those users and we didn't
23 want to be having an excessive impact on the
24 population.

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26 So some fresh information, honestly,
27 personally, I get tired of just king, coho and rainbow
28 trout as the topic. So when we get onto other
29 important species to give us a better and bigger
30 picture, I'm in whole hog support of it.

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32 I hope you succeed in getting it
33 funded.

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35 Thanks.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You know that
38 Togiak trout is a special species. It's different from
39 our trout that we harvest in our freshwater lakes at
40 Aleknagik, Wood River. The trout that we harvest at
41 Wood River they're preferred to be cooked before we eat
42 them. The anerrfuaqs, they've been named for the
43 Togiak trout. Those trout can be aged and eaten
44 frozen. So those fish are the only ones that can be
45 eaten raw frozen versus the trout that we have in our
46 Wood River system.

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49 species and hopefully they're not depleting. You're
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I'm glad that you're working on those

49 species and hopefully they're not depleting. You're
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1 just doing migration and getting more information
2 regarding those. So thank you for doing that.

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4 Any other questions.

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6 (No comments)

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dennis and
9 Bill, do you have questions for Cody?

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11 MR. MAINES: No, Madame Chair. Thank
12 you.

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14 MR. ANDREW: No, Madame Chair. Thanks.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do you have
17 any.....

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19 MR. LARSON: Madame Chair. I'd like to
20 extend the conversation to my colleagues online to see
21 if they would like to update the Council on any work.
22 Gayla or Chris, are you on the phone?

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24 MS. HOSETH: Yes, I am. Thank you.
25 Good morning, RAC. I'm sorry I can't be there in
26 person. This is Gayla Hoseth. I won't take up too
27 much of your time. Cody gave a good report. The only
28 thing I wanted to bring to your guys's attention for
29 our Alaska migratory gird subsistence regulations.
30 Those regulations are effective for April 2nd, but due
31 to the Federal government shutdown the 2019 regulations
32 were still not approved. At the AMBCC we're probably
33 going to go with the 2018 regulations and they will be
34 in effect until the 2019 regulations are approved.

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36 Nothing is going to really change for
37 the Bristol Bay Region. The only changes that are
38 going to be impacted in the 2019 regulations is going
39 to be in the Y-K Delta Region for certain dates for
40 egging. So I just wanted to bring that to your guys's
41 attention on that.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.
46 Thank you, Gayla. Can you update us on how the Emperor
47 Goose harvest went this last season.

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49 Thank you.

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Thank you.

1 MS. HOSETH: Through the Chair, yes,
2 Mr. Dunaway. I don't have the exact numbers in front
3 of me, but the Emperor Goose harvest season was a
4 successful season. I know that a lot of people were
5 happy to be able to harvest Emperor Goose for being
6 closed for so many years.
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8 Since we live in a dual management area
9 with both State and Feds, when it turns over to the
10 State regulations in the fall time, there wasn't that
11 many people that applied for the permits to get Emperor
12 Geese and I think that when we're going through that
13 process everybody thought that there would be a large
14 number of birds harvested.
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16 The AMBCC is working on our Yaquillrit
17 Kelutisti Council. The YKC put in a proposal when Mr.
18 Frank Woods was working in our Subsistence Department
19 for our fall and winter dates. This has been years in
20 progress to where we want to change our fall and winter
21 dates so that we can have our subsistence regulations
22 when we hunt birds in the fall time.
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24 That's the only area that that has
25 impacted people with the Emperor Geese is our friends
26 in Kodiak and the Aleutians. Since the dates of -- how
27 the dates are currently set up when they get their
28 Emperor Geese, they have to fall under the State regs.
29 So I hope that answers your question. It's been a very
30 long process.
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32 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.
33 That's very helpful.
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Orville.
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37 MR. LIND: Thank you, Madame Chair.
38 Board members. I've got to run to the airport here to
39 pick up some folks, but I wanted to make sure that you,
40 the board members -- I'd like to recognize Gayla and
41 her folks there and Cody for doing the work they do.
42 Chignik district, Perryville, folks that I've talked to
43 are really appreciative and very thankful for the work
44 they're doing.
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46 So I wanted to make sure that gets on
47 record.
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49 Thank you.
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
4 Chair. Yes, I would echo Orville's words of praise. I
5 know that years ago when we started having concerns
6 about the Chigniks I flew down there for a couple of
7 their SRC meetings and participated in them and BBNA
8 has been very responsive in doing their very best to
9 getting them some assistance and some answers. So I
10 really appreciate what they're doing too.

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12 Gayla, I just wanted for clarification
13 -- you're saying that we're going to enter this spring
14 season under the 2018 regulations basically and then as
15 soon as the other ones get approved they'll take over,
16 is that what you're saying, for our area because we're
17 not going to have any changes?

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19 MS. HOSETH: Through the Chair. Yes,
20 Nanci, that is correct and that's going to be for
21 statewide. Then once those get approved the changes
22 will be made in the 2019. I'll do every effort that I
23 can do to do outreach.

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25 I have just a few more things to share.

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27 I didn't know if anybody had anymore
28 questions on AMBCC.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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32 MR. WOODS: Just for clarification,
33 Gayla, the regulation that you're going to put in for
34 the next board cycle for the Bristol Bay migratory bird
35 Kelutisti is they're going to put in a season change to
36 extend the subsistence season into past September 1st
37 sport season under State regulations. Is that what I
38 heard?

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40 MS. HOSETH: Through the Chair, Mr.
41 Woods. Yeah, those proposals are already submitted and
42 they've been in our Technical Committee and that is
43 something that is ongoing. We have to change treaties
44 and we're looking at possibly changing the Canadian
45 protocol. The proposal has already been submitted.
46 We're not the only region that submitted a proposal to
47 change dates. But, yes, we are working on having our
48 subsistence hunt to follow us through into the fall and
49 winter. There's so many days that we're allowed to

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1 harvest for our subsistence and it's just something --
2 it's going to take some time, but it's definitely
3 moving in progress.

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5 MR. WOODS: Thanks.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
8 questions. Cody, do you have.....

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10 MR. ANDREW: Madame Chair.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dennis.

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14 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Madame Chair.
15 I'm going to have to get off the line here. I'm
16 heading home. I have a chance to get home. As soon as
17 I get home I'll try to get back online again. So can
18 you guys excuse me.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
21 you, Dennis.

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23 MR. ANDREW: Okay. I'll see you guys.
24 Bye.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Cody, do you
27 have more -- oh, Billy.

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29 Oh, Gayla.

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31 MS. HOSETH: Thank you, Madame Chair.
32 I just had a couple things. I just wanted to give a
33 quick highlight. I know that we presented on it during
34 the fall meeting. For the BIA subsistence grant that
35 we received we're moving forward with our summertime
36 storytelling project.

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38 We did some interviews earlier this
39 winter. I guess you'd call this winter for the
40 beginning of January. We're really excited with the
41 elder stories that we are capturing and looking forward
42 to sharing information with our final product of our
43 storytelling project that we're doing.

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45 So it's very, very insightful to hear
46 the words and the wisdom of our elders and as they
47 share that knowledge. The whole part of our grant was
48 for traditional knowledge transfer and sharing. We
49 want to make sure that we capture the old ways of doing

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1 things because a lot of our stuff isn't written down as
2 everybody knows that.

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4 We're going to try and capture and do
5 elder interviews as much as we can. If you guys have
6 any elders or names that you want to throw our way, we
7 would be happy to do that. I think everybody has my
8 contact information, but we have a list of people that
9 are on our interview list and we're moving forward with
10 that.

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12 I also want to put on the record that
13 we are offering three \$2,000 scholarships for students
14 going into college that are looking for a natural
15 resources degree. So anything with biology, any kind
16 of natural resource management degree. So if anybody
17 knows anybody going into this field please have them
18 contact Christopher Maines or myself here at BBNA.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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22 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Hello. This is
23 Kenneth Nukwak. I just joined this conference.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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27 MR. MIKE: Please identify yourself
28 before you address the Council, please, so we know
29 who's on record.

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31 Thank you.

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33 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Hi. My name is
34 Kenneth Nukwak. I'm from Manokotak. I'm the proposer
35 of 148. It was 148 last year, the caribou --
36 positioning the caribou and I'm listening in.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess we
39 didn't catch your name. If you've got a proposal for
40 caribou, I guess I'll need some clarification from our
41 coordinator as to how to handle that.

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43 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Yeah, I'm just
44 joining in this conference. Kenneth Nukwak. I
45 recognize your voice. I'll be using Yup'ik and English
46 then.

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48 MR. MIKE: Sir, can you please restate
49 your name and which community you represent.

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1 Currently, on positioning of animals, we have that on
2 our agenda for later on today. It will be under old
3 business, item number (1) positioning of animals. So
4 if you can restate your name and where you're from for
5 the record.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Kenneth Nukwak, Sr.
10 I'm from Manokotak.

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12 MR. LARSON: Madame Chair. I think
13 this is Kenneth Nukwak, Sr. from Manokotak.....

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15 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Yes, sir.

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17 MR. LARSON: who was the original
18 proposer of positioning.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hi, Kenneth.
21 This is Molly. We have that agenda item later on for
22 today. It's under old business. If you stick with us
23 and we get to that agenda item, then you could get back
24 on and give us your information and we'd appreciate it.

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26 Thanks, Kenneth.

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28 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Okay. I'm in
29 Anchorage, so I'm heading over to my daughter's
30 apartment.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thanks.
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34 Nanci.

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36 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
37 Chair. Gayla, I was just going to suggest and perhaps
38 you already have spoke with Beth Hill, but she's also
39 doing a project similar along those same lines over on
40 this side. It might be helpful for you to contact her
41 and it could save you a lot of time, but I know she's
42 been collecting stories from elders on this side as
43 well to do paintings with.

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45 Thank you.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: This is Dan, Gayla. In
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1 the last year or so I've become more and more familiar
2 with a couple of folks in Kokhanok and Nondalton that
3 have shared a few stories with me. My eyes keep
4 getting opened wider and wider the vast amount of
5 knowledge. I'm hoping that folks in the lake area,
6 elders, are included in this whole program. Yeah,
7 there's a vast amount of information. It does need to
8 be preserved and available to other folks.

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10 So keep up the good work on that.

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12 Thank you.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Gayla, if I
15 was 20 years younger I'd surely join you. I really
16 appreciated that work when I did it. Thank you to
17 Gayla and Cody for working on these. They are very
18 informational, especially the traditional and
19 ecological knowledge.

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21 Cody, did you have anymore?

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23 Gayla, do you have anymore comments?

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25 MS. HOSETH: No, I don't have anymore
26 comments right now. Thank you, Madame Chair. I'll be
27 commenting throughout the meeting. I'm online here if
28 anybody has any questions or needs me to look up any
29 resources here online. I can also do that if we have a
30 faster internet connection.

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32 Thank you, Madame Chair and members of
33 the Council.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
36 Thank you, Cody.

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38 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Madame Chair
39 and Council members. I appreciate your insight as
40 usual.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Next on our
43 agenda is Native organizations. I guess that was kind
44 of a combination there. I guess we'll move on to U.S.
45 Fish and Wildlife Service.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. Before we
48 get started I did talk to Neil Barten with Fish and
49 Game in Dillingham. He's listening in. So when you're

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1 ready to hear a report from him he's planning to be
2 available this morning.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MS. HENRY: Good morning, Madame Chair.
7 Members of the Regional Advisory Council. I'm Susanna
8 Henry, the Refuge Manager at Togiak National Wildlife
9 Refuge. If you look in your meeting booklets, you'll
10 see that our agency's information bulletin starts on
11 Page 34, but, curiously, it's missing its page 40.
12 You'll notice that it suddenly comes to a halt. I've
13 got one more page to pass out.

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15 I'll just point out just a few
16 highlights. At the bottom of Page 34 it talks about
17 the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou. Since this information
18 bulletin was written you'll notice it says February
19 2019, but the header is actually wrong. It says July
20 2018. So that's not correct. This was written back
21 last month.

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23 Since then another caribou was
24 harvested on the Nushagak Peninsula by a hunter who
25 took advantage of the same-day airborne. As of today's
26 date there's been 12 caribou harvested since the season
27 began on August the 1st and it was a cow. So six bulls
28 and six cows. Overall we feel the population is
29 declining, but we know the lichen cover had been
30 declining as well, so that was something we were trying
31 to achieve was improving habitat conditions there.

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33 As you might expect also, the bull to
34 cow and calf to cow ratios are declining a little bit
35 as well on Nushagak Peninsula caribou, but much of that
36 was a result of the increased harvest the last two
37 years. That was our management objective as you might
38 recall to bring the herd size down.

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40 For moose, now I'm on Page 35, just to
41 update the moose. It says as of February 19th. So as
42 of today, instead of 61, it's now 64, the reported
43 harvest for 17A, 42 bulls and 22 cows. So those are
44 additional people reporting their harvest.

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46 Let's see. For the -- eight bulls in
47 the winter RM574 hunt and 14 cows. I think if Neil is
48 online he'll be able to update us if things have
49 changed since those figures have come in.

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1 On Page 36 we mention the invasive
2 aquatic plant surveys that we did last summer. We're
3 looking to continue those. In particular interest is
4 an invasive completely aquatic plant called Elodea.
5 It's found in Lake Hood. There's concern that it's
6 going to find its way out to Bristol Bay, but so far we
7 have not found any in the work the Refuge has
8 undertaken in collaboration with the Wood-Tikchik State
9 Park. So that's good news.

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11 I want to point out on Page 38 one
12 important thing that we've been undertaking is
13 additional hunter safety education courses throughout
14 Bristol Bay. A new program that we would like to add,
15 the National Archery in the Schools Program. We have
16 all the equipment. We have an instructor, Matt Connor,
17 from Kenai Refuge, has offered to come over several
18 times. The latest dates that were set were, of course,
19 in the middle of that darn government shutdown, so
20 we're going to persevere. We'll have him come out. I
21 promise you we'll be having that program up and running
22 and looking forward to it.

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24 As a Refuge, we really enjoy having an
25 opportunity to visit the villages and visit the schools
26 with a positive program and great opportunity for the
27 youth to be involved.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Susan, I think
30 by doing that you enhance the communities. You gain
31 trust with the village folks by working with their
32 kids. I'm sure glad you're doing that work.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MS. HENRY: Madame Chair, thank you
37 very much for that. I think archery is a program where
38 the students have an opportunity to improve rapidly.
39 So it's very good for their self-esteem as well. I
40 think that's something that parents would be well aware
41 of.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, while we're on the
46 archery topic. I first heard about this quite a few
47 years ago from some wildlife biologist and I looked
48 into it. In the Lower 48 there's been schools that
49 kind of really helped turn around that general attitude
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1 in the school. Academic as well as the athletic
2 improvements.
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4 It's a program that works for a lot of
5 people who otherwise aren't athletic like wrestlers or
6 basketball players. People who may have disabilities.
7 The more I read into it I've been hoping to see
8 something like this happen, so I'm really excited.
9 Some of the schools are struggling on a general
10 attitude basis I think.
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12 If this can help, I'm all for it.
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14 So thank you.
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16 MS. HENRY: Through the Chair. Thank
17 you, Dan. I couldn't agree more. That's awesome. One
18 of the people on our staff that's been involved in that
19 has been our Federal Wildlife Officer Derek Thompson.
20 He's mentioned at the bottom of Page 39 along with a
21 whole law enforcement program on the Refuge.
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23 Similarly, having a law enforcement
24 officer involved in things like that it puts a positive
25 spin on your law enforcement so that people see your
26 Federal Wildlife Officer in a positive role model
27 rather than in an enforcement situation. So that's
28 something that we're working on.
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30 We're very pleased that Derek has also
31 been working with Pete Harvey, who has been working
32 here at Alaska Peninsula/Becharof Refuges. So there's
33 been a collaboration across Bristol Bay.
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35 On the new last page, page 40 at the
36 bottom, I'll highlight that Allen Miller, our longtime
37 employee, fulfilled several roles at Togiak Refuge over
38 the years that he worked there. He was last our Deputy
39 Refuge Manager. He retired at the end of September,
40 moved to Colorado. I talked to him last week. He says
41 he's lost 15 pounds, he's been doing so much hiking and
42 biking and is really enjoying life.
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44 We are going to be able to fill behind
45 Allen with Kenton Moos. Kenton is the Refuge Manager
46 right now at Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko Refuges. So it's,
47 from an Alaska perspective, kind of a little bit of
48 movement of people and Koyukuk/Nowitna/Innoko will have
49 to fill behind Kenton. Kenton will be a very welcome
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1 addition. A very seasoned hand, very knowledgeable
2 person. I think we'll all enjoy having him.
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4 Let's see. Also I'll point out that we
5 have a new Refuge Information Technician, Thomas Dock,
6 over in the village of Togiak. He's been doing a great
7 job getting his feet wet. This is his first Federal
8 job.
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10 We also are advertising right now for a
11 Refuge Information Technician in Quinhagak to fill in
12 behind John Mark, who retired last summer. John Mark
13 has kindly offered to help us locate potential
14 applicants. Once we select someone help get them up
15 and running since he still lives there in Quinhagak and
16 still volunteering and helping in a number of ways. So
17 that's been really good.
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19 That's the end of my report.
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21 I'll be happy to answer any questions
22 you might have.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.
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26 MR. WOODS: Just a comment, Susan.
27 Appreciate all that work. Looks like the Togiak Refuge
28 and staff are really active in the communities involved
29 and I really appreciate it. Yeah, I see the program
30 managers look like they're doing a good job and hats
31 off to you and reaching out to communities that are
32 actually impacted.
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34 So thank you.
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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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38 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Susan, yes,
39 I resonate that thought. It's always good to hear your
40 guys's report over there. You guys have a lot of effort
41 going. You're never short of information for us. It's
42 always great to have you here and all the information
43 that you provide. Appreciate it.
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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
46 comments.
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48 (No comments)
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Again, I want
2 to thank you folks for coming down to the kids' level
3 to help. Like I said, for years there's been kind of a
4 black mark for agencies, Fish and Game, Fish and
5 Wildlife, especially at Togiak, but with your work with
6 the school kids and with the issues of drugs and
7 alcohol going on, I think the things that you're doing
8 are helping to distract from what they might be getting
9 into. Something constructive and it's going to enhance
10 again the parents to build up respect for your
11 agencies.

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13 So thank you. Thanks again.

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15 Frank.

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17 MR. WOODS: One more comment, Susan.
18 As we move forward in the future, the Federal budget
19 and the system is going to be more, I guess, relied
20 upon. You heard Cody and BBNA working with different
21 agencies and different grant application for surveys
22 and community kind of projects. I know that in the
23 Federal system sometimes you have a carry-over budget
24 and you probably spend your money well, but just to
25 keep an open mind that there's going to be some serious
26 cutbacks on both the State and the Federal systems that
27 are really important.

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29 I think the work we need to keep doing,
30 as I read in your report, the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-
31 management Council survey process, to streamline that
32 process, but under the regime of BBNA's Natural
33 Resources we lived on the surveys that Gayla and Cody
34 and Chris are doing in the office.

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36 I guess what I'm asking is -- when I
37 contacted the Federal budget system there's a reserve
38 account you can set aside a certain amount of dollars
39 for certain projects. I'd love to have a coordinated
40 effort especially in the areas of concern of
41 subsistence and surveying is that you can put in a
42 reserve account.

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44 I'm not too familiar with that reserve
45 account, but it's almost like a bank account that you
46 have a specific project and you actually put carryover
47 money into it until it actually gets funded and then it
48 carries onto the -- because more and more, as budget
49 gets cut, we're going to be really dependent upon those
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1 initial surveys.

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3 What I'd like to see is a baseline
4 study for subsistence needs in Bristol Bay. Because as
5 we move forward and all the budget cuts get cut, but
6 also the need for resource and a competition for
7 resource is only growing.

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9 So that's just my comment, Madame
10 Chair, is that we keep that in mind. You guys are real
11 important in this whole project not only for the
12 activities you're doing now but for future. So thanks.

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14 MS. HENRY: Through the Chair. Thank
15 you, Frank. I appreciate that. The acknowledgment
16 that we have I guess right now kind of a more stable
17 budget a little bit sometimes in the State that we
18 should use it wisely. We need to coordinate our
19 activities well. We always have threats, I guess, to
20 the budget. There's always concerns about what Congress
21 might do.

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23 There's a little more on the bottom of
24 Page 40 about some of the staff members that are not
25 here that we haven't been able to fill all the
26 positions that we have. I think our regional refuges
27 staff has really been looking at that. Rather than
28 letting us fill behind every person they've been trying
29 to keep our working budget still strong so that we can
30 still go to the field and do surveys and get work done
31 maybe with less people.

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33 So I appreciate that vote of
34 confidence.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Any
37 other comments, questions. Thank you.

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39 Did you have a report?

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41 MR. SMITH: Yeah. Good morning, Madame
42 Chair and Council members. Bill Smith, supervisory
43 biologist for King Salmon, Alaska Peninsula/Becharof
44 National Wildlife Refuge. I'm a late substitute for
45 Susan Alexander, who sends her regrets she couldn't be
46 here. She injured her back and neck the other day and
47 is kind of incapacitated.

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49 I'd like to just give a brief update on

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1 two issues as a supplement to our information packet
2 that might be of interest to the Council. We continue
3 to hunt the Federal subsistence caribou hunts. I
4 believe we've had that hunt ongoing since 2016. I'd
5 offer that opportunity as the Council recommended.
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7 We did have the draw. We had 16
8 applicants for 15 permits on both combined on 9C-9E.
9 We don't have harvest information as of yet, but I know
10 of at least two caribou that were harvested under that
11 permit from the Tier II tags. It's kind of a late
12 season endeavor. That opportunity is not going to
13 exist for people until the caribou are on that Federal
14 land and that's usually rather late in the season in
15 that opportunity. So I know at least two from that
16 harvest from those tags.
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18 Susan wanted the Council to be aware of
19 a slight bureaucratic kind of issue we might be dealing
20 with here. It came up recently. Procedural
21 administration stuff. We've been offering that hunt as
22 a draw hunt, application and draw for those tags.
23 Talking with OSM a little bit we may have not got our
24 procedural stuff in line to do that correctly.
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26 We may have to offer that hunt as a
27 registration hunt this year and then just shut the hunt
28 down when harvest levels are reached, which we don't
29 expect to happen at any time. So our preference is to
30 run it as a draw, but Susan is going to be working on
31 it in the next couple days. But the important message
32 is we plan on continuing to offer that opportunity to
33 Federal subsistence users on the Refuge for caribou in
34 9C.
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36 A little bit more information on the
37 moose surveys. We do continue -- staffing is a
38 continued problem here. The big game position in King
39 Salmon has been vacant for now going on three years.
40 So getting a lot of the big game work in coordination
41 with Fish and Game is a little bit of a challenge for
42 us now, but we continue to make it high priority
43 particularly our cooperation with the moose surveys
44 with Fish and Game and working with the Park Service
45 and Fish and Game in coordination to get all the
46 information Dave Crowley needs with Fish and Game
47 continues to be a high priority for the Refuge.
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49 Our main priorities on the Refuge are
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1 three trend units and we flew all three this last
2 winter under fairly good survey conditions. We're
3 still putting those numbers together with Fish and
4 Game, so I don't have anything to present to you on
5 that. We did manage to pull off all three surveys on
6 Big Creek, Kejulik and Mother Goose this year on the
7 Refuge.

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9 In relation to some time spent in the
10 Chigniks with folks down in the lake and the lagoon
11 down there, as the Council has been talking about, that
12 collapse of that fishery is a serious issue down there.
13 We received a lot of informal requests from people to
14 have better information on the moose population in
15 Black Lake. That's not a survey we've flown since
16 really the 1990s on the Refuge because most of that
17 land was conveyed to Native corporations and village
18 corporation land by the late 1990s.

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20 That's a hard area to survey, but we
21 did manage to get down there this year. Survey
22 conditions were less than optimal, but we did try to
23 provide that community with a little bit of information
24 in relation to what's going on with that moose
25 population given that it's a resource they may want to
26 try to access a lot more here with the conditions with
27 the commercial and subsistence fishery collapse.

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29 I don't have the data here as of yet,
30 but there was a rather abundant moose population down
31 there. Bull/cow ratios looked reasonable as they do in
32 a lot of the other units that is very high bear density
33 area, so you always wonder what's going on with a moose
34 population in the Black Lake area. As we put that
35 information together we plan on sharing it a little bit
36 with the local community down there as to what's going
37 on as well with Fish and Game area. It hasn't been
38 flown since I believe '96.

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40 So I just wanted to make the Council
41 aware of that.

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43 If you have any questions, I'm here.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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47 MR. WOODS: Yeah, I appreciate your
48 cooperation with the moose surveys. Those coordinated
49 efforts between ADF&G really make a big difference.

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1 It's good to see it happening just about in every area
2 because when I first joined I guess the arena of
3 natural resources there was a lot of different ideas
4 and stovepipe management. I call it stovepipe
5 management because everybody doing their own thing,
6 kind of operating on different levels.
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8 In the last almost 10 years now, and
9 five years really especially, seeing it happen locally
10 in Togiak Refuge and the local biologist, but here now
11 that effort bleeds out in the community. Like Susan
12 was saying, if you got a coordinated effort between the
13 villages, enforcement and ADF&G and you bring that
14 information forward, it helps curb the mess we're in
15 with dual management.
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17 That information is to make best
18 science practice as possible for everybody to make
19 better decisions on helping. So I appreciate that
20 effort. It looks like you're real busy. I mean the
21 only way you get around these places is flying and my
22 hat is off to you. So thanks.
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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard and
25 then Dan.
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27 MR. WILSON: Thanks, Bill. I really
28 appreciate it. I was really hoping somebody would come
29 by with some updated information for those folks down
30 that way that are having such a hard time and realizing
31 that subsistence is a big part of their life down
32 there, especially right now. So I'd be anxious to get
33 those numbers coming through.
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35 Thanks for your report. I really do
36 appreciate that.
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38 MR. SMITH: Sure.
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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, pretty much the
41 same thing. We've had some contentious issues with
42 moose for that area in this RAC, so fresh info is
43 gratefully accepted.

45 Thank you. Kudos for doing it.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.
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49 MR. WOODS: This is kind of like a
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45 Thank you. Kudos for doing it.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.
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49 MR. WOODS: This is kind of like a
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1 broad statement. If you've heard about moose habitat
2 enhancement projects, I think on the Lower Nushagak
3 with a high concentration of moose, but also a high use
4 area where it's heavily hunted in the fall that the
5 moose habitat is a huge project.

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7 I think on a Federal level if USDA has
8 -- instead of fighting amongst each other for moose
9 we're actually being proactive in helping growing that
10 moose population, but I think that would be the next --
11 if USDA and RCS has a moose habitat. Just like Togiak
12 in 17A the browse that is feeding that huge growth
13 population needs to be addressed I think in just about
14 every area.

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16 So if you and your staff can at least
17 keep an eye on that because we actively opened a door I
18 think there are over 1,000 acres now after seven years
19 or more. I think it's close to nine years now that
20 that moose habitat has been in place. The browse that
21 comes up is twice as nutritious and it creates better
22 habitat for not only survival but also the health of
23 the animals especially in the spring and winter when
24 they're low on nutrition. But thanks for all your
25 work.

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27 I think if we have a coordinated
28 effort, me and Neil Barten, the local biologist, were
29 looking at meeting with the State habitat kind of
30 specialist if your staff can keep an eye on that.
31 Especially in the low areas of density where moose are
32 -- like Richard was saying, communities are dependent
33 upon it and working with the local tribe and the
34 village corporations really make a big difference
35 because as soon as they own it, they become more
36 actively engaged in that process. So thank you.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
39 comments.

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41 (No comments)

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Seeing none.
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45 Do you still have any.....

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47 MR. SMITH: That's all I have.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank

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1 you for the information. You know, when we set up our
2 agenda we decided that we would have non-agenda items
3 throughout the session. I think at this time I'm going
4 to see if there's anybody that has a public and tribal
5 comment on non-agenda items. Since Dan is our honored
6 public here, I'm just asking if you have any comments
7 at this time.

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9 MR. O'HARA: Thank you, Madame Chair
10 for the opportunity. I think one of the things that
11 probably is going to concern us a lot, be thankful
12 you're sitting on the north side of the Alaska
13 Peninsula because I went up to the Conference of Mayors
14 at the big park up there. We discussed the -- we all
15 gave a report on how things were going in our community
16 and Chignik, King Cove, Sand Point, Kodiak, Kenai, and
17 all the way down the Peninsula didn't have any fish at
18 all this year. Very, very little.

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20 I think a couple of you mentioned that
21 Chignik was hard hit to the place where they can't even
22 have subsistence because of lack of harvest. We quit
23 counting fish at 65 million. For the last four years
24 we've been over 51 million. We've always harvested 41.
25 Then you hear this report where there isn't any at all.

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27 I guess the other comment would be Lake
28 and Pen is regularly chartering food down to these
29 villages. That's really getting close to home. I
30 don't know. I asked the Conference of Mayors if we
31 could pass a resolution supporting that area that had
32 lack of fish and they said, well, it's just too
33 widespread and I appreciate that.

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35 So we can be real thankful that we have
36 come to the place where we're at now. I remember when
37 we had 18,000 caribou in this area and it dropped down
38 to 1,600 and I remember a lady who had come to the
39 Federal Board and we cut all the caribou off from this
40 Council naturally. I didn't hear this morning if there
41 was an increase in our area on the caribou coming back.
42 I couldn't hear it back there.

