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10 TELECONFERENCE  
11 March 18, 2021  
12 9:00 a.m.

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16 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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18 Donald Hernandez, Chair  
19 Larry Bemis  
20 Calvin Casipit  
21 Michael Douville  
22 Albert Howard  
23 Ian Johnson  
24 Harvey Kitka  
25 Cathy Needham  
26 Harold Robbins  
27 Robert Schroeder  
28 James Slater  
29 Frank Wright

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33 Regional Council Coordinator, DeAnna Perry  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

(Teleconference - 3/18/2021)

(On record)

MS. PERRY: Good morning everyone it is 9:00 o'clock. And this is the Southeast Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting. My name is DeAnna, I'm the Council Coordinator and we're going to take a quick roll call for Staff to see who is with us this morning.

Wayne Owen, have you joined us today.

(No comments)

MS. PERRY: I think Wayne was going to be hopping through meetings.

Greg Risdahl, are you with us.

MR. RISDAHL: Yes, DeAnna, I'm here.  
Good morning.

MS. PERRY: Thanks.

Scott Shuler.

(No comments)

MS. PERRY: Terry Suminski, I just heard you.

Rob Cross.

MR. CROSS: Yeah, I'm here. Good morning, DeAnna.

MS. PERRY: Good morning Robb.

Jake Musslewhite.

MR. MUSSLEWHITE: Yeah, good morning folks.

MS. PERRY: Good morning.

Susan Oehler.

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1 MS. OEHLER: Good morning.

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3 MS. PERRY: Good morning, Susan.

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5 Justin Koller.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MS. PERRY: Gregory Dunn. I know he's  
10 the master behind the curtain so I know you're there  
11 Greg.

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13 Let's see Katya Wessels.

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15 (No comments)

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17 MS. PERRY: Brent Vickers.

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19 MR. VICKERS: Yes, good morning.

20 Sorry, mute. Good morning everyone. Good morning,

21 DeAnna.

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23 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Brent. Good

24 morning.

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26 Pippa Kenner.

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28 (No comments)

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30 MS. PERRY: George Pappas.

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32 (No comments)

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34 MS. PERRY: And I know George might be  
35 listening in to the Board of Game meeting this morning.

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37 Joshua Ream.

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39 MR. REAM: Good morning, DeAnna.

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41 MS. PERRY: Good morning, Joshua.

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43 Pat Petrivelli.

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45 MS. PETRIVELLI: Good morning.

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47 MS. PERRY: Good morning.

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49 Melinda Hernandez Burke.

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1 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: (In Tlingit) I'm  
2 here.

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4 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Melinda.

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6 Kevin Foley.

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8 MR. FOLEY: Here.

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10 MS. PERRY: Good morning, thanks,  
11 Kevin.

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13 Orville Lind.

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15 (No comments)

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17 MS. PERRY: Adam Durmish.

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19 MR. DURMISH: Yes, good morning.

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21 MS. PERRY: Good morning.

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23 Ben Mulligan.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MS. PERRY: Mark Burch.

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29 MR. BURCH: Good morning.

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31 MS. PERRY: Good morning.

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33 And I think several of the State folks

34 are probably wrapped up in the Board of Game meeting.

35 Do we have Robbin Dublin on.

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37 (No comments)

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39 MS. PERRY: Lauren Sill.

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41 (No comments)

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43 MS. PERRY: Okay. Any Staff that I  
44 haven't called that have joined us this morning.

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46 MR. MCKEE: Hi, DeAnna. This is Chris  
47 McKee with BLM.

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49 MS. PERRY: I'm sorry, was that you

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1 Chris?

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3 MR. MCKEE: Yes, DeAnna.

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5 MS. PERRY: Okay. I didn't get your  
6 name but I recognized the voice.

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8 MR. MCKEE: Right.

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10 MS. PERRY: I'm glad you could join us.  
11 Any other Staff on the line with us this morning.

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13 MS. FLOREY: Hi. This is Victoria  
14 Florey, National Park Service.

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16 MS. PERRY: Hi, Victoria. Okay. And  
17 are there any tribal members or public members who have  
18 called in to join us today, if you could identify  
19 yourselves and what community, tribe or organization  
20 you're from.

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22 MS. HANSEN: Cathy Hansen, Southeast  
23 Alaska Fishermens Alliance.

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25 MS. PERRY: Good morning, Cathy.

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27 MS. PHILLIPS: Patty Phillips from  
28 Pelican.

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30 MS. PERRY: Good morning, Patty.

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32 MS. BAUSCHER: Heather Bauscher in  
33 Sitka.

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35 MS. PERRY: Glad you could join us  
36 Heather. And anyone else that has joined us this  
37 morning. I know we have some agency reports and folks  
38 will be joining us a little bit later today. But just  
39 want to doublecheck if there's anyone out there who  
40 would like to give public testimony this morning, if  
41 you could go ahead and identify yourself so that I  
42 could let the Chair know and then, of course, when we  
43 get to that point on our agenda, which will be one of  
44 the first things, the Chair will know who to call on.  
45 Is there anyone who would like to give tribal or public  
46 comment on non-agenda items.

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48 (No comments)

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1 MS. PERRY: Okay. All right. I  
2 will.....

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4 MS. BAUSCHER: It's Heather here,  
5 DeAnna.

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7 MS. PERRY: Yes.

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9 MS. BAUSCHER: I've got some documents  
10 to share from the Sitka AC with the Southeast RAC and  
11 I'll forward those to you but just a little mention  
12 during public comment would be great. Thanks.

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14 MS. PERRY: Okay, thanks, Heather.

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16 (Pause)

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18 MS. PERRY: Okay. I'm going to check  
19 to see our Council members, if everyone is on  
20 currently.

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22 Ian Johnson.

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24 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning, I am here.

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26 MS. PERRY: Good morning.

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28 Frank Wright.

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30 MR. WRIGHT: I'm here.

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32 MS. PERRY: Good morning, Frank.

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34 Cal Casipit.

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36 MR. CASIPIT: Good morning, I'm here.

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38 MS. PERRY: Good morning.

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40 Mike Douville.

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42 MR. DOUVILLE: Good morning, I'm here.

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44 MS. PERRY: Good morning, Mike.

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46 Jim Slater.

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48 MR. SLATER: Good morning, DeAnna, I'm  
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MS. PERRY: Good morning.

Bob Schroeder.

MR. SCHROEDER: I'm present, DeAnna,  
thank you.

MS. PERRY: Thanks, Bob.

Albert Howard.

MR. HOWARD: Good morning, I'm here.

MS. PERRY: Good morning.

Don Hernandez.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm here.

MS. PERRY: Thanks, Don.

Harold Robbins.

MR. ROBBINS: Good morning, I'm here.

MS. PERRY: Good morning.

Harvey Kitka.

MR. KITKA: I'm here.

MS. PERRY: Thanks, Harvey.

Larry Bemis.

MR. BEMIS: I'm here, good morning.

MS. PERRY: Good morning.

Cathy Needham.

MS. NEEDHAM: Good morning, I'm here.

