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SOUTHEAST ALASKA FEDERAL SUBSISTENCE
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

VOLUME I

Juneau, Alaska
September 27, 2004
1:00 o'clock p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

- John Littlefield, Chairman
- Michael Bangs
- Michael Douville
- Dolly Garza
- Donald Hernandez
- Eric Jordan
- Harvey Kitka
- Floyd Kookesh
- Patricia Phillips
- Richard Stokes
- Regional Coordinator, Robert Schroeder

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Juneau, Alaska - 9/27/2004)

(On record)

CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: I'd like to call the meeting to order. This is the Southeast Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council Fisheries meeting. And Bert Adams is our Secretary, he is excused for this meeting so I'd like to ask the vice Chair to call the roll.

DR. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Bert Adams is excused. Floyd Kookesh.

MR. KOOKESH: Here.

DR. GARZA: Donald Hernandez.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Here.

DR. GARZA: Richard Stokes.

MR. STOKES: Here.

DR. GARZA: Mary Rudolph.

DR. SCHROEDER: Mary Rudolph will be unable to attend. She's in Anchorage for medical treatment.

DR. GARZA: Patricia Phillips.

MS. PHILLIPS: Present.

DR. GARZA: Michael Douville.

MR. DOUVILLE: Here.

DR. GARZA: Harvey Kitka.

MR. KITKA: Here.

DR. GARZA: Eric Jordan.

MR. JORDAN: Here.

DR. GARZA: Dolly Garza, I'm here. Michael Sofoulis.

MR. STOKES: Mr. Sofoulis had a work

1 conflict and he'll not be able to attend this meeting.
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3 DR. GARZA: Michael Bangs. It's our
4 understanding he's landed and on his way.
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6 DR. SCHROEDER: That's correct, Madame
7 Chair.
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9 DR. GARZA: John Littlefield.
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11 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Here.
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13 DR. GARZA: We do have a quorum.
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15 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. We have
16 a quorum so we're ready for business. I'd like to welcome
17 everybody to this meeting. My name is John Littlefield,
18 I'm from Sitka and do you want to do Regional Council
19 first?
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21 DR. SCHROEDER: Sure.
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23 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: I'll just do a short
24 announcement of my history. I'm from the Coho Clan. My
25 father is a Kaagwaantaan from Sitka. We're lifelong Sitka
26 residents. I'm a subsistence user and a subsistence rep.
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28 We'll go this way, Dick, would you
29 introduce yourself, please.
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31 MR. STOKES: My name is Dick Stocks. I am
32 also from the Coho Clan. I am from Wrangell. I guess
33 that's all I have to say.
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35 MR. HERNANDEZ: My name is Don Hernandez.
36 I live in Point Baker and I'm a subsistence user and I'm
37 also a commercial fisherman and I have commercial permits
38 for salmon and halibut.
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40 MS. PHILLIPS: I'm Patricia Phillips. My
41 mother is Dora Mukpik from Wainwright area and my father is
42 Eli Derendof from Afognak. I was born on Mount Edgcomb
43 and raised in Sitka until I was in 7th grade and moved to
44 Juneau for a couple years, Elfin Cove for a year and I've
45 been in Pelican for 32 years.
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47 My husband and I have a fishing vessel, the
48 Pacific Dawn and we have four sons ranging from age 22 to
49 age 10.
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1 I've served on the Regional Council for 10
2 years. I appreciate the investment that this Council has
3 given me, the level of knowledge that it has given me to be
4 effective in trying to build subsistence opportunities for
5 the residents of our region.

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7 Thanks.

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9 MR. KOOKESH: My name is Floyd Kookesh.
10 I'm from Angoon. I've been a member since 1999. At this
11 time currently I'm a charter fleet captain. I am also a
12 sportfisherman and a subsistence user.

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14 MR. JORDAN: My name is Eric Jordan. My
15 father was Skip Wilhelm Jordan. My mother is Marilyn
16 Jordan George, she resides in Petersburg. I live in Sitka.
17 I was born in Wrangell. I've resided in Ketchikan, Juneau,
18 Sitka, Kasaan Bay one summer, Hole in the Wall one summer.

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20 I own a commercial trolling vessel. I have
21 sportfished and commercial fished all over the region.

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23 I have two sons, Chris and Carl, two
24 daughter-in-laws, Amy and Julie and a new granddaughter,
25 Lily, who was born in Sitka July 20th and who is residing
26 in an apartment in my front yard.

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28 And I make my living commercial salmon
29 trolling.

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31 Thank you.

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33 MR. KITKA: Good afternoon. My name is
34 Harvey Kitka. I'm from Sitka, Alaska. I commercial fish.
35 I'm also an electrician and I work at SEARCH Hospital at
36 Mount Edgecumbe. And I do subsistence as well as
37 sportfishing.

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39 Mr. Chairman,

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41 DR. GARZA: (In Tlingit)

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43 I am the granddaughter of Elizabeth Gardner
44 from Howcan, the daughter of Myrna Garza from Craig and my
45 name is Dolly Garza from Ketchikan. I do not have any
46 commercial interests. I occasionally stick a dead fish on
47 a hook and throw it over in the water but no one would call
48 me an expert in that field. I am truly a subsistence
49 users, a hunter, gatherer and as you can see a weaver.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MR. DOUVILLE: I'm Mike Douville, I'm from
4 Craig. I'm a full-time commercial fisherman. I have owned
5 my own boat since 1970 and I'm also a subsistence user.

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. That's
8 the Council. And Dr. Schroeder is going to lead us through
9 some other introductions and welcomes. We have Federal
10 Staff here, we also have State Staff here and we'll go
11 through the introductions of the guess.

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13 Dr. Schroeder, if you'll lead off.

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15 MR. STOKES: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to call
16 on Steve Brink to welcome you on behalf of Forest Service.

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18 MR. BRINK: Thank you, Bob. Well, welcome
19 to Juneau. Regional Forester Denny Bschor is sorry he
20 could not make it today, he's traveling in the Lower 48
21 with numerous meetings going on down there, not the least
22 of which is the National Budget distribution which is
23 important to us, obviously.

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25 I wanted to acknowledge Judy Gottlieb from
26 the Park Service, who's here today and Tom Boyd, I believe
27 is here, yeah, from Fish and Wildlife Service. I see you
28 have a full agenda, particularly on subsistence fishing
29 issues, surprise, surprise.

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31 I wanted to mention there's been about a
32 million dollars spent this past year on the Tongass related
33 to fish stock assessment monitoring in cooperation with the
34 tribes and communities, and with a little luck we may
35 actually see some wildlife funding for a change so we can
36 do some wildlife assessments and monitoring, again, in
37 partnership with the tribes and communities in the coming
38 year.

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40 There's five things that I thought were
41 noteworthy I wanted to bring the Council's attention, as
42 far as work on the Tongass, that we've been a part of with
43 you. Your subcommittee on deer management on Prince of
44 Wales, we've been involved with that. We've worked closely
45 with the Council on getting the subsistence sockeye fishery
46 going on the Stikene, we believe that was successful that
47 happened. We put a special permit in place for the Sitka
48 Tribe for a goat harvest so that they could have
49 traditional wool for weaving. And we've had excellent
50 success with, I think, nearly all the trappers on Northeast

1 Chich for continuing studies of marten. And last I'll
2 mention, and we have a handout for you, Melinda will get
3 around, the Tongass has looked at how to go about deer
4 harvest reporting on Unit 2 on your behalf and the Forest
5 supervisor, Forrest Cole, concludes that a State
6 registration permit is a good idea and supports your
7 proposal in that regard. And overall, we think it was a
8 good year with some excellent work done by all parties
9 involved.

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11 I wanted to mention, though, Mary Rudolph
12 isn't able to be here at this meeting, her many years of
13 service, I just found out she wasn't going to be here, I
14 wanted to give her accolades, miss Mary.

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16 And last we have hats here for the Board
17 that I'll pass out here in a second. And with that
18 Gunaxcheesh.

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20 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Yeehaiatee (ph).

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22 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Steve. Perhaps
23 in the interest of democracy we're going to break with our
24 pattern of introducing Federal, State, Tribal and members
25 of the public and I'd just like to start in the front row
26 here and if we could go around and if people could say who
27 they are and why they're here -- and actually perhaps it
28 would be best.....

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30 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Start with Marty.

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32 DR. SCHROEDER:to start with Mr.
33 Meyers over here. Marty.

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35 MR. MEYERS: I'm Marty Meyers, Law
36 Enforcement subsistence coordinator here out of Juneau.

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38 MR. CASIPIT: Good afternoon. My name is
39 Cal Casipit and I'm sure you all know me. I'm the
40 subsistence Staff biologist here for the regional office
41 and glad to be here.

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43 Thanks.

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45 MR. JOHNSON: Dave Johnson, subsistence
46 coordinator for the Tongass and, likewise, glad to be here
47 today.

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49 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Yes, you,
50 microphone.

1 REPORTER: Have one right here. My name is
2 Tina and I'm the court reporter for the Southeast Council.

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4 MR. JUNE: Thank you. Tim June, I'm the
5 Democratic.....

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Just a second, Tim,
8 she'll turn on this mic here so she can hear everybody.

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10 REPORTER: Okay, go ahead.

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12 MR. JUNE: Thank you. I'm Tim June, House
13 District 5 Democratic candidate from Metlakatla, Cordova.
14 I'm just here to listen and observe today.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MR. PEARSON: I'm Ken Pearson with Law
19 Enforcement for the Forest Service specializing in
20 subsistence issues.

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22 MS. CULP: I'm Wanda Culp from Hoonah. I'm
23 here to testify and defend a proposal I submitted on
24 customary and traditional religious uses and also to
25 comment on the enforcement and the problems that us, as
26 users, have been subject to and how it affects us even in
27 the courts.

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29 MR. CESAR: (In Tlingit)

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31 My names is Niles Cesar. I'm the Regional
32 Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the last many
33 14 years. I appreciate this opportunity to show up,
34 however, brief. We've done a lot of good work, I think, in
35 subsistence and even though we're here and we have further
36 problems, I think it's helpful to take a step back
37 occasionally and look back to '90 when we first started
38 this process and I, unfortunately or fortunately, was here
39 in '90 to be a part of this. I look now at the progress
40 we've made, I think we've made good progress.

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42 I think we have an opportunity to make a
43 lot further progress and I think the way we do it is the
44 way we're doing it now, is to provide good testimony, solid
45 proposals and push them forward and not take no for an
46 answer, necessarily.

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48 I am a Tlingit obviously from Juneau, born,
49 raised in Juneau and my office is a half mile from where I
50 was born. I'd like to say I'm a subsistence user,

1 fisherman, but all of my brothers would say, you're not
2 very good, you're not very good. So usually I wait for the
3 boat from Hoonah to come in and I talk to my buddy Jimmy
4 Dybdahl and he makes sure I get fish every year.

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6 MR. BOYD: Tom Boyd, the Office of
7 Subsistence Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
8 I'm the assistant Regional Director for subsistence
9 management.

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11 Our office has a unique responsibility and
12 that is to administer -- or I should say we're sort of the
13 administrative arm of the Federal Subsistence program.
14 It's run through the five Federal agencies. One of the
15 principal responsibilities we have is to facilitate and
16 administer and do the care and bidding hopefully of all of
17 the 10 Regional Advisory Councils. We feel that this is a
18 very critical and important part of our program, obviously
19 it's mandated by law, but more than that, I think it gives
20 a voice to the subsistence users in the setting of
21 regulations that help to govern the harvest of subsistence
22 use on all the Federal lands in Alaska.

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24 I'm really happy to be here. The weather
25 here is much better than in Anchorage right now.

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27 MS. WILKINSON: Hello, my name is Ann
28 Wilkinson. I work at the Office of Subsistence Management.
29 I was born and raised in Alaska, it's my home, Anchorage,
30 and I'm pleased to be here to meet you and to watch how you
31 work together and to learn from you.

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33 Thank you.

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35 MS. CRAPELLA: My name is Jai Crapella. I
36 live in Douglas, Alaska. I work for the Southeast Alaska
37 Conservation Council and I'm happy to be here today. I'm
38 grateful to say that my freezer is full of fish and deer
39 and my cupboards full of seaweed and kelp salsa and berries
40 so I take an interest in all the goings on here.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MS. KESSLER: I'm Wini Kessler. I'm the
45 Regional Forest Service Director for wildlife, fisheries,
46 ecology, watershed and subsistence. I'm here to listen to
47 testimony and deliberations on many important issues. And
48 I want to acknowledge and thank you for the very, very
49 important work that you do on behalf of subsistence users
50 and resources.

1 MS. GOTTLIEB: I'm Judy Gottlieb with the
2 National Park Service and represent the Park Service on the
3 Federal Subsistence Board. I appreciate your invitation,
4 John, to be here today. Diane McKinley and I especially
5 wish Mary the best in her future work and I'm sorry she's
6 not here today but we really appreciate the work that the
7 Southeast Council does. I've been to a few of your
8 meetings.

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10 I also wanted to let you know that, John,
11 as your representative, when he comes to the Federal
12 Subsistence Board does an outstanding job in elaborating
13 and making clear to us what your views and opinions were
14 and are.

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16 So look forward to continuing our good
17 working relationship.

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19 MR. MORPHET: I'm Tom Morphet. I'm with
20 United Fishermen of Alaska Subsistence Outreach Program.
21 My wife is a subsistence fisher and she shares her catch
22 with me.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 MR. MCBRIDE: Doug McBride with Office of
27 Subsistence Management, Fishery Information Services, which
28 is a part of the Office of Subsistence Management and I'm
29 here to talk to the Council about the upcoming Fisheries
30 Resource Monitoring Program for 2005.

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32 MS. SEE: Marianne See with the Alaska
33 Department of Fish and Game. I work as a liaison from the
34 State to the Federal program and I appreciate being here
35 today.

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37 Thank you.

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39 MS. LONG: I'm Judy Long and I'm with the
40 Alaska Department of Fish and Game and I'm a biologist and
41 this is my first regional advisory meeting. I'm just here
42 to observe and learn about the process.

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44 MR. BRUCE: My name is Geron Bruce and I'm
45 the Deputy Director for the Division of Commercial
46 Fisheries. And I'm here, along with a number of ADF&G
47 Staff here today to listen and learn and try to provide any
48 information and answer any questions that you may have that
49 we might be able to assist you with.

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1 MR. BOYLE: Larry Boyle with the Alaska
2 Department of Fish and Game, Sportfish Division. I'm here
3 to discuss proposals and provide information to the
4 Council.

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6 MR. BROOKOVER: I'm Tom Brookover. I'm
7 with Sportfish Division as well with the Alaska Department
8 of Fish and Game, and I'm the regional management
9 coordinator for the Southeast here. And I'm here for the
10 same reasons that Geron and Larry mentioned, to provide the
11 Council with information that they may wish for their
12 discussion and listen and learn.

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14 MR. DUNLAP: I'm Ron Dunlap. I'm the
15 fisheries program manager with the Forest Service here in
16 the region. And I'm also here to listen. I'll be here
17 most of the week and looking forward to learning more about
18 the process.

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20 MR. DAVIDSON: Hi, my name is Bill Davidson
21 and I'm with Department of Fish and Game, Division of
22 Commercial Fisheries in Sitka. I'm responsible on the
23 State side of subsistence management for managing
24 subsistence fisheries in State marine waters.

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26 Thanks.

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28 MR. KESSLER: Hi, I'm Steve Kessler with
29 the Forest Service. I'm a fisheries biologist. I'm
30 located in Anchorage. I'm a member of the Inter-Agency
31 Staff Committee which provides advice to the Federal
32 Subsistence Board. And I'm thrilled to be here once again.

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34 MR. BRINK: Steve Brink, Forest Service.
35 Alaska Region, Deputy Regional Forester for Natural
36 Resources. And I'm just happy that I have people like Wini
37 Kessler, Steve Kessler, Ron Dunlap and Cal Casipit taking
38 care of the program.

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40 MR. SIMMONS: Hi, I'm Rod Simmons. I work
41 for Fish and Wildlife Service and I serve on the Inter-
42 Agency Staff Committee, similar to Steve's position with
43 the Forest Service.

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45 MR. KLEIN: Steve Klein with Office of
46 Subsistence Management. I'm the Chief of Fisheries
47 Information Service and we oversee the Fisheries Monitoring
48 Program and looking forward to hearing your recommendations
49 on the Monitoring Program for next year and your ideas for
50 strategic planning.

1 Thank you.

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3 MR. BAINS: Hi, I'm Frank Bains. I'm
4 taking classes here. I just happen to be here during
5 lunchtime so I'm just listening in.

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Welcome.

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9 MR. AUTREY: I'm John Autrey with the
10 Forest Service. I'm with the Tribal Government Relations
11 Program. I'm here to get acquainted with you in issues and
12 the process.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MR. FRANK: Hello, I'm Donald Frank with
17 the Forest Service, Angoon Tribal Liaison. Just in
18 attendance to listen to issues.

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20 MS. LAGONDAKIS: I'm Cindi Lagondakis, Fish
21 and Wildlife Program manager for the Forest Service.

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23 MS. CARTWRIGHT: I'm Meg Cartwright from
24 the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and I oversee many
25 of the sockeye stock assessment projects here in Southeast.
26 I have a summary sheet for the Council as well as anybody
27 in the audience.