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44 I remember her saying, you know, I took
45 all these appointments for people to hunt caribou.
46 We've used their deposits and now we can't even go get
47 a caribou. This is the commercial side of things. I
48 remember Federal Board members saying we're not here to
49 listen to your tears or your emotions. A tough thing to

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1 say, but, guess what, we went from 18,000 down to
2 1,600. We may have to go to the zoo to find out what a
3 caribou looks like anymore. Those are some of the
4 difficult things that you've had to deal with in this
5 Federal Subsistence Board.
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7 I remember when the Federal Board
8 decided that rainbow would be a recreational fish. If
9 you want to get into a dog fight, which we're not
10 afraid to do once in a while by the way, we won that by
11 one vote out of the seven. Rainbow trout is still a
12 subsistence issue. You guys have come a long ways.
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14 Looking back on issues, I think there's
15 been a tremendous improvement on how the two system
16 management has come along. I remember talking to a
17 king salmon biologist and he said he wasn't going to go
18 to Dillingham to the Federal -- to our Council board
19 meetings. I said, well, I've got the name of the
20 governor and his phone number and you'll be in
21 Dillingham and he was in Dillingham. So these things
22 have smoothed out. They've gotten a lot better. Title
23 VIII was a difficult thing to deal with.
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25 The fact that a lot of people aren't
26 here today is probably the fact that things are going
27 pretty well. About the time things get going really
28 well, then they don't go so well, you'll be hearing
29 from us.
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31 I guess maybe the last thing, Madame
32 Chair, is the fact that one of the things I really want
33 to do this morning is share these reports. This is one
34 of the best things that this Council can have is these
35 reports and I appreciate it.
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37 Thank you very much.
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39 Welcome to our community.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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43 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Thanks,
44 Dan, for your input. Always welcomed. Just a
45 suggestion. As of your last birthday you are now
46 eligible as an elder to tell some of the stories that
47 they want to hear.
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49 (Laughter)
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do we have any
2 questions for Dan. Nanci.

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4 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, Dan, I was also
5 going to add I think part of the problem for lack of
6 public participation is probably our timing of the
7 meeting as well because everybody is gone. So when the
8 town is empty it's hard to bring people in.

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10 MR. O'HARA: Yeah, spring break is not
11 a good time, but that's immaterial. For two years in a
12 row I have not been here. This is now the third year I
13 come back to say hi to you. Nanci, you've got a good
14 point there. Travel is important and this time of the
15 year is important. You have the public responsibility
16 of showing up for these things and we appreciate the
17 fact that things are going pretty well.

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19 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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23 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
24 Chair. The other thing I'd like to say is the thing
25 that really breaks my heart is we're not going to get
26 any student participation either. All of it was
27 because of the government shutdown. We were obviously
28 scheduled to be in February when would be a much better
29 time for people to participate and the students as
30 well. It was one thing I didn't think of because I
31 don't have a student in the school anymore when we came
32 up with these dates. I think we need to be
33 conscientious of it in the future.

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35 MR. O'HARA: Madame Chair. You know,
36 we had a teenager come to our assembly meeting the
37 other night over here in Naknek. We were so delighted
38 to see this young person show up. I'll just go back.
39 I served on a Bristol Bay Corporation board of
40 directors for many, many years. Way too many years
41 than I would even mention in public. I told the board
42 I'm going to have to get off this board this year.
43 They say, no, no, no, you're fine.

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45 We need those younger people coming in.

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48 Nanci, we struggled with this 10 years
49 ago. I appreciate the Refuge that's going to the

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1 schools and gun safety, archery, these type of things.
2 You know, we're not wearing the same suit of clothes we
3 wore 10 years ago. So let's just keep working on some
4 of these things. I make it my business to end up in
5 the school and shaking the superintendent's hand and
6 giving him a few suggestions and we have a very
7 creative school. Let's keep working on it.

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9 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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11 MR. O'HARA: Any other questions.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Just a quick comment. I
16 want to thank Dan for -- it's always good to have a
17 little bit of a historical refresher. I participated
18 with this RAC as a Fish and Game employee at one time.
19 This is a good reminder to see where we've come. Yeah,
20 the idea that we're a lot more cooperative nowadays is
21 something that is a real relief to me because we can do
22 more when we're working together.

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24 So thank you.

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26 MR. O'HARA: I'll give you one last
27 little shot there on history since you've made it so
28 plain and put it into the minutes that I'm old.

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30 (Laughter)

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32 MR. O'HARA: Anyway, a number of years
33 ago down in Three Hills the moose population had
34 dropped down to a certain point and the Bristol Bay
35 Council made a proposal that we shut down unless there
36 was a December survey on the population of the bull/cow
37 relationship status. There would be no commercial
38 effort on the moose taken in this area.

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40 Well, all of these guides from Three
41 Hills and Cinder River and all these places down there
42 and even up here in this area had all their systems set
43 up to do moose, which was pretty much off of our area,
44 which I understand. That's a whole different subject.
45 So we passed it.

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47 Now we're sitting in a meeting and of
48 course I'm the Chair and I'm sitting up there with the
49 other Chairs and this issue comes up and lo and behold
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1 the Federal Board, which had seven members on the
2 Federal Board, they voted 4-3 to shut down all
3 commercial effort on the commercial side of the guides.
4 Well, these guides were sitting in the back with their
5 big cigars kind of snoozing away, you know. Boy, you
6 should have seen them come out of there. They come
7 flying out of there up to Board. Now they've got an
8 interest, you know.

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10 This is a true subsistence fishing
11 right here. Molly, you're right, this pertains to the
12 last animal and the fish that's going to be taking
13 place for us and our personal use. So, yeah, once
14 again Bristol Bay becomes the center of everything.
15 Now we shut everything down, which is pretty wild. So
16 we made a proposal.

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18 This is what we said. We said you can
19 have your subsistence back and these type of things
20 providing you do an aerial research on the moose. So
21 here it is the middle of April, they're in their
22 airplanes and they're down there doing a moose survey.
23 That's kind of ridiculous really that it would happen
24 like that, but guess what, they didn't get it until we
25 got the survey done.

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27 It looks to me like you've got a
28 quorum.

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30 Thanks.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, thank
33 you, Dan.

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35 Donald.

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37 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
38 Just to address the Council' concern about the timing
39 of our meeting. I didn't realize it was spring break
40 week. Normally Orville and I work with the school
41 district to try to get our kids involved in the
42 process. This week we called the school and they were
43 closed and we said, oh, it's spring break. We'll make
44 a further effort to have the Naknek school kids come to
45 our meeting and we'll have a competition between
46 Dillingham and Bristol Bay.

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48 As far as outreach, I send out all my
49 notices to all the villages in Bristol Bay Region just
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1 to notify those communities that we are having a public
2 meeting and the public are invited to attend. So if
3 there's other ways to do some effective outreach, I'm
4 open to suggestions.

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6 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think
9 Dillingham, having our meeting at the school there, has
10 really enhanced the students' participation. If we can
11 get into the school here, it might help to get students
12 involved because those are the people that are going to
13 take over. They're so electronically intuned compared
14 to us. They pick up anything informational. The
15 students I think today are so much more aggressive
16 because they have all this technology that's helping
17 them.

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19 Another wish that I've always had was
20 that I wish that we could get into communities like
21 Togiak and New Stuyahok, but budget has always been a
22 concern for that.

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24 I think what we're going to do now is,
25 we have our two board members back, take a five-minute
26 stretch and then we'll continue with our agenda that
27 we skipped over earlier. So let's take a five-minute
28 break and be back in the meeting in about five minutes.
29 Richard, did you have a comment.

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31 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I just
32 wanted to recognize that two Council members Hill and
33 Trefon are here.

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35 Thanks.

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37 MS. MORRIS LYON: We're glad to have
38 you.

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40 MR. WILSON: Glad to have you.

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42 (Off record)

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44 (On record)

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'll call our
47 meeting back to order at 10:52. Bye, Dan. Thanks for
48 coming.

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1 MR. O'HARA: You bet. I wish you guys
2 the best.
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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'm going to
5 hand the Chairmanship to Donald.
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7 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
8 Donald Mike, Council Coordinator. Every winter each
9 year we have election of officers and this is the time.
10 I open the nominations for Chair.
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12 MR. TREFON: I make a motion to
13 nominate Nanci.
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15 MR. MIKE: There's a nomination for
16 Chair for Nanci Morris. Any other nominations.
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18 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I'd like to
19 nominate Molly.
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21 MR. MIKE: There's another motion to
22 nominate Molly Chythlook as Chair. Any other
23 nominations.
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25 (No comments)
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27 MR. HILL: I don't know how you do
28 this, but could we have a consensus of the group just
29 to keep the same people we had in prior years?
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31 MR. MIKE: Currently there's a motion
32 on the table to maintain consensus to keep the officers
33 as is. So we have three motions on the floor, one by
34 Mr. Billy Maines (sic) and the other by Nanci Morris.
35 What is the wish -- the option is to withdraw the
36 motions or we could do a voice or.....
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38 MR. TREFON: I'll withdraw mine. I'll
39 withdraw my motion.
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41 MR. MIKE: Mr. Billy Maines -- Mr.
42 Billy Trefon withdraws his motion. Is there
43 concurrence with the second? Anybody seconded the
44 motion?
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46 MR. WILSON: Second.
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48 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Nanci Morris.
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1 MS. MORRIS LYON: I'll withdraw my
2 motion as well.
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4 MR. MIKE: Ms. Nanci Morris withdraws
5 her motion for nomination for Molly to be Chair. So
6 it's their concurrence for the withdrawal. Seeing no
7 objection we now have a motion made by Mr. Lary Hill to
8 have a consensus vote to maintain all officers as is.
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10 MR. WILSON: Second it.
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12 MR. MIKE: There's a second.
13 Discussion.
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15 (No comments)
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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: Question.
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19 MR. MIKE: Question is called. All
20 those in favor of the motion for Molly to be Chair and
21 the other officers a consensus vote.
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23 (No comments)
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25 MR. MIKE: No objection. Thank you.
26 Molly, you are the Chair through consensus.
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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I thought this
29 motion was to keep Chair, Vice and Secretary all the
30 same, not just the Chair.
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32 MR. MIKE: That's the action we took
33 through consensus to maintain the current officers.
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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Well,
36 thanks for your faith in us here, Nanci and Dan Dunaway
37 as Secretary.
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39 MS. MORRIS LYON: Richard is Secretary.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I mean
42 Richard. That's right. We changed it to Richard. So
43 thanks again and we'll continue our meeting.
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45 Those of you that just came in, Lary
46 and William, we reserved all the action items until you
47 two came in. So we'll get back to our agenda items and
48 go to number 8. We also had additions to our agenda
49 and I'll turn this over to Donald.
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1 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
2 Just for the benefit of our members that just came in
3 from Iliamna, during review and adoption of the agenda
4 under item number 9, public and tribal comments and
5 non-agenda items, the Council made it to state
6 available each morning and throughout the meeting for
7 public and tribal comments.
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9 On Page 2 we inserted 9(a) old business
10 and item number (1) would be positioning of animals.
11 Under new business that would be number 10 and then we
12 go down the list as 10, 11, 12, each replacing the
13 previous number. Under new business 10(e) will be
14 tribal engagement by Orville Lind.
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16 During roll call this morning we stated
17 that Mr. William Trefon and Mr. Lary Hill are on their
18 way and I just want to acknowledge their presence and
19 if they could acknowledge to the record that they are
20 present. We have established a sitting quorum here in
21 Naknek.
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23 Thank you.
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25 Mr. Trefon, you're present. Mr. Lary
26 Hill, you're present for the record.
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28 MR. TREFON: William Trefon present.
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30 MR. HILL: Lary Hill present.
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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: William, do
33 you want to turn your mic off.
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35 MR. MIKE: Just for the Council record
36 do we still have Mr. Billy Maines with us online and
37 Mr. Dennis Andrew was excused.
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39 (No comments)
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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43 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. I know you
44 mentioned number 8 on reports but don't we have to
45 still approve last meeting minutes on number 7.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We went ahead
48 and approved our agenda, William and Lary, but we
49 waited until you came in to approve our minutes from
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1 our last board meeting. We can move to that, Dan.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. I'll jump in.
4 I've read through the minutes a couple times and they
5 seem pretty thorough to me, so I'll move to adopt as
6 written. I'm open to other corrections and comments.

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8 Thank you.

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10 MR. WILSON: Second.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
13 motion by Dan Dunaway, second by Richard to approve our
14 -- is it 2018 or '19 minutes from our last meeting?

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16 MS. MORRIS LYON: '18.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: '18. All in
19 favor say aye.

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21 IN UNISON: Aye.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
24 oppositions.

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26 (No opposing votes)

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.
29 Our minutes have been approved. Moving down to Council
30 reports. I'm thinking that maybe we should continue
31 with our agency reports and when we come back from
32 lunch get our Council member reports. Would that be
33 okay with the board?

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35 MS. MORRIS LYON: Molly, I would say
36 yes because I actually like hearing what the reports
37 have to say. Sometimes I feel like we have our agenda
38 a little backwards anyway because sometimes the
39 information that's provided in those reports is very
40 relevant to what we're trying to discuss.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So we'll do
43 that. We'll continue with our agency reports. Our
44 next agency would be NPS.

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46 MR. STURM: Good morning, Madame Chair.
47 Distinguished Council members. Thank you for allowing
48 myself, Mark Sturm, superintendent at Katmai National
49 Park and Preserve, Aniakchak National Monument and

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1 Preserve, and the Alagnak National Wild River to come
2 and speak with you this morning.

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4 I have a couple report topics that I'd
5 like to talk about and then I'm going to turn it over
6 to my distinguished co-workers to give some more
7 detailed information that the Council may find
8 interesting and informative. I just wanted to
9 highlight the fact that we are still building an
10 elevated bridge and boardwalk out at Brooks Camp this
11 year. That project has been a work in progress for a
12 number of years. It is going well so far.

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14 We have tried to share some information
15 about it's progress on social media. So if you were to
16 Google Katmai, you could probably find some pictures of
17 the project as it develops. But we expect it to be
18 ready for opening day this coming season. So sometime
19 in June it should be ready for prime time.

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21 There's several issues, but one that
22 might be of interest to the Council in that previously
23 I'm sure most or all of you know we managed visitor
24 migration across the Brooks River for a number of
25 decades using the installation of a floating bridge
26 that goes across the Brooks River. The current
27 constructed bridge will be an elevated bridge. It will
28 essentially be a little bit above the river on pilings
29 that are being driven into the ground.

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31 That floating bridge configuration
32 essentially inhibited motorboat migration upriver on
33 the Brooks River. We are concerned that the addition
34 of -- the possible addition of motorboats on the Brooks
35 River could be a problem for everybody else that's
36 using that river. We have a lot of wildlife viewers
37 and anglers and those types of things.

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39 So we are going through the motion and
40 you as members of the public will have an opportunity
41 to tell us what you think about conducting an emergency
42 closure of the Brooks River from the bridge up to the
43 falls for motorboat purposes. So that's something that
44 is just perceived as being needed from a management
45 perspective.

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47 If there are comments or concerns about
48 that, we're going to be having a public meeting
49 sometime in the near future. I will be announcing that
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1 pretty broadly as soon as we know what the date is.

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3 With regard to the other topic I wanted
4 to highlight, the Council has mentioned its interest in
5 the Pike Ridge Access environmental assessment that
6 also has been going on for a while. I think it was
7 shared at the last RAC meeting that that particular
8 project has had to be I guess postponed temporarily.
9 It is still very much on our list of things to do. It
10 is something that we hope to be able to turn our
11 attention to as soon as possible.

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13 The reason why it's been postponed is
14 essentially twofold. The current administration has
15 gone through and established new requirements for
16 developing compliance packages and essentially
17 accelerated the timeline within which things need to
18 get done. So when we do finalize this project we're
19 going to have six months to do it. Essentially an
20 environmental assessment is something that is required
21 for this type of a project and we will have six months
22 to complete that work.

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24 The other thing is that the current
25 administration is going through and developing some new
26 guidelines if you will for how Federal agencies,
27 including the National Park Service, manage wilderness.
28 In particular, different classes of wilderness. Those
29 guidelines are anticipated to be released sometime this
30 coming August and that will help us have some clarity
31 around how we can move forward with this project. We
32 do need to wait until August before we can pick this
33 project up again at a minimum.

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35 I know that that's probably not very
36 clear, but I'm happy to try to answer any questions
37 folks might have about these two projects.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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41 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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43 Mark, good to see you.

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45 MR. STURM: You too.

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47 MR. WILSON: In the process of your
48 looking to change some rules or reestablish some
49 things, is there a consultation put into this where you

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1 guys are trying to reconfigure -- you made some
2 statement there about your -- I forget what it was.
3 What am I trying to say here. Is there any room in
4 there for public comments while they make these new
5 rules for the parks and things trying to reestablish
6 different things.

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8 MR. STURM: Through the Chair, Mr.
9 Wilson. I'm not sure if you're referring to the
10 emergency closure for the motorboat issue I mentioned
11 initially or if it was in reference to the Pike Ridge
12 Project.

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14 MR. WILSON: It was to the latter one,
15 the last one you mentioned about reorganizing, yes.

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17 MR. STURM: Okay. Thank you. So with
18 regard to the Pike Ridge Project, again we are
19 anticipating that the current administration at the
20 Department level, the Department of Interior, which
21 essentially the National Park Service falls under, will
22 receive I guess administrative guidance on how to
23 manage wilderness.

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25 The issue that's in question, I guess
26 to get a little more specific, is how to manage
27 different types of wilderness. When wilderness is
28 proposed, it is put before Congress and Congress votes
29 on it to either establish that wilderness or not.
30 Oftentimes the process is essentially a study is done,
31 a recommendation is made, it's put before Congress but
32 Congress doesn't act.

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34 In the case with the Pike Ridge Access
35 Project, what we have is what is termed eligible
36 wilderness. It is an area that has been identified by
37 the Park Service as being eligible for wilderness, but
38 it has not been formally acted upon by Congress. By
39 policy the National Park Service manages those areas as
40 wilderness because if you don't the wilderness
41 characters will degrade and when Congress does act you
42 won't have an area that's suitable for wilderness.

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44 That policy framework is being
45 revisited under the current administration and we're
46 going to have to wait and see what their guidance is
47 for us going forward.

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49 Does that make any more sense?
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1 MR. WILSON: Thank you. It does. I
2 just was wondering if there was room in that while they
3 were having that conversation for public comment or for
4 tribal comments, landowners, others in that area.

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6 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. I guess
7 I would say we are always available for conversations
8 around various ideas. When this project does go
9 forward, you should expect it to resemble very closely
10 what has been shared publicly in different forums to
11 the community. We do have still four different
12 alternatives. I expect them to be largely the same,
13 but there may be some minor changes based upon the
14 guidance that's being developed. We would be happy to
15 have additional conversations while we are kind of in
16 waiting mode if there's desire to do so.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I can
19 understand what Richard is trying to get into because
20 unless you advertise for public comments people usually
21 don't participate. So I don't know if you have a
22 process in place for public comments that you could
23 advertise for people that live in your vicinity. But
24 it sounds like you said that anybody can just make any
25 comments but normally if people aren't invited to make
26 any comments, like public comments concerning issues
27 that they might have regarding lands and whatever else
28 is surrounded by the project, then they normally don't
29 participate.

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31 That would be my comment and I think
32 Nanci and then Lary.

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34 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
35 Chair. So, Mark, I've got questions relating to both
36 issues. Since we're talking about Pike's Trail right
37 now, my concern is if the Park has designated this area
38 as wilderness and it's being managed as such until
39 Congress does something about it, does it allow the use
40 -- does the definition of wilderness in the Park
41 Service's regime allow use of those trails?

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43 So I mean what I'm saying is should the
44 Park Service be looking at re-designating before it
45 does get a vote by Congress because if it's going to be
46 going into wilderness which won't allow that, then
47 don't you think we should make it more user friendly?

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49 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. Thank

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1 you, Nanci. If I could just briefly clarify that the
2 Park has had several public meetings around these and
3 we have received considerable feedback and we are
4 willing to continue to do that as needed in a formal
5 setting, but also informally.

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7 With regard to your comment, Nanci, the
8 development of the EA does actually include a proposal
9 to adjust the eligible wilderness boundary so that the
10 trail could exist and indeed it is the determination of
11 I guess the managers involved in the development of
12 this project that the area that is currently proposed
13 as eligible wilderness was misidentified back when that
14 work was done because this trail, from all of the
15 records that we can find, has existed for a long, long
16 time.

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18 We have the ability to make those
19 adjustments, but what we don't know is what the
20 guidance that the current administration is going to
21 provide us how that might influence what those
22 adjustments might be. That's kind of where we're
23 stuck.

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25 I will also share that the Park pushed
26 as hard as we could to continue to move forward with
27 this and we were told by our regional office,
28 essentially we've all got bosses, that we had to wait
29 until we had some clarity around these wilderness
30 issues to move forward. That's where it's at right
31 now.

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33 The idea is potentially to adjust the
34 wilderness so that the trail can exist within what we
35 call a cherry-stemmed non-wilderness area and then can
36 be used. In the interim I think we had tried to share
37 with those that are concerned that they should continue
38 to access that area of the Park as they have. We are
39 continuing under the status quo.

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41 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank you. I
42 guess my fear is, and it sounds like you guys have
43 appraised it the same way, is just that it would hit
44 Congress before it was the way we really wanted it and
45 then we're going to have to revisit it again. That's
46 my fear with it. I mean I'm familiar with all four of
47 those because I have been participating in them. So I
48 just wanted to make sure and clarify that we were going
49 to be in the right position that we needed to be once
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1 it finally did come to a vote.

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3 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. I
4 expect that we will be. That's what we're working
5 towards. I also don't anticipate that Congress is
6 going to take up the proposal for eligible wilderness
7 that's before them for Katmai anytime soon.

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9 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay. Sorry, I don't
10 mean to be monopolizing your time. My second question
11 is for the Brooks River concern. That one seems like
12 maybe it just came as a realization to everybody
13 because being a heavy user of it for many, many years
14 never even considered that problem. So what do you
15 have perhaps cooking long term because we can't just be
16 closing the river on an EO every year to motorboat use.

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18 MR. STURM: No. That's correct. I
19 expect that the Park Service will be pursuing a special
20 regulation that would close the river once we
21 understand what we need to do managerially. But for
22 this year we just don't have the time. The government
23 shutdown didn't help with our timing of things, so we
24 need to do at least a temporary closure this coming
25 season.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Lary and then
28 Richard.

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30 MR. HILL: Mark, I don't know if you
31 can answer this or not or want to. Just a little
32 statement first. Any time I hear about new regulations
33 I'm always curious where does this come from. Does it
34 come from the top down or is this because -- is this a
35 concern that the superintendents through their staff
36 decided needed a change, some clarification? Where did
37 the idea for the new regulations come from? New isn't
38 always better. That's why I'm asking the question.

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40 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. Thank
41 you, Lary. I guess I would say that it depends.
42 Sometimes things do come top down, but this one in
43 particular has essentially come from my staff and I
44 recognizing the need for this. The need was not there
45 because we had a physical impediment prohibiting
46 migration up the river. We didn't have a regulatory
47 framework around which we manage motorboats in the
48 Brooks River. But because of the new development of an
49 elevated bridge and boardwalk system, motorboats won't
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1 be impeded any longer and therefore we have a need to
2 kind of manage that differently.

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4 MR. HILL: Also with the Pike Ridge.

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6 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. I guess
7 I would also say similarly. The Pike Ridge has
8 actually been something that the community has brought
9 their concerns to the Park through forums such as this
10 and we are trying to work through a process to where we
11 get to a point where that area, in particular that
12 access trail, is managed transparently and well in
13 accordance to existing land designations.

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15 MR. HILL: Okay. Thank you.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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19 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, thanks.
20 Yeah, Mark, I just want to remind us that not too long
21 ago we got the C&T findings for red fish, for spawned
22 out in the river systems that we have now in the lake.
23 I just want to remind us that there's still C&T
24 findings at Brooks River. So when you go to make these
25 regulations about boat activity in there, remember that
26 we do have C&T abilities in there, at least at the
27 mouth of the river.

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29 That's why I guess I was asking is
30 there going to be any public comments to help in this
31 process because that could be a biggy, you know, as the
32 runs get smaller, that's the late run in there and
33 people may be targeting Brooks a little later on and
34 need to get up in the river a bend or two. So we need
35 to keep that in mind.

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37 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. Thank
38 you, Richard. There will absolutely be an opportunity
39 for the community. It will be here in Naknek or in
40 King Salmon and we will announce it widely. We
41 absolutely want to consider these types of potential
42 conflicts and make sure we get it right.

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44 What we're proposing this year is a
45 one-year closure at the bridge like it has been from
46 June 1st through October 31st. Actually it might be
47 October 1st. I'd have to check. But there's just a
48 one-time closure is what we're proposing this year.

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1 With those updates, I know my
2 colleagues have additional updates they wanted to
3 share.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.
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7 MR. WOODS: I guess I'll let you finish
8 because I've got like a policy question for you.
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10 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. I'm
11 happy to catch you after and we can talk.
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13 MR. WOODS: Yeah, afterward. When is
14 the last time the Katmai National Park was reviewed? I
15 don't know if you do it annually, every five years.
16 The operating document, the management plan that you
17 operate under has that been reviewed? I'm just looking
18 at the process part of this whole plan you're talking
19 about because it has bear viewing and it has Wilderness
20 Act and you're talking about activity. All that detail
21 this board doesn't have enough time. I don't even know
22 if anybody reads other than -- I guess my question is
23 what public process do you have in reviewing those
24 plans?
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26 I'm not too familiar with that. Huge
27 question, I know.
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29 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. It is a
30 huge question. I could tell you that we are overdue
31 for our general management plan, which is what we
32 typically call those things. The one that we're
33 currently operating under is a 1986 era plan. I guess
34 I would say that as time goes on and different
35 priorities are identified in the Park, we typically
36 develop planning documents for that particular area of
37 the Park that are very focused in nature. I guess I
38 would say at some point we will be re-developing or
39 reinitiating a general management plan, but it is not
40 on the near horizon.
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42 MR. WOODS: Okay. The question is I
43 think in '07-'08 the Federal government kind of changed
44 how you can testify on those reviews. If you didn't
45 comment on the first round, you weren't eligible for
46 the final document and I think that's real important as
47 a process here. Not only include the public, but also
48 the entities. I think we have -- like Orville pointed
49 out, we have tribal entities in the villages affected
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1 that need to be a part of that.

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3 I'm thinking, I just want to
4 understand, so if it's been '86, yeah, you've got a
5 long road ahead of you.

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7 Thanks.

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9 MR. STURM: Thank you.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: William.

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13 MR. TREFON: I've got a question about
14 these boat restrictions here. Like Lake Clark we had a
15 lot of issues in the past with jet boats and air boats.
16 Do you have any restrictions or limitations on your
17 rivers and streams up there in Katmai?

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19 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. The
20 only restricted waterway that we are considering at
21 this time in Katmai National Park and Preserve is the
22 Brooks River reach that goes from the elevated bridge
23 to the falls. Those are the only restricted waters
24 that we're contemplating at this time.

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26 MR. TREFON: Oh, so there's no
27 restriction on boat size, motor size, jet unit size.
28 We had issues with the jet units where they were
29 actually changing streams in our spawning rivers and
30 changing channels. Air boats originally we had them
31 removed because of the noise pollution. I was just
32 wondering was there any concerns like that up there.

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34 MR. STURM: Through the Chair. If I
35 could turn it over to my esteemed colleague Troy, he
36 has more detailed information about this question.

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38 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. Members of
39 the Council. My name is Troy Hamon with the National
40 Park Service in King Salmon. We did have an extensive
41 study in the late 1980s on jet boat activity in one of
42 our streams, a medium-size stream, American Creek, and
43 we did find considerable movement of substrate, but the
44 underlying question was whether it actually hurt
45 spawning success, which it did not appear to do. As a
46 result of that, we don't have a specific limitation on
47 jet boat activity in terms of how people are authorized
48 to use jet boats.

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1 We do, however, have on that stream a
2 limitation on the number of boats that are authorized
3 to be stored there by commercial entities, which does
4 result in a lower usage than if multiple additional
5 boats were stored there. Air boats are not generally
6 authorized in National Park Service units.

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8 In the cases where they are in use are
9 usually areas where there's a matter of jurisdictional
10 overlap with the State. Much of our Park is actually
11 pre-Statehood water withdrawals, so air boats are not
12 authorized in Katmai for the most part so we don't have
13 air boats operating currently as far as I know
14 anywhere.

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16 MR. TREFON: Yeah, the Tazimina had a
17 lot of detrimental effects on jet boats up across from
18 Nondalton there, so our limitation is 50 horsepower.
19 It used to be 250 and big boats. Now it's a 50-horse
20 limit.

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22 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. There have
23 been a number of discussions about boat size. We have
24 relatively few waters where jet boating is active.
25 Most of our -- within the Katmai drainage most of the
26 boating is to the river or its float plane access and
27 then most of the fishing is accessed by foot in those
28 regions. The exceptions to that are the Alagnak River
29 and the Nonvianuk, Kukaklek and Killik Rivers where
30 there's quite a bit of boat access.

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32 We have had discussions about boat size
33 and motor size, but with extensive research from USGS
34 we were unable to identify a -- I should say like a
35 rational basis for identifying what that size that
36 would be authorized should be. Those drainages are
37 significantly larger than the Tazimina. So while we
38 can recognize the effect of boat wakes, the effect that
39 had in relation to the erosive effect of the river
40 itself was not something that the USGS could tease out
41 at a level where it made sense for us to try to
42 regulate it, so we have not so far.

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44 MR. TREFON: Thank you.

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46 MR. HAMON: You're welcome.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

1 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.
2 Troy, are you able to regulate it? Like say water
3 level is really low this spring come June, Alagnak and
4 for the outmigration of smolt and stuff coming out or
5 is it say even in the fall when water levels are low
6 and things, do you guys consider those for any kind of
7 boat restrictions? Especially the Alagnak when we've
8 got a significant run that runs up in there into
9 Nonvianuk and Kukaklek.

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11 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. Members of
12 the Council. We have not partly because it's never
13 actually -- that's never been raised as an issue, so
14 that's an interesting kind of additional thing to
15 consider. The things that we have considered have been
16 effects on spawning success of salmon and effects on
17 bank erosion and those are two things that are
18 specifically noteworthy because, of course, salmon are
19 the lifeblood of all our systems. Especially on the
20 Alagnak there are some very large well-known cut banks
21 that have extensive retreat, which is also a natural
22 feature of a cut bank.

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24 So those are the things that we have
25 addressed previously. We have not had a question about
26 effects on smolt or effects on migrating fish that has
27 come to us. Dan may actually be more familiar than I
28 am with any other information about that because
29 sometimes it depends on where you look.