MS. PERRY: Good morning. I believe  
Don Hernandez has returned to the Chair seat, so Mr.  
Chair we have 12 of your 12 seated Council members  
participating this morning. And I just wanted to let  
folks know that if you are following along with us  
since we're not in person and don't have meeting books

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1 out for the public to grab, I just wanted to remind you  
2 to go to [www.doi.gov/subsistence](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence). If you go to the  
3 regions tab there you'll find Southeast and then you  
4 can see our meeting book materials there.

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6 Mr. Chair, I'll hand it over to you.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, DeAnna.  
11 Good morning everybody. I want to thank Cathy for  
12 taking over yesterday and leading us through with a  
13 very tricky part of the process there, developing  
14 proposals and commenting on proposals. I appreciate her  
15 taking the reigns there, she did a really good job,  
16 better than I would have done I'm sure.

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18 So for the remainder of the meeting  
19 today DeAnna has sent out an email that kind of details  
20 what we have to finish up. It arrived a short time ago  
21 so if you have emails opened you can look at it. But  
22 I'll say what we need to do.

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24 We need to finalize our wildlife  
25 proposals; that's an action item.

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27 We need to review the Council charter,  
28 also an action item. And I would encourage the Council  
29 members to look at our charter. It's in the Council  
30 book. We do have some suggested improvements to the  
31 charter so take a close look at that.

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33 We want to review the annual report.  
34 That's also a draft of what we've put together so far  
35 and is also in the Council book. I encourage the  
36 Council members to take a look at that before we get to  
37 that item.

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39 We have an update on the Fisheries  
40 Resource Management projects.

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42 We have to confirm our dates and  
43 locations for future meetings.

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45 And we'll have agency reports. And  
46 under the agency reports, those are generally short, 15  
47 minute reports, but we have added under Native agencies  
48 a report from the Womens Earth and Climate Action  
49 Network, and I'm anticipating that being a lengthy

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1 discussion. I hope to allow significant amount of time  
2 this afternoon to hear what they have to say and  
3 discuss some pretty interesting developments that may,  
4 you know, come before the Council here in the ensuing  
5 years so I think I want to devote some time to that.

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7                   And then before we close out the  
8 meeting we'll have to consider some correspondence that  
9 we've decided to write. We want to respond to the  
10 Sitka Kaagwaantaan's petition for extra-territorial  
11 jurisdiction. And make some comment on the petition  
12 for the Homelands Conservation. And we may also be  
13 talking about establishing a couple work groups on  
14 Forest Management and Homelands Conservation Rule  
15 proposal.

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17                   So still a busy day. But as always we  
18 start the morning with public comments on non-agenda  
19 items and I know we just heard from Heather Bauscher  
20 there in Sitka, she has something to say to us, and if  
21 there's anybody else that's come on the line in the  
22 interim that wants to give public comment this would be  
23 the time. But we will start with Heather Bauscher.

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25                   MS. BAUSCHER: Good morning, thank you,  
26 Mr. Chair. And thank you Southeast Regional Advisory  
27 Council. Happy to be here again before you. I'm  
28 actually before you today representing the Sitka AC.  
29 I'm now the Chair of our local AC and there's a couple  
30 of documents and developments I wanted to share with  
31 you.

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33                   Also I wanted to say thank you for the  
34 invitation for us to be part of this and I look forward  
35 to greater collaboration and communication between our  
36 AC and the RAC. Things that I've noticed that have come  
37 up, and that are also things that we've been discussing  
38 with the ACs, I'm always amused at hearing similar  
39 conversations and hearing what issues are similar in  
40 different communities across the region.

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42                   In the past couple months we've taken  
43 some action related to Roadless and related to climate  
44 and both of those things have come up again during this  
45 meeting and so I wanted to forward and share with you a  
46 letter that we drafted following up with the Roadless  
47 process similarly to your group. We had a hard time  
48 convening our committee in that last little window that  
49 they gave us so we ended up finishing drafting a letter  
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1 with our response and concern over the process but only  
2 ended up finalizing that after the holidays because the  
3 timeline changed. So I wanted to share that with you  
4 to help reinforce some of our positions on the issue  
5 and maybe ask for help in amplifying that up the chain.  
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7 And then the other document I have to  
8 share with you, and I'll make sure all of these get  
9 emailed to DeAnna, we, in response to AFN's climate  
10 emergency. Some youths from Edgcumbe came over to our  
11 meeting and we collectively passed a climate emergency  
12 resolution and asked for action to be taken to address  
13 these issues because of the impacts they're having to  
14 our resources. And so I wanted to share that with you.  
15 And we also drafted a letter that's going to be sent  
16 out to all the other ACs across the state encouraging  
17 similar action.  
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19 So I know you all talk about climate  
20 change a lot and I remember the last time we had a  
21 meeting in Sitka that was a big topic of discussion.  
22 I'm not sure if you're taking any action on that front  
23 but happy to show you what we've done and help amplify  
24 whatever regional work is being done.  
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26 Thank you, very much.  
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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
29 Heather. Any questions from Council members for  
30 Heather Bauscher.  
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32 (No comments)  
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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Not hearing any  
35 Heather but we'll look forward to seeing those  
36 documents that you referred to there. And just a quick  
37 question, do you still have your classes going on  
38 government interactions -- I can't remember exactly  
39 what it's called but the students that have come to our  
40 meetings, are those classes still going on?  
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42 MS. BAUSCHER: They are paused at the  
43 moment. I'll switch hats. I'm not the Chair of the AC  
44 anymore, now I'm the community organizer for the Sitka  
45 Conservation Society. We have a wonderful agreement  
46 that was worked out right before Covid got crazy with  
47 the Forest Service, so much gratitude to the Forest  
48 Service for coming through and helping us with funding  
49 for that program. There's funding for three years but  
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1 we weren't able to hold the program the past year  
2 because of Covid and the policies and procedures course  
3 is -- for those who don't know, a dual enrollment  
4 course through UAS with partnership where we take high  
5 school students and explain the Federal Subsistence  
6 Board process and take them to the meetings but so much  
7 of the class is really focused around the experience  
8 learning component of experiencing the meetings and I  
9 was having a really hard time finding a way to make it  
10 work for high school students to not have to sit on the  
11 phone for three days. So hopefully this fall, if we  
12 can have the meetings in person, I'm hoping to bring a  
13 group of students to the next in person meeting that we  
14 have, whenever that is, and so far we're good holding  
15 on to the funding at the moment as far as I understand.

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17 So that is pending and will be brought  
18 back as soon as possible.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah, it's  
21 understandable why it hasn't happened the last couple  
22 of meetings. But actually we did have one student at  
23 the last meeting. But we do look forward to meeting in  
24 person in the fall and, yeah, we hope you can be there  
25 with some more students, it's a great program.

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27 Thank you.

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29 MS. BAUSCHER: Thank you so very much,  
30 and thanks for your support over the years on the  
31 program. And I look forward to being back there with  
32 you in person and bringing more young people to the  
33 process.

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah. Anybody  
36 else on the Council, any other questions.

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38 (No comments)

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thanks  
41 again Heather. We'll hopefully see you again soon.