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29 I had wanted to bring the Angoon crew up
30 today but weather just didn't look there would be a chance
31 that they could get back and they have a field project to
32 do tomorrow. But I am especially proud of the Angoon crew,
33 they went from a zero science background to taking over the
34 field project in two years. So I'm sorry that you won't
35 meet them this time, hopefully there'll be another chance.

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37 MS. HERNANDEZ: Melinda Hernandez, Forest
38 Service. I'm Bob's student and I serve the Council.

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40 MR. LARSON: I'm Bob Larson. I'm the
41 subsistence fisheries biologist for the Wrangell and
42 Petersburg Ranger District.

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44 MR. GRIFFIN: I'm Pete Griffin, the
45 District Ranger for the Juneau District on the Tongass
46 National Forest. Welcome to Juneau. At three and a half
47 million acres, Juneau is the largest Ranger District in the
48 nation on the largest National Forest in the nation in the
49 largest state in the nation and we're in the capital city
50 so most of our issues are taken care of by a lot of other

1 folks.

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Thank you, and welcome.

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MR. REEVES: I'm Jeff Reeves, subsistence
fisheries biologist for the Craig, Thorne Bay and Ketchikan
Ranger District.

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MR. SUMINSKI: Terry Suminski. I'm a
subsistence fisheries biologist with the Sitka and Hoonah
Ranger District.

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MR. VANALEN: Ben VanAlen with the Forest
Service. I'm also a subsistence fisheries biologist,
Yakutat, Juneau, Admiralty and involved with several of the
sockeye stock assessment projects.

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MR. MILLS: Michael Mills with the U.S.
Forest Service Law Enforcement, and I'm here to observe and
listen.

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CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Did we miss anybody.

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(Laughter)

CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: At this time we're
at review and adopt the agenda and we have quite a few
changes so a motion to adopt the agenda as a guide is in
order.

MR. STOKES: I so move.

CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Is there a second.

MR. DOUVILLE: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: It's been moved and
2 seconded to adopt the agenda as a guide. Dr. Schroeder has
3 quite a list of items, we're going to have him read that
4 first and then we'll get a copy for you but there's a lot
5 of changes. Some of these we're going to have to approve
6 as special orders because we have -- well, I'll let Dr.
7 Schroeder talk about them. There's some specific times
8 that we will be having people testifying and we want to
9 make sure that we have those available and we will go to
10 them so Dr. Schroeder.

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12 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
13 We just have a number of items where I'm not sure that
14 they're exactly new business or the proper procedural way
15 to handle these but I think we should write in today, the
16 group that's meeting downstairs will report to us at 3:00,
17 that's the Kayani report and that would be Robi Craig and
18 the Sitka Tribe folks.

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20 David Bedford will be with us Wednesday
21 9/29 at 10:00 a.m., to talk about our issues with Stikene
22 River salmon.

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24 Wednesday afternoon we'll be dealing with
25 the FIS projects at that time and we do have a visitor
26 coming to talk about a customary trade proposal, so that
27 would be at 1:00 o'clock. At approximately 3:00 o'clock in
28 the afternoon, we'd like to be dealing with certain
29 wildlife issues. We have a number of wildlife proposals
30 that the Council has been discussing submitting to the
31 Federal Subsistence Board as well as we need to decide how
32 we'll staff and how we'll provide Council input to the
33 State of Alaska Board of Game which is meeting in early
34 November.

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36 We also need to discuss and get some
37 Council direction on a possible Wildlife information
38 Service set of projects which we may be funded to undertake
39 in the coming year.

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41 We also will have, right around that time
42 a report from Jan Caulfield and from Don Hernandez
43 concerning the initial work done on deer planning.

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45 I'd like to schedule in also a couple of
46 environmental issues, Jai Crapella from SEACC would like to
47 discuss some SEACC work with us and some issues concerning
48 SEACC, and Mr. Jordan may have an issue to bring up with
49 the Council as well concerning mixing zones, so we'd like
50 to do that Wednesday at 4:00 o'clock.

1 We also have Ann Wilkinson here who will do
2 a brief presentation on the Council -- or discussion of the
3 Council composition rule if the Council is interested in
4 that, as well as be available to talk about other FACA
5 related issues. And that also needs to take place on
6 Wednesday to facilitate her return to Anchorage.

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8 Mr. Chairman, those are some of the items
9 before us.

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11 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Does everybody
12 remember all those?

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14 (Laughter)

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16 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: I don't expect you
17 to. We're going to have a handout that's going to be
18 distributed. The one for today that I see that we have to
19 make sure we have at 3:00 p.m., would be Robi Craig and
20 Mike Turek; is that correct?

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22 DR. SCHROEDER: Robi Craig today. Mike
23 Turek will be giving a research report immediately
24 preceding our proposals because his research findings may
25 influence our decisions on proposals. That would be either
26 late afternoon today but more likely tomorrow morning.

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28 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay.

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30 DR. SCHROEDER: And I think we'll use this
31 grease board over here for schedule changes if it's okay
32 with the Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay. So those will
35 all be made available today us. And the motion was to
36 approve the agenda as a guide, which gives us some
37 flexibility to change this, but we will definitely get
38 these people in where we've specified the time. So are you
39 ready for the question or is there any other discussion on
40 that.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Anybody have
45 anything else they'd like to have.

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47 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Kookesh.

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1 MR. KOOKESH: What is the timeline on us
2 receiving copies of the material that Schroeder just read?

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4 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Kookesh, we have a
5 number of handouts which we'll provide you at our first
6 break. There is some materials that are relevant to these
7 things. And just in terms of the scheduling, I'll post it
8 on our grease board over here just so we have the times.

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10 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay. And also for
11 SEACC as well as Mr. Jordan, those proposals are going to
12 come up late in the meeting and we want to have that
13 information ahead of time so that Staff has at least -- or
14 the Council has at least a night to look at those.

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16 Mr. Jordan.

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18 MR. JORDAN: I've been in consultation with
19 one of the Staff at SEACC and I hope to have that to you
20 either late this afternoon or by the latest early tomorrow
21 morning. Would that be appropriate, Mr. Chair?

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23 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Yes. Follow up, Mr.
24 Kookesh.

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26 MR. KOOKESH: No.

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28 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Are you ready for
29 the question.

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31 MR. KOOKESH: Question.

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33 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Question's been
34 called. All in favor of adopting the agenda as a guide,
35 please signify by saying aye.

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37 IN UNISON: Aye.

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39 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: All those opposed,
40 same sign.

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42 (No opposing votes)

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44 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: The motion has been
45 adopted. The agenda will be -- we'll be using this board
46 up here to make any corrections to the agenda that's in
47 your book.

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49 The next item on the agenda is to review
50 and adopt the minutes. The vice Chair will take care of

1 this, Dr. Garza -- I guess she won't, uh -- okay, Dr.
2 Schroeder.

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4 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, since our
5 last face to face meeting we also had a teleconference
6 meeting which was an efficient way of dealing with some
7 Council business.

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9 You'll find two sets of minutes beginning
10 on Page 2 and continuing at some length, my God, do these
11 go all the way to Page 40, these go on quite a ways, if
12 Council members wish to comment on the minutes, I'm sure
13 everyone's had a chance to go through them. If there are
14 any suggestions or discussion the floor should be open for
15 that right now.

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17 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: What we better do is
18 we better split this up.

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20 DR. SCHROEDER: Okay.

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22 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: It looks to me like
23 the minutes from March 17th through the 19th start on Page
24 2 and on Page 19, so a motion to approve those is in order.

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26 MR. STOKES: Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Stokes.

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30 MR. STOKES: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

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32 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Is there a second.

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34 MR. KOOKESH: Second.

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36 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: It's been moved and
37 seconded to adopt the minutes starting on Page 2 and ending
38 on Page 19 for the meeting from March 17th through the
39 19th, are there any additions or corrections to these
40 minutes.

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42 Ms. Phillips.

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44 MS. PHILLIPS: Chairman Littlefield, are
45 some of these minute topics part of our agenda, like the
46 Southeast Regional Advisory Council recommendations?

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48 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: That will be on the
49 Chair's report.

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1 MS. PHILLIPS: Well, I have comments to
2 that effect and I'm not sure when to make them, sir.
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4 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Let's hold them
5 until the Chair's report that way we'll have both sides,
6 what we asked them and what they commented back.
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8 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you.
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10 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Any additions or
11 corrections to the minutes.
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13 DR. GARZA: Call for the question.
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15 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: The motion before
16 you is to adopt the minutes of March 17th through 19th as
17 shown on Pages 2 through 19. All those in favor, please
18 signify by saying aye.
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20 IN UNISON: Aye.
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22 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: All those opposed,
23 same sign.
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25 (No opposing votes)
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27 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: The minutes are
28 approved. The next set of minutes that's before you starts
29 on Page 20 and this is for the June 1st teleconference and
30 it is on Page 20 and 21, a motion to adopt is in order.
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32 DR. GARZA: Move to adopt teleconference
33 meeting minutes of June 1st, 2004.
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35 MR. STOKES: I'll second it.
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37 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: It's been moved and
38 seconded to adopt the minutes of June 1st, 2004 as shown on
39 Page 20 and 21, any additions, corrections to the minutes.
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41 (No comments)
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43 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Are we ready for the
44 question. The motion before you is to adopt the minutes
45 that's shown on Page 20 and 21 June 1st, 2004. All in
46 favor signify by saying aye.
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48 IN UNISON: Aye.
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50 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Those opposed, same

1 sign.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: The minutes are
6 approved.

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8 Okay, the next item on the agenda is going
9 to be Council reports. At this time what we do is
10 generally let each Council member talk about concerns of
11 the area that they're from because they're most familiar
12 with it. This is a Regional Advisory Council and we
13 represent all of the members of the region, however, we
14 look to those people that are from a specific area to give
15 us information that is not readily available to us. So
16 what we're going to do is I'll start on this end with Mr.
17 Jordan first and we'll work our way down through the
18 Council members and if they have any special concerns or
19 problems in their local area they'll make them known to the
20 rest of us.

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22 So Mr. Jordan if you would start first,
23 please.

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25 MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chair, I appreciate the
26 opportunity to comment. First of all, I want to apologize
27 for not being able to make the June teleconference. Staff
28 made great efforts to try and make me available but I was
29 busy commercial fishing which is really essential to my
30 livelihood in Salisbury Sound and was outside of cell phone
31 reach. I have since then bought a satellite phone so I'll
32 be able to make contact in the future. So that's the first
33 thing I want to say.

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35 The second thing is since we last met we
36 have had a record herring harvest and a near record herring
37 abundance in Sitka. We've had a summer salmon season that
38 broke records for abundance in our area, in the Sitka area.
39 We're in the second year of a halibut subsistence program
40 and halibut subsistence buoys are sprouting like mushrooms
41 in the Sitka Sound area so a lot of people are taking
42 advantage of that opportunity.

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44 And so I think to characterize the season
45 in Sitka, especially with the good weather, it was a season
46 of abundance and a season of fair weather for harvest so it
47 is a season to remember and may we -- our work here sustain
48 that abundance and provide that good weather for many
49 future summers to come.

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1 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you, Mr.
2 Jordan. I'd like to welcome the Council member Bangs to
3 the meeting. Where we are now is on Item No. 6, which is
4 Council reports. I'll let you either go now or you can
5 wait until later. What we're going to do is do the village
6 concerns, if you had any special concerns on Petersburg.

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8 Welcome, Mr. Bangs.

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10 MR. BANGS: Okay, thank you, I apologize
11 for the mix up and getting here late. I'd like a minute to
12 collect my thoughts and carry on later.

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14 Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, no problem.
17 Mr. Kitka.

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19 MR. KITKA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Like
20 Eric said, one of our concerns is going to be the upcoming
21 halibut and we're having meetings on that in the North
22 Pacific Fisheries Council when they come to Sitka. And
23 hopefully we'll be able to persuade them to not move on
24 anything at this point until they get the numbers studied
25 and analyzed so we can see which way it's going at this
26 point.

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28 I know we had a record year on herring but
29 the bays are still barren as far as herring are concerned
30 and we used to be able to winter fish year-round within our
31 area because there was so many herring. Some of these bays
32 still don't have herring. And herring play another
33 important role within the fisheries business and one of
34 those is they help maintain the stocks of salmon. When the
35 fry is coming out of the stream some of the herring will
36 feed on them and they'll help cut the numbers down. Some
37 of these numbers are almost running uncontrolled now to the
38 ocean and the repercussions of that are still forthcoming.

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40 Thank you, that's my concern.

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42 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you, Mr.
43 Kitka. By the way he's the derby winner in Sitka this
44 year, got the biggest salmon.

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46 (Applause)

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48 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: We have many talents
49 in these subsistence users. Dr. Garza.

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1 DR. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Concerns
2 as well as compliments. I'm glad to see that Sitka Tribe
3 is hosting the workshop that they're holding, they're next
4 door now. It's good to see that the tribes are here and
5 will be part of this process when they take a break. I
6 looked at the minutes from last year and I had a long list
7 of concerns, and I guess I need to re-mention a few of
8 them.

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10 In the area of hooligans, I think we're
11 doing great work, Ketchikan has been recognized as a user
12 of hooligans and we're not quite rural yet, but that does
13 recognize that we do have those types of traditional uses.
14 The problem this year was, of course, we didn't have good
15 run of hooligans but we can't change that.

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17 Prince of Wales deer, Ketchikan continues
18 to make sure that we need to have access. I've heard much
19 less complaints from hunters this year since the Federal
20 Subsistence Board did bump the date back so that there is
21 a two week opening for Ketchikan residents at the end of
22 August. That made a big difference in terms of their
23 ability to take their children over and hunt before school
24 starts. And so it was an amazing difference between last
25 year and this year in terms of Ketchikan's response.

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27 Rural status, Ketchikan continues or at
28 least many of the people I know continue to strive for
29 rural status in Ketchikan. Appreciate the support from the
30 Council. I guess we need some advice on how to go forward
31 to effect or to present or to figure out how, in the public
32 process, people who support Ketchikan as a rural status
33 should go forward, so that's an area of concern.

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35 Another area of concern I think has always
36 been brought forward from Herman Kitka and from Sitka Tribe
37 is the issue of plants and non-timber forest products,
38 those are not addressed through our process but protections
39 are surely needed as well as clear access.

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41 If I can, Mr. Chair, I would like to put a
42 plug in for something that's not related to this. As a
43 university professor, I do serve on the Federal FACA which
44 has a much easier process in terms of FACA requirements,
45 but I do serve on the Federal FACA MPA, the Marine
46 Protected Areas Committee which is a national committee
47 looking at establishing a national network of MPAs and
48 figuring out how to bring areas into the MPA process if
49 there is a need to be. MPAs is not necessarily a good word
50 in Alaska but if anybody has any concerns about MPAs, if

1 they are interested in protections for their area then
2 either me or Dave Benton, who are the two Alaska contacts
3 would love to hear from you, either by email or by phone
4 call or corner me at some time. We are getting close to a
5 final report, we'll meet in February, then again meet in
6 May at which time that report should be finalized. So just
7 if you have any concerns or comments on MPAs, I'd love to
8 hear them.

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10 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. Mr.

13 Douville.

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15 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

16 Everything seems to be running smooth in Craig. I haven't
17 heard any complaints or otherwise so they're enjoying their
18 early deer hunt. There was some issue with closing of the
19 small road side streams for steelhead but we'll deal with
20 that in time.

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22 Thanks.

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24 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Stokes.

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26 MR. STOKES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I, too,
27 would like to apologize for not taking part in that June
28 1st teleconference. I was smoking fish.

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30 One of the best things about this season
31 was that we were able to fish on the Stikene River for
32 subsistence sockeye for the first time in over 60 years.
33 I'd like to thank Cal and Dr. Garza for their support, they
34 really pushed for it.

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36 I don't believe we're getting a fair shake
37 on the sockeye, though. Just across the border, into
38 Canada, they have commercial fisheries and one family alone
39 caught 10,000 in one week, 10,000 sockeye and he delivered
40 them to Wrangell and he sold them there for American money
41 and our money is worth 30 cents more on a dollar than they
42 had. Also there's a commercial fisheries along with them,
43 a fellow by the name of Bob Gougl. I don't feel that
44 they're doing the right thing by us because they were
45 taking three trips a day to Wrangell loaded with sockeye.
46 And on the Tahltaan subsistence, they weren't able to get
47 many sockeye at all because they were all caught just
48 across the border. The Canadian government didn't close
49 the season and just let them remain open and the
50 subsistence fishermen up there weren't able to harvest

1 hardly any because of the high water and the few fish
2 coming through.

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4 Now, I just came back from there, I spent
5 10 days up in the Tahltan area and they told me that they
6 had a banner year on the king salmon but they weren't able
7 to dry them like they normally do, the weather was too hot.
8 It was over 110 degrees in the smokehouse so they all
9 spoiled.

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11 And I would like to say that we are still
12 looking forward to getting an area set aside for
13 subsistence crab fishing. Right in front of town where we
14 normally fish, why, the day after the season opens why it's
15 blanketed with buoys. You can probably just about walk
16 across the channel so I'd like the continued support of the
17 Council for obtaining this. I know it's mostly State
18 waters but we could have something to say about it.

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20 Also there in Wrangell there, one of the
21 stores is selling Devil's Club and I don't think we should
22 allow this. That's one of our plants and one of our
23 traditional uses.