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31 It may have come up elsewhere, but I've
32 spent a lot of time in trying to kind of wrap my head
33 around what we were doing and the results of studies
34 that were in the Park looking at the effects of boat
35 travel and boat wakes and the effects of boats on
36 moving substrate and the effects of boats on wakes
37 hitting shore or something that you can come across. I
38 have not come across anything about the effects of
39 boats on fish or smolts, you know, big or small in the
40 water column.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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44 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Thanks,
45 Troy. It just brought to mind because we are -- like
46 Mr. O'Hara indicated, we're in the land-o-plenty right
47 now as far as our runs go. Eventually our run system
48 is going to -- you know, it's always been cyclic, so
49 eventually we're going to have these days, seasons,

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1 when there's not going to be a whole lot had there, you
2 know.

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4 The Alagnak is considerably busy in the
5 summer with traffic and it's a very shallow river and
6 there's places where you don't go anywhere unless
7 you've got a jet boat. It's that shallow, six inches,
8 eight inches. The fish spawn throughout the whole
9 system and up into the lakes. It seemed like it should
10 be a big concern on the amount of traffic that's in
11 that system especially with the growing number of
12 traffic and the ability to get up into those lakes.

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14 There's been flags in our minds as a
15 community for quite a while trying to somewhat regulate
16 the amount of traffic that goes in there because of the
17 salmon and the trouts and the need to leave them alone
18 once they hit the spawning system to let them be. So
19 it is a great concern of ours, that system there
20 especially because of all the activity.

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22 I think it would require some good
23 investigating to see what those effects might be
24 instead of waiting until we get a real down cycle and
25 all of a sudden, whoops, too much traffic, we better
26 shut it off because that run is gone kind of attitude.
27 So just a little FYI.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: Mr. Hamon mentioned my
32 name asking if I was aware of anything. I've been kind
33 of out of the game for quite a while. I was somewhat
34 familiar with the American Creek study, which was
35 pretty darn rigorous. I don't know of any study that's
36 addressed juvenile salmon effects. I know that back in
37 my day of being a sport fish biologist it was a
38 recurrent topic and the concern of effects on spawning
39 areas and such was a recurrent topic.

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41 The science available then, as Troy has
42 indicated, didn't put a clear finger on negative
43 effects. I, in my time, I haven't observed, which can
44 be a real anecdotal and narrow window view, haven't
45 observed or heard of people seeing direct effects on
46 juvenile fish.

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48 The boat wake issue. I spent a lot of
49 time on the Alagnak and when I saw some of those big
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1 lodges ferrying fuel, I wondered myself, but it is a
2 braided, shifting, every-moving system, which can
3 really obscure any clearcut effect from any individual
4 cause.

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6 We mentioned Allen Miller earlier from
7 the Togiak Refuge who'd had a real experience and
8 knowledge with that kind of issue out in the Lower 48,
9 believe. But I know it was looked at a lot. It
10 possibly might be an angle to look at, request a study
11 directly at juvenile fish.

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13 Also at times it seems like once again
14 the dead horse is getting beaten even further. I don't
15 want to be disrespectful. The concerns are genuine and
16 there's a potential for real effects, but it just seems
17 to be kind of a handy thing to come up now and then.

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19 To my knowledge -- now I've been out of
20 the game since 2002, but I try to stay abreast of
21 things. I don't know of any new data out there that we
22 could look at. Maybe we could ask -- I don't know if
23 Sport Fish in Dillingham is tuned in or not, but I
24 don't want to ever discount the potential for real
25 effects.

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27 Thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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31 MR. WILSON: Mr. Hill had his hand up
32 first.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Lary.

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36 MR. HILL: Troy, with the respect to
37 the jet boats, it's not the wake especially that's the
38 problem. It's the huge rooster tail that comes off the
39 back of one of those big 250-horsepower. They've got a
40 rooster tail probably 50 feet long sometimes,
41 especially when the water is shallow and the current is
42 strong.

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44 When they're turning either way facing
45 into the current that rooster tail will go up on the
46 banks and will erode some of that. We want that to
47 stop and limit it to 50 horsepower. So the wake itself
48 isn't the only problem, it's the actual effects of the
49 big 25-horsepower effect on the pump that pushes that
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1 water the length of this room often.

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3 That erosion is quickly usually washed
4 away by the current. You've got a wake that goes ahead
5 of this huge boat that does also affect the erosion.
6 It's not noticeable right away because the stream
7 pushes it away so you don't see it right there. It has
8 a big effect on the sediment that gets over the top of
9 the eggs that are being spawned and fertilized. It
10 covers them up and washes them away also.

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12 The second thing is has any kind of
13 water quality studies been done in these high-traffic
14 areas? Any time you have any kind of exhaust that
15 comes down through the boat, any kind of underwater
16 exhaust, you have some fuel, some exhaust, some oil
17 that gets into the water.

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19 Really evident in Bristol Bay when all
20 the boats go out and you see a real oily sheen on the
21 water. It also happens in fishing streams. If you
22 look downstream, you can see actual oil sheen out on
23 the water. Oil or these fuels will effect the salmon.
24 They won't spawn. There's not enough oxygen there.

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26 This is my observation. I'm not a
27 biologist. That's some of the things I wanted -- and
28 also the time of year. Whenever we do any kind of
29 construction around a place where salmon spawn we're
30 regulated by when the salmon fry leave and when the
31 spawning is done. You can't go out in the water and do
32 anything, any kind of construction or moving that
33 without a special permit.

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35 So it seems to me like what Richard was
36 talking about, some kind of -- not a restriction, but a
37 closer look at some kind of -- I know it's politically
38 a hot potato to regulate people to access to these
39 specific areas. So I think maybe we should look at
40 that especially with the water quality. I don't know
41 how you'd regulate that, but I would suggest you look
42 at the issue of these big jet boats and maybe have
43 something to do with slowing down or limit the number
44 of users during the spawning time.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard, then
47 Dan.

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49 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 I just want to remind this Council that several years
2 ago when Mr. Dan O'Hara was still on board with us and
3 we came to this Council with some very serious looks at
4 our chinook salmon in our streams. As a subsistence
5 user, as a C&T holder, we came to this Council and
6 tried to figure out some methods for helping the
7 spawned chinook as well as other species and we've
8 talked about this and we've actually got it on our
9 books as monitoring programs, but it doesn't seem to
10 come up front very often like it's a real hot item.
11 It's just on the list kind of thing.

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13 This conversation is real and it's very
14 hurtful, you know, very meaningful to us. I'm glad the
15 conversation came up. We've talked about it many times
16 before and the fire is still there, so let's keep it
17 going.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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21 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, clearly. It
22 smolders. As far as water quality, Lary, I am kind of
23 aware -- I thought I read that they monitor water
24 quality on the Kenai River. I believe the sport
25 fisheries have transitioned more and more to four-cycle
26 outboard motors and I think they've also done other
27 things in the Kenai area to cut road runoff. But I
28 thought I'd seen something where the train petroleum
29 products in the river have dropped dramatically.

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31 My own anecdotal observations more on
32 the west side of the bay the guides -- as the old
33 two-cycle motors die out, they've gone more and more to
34 four-stroke outboards and my impression would be that
35 there should be less oil -- far less oil actually
36 getting dumped into the water than there was when
37 everything was two-cycle.

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39 I've also had concerns while observing
40 the amount of fuel at times being transported up the
41 Alagnak. Just take one of those, I don't know what
42 they are, 200-gallon tanks or whatever they use. If
43 somebody screwed up, that could be a major issue.
44 Again, water quality deserves attention. We've kind of
45 at times been -- at least personally I have not had an
46 idea of a newer, fresher study to propose. I'm
47 wondering about maybe we should begin discussion on
48 some sort of a new joint State-Federal study with maybe
49 some new focus.

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1 I thought I'd just add that.

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3 Thanks.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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7 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, just kind of as
8 a follow up on Dan there. A couple different things.
9 The outboard motor industry is forced into basically a
10 four-stroke type situation. They can't even
11 manufacture boat motors anymore that don't meet certain
12 standards, which is one of the reasons too why you see
13 so many four-strokes out there. You can still get the
14 two strokes, but they have to meet much higher
15 standards for admissions than they used to.

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17 To also follow up on the Kenai study, I
18 was glad you mentioned it, Dan, because I'd forgotten
19 about it. I actually read that thing and I don't do
20 that very often about Kenai stuff because I have a real
21 strong distaste for what's been allowed to happen over
22 there. I was really disappointed to find out just how
23 high the traffic levels had to be to have the water
24 quality reach standards that were below minimums over
25 there when I read that study.

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27 I was just shocked quite frankly and I
28 don't know the details. I don't remember it because
29 that study actually happened quite a few years ago, so
30 my memory had dimmed along with it. I do not think
31 that it is unwarranted, but I do remember being
32 disappointed even back then when there were more
33 two-stroke motors available than there are now.

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35 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. Just as a
36 quick follow up. The study on the Alagnak where we
37 were looking at bank erosion was a water quality study
38 that included a number of measures, so we do have a
39 baseline. That would allow us to go back if we could
40 get USGS partnership project. That would allow us to
41 go back and basically do a follow up now almost 20
42 years later.

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44 I will tell you that the result at that
45 time, at a time when the boat use on the Alagnak was as
46 high or maybe higher than it is right now, in the words
47 of the investigators from USGS was outstanding water
48 quality. We were surprised by that because we
49 perceived it even within our staff as an extremely busy
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1 river. What they were pointing out is that that is a
2 big river relatively high flow, a lot of water pushing
3 through. They said the size of kind of inputs you'd
4 have to have to have a signal that we could even detect
5 would be alarmingly obvious visibly.
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7 At that time there was nothing that
8 reached that level and it was outstanding water
9 quality. And we come into that sometimes. That
10 doesn't mean it's not an issue, but it may not be a
11 water quality issue.
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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
14 comments.
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16 MR. WOODS: One more comment. We're
17 just hearing about the Bristol Bay Bering Sea side. On
18 a Pacific side, Kachemak Bay and McNeil River is under
19 your management?
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21 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. No, McNeil
22 River is a State unit and the Kachemak Bay side is --
23 actually I don't know who all manages Kachemak Bay.
24 Our properties and our jurisdiction end kind of -- we
25 surround much of McNeil River, but that's where we
26 stop.
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28 MR. WOODS: Okay. Just a technical
29 question because I'm a map person. In my day job we
30 operate off of GIS and a detailed snapshot of where
31 we're at. Yeah, thanks for all the information. Now
32 we're talking about Katmai National Park and Preserve
33 right above Alagnak. Is that the special area that's
34 almost exclusive?
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36 MR. HAMON: So the kind of summary of
37 Katmai. Katmai is one of the very old Park units in
38 Alaska. It was originally designated in 1918. Because
39 of that much of the interior heart of Katmai predates
40 Statehood, it predates ANILCA and ANILCA added land to
41 the Park, but the part that was designated Park was not
42 authorized for subsistence because it wasn't a
43 subsistence unit up to that point and they didn't add
44 subsistence during ANILCA for whatever reason.
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46 So the places in Katmai proper where
47 subsistence is authorized are the parts that were
48 labeled preserve during the addition and the Alagnak,
49 which is not Park or Preserve, it's a wild river, is
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1 also Federal land with subsistence authorized. So
2 those are the two parts of Katmai where there is
3 subsistence and then we also manage Aniakchak, which is
4 down near Port Heiden and that's a
5 subsistence-authorized Monument as well as a Preserve
6 where there's subsistence and sport harvest.

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8 MR. WOODS: Thank you for that
9 explanation. Knowledge is everything. I can just now
10 get the picture of.

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12 Thanks.

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14 My personal board comment.

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16 When I look at the Brooks River camp
17 and that whole picture, you know, man use days on every
18 river system is going to increase no matter what we do
19 and I cringe at the fact that we're probably going to
20 end up in a Kenai situation eventually.

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22 MS. MORRIS LYON: Frank. Frank.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 MR. WOODS: I'm not.....

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: After the road is built.

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30 MR. WOODS: There's not enough road
31 kill to feed that animal. Thank you for your open -- I
32 hope we can work through the next management plan when
33 you do come up that we be engaged in reading that plan
34 and helping guide the whole direction of that because
35 it's pretty huge.

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37 Thanks.

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39 MR. HAMON: Through the Chair, just
40 briefly. Absolutely. We are very much into wanting to
41 engage with the various stakeholders and groups that
42 have an affiliation with the Park. We are trying very
43 hard in that regard on a number of different projects
44 that are somewhat challenging quite honestly.

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46 Madame Chair, I know we've gone over
47 our time, but our cultural resource staff has been here
48 and she's got a couple of updates she'd like to share
49 that the Council expressed some interest in. Could we
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1 take a couple more minutes.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If one of you
4 could give me a quick review on Federal waters and how
5 you're able to close waters through Federal, I guess,
6 jurisdiction. Just give me a quick review. I know
7 about the State waters, but Federal.

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9 MR. STURM: I'll take an initial shot
10 and then Troy will correct everything I said. How
11 about that?

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MR. STURM: This is actually -- I'm
16 sure it's very much common knowledge -- an issue that's
17 before the Supreme Court as we speak with the Sturgeon
18 case. We are all anxiously awaiting the outcome of
19 that case. It has the potential to influence how
20 waters are managed certainly in Alaska but I think even
21 more so nationwide. It does call into question
22 jurisdiction of who has jurisdictional authority over
23 waterway.

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25 In the case of Katmai National Park and
26 Preserve, as Troy explained earlier, we do have
27 pre-Statehood designated areas that are pretty
28 substantive in the Park and those areas would be areas
29 where the National Park Service would have authority
30 over water management issues regardless of the outcome
31 of that case. Anywhere else in the state that doesn't
32 have that unique characteristic it very much will
33 depend upon how the Supreme Court finds in the Sturgeon
34 case.

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36 MR. HAMON: Madame Chair. The second
37 part of your question, which is procedurally how ANILCA
38 prescribed a certain process, which is now housed not
39 in the Park Service regulations in 36 CFR but in the
40 Department of Interior regulations in 43 CFR are the
41 closure procedures that we're required to follow for
42 anything like closure to boats in the case of Brooks
43 River.

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45 So those closure procedures are the
46 ones that we'll be following to institute closure
47 action for the short term for this year. Those will
48 also be either required closure procedures for any
49 longer-term closure that happens at a later date

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1 through -- whether it's a regs package or whatever
2 would happen.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, I guess
5 we're going to have Linda take over.
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7 MS. CHISHOLM: Madame Chair and Council
8 members. Linda Chisholm representing Katmai and
9 Aniakchak National Park units. I just wanted to make a
10 brief statement in response to some of the questions
11 raised about consultation. We understand that tribes
12 and corporations are governments and therefore have an
13 elevated comments in terms of any public comment
14 periods we have.
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16 In regards to Pike Ridge, what we've
17 done since 2015 is send out a proposed projects letter
18 to about 52 different tribes and village and regional
19 corporations. Pike Ridge we've kept on that letter
20 through all those years providing updates and inviting
21 comments and consultation.
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23 We do that for projects not only large
24 projects that require a NEPA process like Pike Ridge,
25 but also for our other monitoring projects in the Park
26 for natural resources, cultural resources and
27 facilities management projects. So developments and
28 infrastructure of improvements at our developed areas
29 like Brooks Camp.
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31 Speaking of that, I'd like to give an
32 update on the road restoration project at Brooks Camp.
33 Two weeks ago the Park met with the Council of Katmai
34 Descendants to review the newest draft MOA to remove
35 the unplanned roadbed. This newest MOA is the
36 culmination of several years of hard work and input
37 from our partners, the Council of Katmai Descendants
38 and Paugvik BBNC and the heirs of Pelagia Melgenak.
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40 We will be sending out hard copies and
41 digital copies of that newest agreement to all proposed
42 signatories this week. So I will have a cover letter
43 in there inviting folks to get a hold of myself or the
44 superintendent so that we can finalize that document.
45 We need to have an MOA signed and reviewed by the State
46 before we can go forward with the road removal. How we
47 will do that process has been directly informed by our
48 consultation efforts with Paugvik and the Council of
49 Katmai Descendants.
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1 Are there any questions.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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5 MR. WILSON: Just a comment. Thanks.

6 It was on my mind for questioning. Appreciate the
7 update.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair, thank
12 you. I also just have a comment and a request that we
13 would have an update on that also for our fall RAC
14 meeting to know that that's been followed up on and
15 where it's at and maybe a drawing for those of us who
16 are not privy to what the plan is.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MS. CHISHOLM: Certainly. I can have
21 figures, images available at that next meeting.

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23 My next item is a reappointment request
24 for Gerda Kosbruk to the Aniakchak SRC. Gerda
25 submitted her reappointment materials last year and
26 just to give a brief bio for Gerda. She's a long-time
27 resident and subsistence user of Port Heiden. She
28 provides institutional knowledge from that area of
29 resource use and abundance for her community. Also in
30 terms of her detailed involvement with the State Tier
31 II caribou hunt and subsistence opportunities for
32 caribou in 9E. Gerda knows Robert's Rules of Order
33 better than anyone.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MS. CHISHOLM: And she provides a lot
38 of helpful information and a lot of comments, question
39 and appropriate critique for the SRC. I think many of
40 us know and are aware that Gerda has been undergoing
41 treatment. So in this sense I'm asking for her
42 reappointment as an acknowledgment of all of her
43 involvement and effort and as acknowledgment of her
44 dedication to resource management for her area on the
45 Alaska Peninsula.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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49 MS. MORRIS LYON: Do we need a motion

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1 on this, Donald? I'd like to make that motion then to
2 certainly recognize her as a valuable council member
3 and to keep her on.
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5 MR. DUNAWAY: I'll second.
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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's a
8 motion by Nanci Morris to keep Gerda Kosbruk on the SRC
9 board. Seconded by Dan.
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11 All in favor say aye.
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13 IN UNISON: Aye.
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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
16 opposition.
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18 (No opposing votes)
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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: No opposition.
21 Thank you.
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23 Donald.
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25 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. I
26 just want to let the record know that Mr. Billy Maines
27 voted in the affirmative.
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29 Thank you.
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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
32 Anything else. If there's no other questions, thank
33 you for your report. It's about 11:56. I don't know
34 what the restaurant situation is.
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36 MR. MIKE: Before we break.....
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38 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair. This is
39 Gayla. Can I say something really quick.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Gayla, yes.
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43 MS. HOSETH: Thank you, Madame Chair.
44 I just wanted to make the Council aware I recently
45 attended the EPA Region 10 RTOC committee meeting in
46 Portland last week. EPA has the waters of the United
47 States definition that's opened up for a 60-day comment
48 period. I don't think that a lot of people are aware
49 of this.
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1 So you were asking about Federal waters
2 and during this meeting we were asking the Army Corps
3 of Engineers who's doing this comment period right now
4 where -- you know, a map to show us what are the waters
5 of the United States and how that affects us tribally
6 or even throughout the United States of what are the
7 waters of the United States and what state waters and
8 how does that affect traditional navigable waters and
9 tributaries and lakes and ponds.

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11 I can email Donald Mike the comment
12 period information, but you were asking about Federal
13 waters and it's something that I'm learning about
14 currently and helping try to educate people on this but
15 I'm educating myself at the same time, so I don't have
16 too much, but I just wanted to put that on the record.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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20 MR. DUNAWAY: Thanks, Gayla. I've been
21 in a little side correspondence with Gayla. I didn't
22 really have an opening until now. She mentioned that
23 there's possibly other people listening in that haven't
24 introduced themselves or may want to speak. I was
25 going to pass on to Molly could we invite those other
26 folks to identify themselves and encourage them to
27 speak up if they have a concern or comment.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That's fine
30 with me. If they're not able to attend in person, we
31 can have them online and make comments.

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33 Donald.

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35 MR. MIKE: Yes, we can do that either
36 now or after the break and do that first thing, do
37 introductions. That's one of the items I neglected to
38 mention.

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40 As far as our reports from the Park
41 Service and the Council's request to be involved in the
42 management plan comment period. So if we do that, this
43 Council needs at least two full days if we're going to
44 be reviewing general management plan from the Park
45 Service. That will give us time to digest all
46 information and develop your comments and then write
47 those comments for consideration for the Park Service
48 to consider.

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1 So that will require at least a
2 two-full-day meeting for management plan review.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I wasn't
7 really positive as to how to treat the people that are
8 online. When we have public attending, they normally
9 don't make comments on reports until they have a blue
10 card and they have this knowledge and item section or
11 if they come up to the table to make comments. I don't
12 know how we can treat this for public that are online
13 to make comments versus the board here that are
14 obligated to make comments.

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16 Lary.

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18 MR. HILL: Madame Chair. A suggestion.
19 After each agency makes a report, once the Council is
20 done with questions, perhaps we could suggest that if
21 there's anyone online that has any questions they could
22 speak during that time.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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26 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes, Madame Chair. I
27 would also suggest maybe just momentarily at the
28 beginning and end of every session we would ask who
29 might be online with us so we could get caught up to
30 whom we have available.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, did
33 you have a comment.

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35 MR. MIKE: Ms. Nanci Morris stole my
36 thunder.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 MR. MIKE: I was going to suggest too
41 that in between agenda items you can make an
42 announcement if there's any public comments from online
43 or the audience.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I'll do
46 that after the Council gets through with their comment
47 period.

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49 I guess at this time we can break for
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1 lunch. Did anybody find out if the restaurant is
2 available here, D&D?

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4 MR. DUNAWAY: It was yesterday. It was
5 good yesterday.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So we can
8 break for lunch probably about an hour, hour and a
9 half. How long.

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11 MS. MORRIS LYON: Better give it an
12 hour and a half.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hour and a
15 half. So be back about 1:30.

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17 (Off record)

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19 (On record)

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I'm going to
22 call the meeting back to order. It's 1:26. Next on
23 our agenda is Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I
24 think we have Neil online.

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26 MS. MORRIS LYON: Do you want to ask
27 who's online first.

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29 MR. BARTEN: Hello, this is Neil,
30 Alaska Department of Fish and Game here in Dillingham.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald, do you
33 want to see who's online.

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35 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
36 Before we get started I'd like to identify all those
37 online. Please identify yourself and who you represent
38 for the record.

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40 Thank you.

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42 MR. BARTEN: This is Neil Barten with
43 Fish and Game in Dillingham.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Anybody else.

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47 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Kenneth Nukwak, Sr.,
48 Manokotak.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Welcome back,
2 Kenneth. Anybody else.

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4 (No response)

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I
7 guess, if not, we can recognize anybody else that will
8 come on later.

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10 MS. MORRIS LYON: Hopefully Billy will
11 be able to join us again.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. Neil, I
14 guess you're next on our agenda.

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16 MR. BARTEN: Okay. Thanks for inviting
17 me. I did want to say that both Dave Crowley and Chris
18 Peterson, who normally probably attend your meeting,
19 are out catching moose, I think, out of King Salmon
20 today so they couldn't make it. I thought I'd call in
21 and just give you an update on kind of what's going on
22 up here in Unit 17 around Dillingham, Togiak and
23 Manokotak and some of the villages upriver.

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25 I guess I wanted to start out and just
26 talk about our intensive management for the Mulchatna
27 Caribou Herd. We've got that same-day airborne hunt
28 going on or opportunity going on where we permit
29 private pilots in most of what is Unit 17B and they can
30 fly in, land and shoot or shoot from the back seat of a
31 fixed wing aircraft to take wolves in that area during
32 certain periods of time.

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34 Last year was a real good year. We had
35 a lot of snow, so the fall of '17 into the spring of
36 '18. I think the airplane hunters took 30 wolves out
37 of that controlled area. Snowmachine hunters as well
38 did very good. They took almost 50 out of that area.
39 So between that we had one of our best years for
40 caribou calf survival that we've had in a long time.

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42 Last fall we had really good numbers.
43 In October we do surveys. We had 39 calves per 100
44 cows up in that Upper Mulchatna country, which is the
45 best we've had since sometime in the early 1990s, which
46 is pretty good. That's kind of what we need to see,
47 Mulchatna Caribou Herd grow, which recently it hasn't
48 been growing much. It's been just kind of stagnant.

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1 This year we haven't had as much snow
2 as you all know, but as of today I think four wolves
3 were taken by the hunters with same-day airborne
4 permits. The snowmachine hunters out of Koliganek and
5 New Stuyahok probably have gotten another maybe six to
6 ten. We're kind of waiting to hear on some of those.
7 We don't always hear right away, but probably something
8 in that neighborhood.

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10 So the wolf densities are far lower now
11 than they were a year ago. So I think even if they
12 take a few hopefully that will help with our caribou
13 calf survival this coming spring and maybe we'll have
14 another good calf crop going into next fall. If we can
15 get that a couple two, three years in a row, that could
16 make a big difference for the growth of the Mulchatna
17 Herd, which is kind of what we really need at this
18 point.

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20 Anyway, so that's kind of what's going
21 on with the control program. Like I said, our
22 estimates of calf survival and calves per hundred cows
23 last fall was good. The condition of the caribou in
24 the Mulchatna Herd is still really good. Our short
25 yearling weights are real good.

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27 All the animals are healthy from what
28 we can tell. They're having calves to some degree,
29 about 25 to 30 percent of our two-year-old females are
30 pregnant. That's really good. A lot of herds you
31 don't see that at all, but the Mulchatna is doing real
32 well there. So basically if we can get more calves
33 surviving, the table is set pretty well for that
34 population to start growing. So I think that looks
35 good.

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37 We're going to try to put out 26 radio
38 collars here in the next month, early April, on the
39 Mulchatna Caribou Herd. Some of those are going to be
40 satellite transmitters that Andy Aderman with the Fish
41 and Wildlife Service is providing. That gives us a lot
42 of data where we can sit by our computer, dial them up
43 and see where they are and it helps us find the caribou
44 for photo census and for parturition surveys and
45 composition surveys, so that's real important.
46 Hopefully we'll get that done.

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48 Then we're going to again have, as part
49 of this intensive management same-day airborne hunting
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1 or control program, we are going to collar probably 50
2 to 60 calves in the Mulchatna range again. Those are
3 going to be brand-new calves, one or two days old, and
4 that's going to be spearheaded out of the Palmer office
5 with Nick Demma taking the lead on that.
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7 He's going to collar calves from both
8 of the main calving grounds and then for the next two
9 weeks after that fly in every day to see which ones are
10 alive and if they do die try to determine if they were
11 killed by bears, wolves, eagles, wolverines or
12 whatever.
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14 That kind of gives us another idea of
15 how the removal of wolves in some of these areas is
16 affecting early calf survival. So that's a pretty good
17 study we've been doing now for -- this will be the
18 third consecutive year.
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20 Then the harvest.
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22 Last year we had a harvest of about 440
23 caribou that were reported for the Mulchatna Herd,
24 which is the highest we've had in four or five years,
25 but I really do believe the harvest is probably
26 significantly higher than that. I think in some cases
27 the reporting isn't as good as it could be especially
28 out along the Kuskokwim. From everything we've heard
29 there's probably more caribou being taken than we're
30 hearing about and that's something we're continually
31 working with people to try to get reporting to be
32 better.
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34 Anyway, this year we're less than 150
35 animals reported, but it's usually this time of year we
36 get into more -- if the snow conditions are good, can
37 really start getting into caribou. So we'll see how
38 that turns out.
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40 With moose we had, I think Susanna
41 mentioned Unit 17A the winter harvest was, I think, in
42 the neighborhood of 22 animals; 14 cows and 8 bulls, I
43 think. We did have a month-long season and then we
44 extended it another month. So the initial season ran
45 from I think 26 December to 25 January. We got a
46 request to extend that season, so we extended it to the
47 25th of February. That didn't mean a lot because the
48 conditions have just not been that good for travel.
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1 I think an extra four moose were taken
2 during the last month of the season. In the end,
3 people ended up getting 22 moose in that winter hunt,
4 which isn't so far off from what we've gotten in the
5 last few years.

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7 One of the cool things with the Unit
8 17A hunt is under State through the Board of Game a
9 year ago we lengthened the fall hunt by five days
10 because we have a lot of opportunity there. We ran it
11 to the 25th of September this year and that meant I
12 think eight additional bulls were taken in that extra
13 five-day hunt, so that kind of made a difference for
14 people for opportunity.

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16 Then we also started a fall antlerless
17 hunt in 17A and eight cows were taken during that fall
18 antlerless hunt. So we have a good, healthy population
19 there. We're trying to provide as much opportunity as
20 we can. It's good to see people are taking advantage
21 of that. So that's working out pretty well.

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23 With moose we also have -- we're going
24 to be doing some captures here in the next week
25 hopefully. The Refuge and myself are going to work
26 together, hopefully put out 15 collars in Unit 17A and
27 maybe a little bit in Unit 18 to keep track of that
28 population. If that all goes well, we'll have a good
29 sample. Andy Aderman has been spearheading that study
30 for the better part of 20 years and we have a lot of
31 good data from that.

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33 Unit 17B and 17C we kind of just
34 started a calf mortality study two year ago. This is
35 going to be the third year. We're going to have folks
36 showing up on Friday a couple of days from now and
37 we're going to put out another 15 or 20 collars and
38 recapture some of the animals that have been collared
39 years ago. And we'll be looking at calf survival as we
40 get into early to mid May and then follow the moose
41 every day until the 5th of June.

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43 Again, kind of like we're doing with
44 the caribou calves, if we see the cow with the calf, we
45 note that. We look at twinning rates, calf survival
46 and if a calf does die, we try to determine what killed
47 it if we can. In a lot of cases we won't know, but we
48 do the best we can from the air if we see bears or
49 wolves on the site.

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1 Next year we're probably going to be
2 actually catching calves and putting little radio
3 collars on them and that way when the calf does die
4 we're going to be able to actually land there with a
5 helicopter and through the pattern of the kill and sign
6 of predators at the site hopefully be able to determine
7 the cause of death on the majority of the calves that
8 do die. I mean whether it's a bear, wolves, some
9 drown, other reasons like that, so that's important
10 information that we're going to be able to get.

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12 So, yeah, the caribou and moose stuff
13 is going pretty good. We're doing wolf work in Unit
14 17B and C as well and also helping the Refuge in 17A
15 and 18. We're going to be hopefully catching a number
16 of wolves in both those places here in the next two,
17 three weeks and get information on pack size and
18 recruitment of animals into the population and
19 mortality.