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43 MS. BAUSCHER: Sounds good. Good luck  
44 today. Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Has anybody  
47 else from the public joined us that wants to give  
48 public comment to the Council this morning.

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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm not  
4 hearing anybody.

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6 MR. FRANK: Mr. Chair, this is Kevin  
7 Frank calling from Angoon.

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9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Ah, there's  
10 somebody, Kevin Frank did you say?

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12 MR. FRANK: Yeah. Yes, it is.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

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16 MR. FRANK: President of Angoon  
17 Community Association.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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21 MR. FRANK: What agenda item are you  
22 presently covering?

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Excuse me, is that  
25 a question?

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27 MR. FRANK: Yes.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, I  
30 didn't hear it, what was that again?

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32 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, he's asking  
33 where we're at on the agenda. We're on public comment  
34 on non-agenda items.

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36 MR. FRANK: Yes. Just have some  
37 interest in one of the things that happened here in  
38 Angoon, our crab is something that we've had a lot of  
39 conversations in our meeting about and, you know, we'd  
40 like to see it -- something that's regulated. I know  
41 that in Angoon we -- I don't want to say, struggle, but  
42 we live in a world that somebody would call a disaster  
43 if somebody else was to live here, what's our nearest  
44 store, what's -- do we -- we don't have barge service,  
45 you know, the economics isn't what you call acceptable,  
46 in my view, so one of the things we go through as far  
47 as closing king salmon and our hunting and we cherish  
48 the cockles and the (indiscernible - muted) as far as  
49 our deer and our seal, you know, we've yet to have any  
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1 -- anything that tells us that our deer and our seal  
2 are acceptable to eat so -- but hopefully in the future  
3 we would -- people with -- in power would recognize  
4 that this community has, you know, are from what I  
5 would say (indiscernible - muffled) ferry service isn't  
6 happening as much anymore, it -- so -- but we're  
7 following the same regulations as everybody else and  
8 it's -- to me, that's, you know, I find that hard for  
9 our community to accept.

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11 That's just kind of my public comment  
12 on how I'm feeling towards everything -- what Angoon is  
13 up against so -- because we used to have thriving  
14 fisheries, you know, we used to be able to -- when I  
15 fished with my dad I go subsistence fish, used to go  
16 get anywhere from 60 kings, sockeye and coho and that  
17 would cover a lot of my summer and then make several  
18 trips to get us through the winter so -- but from the  
19 way I grew up and the way I lived it's -- I'd be  
20 breaking the law so, you know, hopefully some people of  
21 power can recognize what's going on here because it's,  
22 you know, we have culture and we have life and I'd like  
23 to see people recognize and support what -- recognized  
24 as a government that needs to survive and I'm speaking  
25 in support of Angoon Community Association having, you  
26 know, having a lot more say in what goes on around  
27 here, but I don't take anything away from my community  
28 by recognizing some (indiscernible - muffled) regard  
29 and we continue to do and, you know, it's just hard to  
30 see a lot of my community go through what they go  
31 through when they're out catching their king salmon and  
32 they're told to -- and paying fines.

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34 But thank you for listening.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
37 Mr. Frank. A lot of villages are facing the same  
38 problems that you outline there for Angoon. Are there  
39 any Council members with any questions or comments for  
40 Mr. Frank.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Not hearing  
45 any.....

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47 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Ian, I think, yes,

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MR. JOHNSON: Frank, hi. I don't have any questions but I just would like to thank you for calling in and making your testimony and, you know, I jotted down, I guess, one of your quotes, specifically, I hope some people of power can recognize what's going on here. Anyways, I know it takes courage to call in and thank you for doing so because this is an important issue.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ian. Any other questions or comments on Mr. Frank's testimony.

MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, Mike Douville.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

MR. DOUVILLE: I do appreciate him calling in and taking the time, you know, subsistence is really important, culture-wise also. And we do listen and, you know, we can only work via proposals or stuff like that but, you know, if there's something like that in the works but it does take some effort to do what Mr. Frank was doing, calling in and he's making his voice heard and I appreciate it.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Mike. Anybody else on the Council.

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Frank.

MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, I appreciate his call too, you know. I know Angoon has a hard time because of the ferry system and then even in Hoonah to get on the ferry you have to stay in Juneau for a few days before you're able to get your vehicle back. But I think if proposals are put forward, I'm sure our Staff would be able to help put a proposal together on the crab issue or the deer hunting issues or anything that the community of Angoon depends on. And I

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1 appreciate the call.

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3 Thank you.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.

6 Anybody else on the Council, a question or a comment.

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8 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is

9 Albert.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,

12 Albert.

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14 MR. HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

15 President Frank and I spend a lot of time out in  
16 Chatham. A lot of the locals, we have conversations  
17 about what we see and one of the topics I had talked  
18 about, and, again, during our meetings is the fact that  
19 someone is coming in and checking pots. So one of the  
20 pots I was talking about was President Frank's pot.  
21 The guy just comes in to do bear hunting, it's the same  
22 boat every year, it's no secret. We know now to watch  
23 for them and take our pots out of the bay. But one of  
24 the pots we've talked about, or I have mentioned was,  
25 in fact, his pot. So there's a lot of conversation  
26 between him and I about the resource and a lot of ideas  
27 that I come up with come from him.

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29 So that's local knowledge.

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31 I grew up here. I remember fishing dog  
32 salmon with his dad and seeing him and his brother up  
33 to their shoulders in water holding the corks up so we  
34 can get the fish. So just something we do for food.  
35 It isn't -- like I said before, where the TV shows have  
36 taken the word, subsistence, and glorified it, when, in  
37 fact, it's something we do for a living.

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39 So thank you, Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.  
42 And Angoon's been fortunate, they've had some strong  
43 representation on the Council over the years, both from  
44 you and from Floyd Kookesh there for many years. So  
45 yeah, anybody else on the Council.

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I don't

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1 think I'm hearing anybody else so once again thank you  
2 Mr. Frank for coming before the Council and telling us  
3 what the situation is in Angoon so we do appreciate it.

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5 (Line lost)

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7 MR. DECKER: .....here in Southeast.  
8 I'm grateful that we could participate in this process  
9 on subsistence and see how our company can better  
10 assist, you know, the subsistence program and that,  
11 items that we might be concerned about and be aware of  
12 as we go forward and I'm grateful for the opportunity  
13 to call in today and listen in and be a part of the  
14 process and see how we can, as a company, and as guides  
15 here in Southeast that we can better assist our local  
16 communities.

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18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
19 I'm sorry I didn't catch your name at first.

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21 MR. DECKER: My name is Zack Decker.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Decker?

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25 MR. DECKER: Decker, D-E-C-K-E-R.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right, thank you.  
28 Okay, thank you Mr. Decker. I don't know if any of the  
29 Council members would like to ask you any questions, if  
30 you're willing I'll see if anybody on the Council has a  
31 question for Mr. Decker.

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33 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair, this is Jim  
34 Slater.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, Jim, go  
37 ahead.

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39 MR. SLATER: Yeah, Mr. Decker, could  
40 you tell us a little bit about your guide business,  
41 what kind of animals you pursue and where do you go and  
42 so on?