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25 I think that's about all I've got to say.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Hernandez.

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31 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
32 Yeah, in my community we're also enjoying the abundance of
33 this previous summer and we're looking forward to a good
34 hunting season. Most of the folks in my community don't
35 take advantage of the early hunt but with the mild winters
36 we've been having of late we're looking forward to a good
37 fall season.

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39 That's not to say that my community does
40 not have concerns, however, I was asked to bring before the
41 Council one item, which is of concern in a very local --
42 our very local area but I think it has some region wide
43 relevance and I'll mention it to the Council.

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45 The State Department of Natural Resources
46 has planned a land sale for Port Protection. They came to
47 the community after the land sale had been planned and
48 ready to put into action and I went to the meeting and it
49 was rather contentious. There were a lot of objections
50 from local people, this land sale as planned by Department

1 of Natural Resources could have essentially doubled the
2 population of Port Protection overnight. Concerns raised
3 were obviously a lot of effects on the local infrastructure
4 but I also heard many concerns about what effects that
5 influx of people would have on the very local subsistence
6 areas that people depend on, the kinds of places where
7 locals know they can go to a beach and get clams or go to
8 one spot and get crabs and the local favorite jigging spots
9 and what not. And those concerns were raised to the
10 Department of Natural Resources and as a result there has
11 been some dialogue between State and locals on maybe
12 amending their plans for this proposed land sale.

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14 However, my overall regional concern
15 relevant to that is just the process where agencies are not
16 really working well with local communities in planning
17 projects, and the lack of communication between local
18 communities and agencies in general.

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20 I'd like to also mention, as an example, an
21 issue that we dealt with at our teleconference was the
22 aerial spraying where the permit was going to be issued and
23 except for a lot of public outcry probably would have
24 happened. I think it was a good thing that the public got
25 involved in that and we did as well.

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27 And I was also asked to talk about concerns
28 where maybe there is good public input into a process and
29 it's not necessarily listened to. Some examples of that
30 are with the State transportation plan which despite
31 considerable public objection to many of the proposed road
32 links, the plan seems to be proceeding as originally
33 proposed. And another example of this, I think, is also
34 with the Roadless Policy for the Tongass National Forest.
35 There was -- even though in the local area the comments on
36 the Roadless Plan were probably mixed, on nationwide, the
37 comments were probably overwhelmingly in support of the
38 Tongass being included in the Roadless Plan and despite
39 that level of support the Tongass has been exempted.

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41 So Mr. Chairman, those are my examples.
42 Other than the Roadless rule for the Tongass which deals
43 with Federal lands, I realize there's not a lot that our
44 Council can do regarding some of these other examples I
45 mentioned dealing with State issues. However, I would like
46 to use this forum to ask some of my fellow Council members
47 when they go back to their communities to remember to
48 encourage their local community members to stay informed
49 and stay involved with what's going on.

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1 So thank you very much.

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3 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. You're
4 correct in bringing those up. This is a place where we can
5 bring up issues concerning wildlife in this region of any
6 type, doesn't matter, this is the place where you can talk
7 about them. And if you want to bring them, if you would
8 like to add some of this, Mr. Hernandez, as an agenda item
9 later, then as long as you could get us some information
10 that we could act on, you know, if we could get a handout
11 or something we will certainly look at those. But this is
12 the place to bring that out, it's a proper forum, right
13 here to talk about wildlife issues.

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15 Ms. Phillips.

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17 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Chairman
18 Littlefield. As many of you know Pelican, Alaska has been
19 in the news, front page in some of the local newspapers and
20 our local fish processing plant has been on the border of
21 shutting down but it's looking like it can be revitalized.
22 But it has impacted our community.

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24 We've been stockpiling our freezers in
25 order to share with some of the less fortunate residents of
26 our community, trying to keep on hand extra fish and extra
27 deer so we can share that over the winter.

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29 You know, I live in an area of Ludto and
30 Yacobi Island, Chichagof Island wilderness area, I'm just
31 in a very beautiful location and we have strong, healthy
32 populations of deer. We have had really nice summers of
33 late and the winters haven't been so severe. The snow has
34 brought the deer down to the beach but it's been
35 intermittent, it will send a deer down to the beach,
36 they'll be able to be hunted and then the snow will melt
37 and the deer will be able to go back up. But you can see
38 the populations of deer by the brows, there's heavy brows,
39 especially come the end of winter and early spring at the
40 Beach Frangeria.

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42 We have over healthy populations of bear.
43 We have a lot of bear in our region. IT's getting in our
44 area, you can see in the late fall, you can watch bear
45 chasing after deer on the beach after the first snow fall
46 when it brings the deer down to the beach, you can actually
47 observe bear chasing after deer. So, you know, it shows me
48 -- I've lived there 32 years that the bear populations are
49 very healthy. And from some of the research that's been
50 shared with the SERAC that Chichagof Island has like, was

1 it 1.7 bear per square mile, I mean I think it's more than
2 that personally.

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4 We have had good abundance of berries. And
5 I really like this part of the SERAC and I enjoyed reading
6 the minutes where it talked about Council comments. And
7 the comments that I have shared in the past, you know, were
8 my concern about, you know, we have the old country people
9 that have been there for years and years and then we have
10 the new influx of new money coming in and it's just really
11 influencing the balance of our communities. And because my
12 comments were used against me in my community I want to be
13 careful about what I say, but my interest has always been
14 to work on behalf of my community.

15
16 You know ANILCA, the longer I've been on
17 this Council the more that I realize that ANILCA is
18 legislation that we're using to change what used to be and
19 we're recognizing the power of that. When I first got on
20 here I said the ramifications of this Council are going to
21 be more than we ever thought it would be and it's turning
22 out to be true but it's taking us, as individuals to move
23 that forward, as I heard Mr. Cesar say, it takes us pushing
24 and moving it forward, and I'm glad to be a part of that
25 process.

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27 But ANILCA is Congressional action, it's
28 remedial action or it replaces previous legislation with
29 specific language and it replaces government bureaucracy
30 and that government bureaucracy has to shift to the policy
31 to do what ANILCA says. And ANILCA says that a public body
32 is going to make recommendations and Staff is going to
33 listen to our recommendations and enact those into their
34 regulations. Do I have patience enough to stand firm in my
35 beliefs that my people, the Alaska Native people will
36 benefit from this, a process that we were previously shut
37 out from, that's why ANILCA was put in place so that I can
38 be a part of that, do I have the patience to stand firm, I
39 can say, yes, I do, I've been in this process for 10 years,
40 am I going to be in it for another 10 years, maybe not on
41 this Council level but possibly in the public where I sit
42 in that chair where many of you sit at.

43
44 I sat with Stan Heldane, he works on the
45 Alaska Marine Highway System, he used to be a Hoonah
46 fisherman, he used to be a highliner fisherman. He
47 traditionally fished the Indian Passes, he had the
48 knowledge of the swift tidal currents and it is a part of
49 their traditional clan territory. Fish and Game shut off
50 their right to fish in their own territory. Glacier Bay,

1 National Park Service shut of their right to hunt and
2 gather in their own home, their traditional home to their
3 ancestors. The Hoonah people, I've heard them say time and
4 time again, we publicly testified to this, where's our
5 record, well, I'd like to know where their record is
6 because some of that record is from our elders and that's
7 knowledge that needs to come back to us, you know, us
8 generation, we need to learn from them. They said they've
9 testified before, I'd like to learn from that, how can I
10 get that information. You know, the Hoonah people have
11 suffered as a result of these closures and, you know, what
12 is their cultural legacy, what can I say to my children,
13 you know, my children have been -- I think that I've been
14 -- how do you call that, assimilated, but my children have
15 been more so assimilated so how can I bring that culture
16 that was denied me back to them?

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18 As a FACA with regional representation, we
19 are to be effective in addressing policies that ANILCA was
20 designed to correct and now we're being told to submit to
21 administrative procedures that speak against ANILCA's law
22 that protects matters relating to subsistence use.

23

24 Well, anyways, one good news about what's
25 going on in my community is that we are having -- for the
26 fourth year in a row we're having culture camp where we
27 bring in elders with local knowledge and share that with
28 children, all children. It builds a self-esteem of the
29 Alaska Native children that connects them to their roots
30 that are in this country, in this territory.

31

32 Okay, thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you, Patty.
35 Mr. Kookesh.

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37 MR. KOOKESH: I'd just like to say, those
38 were very good comments that Patty just made, I think
39 there's a lot of truth to it. The whole portion of ANILCA
40 is -- I agree totally with her on that in regards to what
41 she said there, it's not even debatable. Those were very
42 good comments, I really enjoyed that, Patty, thank you.

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44 One of the things I've always had a
45 position, I know Mr. Chairman elaborated on it just a
46 minute ago, is that even though we represent a region it
47 doesn't hurt to express your concerns about your community.
48 I, for one, live -- I don't believe I live in a village
49 anymore, I think a village is something that we had 100
50 years ago. I think to be putting the word village in here

1 is stereotyping our RACs and make us sound like we're
2 coming up through the ages and somebody's already there
3 waiting for us. I believe that we should be called cities
4 and I believe we should also be just representing regional
5 council concerns, in general. That's always been my
6 position. I've stated it more than once. And I always
7 like to believe I stand by it because I believe that that's
8 the right way.

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10 When I took this position, I agreed to be
11 a regional representative for Southeast Alaska. I didn't
12 come here to tell you about Angoon's problems, because I
13 believe that we represent a larger body than that,
14 although, Angoon is 1/18th, one of 18 communities in
15 Southeast, it does have a voice and I can be the voice, but
16 I'd like to believe that I was put here to represent a
17 region just like the position Mr. June is trying to put
18 himself in, to speak on behalf of a region and not just
19 what's best for Haines, like our State representatives.
20 They're State representatives, they're not representatives
21 from Anchorage, they represent the State of Alaska. And I
22 believe that when we sit in here as a body we represent a
23 greater body, Southeast Alaska.

24
25 I was going to tell you a couple of answers
26 to some of the comments that were made by other members
27 here, the herring are alive and well in Angoon and Pelican,
28 Mr. Kitka. And Mr. Jordan, it was too hot this summer, I
29 didn't think it was fun at all. Being a charter fisherman
30 out there, we got cooked. And I didn't enjoy it at all.
31 I believe our resource needs rain. I believe that's how we
32 sustain ourselves in Southeast Alaska is by having that
33 kind of environment. If you want sunshine go somewhere
34 else because we need everybody to pray for rain, that's our
35 bottom line in Southeast Alaska.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 But just from sitting here I have noticed
40 as time goes on, I kind of get sadder listening to
41 everybody's concerns because it gets real sad. I was
42 starting to feel bad for a little while until Patty perked
43 me up with ANILCA and got me going again. Somebody's on
44 the same page as me, or I'm on the same page with somebody.

45
46 I will make some comments to -- and I'll
47 try to come down to the local flavor.

48
49 One of our biggest concerns that I see, not
50 only for just sitting as a RAC member but also for Angoon,

1 our biggest concern is sockeye. It seems that the largest,
2 the greatest harvest tends to lean more towards sockeyes.
3 We're dependent on the sockeye fishery. I'm very glad to
4 sit here with Mr. McBride here and to go through that
5 process and support the sockeye fisheries. I really
6 believe sockeye is the top fishery. We know the coho
7 salmon is doing very well. The coho stocks are in
8 excellent, excellent shape, not even debatable.

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10 But to add a little flavor about Angoon, I
11 won't get you into demographics and make you feel sadder
12 than we already feel. I'll just tell you that because of
13 our location Angoon being 60, 70 miles away from Sitka and
14 Juneau and possibly even Kake, our location allows us an
15 opportunity where we're not exactly pressured by the same
16 impacts like Juneau would feel for, say like if there were
17 a thousand silvers out there, there would be 12 or 1,500
18 fishermen. In Angoon if there's a thousand silvers coming
19 there'd only be like a couple dozen boats waiting for them.
20 And Angoon is fortunate in that regard that because of our
21 location we're able to have opportunity there for us, and
22 I appreciate that and I respect the fisheries and the
23 wildlife and we don't take advantage of it.

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25 We do have, like I said our biggest concern
26 is our sockeye fisheries in our area and I'm sure that area
27 extends out into the Sitka Ranger District and I don't know
28 about into the Juneau Ranger District, but it is certainly
29 out there.

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31 We don't have a charter fleet problem. I
32 believe that we're having an issue in Sitka that, after
33 talking with the Chairman this morning, that I'm going to
34 go to Sitka and testify on that charter fleet, speaking on
35 behalf of myself as a subsistence user, the issue is to
36 close off allowing charter fishermen to subsist. And for
37 me, that means that I have to get out of my 26-foot Osprey
38 and go into my 13-foot Whaler if what I hear is going to
39 occur and I don't want to be putting my life into a 13-foot
40 Whaler to go out and subsist. I don't know who's thinking
41 about this regulation or where it's coming from. I know
42 that the halibut regulations that we're dealing with are
43 brand new, we should let them ride for awhile. If there's
44 an enforcement issue then maybe enforcement should try to
45 deal with the matter instead of creating a regulation that
46 restricts my right to subsist just so that enforcement can
47 maintain status quo, to me is not -- there's not some very
48 good brains being -- or whoever thought of this proposal
49 needs to go back and think about it a little bit. Because
50 if there's an enforcement issue and it's not -- it has

1 nothing to do with me because in Angoon when I go out and
2 subsist on my charter boat, it's me and my other rural
3 residents that we all have our green cards and we're out
4 there doing it for our families. We're not there trying to
5 fill up somebody else's fish box and send it to California
6 that's one of our clients, that's not -- if Sitka has
7 issues with charter fleets then they should deal with their
8 charter fleet issue over there, they shouldn't make a
9 regulation that forces me into a 13-foot Whaler. Because
10 what the regulation is going to amount to is that wildlife
11 enforcement is going to have my charter boat next year
12 because I'd rather be in my 26-foot subsistence boat -- I
13 should call it that, my 26-foot subsistence boat and be
14 allowed to gather food for my family. If there's
15 regulation issues deal with it over in Sitka but don't
16 bring it into my backyard and make me pay the highest price
17 for somebody that's not doing their job.

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19 I just heard the other day and today and I
20 have to go there, I have to testify on behalf of myself.
21 I don't want to die out there. I know the best thing you
22 can do is not leave your Whaler -- that's the worst thing
23 you can do with a Boston Whaler is to leave it if it
24 swamps.

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26 But one of the comments I appreciated from
27 Mr. Hernandez was that in order for communities to be
28 effective, you have to stay informed and stay involved, and
29 I believe for Angoon I believe that's one of our problems.
30 I believe that's a big issue for a lot of communities.
31 We're not informed and we're not involved.

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33 And with that, I'll save the best for last
34 for Mr. Bangs.

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36 Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. Mr.
39 Bangs, you're up.

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41 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 Things went fairly well in Petersburg. The community area,
43 we have a situation where I don't like to call it a city or
44 a village or whatever because the city of Petersburg
45 encompasses a few other small communities that lie outside
46 the city limits but we're all in the same area, same
47 region. And I feel that, you know, my neighbors that live
48 across the way are in my community regardless if they're in
49 this city limits or not. But things went well in that
50 area.

1 I did spend a lot of my time on the water
2 this summer so I wasn't right on top of things like I
3 wished I could have been. I did find that we had bumper
4 crops of fruit crops this year that we normally don't get
5 because of the lack of rain so we had a lot of trees that
6 don't bear fruit that this year -- it was an up side to the
7 heat, I guess.

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9 As far as the concerns that have been
10 brought forward to me, there was a few that a lot of them
11 hinged on waiting and see and I agree with Mr. Kookesh
12 there with the halibut. There was some concerns about how
13 it was going to -- the overall picture would change and so
14 far it seems that it was a success and I think it's good to
15 possibly just let it ride and see how it works out rather
16 than trying to change or disrupt what we have already
17 learned.

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19 I also wanted to comment on Ms. Phillips,
20 I was really glad to see that you are introducing more and
21 more children into making it something to carry on your
22 culture in your areas. I think that is the fundamental key
23 to carrying on, is to bring our children into it. And
24 we're trying to come up with ways of teaching on a larger
25 scale than just individual families. I think the community
26 aspect of it is a very positive thing and that's what it's
27 all about.

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29 So other than the halibut concern, there
30 was some concern about steelhead. We aren't affected like
31 Prince of Wales is as far as guided steelhead fishermen
32 coming up to sportfish and there's the concern that it
33 could affect the streams around Mitkof Island where
34 Petersburg is located. It has very small runs of steelhead
35 and they're coveted by the people that use those streams
36 and fish and they've always had a concern that, you know,
37 with the increase in guided sportfishermen around that
38 that, you know, that might be affected and wondering how we
39 can protect that.

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41 There is another concern about the
42 designated hunter, which is a Federal program that I've
43 heard concerns about, some abuse, but I'm not sure how we
44 can change that.

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46 But other than that everything is going
47 very well. That's all I have, thank you.

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49 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you, Mr.
50 Bangs. I'm going to ask Melinda if she could share with us

1 some information that she has on your dance group and
2 others -- do you have some other announcements that you
3 would like to make at this time.

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5 MS. HERNANDEZ: (Nods affirmatively)

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Come on up.