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21 In the Unit 17B and C associated with
22 the control program we get really good -- the radio
23 collaring is really important to kind of assess how
24 many wolves are out there, how many are removed by the
25 airplane hunters and snowmachines and then how that
26 relates to calf survival with what we've got left and
27 the radio collars allow us to kind of keep tabs on what
28 we have left after the harvest and hunting season.

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30 So that's kind of a general overview.
31 You guys may have questions on different aspects of
32 this, but I don't want to ramble on too long, so I will
33 just kind of leave it at that. If you have any
34 questions on any particular aspect of this, please ask
35 away.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
38 Richard has a question for you.

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40 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, thanks.
41 Thanks, Neil. I really appreciate that update. It's
42 very helpful here. I'm wondering is there much
43 movement at all with the Mulchatna Caribou in this last
44 year? Are they staying put or are they traveling very
45 far?

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47 MR. BARTEN: Oh, yeah, they kind of got
48 their own thing going. I mean the Mulchatna Caribou
49 Herd -- you know, our last estimate of abundance where
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1 we did a population estimate was in the summer of 2016
2 and our estimate was right around 27,000 caribou. Some
3 of you who have been around a long time go holy cow, we
4 used to have 200,000.

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6 Well, it got down to about as low as 18
7 and two summers ago it was back up to about 27, give or
8 take, and then in the last two years we've not been
9 able to get an estimate because we just didn't have
10 good summers to really aggregate the caribou and get a
11 good estimate.

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13 But within that the herd, what we have
14 left on the landscape, they're kind of broken into two
15 parts. One, maybe about 60 percent of the animals,
16 spend most of the year out toward Bethel, into Kwethluk
17 and Eek Rivers and out near the Kuskokwim. Then in the
18 spring, in late April, early May, they migrate east and
19 go through the mountain passes, mostly up by the
20 northern end of the Wood-Tikchik lake system by Nishlik
21 and Upnuk Lake.

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23 They end up calving anywhere from the
24 east side of those lakes all the way down to southwest
25 of Koliganek. So that group of caribou travels a long
26 way. Then they'll have their calves and then within
27 three to four weeks they turn right around and march
28 all the way back through the mountain passes and all
29 the way back towards the Kuskokwim along the Kwethluk
30 River. So those ones move a lot.

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32 Then the ones on the east side they,
33 for the most part, calve up by the Bonanza Hills or up
34 by Tutna Lake up in Unit 19 and the upper Mosquito
35 country. Then like right now a lot of those animals
36 are in the Stuyahok Hills country, but they don't move
37 nearly as much. They kind of have their little
38 migratory pattern, but it's much less pronounced than
39 the ones on the left side.

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41 We've been seeing that for a number of
42 years now, that same kind of pattern. There's some
43 mixing between the east group and the west group, but
44 largely that's kind of -- if you're a western caribou,
45 that's your life. You come east and calve and go back
46 west. If you're an eastern caribou, you pretty much
47 spend your whole life, at least based on the radio
48 collars, on the eastern side.

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1 MR. WILSON: Thanks, Neil. You really
2 gave a great outlook on what that appears to be.
3 Appreciate that. Did the Department here in King
4 Salmon at all -- did ADF&G give you any info on the
5 North Peninsula Herd or the South Peninsula Herd on the
6 caribou?

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8 MR. BARTEN: No, sorry to say. They're
9 out catching moose like I said and I didn't have a
10 chance to talk to them. The only thing I could do is
11 make up stuff and I don't want to tell you guys made-up
12 stories. So I don't know much at all about those two
13 herds because I hardly ever get questions on them.
14 Yeah, sorry. If those guys were here, they could talk
15 all day long about those two herds I'm sure.

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17 MR. WILSON: Thank you for that.
18 Madame Chair, I really miss that portion of this
19 meeting here is having our ADF&G update us on a couple
20 of the herds, which I think are very vital to this
21 Council. It seems like to me more effort should have
22 gone out to at least given us a written report of some
23 sort. To my recollection, I don't see anything new
24 coming off of ADF&G or any reports on the Federal side
25 of those two herds that were just mentioned.

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27 I just want to make that note that
28 we're constantly looking for these updates and they're
29 very vital here and we don't seem to be getting them.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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33 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. If
34 you recall, this Council, in part of the annual report
35 to the Federal Subsistence Board was to include
36 language to all agency folks that are participating in
37 our Regional Advisory Council that their agency reports
38 are important and management should be available for
39 the Council to ask questions of them for up-to-date
40 information for this Council to make informed, educated
41 decisions. So if the Council wishes to resubmit it as
42 an annual report item, that's also an option for you.

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44 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan and then
47 Frank.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 Thank you, Neil. A lot of that's interesting. I'm
2 tickled to hear that if the east side biologist can't
3 be here they're out looking at these animals that we've
4 been worried about.

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6 Richard's comment on movement triggered
7 my memory that you'd observed some really long movement
8 with some cow moose that had been moving from I think
9 near the Kvichak River all the way over towards
10 Dillingham. Have you got any new information on those
11 moose moving?

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13 MR. BARTEN: Yeah, the data is just
14 being summarized by Cassidy Colson out of Palmer, but,
15 yeah, you're right, Dan. I mean we've had a number of
16 our moose that we collared in the Lower Nushagak and
17 some that were collared out of the King Salmon office
18 on the Kvichak. They ended up migrating all the way up
19 to Kuluk Lake, Beverly Lake, Nuyakuk Lake. You know,
20 60, 70, 80 mile trips, have their calves and then later
21 in the year they turn right around and go back to where
22 they started.

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24 Then we even had one crazy moose that
25 we collared near Portage on the Lower Nushagak and it
26 went over to Levelock and had calves and then it lost
27 them and then, as the summer wore on, it went all the
28 way west along the Nushagak, across the Wood River,
29 went right into the town of Dillingham and then headed
30 north up toward Aleknagik and then turned around and
31 went all the way back to Portage and now it's over by
32 Clarks Point.

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34 Some of those cow moose really do move
35 a lot. Some of that GPS data is just being summarized
36 now, but certainly we'll have some information soon on
37 the movements of kind of all those animals.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you. Really
40 interesting.

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42 MR. ANDREW: Madame Chairman.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: No, there's somebody
47 online.

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49 MR. ANDREW: Madame Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes. Is there
2 somebody on the line to ask a question?

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4 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, this is Dennis. I'm
5 back online. I just made it home.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Just
8 checking in.

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10 MR. ANDREW: Okay, thanks.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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14 MR. WOODS: Hey, Neil, thanks. Frank
15 Woods here. Just appreciate all your work there
16 because our last moose survey where you were talking
17 about composition and twinning rates and calf mortality
18 and all that was 11 years ago up until you got this
19 information. Not just for the Nushagak Advisory Board
20 but for everybody to be sharing.

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22 Then the last round of intensive
23 management expanding the area right above Dillingham,
24 Mulchatna, that's real important, I think. But I think
25 more important is when you start working on the calf
26 mortality in the spring. I was reading through our
27 packet that there's some -- here on the east side in
28 Unit 9 there's bear mortality on calving during the
29 spring season, but, yeah, that stuff is real
30 encouraging.

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32 And it's March. Just for the record, I
33 heard that you're retiring in May or we're going to
34 lose your position leadership there. I'd just like to
35 thank you as a member of the community and a user of
36 resource for all your work there.

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38 MR. BARTEN: Oh, you're very welcome.
39 No, it's been very enjoyable working here. Yeah, I'm
40 going to move on and go do some other stuff before I'm
41 too wore out to do it. So I've got other things I'm
42 going to do. But, no, it's been an absolute pleasure.
43 I love Dillingham and working with you guys. It's been
44 great.

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46 And, hey, just to let you guys know, if
47 you want -- I don't know if you're going to meet
48 tomorrow too, but I can certainly get some data on
49 those Peninsula Caribou Herds, the Southern Alaska and
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1 the Northern Alaska Caribou Herds, just some summary
2 information and provide that in an email or if you need
3 me to call in again I can. I'm sure I could do that
4 this evening and it wouldn't be that big a deal, but it
5 obviously would be important to you guys.

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7 MR. WOODS: I think we're going to have
8 a caribou proposal before us for Unit 9 at some point
9 here, but, yeah, that would be great. The other thing
10 too is I think when the caribou population in the
11 Mulchatna Herd kind of dispersed, if you remember,
12 there was like 30 packs of active wolves around the
13 Mulchatna Herd and that's where all the -- they started
14 moving back from east to west, west to east and then
15 south again. If you've got a hungry animal chasing
16 you, you'd be running all over the country too. That's
17 just my personal comment on that moose that was getting
18 chased all over Bristol Bay.

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20 That's my personal joke.

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22 Thanks, Neil.

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24 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Can I jump on this
25 one?

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27 MR. WOODS: I'm just making
28 conversation because I really wanted just to
29 acknowledge that Neil has done a lot of work in the
30 last couple years. That makes a real big difference.
31 Thanks, Neil.

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33 Yeah, I'm looking forward to working
34 with you here before your -- thanks.

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36 MR. BARTEN: Yeah.

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: It sounded like Dennis
39 might have something.

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41 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Yeah, Neil, and I was
42 just getting to know you. Kenneth here.

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44 MR. BARTEN: Oh, I know. I know that's
45 how life goes, isn't it? Darn it anyhow.

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47 MR. ANDREW: Ms. Chairman.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Is this

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1 Dennis?

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3 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, thank you, Ms.
4 Chairman. Just listening to Frank and them talk
5 caribou and stuff. This area this year we've seen a
6 lot more than last year from this fall. Then on the
7 other side it looked way, way better. Just to give you
8 guys that report. I hope they build up more.

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10 So I thought I'd throw that in there,
11 Madame Chair.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.
14 Anything else, Neil?

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16 MR. BARTEN: Yeah. One thing I did
17 forget and maybe Frank touching it earlier is we are
18 going to be working with the University of Alaska
19 Anchorage and some other scientists who are really into
20 looking at habitat analysis. I've talked to Frank with
21 BBNA to see if we could work together on this and we're
22 hopefully going to have a meeting soon.

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24 We're going to have folks out on the
25 landscape along the Mulchatna Nushagak River looking at
26 the vegetation out there in relation to what moose like
27 to eat and then helping us come up with kind of a
28 habitat map of 17B and 17C that will allow us to look
29 at how many square miles of moose habitat are out there
30 and how many moose we could expect to have on the
31 landscape.

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33 So that can help us kind of come up
34 with objectives for the moose population levels and
35 harvest levels and it will be based on real science
36 instead of -- right now our estimates of how much moose
37 habitat is out there is pretty general just based on
38 flying around and kind of almost our best perception,
39 but this will be more science-based and I think it will
40 help all of us in helping kind of look forward into the
41 future for moose management and habitat issues.

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43 MR. ANDREW: Hello.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes, we can
46 hear you, Dennis.

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48 MR. ANDREW: Okay. Thank you, Madame
49 Chair. Yeah, in our corporate meeting we've got some

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1 people going to be hired to go work on the habitat
2 country and some brush down here. They should be
3 starting any time again for moose.

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5 I thought I'd throw that out.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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9 MR. DUNAWAY: That's all good info.

10 Neil, that's really cool. It sounds like you're kind
11 of following the lead to Togiak Refuge where they were
12 able to evaluate their habitat on a more -- what's the
13 common term now -- granular level.

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15 But speaking of other species, at this
16 time last year I think we were really worried about
17 ptarmigan and hare abundance, I think especially --
18 what do they call it Alaska Hare now. Do you have any
19 new info on the ptarmigan abundance and maybe a tidbit
20 on hares?

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22 MR. BARTEN: Yeah, as best I can. The
23 hare thing is kind of going slow because they've not
24 been able to catch them. They've only caught one so
25 far if I'm not mistaken. So that's kind of just
26 simmering along trying to come up with a new game plan
27 as far as trying to get the animals on the air and
28 start assessing those populations.

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30 But the ptarmigan, Rick Merizon who
31 runs the small game program, I believe he's going to
32 start a ptarmigan study along the Kuskokwim and enough
33 into the Kwethluk and some of the country on the west
34 side. My recollection, from what I saw, was he's going
35 to have three or four camps and put out 100 radio
36 transmitters, which will give him some idea about the
37 range of ptarmigan or movement patterns and then of
38 course ptarmigan chick survival and ptarmigan survival
39 in and of itself to try to better understand what's
40 going on with these ptarmigan populations. So he's
41 going to be doing that if I'm not mistaken this spring.

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43 But on a good side, just more locally,
44 I have heard maybe half a dozen people talk to me about
45 seeing 10, 15 ptarmigan here and there, much more so
46 than it's been in the last four or five years it seems
47 like. So we're hearing little tidbits here and there
48 of people bumping into ptarmigan, which is kind of
49 pleasant to hear because it's been so poor the last few

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1 years as most of you know. So at least it seems like
2 there's a little more going on. Then with that study
3 we should start learning a lot more about them pretty
4 quick.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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8 MR. DUNAWAY: That's excellent to hear
9 you're looking into ptarmigan because I heard, yeah,
10 the concern in the Kuskokwim was even greater than
11 here. I have to start snickering regarding the Arctic
12 Hares. Next think you know you're going to be out
13 there with helicopters darting hares to catch them.
14 I'm sure that's a challenge. It's probably hard to
15 catch them and not hurt them.

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17 I'm really excited to hear about that
18 ptarmigan study though and thanks for the info.

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20 MR. BARTEN: Yeah.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
23 comments. Dan.

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25 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. Since
26 we're.....

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28 MR. ANDREW: Madame Chair.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: I'll let Dennis go.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yes, Dennis.

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34 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Madame Chair.
35 Just on the ptarmigan. Maybe that fellow there. Do
36 you guys ever run across a bunch of lynx or that sort
37 of stuff where they're at? That's where the ptarmigan
38 is going to be, you know. They're going after the
39 ptarmigan, the lynx population, so might be some around
40 there. I thought I'd throw that out to that fellow.

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42 MR. BARTEN: Yeah, we do hear -- the
43 little bit I've heard about ptarmigan has been more
44 towards Manokotak country where they tend to be more
45 abundant with lynx. I mean that seems to be our
46 central area for lynx. I know that just from the
47 trapping records, but that's kind of where I've been
48 hearing about some people bumping into ptarmigan.
49 Maybe Kenneth has something to say on that because he

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1 probably knows a lot more about it than I do from over
2 there.

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4 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: I know they say
5 there's a lot of lynx, being a lynx fan.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Was that you,
8 Kenneth?

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10 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Yes, Madame.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Recognize
13 yourself before you speak so we can know who you are.

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15 Thanks.

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17 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Yeah, Kenneth
18 speaking here, yes, ma'am.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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22 MR. DUNAWAY: While I'm thinking of
23 ptarmigan, I'm kind of looking out at the Park Service
24 and the Peninsula Refuge. I know there was real
25 concerns last year. Any fresh info from your areas on
26 ptarmigan? Thanks.

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28 (Shaking heads negatively)

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm seeing negative
31 shakes out there. Okay. That's interesting, Kenneth.
32 Yeah, my sense is there's more lynx near Dillingham.
33 I've even seen some.

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35 Thanks for the info.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Anything else.

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39 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Madame Chair. This
40 is Kenneth. If you guys want more information on the
41 ptarmigan population Manokotak side, I would recommend
42 probably asking the older folks because they would have
43 more information than I would. Also they would be our
44 Native biologists.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. If
47 nothing else on this topic.

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49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thanks, Neil,
2 for your information.
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4 MR. BARTEN: Hey, you're very welcome
5 and I'll send down some info on the two Peninsula
6 Caribou Herds. I'll send something to maybe Dan and
7 then he can distribute it and if you need to talk to me
8 again, I'll gladly get dialed up again.
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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll
11 depend on Dan to give us that information.
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13 MR. DUNAWAY: Maybe if you have Donald
14 Mike's email because I'm just working off a phone
15 mostly right now.
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17 MR. BARTEN: Okay. I've got that.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You know,
20 since I've been on this board, what's been impressing
21 me more and more is the agencies are working together
22 now. Before it seemed like they worked in their own
23 little space and they're own management plans, but it's
24 been interesting to observe that you guys are sharing
25 information, which is good. Even people from the east
26 and us from the west we all depend on all these
27 resources. If our managers, State and Federal, would
28 work together like they've started to, then it really
29 -- it's been really impressive.
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31 And on habitat it seemed like that's
32 another school educational thing that maybe the State
33 and Federal could work on with the school kids.
34 Because I think the more information that you give to
35 our schools it would enhance their knowledge and the
36 village folks' knowledge. So that's my comment.
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38 If we don't have any more comments,
39 then maybe we can move on to OSM.
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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. I'd like
42 to recognize another former Chair to the Bristol Bay
43 RAC. Randy Alvarez just joined us and Paul Boskofsky,
44 a longtime resident of the area. So we have some
45 public again.
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47 MR. LIND: Good afternoon, Madame Chair
48 and board members. I'm always happy to be here even if
49 it's windy. I'm just giving a staffing update.
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1 Currently our Acting ARD Thomas Doolittle, but wanted
2 to make sure you folks know there's an active
3 recruitment taking place in this position, so we're
4 moving forward to fill that position.

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6 The other departure person, Mr. Carl
7 Johnson has left his position as the Regional Advisory
8 Council Coordinator Supervisor and he's left to pursue
9 his Alaska tourism business. I always told him that he
10 should be out there doing it. I'm hoping he just
11 didn't listen to me.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MR. LIND: Anyway, we're seeking
16 approval to fill the position. In the meantime Katya
17 Wessels, who is our Eastern Interior Coordinator, is
18 filling in for that position, Acting Coordinator
19 Division Supervisor.

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21 Also for new arrivals we have a new
22 arrival. I don't know if you've heard about Mr. Greg
23 Risdahl who has started as the new Fisheries Division
24 Supervisor in our Office of Subsistence Management. He
25 previously worked for OSM as a wildlife biologist and
26 has most recently served as an Izembek National
27 Wildlife Refuge Manager. Over his career he has worked
28 in wildlife and fisheries management. I don't know how
29 many months he's been there. Not very long. Since
30 August. He has done a tremendous job.

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32 We also have a new hire staff
33 anthropologist, Hannah Voorhees. Hannah was born and
34 raised in Eagle River, Alaska. She's completed a PhD
35 in cultural anthropology and at the University of
36 Pennsylvania maintaining a focus on subsistence and
37 conservation in Alaska. That's a great asset to have
38 in that position.

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40 She has worked with Alaska Native
41 organizations to fulfill her co-management roles and
42 has conducted traditional knowledge research with
43 communities in the Seward Peninsula, the North Slope
44 Regions and Hannah will be working closely with Seward
45 Pen and Western Interior Regional Advisory Councils.
46 She's looking forward to attending our next Council
47 meeting in the fall. Welcome. So far so good.

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49 Regional Advisory Council Coordination
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1 Division, again the hiring paperwork for the GS-13
2 Coordinator Supervisor position, again is going through
3 waiver process.

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5 Anthropology Division Supervisor. Oh,
6 yes. OSM has received approval to fill the
7 Anthropology Supervisor position. I've kind of been
8 waiting for that for a long time. So now moving
9 forward with steps to fill that position as soon as
10 possible. Robbin, you can add to that if you want.

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12 Fisheries biologist. A hiring process
13 for two GS-9(11) fishery biologist positions are
14 currently going through the waiver process. We're
15 getting those moved along. Two of the OSM also seeking
16 approval to fill two administrative assistant
17 positions.

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19 So with minimal staff, as you know,
20 I've always said that OSM has really dedicated
21 employees. They do an awesome job even though we're
22 understaffed. It is a lot of work that each one of us
23 in the division's do. I couldn't be happier working
24 with some dedicated people in our office.

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26 With that, Quayana.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any questions
29 for Orville.

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31 Frank.

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33 MR. WOODS: So my understanding there's
34 an ARD in OSM with OMP.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 MR. LIND: Assistant Regional Director.
39 Thank you, Frank.

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41 MR. WOODS: The question I have is I
42 thank you for your efforts because maybe under the -- I
43 know your role and I really appreciate it. Two years
44 ago I went down to a wildlands fire management
45 conference and in 2015 it's the Reserve Treaty Rights
46 Land Designation. Have you heard of that?

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48 MR. LIND: I have.

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1 MR. WOODS: Under that designation it
2 incorporates corporation land and that's private land,
3 but I would like to see at some point because I think
4 we haven't researched enough or classified corporation
5 lands under ANCSA what benefits we can operate under
6 and subsistence management for -- the personal -- my
7 understanding is that in the Nushagak Peninsula we have
8 corporation lands that boundary the existing caribou
9 hunt and it's illegal for subsistence users to utilize
10 that land. They've guarded that boundary pretty
11 heavily.
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13 At some point I think instead of going
14 through the whole conservation easement or conservation
15 -- it's a huge -- I don't want to complicate this any
16 more, but if at some point when you do get enough staff
17 in time just look at how the lands can benefit
18 subsistence.
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20 That's just my thoughts.
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22 MR. LIND: Thank you for that, Frank.
23 I heard two topics also. One is how can agencies work
24 with tribes and corporations in that matter and also --
25 and I'll cover a little bit about that in the tribal
26 engagement session when I do that. The second thing is
27 that everybody just working together because this board
28 is so very important to subsistence users and it
29 includes all lands. BLM, Forest Service, Park Service,
30 Fish and Wildlife Service, BIA. It just makes sense
31 that those type of questions are answered.
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33 Anyway, we're getting better at it. If
34 you guys keep our toes to the fire, we'll get there
35 quicker.
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37 Thank you.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
40 comments for Orville.
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42 (No comments)
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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I've got one.
45 With Carl's resignation, is that going to affect our
46 dream to have all Council meetings in the future?
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48 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. No, it will
49 not. It's still in the planning stages. We still have
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1 it on the docks to have a future all-RAC meeting. It's
2 not off the table.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So you folks
7 are working on -- at your last meeting there was a
8 comment and concern about having an all-Council meeting
9 put back on the agenda and actually having that meeting
10 done. So has your staff discussed that and whereabouts
11 are you folks at?

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13 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Our Staff
14 hasn't really brought it up for discussion yet. We
15 still have it in the plans for the future to have an
16 all-RAC meeting.

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18 One of my regions, Southcentral Region,
19 they place it on their annual report saying the
20 importance of having an all-RAC meeting is beneficial
21 to everyone within the 10 regions of Alaska. They also
22 included in their annual report that when the planning
23 has begun for the all-RAC meeting that at least a
24 couple Council Chairs be involved in the planning
25 stages of developing the agenda. So it is on our
26 annual report for the Southcentral Region.

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28 Hopefully we'll get a response from the
29 Federal Subsistence Board soon. I'll relay that
30 message to our Acting Assistance Regional Director the
31 importance of an all-RAC meeting and we'll keep it
32 alive.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah. And the
37 all-Chair meetings also before Federal Subsistence
38 Board because that's really useful. We get the new
39 Chairs come in and they attend Federal Subsistence
40 Board and really don't have a clue. So when we have an
41 all-Chair meeting all the Chairs are really connected
42 to what's going on and that's been really helpful. So
43 keep that in mind too.

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45 Thanks.

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47 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. I
48 don't know if you recall this discussion has been
49 brought up in the past, but having an all-Chairs
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1 meeting prior to the Federal Subsistence Board is going
2 to cause an issue with the Federal Advisory Committee
3 Act. In the past we've arranged the all-Chairs meeting
4 after the Federal Subsistence Board. It's an item I
5 can bring forward to the Acting Regional Director also.
6 You have the ability to place it in your annual report
7 item to the Board also.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thanks.

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13 Any other questions for Orville.

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15 (No comments)

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Orville.

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19 MR. LIND: I have a question for
20 Orville. I just wanted to share with you that another
21 great opportunity for Chairs to come forward with
22 issues or any concerns or questions is during your time
23 before the Federal Subsistence Board and giving their
24 reports. It's always a great time for them to bring up
25 some questions or issues that they have in their
26 region.

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28 Thank you, ma'am.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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32 Robbin, your turn.

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34 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair
35 and members of the Council. For the record, I'm Robbin
36 LaVine, an anthropologist with the Office of
37 Subsistence Management, but I'm also a partner with all
38 our various different divisions at OSM. One of them
39 being the Fisheries Program or the Fisheries Division.

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41 As you know the Fisheries Division has
42 three program areas and I'm going to provide you with
43 an update to those. I will pause after each
44 programmatic update for any questions or if you want I
45 can just plow on through and you can ask questions at
46 the very end.

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48 The first update is for the Fisheries
49 regulatory cycle. The Federal Subsistence Board will

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1 take action on the current regulatory cycle proposals
2 during their April 2019 public regulatory meeting. The
3 delayed action on these proposals means that revised
4 regulations will not be in place for the standard April
5 1st start date for new regulations.
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7 In addition, there are some concerns
8 about the timeline for publication of the Board's
9 changes in the Federal Register. As such we anticipate
10 the Board will implement a system of temporary special
11 actions to cover approved changes to the fisheries
12 regulations.
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14 These special actions would mirror the
15 Board-approved changes and would expire upon
16 publication of the final regulations in the Federal
17 Register. Similar to what you heard Gayla Hoseth
18 report about the bird regulations. This primarily due
19 in part to the shutdown.
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21 Partners for Fisheries Monitoring
22 Program. We have a notice of funding opportunity or we
23 just actually closed the notice of funding opportunity
24 for the Partners Program. That was for the 2023 cycle.
25 The Partners Program seeks to strengthen Alaska Native
26 and rural involvement in Federal subsistence management
27 by providing funding for biologists, social scientists,
28 educator positions and Alaska Native and rural
29 nonprofit organizations with the intent of increasing
30 the organization's ability to participate in Federal
31 subsistence management.
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33 For the cycle, a total of 14 proposals
34 were received from prospective partners. The Review
35 Committee has met to evaluate the proposals and
36 notification letters will be sent out soon. So at this
37 point in time we don't know -- we can't publicly
38 announce yet who this next round of partners will be.
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40 This concludes the Partners for
41 Fisheries Monitoring update.
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43 Do you have any questions?
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45 (No comments)
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47 MS. LAVINE: Should I plow on through
48 and wait until the very end?
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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thanks. So the
4 14 proposals -- I don't really know how to ask this
5 question, but what I really want to know is what are
6 most of them focusing on. So of our concerns that we
7 put forward what got the most attention?

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9 MS. LAVINE: Well, this is for the
10 Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program, so we're
11 looking for partners like BBNA. We have Native Village
12 of Eyak, TCC. A number of rural and Alaska Native
13 organizations have been active in this program for a
14 very long time. I have not been part of the review
15 process, so I can't tell you all that's been going on
16 there, but I do know that pretty much all the partners
17 that have been participating in the program to this
18 date they resubmit proposals, they submit new proposals
19 for the next four-year funding cycle. In addition, we
20 encourage other organizations to forward their
21 proposals.

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23 I would imagine that if you're working
24 closely with your partner organization here for the
25 Bristol Bay Region, that they are responsive and ensure
26 that their program areas that are in their proposal are
27 responsive and reflect your interest because you have a
28 good relationship with them.

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30 I haven't reviewed their proposal. I
31 haven't reviewed any of the others, but generally if
32 they're working close with the Councils and the
33 communities in their region not only are they
34 responsive to the call, which they would need to be in
35 order to be competitive, but they also should reflect
36 the interest and the unique characteristics of the
37 regions and the communities they represent.

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39 Does that answer the question? Sorry,
40 through the Chair.

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42 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes and no.
43 Obviously it doesn't answer the question, but you also
44 can't answer it with the information. I just know that
45 there's been more than one time that I've been
46 frustrated with the proposals that have come forward
47 because the places that we've provided, stressed
48 interest in receiving more information about, have not
49 received any proposals. So that prompted my question.

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1 Nobody came forward with any proposal that was going to
2 address an issue that we thought we wanted more
3 information on.
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5 MS. LAVINE: Through the Chair. Nanci,
6 are you talking also about the Fisheries for Resource
7 Monitoring Program proposals? The research proposals?
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9 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yeah, kind of all of
10 them actually. It's kind of been across the board.
11 But, yeah, that's probably the one that I can think of
12 the most times has not been addressed.
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14 MS. LAVINE: Right. So actually I can
15 proceed. So the Fisheries Division has three
16 programmatic areas. We've got the Fisheries Regulatory
17 Cycle, which happens every two years. And we have got
18 the Fisheries for Resource Monitoring Program, which we
19 develop priority information needs, and then that
20 program puts out a call for proposals for research to
21 respond to those priority information needs. That's
22 the FRMP.
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24 The Partners for Fisheries Monitoring
25 Program is a program that facilitates both the
26 expertise for local organizations and representatives
27 to participate in research and to participate in
28 writing the proposals to conduct research, but it
29 actually isn't -- it's very different from the FRMP.
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31 So I'm going to give you the update for
32 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program. The 2020
33 notice of funding opportunity closes March 15th. So
34 the proposals that are responsive to the priority
35 information needs that you developed over this last
36 year those should be coming in. The deadline is March
37 15th. We are seeking proposals for projects that
38 gather information to manage and conserve subsistence
39 fishery resources in Federal waters in Alaska.
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41 The Monitoring Program is also directed
42 at supporting meaningful involvement in fisheries
43 management by Alaska Native and rural organizations and
44 promoting collaboration among Federal, State, Alaska
45 Native and local organizations.
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47 For the 2020 funding cycle, it is
48 anticipated there will be about 1.5 million available
49 for the first year of new projects. Anyone wanting to
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1 apply can find information about the program at the
2 Federal Subsistence Management website. The next step
3 after this funding window closes will be the review by
4 the Technical Review Committee. That should happen
5 sometime usually the beginning or middle of summer.
6 The results of that review will be presented to you at
7 the fall 2019 Council meeting.

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9 This concludes the Fisheries Resource
10 Monitoring Program update as well as the overall
11 fisheries program updates.

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13 So are there any questions from what
14 I've presented to you in general and as a whole?

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Robbin, that
17 was -- like Judy, I thought that was what you were
18 talking about, but this is completely different. You
19 will be seeking for partners that will help to write up
20 the -- or they won't be the ones that would be actually
21 doing the surveys. Explain -- I guess that's where I
22 missed it versus the Partners Program.