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44 MR. DECKER: Sure. Totally. So our  
45 guide company has been around going on about 49 years.  
46 My father-in-law started it many, many years ago. But  
47 primarily we're in the northern part of Southeast, we  
48 cover Admiralty, Baranof, Chichagof for brown bear and  
49 deer, Kuiu, Kupreanof and the main land for black bear  
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1 and the main land for mountain goat, and those are our  
2 primary species that we guide for there. Then we also  
3 do summer adventure tours and what not inside Glacier  
4 Bay National Park because we're a historical operator  
5 there. We're one of the few people that have, through  
6 the Forest Service, that have some permits and use  
7 dates in and around Angoon in the estuary -- in the  
8 Kootznoowoo area and so that's -- yeah, we take groups  
9 out. We're a second generation guide operator now, me  
10 and my wife, and our two boys and, you know, we start  
11 here coming up in April for spring black bear and we'll  
12 move over to brown bear.

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14 MR. SLATER: Thank you, very much.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, thank you,  
17 Jim. Anybody else on the Council with any questions  
18 for Mr. Decker.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm not hearing  
23 any. Yeah, but, thank you Mr. Decker for calling in.  
24 I'm glad you're listening in on our meeting and, yeah,  
25 we appreciate you giving your thoughts so thank you  
26 again. Thanks for answering questions. Is there  
27 anybody else on the phone line this morning who would  
28 like to comment to the Council.

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30 MS. PHILLIPS: Chairman Hernandez, this  
31 is Patricia Phillips.

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Good morning,  
34 Patty, go ahead.

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36 MS. PHILLIPS: Good morning. Mr. Frank  
37 from Angoon sort of poked my mind a little bit. Like  
38 we're living with the consequences of decisions made  
39 over the last 50 years and, you know, ANILCA has been  
40 in place since, what, '79 and we're just getting to the  
41 point of where we're actually advocating for our  
42 Federally-qualified subsistence users. But I also want  
43 to remind the Council, you know, I tend to look at  
44 things holistically, that the impacts of decisions made  
45 have consequences on our rural communities. And what  
46 Mr. Frank mentioned was, you know, having no barge  
47 landing, having no airport, and having limited ferry  
48 service. Well, we have even more limited ferry service  
49 than Angoon does and during the winter months we only  
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1 get one ferry a month. And the current State of Alaska  
2 Administration threatened to remove our ferry service  
3 altogether because of the low revenues that it garners  
4 coming out here. And shutting down non-Federally-  
5 qualified harvesters could impact us during those  
6 months when we really, really rely on the ferry service  
7 to get our groceries out here. We work as a community,  
8 when the ferry comes in, the one ferry a month, to off  
9 load our groceries and get the ferry turned around as  
10 quickly as possible because we're so thankful for that  
11 service. So, you know, there are consequences to  
12 actions and I just wanted to remind you to be thinking  
13 holistically.

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15 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, thank you,  
18 Patty, for that reminder. Anybody on the Council with  
19 a question or a comment for Patty.

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21 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I heard Ian, go  
24 ahead, Ian.

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26 MR. JOHNSON: Hey, Patty, I think  
27 that's just a phenomenal point. And I guess while you  
28 have the floor, I was curious, do you have any other  
29 thoughts on potentially down the road -- or decisions  
30 you've seen in the past or other things that you  
31 consider to be possibly harmful, and the holistic  
32 situation, just, yeah, I want to continue to ask you to  
33 brainstorm with us, I guess, if you have other ideas.

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35 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Ian.  
36 Nothing's coming to mind right now but I know it'll  
37 come back to me later, I'll have a thought, I should  
38 have thought of that then. But I'll try to remember to  
39 bring it to your attention, so, thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thanks, Ian.  
42 Anybody else on the Council. I thought I heard  
43 somebody in the background there.

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45 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes, this is Bob  
46 Schroeder. I don't get a chance to say hello to Patty  
47 very often anymore and on behalf of the Council, you  
48 know, we so appreciate your so many years of service on  
49 the Council and also being something of our in-house  
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1 ANILCA expert, you're sorely missed. I know people  
2 need to move on and we were all appalled you weren't  
3 reappointed by the Secretary some years ago.

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5 I think as, you know, you know ANILCA  
6 really well, I think we're really talking about a food  
7 security issue and a community -- a cultural continuity  
8 issue and so I think we got some territory put forward  
9 there and when you were on the Council we made great  
10 strides in a number of areas in protecting subsistence  
11 in rural communities and maybe we have some direction  
12 to go on the issues that you just raised.

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14 But thank you again on behalf of the  
15 Council.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Bob.

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19 MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Robert.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Anybody else with  
22 a question or a comment for Patty Phillips while she's  
23 on.

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25 MR. BEMIS: Yes, this is Larry Bemis,  
26 Yakutat.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Larry.

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30 MR. BEMIS: Yes, I would like to make a  
31 comment about this. You know, since we've had Covid  
32 and the State is getting depressed on its income and  
33 just really puts the whole thing in perspective about  
34 just how our resources are getting squeezed, both  
35 commercially and personally, as far as subsistence  
36 goes, or just living in general. I think that we  
37 should look -- get something -- a thought put in place  
38 that, you know, these communities that depend on the  
39 system getting cut off, a lot of times the reaction  
40 time to get adjusted to it doesn't seem to move fast  
41 enough. So I think that we've got to set up some sort  
42 of model to react to these instead of letting the  
43 paperwork drag out or another meeting or go through  
44 this sorts of hoops to try to get something on. I mean  
45 a lot of this is not going to get better until the  
46 State gets better, you know. And that is -- we're just  
47 slowly dragging backwards and we need to stay forward.

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49 So my thought is, is this is a very

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1 important endeavor to address and proceed with because  
2 it's not just going to be one community, it's going to  
3 be another one and another one until things get better.  
4 And I really think this is a very important part and  
5 other organizations should look into.

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Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you for  
10 those thoughts Larry. I don't know, any other comments  
11 for Patty or from Patty.

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MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
Albert.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Albert.

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I'll give you an example of what I've  
been watching lately is now I'm starting to see kelp  
becoming a resource so seaweed's going to become a  
resource and that concerns me. I'll save enough gas to  
get what I need and also help community members I know  
that can't go get it for themselves. And sometimes you  
burn up that gas and you come back with nothing.

So that's my thoughts, thank you, Mr.  
Chair.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Albert. Is there anybody else on the Council who wants  
3 to make a comment or a question.

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5                   MR. KITKA: Don, this is Harvey Kitka.

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7                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think I heard  
8 Harvey.

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10                  MR. KITKA: Yeah, this is Harvey Kitka.

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12                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
13 Harvey.

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15                  MR. KITKA: I had one comment or a  
16 question for Patty. Is basically knowing she knows the  
17 book so well that we miss that on the Council, having  
18 to bring a book out and read it and try to catch up on  
19 what's going on. But I was wondering if she could help  
20 us with what Larry was talking about, and kind of  
21 setting up an emergency thing that would cut down on  
22 the paperwork and how long it takes to get help to  
23 these communities that suffer when we lose the ferry  
24 system. I know that it can get really touchy at times,  
25 knowing the price of the food and stuff, and Angoon and  
26 Kake could jump real bad because when they lose the  
27 ferry system and lose the food source, boy that's got  
28 to be tough.