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9 MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
10 We're going to be hosting fundraiser luncheon, the Tlingit
11 Cu see Cultural Immersion Dancers from the University.
12 We're in desperate need of some funds, so, Wednesday we're
13 going to be hosting you folks. We're going to be having
14 deer stew, herring egg salad, whatever else we're going to
15 get within the next couple of days. We got some cohos
16 donated to us, very generously from Dye-Pac. So Wednesday
17 at noon, just over here in the blue building we're going to
18 be having a fundraiser lunch so everybody's invited and
19 we'd love a good turn out. There's going to be a
20 performance as well.

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22 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. As far
23 as Sitka, there's been two others that have already
24 addressed the concerns so I don't have anything to add from
25 my home boys. I guess we'll pick a different term for it,
26 village, cities or whatever you want to call it, my home
27 boys.

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29 But as far as the halibut, that is a big
30 item that's going to come up on the North Pacific Fisheries
31 Management Council starting October 4th in Sitka. But just
32 for the record, I sent an email to Mr. Jordan and Mr. Kitka
33 that said my testimony is going to evolve on no change so
34 I'm glad to hear that Mr. Bangs endorses that too. That's
35 what we're going to do is try to tell them that this is an
36 allocation program and it deserves to run for five years or
37 more before you nit-pick it and change it and everything.

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39 So anyway, I just wanted to make that
40 clear.

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42 We're going to take a short break now
43 because this Council correspondence, Chair's report is
44 probably going to take a little while. Before we do, where
45 did Al McKinley go -- we had a new member come in, Al
46 McKinley in the back, and if you wanted to say a few words,
47 Al, you could.

48

49 Introduce yourself.

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1 MR. MCKINLEY: Yeah, my name is.....
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3 REPORTER: Wait, hold on a second,
4 let's.....
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6 MR. MCKINLEY: Yeah, my name is Alfred
7 McKinley, Sr., I'm here representing Grand Camp ANB and I'm
8 also a member of ANB Camp 2 in Juneau and also delegate to
9 Central Council Tlingit/Haida.
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11 For your information I went fishing in
12 Southeast Alaska 1944, I think some of you weren't even
13 born yet.
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15 (Laughter)
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17 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: No comment.
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19 (Laughter)
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21 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, let's take a
22 couple -- 10 minute break.
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24 (Off record)
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26 (On record)
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28 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, we want to
29 come back to order here folks, take your seats please.
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31 (Pause)
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33 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Dr. Schroeder.
34 Okay, let's take our seats here folks, we're going to come
35 back to order.
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37 (Pause)
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39 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Let's go folks. I
40 got a good gavel now. Dr. Schroeder, I believe we have
41 four handouts, could you please go through those -- or five
42 handouts.
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44 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, one handout
45 is something that was inadvertently not put in the proposal
46 book and that's one that says Federal Subsistence Board,
47 like this, and it's the official response to last year's
48 annual report and you may be interested in that.
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50 The second item is material provided by Jai

1 Crapella on the SEACC concern and it's a packet right here
2 and this is for your reference, we'll be talking about
3 this, I believe, Wednesday afternoon.

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5 And it appears that you received draft
6 Staff analysis for 17 and 18 as well as some items that I
7 believe were not in Proposal 16. So if you could introduce
8 those into your booklet. And Melinda, do you have copies
9 of the FIS proposals, perhaps we'll circulate those out and
10 you'll have those for your review. That material won't be
11 coming up until Wednesday.

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13 Steve Kessler has -- oh, excuse me, then I
14 have one other item from Mr. Kessler and this is our write
15 up on how we might proceed with a WIS. We have a FIS,
16 well, this will be a Wildlife -- providing wildlife
17 information should we get funding.

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19 So those are the items we're distributing
20 and you're going to have a lot of material so -- but we
21 wanted to get it to you early in the meeting so you had
22 time to read it and stay out of trouble this evening.

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24 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. That's
25 a reminder, if any Council member have anything they want
26 to bring up later in the meeting it would be nice to get
27 some kind of a briefing document to the remainder of the
28 Council so that they're not in the blind at the last day.

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30 Mr. Kookesh.

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32 MR. KOOKESH: Mr. Chairman. Where's the
33 material that we were told we were going to receive on the
34 changes to the agenda here?

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36 DR. SCHROEDER: Floyd, the changes to the
37 agenda are just scheduling issues and we'll get them on the
38 board here shortly.

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40 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: It's my
41 understanding that the only one that's effecting us today
42 would be at 3:00 p.m., the Kayani Commission, Robi Craig is
43 going to be a special order and we'll take them when they
44 come in. I think that's the only one for today, is that
45 correct?

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47 DR. SCHROEDER: Right.

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49 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: And then tomorrow,
50 we need to have those up on the board so that everybody

1 knows what special orders we have for tomorrow.

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3 Any other Council.

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5 (No comments)

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, the next item
8 on the agenda is the Chair's Report starting on Page 40.
9 Dr. Garza will you take -- or excuse me, Dr. Schroeder,
10 will you take us through these reports.

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12 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman. These are
13 basically -- we've included the correspondence from the
14 Council to different agencies starting with Page 40. And
15 you'll be hearing more about this later on in the meeting.
16 After our winter meeting last year, the Council directed a
17 letter to Mitch Demientieff, Chair of the Federal
18 Subsistence Board concerning the way the Council wished to
19 proceed on deer management planning for Prince of Wales
20 Island. This was the letter that we sent off, the Federal
21 Subsistence Board reviewed this letter and did approve
22 formation of a planning group. The planning group then met
23 later at the end of May, May 27th and 28th and subsequent
24 to that, the Council approved the planning direction set
25 forth by that initial group that reported back to the
26 Regional Advisory Council, and the Federal Subsistence
27 Board later, on June 15th authorized the program to begin
28 with a year long planning effort. We'll hear more about
29 that a little bit later in the meeting.

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31 That's all on that item.

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33 The second item is on Page 42. This
34 concerns Long Island herbicide use. The Council -- I was
35 just refreshing my memory here, the Council discussed the
36 proposal to spray herbicide to promote quicker regeneration
37 of commercial timber on some private land on Long Island
38 and drafted this letter opposing this because the Council
39 believed that there would be effects on subsistence uses
40 due to either inaccurate spraying such that the herbicide
41 spraying would, in fact, fall outside the designated area.
42 It's apparently very difficult to control aerial spraying,
43 as well as the likelihood deer and fish, who would
44 potentially be sprayed during this herbicide demonstration
45 project would then move off into other areas there were
46 under Federal jurisdiction and be taken by subsistence
47 users there or be taken by subsistence users in the area
48 that was sprayed.

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50 This letter also was something of a

1 breakthrough. We had a bit of a bottleneck last year in
2 Council correspondence and worked with Tom Boyd and his
3 Staff in developing a Council correspondence policy and
4 this was something of a first time through of routing
5 things through OSM so that the Council was acting in
6 accordance with OSM policy and also being able to follow
7 its ANILCA mandates.

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9 I don't know, are there any questions on
10 the herbicide letter?

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12 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Jordan.

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14 MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chair. Are we allowed to
15 send that letter out? I know we were corresponding and I
16 wasn't at the June meeting but down the line we have
17 correspondence concerning our ability to comment on issues
18 in Southeast. What is the status of this letter, were we
19 able to send this letter out or is it at someplace pending
20 review of the higher body?

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22 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Dr. Schroeder.

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24 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Jordan, this letter
25 went out on June 18th. I think we're basically there, done
26 deal, I think we have a modus operandi on Council
27 correspondence. We might hold that -- let's see do we have
28 -- let me check and see if we have Council correspondence
29 in the annual report response which is.....

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31 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: We do.

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33 DR. SCHROEDER:an item that I just
34 handed out to you.

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36 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: We do.

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38 DR. SCHROEDER: We'll deal with that at
39 that time.

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41 MR. JORDAN: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Other Council. I
44 know Ms. Phillips had some questions, but maybe we could go
45 through all five of these first. We'll let Dr. Schroeder
46 finish the introduction on all five of these and then we'll
47 entertain questions from Council on A through E.

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49 DR. SCHROEDER: In the Chair's Report, the
50 .805c letter, this is the letter that the program, the

1 Federal Subsistence Board sends back to each Regional
2 Council following Federal Subsistence Board actions on
3 proposals. This summarizes the actions taken on proposals
4 of concern to Southeast Alaska.

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6 I can go through them or perhaps we should
7 mention what was going on.

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9 Proposal WP04-01 had to do with the sale of
10 handicraft items made from the fur of brown bear. We
11 recommended adopting the -- the Southeast Regional Council
12 recommended adopting this proposal. The Federal
13 Subsistence Board modified this proposal to basically
14 regionalize it. Some Councils around the state didn't
15 think that the sale of handicrafts made from the fur of
16 brown bear was a good idea. The process will be allowed in
17 Southeast, Bristol Bay and Eastern Interior subsistence
18 regional regions as recommended by those Councils. It
19 would not be allowed in other regions.

20
21 A follow up item later on this meeting,
22 we'll review a Q&A sheet concerning the use of brown bear
23 claws. That's reprinted in your book and I'd urge you to
24 take a look through that so that when we get to wildlife
25 proposals Wednesday afternoon, the Council can express its
26 wishes.

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28 Proposal WP04-18 was a C&T proposal for
29 Unuk River moose or moose in Unit 1(A) and the Council
30 recommended opposing this. The Board rejected this
31 proposal as was recommended by our Council. The Council
32 logic was that there was no useful purpose served by making
33 a C&T determination for that small moose population at this
34 time.

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36 Proposal WP04-22 was a deferred Hoonah
37 Indian Association proposal. It was originally submitted
38 as WP02, meaning two years ago and last year WP03 as well.
39 This proposal requested that the ban on using motorized
40 vehicles for trapping be lifted, the Council recommended
41 adopting that and the Federal Subsistence Board concurred
42 with the Council recommendation.

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44 Mr. Chairman, that's the review of the .805
45 letter. Should I continue?

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47 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Continue, let's
48 finish this.

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50 DR. SCHROEDER: Okay. The next item is on

1 Page 47 and there may be some discussion of this because we
2 have somewhat more things going on here. On Page 47 is our
3 letter, the 2003 annual report of the Southeast Subsistence
4 Regional Advisory Council to the Federal Subsistence Board.
5 For some reason the response was not reproduced in the book
6 and that's the issued -- this handout that you just
7 received. So that should be inserted at Page 50. And it
8 might be useful to go through these items one by one.

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10 Has everyone found this one?

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12 (Pause)

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14 DR. SCHROEDER: Okay. Do Council members
15 have this one and members of the public, there are copies
16 of this at our info stand in the back.

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18 DR. GARZA: This was mailed out wasn't it?

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20 DR. SCHROEDER: Yes. Dr. Garza, this was
21 mailed to you but it should be reprinted here.

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23 The first issue that the Council raised
24 concerned Council correspondence and we were somewhat
25 locked up on correspondence for awhile last year wherein
26 the Council wished to make comments and to send
27 correspondence to various agencies concerning matters of
28 subsistence concern. It took awhile for the program to
29 work out what their correspondence policy would be. This
30 is outlined in the response and I'm not sure what detail we
31 wish to go into that at this point, Mr. Chair.

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33 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: It's already on the
34 agenda under agency reports, Council correspondence, a
35 written briefing. I suggest that we save it until then.

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37 DR. SCHROEDER: Okay. Our second issue
38 concerned Stikene River salmon fisheries. Perhaps that's
39 another issue that we should hold until Wednesday when Bob
40 Larson will be giving a report on the fisheries and we'll
41 hearing from David Bedford, Deputy Commissioner of Fish and
42 Game on State efforts to get full implementation of the
43 fishery that the Council wishes to have in place.

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45 Third issue has to do with the rural
46 determination process. The Council wished to be closely
47 informed of any actions in that arena and then also asked
48 to be included in any working groups that may take place to
49 examine the rural determination process.

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1 This ended up being tied into the next --
2 well, one part of that the Board definitely -- the Board
3 and the program definitely would keep the Councils informed
4 of any decisions and progress made on the rural
5 determination process.

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7 We did have another issue that came up
8 which is partly covered by Council concern four, working
9 group participation. For quite a number of years, Council
10 Chairs, particularly with the support of Bill Thomas, were
11 involved, intimately involved in program formulation and on
12 various working groups and planning groups that were
13 conducted through the Federal program, calling for meetings
14 on various issues that would set policies for the program.
15 This came under review over the last summer and FACA
16 concerns were raised such that Council members no longer
17 will be allowed to participate in groups that are formed to
18 advise the Federal government on policy questions or
19 decisions. If there are any questions concerning that, I'd
20 like those to be addressed to Ann Wilkinson or ARD Tom
21 Boyd.

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23 Council, are there any questions concerning
24 the participation of Regional Council members or Chairs on
25 working groups? This was a change that came through over
26 the summer.

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28 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: We have a written
29 briefing under agency reports on participation so I think
30 we'll leave it until then.

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32 DR. SCHROEDER: Okay. The fifth concern
33 identified was discussed, deer management planning, and
34 this will also be something that's dealt with a little bit
35 later in the meeting. I don't think we need to discuss
36 that at this point.

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38 Issue 6 talks about improving data
39 gathering for deer harvest and the Council requests the
40 assistance in working up a proposal to the Board of Game
41 and support from the Federal program for such a proposal to
42 go before the Board of Game. The Southeast Team did assist
43 Council members in drafting a proposal to the Board of Game
44 that would require a registration permit hunt for deer
45 harvesting on Prince of Wales Island.

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47 That's our next item of correspondence so
48 we can talk about the details right there. I will point
49 out to you that Steve Brink distributed a letter from the
50 Forest supervisor providing strong support for the

1 proposals submitted by the Council to the Alaska Board of
2 Game.

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4 Item 7 is basically an annual report item
5 and we've also put this on the agenda to have full
6 discussion. The Council has interest in figuring out a way
7 to examine subsistence needs as directed by ANILCA. Very
8 specifically, the response notes that sections of ANILCA
9 gives Councils the authority to identification of current
10 and anticipated uses of fish and wildlife. The valuation
11 of current and anticipated subsistence needs for fish and
12 wildlife as well as strategies and recommendations needed
13 to accommodate these subsistence uses and needs. The
14 Council felt that this was something that could be done
15 better than it has been done in previous annual reports and
16 wants to devote some effort to that and solicits Staff
17 assistance. The -- let's see what we say here, and the
18 response says that Staff will provide harvest summary data
19 for major species used for subsistence in Southeast Alaska
20 and work with the Council to develop a framework for
21 evaluation of subsistence uses and needs.

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23 The eighth item in our annual response
24 concerned community involvement, public education and
25 outreach. The response outlines some of the improved
26 things that the Federal program will be undertaking to
27 basically encourage greater participation in the meetings
28 we have. I think this meeting will have excellent
29 participation because we've been able to nest our meeting
30 close to when the Sitka Tribe has brought people into work
31 on TEK issues. The Council -- let's see, Maureen Clark of
32 the Federal Subsistence Office has also offered to work
33 with the Council in figuring out other ways to provide
34 better publicity for meetings.

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36 Just as an incidental we do appear to be
37 getting more press coverage in Southeast Alaska and as a
38 Staff person I encourage Council members to speak often and
39 in depth with the press and other people in their
40 communities.

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42 Mr. Chairman, that concludes just an
43 overview of our annual report items. If anyone has any
44 questions we should cover them at this time.

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46 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Most of the items
47 under the Chair's Report will be addressed later in the
48 agenda, but any of these things that the Council wishes to
49 talk on at this time, recognizing that we have a special
50 order here shortly, but any questions from any Council

1 members.

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Dr. Garza.

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DR. GARZA: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Just
6 a point of clarification. We have stated that we will look
7 at these items when they come up on the agenda but I wanted
8 to make sure in the public whether or not we will continue
9 to have the same Federal people here. It's my
10 understanding we've already lost Niles, and so I'd like to
11 make sure that Tom and Ann will be here when we cover them
12 later.

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CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay. I believe
15 Niles will be back Wednesday. But I guess, Mr. Boyd and
16 Ms. Wilkinson, we're looking probably at you for some of
17 these and we want to know if you're going to be leaving or
18 if you're going to stay with us or whether we should
19 discuss these now or go ahead and wait until agency
20 reports.

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MR. BOYD: I plan on being here for the
23 duration of the meeting, Mr. Chair.

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MS. WILKINSON: And I certainly hope to be.
26 If I can get my flight switched, they were booked full, I'm
27 trying to get out Thursday evening, so we shall see.

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CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: If there's no
30 objection, I'd like to just go ahead and take those up
31 under the normal order of business.

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MR. BOYD: (Nods affirmatively)

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CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Are there any other
36 items that you'd like to address at this time.

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Ms. Phillips.

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MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Chairman
41 Littlefield. My concerns were more to deal with the
42 minutes of the teleconference meeting June 1, 2004, Page 24
43 under Southeast Regional Advisory Council recommendations.

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It states we recommend that Council nominee
46 evaluation guidelines be changed to ensure that Council
47 candidate's backgrounds, position's held, community
48 involvement and experience be more carefully evaluated
49 through the panel review process. Panel guidelines should
50 also include consideration of the nominees command of

1 traditional ecological knowledge and his or her ability to
2 use TEK in fish and wildlife management.