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24 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
25 Through the Chair. The Partners Program is a wonderful
26 program that is -- well, I'm very biased.

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28 (Laughter)

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30 MS. LAVINE: I'm very biased because as
31 most of you know I really had -- I was the Partner's
32 position -- the Partner's social scientist position at
33 the Bristol Bay Native Association for a number of
34 years. It's why I have such a strong affinity for the
35 Bristol Bay Region. I always love coming out here.

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37 The Partners Program is an opportunity
38 for rural organizations to apply for funding to have a
39 partner position and it can be a fisheries biologist,
40 an anthropologist like myself, and therefore have
41 scientific expertise in the organization to devote
42 specifically to developing capacity and ensuring local
43 people and concerns are represented in the fisheries
44 management process.

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46 So now you have at BBNA a Partners
47 fisheries biologist or a fisheries scientist and that
48 Cody Larson and you have in this community the Alaska
49 Department of Fish and Game, the Refuge, we have Park
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1 Service in the Bristol Bay Region. All of these
2 organizations can partner together to respond to
3 research needs, to meet research needs. It doesn't
4 necessarily mean that the Partners position will
5 actually be the one to write a proposal, a research
6 proposal. Sometimes they do. Sometimes they partner
7 with others on it.

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9 The call, the Fisheries Resource
10 Monitoring Program, is looking at developing research
11 proposals or inviting research proposals from anybody.
12 It doesn't have to be the Partners position. It can be
13 ADF&G, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a university or
14 another nonprofit. If they can write the most
15 competitive proposal to address your concerns and
16 ensure that they are partnering with others, that
17 strengthens the proposal. That's what we're looking for
18 through the FRMP. It's wonderful if you have partners
19 involved, but it doesn't have to have that component.

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21 Thank you.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other --
24 Frank.

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26 MR. WOODS: So in the beginning you
27 said April 2019 the Federal Subsistence Board is going
28 to come up with -- or the regulations are going to be
29 the same carried over from '18 but they're going to be
30 acting on the -- I guess clarify. You said it's
31 similar to what Gayla said, but not quite.

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33 MS. LAVINE: Through the Chair. There
34 are a number of regulations that should the Board
35 approve them, which will happen in April. The Board
36 was supposed to meet in February. If things had been
37 clicking along, the regulations that the Board approved
38 would be -- we would have the new fisheries Handy Dandy
39 come out around April, just in time for the new season.

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41 MR. WOODS: I get it.

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43 MS. LAVINE: And we're behind now. The
44 Board is not meeting until April. So what we're doing
45 is we have a number of temporary special actions, I
46 believe, potentially waiting in the wings to ensure
47 that some of these real critical regulations that would
48 have an immediate impact this year, this season, on our
49 Federally qualified subsistence users will support and
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1 reflect the changes that the Board has made until the
2 official regulations are published.

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4 MR. WOODS: I get it. I guess the
5 second part of the question would be the 14 proposers
6 sent out -- I know that ADF&G and FRI -- FRI is not
7 Alaska-based research, just Washington state, I
8 believe. The correlation between predator fish would
9 be coho and chinook. You talked about chinook,
10 Richard. That those two species in the lake rearing
11 systems have a huge impact on our return runs and the
12 fry basically survival in the one or two years they're
13 in the lake systems.

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15 Is there any research or monitoring
16 projects on how that impacts, say coho, if we have a
17 huge run of coho one year and they're living off of
18 last year's sockeye salmon fry, the correlation between
19 return and then ocean. What I never really got was
20 those two systems they can predict how much fry will
21 end up escaping and then out in the Bering they have a
22 Fisheries Monitoring Program, they have bycatch
23 sampling, age composition. They can actually use scale
24 sampling.

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26 So there's no correlation between
27 what's caught in the ocean, being released in the --
28 because I talked to Tim Sands in the Nushagak
29 biologist. It's not his job, but in my mind I think
30 holistically you've got to look at the whole ecosystem
31 from the rearing, feed stocks in the lakes to the
32 escapement numbers and fry and then survival rates in
33 the ocean.

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35 What I'm getting at, Robbin, is you
36 said you're entertaining proposals that would
37 coordinate in my mind -- at least I would see a
38 coordination of all that activity somewhere you would
39 think, but it's not even our venue. The return on
40 those fry stock that I'm talking about is coho and
41 chinooks are predatory in the lake systems and if we
42 have a problem somewhere I believe -- you know, I don't
43 think anybody is monitoring that or haven't even
44 touched that.

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46 Maybe I'm wrong if they haven't, but I
47 don't think -- because I had a buddy, Charlie Lean, up
48 in Nome talking about coho and how predatory they are
49 in the rearing streams. If we have a huge silver run,
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1 the next year fry become a meal for the rearing salmon
2 that are coming back.

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4 Anyway, that's my pet peeve on research
5 monitoring. I don't know if even that's possible.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Robbin.

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9 MS. LAVINE: Thank you. Through the
10 Chair. Mr. Woods, what you're talking about is a
11 future priority information need should the Council and
12 the working group kind of agree and forward that.
13 You're relatively new, so I can give you just a real
14 quick overview.

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16 Where we're at in regards to the FRMP
17 cycle is that last year the working group developed a
18 set of priority information needs for this call, so
19 that's already gone out and we're just about ready to
20 close the window for accepting proposals responsive to
21 that call. So the next one. So this time two years
22 hopefully we'll be receiving proposals responsive to
23 that priority information need.

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25 MR. WOODS: Thank you. Yeah, perfect.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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29 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah. So maybe we could
30 add that one and start a new list. I'm a little
31 unfamiliar with this stuff you're bringing up, Frank.
32 Charlie is an old classmate of mine from college and
33 still a friend. So I'm curious. I don't think we want
34 to lose track of it.

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36 But I also wanted to ask you, Frank, or
37 remind you -- and maybe Robbin can help us that some of
38 the earliest subsistence Federal activities in the Bay
39 that I was aware of, I think it was BBSRI tried to do
40 some nearshore smolt work in the nearshore Bristol Bay
41 area because it was this -- had the high seas knowledge
42 and the spawning area knowledge, but not that -- you
43 know, the -- I'm fishing for the term here.

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45 The smolts that have gone to sea, that
46 survival in that period. I remember it being done and
47 some of it was kind of interesting, but it didn't gain
48 a lot of traction. Maybe Robbin can remember or Cody.
49 I should know better. I can't remember now. Some of
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1 it was kind of fascinating, but it didn't get funded in
2 any long-term base. I'm looking around.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I don't
5 remember that. I don't recall it. Did you have an
6 answer?

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8 MS. LAVINE: No. Through the Chair. I
9 would only just take one quick call out into the
10 listening universe and see if any of my OSM fisheries
11 associates are listening and if they know and can
12 answer that question. They may not be there. But this
13 is something that I can take note of and we can be
14 prepared to respond to that question the next time we
15 meet or when the working group gets together.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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21 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Robbin. I
22 appreciate that. And I can do a little legwork. I'm
23 not clear where Michael Link is in the BBSRI these
24 days, but I think he's a successor to a guy named Paul
25 that was working on that nearshore stuff. That guy is
26 kind of like the Encyclopedia Britannica of fish
27 research. I'll try to get a hold of him or whoever his
28 counterpart is to find out. It was kind of
29 interesting, but I think it was hard to -- very
30 expensive and hard to tie together.

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32 So thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Anything else,
35 Robbin.

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37 MS. LAVINE: No, Madame Chair.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll
40 move on to our next agenda item. I think right now,
41 like we discussed earlier, I'd like to open the floor
42 for public and tribal comment, non-agenda items. If
43 you have anything to comment.

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45 (No comments)

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not,
48 they're shaking their head. So I guess we'll move our
49 agenda on to.....
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1 MS. MORRIS LYON: Ask on the phone too.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, is there
4 anybody online that would have comments on non-agenda
5 items.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.
10 We'll move on to our next agenda items.

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12 We'll go to 9A old business. Who's got
13 the presentations?

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15 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I can get
16 started with it. We have OSM staff Robbin LaVine and
17 Suzanne Worker who would be part of the discussion. At
18 our last fall meeting in Dillingham this issue came up
19 as a result of a proposal by Kenneth Nukwak from
20 Manokotak. His proposal is 18-24 stating that the
21 snowmachine may be used to position a caribou for
22 harvest providing that the animals are not shot from a
23 moving snowmachine.

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25 At the fall meeting the Council had a
26 lengthy discussion trying to define what is the
27 positioning of animals. Eventually this Council
28 supported the proposal and went in front of the Federal
29 Subsistence Board and the proposal failed 4-4. At our
30 last fall meeting the Council formed a working group to
31 develop some recommendation as far as definition of
32 positioning of animals.

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34 I was hoping to get this working group
35 together after the holiday season and then we had the
36 lengthy government shutdown, which shortened our
37 schedule trying to get this meeting together. If the
38 Council wishes to continue this working group, I mean
39 we can discuss it further. I'd like to call on Robbin
40 LaVine and Suzanne Worker to come up to the table and
41 provide some more additional comments for this
42 discussion and see where this Council wants to head
43 with this issue as far as positioning of animals.

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45 We had Kenneth Nukwak this morning. If
46 he's still available and he wants to provide comments
47 on this positioning of animals. And Gayla Hoseth from
48 Dillingham, she had some comments on this. We'd like
49 to get some guidance from this Council as far as the

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1 working group. Do you want the working group to
2 continue and come up with recommendations on
3 positioning of animals and eventually coming up with a
4 proposal.

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6 With that I'll defer to my colleagues
7 Robbin LaVine and Suzanne Worker for additional
8 comments and guidance from this Council.

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10 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do you have
13 the working group identified, who they are?

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15 MR. MIKE: Initially I had the working
16 group as two members from this Council, two from the
17 public, two biologists from Federal and State. Anybody
18 else? We have OSM Staff, anthropology. I know the
19 Togiak Refuge wildlife biologist was interested in
20 sitting on this working group, but with the government
21 shutdown we weren't able to meet as a working group, so
22 I'm looking for further guidance from this Council.

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24 Thank you.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So would you
27 consider like Kenneth or somebody public to work with
28 these folks?

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30 MR. MIKE: Yes, I identified Kenneth
31 Nukwak as a public member with the working group. The
32 closing period for call for wildlife proposals is on
33 March 27th. So we have a short timeline, but we can
34 further discuss the action you wish to go forward with.
35 We're looking for guidance from you, Madame Chair.

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37 Thank you.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You've
40 got the floor, Robbin.

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42 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
43 Members of the Council. We're actually here just to
44 take direction from you to also provide support letting
45 you know what we're able to do. Because we did not
46 have an opportunity to identify unique individuals for
47 the working group and we did not have an opportunity to
48 meet.

1 The only thing I can say is that we
2 have identified a number of statewide proposals that
3 address the harvest of wildlife and language using
4 motorized vehicles. We have that available to us to
5 help inform discussion. We can look to the
6 transcripts. There was a lot of discussion in a number
7 of regions throughout the state and of course quite a
8 bit locally when we reviewed this proposal and we can
9 look to the discussions there for some guidance.

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11 The main thing is how quickly might you
12 want to move. Do we want to be responsive to this
13 call? Of course we've got a very short period of time.
14 Or do we want to take the long view and have something
15 the working group works on over a period of time and
16 brings back to the Council at another date.

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18 Then, in addition, before you answer
19 that question just for some background, as we know
20 there has been some language change in regards to State
21 regulation and I thought I would toss that ball to
22 Suzanne Worker as far as discussing the new language.
23 Is that anything that you guys want to be aware of or
24 briefed on

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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28 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes, I would like to
29 hear that new language.

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31 MS. WORKER: For the record my name is
32 Suzanne Worker. I'm a wildlife biologist with OSM.
33 Kenneth Nukwak submitted the original proposal and this
34 Council had a long discussion about the pros and cons
35 of that. There was a lot of concern about actually
36 introducing more confusion into the regulations instead
37 of providing guidance, so the Council didn't support
38 the proposal. But then the Council met again before
39 the Federal Subsistence Board met, so the Council had
40 additional information for the Federal Subsistence
41 Board at that point.

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43 The other thing that happened was the
44 State Board of Game made a regulatory change. I can
45 share that change with you. It says that driving,
46 herding, harassing or molesting game with any motorized
47 vehicle such as an aircraft, air boat, snowmachine,
48 motor-driven boat, et cetera, is prohibited. There's
49 something similar to that in Federal regulation as
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1 well.

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3 The new thing in State regulation is
4 that a snowmachine may be used in Unit 17 to assist in
5 the taking of a caribou and a caribou may be shot from
6 a stationary snowmachine. In Unit 17, assist in the
7 taking of a caribou means a snowmachine may be used to
8 approach within 300 yards of the caribou at speeds
9 under 15 miles per hour in a manner that does not
10 involve repeated approaches or that causes the caribou
11 to run. A snowmachine may not be used to contact an
12 animal or to pursue a fleeing caribou.

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14 So the Board of Game's decision was
15 made before the Federal Subsistence Board met, but this
16 final regulatory language was not available at that
17 time. So just to recap the argument or the discussion
18 that the Federal Subsistence Board had, it was not
19 unanimous. Some of the Board supported this proposal
20 and the short justification was that any means
21 necessary means any means necessary to subsist.

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23 The counter argument to that was this
24 idea that adding another regulation that is in conflict
25 with some Federal regulations because Park Service and
26 Fish and Wildlife Service both have regulations that
27 explicitly oppose this kind of method. So there's
28 conflict among Federal regulations and also potentially
29 conflict with the new State regulation. So the Board
30 declined to support the proposal.

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32 But there was very much a feeling, at
33 least what I took away from that, that it wasn't
34 finished. Like there was a lot more discussion that
35 needed to happen because this is an issue that needs to
36 be addressed and possibly needs to be addressed on a
37 statewide basis.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I sat in on a lot
42 of the Board of Game and advisory committee that's been
43 a really hot topic at the State/Federal level. I'm
44 really pleased to know that Kenneth is online right
45 now. He makes extra trips in his sno-go from Manokotak
46 to Dillingham to advisory committee meetings in some
47 kind of crummy conditions. He feels that strong about
48 it. I wouldn't be representing my area if I didn't
49 strongly advocate that this be continued however
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1 possible.

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3 It was probably one of the best
4 attended issues we've had since the King Salmon
5 Management Plan in the mid '90s. I forget, 30 to 50
6 people testified. It's a touchy subject and I think
7 the State -- Fish and Game and the regulatory people
8 were calling a bunch of us after the Board acted to
9 wrestle out this language that's appeared in the book.
10 I think the Federal government needs to adopt something
11 as close as possible to it.

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13 It is a touchy subject for a lot of
14 people and you want to be biologically responsible but
15 still also responsible to the people that are feeding
16 their families. So I strongly advocate moving ahead in
17 every manner. I don't know if we need to declare it an
18 emergency and have it solved by August, but if we can
19 form a working group and continue. I think there's
20 entrenched attitudes in some of the Federal agencies
21 that need to become more flexible. It is a statewide
22 issue.

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24 In fact, some of my friends would like
25 to add the topic of wolverine to this issue, but it
26 might be easier to keep them one at a time.

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28 Anyway, I want to see us move ahead and
29 support folks like Kenneth Nukwak who live off the land
30 a lot.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci and then
35 William and then Frank.

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37 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Madame Chair. This
38 is Kenneth Nukwak, Sr.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Kenneth, I
41 have Nanci, William and then Frank and then I'll have
42 you speak after them.

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44 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Okay. Go ahead.

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46 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
47 Chair. I'll be brief. My question is -- it seems like
48 for such an important subject that has a lot of
49 attention, it's one of the biggest things that I've

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1 heard about as a Council member too. I've had folks
2 reach out to me about it even at the Board of Fish
3 meetings this December. I worry about trying to meet
4 the 27th as a deadline, but then on the other hand how
5 long are we going to have to wait if we don't.

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7 So I just want to lay that on the table
8 so all the Council members understand. We probably do
9 need to try and come up with something by the 27th or
10 it gets a two-year layover. I think I'm really not
11 very much in favor of that, but I also do realize what
12 that means. What our job is in front of us to make
13 wise, sound decisions in a very short amount of time,
14 but we may be called upon to do that.

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16 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: William.

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20 MR. TREFON: Yeah, my question
21 basically has to do with the positioning of animals. I
22 heard you say something about positioning of animals
23 saying that you cannot use snowmachines or probably
24 motorized vehicles to position the animals. What about
25 a wounded animal?

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27 MS. WORKER: The regulation does not
28 make any explicit distinction between a wounded animal
29 and an unwounded animal. What that means in reality
30 might be different.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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34 MR. WOODS: Madame Chair. I think,
35 Robbin, a question for you. Is it doable if Kenneth
36 puts forward a proposal or are you requesting the Board
37 to come up with a proposal recommendation for this
38 moving forward. I see no problem with just pushing it
39 forward in the call for proposals. If we don't act --
40 as the Nushagak advisory chair it took us on on a State
41 level.

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43 We still have confusion about this and
44 I think it's pretty clear that everybody has their own
45 personal opinion and fears about -- you know, there's
46 nowhere in the regulation or this proposal that talks
47 about what I think the fears are is harassing or
48 chasing or molesting. We've omitted that in the State
49 level. But what's even more perplexing is there is no
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1 conservation concerns here.

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3 I don't think the need for -- this is
4 not an overregulating proposal I don't think. It's
5 just a clarification as in the State level clarifying
6 enforcement and management to clearly define for the
7 user on what our boundaries are and their enforcement
8 and management tools can actually enhance this
9 proposal.

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11 What I'd like to reference is under
12 State regulation hunter harassment law is against the
13 law to intentionally obstruct or hinder another
14 person's lawful hunting, fishing, trapping or viewing
15 of fish and wildlife and game. Illegal activities
16 include positioning oneself in a location where human
17 presence may alter the behavior of fish and game that
18 another person are pursuing is also illegal to create a
19 site, sound, smell and physical stimulus to alter
20 behavior of fish and game where the person is
21 attempting to take.

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23 I would almost argue the fact that
24 enforcement comes into play when they start hindering,
25 interfering -- and I've seen it in action. We've
26 actually had reports in 17A where helicopters are
27 flying over chasing off moose when people are hunting.
28 When that opportunity arises where you have one or two
29 chances a year, especially in dense areas -- low
30 density of moose or caribou that we actually become
31 hindering to each other.

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33 The worst thing I could do is make a
34 recommendation that would complicate that even more.
35 What this proposal -- everybody's confusion is is that
36 this is a chase rule, this is a harassment rule. No.
37 We're trying to define that for the users and uniformly
38 come up with a clear regulation that helps not to hurt.
39 Half the people think, oh, we're going to allow people
40 to go around and chase caribou, chasing them for miles.
41 Well, that's not what the proposal is for.

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43 So I would recommend we move forward as
44 soon as possible like Nanci. I don't think we could
45 wait a couple more years. I think it's clearly defined
46 and we'll leave it up to the Federal Subsistence Board
47 to define that for us. I don't think it's out of our
48 realm to actually define all that stuff.

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1 Thanks.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Kenneth.

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5 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Yes, Madame Chair.

6 First of all last year when this was first presented to
7 the Federal Subsistence Board, I felt like I was on
8 trial. No, I am not on trial. I am just a proposer of
9 this proposal. That's the first thing I just wanted to
10 throw out. I'm not on trial.

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12 I just want to bring back the old ways
13 of hunting again. The way these laws are made they
14 never included Native villages when they were creating
15 on how these animals were going to be hunted. The
16 words harassment, molesting, herding. The word
17 molesting I wouldn't use, but herding and stuff like
18 that the older folks they use that in the past as a
19 group, hunting as a group, and they position the
20 caribou when they hunted. Sometimes as a group of 10
21 or 12 hunters I would suppose.

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23 Also after the kill they would bring
24 the kills to one spot to cut them up because we know
25 what the elements are like here in Alaska. They change
26 very fast from being a clear sky to cloudy, from cloudy
27 the storm can roll in. So they stay as a group to cut
28 up what they caught.

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30 (In Yup'ik), Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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34 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: (In Yup'ik). The way
35 we hunt has to come back and be written in black and
36 white. We do not intend to hurt the animals. We're
37 just thinking of our bellies and the bellies of our
38 neighbors, brothers and sisters, moms and dads,
39 grandpas, grandmas. If there would be a way to find a
40 way to come to a conclusion with this and I think there
41 would be more afterwards. Not just this one, but there
42 will be other issues also.

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44 That's about all I have to say right
45 now unless something comes up.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
48 Kenneth.

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1 Richard.

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3 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. You can
4 tell that this proposed language is very much alive
5 here, very much needed and I think we should just move
6 forward and go ahead and go with the suggested working
7 groups because we're still getting input from people on
8 what to do and everybody has got -- Frank was saying
9 everybody's got a different idea on how this is
10 supposed to work. I suggest get into the working
11 group, get some language so we can deal with it.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I agree. Thank
16 you, Nanci. I'd kind of lost track of this 27th
17 deadline. I'd be inclined to have the RAC support
18 wording as much as possible or identical to what the
19 State wording is as at least a starting point. I'd ask
20 the RAC to support moving that forward by the deadline.
21 We can have maybe a working group to discuss it.

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23 Listening to Kenneth again I admire him
24 for making a stand and standing up for his village and
25 for his own use and the other nearby villages.

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27 I don't know if I should make a motion
28 at this point, but I would like to see us forge ahead
29 as strong as possible.

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31 Thank you.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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35 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Mr.
36 Dunaway, I realize you want to get something rolling as
37 far as language, but I think that maybe we ought to
38 leave it up to the working group to come up with
39 language because the State being involved and the Feds
40 and the public and our group here. It could be totally
41 different. So if we just left an open door and they
42 come back to us with some language that they all agreed
43 upon, to me that would be the simplest and fastest way
44 to get this thing done.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I agree
47 with Kenneth and Frank and Richard. Snowmachines are
48 an important use in the wintertime to harvest. I'd
49 hate to have this rushed through before we can get
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1 snowmachine users involved in this. So I think even if
2 we have to wait two years we need to work this through
3 so that our communities, our hunters that use these
4 machines understand the languages that will be
5 developed and the regulations so that they wouldn't
6 feel I guess regulated again for the machines that they
7 use to harvest their resources during the winter.

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MR. HILL: Madame Chair and group.
Harvesting has always been about using the most
efficient way possible. That involves using new
technology. We went from spears and traps to bow and
arrows to rifles. From walking to now snowmachines,
flying with airplanes, using new technology. It's
still about harvesting in the most efficient way
possible. The least expenditure of energy. Just a
clash between the old and new ways. We still want to
hunt, we still want to harvest these animals now using
snowmachines and other motorized vehicles.

Now that practice of gathering and
moving herd that's past practices. It's been well
documented and used. Of course a lot of that was when
you were on foot or hunting with dogs. That idea, when
viewed from the outside, it looks like we're harassing
these animals. To us it's not harassment, it's about
harvesting in the most efficient way that we can.

I think the issue to me would be about
waste. Like Bill talked about it, a caribou wounded
could run for five miles. So how do we change that
issue.

I don't think it's about harassment
from our point of view.

MR. ANDREW: Madame Chair.

MR. HILL: If you want to go by someone
else's definition of what is harassment. The last part
is how would you manage this. I don't know. From the
enforcement people that I've talked to said when they
stop people at their kills, someone mentioned
wolverine, if they're shot in the hindquarters, it's
harassment. If they're shot in the side from a
broadside point of view, it's not.

1 It's a difficult thing. I don't know.
2 It's something this difficult we shouldn't I don't
3 think rush to come up with something just to do it. It
4 needs some thought. In the meantime, what do we do?
5 If an agent, enforcement officer goes and thinks it's
6 harassment, do we say, oh, it's not a real law yet. So
7 what do we do? What do the enforcement people do?
8 They're caught between a rock and a hard place. How do
9 they do their jobs and how do the people hunting do
10 their jobs. There's a clash of these two things.

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12 I might ramble on too much, but thank
13 you.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Kenneth, I
16 didn't respond to you because we had a board member
17 talking, but if you have any comments, you can make a
18 comment after Frank.

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20 MR. WOODS: My comments are going to be
21 that we already have defined language that's written
22 and approved under the State regulations that we want
23 to mirror.

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25 My first introduction to the regulatory
26 process is that we're aligning proposals on game
27 management units and the Federal and State side. If we
28 adopt that language in the ADF&G regulatory book it
29 says that we are not to molest, harass, herd or drive
30 animals, caribou that is. Then there's a second
31 provision that there's limits of -- if we adopt that
32 language, Madame Chair, I think we're on the right page
33 because we're aligning proposals and regulatory. It
34 might not be what we want, but that would be a good
35 start. I don't know.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Kenneth.

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39 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Yes, Madame. That
40 wasn't me.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, okay.

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44 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: But since you called
45 me, also the wounded animals (in Yup'ik) seems like
46 they were dead and then they would jump up and run off.
47 In the wintertime they can run for miles. That clause
48 in the law where it says we cannot herd or molest or
49 chase the caribou, when a hunter starts chasing the
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1 wounded animal, that makes him a criminal already for
2 chasing that wounded animal. (In Yup'ik). I thought
3 I'd throw that out there too since I heard Frank talk
4 about that too.

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6 But, Madame Chair, that wasn't me.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Who was
9 it that was trying to come on.

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11 MR. ANDREW: Dennis from New Stuyahok,
12 Andrew.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay, Andrew.

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16 MR. ANDREW: (In Yup'ik). Thank you,
17 Madame Chair.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Andrew's
20 comments was in agreement with Kenneth's comments and
21 he stated that when Manokotak group used to come over
22 to harvest caribou in their area, they harvested their
23 limits and didn't waste, just like Kenneth has said.

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25 If we keep talking, we can talk for
26 another hour, but I think we need to leave this to the
27 working group and I guess go from there. That's all I
28 can say at our next meeting if there's an update, then
29 we can discuss it some more in the fall.

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31 MR. NUKWAK, SR.: Madame Chair. This
32 is Kenneth here. If the working group needs me, Gayla
33 and Frank have my phone number.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Our
36 coordinator will get a hold of you. Nanci.

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38 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
39 Chair. I was going to make another alternative
40 suggestion too. Since we have this regulatory language
41 already accepted on the State side, I understand that
42 there's Federal complications from what Suzanne just
43 said.

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45 What I was going to suggest is perhaps
46 if the working group would get together, including
47 hopefully interpreters from the Federal side to make
48 sure that the language was going to be appropriate when
49 it was presented. If the working group can get
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1 together and come up with language that has a chance of
2 being accepted, then let's go ahead and shoot for the
3 27th. If not, then let's postpone it until the next
4 regulatory cycle.

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6 To me, I see that as the major hurdle
7 for it at this point. Maybe it's possible, maybe it's
8 not, but if we don't sit down as a working group and
9 figure that out -- but I, like you, Madame Chair,
10 agree. I think that a working group needs to take this
11 discussion over.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll
14 move on and leave this up to the working group.

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16 MS. HOSETH: Excuse me, Madame Chair.

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18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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20 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
21 I've heard discussions from both sides of the Council
22 they agree it's important enough to move forward and
23 others thought it might be beneficial to take our time
24 and wait for the next cycle. I just want to leave some
25 options for the Council to consider.

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27 We can get this working group together
28 as soon as possible. Two members from this Council
29 including public member Nukwak and Federal and State
30 staff and probably a law enforcement person to get this
31 working group together and come up with a
32 recommendation for this Council. If the working group
33 meets and we don't make the deadline, we'll have to
34 wait another two years. Without the approval and the
35 Council endorsing the working group's recommendation,
36 it would be a disservice to the public if the working
37 group gets started and this Council meeting adjourned
38 today.

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40 I suggest -- I'm leaving an option for
41 this Council to recess until this working group meets
42 and come up with a recommendation and then we can
43 reconvene prior to the 27th and the Council can adopt
44 the working group's recommendations on the potential
45 proposal for the Board to consider. It's just an
46 option for the Council to consider.

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48 If the Council wishes the working group
49 to go forward, we can get this working group started as
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1 soon as possible and come up with a recommendation. In
2 the meantime, this Council can call a recess until
3 further notice either before the 27th and then
4 reconvene and look at the recommendations of the
5 working group and then adjourn from there and submit
6 their proposal.

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8 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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12 MR. WOODS: I was going to say maybe
13 entertain a motion to that effect.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: My question was going
18 to be can we reconvene by phone or some other means?

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20 MR. MIKE: Yes, Madame Chair, through
21 the chair. We can reconvene through teleconference.
22 We just need to state on record that we are on recess
23 until further notice so that way we can avoid going
24 through the public notice cycle of announcing another
25 public meeting. So this is a lot easier, calling a
26 recess and then reconvening over teleconference and
27 then adjourn from there.

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29 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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31 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair. This is
32 Gayla. I just want to say something when I have an
33 opportunity.

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35 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: You're on,
36 Gayla.

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38 MS. HOSETH: Thank you, Madame Chair.
39 I just wanted to -- you know, I know that the RAC sees
40 this as an important issue and this is an important
41 issue. When Kenneth came to our office here in
42 Dillingham with this issue, I think it's been two years
43 ago now and I don't think we should wait for another
44 round. I like the idea of a working group.

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46 I guess my question is with this
47 working group would that be where the RAC is the one
48 who submits this proposal to the Federal Subsistence
49 Board?

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: That would be my
4 intention, just speaking for myself as a board member.
5 I'm seeing some other heads shaking yes around here as
6 well.

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8 MS. HOSETH: Okay. Thank you. Madame
9 Chair, I just wanted -- I mean everybody knows -- I
10 know that there was -- that was a very -- you know, we
11 thought that we were going to have problems on the
12 State side getting this regulation passed when we put
13 in the two different proposals and when it was a 4-4
14 tie vote at the Federal Subsistence Board level ANILCA
15 did not prevail there and every entity that sits on
16 that Federal Subsistence Board, yes, they have their
17 regulations, but ANILCA is to be held at a higher
18 standard for our Federal regulations.

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20 So I thank you for this time and I
21 would like to be a part of the working group, please.

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.

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25 Donald.

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27 MR. MIKE: Just for the record this
28 work group is endorsed by this Council at the last fall
29 meeting. So whatever the working group does reports to
30 this Council and the recommendations of the working
31 group is a product of this Council. So it will be your
32 proposal.