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30                  (Teleconference interference -  
31 participants not muted)

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33                  MS. PHILLIPS: Thank you, Harvey. I  
34 think you could possibly address it in your annual  
35 report and just keep hammering on it. And make sure  
36 that the State of Alaska understands, you know, what  
37 we're advocating for here and to not disregard our  
38 needs out here.

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40                  But I would also say that, you know,  
41 Albert, Council Member Albert Howard mentioned, you  
42 know, gas, I mean we're paying 3.68 a gallon, I mean  
43 how many times can you go out hunting when you got to  
44 pay that much for fuel. You're not going out hunting  
45 as much as you used to, it's just a fact of the matter.

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47                  But, anyways, thank you, I appreciate  
48 it. I'm signing off.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Patty. Glad that you've been listening in and maybe  
3 we'll talk to you again here.

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5 Okay, was there anybody else on the  
6 phone lines that's joined us since we started the  
7 public comment who would like to comment.

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9 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman, Mike  
10 Douville.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Mike.

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14 MR. DOUVILLE: I would just like to  
15 make this comment that Albert touched on something that  
16 is sensitive to us that we have -- he mentioned kelp  
17 and kelp farms, and we have an application for a kelp  
18 farm in an area that is sensitive to subsistence in  
19 several different ways, hunting, fishing, and so on,  
20 and that is in Real Marina, there's numerous seal  
21 haulouts, subsistence halibut fishing going on there,  
22 and the tribe is alarmed and opposed to it. We will  
23 make comment but down the road, while kelp farms may be  
24 fine, they do intrude on sensitive areas.

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26 So that is my comment.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
29 Mike. Something else -- yeah, I know I've heard more  
30 and more talk about kelp aquaculture around the region.  
31 Definitely something to keep on the radar so thanks for  
32 bringing that to our attention.

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34 Is there anybody else from the public  
35 who wanted to comment to us this morning.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm not  
40 hearing anybody so I think we'll wrap up the public  
41 comment period for this morning. And, you know, there  
42 were some interesting conversations during that public  
43 comment period and I got a feeling that we'll probably  
44 be addressing some of those ideas this afternoon, we  
45 might get into a topic of more cooperative management  
46 agreements and holistic management and keeping our  
47 villages intact and culturally strong. So a lot of  
48 topics there that are up before us, I believe.

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1                   But for now we'll get back to the  
2 agenda items that are important to conclude for this  
3 meeting and top of the list would be finalizing our  
4 wildlife proposals from the Council.

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6                   MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chair,  
7 this is Calvin Casipit. I'd like to say a few words  
8 before we launch off into the proposals -- the proposed  
9 proposals. The proposed proposals.

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11                   (Laughter)

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13                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cal.

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15                   MR. CASIPIT: Okay, thank you. This is  
16 mostly in regards to our Unit 4 deer issues that we've  
17 been working on. I haven't had a chance to really look  
18 through all the proposals that the -- the write ups  
19 that got sent out by DeAnna early this morning but  
20 hopefully I can here soon, but I was up all -- I was up  
21 and down all night thinking about this and I just got  
22 to say it. And I apologize to Staff, in advance, if I  
23 offend anybody.

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25                   But the first thing, in my mind, that  
26 we need to be providing as a Council is a meaningful  
27 subsistence priority. That's our job, is providing  
28 that meaningful subsistence priority. And in Unit 4,  
29 in general, you know, how do we provide that meaningful  
30 priority. We no longer have the bigger bag limit  
31 because the State, according to, you know, apparently,  
32 unbeknownst to me, I apologize for being out of the  
33 loop on it, but, you know, under State regs the bag  
34 limit's back up to six deer. So what's the meaningful  
35 priority for rural users in Unit 4. Basically  
36 designated harvesting, which is good. And a January  
37 hunt, that Staff can correct me, is less than five  
38 percent of the total season harvest from the last  
39 figures I remember. But maybe Staff can correct me.  
40 So I'm concerned about how we're providing that  
41 meaningful priority in Unit 4 in general first of all.

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43                   And then I have a concern about these  
44 closures in regards to displacement of those non-  
45 Federally-qualified users to other areas in Unit 4 that  
46 would be open to them. And, you know, I'm thinking  
47 sitting here in Gustavus and saying -- and I don't  
48 disagree with the closures that we have proposed, I'm  
49 not saying that, what I'm concerned about is the  
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1 displacement of those non-Federally-qualified users to  
2 places that are still open. And one of the places that  
3 would still be open would be that shoreline on  
4 Chichagof between Chicken Creek and Idaho Inlet that is  
5 the core area for the users in Gustavus and all of a  
6 sudden we're competing with people that have been  
7 displaced from Juneau that were normally hunting on  
8 West Admiralty and NECCUA and -- but, I don't have a  
9 problem with that, you know, I hope that they would all  
10 stay home but I know that's not going to happen. So  
11 that's one of the things that I'm concerned about, is  
12 that we'll just have this cascade of closures around  
13 these core areas over the years to try to keep up with  
14 displacement of these non-qualified users and wouldn't  
15 it be better to just have -- if we were going to do  
16 that, wouldn't be just better to just have a closure  
17 everywhere.

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19 So these are just some of my thoughts.  
20 And like I said I don't want to say anything negative  
21 about the closures around these communities that have  
22 been asked for because I know they're needed.

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24 And also, and I'm just going to close  
25 with this, you know, I really want Staff to take these  
26 -- we'll submit them, get Staff to do a really good job  
27 of doing the analysis on them, make sure we have a full  
28 discussion of some of those displacement issues, you  
29 know, I'm not opposed to submitting these proposals.  
30 But these are some of the kind of things, the grander  
31 bigger things that kind of kept me awake last night.  
32 And, you know, I kind of want to hear what the rest of  
33 the Council thinks of that.

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35 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
36 Albert.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, just a  
39 minute Albert. Okay, so, Cal, you kind of led us into  
40 kind of a more broad ranging discussion here, not  
41 necessarily related to specific proposals yet. I don't  
42 know if there's some folks on the Council that would  
43 like to make some comments along those lines now, I  
44 guess that's okay. But let's not forget the fact that  
45 we still need to do some work on these specific  
46 proposals. And, you know, as Cal pointed out, all of  
47 this gets brought back to us after analysis for our  
48 deliberations and I know what Cal's doing, he's trying  
49 to frame the discussion, but just got to remind folks  
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1 we don't deliberate on the proposals in the proposal of  
2 preparing them, you know, that does come later. But  
3 just as a means to kind of frame the discussion if  
4 anybody wants to add anything to what Cal said now  
5 that's fine.

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So Albert, go ahead.

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MR. HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
10 I'll keep it short, I know you're trying to stay on the  
11 agenda and on topic. I appreciate Cal's comments.  
12 Keep in mind, Cal, that's what we live with every day  
13 in Angoon, sleepless nights on how we're going to  
14 provide for community members on the resources that are  
15 diminishing in front of us and we have no say over it.