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4 After giving this some consideration, that
5 was a comment that I brought forward at the teleconference
6 meeting, is, you know, 10 years ago had the panel been
7 reviewing my command of the traditional ecological
8 knowledge, I did not have the ability to articulate as I
9 have now, after 10 years of experience, and I hope that is
10 a consideration when the panel is reviewing applicants,
11 that there is a great body of knowledge when you become a
12 Council member to gain this traditional ecological
13 knowledge that can be used for the benefit of the
14 subsistence program, and I just wanted to put that before
15 you so it could be a consideration.

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17 Thanks.

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19 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Boyd, would you
20 like to offer some comments on this to address her
21 comments, or Ms. Wilkinson, either one of you.

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23 MR. BOYD: Mr. Chair, I'll have Ms.
24 Wilkinson provide a response to that.

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26 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Ms. Wilkinson.

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28 MS. WILKINSON: Mr. Chairman. Council
29 members. When the panels do the reviews for the applicants
30 to the Councils, there is a set of rating standards that
31 they use quite carefully. And those standards are set for
32 making sure that across the state, each person is looked at
33 individually for what they know, not in comparison with
34 someone else, but that own person's knowledge and
35 experience.

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37 And it is, for traditional knowledge, you
38 know, knowledge of subsistence uses in their region, in
39 their particular region, we go by number of years and the
40 amount of involvement they have in the traditional uses.
41 And people who have, you know, more than 10 years are given
42 a more -- a higher rating than someone who has between two
43 and five, or two and 10 -- or excuse me, five and 10.

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45 So I don't know if that answers some of
46 your questions, if you could ask it more -- if you have
47 anything more you want to know in particular about it, but
48 it is important, we try to find people who have the most
49 knowledge, the most highly qualified people that we can.
50 But also we do understand that there are people who have a

1 lot of good qualifications and have a lot of potential and
2 have to look at them overall to see what they would be like
3 as a Council member.

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5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: I have a question
8 from Dr. Garza.

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10 DR. GARZA: Actually not a question to you,
11 but a comment to Patty. And I think, Patty, your TEK
12 knowledge is phenomenal and it's not the ability to speak
13 after 10 years at this Council process, but it's the
14 ability to sit down with you with a cup of coffee and you
15 can tell me in a half an hour the status of all the
16 environment around you and I know that you can and that's
17 what TEK is. So that, as a requirement, to me is
18 absolutely necessary and the ability to speak at nauseum as
19 I could forever without blushing isn't as important as long
20 as you can get your message across, however.

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Other Council
25 comments.

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, thank you.
30 We'll be calling on you from time to time, I'm sure. Dr.
31 Schroeder.

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33 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chair. Patty, if you
34 could -- if that's an issue of concern to you, we should
35 make sure that we include that in our annual report coming
36 up and I'll try to make a note of that.

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38 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay. We have a
39 special order at this time, Robi Craig, you're on the
40 agenda for 3:00 o'clock, are you prepared to go now?

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42 MS. CRAIG: Sure.

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44 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, would you
45 please come forward. Ms. Craig, could you please introduce
46 all the guests that are participating in your program.....

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48 (Laughter)

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50 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD:hopefully or

1 make sure that we recognize all of them.

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3 MS. CRAIG: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I
4 believe that at 3:00 p.m., there's the opportunity for the
5 members of the Tribal Councils who are participating in the
6 project that we just got done with our meeting to come up
7 and introduce themselves and I think they would be the best
8 people to do that and introduce their staff people that
9 they've brought with them.

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11 Just quickly, I'd like to thank members of
12 the Council. This is the first year of what's going to be
13 three meetings, three years of meetings. It's a part of
14 the Sitka Tribe of Alaska's TEK harvest monitoring project
15 to have a very comfortable travel budget by which we're
16 able to bring in a Tribal Council and a Tribal Staff from
17 all the IRAs who responded to the letter that we sent out
18 inviting them to come and meet here together and to
19 participate for the week of your Council meeting. We've
20 just gotten done with that meeting. You can probably tell,
21 I'm just rambling on and on. It was a real busy day. We
22 were able to get to hear presentations from Federal and
23 State Staff, resources Staff. We were able to have members
24 of the Council participate in the morning of our meeting,
25 and then this afternoon we just had a really good session
26 of break out where we broke into two groups and we went
27 through and talked about what sorts of TEK and harvest
28 monitoring projects local communities themselves want to
29 develop and bring forward for consideration in either this
30 next funding cycle or future cycles.

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32 So as the Deputy General Manager for the
33 Sitka Tribe, I'd just like to thank the Council and to let
34 you know that we are working on our project and that we're
35 working on it because you all decided to fund it, so thank
36 you.

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38 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: I guess what I could
39 do then, Robi, would be to go through this participant's
40 list and then ask each one of those to come forward one at
41 a time, would that be appropriate?

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43 MS. CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, it
44 would be.

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46 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay. First on the
47 list, I have from the Chilkat Indian Village, John Brower
48 and Jim Stevens, are you here?

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50 (No comments)

1 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: We'll go down next,
2 Craig Community Association, Millie Stevens, Dennis
3 Nickerson.

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5 (No comments)

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mike See, David
8 Belton.

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10 (No comments)

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12 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: My understanding
13 from Ms. Craig is you're going to give us an introduction
14 of who you are and any concerns you have and whatever you
15 want to say, I guess, Mr. See.

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17 MR. SEE: My name is Michael See. I'm the
18 vice President of the Hoonah Indian Association. I'm the
19 chairman of the Customary and Traditional Use Council. I'd
20 like to thank Sitka Tribe for bringing us over here. And
21 this is the second meeting I've attended with you folks and
22 the last time was very productive and hopefully this time
23 it will be, too.

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25 Thank you, very much.

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27 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: It's good to see you
28 again and hopefully we're going to see more of you at these
29 meetings, at least for the next three years we know we
30 will.

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32 Hydaburg Cooperative Association, Anthony
33 Christianson and Dan Edenshaw.

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35 MR. CHRISTIANSON: Anthony Christianson
36 here with the Hydaburg Cooperative Association. And first
37 off I'd like to thank Sitka Tribe for extending the
38 invitation and financing us to come up here and participate
39 in their TEK proposal and participate in the RAC. I think
40 it's an important process in maintaining our subsistence
41 lifestyle and getting things done the way that local
42 residents and C&T people vision the overall management of
43 our resources and giving us a voice and exercising it
44 through the forum of the Southeast RAC.

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46 I'd like to also thank all of the members
47 of the RAC for stepping up to the plate and being involved
48 with this and keeping subsistence a priority for tribal
49 members in rural Alaska, and we're just here to participate
50 and voice our opinion on some of the proposals that are

1 going to be before the Board here.

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Thanks.

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5 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. I guess
6 before you go, is there any members of the Council who
7 would like to say anything to these people if -- if you
8 have any questions, raise your hand and we'll grab them
9 before they take off. So thank you, Anthony.

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11 Next would be Organized Village of Kake,
12 Mike Jackson, Henrich Kadake.

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14 MR. JACKSON: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman
15 and Council. It's a pleasure, again, to be here at another
16 meeting, and I'd like to thank you and also Sitka Tribes of
17 Alaska and their innovative way of getting the tribes
18 together before your meetings. I think that just spawns
19 tribal participation in the charter that you're involved
20 in. And, again, we're here to comment like on Proposal 25
21 in regard to sockeye. We did not write a comment but we're
22 here as Tlingit and Haida people to talk to you in person
23 about our feelings about Proposal 25.

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25 So, again, thank you and we'll be here to
26 comment on the proposals.

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28 Gunaxcheesh, howa.

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30 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Just a reminder,
31 that those that would like to testify, Melinda Hernandez at
32 the back has forms that you can sign and hand to Dr.
33 Schroeder. We are not going to require you to testify --
34 well if Proposal 25 comes up, if you have to go back to
35 your town and you can only testify today we'll make --
36 we'll do our best to accommodate you unless we're on a
37 special order, so if you will fill those out and you can
38 testify on anything that's on our agenda or anything that
39 you want to talk about that has to do with subsistence, so
40 fill one of those out.

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42 Next would be Organized Village of Kasaan,
43 Rick Peterson.

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45 (No comments)

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47 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Ketchikan Indian
48 Corporation, Robert Sanderson and Merle Hawkins.

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50 MS. HAWKINS: Good afternoon. I'm glad to

1 be here today. I'm the vice President of Ketchikan Indian
2 Corporation. This is a great thing that Sitka Tribe put
3 together. It gave me a chance to network with other
4 agencies and tribes and kind of prioritize what we have to
5 do as far as subsistence and actually put it down on paper
6 and start working on it because being on the tribal
7 council, there are so many things to do so it was a good
8 opportunity and connected with someone that I might be able
9 to get someone a job interviewing people about the halibut
10 subsistence, so that's a good thing to bring home.

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12 And also made me work on some of the things
13 that I've been thinking about, what I can do for my
14 community. Being an urban community that Ketchikan is
15 sometimes it's very challenging for us to get the fish to
16 the elders and to other people that don't have boats and
17 I've been working on an idea of how to deal with that. And
18 I'm also a delegate to Tlingit-Haida Ketchikan Chapter and
19 I'm also involved in the Alaska Native Brotherhood and
20 Sisterhood on the Tribal Council so I've been thinking of
21 an idea of networking all of those agencies and tribes and
22 start a food bank. So to be able to connect with Robi here
23 and work on getting more information from her on how -- I
24 know there's has been very effective.

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26 Other ideas the Ketchikan area needs to
27 work on is the hooligan fishery because we didn't get any
28 hooligan this year, although the guys ran up there to the
29 Unuk, I don't know, I don't remember if it was ice on the
30 river but they didn't get any this year but down at Silver
31 Lining they were selling 40 pound boxes of hooligan so I'm
32 kind of wondering how is it that they got these -- must
33 have a large amount of hooligan to sell when my Native
34 people can't even go down to the dock where we usually go
35 down to a boat and buy it from the fishermen. But we did
36 get a deck load of herring eggs that came down from Sitka
37 and that was on Easter Day and that made some very happy
38 Indians, those were the best Easter eggs we had in a long
39 time.

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(Laughter)

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42 And that dock alongside that seine boat
43 just about sunk because people were lined up there and we
44 were very happy.

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46 So this is a good opportunity for me to be
47 here and focus on some of the things that I need to be
48 doing and working with other people.

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1 We did authorize Mr. Kristovitch, Kevin
2 Kristovitch to go to the halibut hearing they're going to
3 have next week in Sitka to testify because he's very
4 involved in that subsistence fishery and he has the
5 equipment and the boat to go out and do it and bring the
6 fish in for people to access. And as an urban community
7 sometimes that's the best method that we have.

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9 So thank you for your time.

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11 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Just a second.
12 Thank you Ms. Hawkins, is there any -- Dr. Garza -- just
13 stay with us for a bit.

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15 MS. HAWKINS: Okay.

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17 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: All right, Dr.

18 Garza.

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20 DR. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank
21 you Merle for being here, much appreciate it. Ketchikan's
22 absence has been missed on this Council in terms of
23 participation. Sitka Tribe, Prince of Wales finds ways to
24 get here every year and it's very important in terms of
25 advancing and maintaining their subsistence rights.

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27 In terms of subsistence rights, I'm not
28 sure if you're aware but this Council has voted to support
29 Ketchikan's position that it is rural. When we met in
30 Ketchikan last year we were approached by ANB and I think
31 you were out of town at the time, but we were.....

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33 MS. HAWKINS: I was in the kitchen.

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35 DR. GARZA: Okay. But we did support it
36 100 percent and we would be glad to assist in any way we
37 can to further that cause. In reading the ISER report,
38 which I understand may or may not be part of the process,
39 one of the issues that Ketchikan faces is demonstrating
40 that we indeed have a population within that community that
41 depends on subsistence foods. And so if there's any way
42 that we can pull together a project with Forest Service,
43 with KIC, with anyone we can pull together to do surveys on
44 households and say, yes, we depend on it even if, you know,
45 we have to stand in line to get our buckets of hooligans or
46 to rush down to the Lovely Joanne to get our eggs, that in
47 our hearts we're still depending upon those resources and
48 that we still hunt and we still fish. That kind of
49 documentation would be very, very helpful to making people
50 who will ultimately make the decisions, help them to

1 understand how important it is to the Native community in
2 Ketchikan as well as to the non-Native community who have
3 moved to Ketchikan because they want to live that
4 lifestyle. And so however we can get KIC involved with it
5 it would be quite helpful.

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7 Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Are there other
10 Council that have comments.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you, Ms.
15 Hawkins. Klawock Cooperative Association, Mac Demmert,
16 Anne Wyatt.

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18 MR. DEMMERT: I'm Mac Demmert. Thank you
19 for providing this up here and I think we would like to
20 continue to work with the group because we feel it's a good
21 way to preserve our natural resources and maybe we should
22 look at how maybe we could get a monitoring program for
23 some of our sockeye stocks.

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25 Which is, I guess, and is State waters,
26 since Federal waters are only in the rivers, we have a
27 program for monitoring there but we have nothing for
28 monitoring them in the State waters which would be in the
29 estuaries and I think that would be important to make sure
30 that some of those runs are not completely depleted.
31 Because I know in the Klawock one, you know, the early run
32 for some reason has been depleted and I don't think you
33 guys got the answer and I don't think we do either. But
34 there has been no program so I think a monitoring program,
35 you know, in the State waters unless the Federals could
36 move their jurisdiction out into the estuaries would be
37 relevant.

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39 Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Are there any
42 questions for Mr. Demmert.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, thank you.

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48 MR. DOUVILLE: I guess I have one.

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50 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Oh, wait a minute we

1 have a comment here, go ahead, Mr. Douville. Mr. Douville
2 go ahead.

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4 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
5 share your concern with the saltwater as a the State
6 regulates those permits. And there is no annual limit on
7 the take of those sockeye, and, you know, I've always felt
8 there should be because they're coming under heavy
9 pressure. Like Hetta has and Klawock and now Sarkar the
10 last few years and it's a really genuine concern that we
11 really don't have much to say about. But I understand
12 exactly what you're talking about.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MR. DEMMERT: I think, like I said, for the
17 preservation of the natural resource that's coming back
18 there needs to be a system to monitor it otherwise we're
19 going to be supporting the hatcheries, the hatcheries will
20 be, you know, raising these fish for us and I think we'd
21 rather have our natural stocks rather than have a hatchery
22 come in, okay, well, we depleted this resource, well, you
23 know, for \$150,000 we'll get you salmon back in two years
24 and I don't think we want to do that.

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26 Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Other questions for
29 Mr. Demmert or comments.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, thank you.
34 Petersburg Indian Association, Mike Lopez.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Organized Village of
39 Saxman, Denise James, Richard Shields.

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41 MR. SHIELDS: I'd like first of all thank
42 Sitka for funding us to be here for this. This is my first
43 meeting with them and one of the things, my concerns, in
44 the subsistence is the proxy fishermen, some way to support
45 them. You know, what they do, the proxy fisherman does is
46 support the people that have fixed incomes and it's mostly
47 the elders and to take away from them it'd be quite
48 challenging. And so if there's some way that we can
49 support the ones that are helping out the elders, I'd be --
50 you know, that would be something good to look at, too.

1 So I thank you and I appreciate it.

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3 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Are there any
4 Council comments or questions for Mr. Shields.

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6 (No comments)

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8 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you for your
9 testimony. Yakutat Tlingit Tribe -- oh, excuse me, also
10 from Organized Village of Saxman, Denise James, welcome.

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12 MS. JAMES: Okay, thank you, sorry about
13 that. I'd like first of all thank you all for sending the
14 invitation. When I saw that my husband and I responded
15 excitedly. There is so much things to say and I kind of
16 lost it coming up here.

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18 My husband and I, we have been very
19 involved with subsistence. We have been right there in the
20 community, the community members have kind of learned to
21 gage what's going on at this time of the season by the
22 activity going on in front of our house. We have started
23 training the younger people in the community on subsistence
24 and we are very excited to see this program that we
25 attended today and you can be sure we will be back again.

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27 So I'd like to thank you once again. Any
28 questions.

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30 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Questions from
31 Council or comments.

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33 (No comments)

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35 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, thank you.

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37 MS. JAMES: Thank you.

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39 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: We'll try one more
40 time, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Ms. Ramos.

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42 MS. RAMOS: Thank you. They always save
43 the best for last, no, I think most of you know me because
44 I reported to you on the three other projects I've done.
45 One is the subsistence household harvest surveys, the TEK
46 on traditional management and the TEK I did on traditional
47 clan territories.

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49 Right now I'm the travel planner for the
50 Yakutat Tlingit Tribe. The two issues that I'd like to

1 bring forward is the potential impact of flooding from the
2 Russell Fjord being dammed on the Situk River.

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4 As you know in Yakutat we have Situk
5 partners which is a combination of all the different
6 agencies in Yakutat to manage the Situk River and also the
7 city has put together a task force if Russell Fjord is
8 closed off and it does flood, what are our options and it's
9 representatives of different agencies and they just
10 recently put together a report on potential impact of
11 fisheries on the Situk River. When I did the 2001
12 household survey we had almost 75 percent of the households
13 use the Situk River for subsistence and so this is one of
14 the major concerns that we're going to have, is, where do
15 we go now for fishing if the Situk River is flooded.