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34 Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: Great. Thanks for that
39 clarification, Donald. Yeah, I feel pretty strong on
40 this. I know a practice we do in the Nushagak Advisory
41 Committee is sometimes delegate a subcommittee to speak
42 for the whole AC to develop some of the finer points.
43 Maybe that doesn't work so good here.

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45 You brought up a system where we would
46 recess and then reconvene. Yeah, I'm reluctant to wait
47 two years. There's a lot of work going into that State
48 wording. I think at the bare minimum that's an
49 excellent place to start and possibly if -- I know Neil

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1 is going to be super busy. Maybe there's a regulatory
2 specialist in the State that could be drawn upon to
3 explain the wording. At the same time kind of noticing
4 the Federal agencies.

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6 Maybe they can come up with a list of
7 what their objections are to the State wording as it
8 exists. Part of that is probably strictly in the
9 missions of the different agencies. If at all
10 possible, if this working group could come up with
11 something that will fit in the Federal system, as a RAC
12 member, I want to empower the full RAC or the working
13 group to move as quickly as possible.

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15 Thank you.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci and then
18 Lary.

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20 MS. MORRIS LYON: Oh, I was going to
21 make a motion. I'll wait, Lary, if you want to.....

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23 MR. HILL: Yes. Thank you, Nanci. I
24 see here, it's where I'm always having a problem with
25 who has ultimate authority. Okay. Who has ultimate
26 authority over the harvest? Are we looking at
27 regulations that would keep the harvesters from
28 becoming violators and subject to citations? Is that
29 what we're after? Or are we after conservation. I'm
30 not hearing conservation. I'm hearing let's not make
31 criminals out of people going out and just trying to
32 harvest these animals.

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34 So which are we dealing with? Is it
35 harvesting for conservation or just trying to keep us
36 from getting fined by the people that make these laws?

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38 What's the answer?

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: Yes, good point, Lary. I
43 think there's a little bit of both. I think a lot of
44 us and Kenneth are motivated to make sure we can hunt
45 without fear of violating and I think there's a lot of
46 fear among the folks who are charged with conservation
47 of the animals to make sure that in this process we
48 don't allow excessive motor vehicle use. I've
49 personally seen young men who forget and they know
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1 their snowmachine goes 80 miles an hour and off they
2 go. So we're kind of on a knife-edge balance there.

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4 Personally, I really believe in
5 conservation, but I've also in the process of trying to
6 sneak on one batch of caribou that was trotting away,
7 I've had caribou burst out from -- that I never know
8 running in front of me all of a sudden. I have this
9 vision of an enforcement officer coming over the hill
10 right then and I'm in the hot seat. At that point let
11 go of the throttle, don't keep pushing.

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13 It is a really narrow balance.

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15 Thanks.

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17 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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19 MR. WOODS: Madame Chair. I'd like to
20 make.....

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22 MR. ANDREW: Madame Chair.

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24 MR. WOODS: I'd like to make a motion
25 that we appoint this proposal to the committee and then
26 we recess until we get recommendations to adopt
27 language that move this thing forward.

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29 MS. MORRIS LYON: Second.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
32 motion to I guess recess until we can get.....

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34 MR. WOODS: No.

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Is that what
37 that was?

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39 MR. WOODS: As Donald said, we can put
40 this proposal before the committee, for the working
41 group, and then the draft language that they recommend
42 we adopt that. Before we close, we just recess until
43 we hear that language and then we adopt that and
44 present that to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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46 Madame Chair.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. There's
49 been a motion by Frank to put this -- I guess the
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1 language to the working group and I guess recess until
2 such time the working group has established the wording
3 for this. There was a second by Nanci. So I
4 guess.....

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6 MR. HILL: Call for question.

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8 MR. MAINES: Madame Chair. This is
9 Bill Maines.

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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We're making a
12 motion and we're ready to vote.

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14 MR. HILL: Call for question.

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16 MR. MAINES: Yeah. I wanted to comment
17 on the motion.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: This is for
20 the board to make a motion. There's a question.....

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22 MR. MAINES: (Indiscernible) Billy
23 Maines.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
26 question.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: That's Billy Maines.

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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, hi, Billy.
31 Sorry.

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33 MR. MAINES: That's okay, Madame Chair.
34 I just had a clarification question that Donald might
35 be able to help me with.....

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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39 MR. MAINES:if I wanted to vote
40 in favor of the motion. If I vote in favor of the
41 motion, Donald, does that mean that this meeting is
42 recessed completely until the working committee comes
43 back with their recommendations or do we continue the
44 meeting with the understanding that instead of
45 adjourning that we're just going to recess?

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47 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. Mr. Maines.
48 This motion on the table right now is to establish the
49 working group and for the working group to meet. The
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1 motion states that this Council will recess at the end
2 of the day and then reconvene at a later time to
3 consider the working group's recommendations for this
4 Council to take up. When the Council reconvenes, they
5 can choose to adopt the recommendations of the working
6 group and establish this recommendation as their own
7 and submit it to the Federal Subsistence Board as a
8 wildlife proposal.
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10 MR. MAINES: Thanks, Donald. I
11 appreciate the clarification, but I thought also I
12 understood that at the meeting in Dillingham last
13 November that we already established this working
14 group. The working group hasn't had time to meet
15 because of the Federal government shutdown, but the
16 group is already in place.
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18 MR. MIKE: Yes, that is correct. I had
19 planned to convene this working group after the
20 holidays, but we had this long extended government
21 shutdown which made our work in OSM a lot more
22 difficult trying to get our work done as outlined by
23 this Council to move this working group forward so they
24 can come up with recommendations for this Council's
25 consideration.
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27 MR. MAINES: Okay. So the motion is on
28 the floor right now.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.
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32 MR. MIKE: Sorry to further complicate
33 things. I wasn't thinking properly through this. We
34 can table this motion for now and at the end of the
35 meeting we can bring it back up and then recess and
36 then we'll get a report back from the working group.
37 So before we get further along, I hope we don't have to
38 confuse this further, but the working group should
39 consist of members of this Council, OSM Staff, Federal
40 and State wildlife biologist and probably one law
41 enforcement individual and representative from BBNA and
42 public member Nukwak.
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44 MR. WOODS: Move to table.
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46 MR. MIKE: If the second concurs to
47 table this motion until the end of the day.
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49 MS. MORRIS LYON: Yes, table.
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1 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
2 Mr. Maines, I hope I didn't confuse the matter, but
3 we're going to table this motion until the end of the
4 day and recess and then we'll get this working group
5 together. We'll come back another day that is set by
6 this Council.

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8 Thank you.
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10 MR. MAINES: Thank you, Donald. Thank
11 you, Madame Chair.

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13 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Billy. Next
14 item.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Let's take a
17 five-minute stretch and then finish our agenda.

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19 (Off record)

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21 (On record)

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23 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Call the
24 meeting back to order. Wildlife closure review. These
25 four items that we're going to be dealing with are
26 action items.

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28 MS. WORKER: Thank you, Madame Chair.
29 My name is Suzanne Worker. I'm a wildlife biologist
30 with OSM. Just as a reminder with closure reviews our
31 office reviews all Federal public lands closures
32 periodically just to make sure that they're still
33 warranted and that we aren't unnecessarily restricting
34 non-subsistence use.

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36 These reviews, along with the Council
37 recommendations, will be presented to the Federal
38 Subsistence Board for final action at their upcoming
39 wildlife regulatory meeting. There's only one closure
40 review for Bristol Bay this time. It's WCR18-04/06.
41 That's for caribou in Units 9C and 9E. That analysis
42 begins on Page 9.

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44 So this review deals with the Federal
45 public lands closure for caribou in three hunt areas.
46 The portion of Unit 9C, that drains into the Naknek
47 River from the north and that includes the Graveyard
48 and Coffee Creek drainages. Unit 9C remainder and Unit
49 9E. So this does affect both the Mulchatna and the
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1 Northern Alaska Peninsula Herds.

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3 Just a little bit of history about how
4 we got here. These closures have been in place at
5 least in some form since 1999. They've been in their
6 current form since 2016 when an 804 analysis was
7 conducted. As a result of that analysis, Federal
8 public lands in Unit 9E were closed to caribou harvest
9 except by residents of Unit 9E, Nelson Lagoon and Sand
10 Point. And then in what was then Unit 9C remainder,
11 Federal public lands were closed to caribou harvest
12 except by residents of Unit 9C and Egegik.

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14 Remember that at that time Unit 9C
15 remainder was all of Unit 9C south of the Naknek River.
16 In 2018, Unit 9C remainder was divided at the Naknek
17 River and a new hunt area was established. So on Page
18 13 of your materials if you want to see a map of the
19 current hunt areas you can see it there.

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21 The Board made this boundary change to
22 bring the regulations into line with the current
23 distributions of the Mulchatna and the Northern Alaska
24 Peninsula Herds. So, in effect, the regulatory
25 emphasis in that new hunt area north of the Naknek was
26 shifted to the Mulchatna Herd, which is consistent with
27 the population that actually exists in that area.

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29 However, the Federal Public Lands
30 closures weren't dealt with at that time, so we have a
31 closure at least in some areas that doesn't necessarily
32 reflect the conversation need of the herds that are
33 currently occupying those lands.

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35 So that's kind of how we got here. I'm
36 going to discuss the closure that affects the Northern
37 Alaska Peninsula Herd separately from the one that
38 affects the Mulchatna Herd. As far as the Northern
39 Alaska Peninsula Herd goes, that population pretty much
40 stays south of the Naknek River and it remains quite
41 small.

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43 The information that I have indicates
44 that it has grown over the past several years and it
45 was estimated to be around 3,600 animals in 2016, but
46 that's still way below the population objective, which
47 is 12,000 to 15,000 caribou. The bull/cow ratios have
48 also improved somewhat in the last decade or so.

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1 Harvest has been allowed under both
2 Federal and State regulations since 2016 and that
3 harvest is managed by quota and up to this point all
4 reported harvest has been by Federally qualified users.
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6 So the good news is that the population
7 seems to be doing a little bit better and it can
8 finally support a harvest for local users, but there's
9 no indication that the Federal public lands closure
10 should be rescinded at this time. It seems like the
11 current management approach, which includes the State's
12 Tier II permit and the Federal public lands closure
13 seems to be working okay. So OSM's recommendation is
14 that we make no changes to the Federal public lands
15 closure in Unit 9C remainder and Unit 9E.
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17 North of the Naknek River the story is
18 a little bit different. The Mulchatna seems to be
19 doing okay as we heard from Neil this morning. It's
20 estimated to be 27,000 caribou in 2016. Again, it's on
21 the low end of a historical range and also well below
22 the population objective. Not well below. It's 27,000
23 and the population is 30,000 to 80,000, so it's kind of
24 right there.
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26 The bull/cow ratio has been like 32/100
27 in the last couple of years and that's close to the
28 objective, which is 35 bulls to 100 cows. Like Neil
29 said, the cow/calf ratios are looking much better than
30 they have for a long time. So that's good news.
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32 Since 2013 80 percent of the reported
33 harvest has been taken by Federally qualified
34 subsistence users and only about 11 percent of that is
35 occurring in Unit 9C, so most of those caribou are
36 being harvested kind of an eastern portion of the
37 range.
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39 It's worth nothing that this is the
40 only Federal public lands closure within the range of
41 the Mulchatna Herd. Like I mentioned earlier, it's
42 really just a vestige of that pre-2018 hunt area change
43 that the Federal Subsistence Board made.
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45 So at this point there's no evidence
46 that the closure is warranted either for the
47 conservation of the Mulchatna Herd or for the
48 conservation of the Northern Alaska Peninsula Herd.
49 For that reason OSM is recommending that the hunt area
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1 north of the Naknek River be rescinded. These are some
2 BLM lands that are in the Northeastern portion of the
3 hunt area.

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5 Just to recap, we're recommending that
6 the closure in Units 9C remainder and 9E be retained,
7 but the closure in Unit 9C north of the Naknek, which
8 includes Coffee Creek and Graveyard Creek drainages be
9 rescinded. Again, we will take our recommendation and
10 whatever recommendation the Council makes to the
11 Federal Subsistence Board and they'll make the final
12 decision on this.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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16 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Thanks,
17 Suzanne. This is good. This is probably the language
18 we were ready to hear. It came to us because we
19 figured the population was -- the North Peninsula
20 Caribou Herd was being utilized at a minimum rate, but
21 it was being utilized, so there's no need to close down
22 the north portion of the Naknek, that section there.
23 So this pretty much just goes in line with a lot of the
24 conversation we had earlier. I'd be for this OSM.

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26 Thanks.

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28 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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30 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
31 Chair. I would concur with Richard. My
32 non-biologically-assessing brain has seen the same and
33 heard the same and evaluated the same. I know that
34 we're pretty hungry for caribou around here in an
35 easier format than we've had. So I would also support
36 OSM's recommendation. I do not think the North
37 Peninsula Herd is ready for pressure yet, but I do see
38 the numbers coming back on the Mulchatna side of it and
39 would like to see the north side opened up as well.

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41 Thank you.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
44 comments.

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46 (No comments)

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Who do we have
49 online? Billy Maines, are you back?

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1 MR. MAINES: Yes, Madame Chair, I'm
2 here.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dennis?

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6 MR. ANDREW: Yes, ma'am, I'm here.

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8 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan, do you
9 have a comment? Thank you, guys.

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11 MR. DUNAWAY: I've had some fair amount
12 of experience with this herd a long time ago, but I'm
13 planning on hearing what Richard and Nanci, the folks
14 that live in the immediate area, I'm inclined to
15 support their assessment on this.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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21 MR. WOODS: I concur with Dan.....

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23 MR. ANDREW: Madame Chair.

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25 MR. WOODS: Frank here. I guess the
26 OSM recommendation for status quo I'd support. Leaving
27 north of the Naknek River open the way it is.

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29 There's no need for change right now.

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31 MR. WILSON: No, the opposite.

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33 MR. WOODS: Oh, I see. I was reading
34 the second part.

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36 Thank you.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Was that
39 Dennis or Bill that probably wanted to make a comment?

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41 MR. ANDREW: This is Dennis. I think
42 this could wait under mine after we get done with 9C
43 and 9E. On our side Nushagak I'll make a comment
44 later, Madame Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thanks.
47 Lary, did you have your hand up?

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49 MR. HILL: I would support this

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1 rescinding north of Naknek River. To have the closure
2 rescinded on that I'd support that.

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4 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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6 Any other discussions.

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8 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair. I'd
9 like to make a motion that we accept OSM's
10 recommendation to open up the north side from the
11 Naknek River north and remain closed on the Northern
12 Peninsula Herd south of the Naknek River.

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14 So I would agree with OSM's
15 recommendation.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
20 motion by Nanci to support OSM's recommendation.

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22 MR. WOODS: Second that motion.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Second by
25 Frank Woods.

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27 All in favor say aye.

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29 IN UNISON: Aye.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
32 opposition.

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34 (No opposing votes)

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36 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.
37 Thanks. The next one -- do you have another one?

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39 MS. WORKER: I only have one closure
40 review, but I can stay up for the call for wildlife
41 proposals as well if we're ready to move on.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Call for
44 Federal wildlife proposals.

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46 MS. WORKER: Thank you, Madame Chair.
47 This is Suzanne Worker again. The Federal Subsistence
48 Board is currently accepting proposals to change
49 Federal subsistence harvest regulations for the
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1 2020 2022 regulatory years. This includes hunting and
2 trapping seasons, harvest limits, harvest methods, and
3 customary and traditional use determinations.
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5 As we've been discussing, the deadline
6 for submitting proposals is March 27th. We will
7 continue to accept proposals until March 27th as noted
8 in the proposed rule. However, because some of the
9 Council members had to be rescheduled as a result of
10 the government shutdown that we had earlier in the
11 year, we will continue to accept proposals from those
12 Councils that are meeting after March 27th and we will
13 also accept proposals that are hand delivered to the
14 Council Coordinator at those meetings that are
15 occurring after March 27th. It's less relevant to this
16 Council, but just for the record that's how we're
17 handling it with the Councils that are meeting after
18 the deadline.
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20 MR. ANDREW: Madame Chair. Dennis. I
21 got cut off. I'm back on.
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23 MR. DUNAWAY: Welcome back.
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25 MS. MORRIS LYON: Welcome back, Dennis.
26 So my question is what kind of an extended deadline
27 past the 27th? I'm curious as to what the extension
28 is.
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30 MS. WORKER: It's odd. My
31 understanding is that the deadline is not extended
32 generally. It is extended for proposals that are
33 developed or delivered at Council meetings that meet
34 after the deadline.
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36 MS. MORRIS LYON: So if they recess for
37 a year.....
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39 MS. WORKER: That's a deep hole.
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41 (Laughter)
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan Dunaway.
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45 MR. DUNAWAY: It looked like Suzanne
46 had a little more to say. I'll wait.
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48 MS. WORKER: Really the only other
49 thing I have to say is that this is your formal
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1 opportunity to submit proposals and what we need to
2 know from you is what regulation you'd like to see
3 changed along with a little bit of justification. That
4 really helps us when we're analyzing the proposal and
5 it also helps the Federal Subsistence Board when
6 they're making a decision on this to understand the
7 motivation.

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9 I can stay here if you'd like in case
10 there are regulatory snags that I might be able to help
11 with.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Madame Chair.
16 I briefly mentioned wolverine before and at least one
17 trapper has approached me. This is a little bit of a
18 tricky thing because that original caribou positioning
19 I think wolverine was thrown in there too. The State
20 Board of Game separated the two and focused on caribou
21 and the wolverine topic, basically in my estimation,
22 got just forgotten. It's never been addressed yet by
23 the State.

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25 There is interest among some wolverine
26 trapper/hunters to be allowed in Game Unit 17 at least,
27 the similar positioning opportunity that at least State
28 regulations allow in more farther north game units.
29 I'm kind of open to suggestion whether I should
30 encourage this trapper to submit his own proposal or
31 whether we have enough interest among the RAC members
32 to submit a proposal.

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34 I'm a little sketchy on how we would do
35 it. I don't fully understand the rules in I believe 18
36 and some of the ones up farther north. But there is
37 some interest among hunters and trappers around the
38 Dillingham area to have the same opportunity. I don't
39 know if the Federal regulations have that same
40 opportunity as the State, but it is a topic of interest
41 among folks that I correspond with.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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47 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Mr.
48 Dunaway, I'd kind of be reluctant as a Council member
49 to dive into that one because there's no real proof
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1 behind it. It's just kind of their wishes. I mean we
2 haven't had any citations or anything that really would
3 help us to realize what's going on. So it's just
4 wishes of a trapper and something like that should
5 probably be filed under an individual proposal in my
6 mind.

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8 Thanks.

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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12 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm kind of looking at
13 Ms. Worker here and she was opening some reg books.
14 Are you aware of any positioning language in other
15 parts of the state in the Federal regulations and maybe
16 you could enlighten me.

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18 Thank you.

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20 MS. WORKER: Thank you, Mr. Dunaway.
21 Through the Chair. So in Unit 23 there are
22 unit-specific regulations that handle snowmachine use
23 differently and I can read them to you. A snowmachine
24 may be used to position a hunter to select individual
25 caribou for harvest provided that the animals are not
26 shot from a moving snowmachine.

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28 On BLM-managed lands only a snowmachine
29 may be used to position a caribou, wolf or wolverine
30 for harvest provided that the animals are not shot from
31 a moving snowmachine. So in Unit 23 you can position a
32 wolverine with a snowmachine.

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34 One thing I want to point out there is
35 there's a distinction with BLM lands and that's because
36 Fish and Wildlife Service and National Park Service
37 both have prohibitions in regulation about using a
38 snowmachine in that manner. So regardless of whether
39 we're talking about wolverines or caribou or what unit
40 we're talking about them in we have a conflict there.

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42 So the way it was resolved in Unit 23
43 is that this regulation allows that type of use only on
44 BLM lands. So depending on where you're at that's a
45 lot of lands or little lands.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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49 MR. WOODS: To clarify, these

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1 regulations are only legal on BLM lands, is that what
2 you just said? Or excluded? Maybe I'm selective
3 hearing. I have to turn up my hearing aid.
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5 MS. WORKER: So what the regulation
6 says is that on BLM-managed lands only a snowmachine
7 may be used to position a caribou, wolf or wolverine
8 for harvest. So you can't position an animal on
9 Federal lands except on BLM lands in Unit 23.
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11 MR. WOODS: Here's a map of Bristol Bay
12 where we're talking about in 17C, 9B and 9C is all
13 BLM-managed lands where the majority of the intensive
14 management it looks like. I would concur that we
15 address this on that area and mirror what 23 has for
16 BLM lands. Just to make it clear, because I see
17 Stuyahok and Ekwok like you heard Neil Barten say
18 Koliganek is right north of them BLM lands because
19 those are the highest harvesters of the wolf population
20 in intensive management area.
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22 So I would suggest this board take on
23 action that would clarify both wolverine and wolf for
24 that purpose. Mirror what you had just read in 23 for
25 the areas in BLM lands managed -- and just for that
26 purpose.
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28 I worked intensively with managers on
29 that intensive management area where they have same-day
30 airborne. It's a 10,000 square mile area just north of
31 -- in that area, 17C, where the yellow BLM and extends
32 up into the north of that area, which is a pretty big
33 area. We're just talking it would be a mirror of
34 what's happening right now.
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36 The majority of the harvesters,
37 especially under intensive management, would be a
38 beneficiary for -- so I'll leave it up to the wishes of
39 the committee, but I would move forward with this and
40 recommend we put a proposal. So it would be in 2021
41 this regulation would come into effect?
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43 MS. WORKER: 2020.
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45 MR. WOODS: Oh, good.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dennis, did
48 you have a comment?
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1 (No comments)

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I guess not.

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5 Lary.

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7 MR. HILL: Madame Chair. It hasn't
8 been a problem with citations, so why make a regulation
9 if you don't really need one right now. I'm against
10 regulations unless you really need it. I don't utilize
11 that area or the BLM area either. I just don't see the
12 use of making a regulation if we don't really need it.
13 That's my comment.

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15 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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17 MR. WOODS: I guess, Lary, just to
18 clarify. I've gotten like two different reports from
19 Dillingham that the trooper just looks away and I don't
20 want that to happen in this -- to have the users
21 looking over their shoulder, whether the trooper
22 interprets the law however. That's the last thing I'd
23 do is leave it up to enforcement and interpret the law
24 how we want it. What we're doing is legalizing
25 existing practice and it's already pretty much taken
26 care of in every -- just like in Unit 23.

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28 It's a common practice that --
29 especially the wolf hunters up there. I've hunted
30 wolves. You have to position yourself or them in order
31 to catch them. They're like ghosts when you're chasing
32 a wolf and tracking a wolf. There's no other way but
33 to pursue that animal. When a trooper threaten a
34 hunter if you don't tree a wolverine and you pursue off
35 of a moving snowmachine that you're going to get cited,
36 I think that's a disservice to the actual intent of the
37 whole regulatory process. It leaves interpretation up
38 to enforcement and that's not against adding another
39 regulation.

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41 I think it's just in clarifying it that
42 we agree that there's existing laws that we abide by
43 them and that's why I'm addressing this. If we leave
44 it up to interpretation of enforcement -- and I've seen
45 five wildlife enforcement officers come and go and each
46 one has a different interpretation. We're just talking
47 about this area up in here. That's the most intensive
48 management area we want to focus on.

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1 You know, I would hate to have every
2 person that kills a wolf or a wolverine without treeing
3 it. If you shoot it in the back, then you're pursuing.
4 If you shoot it in the side and if it ain't up a tree,
5 it ain't stopped and the snowmachine ain't stopped,
6 then I can give you a ticket.

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8 MR. HILL: Madame Chair. May I discuss
9 it. That's what I'm after. Have there been actual
10 citations issued? What I'm after is let's not just
11 make it in Unit 17 area, why not we make it an all BLM,
12 including in 9B area also there's BLM lands there too.
13 So it's not just one area, it's all-encompassing
14 problem. We have the same problem in our area. When
15 there's willow trees only three feet high it's very
16 difficult to tree a wolverine.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 MR. HILL: So I wanted to kind of force
21 the issue here. There are a number of violations or
22 threatened violations because of that. So I'd like to
23 suggest that we make it an all-encompassing all-BLM
24 lands to match the Unit 23 positioning with respect to
25 wolves and wolverines.

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27 Thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Suzanne.

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31 MS. WORKER: Thank you, Madame Chair.
32 I just want to make one clarification so that we're all
33 on the same page. When we're talking about changing
34 Federal regulation, we're talking about regulations
35 that apply when you're hunting under Federal
36 subsistence regulation. So if you're hunting under
37 State regulation or you're engaged in intensive
38 management or other practices that are allowed by the
39 State, Federal regulation has no bearing on those
40 activities.

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42 So if we're talking about using a
43 snowmachine to position animals, it will only apply
44 when you're hunting on Federal land under Federal
45 regulation. So if you're hunting in a State season,
46 you can just hunt under State regulation.

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48 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Lary.

1 MR. HILL: Madame Chair. Just some
2 confusion here. So can I, if I was hunting a
3 wolverine, be on State land, move the animal to BLM
4 land and then be able to kill it?

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6 MS. WORKER: That's complicated.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MS. WORKER: Okay. So the new State
11 regulations were for caribou only, so they don't apply
12 to wolverine.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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16 MR. WOODS: One of the Nushagak
17 Advisory members is going to put in a Board of Game
18 proposal that would mirror what we're talking about
19 because he feels real threatened that a wildlife
20 enforcement officer will eventually -- like he was up
21 in the mountains and there's only brush that high and
22 they catch them, that tree might not be existing, so
23 that's why he's -- and I'll mention his name because he
24 told me to.

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26 He's going to work hard at getting that
27 wolverine -- it's Todd Fritze. He traps. I mean he's
28 a legal beagle I could say. He works at -- and most
29 people do. They work at abiding by the law, but I
30 think all-encompassing like Mr. Hill said. If we make
31 it legal on BLM land where I'm looking at this map and
32 if the State agrees and I think they will because it's
33 pretty much common practice. I'm looking at that. If
34 we put in a proposal for BLM lands mirroring 23 in
35 Bristol Bay or even 17, 9B wherever that is. If you
36 look at that map and propose that, I think it would be
37 in our best interest.

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39 So, yeah, I'm in favor of actually
40 submitting or making a motion, I guess. So I guess I
41 would make a motion that we move forward and OSM
42 pursuing a proposal that would mirror 23's pursuit of
43 wolf and wolverine on BLM lands for the purpose of
44 harvest.

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
47 motion by Frank.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: I'll second it. I want
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1 to clarify. That would be strictly wolf and wolverine
2 on BLM lands in our range of jurisdiction, authority,
3 whatever.

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5 MR. WOODS: Yes.

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7 MR. DUNAWAY: I second that.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
10 motion by Frank, seconded by Dan to I guess mirror 23.

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12 All in favor say aye.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: We need discussion first.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, sorry.

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18 Discussion. Richard.

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20 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, thanks. Do
21 we have any language coming off the State side on State
22 lands on getting wolverine from the vehicle? Do you
23 have anything there, Cody?

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25 MR. WOODS: Madame Chair. Just for
26 conversation and to back up Richard's point is that
27 when we were at the Board of Game they separated and
28 they were supposed to bring it back to the table is our
29 understanding. They didn't address it.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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33 MR. WILSON: I just got a feeling that
34 they felt like there was probably no need at the time.
35 I mean there was no citations to indicate that
36 something is going wrong. They separated it because it
37 was going to be a bigger issue to try to join the
38 wolverine with the caribou at the time, so they
39 separated them to try to get them to see the
40 significance I thought. I could be wrong.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: It got pretty tangled and
47 even at the end of the meeting I've also talked to Mr.
48 Fritze and he was getting different interpretations
49 from different members of the State Board of Game.

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1 Some of those members walked out of that meeting
2 thinking they'd also addressed wolverine and others
3 said no. In the end, the record did not seem to show
4 any wolverine was addressed.

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6 So there was quite a bit of confusion
7 and poor Todd was trying to sort it out this fall and
8 he's a significant wolverine harvester when conditions
9 -- even when conditions aren't so good he's caught a
10 couple already I think. He wants to be legal. He's
11 got family up north that has this practice allowed. I
12 think even under State laws as well as Federal. He's
13 wondering why are we different down here.

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15 We have a couple of real trappers in
16 Aleknagik and other villages that I share similar
17 interests. I think Todd, because of his family
18 connections, is more aware of the inconsistency across
19 the state. So I'm really motivated, if there's no
20 biological issue here, to support our trappers.

21
22 Thank you.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
25 comments.

26
27 Suzanne.

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29 MS. WORKER: Thank you, Madame Chair.
30 Mr. Wilson, to go back to your question, you were
31 asking about trapping regulations?

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33 MR. WILSON: Yeah. Using a vehicle,
34 yeah.

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36 MS. WORKER: Okay. Thanks to Cody I
37 have these right here. I misunderstood your question
38 the first time. So these are the State trapping
39 regulations. A snowmachine may be used to position a
40 wolf or wolverine for harvest and a wolf or wolverine
41 may be shot from a stationary snowmachine in Units 18,
42 22, 23 and 26A.

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44 MR. WILSON: Is this on the Federal
45 side or are we talking the State?

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47 MS. WORKER: That's State regulation.

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49 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more.....

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3 MR. WOODS: I think the confusion with
4 the Board, like Dan said, I've got to call the Chairman
5 of the Board of Game, I think it was allowed in
6 different areas and that's why the enforcement kind of
7 turns their head, but we want to make it legal in 17,
8 9, 9B, 17B, 9C. That's all BLM land and I think we
9 just mirror existing State law to make it legal.

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11 Thanks. Federal.

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13 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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15 MR. WILSON: I was actually looking for
16 information on Units 17 and Units 9 for the language on
17 the State side. Do we have any of that?

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19 MS. WORKER: I wish we all had State
20 regulation books in front of us. There is a series of
21 specific regulations that relate to use of snowmachine
22 and specific units on Page 18 of the State regulation
23 book. For instance, a snowmachine may be used to
24 position a caribou for harvest in Units 22, 23 and 26A.