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So last night you got a taste of our  
daily lives in Angoon.

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So, thanks, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thanks, Albert.  
Any other Council comments on this.

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MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
I appreciate where Cal is coming from and like he said,  
my comments, I don't mean to offend any community and I  
want the Council to know that as I sit on the Council I  
always put Federally-qualified subsistence users first.  
Like, Cal, I thought a lot about these proposals last  
night and I think about our Council putting forward  
these proposals and my question is slightly different  
than his because I'm actually coming from a place where  
I am a non-Federally-qualified user. And I think about  
Unit 4 deer and I think we heard yesterday during the  
testimony -- not testimony, but from somewhere in a  
presentation, I cannot recall where, that there's not a  
conservation concern for deer in Unit 4, however, there  
might be some localized concerns in Unit 4. I'm really  
hoping if these proposals go forward and we get to the  
analysis stage we can explore that a little bit more  
because I don't quite understand like deer numbers in  
terms of these specific localized areas in all of these  
places.

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1                   I think as a Council we have to decide  
2 -- we listen to our constituents and we hear testimony  
3 from subsistence users throughout the region about  
4 their concerns and then we can be a mechanism for them  
5 to use certain tools towards finding more opportunity  
6 or better opportunity and that's where we get to where  
7 we can provide a subsistence priority for Federally-  
8 qualified subsistence users in our region. And I think  
9 that our Council does a very good job of this. And we  
10 can be a very, very powerful tool. However, as a non-  
11 Federally-qualified subsistence user I think about how  
12 I may or may not be able to hunt in Unit 4, how other  
13 non-Federally-qualified subsistence users may or may  
14 not be able to hunt in Unit 4 and I hesitate on cutting  
15 an opportunity off for non-Federally-qualified users  
16 that are Alaska residents. It's going to make it very  
17 difficult for myself and/or that portion of the  
18 population in Southeast Alaska to even understand the  
19 regulations that we're trying to potentially put  
20 forward because we are sort of postage stamping --  
21 basically taking that opportunity away before we even  
22 attempt to try to reduce bag limits or have restrict  
23 closures on non-residents of the state.

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25                   And so I just -- in the broader picture  
26 of things, I'm wondering if we're doing or taking the  
27 right course by submitting all these proposals. I  
28 wholeheartedly respect that the community of Pelican  
29 has spent some time at this meeting and through Ms.  
30 Phillips at the last meeting testifying about this  
31 ongoing concern. I try to compare this back to the  
32 actions that we took in Unit 2, and I felt like in Unit  
33 2 we still allowed non-Federally-qualified users some  
34 opportunity, all we did was reduce the bag limit and  
35 we've also taken past actions in reducing the season a  
36 little bit, but non-Federally-qualified users from  
37 Ketchikan can still go to Unit 2 and potentially  
38 harvest deer. So I'd like for us, as we move through  
39 these proposals to think about not necessarily taking a  
40 very large step and drastic action, but to maybe think  
41 about taking a little bit of a smaller step so that we  
42 can still work towards providing a subsistence priority  
43 and meeting the needs of the communities that may be  
44 struggling because of the potential increase in  
45 competition.

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47                   Again, I mean no disrespect to anyone  
48 in my comments and I also understand that we can move  
49 forward with putting these proposals in and doing the  
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1 analysis, I think there's going to be a lot of  
2 additional -- we're going to find out a lot more about  
3 where this might go and I think we're going to hear  
4 from a lot of public at our next meeting as these  
5 proposals hit the Federal Subsistence Board.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
10 Cathy. Yeah, you brought up a number of good points  
11 there and, yes, I guess we have to -- I know we  
12 definitely have precedent that we don't necessarily  
13 have to demonstrate conservation concern in every  
14 instance, you know, local depletion that can affect the  
15 -- you know the ability of the subsistence users to  
16 meet their needs. Meeting subsistence needs is the  
17 second part of justification for, you know, actions.  
18 So that's definitely something we can look at. But  
19 like you say, we also have to kind of take a broader  
20 view sometime on the other effects of regulation, or  
21 restrictions. So, yeah, all that needs to be  
22 considered and like you say taking incremental action  
23 is always an option.

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MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
Albert.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'll turn it over  
to Albert. Go ahead, Albert.

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1 tried that. Nobody heard us. Time and time again we  
2 talked about our crab situation, but the person that  
3 was caught pulling the crab pots, his answer to the  
4 person was, oh, I'm friend's with these guys, but it  
5 isn't their pot. So these are real daily things we're  
6 living with in this community. If you want to  
7 understand Angoon, come and live here for six months.  
8 Leave your paychecks at home and come and live here.

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10 Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.

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14 MR. SCHROEDER: Don, can you put me on  
15 the list.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yep, go ahead,  
18 Bob, I think you're up.

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20 MR. SCHROEDER: Well, this is really  
21 interesting discussion and I kind of go in -- I've got  
22 three related things to say.

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24 One is that I'm very proud of the work  
25 of this Council and maybe Patty's off, but she was very  
26 instrumental in helping our Council lead the Federal  
27 Subsistence Program in the right direction -- what we  
28 consider the right direction concerning customary and  
29 traditional use and I think we have some ability in two  
30 areas -- programmatic sounds like really boring but --  
31 and, you know, who would want to do that, we want fish,  
32 we want deer. But I think Cal is right on in talking  
33 about a need for preference. And I think forwarding in  
34 some way the proposals before us could help us get a  
35 full discussion going on what meaningful preference  
36 would mean for us and how we could create a position on  
37 meaningful preference perhaps for our Regional Advisory  
38 Council and help other Councils as well in the Federal  
39 Program to figure out what that means.

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41 The second point has to do with local  
42 management. And, you know, really if we had  
43 significant local management and comanagement of  
44 natural resources perhaps the communities would feel  
45 that they, in fact, have control over what goes on with  
46 resources in their communities. Specific with respect  
47 to the indigenous communities, their traditional  
48 territories that were taken from them and their  
49 traditional territory boundaries which were well known

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1 and respected before the Colonial rule. So in my dream  
2 world we'd be making progress with respect to local  
3 management and comanagement and we would develop  
4 positions on those things.

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6 With respect to the specific proposals,  
7 you know, this Council should consider also pragmatics,  
8 just what we can accomplish and what is likely to go  
9 through the Federal Subsistence Board and how much we  
10 need to both the balance between -- it's not a balance  
11 -- how much we support the communities that come before  
12 us, considering the likelihood of actually getting a  
13 regulation that is really sweeping.

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15 So those of us who were in the trenches  
16 on the deer wars on Prince of Wales for years and years  
17 we know it took years and years of communities coming  
18 forward saying that they were having trouble getting  
19 deer, years and years of data collection by Staff  
20 showing that this was, in fact, the case, and years and  
21 years of regulatory stuff to get relatively minor  
22 restrictions on non-Federally-qualified users. So  
23 that's kind of all in the pragmatic realm.

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25 So I think we will definitely make --  
26 potentially make a good deal of progress in working on  
27 what we mean by meaningful preference, that isn't  
28 something that we've considered in great detail. I  
29 think we'll be spending some time thinking about local  
30 management and comanagement. And then with respect to  
31 the specific proposals I think an awful lot hangs on  
32 support for communities and consideration of what we  
33 actually are likely to accomplish through the Federal  
34 Subsistence Board.