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17 The other major concern that resulted from
18 the subsistence surveys that we did in 2001 was the impact
19 of sportsfishing on local resources. If you look at the
20 sportsfish harvest surveys for Yakutat, if you look under
21 the freshwater impact there's 9,000 days fished for
22 sportsfishing, there's 10,474 day trips for sportsfishing
23 and that's almost 4,000 anglers that use the Situk -- I
24 mean the Yakutat area and the major area they use is the
25 Situk River. And so sportsfishing was the major concern
26 that local people had, impact of sportsfishing on
27 subsistence. A lot of the community members felt that the
28 sportsfishermen are taking way over their limit and also
29 they want to have -- right now we're only limited to
30 subsistence fishing on Saturdays and they want to be able
31 to subsistence fish more than just on Saturdays.

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33 So these are the two concerns I'd like to
34 bring from Yakutat. Thank you RAC members and Mr.
35 Littlefield. Any questions.

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37 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Are there any
38 questions from Council. Mr. Jordan.

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40 MR. JORDAN: I see you have some materials,
41 did.....

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43 REPORTER: Wait, wait, Eric.....

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45 MR. JORDAN:you have some handouts
46 for us.....

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48 REPORTER: Eric, your microphone.

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50 MR. JORDAN:or materials.....

1 REPORTER: Thanks.
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3 MR. JORDAN:for us to consider?
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5 MS. RAMOS: No, these are just -- for this
6 meeting I did a report to the Army Corps of Engineers on
7 subsistence use on the Situk and when I made my
8 presentation to this committee on subsistence harvest I
9 compiled all the top concerns for Yakutat from the Yakutat
10 subsistence survey.
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12 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Follow up.
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14 MR. JORDAN: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.
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16 REPORTER: Eric, your microphone.
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18 MR. JORDAN: I would be really
19 interested.....
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21 REPORTER: Thanks.
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23 MR. JORDAN:I don't know if other
24 Council members would be on -- especially the impact of
25 sportfishing on the local resources. If you could get me
26 a copy of that and I don't know maybe other Council members
27 would too, because we're looking at similar issues in the
28 Sitka area and maybe other Council members have similar
29 stuff. But I would really appreciate a copy of that.
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31 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Can you get us a
32 copy of that?
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34 MS. RAMOS: Yes.
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36 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Or Melinda --
37 Melinda in the back can get copies to all of us.
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39 Other Council questions, comments.
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41 (No comments)
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43 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. I'll run
44 through this list real quick here and see if anybody else
45 wants to have anything to say. John Brower.
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47 (No comments)
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49 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Jim Stevens.
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1 (No comments)
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3 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Millie Stevens.
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5 (No comments)
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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Dennis Nickerson.
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9 (No comments)
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11 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Rick Peterson.
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13 (No comments)
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15 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Robert Sanderson,
16 did you want to add anything?
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18 MR. SANDERSON: I would just like.....
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20 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Please come forward.
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22 MR. SANDERSON:to introduce myself.
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24 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Yes, please do that.
25 Up here.
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27 REPORTER: Thanks.
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29 MR. SANDERSON: My name is Robert
30 Sanderson, Jr., I'm sure a lot of you guys know my father,
31 he's well informed on a lot of these issues we're talking
32 about.
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34 I'm here mainly to catch up on the issues
35 and see what's going on and serve on the Ketchikan Indian
36 Community Tribal Council and I'm a delegate for Tlingit-
37 Haida Central Council representing Ketchikan so I'm just
38 going to be in the back and when I feel it's time to talk
39 about something when questions and answers are up I'll be
40 there to speak.
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42 Thanks.
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44 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you. Any
45 questions from the Council.
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47 (No comments)
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49 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, last but not
50 least, the host from the Sitka Tribe, the vice Chairman,

1 Mr. Gil Truitt.

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3 MR. TRUITT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
4 Sitka Tribe has many concerns and well diversified. And we
5 have outstanding committees, I believe, that chairs all of
6 these committees. But one that we've been hearing a great
7 deal about and let me use the word, diversified, before I
8 get into that I want to mention I will not touch on the
9 subject, the main reason for the meetings being here and
10 the main reason is the Sitka Tribe is concerned about these
11 issues, that's why these meetings were scheduled and not
12 heard and probably not will be heard at all during the
13 meeting is our concern about the airport expansion in Sitka
14 which may interfere with prime spawning areas for herring.

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16 We're also concerned about what we're
17 hearing more and more and that's about fish farming,
18 getting too close in British Columbia. We're concerned
19 about all areas of food harvesting of Native foods.

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21 I will not mention any of the other
22 concerns because they do not involve fisheries or
23 harvesting.

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25 So, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate the
26 opportunity to mention our concerns, they are many, which
27 as I said I will not get into because they have nothing to
28 do with the meetings here. And before I take my seat, Mr.
29 Chairman, I'd like to give a little gift to a lifelong
30 friend, Richard Stokes, all my concerns are here.

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(Laughter)

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33 MR. STOKES: Thank you, Gil.

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35 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Truitt, if
36 you'll just please wait a minute. Other Council, Dr.
37 Garza, we have some comments for you first, Mr. Truitt.

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39 DR. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just
40 wanted to make Gil aware how much we appreciate Sitka
41 Tribe's involvement in all of the subsistence meetings.
42 When Sitka Tribe was financially strapped or monies were
43 dedicated to other sources, you guys have always found a
44 way to bring somebody to these meetings and your presence
45 has been well received. Sitka is certainly recognized in
46 terms as being the leadership for subsistence in Southeast.
47 And I want just the Council to know, and the Sitka Tribe
48 Council members to know how valuable it is and how much we,
49 as a Council, appreciate that support.

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3 MR. TRUITT: I like to call you Dr. Garza
4 because it's a title well honored and I want to thank you
5 for your kind words and what you've said will be relayed to
6 the Sitka Tribal Council, however, the real credit belongs
7 to the Staff. And I mentioned in the other meeting, it's
8 the Staff that makes the Council and the Sitka Tribe look
9 good. And I'd like to acknowledge Harvey Kitka, he's a
10 former Tribal Council member. So I will let the people in
11 Sitka know what you've said and it's always an honor to see
12 you and Mr. Jordan and the rest of the panel.

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14 Mr. Chairman, thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Truitt, Dr.
17 Garza spoke very highly of the Sitka Tribe and all of us
18 recognize that the Sitka Tribe has been leading the way
19 here and we appreciate your putting your money where your
20 mouth is but you did mention the Staff and if you would
21 take a minute to introduce your Staff I would appreciate
22 it.

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24 MR. TRUITT: With honor I'd like to
25 recognize Robi Craig, if she would come forward. Doug
26 Dobbys. John Morris. And Jack Lorrigan.

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28 Mr. Chairman, thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, thank you very
31 much and we appreciate the help that all of the Sitka Tribe
32 Staff and Council have been doing.

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34 At this time I have one request -- I have
35 two requests, actually for public testimony. I'm going to
36 take one of them right now. Ms. Culp, if we could have you
37 testify tomorrow on the -- we might be into that later this
38 afternoon, I don't think we'll -- but we're getting there,
39 we'll take you in order, but Al McKinley, Sr., would like
40 to testify on subsistence and aerial spraying and if you'd
41 like to do that now, please, come forward.

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43 MR. MCKINLEY: Thank you, very much, Mr.
44 Chairman, Council members.

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46 Yeah, I'm here representing the Alaska
47 Native Brotherhood Grand Camp executive committee member,
48 which I am and a delegate to Central Council.

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50 I was in the office every day, five days a

1 week at the ANB Camp No. 2 and I received many calls on the
2 complaints that I received on aerial spraying and they told
3 me that the reason why they don't like that is because it's
4 killing all our blueberries, our devil's clubs, the devil
5 club, for your information some of our people use that for
6 medicine, but we don't talk about that publicly. But I did
7 receive all kinds of complaints in that area. So as a
8 result I thought I'd convey that information to you Council
9 members to try to actually put a stop to it. And I don't
10 know what kind of rules you have with the State. I think
11 the State probably are doing it, gave the authorization to
12 do this and I thought I'd just confine my remarks to this
13 area.

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15 And other meetings that I have attended,
16 ANILCA actually gave the word subsistence and our people in
17 Juneau actually don't like that word, subsistence. When I
18 first attended a meeting with Dr. Alfred Woodmark and
19 consequently -- for your information I was named after Dr.
20 Woodmark where my dad went to college, school, Sheldon
21 Jackson at Sitka and so I was named after him, and Dr.
22 Woodmark actually stated that he didn't like the word
23 subsistence as well. And he said we should call it Tlingit
24 food, and the other people that's in Southeast should call
25 is Tsimshian food, Haida food and the people up north would
26 call it Eskimo food, Aleut food, Athabascan food, and the
27 reason why our people actually refer to this word
28 subsistence, our people actually call our food in Tlingit,
29 we would say (In Tlingit), it's our food, why should we
30 call this subsistence, that's what our people are saying
31 over here in Juneau. And we also like where we're actually
32 getting some of the food that actually you kind of --
33 deviate from ANILCA where our people are not getting some
34 of the food that we have and also the way you give
35 authorization to another third-party to give food to our
36 old people, where they don't have boats and some of our
37 people are in homes, and so they're getting a piece of the
38 action. You give them a little food, our Native food, and
39 you notice I said our Native food, I didn't say subsistence
40 food, our Native food, boy for them it's really a treat.

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42 It's just like I was born and raised in
43 Hoonah, that's where I'm originally from but when our
44 people get the seal from Glacier Bay, that's a treat for
45 our people. And I know the rules on this subsistence from
46 Glacier Bay, the Park Service now is kind of lifting up,
47 they're getting -- we're getting a little piece of the
48 action from Glacier Bay which are people really, really
49 actually enjoy. And we thank also the National Park
50 Service for kind of lifting up the rules where they

1 actually forbid us -- our people to go up there and get
2 some of our food, like -- like we get up there and get some
3 seagull eggs.

4
5 In our language how it means our food,
6 Tlingit food, not subsistence, that's what our people are
7 saying here in Juneau. So when -- first we're going to
8 determine subsistence, what shall we call our food, at the
9 convention they said, well, we can't -- we'll be
10 discriminating if we call it Tlingit food, Haida food,
11 Tsimshian food, so they came up with the word, subsistence,
12 and today what's happening, I think today that we should
13 call it our Tlingit food, like what Dr. Woodmark wanted to
14 call it in the beginning, in the first place. And like I
15 said earlier that I actually started fishing in 1944 over
16 there in Indian Islands, I was going to get half share but
17 there was only five us on the boat so I worked like a man
18 so they gave me a full share. So I grew up in Icy Straits,
19 I know where every rock is. We fished by the tide.
20 Laundry, things like that, you know, Three Hill, Taylor
21 Bay, Glacier Bay, where we used to go up there and get our
22 salmon, like sockeyes. There's lots of sockeyes in Taylor
23 Bay where people talk about. But we don't tell our people
24 where we get our fish like in the salmon derby, I caught
25 the number 1 fish and they asked me where I got it and like
26 a fisherman will say, I got it in Pointer Straits, and the
27 people, the first thing I know a whole bunch of fleet were
28 fishing in Pointer Straits but I didn't catch it there.

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30 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Good fisherman.

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32 MR. MCKINLEY: That's a good fisherman,
33 good fish story, you know. But that's my involvement.
34 That's what I need to testify for where this Federal -- our
35 people are now leaning toward the Federal government, and
36 they're just tired of the State. We know from history, the
37 State never actually worked with the Indian people, from
38 the Lower 48 down it also effects over here in Alaska. The
39 State is always our enemy when it comes to our natural
40 resources. They fight over the water. The Federal
41 government, what do they do. And I talk to my uncle, Frank
42 Jack, Sr., from Angoon, he said to me the water actually
43 doesn't belong to the State, it doesn't belong to the
44 Federal government, it belongs to the Almighty God, that's
45 what he told me.

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47 But that's some of the things that -- by
48 the way, my ancestors also come from Angoon and my
49 grandfather also comes from Kake and my father's from
50 Hoonah, so consequently I'm from Hoonah. So I have

1 relatives in Angoon, Kake and Hoonah and Juneau. So that's
2 -- now, I have to fight for all three. But I'm here
3 actually for you -- ANILCA, I transferred back to Juneau
4 too late, I worked for the Federal government for 35 years
5 and seven months, I notice some of the guys over here but
6 unfortunately they never gave me a uniform, I worked in
7 branch of financial management, that's where I received my
8 degree, in accounting. But I'm a different -- I know
9 government terminology about accounting, obligation,
10 accounts payable, all these things.

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12 But anyway, that's what I wanted to convey
13 to you, to the State just for your information we're
14 leaning toward the Federal government right now to protect
15 us. I thank you very much for actually being there to
16 monitor what's going on with the State. But let's not
17 fight over waters, but protect our people, that's what
18 ANILCA was there for. And I lost my culture a little bit
19 but I went to the university over here in Juneau, Alaska to
20 try to retain (In Native), it took -- now, I can write in
21 Tlingit, too, though, but it took a long time trying to get
22 my culture back after being in New Mexico for four years
23 and in the military service seven years. So -- but I'm
24 glad to be back home. But I'm glad -- but what
25 disappointment, though, when they separate our people,
26 rural communities, urban communities. Any time my people
27 come home, come to Juneau, I'll say it's glad to see you,
28 come -- are you rural, no, I'm urban. It's kind of
29 ridiculous. To me it's ridiculous, actually the way they
30 separate our people. When we went to college, our people
31 sent their kids to college, after they get their degree,
32 after they get back home what do they do, there's economic
33 impact in the small communities, so consequently they end
34 up coming to the urban to get a job. That's what's
35 happened. That's what the Federal government did to our
36 people. And it's -- when it comes down to subsistence I
37 can put you all to sleep where you guys are right now.

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39 But maybe if I crack a few jokes, I might
40 wake you guys up.

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42 (In Tlingit)

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44 You know, I also have all kinds of jokes
45 among our people, but I notice that time is important for
46 our people -- but anyway, the aerial spraying is the phone
47 calls I received while I was working at the ANB office.
48 Perhaps that's what's getting cancer for our people. Maybe
49 that's what's developing. Look into it, put a stop to it
50 and that's all I'm going to say.

1 Gunaxcheesh. When I was in Albuquerque,
2 New Mexico, they say mucho gracias amigos senior.

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4 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Yeehaiatee (ph).
5 Hang on just a second here. I don't think we're going to be
6 changing the name of subsistence in this particular group
7 in our name because it's Congressionally mandated, but I do
8 want to note for the record that this Council went on
9 record supporting Lillian Petershoare redoing the Madonna
10 Moss, Dick Newton Subsistence Lifeways at, I believe, it
11 was our last meeting. The draft that has come out for that
12 is using the Tlingit food name in its title and that has
13 approval of Madonna Moss and that's somewhat of an
14 acknowledgement of that. So I just wanted to note that for
15 the record.

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17 MR. MCKINLEY: Yeah, that's our new one
18 with Lillian Petershoare.

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20 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: If you'll just stand
21 by, Mr. Jordan, comment, question.

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23 MR. JORDAN: Yes, I may be able to do a
24 great service to the non-Native community here. You
25 mentioned devil's club, is that the secret why almost all
26 the Southeast Native men I know still have all their hair?

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28 (Laughter)

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30 MR. MCKINLEY: Yeah. If you don't watch
31 out we'll club you with is.

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33 (Laughter)

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35 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: I'm going to cut you
36 both off here.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Any other Council
41 questions.

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43 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman.

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45 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Douville.

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47 MR. DOUVILLE: I want to thank you for your
48 testimony and I want to know where you got that fish.

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50 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: In the mouth, right.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Yeah, okay. Other
6 Council comments, questions.

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8 (No comments)

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10 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you, Mr.
11 McKinley for your testimony. I see Selina Everson in the
12 audience, would you like to come forward and give a short
13 introductory note of who you are so we can all recognize
14 you.

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16 MS. EVERSON: I have been representing
17 Grand Camp for -- this is my sixth year. So I thought
18 coming here today is important to make a report to
19 convention in Sitka which starts Monday, a week from today
20 and it has always been our cry, the word, subsistence, the
21 elders that I know and speak to did not like that word. So
22 working and doing a tape for Lillian Petershoare, I did say
23 an elder like Cecelia Coons, we came up with the word (In
24 Tlingit), it merely means our food, so it doesn't pertain
25 to just one, Tsimshians or Haidas, it pertains to all of
26 us, Native/Americans, Native/Alaskans.

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28 So we're glad to say, I think the Forest
29 Service, Bob Schroeder, might know -- be very involved in
30 that part of -- what's her name, Madonna.

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32 DR. SCHROEDER: Moss.

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34 MS. EVERSON: In changing that little part.
35 I think it's time that we spoke up to us when they say
36 subsistence. I don't know why -- our elders have expressed
37 the opinion, that it was degrading or it made it sound like
38 it's the only thing we subsist on. But that's true years
39 ago, our elders lived to be 99 to 100 years old, because
40 our food, like I said many times has no artificial
41 coloring, flavoring or preservatives. So in this day and
42 age we are hearing about a lot of diabetic people, cancer,
43 heart attack and the food that we grew up on that's still
44 in our mouths, in our taste buds means a lot, we're losing
45 our elders. So it's important that something like this
46 little step of changing the words, I think, our elders
47 would be happy. And I'm sorry to say that we lost a dear
48 matriarch, Cecelia Coons just shortly -- this year, she
49 would have been happy and I think today she's smiling if
50 there's just going to be a little in-road made to change

1 subsistence in at least one little area, our foods, (In
2 Tlingit).