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26 Then there's the new Unit 17 regulation
27 that we've been talking about. A snowmachine may be
28 used to position a wolf or wolverine for harvest and a
29 wolf or wolverine may be shot from a stationary
30 snowmachine in Units 18, 22, 23 and 26A.

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32 The only reference I see to Unit 17 and
33 Unit 9 are to position hunters. So that's a
34 distinction between positioning an animal.

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36 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Suzanne. Yeah,
37 that helps me a bunch to see what other units are doing
38 and that we don't have any language in our units yet to
39 address the issue that 23 and 18 and them have. So I'd
40 be in favor of the proposed on the table here.

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42 Thanks.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: Good to know the
45 background.

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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any more
48 comments.

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1 (No comments)

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, we can
4 vote. There's been a motion and a second.

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6 MR. MAINES: Madame Chair. This is
7 Billy Maines. I call for the question.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We're calling
10 for the question to vote on this.

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12 All in favor say aye.

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14 IN UNISON: Aye.

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16 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
17 opposition.

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19 (No opposing votes)

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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Hearing
22 none. Thanks.

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24 Richard.

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26 MR. WILSON: If I might, just to
27 clarify what it actually reads. I'm hoping we're
28 including Units 9 and 17.

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30 MR. MIKE: I think the original motion
31 stated by Mr. Woods was Unit 17C, 17B, 9B and parts of
32 9C.

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34 MR. MAINES: Madame Chair. This is
35 Billy Maines. My understanding of the motion was all
36 the BLM-managed areas within our jurisdiction.

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38 MR. MIKE: That is correct, Mr. Maines.

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40 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Did you hear
41 that Bill, the answer?

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43 MR. MAINES: Yes, I did. Thank you.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Moving on.
46 Council Charter review.

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48 MS. WORKER: Does that mean we're done
49 with the proposals?

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do we have any
2 more proposals?

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4 MR. DUNAWAY: Not until the working
5 group.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I don't have
8 anything jotted down for any additional proposals.

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10 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: I just want to thank the
15 Council for supporting this wolverine thing. It's kind
16 of festered for a few of the folks in the area that I'm
17 supposed to speak for, so I really appreciate the
18 thoroughness and ultimate support.

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20 Thank you very much.

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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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24 MR. WOODS: I'll be the devil's
25 advocate and ask Togiak Refuge to put a proposal when
26 they shut down the State side when we need to harvest
27 more moose in 17A, that we open up instead of two moose
28 we get four moose a year.

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30 (Laughter)

31 MS. MORRIS LYON: Just checking if
32 you're awake, I think.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Let's move on.
35 Council Charter review. Who has that?

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37 MR. MIKE: I do, Madame Chair.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay.

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41 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair. On
42 Page 47 in your Council materials book you'll find the
43 Charter for the Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional
44 Advisory Council. This is an opportunity for this
45 Council to review the Charter and make comments on the
46 designation or anything within the Charter that you
47 wish to make recommendations for the Federal
48 Subsistence Board for them to consider. It's open to
49 the floor for the Council to make any comments,
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1 recommendations.

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3 If you don't have any, just make a
4 motion to adopt the Charter.

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6 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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8 MS. MORRIS LYON: The only one I had
9 when I read over it, Donald, was is the number --
10 there's an estimated number in here for the cost. Is
11 that up to date?

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13 MR. MIKE: Yeah, those estimated
14 operating costs are -- we can go back from a previous
15 meeting costs and prorate it for the future for meeting
16 costs.

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18 MS. MORRIS LYON: I just wanted to make
19 sure that was updated.

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21 MR. MIKE: Right.

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23 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I had number
26 3, objectives and scope of activities circled, but I
27 can't remember why I circled that. Any more comments,
28 corrections, additions to this Charter.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: If not, a
33 motion. Nanci.

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35 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
36 Chair. I'll make a motion to adopt the Bristol Bay
37 Regional Subsistence Advisory Council Charter as
38 presented.

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40 MR. WOODS: Second.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
43 motion by Nanci to accept the Bristol Bay Subsistence
44 Regional Advisory Council Charter, second by Frank
45 Woods.

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47 Comments. Dan.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: I haven't encountered a

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1 situation where I thought it was not working, so I'll
2 say in the positive it seems to be working pretty well
3 and I'm comfortable with continuing with it.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MR. WILSON: Question.

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9 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question
10 has been called. All in favor say aye.

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12 IN UNISON: Aye.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
15 opposition.

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17 (No opposing votes)

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.
20 Thanks.

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22 The next one is to approve FY2018
23 Annual Report found on Page 30.

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25 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. At our last
26 fall meeting in Dillingham the Council had an
27 opportunity to submit it's 2018 annual report for the
28 Federal Subsistence Board. There were four items that
29 were submitted for this Annual Report. One is low
30 level aircraft flights within the Lake Iliamna and Lake
31 Clark Region. Historical migratory bird management.
32 Number three, an all-Council meeting. Number four,
33 seagull populations. These items were submitted as
34 Annual Report items for the Federal Subsistence Board.

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36 If you have any comments on those four
37 items we can discuss those and make corrections or add
38 to the Annual Report.

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40 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan and Judy
43 -- I mean Nanci.

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: I think this is pretty
46 complete, but I'm thinking that we did work so much on
47 the caribou positioning and it's been a big issue,
48 should that be in this report or is that kind of a moot
49 point because we've got a lot of action on them. I'm

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1 kind of asking.

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3 Thank you.

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5 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. As far as the
6 positioning of animals, if you wish to include it in
7 this Annual Report, identifying it as a subject matter
8 that is of interest to this Council for information for
9 the Federal Subsistence Board to keep aware of what's
10 going on within this region.

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12 Thank you.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci and then
15 Frank.

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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
18 Chair. The other thing that I think we could probably
19 include under number 3, Donald, would be the
20 all-Council Chair meeting that Molly was speaking about
21 earlier. We could put that in there and get that off
22 our plate as well.

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24 Thank you.

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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thanks, Judy.
27 That's what I was going to suggest. So how would we
28 add it to slash all-Council Chairs after all-Council
29 meeting.

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31 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I can insert
32 that paragraph in item number 3, all-Council meeting,
33 and then have a separate paragraph for the all-RAC
34 Chairs meeting during the Federal Subsistence Board
35 meeting unless you want to keep it a separate item.

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. That
38 will work.

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40 Frank, did you have your hand up?

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42 MR. WOODS: Yeah, I agree with Dan. I
43 think that last spring before I became a member I
44 testified as one of the public that we utilize the
45 positioning of caribou. I came and testified and I
46 don't know if that can be added. We took public
47 testimony on record that we had those long heated
48 discussions aye or nay.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Lary.

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5 MR. HILL: Madame Chair. Dan, this is
6 on number 4, seagull population, the last sentence.
7 Council is requesting from the Migratory Bird Program
8 on the briefing on the population status of the
9 seagulls in Iliamna Lake area.

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11 Has there been anything other than just
12 this report?

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14 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. To answer Mr.
15 Hill's question. This Annual Report is a draft that
16 was submitted -- got started last fall and at this
17 meeting this Council is going to go ahead and approve
18 the Annual Report and it will be submitted to the
19 Federal Subsistence Board and they will respond either
20 to send a Migratory Bird staff to come and present to
21 the Council to provide some information or they can
22 provide me information and I can send that information
23 to all the Council members through mail.

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25 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Another thing
28 that I was hoping for us to do is add another bullet
29 under all-Council meeting. At one point there was a
30 suggestion to schedule all-Council meetings every five
31 years and I think that wouldn't hurt if we could add
32 that in as the last bullet.

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34 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
35 Just for your information, this similar issue,
36 all-Council meeting, was brought forward by the
37 Southcentral Council. So it's going to be a statewide
38 concern and the Federal Subsistence Board will hear of
39 it.

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41 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any other
44 comment. Dan.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Just to clarify, I
47 mentioned the caribou positioning. Do we have to
48 formalize some language or is the note that Frank and I
49 made sufficient to be added?

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Donald.

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3 MR. MIKE: If the Council wishes to add
4 the positioning of animals in this Annual Report as a
5 separate issue, the Council already agreed that it's
6 important to submit this to the Federal Subsistence
7 Board as an issue for this region that it's important
8 to keep on record. If the Council agrees to submit it
9 as an annual report item, I can work with Mr. Dunaway
10 with some language and we can go forward.

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12 MR. DUNAWAY: That's fine with me and
13 I'm happy to include Frank and anybody else too.

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15 Thank you. Good job.

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17 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. I'll get
18 started with the language and share it with Frank and
19 Mr. Dunaway. For the record, this Council agrees that
20 the positioning of animals is important for the Federal
21 Subsistence Board to see.

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23 Thank you.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Judy -- Nanci.

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27 MS. MORRIS LYON: Just double checking.
28 Do we need a motion to approve with the changes or is
29 it verbally okay?

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31 MR. MIKE: Yes, just a motion stating
32 that we added several items and we'll include the
33 positioning of animals as part of the Annual Report.
34 Thank you.

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36 MS. MORRIS LYON: Okay. I'll go ahead
37 and make that motion then that we accept this Annual
38 Report to the Federal Subsistence Board as amended for
39 Fiscal Year 2018.

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41 MR. WOODS: Second.

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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
44 motion by Nanci to accept the Council's report with
45 changes and second by Frank.

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47 MR. WILSON: Question.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question
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1 has been called. All in favor say aye.

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3 IN UNISON: Aye.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
6 opposition.

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8 (No opposing votes)

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10 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.
11 Thank you. We are moving along. I guess the next
12 agenda items are the Council members reports.

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14 MS. MORRIS LYON: No. Tribal
15 consultation presentation.

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17 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. The Council
18 agreed to insert tribal engagement presentation by Mr.
19 Orville Lind as item number E under new business, just
20 a reminder.

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22 Thank you.

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24 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Oh, the
25 tribal. Okay, sorry. Okay, Orville.

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27 MR. DUNAWAY: We like talking to
28 Orville.

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30 MR. LIND: You all are pretty fast.
31 Guyana. Thank you, Madame Chair and board members.
32 Orville Lind, Native Liaison for the Office of
33 Subsistence Management. I can give you the 20-minute
34 version or the two-hour version.

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36 What is your wishes?

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38 MS. MORRIS LYON: Don't threaten us.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MR. LIND: Thank you. I'll do the
43 20-minute version. Just to give you a little
44 background. I started this position in actually
45 December of 2014. Never really started to grow roots
46 until about probably May of 2015.

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48 The Native Liaison position has to deal
49 with 229 Federally recognized tribes in the state of
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1 Alaska. There are 562, I believe, Federally recognized
2 tribes in our nation and 229 of them are here in
3 Alaska.

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5 My primary role and responsibility is
6 to be the contact for rural Alaskans that concern
7 subsistence on Federal public lands. I do have a phone
8 and it does work. I had my first tribal engagement
9 session down in Southeast in October last year. It was
10 to me a real success because we had engaged a
11 corporation, tribal members, tribal leaders down there
12 who really wanted to know more what does tribal
13 consultation do, why.

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15 So the whos, whats and whys of this
16 session was basically to give folks some information
17 and increase their awareness of tribal and ANCSA
18 corporation engagements.

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20 Again, I'm dealing with several tribes
21 here in Alaska. Just to name the Yup'ik and Cup'ik,
22 Athabascan. We have Tshimian, Haida. We have the
23 Aleut, Alutiiq, Tlingit. All those tribes, everybody.
24 If I missed somebody, I'm sorry. It's just amazing how
25 the state of Alaska really has this subsistence way of
26 life from the end of the Aleutians to the north, to the
27 tip of Southeast. It's amazing. They have similar
28 beliefs. They have similar practices. I enjoy working
29 in this field. So far today I can say that I really
30 enjoy my job.

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32 With that I'm going to go ahead and
33 make this as painless as possible. Really,
34 consultation to me is really a form of communication
35 that really should involve trust and respect to all the
36 tribes and shared responsibilities. It should also be
37 a very meaningful and productive and effective
38 communication. When we deal with subsistence issues,
39 we really are dealing with ways of life, as Molly
40 mentioned before. It is a way of life out there.

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42 When agencies are making decisions that
43 really directly impact the resources taken or
44 regulating proposals, all that stuff, locals need to be
45 involved. Tribes need to be heard. So it's due to
46 Executive Order 13175 that allows the tribes to be
47 heard.

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49 Now it's just good practice. This is
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1 just good practice to foster relationships through --
2 and I've heard RACs mention several times that we all
3 need to work together and working together is what
4 we're supposed to do if we're going to move forward as
5 many of you said when you were discussing the
6 snowmachine positioning hunting animals.
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8 We hear this constantly over and over
9 from RAC meetings that there needs to be a greater
10 connection to the Office of Subsistence Management.
11 With this tribal engagement session I did have a
12 PowerPoint for you, but some guy named Orville forgot
13 the HDMI cord, so I'm blaming him.
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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Evil twin.
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17 (Laughter)
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19 MR. LIND: And there was a real concern
20 that they weren't getting the picture. They were not
21 getting this OSM stuff, making policies, the Federal
22 government. There's this myth that any time you deal
23 with the Federal government you'll never get anything
24 done, which is totally false. I think since I've been
25 on the job and even before that we've gotten better at
26 tribal consultations. We've gotten better at ANCSA
27 corporation consultations and we're hearing from the
28 tribes.
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30 Again, I've seen it since I've been on
31 the job in December of 2014, I've seen increased tribal
32 consultations. I've seen an increase in submissions
33 for special actions. I've seen increased proposals,
34 regulations changing. So I think people are getting it
35 and believe that people are really getting involved.
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37 The other thing is, which is important
38 to this whole process of the Federal subsistence
39 program, within our office it's amazing that we have
40 the Wildlife Division in our office, we have the
41 Fisheries Division in our office, we have the
42 Anthropology Division in our office and we have the
43 Council Coordination Division in our office. We all
44 work together to get these proposals through. We need
45 to work together.
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47 I'll tell you what. Our office has
48 done some amazing work in very short time. I want to
49 mention that to the folks out there that we really work
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1 for you and we work hard for you. Are we going to make
2 mistakes? Yes, we have. In the future we'll probably
3 make a few more mistakes, but with our collaboration
4 and working together we're going to make things get
5 easier I hope and better for Alaska's resources.
6

7 Those people on the Regional Advisory
8 Councils they get paid a lot of money? I said, no,
9 they're volunteers. Really? I wouldn't do that. So
10 you hear stuff like that, so it just makes your
11 position a little more special that you're chosen by
12 your people to work for them and I appreciate that.
13 And the tribes appreciate that.
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15 I'm going to go on just a little bit to
16 discuss when consultation is required. Anytime again
17 it directly will affect resource regulations, proposals
18 with the Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM, BIA, Park
19 Service, Forest Service. As you know, our resources
20 don't know boundaries, so we have to work with all the
21 agencies. The Federal Subsistence Board is made up
22 with all those agencies.
23

24 I want to say this also that in most
25 cases it's been my experience that the RAC that come up
26 with certain recommendations to the Federal Subsistence
27 Board they get passed. I was told over 90 percent of
28 them get passed, 95 percent of them. So that says a
29 lot. When the deliberation starts with the tribes here
30 and goes through the process and then it comes back to
31 the people, I really respect that.
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33 There's a lot of work that goes into
34 consultation before it's prepared. I will usually call
35 the chairman or the vice chair if there's a proposal
36 that we have to deal with in consultation. I invite
37 the corporation also. Then I send a notice to the
38 Federal Subsistence Board just letting them know that
39 this is the topic we're going to discuss in this tribal
40 consultation.
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42 Our policy says that we have to have
43 two or more Federal Subsistence Board members to be
44 involved in our consultation. So those tribes can
45 directly talk and ask questions or express their
46 concerns to the Federal Subsistence Board members,
47 which is a huge deal.
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49 I've got to say our Chairman right now,
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1 Mr. Christianson, has done a tremendous job and he is
2 so willing to jump into the consultations. He says,
3 Orville, is there ever a time that one member doesn't
4 show and you need somebody, call me up. I have his
5 hotline. So I've done that already a couple times.
6

7 After the consultation that we have --
8 of course every consultation is recorded so we know who
9 said what and we can come back and if the topic is
10 brought up during the Federal Subsistence Board meeting
11 or any type of other meetings we have, public meetings,
12 we can say so-and-so said this on what date, whatever.
13 So everything is recorded.
14

15 I prepare a summary also after the
16 consultation using the transcripts. One thing I found
17 out that even these are recorded when people speak in
18 their own language it's not on there, so interpretation
19 is needed. All key talking points are put down. So
20 instead of saying exactly what the transcript says, I
21 take a summary of that transcript and put all the
22 important key talking points so it shortens it up some.
23 That's what the tribes like. They're like me, short
24 and simple. They don't like to use big words, too much
25 detail.
26

27 I'm going to also share that when we
28 started this, of course you know all the 10 regions we
29 have. We have a map also on our subsistence website.
30 During this consultation I've gotten ideas from other
31 tribes in different regions on how we can better
32 communication. How can we get the word out better.
33 How can we do better outreach. So we included the
34 refuge information technicians and we encourage them
35 also to help us get the word out of tribal consultation
36 dates, times, topics, issues, so forth.
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38 We try to work with the schools also.
39 Last year was the first time that we actually had a
40 teleconference with the Dillingham High School
41 students. Just introducing some OSM office staff
42 members to them and who's who and what we do. We're
43 going to do that at Bristol Bay in the future. What we
44 really want to do is go into the classrooms themselves.
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46 We have what we call a visual
47 teleconference system, VTS, and it has a TV and a
48 camera and then we can actually go into the Dillingham
49 classroom and see the students. They can see us talk
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1 and I think it's the next best step to face to face I
2 think. And it's exciting to see and hear questions
3 from them.

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5 I'm setting up the next one with the
6 North Slope folks and hopefully we can get with some
7 students there. Unfortunately, as Donald mentioned,
8 the timing of this meeting we couldn't get any students
9 because of spring break.

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11 There are some suggestions on the
12 tribal consultation process that I've recorded. I'd
13 like to read some to you. These come from the
14 Southeast consultation engagement session. Again,
15 they're recognizing they're not seeing any young people
16 at these meetings. I believe at the all-Council
17 meeting that was one of the primary concerns was not
18 enough young people attending.

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20 There was another suggestion of
21 outreach efforts that as soon as we know something, we
22 should be sending it out to the tribes. Also there was
23 one suggestion that said if there were places where you
24 post flyers, if we could have the local tribes here
25 have maybe a high school student we can send them or
26 they can actually download from our website the timing
27 and the news release of our Regional Advisory Council
28 meetings. Just getting the word out better.

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30 There was another suggestion that the
31 tribe council could name a high school student to
32 assist with outreach news releases. Again, tribal
33 consultation can happen anytime, anywhere on anything.
34 You just need to call.

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36 I want to read this to you because I
37 thought this was important.

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39 RAC processes are important and it's an
40 open and public forum where people should be
41 comfortable talking about local knowledge and input.
42 We need to hear more from elders. In that sense they
43 meant they would like the RAC members to invite a guest
44 from the community to hear what they're talking about.
45 So now you have the youth and then you have the elders.

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47 Oh, the last one here is in response to
48 a question about jurisdiction from a tribal member.
49 There needs to be more to hear about issues that the
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1 RAC is going to be talking about. I know we try to get
2 the word out, especially if it concerns a subsistence
3 issue in their region. Some people are just not
4 getting the messages out there and they're wondering
5 can we do a better job. Of course we can do a better
6 job. We can always do better, but we're going to need
7 their help.

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9 Once we get the information out from
10 our office to the tribes, we have no control of what
11 happens from that point on. So we're encouraging RAC
12 members to work with their locals to help get the word
13 out.

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15 And then I thought it was a really
16 important one and this also came from Y-K Delta. So
17 far I've done the tribal engagement session with
18 Southeast and Y-K and then here. Agency staff can all
19 assist in making better contact with tribes. We need
20 to work together to get the word out. I believe that
21 if each agency has a staff member that can coordinate
22 or help or assist coordinate communications, it would
23 help getting the word out.

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25 Consistent sharing of contact
26 information for tribes for each region should happen.
27 Right now when you think about my position as a Native
28 Liaison working with all tribes and corporations and up
29 to 180-plus village corporations, I'm proud to say that
30 I've handled up to 17 phone calls in one day. I
31 challenge each region, the Y-K and the Southeast and
32 now I'm challenging you make it 18. Let's try to help
33 each other out.

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35 With that I will now entertain any
36 questions.

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38 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Not so much a question,
41 but a comment. I'm thinking that we've worked
42 together, Orville and I, to help coordinate at the
43 Dillingham School. I'm hoping it kind of retires or
44 softens out. I've met folks that felt neglected or had
45 a chip on their shoulder. I've seen kids eyes open a
46 little more in school and they go, oh, that's what you
47 do and stuff.

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49 So I comment you, Orville, for your
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1 hard work. Word filters out. I tried to rent a car in
2 Sitka and mentioned what's going on with herring and I
3 got like a 15-minute earful on herring subsistence
4 issues in Sitka and he didn't know who I was and I was
5 glad that I'm somewhat familiar with their struggles
6 down there. So there's a lot of people. It's just a
7 little bit under the surface. I hope they feel like
8 they're getting heard.

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10 Thank you very much.

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12 MR. LIND: Thank you for that, Dan.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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16 MR. WOODS: Thanks, Orville. I agree
17 with your observations. I like the suggestions on
18 young people showing up at meetings. I used to sit in
19 a talking circle where you sit in age and the oldest
20 person is sitting at the front of the room and then go
21 around to the youngest person sitting next to that
22 elder. It was up to each person in that group. I'd
23 pass on that knowledge I learned from you onto the
24 younger generation to my left there.

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26 So I think we're training a whole
27 generation and this is just my observation. We're
28 training a whole generation and we're doing it for
29 them. Your suggestion of bringing a mentor shadowing a
30 young person I think we've lost that somewhere. Like
31 each one of us should at least have somebody engaged.
32 It might be younger than us. By us doing it for them,
33 I think they don't feel ownership, I guess.

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35 Up until I actually became aware and
36 this is part of the Yup'ik. My grandma called it (in
37 Yup'ik). Your eyes open and when you finally (in
38 Yup'ik) you realize something that in an early age when
39 you sit down and listen to people talk. I left it all
40 up to them people, right. But when it started
41 affecting me and my ability to go out and do what I do.

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43 I think if we engage in that kind of
44 aspect as we start bringing in shadowing members of the
45 community, members of family, members of the public or
46 whatever, someone that's even interested in being
47 engaged in this process.

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49 In my other life I'm chairman of the

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1 Nushagak Advisory and I hear it all. I hear good and
2 bad. At the same time you have to put the
3 responsibility. What are we doing to help that
4 process. I've been engaged in this process since '07
5 when I worked under Molly's regime under BBNA natural
6 resources. I've seen this for too long that there's
7 only one or two members of the public or there's not
8 enough young people.
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10 The responsibility I guess is coming
11 back to me. We live in a pretty messy time where we're
12 going to have more and more competition of resource.
13 Like you said, the subsistence aspect of this resource
14 is supporting villages, families, communities.
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16 So thank you. I'm excited about -- you
17 know, I didn't imagine -- walking through this I had a
18 different vision of what the RAC was sitting on the
19 outside looking in, but I'm glad I'm here.
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21 Thanks.
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23 MR. LIND: Thank you, Mr. Woods.
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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.
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27 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.
28 Thanks, Orville. It's a breath of fresh air really to
29 have a liaison person here that's able to connect the
30 agencies with the people. We've had a few since I've
31 been sitting here and it seems like there hasn't been
32 enough consultation with them and it's hard to find
33 them. So it really is great to have you with an open
34 door policy for issues. And that willingness to help
35 because there is help that's needed out here in these
36 communities and have that voice that connects two
37 different entities together is pretty huge.
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39 So appreciate it. Thanks.
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41 MR. LIND: You're welcome. Thank you.
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43 MR. MAINES: Madame Chair. This is
44 Bill Maines.
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy, you're
47 on.
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49 MR. MAINES: Thanks, Molly. (Phone cut
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1 out) taking on the responsibility you're taking on.
2 I've gone to a number of consultations with a number of
3 tribes throughout the nation let alone the state of
4 Alaska. The consultation process is (phone cut out)
5 who you're dealing with and what the subject is. The
6 one thing that I've always talked with people in
7 dealing with tribal consultation is finding out whether
8 or not the tribe has a consultation policy themselves.
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10 If they do, the Federal partners who
11 have this responsibility to have consultation with
12 (phone cut out) to understand it and there's the back
13 and forth exchange prior to the actual consultation
14 beginning. That the Federal agency understands the
15 tribal policy and the tribe understands the Federal
16 policy gives a mutual beginning for both parties
17 involved.
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19 The summary, it's nice to have that,
20 but again the process to me and the discussions I've
21 had with people in the past again is having that mutual
22 understanding of what words were being said or words
23 have been written that the definition is the same in
24 both parties' minds. So it's really tough times, so I
25 commend you on the task you're doing and that you're
26 giving yourself as well as those of us here on the RAC.
27 Having you at our meeting, that's portrayed in a couple
28 different ways.
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30 The only other thing I wanted to bring
31 up is dealing with students and children and stuff like
32 that. That's probably one of the reasons why last year
33 when I was over at (phone cut out) a number of meetings
34 just so that (phone cut out) and see the outcome of how
35 it's perceived by those that I meet with and talk
36 (phone cut out). It's saying that we need to bring a
37 guest with us. My grandson has been my guest for
38 (phone cut out) in Spokane, Washington where I've been
39 able to sit down and talk with folks on issues dealing
40 with consultation.
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42 So thanks. Well appreciated.
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44 MR. LIND: Thank you, Billy.
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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
47 Bill.
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49 William.
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1 MR. TREFON: I'd like to say thank you,
2 Orville, for what you've been doing here and trying to
3 keep us all informed. We're talking about how to get
4 the word out. It's like me sitting here where all my
5 fishing management and subsistence all covered by a
6 Park Service and I don't always see them here, Lake
7 Clark National Park.

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9 It would be nice to see them more
10 often.

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12 Thank you.

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14 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Lary.

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16 MR. HILL: I'll comment on engaging
17 younger people and some older people in this process
18 that we're going through with allowing us to continue
19 with our traditional practices. The problem in that is
20 our values, this is my personal belief, are not really
21 being passed on through our school system, education
22 system. It's not a condemnation. It's just a problem
23 and some of it has to do budget constraints. It's
24 difficult to bring somebody into the school and say,
25 okay, this is how -- other than a volunteer basis.

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27 It's difficult since there's practice
28 from the young to reject the values of their elders or
29 their parents. Just for the sake that they're
30 teenagers. How can we help them to understand how
31 valuable this information is. My grandma said we have
32 to keep passing it on to whomever. Our values still
33 need to be passed on. However, we need to do it.

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35 So yours is a difficult job and I
36 appreciate you taking the time to do it.

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38 Thank you.

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40 MR. LIND: Thank you, Member Hill.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Anybody else.

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44 (No comments)

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46 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I was involved
47 with the onset of trying to develop this consultation.
48 The reasons why this tribal consultation was a concern
49 back then was there was so much misconception even

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1 through the advisory councils. Especially the village
2 folks understanding simple things like the regulations.
3 There was always a different interpretation of how the
4 village people used their traditional knowledge to deal
5 with their harvest versus I guess Westernized way of
6 doing.

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8 There were several meetings,
9 gatherings, AFN. Anywhere there was people gathered
10 there was a workshop regarding this tribal
11 consultation. One of the expressions of using this
12 tribal consultation was learning the traditional and
13 ecological knowledges from the people, from the user
14 groups. One of the suggestions also during the onset
15 was to meet with these traditional people in their
16 communities, villages.

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18 It seems like I guess because of the
19 budgets the tribal consultations that I've seen and
20 been involved in have been during Federal Subsistence
21 Board prior to the meeting and usually there's just
22 people attending the Federal Subsistence Board.

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24 I guess my suggestion would be not only
25 be an informant, but to try to understand the concepts
26 of people in their own villages, in their own locations
27 where they're more comfortable in sharing.

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29 I appreciate the work that you're
30 doing. It's better than nothing. I think the
31 regulation sharing even through the advisory councils
32 has improved quite a bit because a lot more younger
33 generations are hunters and are using modernized
34 transportation and even electronic uses such as our
35 phones have been involved.

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37 So I guess I'm just thankful that
38 you're making an effort and continue, I guess. This
39 Advisory Council will support you to our fullest. So
40 thank you for your effort and trying to get the young
41 people involved.

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43 MR. LIND: Thank you, Madame Chair.
44 I'll close with this. As I said, our policies are on
45 our website. Our implementation guidelines, which
46 actually directs me to do consultation, the whos, whats
47 and whys, has to go through a review every year. The
48 review process is I will contact the land managers, the
49 ISC members, Interagency Staff Committee members, and
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1 they'll go through some of the comments from the RACs,
2 look to see if there's any changes that need to be
3 done, if there needs to be any amendments or
4 corrections or additions to the consultation policy.
5 It's an open book. So as we go through this process
6 and we fine tune our communication gaps, I think the
7 policy is only going to get stronger and it's going to
8 be more resource for the tribes and corporations.

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10 Thank you.

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12 I want to mention, Molly, you amaze me
13 because I have you down here as saying OSM document
14 language is difficult to understand. They should be
15 made easier for tribes to understand. Thank you for
16 that.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: One thing that
21 I've been thankful for is they've included the
22 corporations into this process instead of just the
23 tribes because they're all one group with different
24 titles.

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26 Thank you, Orville.

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28 MR. LIND: Thank you, Madame Chair.
29 Board members. Quyana.

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31 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Moving
32 on to -- I guess the next item on our agenda would be
33 the reports from our Council members. Starting from
34 Dan.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm trying to think of
37 things. It's been a really busy year. Frank and I are
38 both on the advisory committee for Nushagak and it was
39 a board meeting year in Dillingham. I guess I'm going
40 to start with subsistence season in the summer. For me
41 and most of the folks I know of for salmon it was
42 pretty darn good. We had phenomenal runs. A pretty
43 good king run. I think it was a mixed bag for the
44 subsistence fishers on kings. According to Fish and
45 Game we had a pretty strong run.