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36 That's it, Mr. Chairman.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
39 Bob. Anybody else on the Council, anything to add.

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41 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian,  
42 I'd like to add a couple things.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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46 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, I can't help but  
47 reflect that this is really -- the discussion that Cal  
48 brought up is kind of hinges on what Patty spoke before  
49 is that, you know, our decisions have consequences and  
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1 that there's other things going down the road and one  
2 of the things that I was thinking about last night is  
3 thinking about these Unit 4 proposals is just ensuring  
4 that we don't put ourselves into, I guess what I would  
5 call language traps, and other things. I guess --  
6 maybe if it's a little bit on my unfamiliarity, we're  
7 submitting new proposals but I want to ensure that as  
8 we design these Unit 4 proposals, that we don't limit  
9 ourselves in the future in our language, what we're  
10 asking for. And so I just want -- so, you know, I  
11 guess I'm asking for a little bit of clarification on  
12 what constitutes a new proposal, say in a new cycle and  
13 how much of old proposals can be recycled into new  
14 ones.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
17 Ian. We'll probably have that discussion when we get  
18 back to the proposals themselves.

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20 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair.

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22 MR. KITKA: Don, this is Harvey.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I heard Harvey.  
25 Go ahead, Harvey.

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27 MR. KITKA: I have just one question.  
28 Are we talking about our proposals or are we talking  
29 about the communities and helping the communities set  
30 up their proposals. It seemed like when I mentioned  
31 their needs not being met our Council kind of objected  
32 to that but I really think that when we ask the  
33 communities to do that it's best that they put it  
34 forward, that their needs are not being met, and ours  
35 is just kind of supporting what they say. Is that  
36 right?

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, yeah, thank  
39 you Harvey. I guess the way I view this, you know, the  
40 folks from Pelican, Angoon and Hoonah could all, you  
41 know, submit proposals from their individuals or  
42 communities, associations, whatever they have there and  
43 they may. But we heard, you know, a lot of public  
44 testimony from the folks in those communities and I  
45 think it's kind of the responsibility of the Council to  
46 respond to that and, of course, we have the ability to  
47 put in our own proposals and our proposals might be  
48 crafted a little differently than what a community  
49 might propose. So yes I think we definitely have the  
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1 responsibility, I guess would be the right word, to  
2 respond to the public when they come before us and do  
3 the best we can to put together a proposal to address  
4 the issue. But they are certainly entitled to put in  
5 their own proposals that they think would address the  
6 issues. And when all the proposals come before us and  
7 we get the analysis, all the impacts and legalities and  
8 past histories and everything else then we choose one  
9 or meld several together, we have all kinds of options  
10 when it comes time for deliberations. So at this point  
11 in the process I think we just have the responsibility  
12 to put together the best proposal that we see fit to  
13 address the problems that were brought before us, and  
14 that's the way I view it.

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16 I heard somebody else with a question  
17 or comment besides Harvey.

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19 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair,  
20 this is Jim Slater.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
23 Jim.

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25 MR. SLATER: Hi. I wanted to respond  
26 to Cathy and I wanted to say, Cathy, I don't take  
27 lightly the impact on non-Federally-qualified hunters  
28 and it's something we agonize over. And I guess to  
29 discuss it, there's not a lot of tools that we have at  
30 our disposal from my understanding of how we can  
31 approach this. And I wanted to make one comment on the  
32 different use of tools, and we've talked about bag  
33 limit reduction, we've also talked about restriction --  
34 restricted dates. When it comes to affecting the take  
35 by subsistence hunters, it's not only the number of  
36 deer that are out there it's also the number of deer  
37 hunters, especially in a place like Lisianski Inlet  
38 which is one thin waterway. We kind of sit there and  
39 we say, okay, let's go hunting and we usually see some  
40 other boat heading up, you see that, okay, well you  
41 know where they're probably going to go so we have to  
42 change our hunting now. But when there's a stream of  
43 two or three boats getting up there you know that  
44 basically that whole area of the Inlet is not going to  
45 be as productive as it should have been or would have  
46 been. So we -- and a reduced bag limit may not -- it  
47 may reduce the number of hunters but it may not and it  
48 certainly won't do anything for the out of state  
49 hunters who are only coming there for one deer. And,

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1 so, anyway, that was a comment I made.

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4 And I wish we had a broader set of  
5 tools that we could finesse an approach but we don't at  
6 this point and this may be the beginning of the  
7 discussion on can we -- either can we develop some more  
8 precise tools that might effect our ability to protect  
9 both the subsistence users and also give access to non-  
10 Federally-qualified hunters during the whole season.

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So, anyway, that's enough of my  
comments.

Thanks.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Jim.  
And I mean that is a responsibility of the Council is  
we do -- we are required to consider impacts to other  
users and so we do have to consider that in our  
deliberations and recommendations to the Board.

MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Anybody else.

MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
think -- I appreciate everybody's comments and followup  
and especially to my comments. I've been on this  
Council for 12 years and I'm going to do what I feel is  
right for subsistence users in that hat and my non-  
Federally-qualified status is sort of not a hat that I  
wear at this table necessarily. But I do want to say  
that as a Council member I want to act responsibly  
through the big picture and I think our Council should  
consider, potentially, putting together a proposal to  
the Board of Game under -- for their next wildlife  
cycle that addresses this concern as well. It would be  
our due diligence. I kind of feel like I understand  
that we're trying to -- we're grasping tools right now  
to use, and I'm not entirely convinced that this is our  
best tool but I'm going to support providing  
opportunities for Federally-qualified subsistence  
users, especially if they are experiencing a hardship  
and not able to meet their subsistence needs, but I  
think we have other tools in our tool box before we



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1 just automatically go to cutting off one user group  
2 completely, that's a user group that's a resident of  
3 this state, that, in my mind, has a little more  
4 precedence of being able to use that resources versus  
5 non-residents from out of state. And so I'd like for  
6 us all to be thinking of things in these proposals, how  
7 we can also potentially put in proposals to the Board  
8 of Game process that would reduce bag limits for non-  
9 residents of Alaska, and reduce sport bag limits rather  
10 than just cutting off one user group completely.

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12 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, thank you,  
15 Cathy. And, yeah, that's something that, you know, I  
16 realize in solving this problem may require some action  
17 on the State sporthunting regs and we can certainly put  
18 in proposals to them. I don't know where the cycle is  
19 now, it's a ways off I believe. But, yes, we do have  
20 an opportunity to do that and if we could ever convince  
21 the State to take some action, that could certainly be  
22 helpful so let's keep that in mind as well.

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24 Any other Council members with kind of  
25 broad reaching comments or questions before we get into  
26 the specifics here.

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28 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Frank.