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4 Thank you, John, for recognizing me.

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6 Gunaxcheesh to all of you, Howa.

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8 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Gunaxcheesh. Any
9 questions or comments from the Council.

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, thank you very
14 much. Is there anybody else that would like to claim some
15 time right now. If you have not filled out one of these
16 testifier forms, I have just one from Ms. Culp who will
17 testify on a proposal, but if you can't testify tomorrow
18 you're welcome to come forward.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, we'll go back
23 to -- Mr. Jordan.

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25 MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chairman, we've heard
26 excellent testimony here and brought up, I think, a
27 substantive issue is the use of the word, subsistence, and
28 a change to that. Will there be a part on our agenda where
29 we might discuss that?

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31 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: There's no time like
32 the present, if you can pronounce it, go ahead and go for
33 it.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: I believe he said,
38 and maybe Mr. McKinley could correct me but I believe he
39 said Tlingit (In Tlingit); that's correct?

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41 MR. MCKINLEY: Roger.

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43 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Is that what you
44 want to refer to that when you see subsistence, I know
45 we.....

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47 MR. JORDAN: And I don't know if it's time
48 right here, now, but I just want to communicate to the
49 Council that I've had similar qualms about the word,
50 subsistence. To me it connotates subsistence, just barely

1 eeking out a living, and subsistence as we talk about the
2 harvest and the sharing and our foods is much richer than
3 that, it's a celebratory, it's an identity aspect, and I
4 must say not just for the Native community, but for all of
5 us who have deep roots in Southeast Alaska.

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7 But I'm uncomfortable taking the lead on
8 this but I just wanted to communicate that I share that
9 concern and if somebody else with more experience on the
10 Council wants to take that up at some time at this meeting
11 or some future meeting, I'm on board.

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13 Thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Chairman, Mr.
16 Jordan. Of course we should realize that subsistence is
17 defined, the word, subsistence is defined in ANILCA and the
18 words that I like to use, the part of that definition is
19 customary and traditional uses. And I prefer that much to
20 using the word, subsistence, but how far we could get on
21 redefining this without going back and rewriting ANILCA, I
22 don't know.

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24 Any other Council want to weigh in on this.

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26 (No comments)

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28 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Dr. Schroeder, you
29 have any comments.

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31 DR. SCHROEDER: I think, you know, I've
32 sort of heard this quite often in doing fieldwork, both in
33 Southeast Alaska and in other parts of the other state in
34 that usually there isn't a Native term for subsistence and
35 also in the non-Native communities who are closely involved
36 with hunting and fishing and for whom that's important,
37 subsistence isn't the first word that comes into people's
38 minds. We are, however, bound pretty closely to the law
39 and if we -- so there may be some limits as to how far
40 we're empowered to make any changes in this respect.

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42 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: All right. And
43 that's why you had mentioned Lillian Petershoare new
44 document, that's a perfect place for it. That shows that
45 the Forest Service, in my opinion, is at least recognizing
46 some of the traditional customs and traditions that have
47 gone on there.

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49 So maybe we might look at -- just put
50 something in the annual report that customary and

1 traditional might be, at least in my -- do you have any
2 problem with that, customary and traditional?

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4 MR. JORDAN: No. But also if you're going
5 to do that, if there's no other objection, I like the idea
6 of thinking about our foods.

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8 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Our foods. We'll
9 make sure that that gets in the annual report as a concern.
10 Mr. Bangs.

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12 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. From a
13 perspective of viewing the word, subsistence, to me it goes
14 beyond food, it goes beyond as something that's what it's
15 trying to describe. And I agree with you as far as
16 customary and traditional uses, seems to fit the bill more
17 than the bill subsistence. Because we get into clothing,
18 we get into the uses of our resources, not only for food,
19 and I just wouldn't want to leave that part of it out.

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21 Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Other Council. Of
24 course ANILCA talks about wild, renewable resources, it's
25 not limited to just our food, it's things that we use for
26 clothing, shelter, fuel, all those are mentioned as
27 something besides food. But I appreciate Ms. Petershoare
28 changing that -- getting that title changed.

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30 We're on the Chair's Report. We have on
31 the first page, A, B, C, D, we've covered, I believe -- Dr.
32 Schroeder, can we take care of E, which would be the Board
33 of Game Proposal concerning Unit 2 deer.

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35 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, this item
36 follows on a concern that was raised in the last, at least
37 the last two annual reports from the Regional Advisory
38 Council and received support from the Federal Subsistence
39 Board for the Southeast Regional Advisory Council to submit
40 a proposal directly to the Board of Game. As we'll see
41 when we look over the correspondence policy, this was one
42 thing that the Federal Subsistence Board recognized that
43 Councils needed to be able to do directly without having
44 their proposals vetted through the Federal Subsistence
45 program. I will point out, of course, we do circulate
46 things through the Federal Subsistence program and through
47 OSM because we get better products that way.

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49 This proposal was submitted sometime in
50 late July or early August and it will be before the Board

1 of Game at its coming November meeting.

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3 The proposal goes into the reasons why we
4 believe -- why the Southeast Regional Council believes that
5 accurate reporting of deer harvest particularly for Prince
6 of Wales Island is essential since we have had a number of
7 proposals dealing with that unit over the past years.

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9 I will point out the letter from Forrest
10 Cole, the Forest Supervisor that supports this and call on
11 Dave Johnson to outline Forrest Cole's support for our
12 proposal, in one minute that is.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 DR. SCHROEDER: We also will have an item
17 later on the agenda that I'd like Council members to think
18 about and that we need Council representation at the Board
19 of Game meeting in November and so we'd like to select
20 Council members who will be able to attend that meeting and
21 to give them the charge of how to support the Council
22 position on this.

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24 Mr. Johnson.

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Mr.
27 Schroeder and members of the Council. I'd like to read the
28 letter into the record if I could, Mr. Chairman.

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30 Dear Mr. Fleagle and members of the Board
31 of Game. This letter outlines the reasons why the Forest
32 Service Tongass Leadership Team and I strongly support
33 Proposal No. 1. This proposal would require mandatory deer
34 harvest reporting for Unit 2 through use of a State
35 registration permit.

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37 Numerous wildlife regulatory proposals have
38 been submitted over the past nine years to the Federal
39 Subsistence Board requesting various changes regarding bag
40 limit, season length and other aspects of other Unit 2 deer
41 management. These proposals have maintained that
42 subsistence needs for deer have not been met and have
43 called for restrictions on non-subsistence deer hunting.
44 In 2003 the Federal Subsistence Board acted to open the
45 subsistence deer season earlier and to close Federal lands
46 to non-subsistence hunting August 1 through 21. In 2004,
47 at the recommendation of the Southeast Regional Advisory
48 Council the Federal Subsistence Board reduced this closed
49 period to August 1 to 15. My Staff biologists are
50 responsible for preparing the factual analysis for these

1 proposals. They report serious limitations with available
2 harvest data. Existing State regulations require harvest
3 tags but they do not require hunters to report their take.
4 Forest Service biologists have found that existing harvest
5 data for deer in Unit 2 which are based on voluntary
6 reporting do not provide the accuracy we need for analysis
7 of proposals to change Federal hunting regulations. These
8 data problems also complicate my responsibility for
9 supervisor responsibility to manage deer habitat as
10 required under the National Forest Management Act and they
11 were noted in our recent Tongass Forest Five Year Review.

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13 Just as a comment, Mr. Chair, there's a
14 number of issues surrounding Unit 2 deer and deer in
15 general in the Forest Plan that's being identified here in
16 this particular comment from Forrest Cole.

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18 Federal regulations require mandatory
19 reporting of all deer taken by subsistence hunters in Unit
20 2 and we have had an excellent response from subsistence
21 hunters and are able to closely track these harvests.
22 Persons who do not report may be cited and may not receive
23 Federal registration permits in subsequent years.

24
25 The Tongass National Forest and the Federal
26 Subsistence program are providing support for a Unit 2
27 Cooperative Deer Planning Effort. The planning group will
28 be holding its first full meeting November 18th and 19th in
29 Craig, Alaska. In my judgment this planning group needs
30 the harvest data that a registration permit will provide.
31 I believe ADF&G Wildlife Conservation Division is best
32 suited to collect this harvest information through a
33 registration permit hunt. However, my Staff will assist
34 State managers in implementing a registration permit hunt,
35 if desired.

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37 Thank you for your consideration of my
38 agency's position on this proposal. My Staff will be
39 available at the November Board of Game meeting to provide
40 briefing material.

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42 Sincerely, Forrest Cole, Forest Supervisor.

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44 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: We were pleased to
45 get that. Dr. Schroeder, did you have anything else to add
46 on that Board of Game?

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48 DR. SCHROEDER: No, Mr. Chairman. We'll
49 take that up a little bit later. I'm sure the volunteer
50 spirit will move a Council member or two to be able to

1 support this proposal at the Board of Game meeting.

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3 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay. Are there any
4 questions from the Council on any items under Item 7, the
5 Chair's Report, Items A through E that are not on the
6 agenda later?

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8 (No comments)

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10 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Any questions or any
11 comments.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, we're going to
16 take about a five minute break here folks. And we're going
17 to try to go to 5:00 o'clock tonight so let's just take
18 about a five minute break and then come in and let us get
19 organized here for proposals.

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21 (Off record)

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23 (On record)

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25 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, five minutes
26 let's get back together here and headed towards your seat.

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28 (Pause)

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30 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, the meeting
31 will come back to order. We're on Page 4, Item No. 8
32 Fisheries Regulatory Proposal Review and Recommendation.
33 There's a presentation procedure at the top of that page
34 with eight comments on it and that's how we'll handle all
35 of the following proposals. And before we do that we have
36 to handle a housekeeping measure which at the last meeting
37 we were required to do an ethic's disclosure and we're
38 going to have to do that again and I'm going to let Dr.
39 Schroeder lead us through this but each Council person will
40 have to make a disclosure on whether they have an interest
41 in these proposals or not.

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43 Dr. Schroeder.

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45 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Chairman, thank you
46 very much. At our last meeting in Sitka we were subject to
47 the ethic's disclosure provision found in our charter. You
48 may want to review that, that's found on Page 226 in your
49 Council book. Basically this is pretty much of a standard
50 item. I know many of you serve on quite a few boards and

1 commissions and the idea here is such that someone should
2 not be voting on an issue in which they have a personal
3 financial gain.

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5 At our Sitka meeting I did have a written
6 up sheet that provided a statement for Council members to
7 consider in making their ethic's disclosure. Hopefully you
8 all remember that perfectly because I didn't bring it along
9 this time, I forgot to. So what I'd like to ask you to do
10 is make a statement something like the following, where you
11 identify what your activities are related to fishing in
12 Southeast Alaska, such as, I'm a commercial fisherman, I
13 participate in a number of fisheries in Southeast Alaska
14 and then you say I do not have a significant interest in
15 the proposals that will come before the Council and I do
16 not believe I have a conflict of interest. And then the
17 way the procedure goes in my role as the designated Federal
18 official, I make a ruling as to whether you do or do not
19 have a conflicted interest.

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21 Also as we proceed through the meeting,
22 should something arise such that you feel that your ability
23 to impartially act on a proposal is compromised because of
24 your financial interest you should bring that up at that
25 time.

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27 So with that, Mr. Chairman, we'll go around
28 and if I could start with Dr. Garza, could you make a
29 financial disclosure, Dr. Garza -- I mean an ethic's
30 disclosure.

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32 DR. GARZA: My name is Dolores Garza. I
33 have no involvement in commercial fishing, commercial
34 recreation fishing. I'm a poor subsistence fisherman.
35 Thank you.

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37 DR. SCHROEDER: Dr. Garza, I rule that you
38 have no conflict of interest related to the proposals
39 before the Council.

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41 Mr. Douville.

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43 MR. DOUVILLE: Thank you. I'm Mike
44 Douville. I do hold a salmon troll permit, a couple
45 different bottom fish permits, halibut permit, black cod
46 permit. I have a master's license and I'm also a
47 registered guide, however, I don't believe that I have any
48 conflict with any of these proposals.

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50 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Douville.

1 I rule that you have no conflict of interest with respect
2 to the proposals before this Council.

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4 Mr. Kitka.

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6 MR. KITKA: My name is Harvey Kitka. I
7 hold a commercial license and I don't believe I have a
8 conflict of interest in any of this stuff.

9

10 Thank you.

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12 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Kitka. I
13 rule you have no conflict of interest related to the
14 business of this Council at this meeting.

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16 Mr. Jordan.

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18 MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chair. I hold a
19 commercial troll license as Mr. Douville does, I hold a
20 hand troll. But there's two proposals that I may have a
21 conflict with. There's a proposal liberalizes the coho
22 harvest regime and I catch several thousand coho salmon a
23 year. Also Proposal No. 26 would liberalize the pink and
24 chum salmon limits and I catch, most years over 10,000 chum
25 salmon a year, and I may have a conflict. I bring those up
26 in particular because I have a significant financial
27 interest in the conservation of both of those species.

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29 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Jordan, do you feel
30 that your ability to evaluate these proposals would be
31 compromised because of that financial interest or is that
32 interest diffuse enough such that the actions on these
33 proposals would not result in your material gain or loss in
34 which case you could be impartial?

35

36 MR. JORDAN: I think I have a potential
37 conflict there and I trust your judgment in ruling on that
38 issue.

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40 DR. SCHROEDER: Mr. Jordan, we'll consider
41 -- thank you for your frank disclosure and we rule that you
42 have no conflict of interest on the other proposals and
43 work before this Council and we'll consider those proposals
44 and your involvement in them at that time.

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46 Mr. Douville.

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48 MR. DOUVILLE: If I can add that I'm of the
49 opinion that subsistence comes before any commercial or any
50 other use and I strongly feel that way even though I am a

1 commercial fisherman. So in saying that that is why I say
2 that I have no conflict, but I guess you can rule when we
3 come to those particular proposals where you think they may
4 be.

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6 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Jordan
7 [sic]. Simply being involved in a fishery or having some
8 potential of a financial stake in a fishery does not
9 automatically exclude someone from participating in
10 decisions under the Ethic's Disclosure Law.

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12 Mr. Bangs.

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14 MR. BANGS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Dr.
15 Schroeder. My name is Michael Bangs. I hold -- I'm a
16 commercial fisherman and I hold commercial permits in
17 herring roe on kelp, sea cucumbers, gooey ducks, halibut,
18 Bristol Bay salmon and I believe that's all. And I don't
19 -- I feel that I don't have any conflict of interest with
20 any of the proposals before us.

21
22 Thank you.

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24 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Bangs. I
25 rule you have no conflict of interest with respect to the
26 proposals before the Council.

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28 Mr. Kookesh.

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30 MR. KOOKESH: My name is Floyd Kookesh and
31 I'm a charter fisherman. I don't believe I have any
32 financial interest or conflict of interest in any of these
33 issues.

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35 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Kookesh. I
36 rule you have no conflict of interest with respect to the
37 business of this Council at this meeting.

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39 Ms. Phillips.

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41 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you. I am a licensed
42 outfitter guide and I am a commercial fisherman with
43 halibut quota. I don't have a significant conflict of
44 interest concerning these proposals.

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46 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Ms. Phillips.
47 I rule you have no conflict of interest with respect to
48 these proposals.

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50 Mr. Hernandez.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm also a commercial
2 fisherman. I hold a Southeast Alaska gillnet permit, a
3 hand troll permit, and I have halibut IFQ. I don't believe
4 that any of the proposals before this Council would
5 significantly impact me financially and I don't have any
6 conflict of interest.

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8 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Hernandez.
9 I rule you have no conflict of interest with respect to the
10 work of this Council at this meeting.

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12 Mr. Stokes.

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14 MR. STOKES: My name is Dick Stokes. I no
15 longer hold any license. I can't even get a poaching
16 license.....

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18 (Laughter)

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20 MR. STOKES:so I don't feel I have
21 any conflict.

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23 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Stokes.
24 We'll see if we can get you a special poaching permit. I
25 rule you have no conflict of interest.

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27 Mr. Littlefield.

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29 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Thank you, Dr.
30 Schroeder. I have that poaching permit. The Federal
31 Subsistence Board used to give us one annually but now I'm
32 happy to say they give us one for Dog Point Fish Camp about
33 six times a year so that's all I do anymore. I
34 relinquished all of my commercial licenses as well as
35 chartering and I'm a strictly subsistence fisherman and I
36 do not have a conflict of interest with any of these
37 proposals before the Board.

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39 DR. SCHROEDER: Thank you, Mr. Littlefield.
40 I rule you have no conflict of interest.

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42 I would make a comment on the conflict of
43 interest, the goal of the Ethic's Disclosure Law. And that
44 is to avoid having someone make a really skewed decision.
45 In our discussion in Sitka it really seemed that there were
46 two ways that someone should be disqualified from voting on
47 a proposal.

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49 One would be if they clearly have a very
50 major financial stake in the outcome. For example, if your

1 only fishing area was going to be closed off by a proposed
2 action so that you would likely suffer a grievance
3 financial harm, then whether or not you thought you had a
4 conflict of interest you really shouldn't vote on it and
5 you probably would be ruled as having a conflict of
6 interest.