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47 Fall time it seemed like quite a few
48 folks weren't too successful for moose and that's a
49 growing concern on the Nushagak. Personally, I had the

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1 best luck ever. Hunted 12 hours maybe, but that's my
2 own good fortune. A lot of people didn't have it so
3 much.

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5 I think we've covered a lot of the
6 biggest concerns. The caribou positioning and
7 wolverine positioning were items that the public came
8 to me about and I appreciate both the advisory
9 committee working on it and the Advisory Council here
10 working on these. It's interesting to hear other
11 folks' concerns around the bay. I like that we worked
12 together on it.

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14 That's the extent of what I can think
15 of.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Richard.

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21 MR. WILSON: For some reason they got
22 me reappointed. Got my letter here the other day. So
23 you have to put up with me for another three years.

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25 Boy, what a slow season year I mean as
26 far as winter type situations. It's almost to the
27 point where it's frustration. Some of the common
28 things that we used to do in the winter is really held
29 back. So you really have to think out of the box a bit
30 just in your daily chores and lifestyles and things.
31 So much of it depends on weather here for the
32 continuation of our hunting practices and fishing
33 practices. It's been put into question here this year,
34 so much of it. So it's pretty slow.

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36 I must ask that -- as a Council, you
37 know, I mentioned earlier that our ADF&G staff really
38 needs to put more effort into helping us out here. I
39 don't think we get enough from them. We have friends
40 over there in the Nushagak side willing to fill in and
41 help out, which is great, but I don't think there's any
42 excuse. I think there should be more effort in that.
43 We really should have more information from ADF&G king
44 salmon. If not in person or on the phone, at least on
45 paper to help us with these decisions that are pretty
46 vital to everything we represent here.

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48 With that I'll pass it on.

1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.

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3 MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Madame
4 Chair. I would echo a lot of the things that Richard
5 brought up. I would also say that subsistence-wise for
6 the fish everybody seemed happy over here. We don't
7 depend on a lot of kings. They're kind of secondary.
8 We had plenty of sockeye for everyone.

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10 It seemed like we had a little bit
11 better success in the field for ptarmigan too which I
12 was grateful to hear. I'm not saying it was red hot by
13 any means. There used to be a fairly large flock that
14 lived around the lodge and the small flock was back
15 there this year. Some of my friends that went out
16 hunting had success. Not every time still, but I'd say
17 the numbers are still severely low and still need to be
18 watched. However, it seemed to have improved.

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20 I heard a decent amount of moose
21 success too. Not off the charts by any means, but it
22 seemed like people got the meat that they needed.
23 Overall, other than the winter that didn't exist, it
24 seemed like it was a pretty solid year on the
25 subsistence front.

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27 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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29 MR. WOODS: Thank you, Madame Chair for
30 hijacking me early on in my career. About 12 years ago
31 I got involved in resource management, I guess. What I
32 seen was a lot of resource getting extracted out of
33 rural Alaska and then only less than 10 percent get put
34 back in.

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36 I was asked recently why I'm on this
37 committee. I have a passion for feeding myself, I
38 guess.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: I'll be darned.

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44 MR. WOODS: Yeah, I'll be darned. You
45 look at my freezers. I've got four. Two great big 19
46 and 21 cubic freezers. There's one full of moose and
47 caribou and the other one full of fish and then the
48 other one full of berries. Then you've got the gussuk
49 food. We still eat pizza.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 MR. WOODS: Anyway, in the last year
4 I've noticed a lot more competition for resource,
5 especially up on the Nushagak. My concern is the king
6 salmon. We can only put so much pressure on resource
7 without it impacting some sort of negativity. As we
8 move on in the future I like Orville's comments that we
9 need to start shadowing or mentoring younger people and
10 including elders like you were saying, Mr. Hill.

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12 It's real important that we keep moving
13 forward and working together. I've heard that so many
14 times. Within the Nushagak Advisory we try to work and
15 that's our main goal is to try to work together as best
16 possible. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't,
17 but at the end of the day we still come to the table
18 and that's pretty impressive.

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20 I still believe like Orville that the
21 youngest person in the room is the most important
22 person. For me, that's my own personal philosophy. If
23 we don't pass this knowledge on to the next generation
24 -- I have to thank Joe and Molly since my grandmother
25 passed away they've shown me not just an open door
26 policy but also just watching somebody else continue
27 the lifestyle that I grew accustomed to. This is
28 pretty important.

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30 What makes it more important is the
31 lowest income villages in the Nushagak and Togiak and
32 Western Togiak Refuge, Goodnews Bay, Twin Hills and
33 Togiak and Manokotak, they live off about an average
34 income of \$18,000, but those villages are actually
35 stable and growing villages. I can't imagine living
36 off of \$18,000 and trying to support and feed my
37 family. It's almost impossible for me to think that
38 way, but these villages and the families that do it
39 they're doing it well.

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41 At least these groups are continuing
42 because I grew up in an era of dual management where it
43 was contentious. People had turf wars and there are
44 still generational feelings hurt about this stuff.
45 People are burnt out at these meetings because of the
46 fight that went on. I honestly believe that. My
47 generation, as a result of that dual management fight
48 between the McDowell decision and the Subsistence Board
49 and ANILCA and that whole fight divided not only our
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1 people but our state.

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3 I don't ever want to use that as an
4 excuse for people not working together, at least coming
5 to consensus. This process is more important than --
6 you know, at least on the Federal side that they have a
7 mandate for rural preference and subsistence priority,
8 that this place doesn't just give it lip service. I'm
9 really glad to hear and be a part of that process.

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11 The big picture, I think Bristol Bay is
12 doing well. We've got managers that are actively
13 engaged in the communities they represent. About three
14 or four years ago and a moose population
15 we couldn't harvest in the winter, this board acted on
16 an emergency order. A couple Togiak Refuge staff and
17 directors were a part of that. Opening up a winter
18 moose hunt by emergency order. Caribou hunts that were
19 extended or whatever it may be, we actively engaged the
20 public in the process in this and that becomes pretty
21 important.

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23 So I'll shut up. No opinion here.

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25 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Lary.

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27 MR. HILL: I'll go through my report.
28 Not much hunting due to poor traveling and conditions.
29 Winter was, yes, by golly, kind of fair. One week we'd
30 have winter, next week we have spring, another week we
31 had summer. Animals are going crazy, they don't know
32 what to do. December we had bears out in Pedro Bay.
33 March we had bears out in Pedro Bay. I think there
34 were bears out in Kokhanok due to the thawing.

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36 Also the ptarmigan, I've not seen many.
37 Maybe one all year, but I don't get out all that much.
38 Can't travel without snow.

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40 No trapping due to the weather
41 conditions. Also low fur prices except for marten, I
42 think, and lynx. Iliamna Lake hasn't frozen over, just
43 some bays. Two years ago this time people went from
44 Iliamna to Kokhanok on the ice with their trucks and
45 cars. Last year someone came from Kokhanok to Iliamna
46 with an 18-foot (indiscernible). The years are just
47 crazy with the lake freezing or not.

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49 Moose harvest, I think there was like

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1 five maybe. Billy can add more to that. I think there
2 might have been three or four wolves harvested, maybe
3 more. Only four that I know of. Three with traps and
4 another one ran into a bullet.

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6 I have a problem with some of the
7 agencies attending our meetings. In Dillingham there
8 were 20-plus agency staff, not counting audience, and
9 this time there was maybe five or six that I could
10 count. The reason for them not attending -- just an
11 observation. Lake Clark National Park didn't attend
12 either by teleconference. I don't know what the timing
13 was or what the problem was. Their absence is really
14 noted.

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16 I'm on five or six councils. I've gone
17 statewide. Early days I went to Washington, D.C. with
18 some group to talk about Native Land Claims as part of
19 a civil rights movement back in the day. Everything
20 that I went to, all of these groups that I'm working
21 with now, at one time or another this topic comes up,
22 what we're dealing with now, our subsistence rights,
23 our way of life, our lifestyle. Every single group
24 that I'm with this topic comes up. So it's been my
25 objective, I say that up front, to protect these rights
26 any way I can. Legally, of course.

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28 Lastly, I'm getting older. I'm almost
29 an elder at 74. I might be an elder next year at 75.
30 Anyway, I'm feeling kind of an urge to pass on what I
31 know that maybe the younger people can take and use if
32 they ever choose to live our lifestyle again. That's
33 really difficult to project that value and there's very
34 few young people, to me it seemed, that want to know
35 this stuff. They want to just get out and go on, but
36 then the ones that come back don't know anything.

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38 When I was in school, my first grade
39 school, it was the era where Native languages were not
40 permitted in schools. I got beaten for speaking my
41 Native language. We were told that -- I'm telling you
42 old history. It bears repeating. Maybe, maybe not.
43 And I talked to my uncles and my elders and they said,
44 well, no, you have to learn the language of the people
45 who make the laws. I think that's what we have to do
46 here so that we can work together.

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48 I'll leave it at that.

1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: William.

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5 MR. TREFON: I don't have very much to
6 report other than what's been going on this last year
7 for the Lake Clark area, which basically is the
8 Chulitna River and rod and reel thing. The Chulitna
9 River we got -- of course you guys know about the
10 letter from Glen Alsworth. Things have actually been
11 working. I mean it's not like it's improving, but it
12 -- well, I guess it has improved and they're actually
13 flying higher over Chulitna River. So people are
14 getting the word out from Port Alsworth. But things
15 are improving as far as aircrafts and traffic in
16 Chulitna. We'll just continue that fight there as
17 always.

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19 We're working very well with the Lake
20 Clark National Park Service, who I'm kind of
21 disappointed they're never at this meeting because a
22 lot of the things we do we do with them as far as
23 policies and procedures. Like, for example, the rod
24 and reel. That went statewide in the working group
25 right now.

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27 As far as the Park Service, they say we
28 can snag, we could use rod and reel anywhere in any of
29 the outlets of Six Mile Lake and all the tributaries up
30 there. We can continue doing that. As far as the
31 State goes, you can't. You have to follow the rules
32 and regulations. If you're a subsistence user and
33 you're standing on a subsistence dock with a rod and
34 reel fishing, you are breaking the law if you don't
35 carry a sport license.

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37 The other thing is the winter hunt went
38 uncontested. We had nobody patrolling because of
39 government shutdown. Worked great.

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41 (Laughter)

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43 Thank you.

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45 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dennis, are
46 you.....

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48 MR. ANDREW: Madame Chair. Dennis.

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1 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dennis, if
2 you're on. Council report.
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4 MR. ANDREW: Just I was really
5 impressed about the young folks testifying in our six
6 villages. I was really impressed about the young guys
7 that want to continue their way of life, fishing and
8 berry picking. I was really impressed about that from
9 listening to different villages.
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11 On the kings there, up and down the
12 Nushagak and down there, they get what they need and
13 that's it. That's it. That's why these fish keep
14 returning. I'm really happy about our caribou starting
15 to come back again. I heard a good report behind us
16 and across there a month ago on the other side of the
17 river way more than the last few years.
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19 Again, yeah, the little fellas and
20 elders issues like this. I'm really happy that you
21 guys are talking about the younger fellas. They're
22 next in line. We need to keep that up.
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24 I want to apologize. I was trying to
25 get over there yesterday, but I got this flu, so I came
26 back home. Other than that my second year it's been
27 interesting and I think we've got a good group here.
28 Thanks a lot, guys, for taking up on these good
29 challenges.
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31 Thank you.
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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Thank you,
34 Dennis. We're wishing you well. Billy, are you on?
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36 MR. MAINES: Yes, Madame Chair, I sure
37 am.
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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Council
40 report.
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42 MR. MAINES: Thank you. First and
43 foremost my apologies for not being able to hop on the
44 plane and make it to the meeting today and tomorrow if
45 it goes till tomorrow. Due to health and personal
46 reasons I just wasn't able to get on the plane. So my
47 apologies for that. I'm sure Nanci had my room all
48 ready for me and was halfway expecting me to come
49 walking through the door. Again, my apologies.
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1 My comments are more general comments
2 and then the usual what's been going on and what I've
3 seen and what I've heard. It's just also a reminder
4 for the rest of my Council members of the challenges
5 that we are facing not only today but in the past and
6 still in the future.

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8 Our friends here from the Federal
9 government, National Park Service, U.S. Fish and
10 Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management and
11 others that are at the Federal level, we tend to forget
12 a few things and we want to jump ahead with the cart
13 before the horse. At times I've got to step back and
14 I've got to pull up on my own reins and remember some
15 of the things that are currently going on and that
16 needs to be addressed.

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18 All of the ones that I have written
19 down are from the agency reports and discussions that
20 we've had throughout the day. The first one I have is
21 dealing with the agenda. I like the way the meeting
22 went today. Having the agency reports after approving
23 the meeting minutes from the last meeting and stuff
24 like that. It's good to hear from the agencies and see
25 what's been going on, having them address some of the
26 issues that we've brought up before.

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28 They can go back, do their homework,
29 come back and tell us, okay, this is what you were
30 concerned about, here's our response and here are some
31 new things for you. It's good to hear that before we
32 have to talk about ourselves when it comes to our
33 Council reports as well as taking action. In effect,
34 it may even bring up some action items like it did
35 with the April meeting coming up with the changes or
36 the addition of another report, another proposal to
37 give to the Federal Subsistence Board.

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39 So it was good to have that happen and
40 if it is possible to continue that type of agenda in
41 the future, it would be great. Just my own personal
42 feeling on that.

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44 When we were talking about the Federal
45 partners, it still hasn't been defined. There are a
46 lot of things that our Federal partners are supposed to
47 manage, look after, enforce and stuff like that. It's
48 kind of like in a quagmire right now because there's no
49 -- I mean we're operating by the 2013 definition of
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1 Federal waters, but there's that threat that somebody
2 is going to pull the rug right out from underneath us
3 and change the rules of the game.
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5 So that's something that we've got to
6 keep in the back of our minds and aware of. Those
7 things are still under consultation, under review and
8 sooner or later they are going to come out with another
9 definition or at least an attempt at a definition for
10 Federal waters.
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12 Dealing with water quality standards,
13 which was talked about earlier today, one of the things
14 that surprises me more times than not is that when we
15 get the water quality standards one of the concerns
16 that we are truly concerned about is the fish
17 consumption rate. That is one of the standards that
18 determines the water quality. The State of Alaska is
19 looking at fish consumption rates. They have a lot of
20 work ahead of them. They have a huge, vast, very
21 different state to work with.
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23 Dealing with our friends in the
24 Southeast and mother and sisters in Utqiagvik, there's
25 a lot of difference on not only the amount of fish but
26 the type of fish that we eat and consume and stuff like
27 that. There was talk at the states that they weren't
28 going to consider salmon because salmon aren't
29 year-round residents in our lakes and our rivers and
30 stuff like that.
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32 I think a lot of us have spent time
33 talking with the Office of Water and Conservation has
34 got them to (indiscernible) part of it. They say that
35 the pollution that may be in our waters and lakes is
36 from salmon because they spent all of their growing up
37 years out in the ocean and they bring that stuff back.
38 Well, I said they're part of the reason why are waters
39 are (phone cut out) because they're not bringing
40 anything back, they're adding to the nutrients that all
41 the ecosystem needs and deserves to continue the
42 vibrance that we have in our backyard, in our
43 ecosystem.
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45 We do have one of the last standing,
46 state of the art incubators in the world. I mean we
47 have fish that come and go and have come and gone way
48 before I was even thought of and way before and I'm
49 hoping after I'm gone.
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1 So when we're looking at who we are,
2 what we're needing and what we're talking about as far
3 as the Federal Subsistence Board or subsistence
4 management, fish is always at the top of my list. Like
5 Frank says, he's got a freezer full. I still have fish
6 in my freezer and I hope it will last until I get that
7 first king when it comes back.

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9 But that's something that we've got to
10 be aware of because the State is looking at setting a
11 standard which may affect the water quality standard in
12 a negative way or a positive way. I'm hoping it's
13 going to be positive, but there's always that
14 possibility that somebody says one thing and does
15 another.

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17 The other two things that I wanted to
18 bring up with our memory and reoccurring commitment to
19 doing the job that we're doing is dealing with the
20 management practices and the good neighbor policy. Our
21 friends at the State sometimes forget that they have an
22 obligation to the residents of the state of Alaska.
23 Every one of us on this committee is a resident of the
24 state.

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26 I heard the frustration in Richard's
27 comment dealing with the Department of Fish and Game
28 absence at the meeting today. I also heard a little
29 disgruntled confrontational type of thing with Lary
30 when he was saying there was more in Dillingham and not
31 in Naknek.

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33 We have to continue getting as much
34 information as we can with people that (indiscernible)
35 with and enjoy the resources. They have to understand
36 that we're partners with them and we can't do the job
37 that's expected of us unless they're there to inform us
38 and keep us on top of things.

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40 We talk to individuals on a day-to-day
41 basis, we find out things they're doing with their own
42 lives. These are people that are giving statistics
43 that are (indiscernible), that are (indiscernible).
44 They are doing the job that the State has asked and the
45 Federal government has asked them to do and some of the
46 partnering agencies that are working with them are
47 doing. (Indiscernible) be aware and making important
48 decisions to provide information.

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1 So if they're not there, we're missing
2 out. If we're missing out, the people that we're
3 representing and speaking on behalf of are missing out.
4 So it's always great to have them there. It's always
5 good to have the information in front of us and verbal.
6 I like to have the written and the verbal for updating
7 which (indiscernible) reminder. It was good to have
8 those reports but at the same time they take up half
9 the meeting.

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11 So I understand and I feel the
12 frustration that Richard was relaying and that Lary was
13 bringing up with difference in the meetings and stuff
14 like that and understanding that we need to continue
15 pushing our partners to remind them that we're
16 partners. We're working on this together and we need
17 them present, in front of us in a formal setting as
18 well as informal at breaks or lunches or whatever we're
19 doing.

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21 Thank you, Madame Chair. That's my two
22 cents.

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24 Again, I apologize for not being there.
25 Frank, welcome to the Bristol Bay Subsistence Regional
26 Advisory Committee. It's finally nice to have you on
27 board.

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29 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Thank
30 you, Bill. We'll move on with our agenda.

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32 Is there any comments from the board
33 regarding the different reports.

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35 (No comments)

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37 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Frank.

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39 MR. WOODS: I'd like to entertain the
40 motion we had earlier to present to the working group
41 for the positioning of animals. Is that what you do
42 first?

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: We've got a few more
45 things.

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47 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. My suggestion
48 is to take direction from our sitting Chair Molly
49 Chythlook, so she'll lead the meeting until we get our
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1 agenda items completed. So I have some announcements I
2 wanted to make before we move on to your concern.
3 Thank you.

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We'll
6 move on. The next one is the Chair's report. As you
7 know, I missed the last two RAC meetings. I ended up
8 in the hospital with a knee replacement. I also chair
9 our Native corporation. So in one month I had a
10 conflict with the time of the meeting. I missed also
11 the Federal Subsistence Board meeting.

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13 Other than that my observations with
14 our lack of public people is -- Bristol Bay is too well
15 off with our subsistence resources. I know when I
16 worked for Subsistence Division and we were working
17 with Togiak on their walrus, there was a conflict with
18 the walruses that they depend on. Any time we'd have a
19 meeting regarding walrus at Togiak or anywhere we'd
20 have a roomful because they were desperately fighting
21 to keep their walrus hunt.

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23 I think with the Bristol Bay and
24 plentiful resources I think we're just too satisfied,
25 so there's no need for public to come to our meetings.
26 I do miss that. I think that we need to keep
27 encouraging our public that we may be satisfied now,
28 but in the future we may lose some of our resources
29 that we need to protect before we lose them.

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31 As far as our weather, all of our lakes
32 and rivers are open. About this month in our area
33 people start harvesting through the ice fresh fish and
34 that breaks the freezer fish from the trouts that they
35 go after. Because our lakes and rivers have not frozen
36 some of our ice fishers have been walking to smaller
37 lakes to harvest whatever fish they can harvest and
38 most of the time they've been harvesting pike from
39 these lakes. So I think people are resourceful. If
40 they can't harvest any resources from one location,
41 they'll find another way to try to get fresh fish or
42 animals however they can.

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44 The reason why I know, after becoming
45 an elder, it's been really -- I've been just thankful
46 that people will bring me fresh fish or resources that
47 they harvest. Sitting at home I can collect all this
48 information as to where did you get your fish, where
49 did you get your -- you know, where were you able to
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1 harvest these. So I guess it's a two-way
2 communications, me getting information and then them
3 giving me the resources for my use.
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5 Other than that, like I mentioned this
6 morning, I think this is the most important Council for
7 us because we are here to work with our agencies to
8 keep up with the resources that we depend on through
9 our regulation changes and however we could work with
10 our agencies. So I'm just thankful that I'm still a
11 part of this Council.
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13 With that, it looks like we've pretty
14 much gone through our agenda except for our
15 coordinator's report.
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17 MS. MORRIS LYON: And dates.
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19 MR. MIKE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
20 I'll be really quick here. In the mail I got a letter
21 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announcing their
22 release of the public project draft environmental
23 statement. I sent an email out to everyone and I
24 printed out an executive summary, which is 80 pages, if
25 you want to read it or I have an electronic copy
26 available for those who wish to download it on your
27 computer.
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29 The draft EIS is currently open and the
30 comment period will end May 31st, 2019. There will be
31 upcoming public hearings. The first one will be in
32 Naknek March 25, the next one is in Dillingham April
33 9th. There are various public hearings scheduled for
34 Kokhanok, Newhalen, Igiugig, New Stuyahok and
35 Nondalton.
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37 That's my announcement. Those people
38 who wish to have a copy of the EIS I have copies for it
39 and I've got an 80-page executive summary for those who
40 wish to read it.
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42 Before we get on to the next agenda
43 item on positioning of animals, I made a note of the
44 working group members. Hopefully we can keep it small,
45 less than 12.
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47 MS. MORRIS LYON: We still need to do
48 the meeting dates.
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1 MR. MIKE: Right. So I have two RAC
2 members from this Council, two public, Kenneth Nukwak
3 and I got a name for a member from New Stuyahok, Nick
4 Nakita (ph). I think he'll be willing to participate
5 on this working group. And we can have both State and
6 Federal wildlife biologists and probably a Refuge
7 manager. I can facilitate the working group with a
8 co-facilitator.
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10 As far as dates we can try to get this
11 working group together as soon as possible. I can make
12 an effort to get the working group by next week, either
13 Thursday or Friday. Then for reconvening this meeting
14 we can work on March 26 or 27th before the deadline
15 closes for wildlife proposals unless the Council
16 believes we can meet earlier.
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18 So that's my summary.
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20 Thank you.
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22 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do you have
23 two names already from the Council?
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25 MR. MIKE: I was waiting for -- I think
26 Mr. Dunaway suggested Mr. Frank Woods and Dan Dunaway
27 from Bristol Bay that's affected unless I hear
28 differently.
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30 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: So it's Frank
31 and -- my recommendation would be Frank and Richard.
32 One from our side and one from this side.
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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. That may be
35 better. My wife is looking at some health issues the
36 end of March and I'm going to be traveling out of
37 state, so I'm not sure how available I'll be. Richard
38 has been very thorough and he has another perspective.
39 That might be a good thing.
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41 So I'm happy to defer.
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43 MR. WILSON: I guess I don't have a
44 problem with that depending on where it's at and when.
45 We'll figure that out, I guess. Just make sure we have
46 an alternate.
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48 MR. WOODS: It's all done by telephone,
49 I hope.
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1 MR. MIKE: Yeah, we can do it by
2 teleconference if it's more convenient for all. I can
3 work as quickly as possible to get everyone together.
4 Maybe we could recruit Neil Barten as part of the
5 working group.
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7 MR. DUNAWAY: Possibly. He's going to
8 be real busy.
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10 MR. MIKE: My other suggestion is to
11 include a law enforcement officer too just for input.
12 I'm looking for names.
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14 MR. WOODS: Joe Wittkop. He's a local
15 wildlife biologist. Also we've got a new sergeant
16 here. I'll get both contacts to you.
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18 MR. MIKE: Also a representative from
19 BBNA.
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21 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.
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23 MR. DUNAWAY: Donald, I have a number
24 for Trooper Wittkop. here. 842-5351.
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26 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: That's it.
27 Richard.
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29 MR. WILSON: We still need to find an
30 alternate in case one of us can't make it.
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32 MR. MIKE: So I can try to get this
33 working group together by March 20, 21, 22nd. That's a
34 really short turnaround, so we'll try to reconvene with
35 this Council meeting on the 26th or 27th.
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37 What's the wish of the Council?
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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.
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41 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Dan.
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43 MR. DUNAWAY: I hope he's still on. I
44 wonder if Dennis Andrew might be able to serve as an
45 alternate or Billy. They both have knowledge.
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47 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Billy, are you
48 still online?
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1 (No response)

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3 MR. MIKE: I'll follow up with a phone
4 call this afternoon and tell them the Council requests
5 them to be alternates.

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7 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Moving on.....

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9 MR. MIKE: Moving on, we'll need
10 to.....

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12 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK:to our
13 future meeting dates.

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15 MR. MIKE: We can be recessing as soon
16 as we get a date to reconvene. After we reconvene we
17 can set up the meeting dates unless you want to do it
18 now.

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20 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: I think we
21 should just go ahead and set the meeting dates. You
22 already have the fall meeting date set for November 5
23 and 6. We just need to set the winter 2020. My
24 preference is not to conflict with spring break here so
25 maybe we can try to get into the school for our
26 meeting. I asked Judy -- or Nanci and she said it's
27 normally this week they have spring break, so it would
28 have to be one week earlier or later.

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30 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. With the 2020
31 meeting dates beginning February 3, so the week of
32 February 4 is open.

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34 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: February 4 and
35 5.

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37 Suzanne, did you have a comment?

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39 MS. WORKER: Yes, Madame Chair. I just
40 wanted to put forth that November 5th and 6th conflicts
41 directly with the Yukon/Kuskokwim/Delta RAC, which is
42 Togiak Refuge's other RAC and that happened again this
43 week. It was also the same dates March 12th and 13th.
44 I would like to be in Naknek and Bethel at the same
45 time but I couldn't do it. I hate to see that -- this
46 would be the same thing. I just wondered if there was
47 any interest on the part of the Bristol Bay RAC moving
48 back one week so that they're conflicting with the
49 meeting in Noatak.

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1 Donald, that's up to you. It's up to
2 Eva. But I just wanted to see if people's hearts were
3 set on November 5th and 6th.
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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Do you have
6 somebody else in your department that would be able to
7 attend those conflicting dates?
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9 MS. WORKER: Possibly.
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11 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: We hate to
12 change this for one person.
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14 MS. WORKER: Okay. No, I agree. The
15 best of all possible worlds is you actually have two
16 people to send at the same time. We don't always have
17 that, I guess.
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19 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Nanci.
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21 MS. MORRIS LYON: I would just ask the
22 Council members does anybody have a problem with moving
23 it to a week earlier, that last week of October, the
24 29th and 30th of October.
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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair. I'd be
27 willing to consider that. I would agree with -- my
28 experience of getting up in the YK there's not really
29 any substitute for being there. You've got more
30 language barrier concerns and other things like that.
31 If it doesn't disrupt the Federal subsistence folks, I
32 can be flexible.
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34 Thank you.
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36 MR. WILSON: I can't think that far
37 ahead. So it's all right. Go ahead.
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39 (Laughter)
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41 MR. WOODS: I'm good.
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43 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: What are the
44 dates?
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46 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair. I
47 propose we move up to October 29th and 30th for our
48 fall meeting. Oh, Richard.
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1 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Memory did
2 serve me. I have a corporation meeting on the last
3 Tuesday of the month. So that would be in conflict
4 with my other meeting scheduled.

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6 MS. MORRIS LYON: Then may I propose
7 the 30th and 31st.

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9 MR. HILL: That will work. I might
10 still be chasing fish then, but I'll see if I can make
11 it.

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13 MR. DUNAWAY: What kind of fish do you
14 chase? Red fish?

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16 MR. HILL: Not necessarily the fish.
17 It's something that eats the fish.

18 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. We have
19 for the fall meeting October 30 and 31. So these are
20 action items. Do you want to make a motion. The fall
21 meeting is in Dillingham, October 30 and 31. Then the
22 winter one is February 4 and 5 here in Naknek.

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24 MS. MORRIS LYON: Madame Chair. I'll
25 propose for our fall meeting dates in Dillingham they
26 be October 30th and 31st. For our winter meeting dates
27 they'll be in Naknek February 4th and 5th.

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29 MR. WILSON: Second.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: Second.

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33 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: There's been a
34 motion for our fall meeting and also our winter
35 meetings. Seconded by Richard.

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37 MR. WILSON: Or Dan.

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39 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Was there a
40 question called.

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42 MR. TREFON: Question.

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44 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: The question
45 has been called. All in favor say aye.

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47 IN UNISON: Aye.

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49 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Any
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1 opposition.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Hearing none.

6 Thanks.

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8 Closing comments.

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10 MR. MIKE: Madame Chair. This is an
11 opportunity for Mr. Woods to take off the table his
12 motion to form a working group and recess until March
13 26th or 27th.

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15 MR. WOODS: Madame Chair. I make a
16 motion that we.....

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18 MR. MIKE: Recess.

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20 MR. WOODS:meet with the working
21 group listed at 12 members the coordinator listed that
22 we have recommended language to draft and then recess
23 until that working group comes up with recommended
24 language and we adopt that and reconvene on the 26th of
25 March. Correct?

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27 MS. MORRIS LYON: And I'll pull my
28 second off the table and put it right behind that.

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30 MR. WOODS: Yeah.

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32 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. You
33 heard the motion. Do you want to read the motion.

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35 MR. MIKE: I think we already took care
36 of the motions. If we can just agree or come to the
37 consensus that this working group will convene next
38 week and report back to this Council on the 26th. I
39 think we're in recess now, Madame Chair, until the 26th
40 of March.

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42 MADAME CHAIR CHYTHLOOK: Okay. Dan.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: I may be traveling the
45 26th. If it comes down to it and you're looking for an
46 alternate, you have my cell number. If I'm available
47 I'll be happy to serve.

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49 Thank you very much.

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MS. MORRIS LYON: Thank you, Molly.
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