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8 The second appears to be much more of a
9 personal thing, that if you, in examining how you look at
10 a proposal, you feel that your view of what should take
11 place is really skewed by your personal financial interest,
12 then you should take yourself off and that's, I believe,
13 much more of a personal ethical decision than something
14 that can be applied from the outside.

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16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay. We're on
19 Proposal No. 16, the first thing here is the introduction
20 of proposal and analysis by Staff. Who is doing this, Mr.
21 Casipit, Proposal 16.

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23 MR. CASIPIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
24 would like to call Ben VanAlen from the Juneau Ranger
25 District. He will be presenting this analysis for you.

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27 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. VanAlen.

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29 MR. VANALEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm
30 Ben VanAlen. I was asked to do this draft Staff analysis
31 for FP05-16 and the issue here is that can the State issue
32 all the subsistence fishing permits for steelhead trout in
33 the Situk and Ahrnklin Rivers despite regulatory
34 differences between Federal and State regulations. And
35 would a single permit create more confusion and enforcement
36 problems than currently exists.

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38 So regulatory changes in recent years have
39 resulted in both the State and Federal permits being issued
40 for the take of steelhead in the Situk and Ahrnklin Rivers.
41 There is, indeed, a great overlap in the State and Federal
42 regulations and management of steelhead in the Yakutat
43 area. Both Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the
44 Forest Service manage the subsistence fisheries for
45 steelhead and require harvesters to have a permit. The
46 subsistence fishermen in the area have a long history of
47 getting their subsistence fishing permits from State of
48 Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The Federal and State
49 subsistence fishing regulations do differ, however.
50 Federal regulations allow the use of rod and reel and bait

1 and the State does not. Also the State fishery is managed
2 for a guideline harvest level of 300 steelhead and trout
3 and there's no such stipulation in the Federal regulations.

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5 This proposal would eliminate.....

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Excuse me a minute,
8 I've got the priority control here. What I'd like to Mr.
9 VanAlen is I think I'd like to postpone this until tomorrow
10 morning. Our Council member from Yakutat, Mr. Adams, has
11 been excused for this meeting, Judy Ramos who was here
12 earlier is not here to testify on this, and she will be
13 here in the morning.

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15 So I think it's wise that we just probably
16 hold this off until tomorrow morning if that's okay, 16,
17 and then can we go to 17; is that going to cause any big
18 grief?

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20 (Council shakes head negatively)

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22 MS. PHILLIPS: Chairman Littlefield.

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24 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Go ahead, Ms.
25 Phillips.

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27 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Chairman
28 Littlefield. I'm confused, these sheets, they're
29 duplicates of our booklet, I mean is that the case? Why do
30 we have them?

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32 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Casipit, will
33 you please explain the recent handouts.

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35 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, I apologize. If
36 you have Staff analysis in front of you they are the same
37 ones that are in the book. Those Staff analysis back there
38 were for members of the public who wanted to come in and
39 follow along with the discussions but didn't want to haul
40 around this big thick book. They'd be able just to pick up
41 the particular proposals that they're interested in.

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43 So basically your book has the latest and
44 greatest as far as the proposals and those single copies
45 are generally for the public to follow along if they want
46 to.

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48 Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Any other questions.

1 Mr. Kookesh.

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3 MR. KOOKESH: Yeah, for the record, can it
4 be made clear when we go through this whole process what
5 page and what document we're following, Mr. Chairman.

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7 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Will Staff please
8 refer to the page that they're talking about, whether it's
9 the executive summary or the recommendation or whatever so
10 that everybody's on the same page here. Appreciate it.

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12 Let's go to Proposal 17, Staff.

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14 MR. CASIPIT: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Our
15 own Melinda Hernandez will be presenting this one for you.

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17 MS. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, and this starts
18 on Page 62 of your books. Proposal 17 submitted by Ms.
19 Wanda Culp of Hoonah will change the regulations governing
20 ceremonial harvest of fish in Subdistricts 14(B) and 14(C).

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22 Under the proposed change, the appropriate
23 fisheries manager would be informed that a harvest was
24 going to take place but the manager would not have the
25 authority to limit or direct the take for conservation
26 purposes, and there would be no required reporting.

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28 If adopted, this regulation would be apply
29 to all Federal public waters in subdistricts 14(B) and
30 14(C) of Southeast Alaska. This proposal would limit the
31 information provided to the fisheries manager before an
32 attempt to take fish for a ceremony would take place and
33 this new regulation would eliminate the applicability of
34 the regulatory paragraphs concerning reporting and
35 conservation of ceremonial harvest for these two
36 subdistricts.

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38 Our preliminary conclusion is to oppose the
39 proposal.

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41 Justification. The existing regs seem to
42 be working very well. It does authorize the use of fish
43 for traditional or religious ceremonies and provides the
44 needed information for conservation concerns. This
45 regulation has only been enforced for two seasons. It
46 seems to be working well. In the future revisions may be
47 in order but no changes are warranted at this time.

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49 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Questions for Staff.

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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Are there any
4 questions from Council for Staff.

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6 (No comments)

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8 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, thank you.
9 We'll look up here on the board, Dr. Schroeder is typing
10 the same information that's on the top of Page 4 under No.
11 8, presentation procedure, and we're going to follow this.
12 So if you have questions for Staff, try to do it in this
13 first one where they make their presentation. But when we
14 get to Regional Council deliberations we can call them back
15 at any time we need them whether it's the Department or a
16 Tribe, if the Council has questions we can ask them to come
17 back and give it at that time. But I'd like to remind you
18 to keep your questions to the Department or to Staff or to
19 the Federal, whoever's making the presentation.

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21 So at this time we're under Alaska
22 Department of Fish and Game.

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24 MS. SEE: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.
25 Members of the Council. My name is Marianne See with the
26 Alaska Department of Fish and Game. And first I wanted to
27 note that I apologize for not having these comments in
28 writing, you will have written comments from us tomorrow.
29 We have been working hard to finish our comments for you.

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31 And I will also note that unlike other or
32 past meetings where we have presented, not only issues and
33 other information for the Council, but we've also presented
34 some kind of preliminary position. We've determined that
35 really that's not consistent with the public involvement
36 process and that we feel it's more appropriate to develop
37 final recommendations after we hear the public testimony
38 and the deliberations of the Council, so we'll offer
39 information, issues that we would like you to consider, but
40 refrain from offering an actual position. We hope that
41 will better serve the process.

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43 On this particular comment -- I'm sorry, on
44 this particular proposal our comment is very brief.

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46 We note that the Federal Staff analysis for
47 this proposal provides current and accurate information.
48 We share the concern that fisheries managers need the
49 opportunity to coordinate with requesters to ensure that
50 the harvest and the subsequent reporting of that harvest

1 will successfully support sustainable salmon resources.

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That concludes our comment.

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So we're saying if you have any new evidence you're going to have to submit it next year, that's the way we're looking at this. So I would urge you to take a position tomorrow morning on these proposals.

Other Council.

Dr. Garza.

DR. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I have to agree with what you just said, and I find it very disappointing to look at this packet and have no comments from ADF&G. And I guess I'm a suspicious person because it surely made me wonder what you guys are up to. If we have no idea what your opinions are, what your position is, I know that ADF&G is far more organized than that and that they've already probably had their regional meetings and come to some decision as to what they support and don't support. And so not being able to hear it and then have it

1 appear at the Federal Subsistence Board level where this
2 Council has had absolutely no opportunity to respond, we
3 don't even know how to question you because we don't know
4 what your position is.

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6 And that is very, very improper in terms of
7 process. And so it's clearly disappointing and if this is
8 the case then I think we don't even need them on the list.
9 We don't need them in the packet. And in terms of ANILCA,
10 the process is supposed to be the Regional Advisory
11 Councils and the Federal Subsistence Board, perhaps we
12 don't even need them. Because if we can't have frank
13 dialogue at this Council level then we have nothing to take
14 forward in terms of something that has been worked out.
15 Federal Staff has no capability of trying to respond to the
16 State concerns before it goes to the Federal Subsistence
17 Board, that makes everybody in a position of being
18 unprepared and what may appear to be a sneak attack by
19 ADF&G at the State level. That, in my opinion, is
20 absolutely ridiculous.

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Ms. See.

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26 MS. SEE: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And Dr.
27 Garza, through the Chair. I certainly hear what you're
28 saying about this. And by no means do we intend to present
29 anything new, we've heard that from the Council very
30 clearly and we respect that.

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32 We thought that it was more appropriate to
33 present information and to be respectful of the process,
34 not come out with what looked like a hard line position
35 without having the benefit of the dialogue that occurs at
36 these meetings, which we respect greatly. We would lay all
37 our information out and, we don't happen to have much on
38 this proposal, but we have quite a bit, in fact we have two
39 reports that I spoke to the Chair about here early in the
40 meeting that we want to be sure that you have, the Federal
41 Staff have it to provide to you tonight, one on the
42 regulatory history of stock, status of trout and other
43 additional, some additional information on Proposal 25,
44 detailed information from the Staff. We have, in fact,
45 just been putting this information together. Because of
46 other Staff commitments, we are not as organized as you
47 give us credit to be to have had time to work up this stuff
48 well in advance and we want to be very responsive to the
49 development of information, new proposals from the Federal
50 Staff Committee or amendments and to be current in what we

1 provide to you in these meetings. And I do apologize for
2 not having the written comment package to you right now,
3 you will have it in the morning.

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5 There is no intent by any means to provide
6 any kind of information after this meeting, it all has to
7 happen here and we've put a great deal of effort into
8 preparing our Staff and our information for you. So I'm
9 dismayed to see that you misunderstood what I've presented
10 here.

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12 We can certainly offer our preliminary
13 recommendation given that it is that, it is subject to,
14 obviously the decisions you make and information that comes
15 out in the course of your making your decision, because
16 we're trying to be responsive here as well, and not be
17 adversarial. So I hope that you will take that into
18 consideration.

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20 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: As you're aware at
21 the Federal Subsistence Board there is a process that these
22 proposal recommendations are reviewed by the Board and they
23 have what's called the consent agenda and the consent
24 agenda takes up a vast majority of these proposals and as
25 long as everyone agrees, if the Regional Advisory Council
26 says we approve it, the State of Alaska says we approve it,
27 Inter-Agency Staff Committee says we approve it, everybody
28 says that we approve it, all the written comments, they are
29 put on the consent agenda, if you don't take a position how
30 are we going to know where you sit at the State. I mean we
31 don't even know where you sit -- you have to take a
32 position or the consent agenda goes away the way I see it.

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34 Go ahead.

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36 MS. SEE: Mr. Chair, that's absolutely
37 correct. I think what we were trying to do in this
38 approach was to be able to get to consent in a more clear
39 path, where we weren't going on record with some kind of
40 position that wasn't -- or that appeared hard or immutable
41 or, you know, adversarial which we don't want to appear.
42 We want to try to get to where we can, a consensus, because
43 clearly that's in everybody's best interest and we thought
44 that this approach might help get us here.

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46 If it's more confusing to do it that way
47 then we'll respond to the needs of the Council to offer a
48 preliminary position subject again obviously to the
49 subsequent discussion that occurs as you deliberate over
50 the proposal. If that would be more responsive to you then

1 we would certainly do it.

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3 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Mr. Jordan and then
4 Dr. Garza.

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6 MR. JORDAN: Chairman Littlefield. I have
7 a process question here. I'm trying to figure out how this
8 works for the State. So Marianne, is that right, Marianne?

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10 MS. SEE: (Nods affirmatively)

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12 MR. JORDAN: So what you're proposing is
13 that you will come up here and you'll give us the
14 information that you have and then after we've heard all
15 the public testimony and all the Staff testimony and we
16 deliberate for awhile, before we make our final comments,
17 I would assume, then we would invite you back up and you
18 would tell us based on all of that what your final
19 recommendation is and then we would take that all into
20 account and make our final comments and make our decision.
21 Is that the process you're proposing?

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23 MS. SEE: Through the Chair. What we were
24 proposing when I first started was that we would offer our
25 issues, background information, all the things we thought,
26 as the Chair pointed out, really need to be considered
27 right here, all information needs to be considered at this
28 meeting, but what I subsequently offered was if it was more
29 helpful to offer a preliminary position at that point we
30 could offer the comments, which is prior to your
31 recommendations, and that's our time to speak, that we
32 could certainly do that, and we're most willing to do that.
33 We thought that it was preferable to temper those
34 preliminary recommendations with what we heard and what we
35 learned from the meeting, we learn a lot at these meetings.

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37 But if it's more helpful to state it in the
38 course of our comments right at the time we offer the
39 comments then we certainly would do so. I was not
40 proposing a separate step during the actual meeting itself.

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42 And just to make absolutely clear, we are
43 required to go on the record for the Federal Subsistence
44 Board and we certainly, after the Council meetings we
45 always do that, we always say what our final recommendation
46 is. And as I said we strive to achieve consent wherever
47 possible.

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49 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Other Council.
50 Excuse me, I had Dr. Garza first and then Patty.

1 DR. GARZA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I still
2 am quite concerned and so I have a couple questions, one,
3 is this being done statewide. And two, when you were just
4 wrapping up and responding to Mr. Jordan, I was a little
5 bit confused about when you would make your recommendation,
6 so it is after the Council meeting but prior to the Federal
7 Subsistence Board meeting? I'm not sure if that is what
8 you said or if I misheard that.

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10 But I also am still quite concerned about
11 this whole process and if it is an experiment, I would just
12 send the note back to whoever that we're not really happy
13 with this process. Because as you said, you do learn a lot
14 and we do learn a lot, we do read your comments from ADF&G
15 when they're in this packet, they're very important to us.
16 You may have your comments in here and may not have your
17 final recommendation in here but the comments that I get
18 from the ADF&G Prince of Wales deer people are very
19 valuable to me. The comments I get in terms of the
20 steelhead. I mean those are the comments that I read that
21 help me be prepared because I can't do all my reading in 10
22 hours when I get here and try and digest all of ADF&G's
23 comments so that I can start voting tomorrow, I do need
24 those in advance.

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26 And so it's valuable to have in advance for
27 everybody and it gives us an idea of what direction things
28 are going in and if we do need to make some compromises or
29 some adjustments, how we're going to have to approach that.

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32 And in terms of the deliberations, I mean,
33 quite frankly, this Council is bound by the same three
34 points that the Federal Subsistence Board are, is it
35 conservation minded, does it support subsistence, is it
36 contrary to other international laws or whatever, and so
37 it's not like our decisions are coming out of the blue. I
38 mean you could generally look at a proposal and get a feel
39 for how we're likely going to vote because we're going to
40 vote pro-subsistence, so I don't see how you can't have
41 some type of preliminary position, even prior to this
42 meeting that we can look at because it is valuable to, at
43 least me, as a Council member, to get a feel from where
44 Fish and Game is coming from.

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46 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, Patty's next,
47 but just for the record if you will look on the overhead,
48 that is the presentation for procedures and we're at ADF&G
49 and you need to make your comments and statements now
50 otherwise if I'm in Anchorage again, just like I did

1 before, I will oppose everything that you guys bring in
2 after the fact. You make your best presentation here, you
3 come out for it or against it and that's what we'd like to
4 see. We don't want to see anything brought up new in the
5 Inter-Agency Staff Committee. If you have other
6 information we do just like we do under the State Board of
7 Game and Board of Fish, you bring it up next year, this is
8 a continuing process, it goes on, hopefully -- well, who
9 knows how long it's going to go on but it continues to go
10 on yearly and we can address each of these problems as they
11 come up. But present your best information now.

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13 Ms. Phillips.

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15 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Chairman
16 Littlefield. I concur with the comments of the Regional
17 Council, that comments from ADF&G should be forthcoming and
18 not have the perception of underhandedness or secrecy.

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20 Chairman Littlefield, I would request that
21 we stand at ease until the morning. I would like to be
22 involved in the discussion concerning this proposal and
23 it's five to 5:00 now and I have other obligations I need
24 to go to.

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26 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: I don't have any
27 problem with that. So what we're going to do is we're
28 going to come back exactly where we are right now, we're
29 going to be giving the ADF&G a chance to make a
30 presentation in the morning and take a position and I would
31 urge you to take that position and present all of the
32 information you have so that we have something to take into
33 our Regional Council deliberations at the end. We have to
34 have all the information. So I would urge you to present
35 it.

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37 Dr. Schroeder.

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39 DR. SCHROEDER: Just housekeeping, if
40 Council members could see Melinda or another Staff for
41 travel stuff that we received from Anchorage.

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43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: By the way it's 8:30
46 tomorrow morning, not 8:00 o'clock. 8:30 the State of
47 Alaska was going to do a presentation but we'll come back
48 to Proposal 17 at 8:30.

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50 Mr. Casipit.

1 MR. CASIPIT: Melinda is handing out some
2 information from Fish and Game that they wanted you to have
3 tonight to review before tomorrow's meeting.

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5 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Also can the Council
6 leave all of their stuff here if they want to?

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8 MR. CASIPIT: She's passing that out now.

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10 DR. SCHROEDER: Yes.

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12 CHAIRMAN LITTLEFIELD: Okay, the room is
13 going to be locked up so you can leave whatever you need to
14 in here.

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