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32 MR. WRIGHT: You know I realize my  
33 responsibility on this Council is, you know, protecting  
34 our rural and subsistence issue -- you know, and I take  
35 that serious but, you know, I'm torn between two  
36 worlds, you know, as the president of the tribe and  
37 then I -- like the other day I talked about my family  
38 that lives in Juneau that are non -- that aren't  
39 qualified and hardships of our people that are --  
40 because they have to move out of town being -- to  
41 subsistence in Juneau at Costco and, you know, I belong  
42 to the (In Tlingit) and (In Tlingit) from Sitka and my  
43 dad is a Chookaneidi from Hoonah in the Kaagwaantaan  
44 and Wooshkeetaan and T'akdentaan that live here in  
45 Hoonah, so the people that are living in Juneau because  
46 of the way it is here, no jobs and the like, you know,  
47 so -- you know so being torn between two worlds of  
48 taking care of the rural subsistence area communities  
49 and being a Tlingit and trying to keep the culture of  
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1 our people alive by even sending them some deer meat or  
2 fish or halibut, you know, is kind of -- puts me, like  
3 I said, in two worlds. And, you know, I have a hard  
4 time by just thinking of my people when -- like I  
5 always said you take one component away from a people  
6 you diminish their identity. And right now the people  
7 of the -- the indigenous people of Southeast Alaska are  
8 having a hard time keeping their identity. You know  
9 Hoonah school is lucky that, you know, my wife is  
10 teaching the language here but, you know, the people I  
11 know in my family and stuff like that in Sitka and in  
12 Juneau are struggling too by trying to keep who they  
13 are.

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15 But I know my responsibility as a RAC  
16 member, you know, I'm torn between two worlds and as  
17 the president of the tribe I have to try to keep the  
18 identity of our people alive, you know, and it's  
19 troubling because our language is pretty much decimated  
20 by -- even my mother went to Sheldon Jackson and she  
21 was told she couldn't speak her language and even  
22 though she was fluent she would never speak it in our  
23 household because she went to Sheldon Jackson and they  
24 took that away from her. My father was fluent.

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26 I don't know if you guys can feel what  
27 I feel but by having my family in Juneau and Sitka and  
28 I have some family in Bellingham and I send them stuff  
29 sometimes. So I'll try to be with my responsibility as  
30 a RAC member as much as I possibly can.

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32 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
35 That was very well put and, yes, I mean one of our  
36 responsibilities, you know, in the whole Subsistence  
37 Program here is to preserve the culture and we always  
38 have to keep that in mind and it requires a lot of hard  
39 decisions sometimes so, yeah, good thoughts, and thank  
40 you for that.

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42 Is there anybody else with any other  
43 comments they'd like to add before we get into the  
44 discussion, specifics.

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46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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1 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman, Mike  
2 Douville.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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6 MR. DOUVILLE: I would like to thank  
7 Cathy for her comments. There's going to have to be a  
8 lot of thought put into these proposals. It's a  
9 difficult situation, particularly when there is no  
10 conservation issue in at least most of Unit 4. And  
11 hopefully the analysis will do all that, keeping in  
12 mind that anything below the high water mark is State  
13 land, so it comes under State regulations as well  
14 private and State land in that unit. So all things  
15 considered I guess we'll do our job when it comes time  
16 but I do not look at things to be heavy-handed and I  
17 think that as we go down the road we'll hopefully solve  
18 these problems.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
21 Mike. I'd like to get started into the proposals  
22 themselves now. And I know DeAnna sent out an email  
23 with proposed language. DeAnna, I don't know if you  
24 also are able to put that up on the Teams screen or I  
25 don't know if everybody's got access to email but it's  
26 helpful to have some wording in front of us that the  
27 Staff has prepared.

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29 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair. I don't  
30 know which one you would like to start with first but  
31 we can certainly put that on Teams. And I did want to  
32 take a moment. We've had some great conversations with  
33 this Council this morning and wonderful public  
34 testimony, I just wanted to remind folks that as we go  
35 through these proposals, if the Council is not  
36 comfortable putting a proposal forward as a Council, it  
37 is always appropriate for an individual to put in a  
38 proposal. All of these proposals, whether they're put  
39 in by the Council or individually, will come before the  
40 Council in the fall regulatory meeting. And at that  
41 time we'll have the analysis, we'll have data, we'll  
42 have a lot more information, people will have had time  
43 to talk amongst their community members about the  
44 proposals once they come out in the proposal book. So  
45 just kind of answering some of Ian's questions earlier,  
46 everything doesn't need to be set in stone now, not  
47 even the proposal, if the Council's not comfortable  
48 putting forward a proposal on its own, an individual  
49 can, but then the Council can still weigh in on that  
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1 and make a recommendation in the fall.

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3 So, anyway, I just wanted to maybe  
4 provide some more information, especially to our new  
5 Council members on the process so that they know there  
6 are additional opportunities to look at a proposal,  
7 amend a proposal and put a recommendation in on a  
8 proposal.

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10 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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12 Whichever proposal you'd like to start  
13 with first.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, I've got the  
16 email up in front of me and the first one up there is  
17 the elk proposal so if we'd like to start there maybe  
18 we can look at a couple of the other proposals before  
19 we get to those Unit 4 proposals.

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21 MS. PERRY: So for those folks who got  
22 the email, the file is named draft SERAC Unit 3 elk  
23 draw proposal, and we have that up on the screen.

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So if the  
26 Council has that one up the first one is a proposal  
27 that I suggested and this proposal would be to provide  
28 a subsistence priority for the existing elk hunt. And  
29 presently there is a drawing hunt for elk and similar  
30 to what we did up in Berners Bay where they established  
31 a number of elk that -- or moose that they'd like to  
32 harvest we designated a certain percentage of those  
33 permits drawn would go to rural residents, or  
34 subsistence-qualified people to make sure that in a  
35 broad drawing where there might be hundreds of names  
36 and people from all over the country perhaps it assures  
37 that the local folks would get a priority to have a  
38 permit drawn. So I'm going to ask maybe whatever Staff  
39 put the wording to that proposal, if they could maybe  
40 run through it and describe -- there's a lot of  
41 boundary lines set that probably corresponded to  
42 existing State regulations I'm guessing and then maybe  
43 explain the permit draw system.

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45 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chair, this is Terry  
46 Suminski, can you hear me all right?

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
49 Terry.

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1 MR. SUMINSKI: Yeah, I threw this one  
2 together and I'm sure it's not perfect. I would rather  
3 spend a couple weeks on it. Basically what I did is,  
4 is you're correct, I copied the hunt boundaries from  
5 the State draw for these two drawings. I think that's  
6 important to match up with the State draw because we  
7 did the same thing in Berners Bay and we have that  
8 stipulation where you cannot -- if you get a State draw  
9 permit, you can't get a Federal permit. So to keep  
10 everything consistent and lined up I used the same -- I  
11 just pulled that language basically out of the State  
12 draw supplement. I'm not super familiar with the area  
13 so I didn't have time to go through and draw the lines  
14 around there but I believe it's just Etolin Island.

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16 I used similar language to what we used  
17 for Berners Bay. In this case there would be two  
18 drawings because there's two hunt periods. Harvest  
19 limit one bull elk if you're lucky enough to draw a  
20 Federal permit, only one elk per household. If you  
21 receive a State draw permit you cannot get a Federal  
22 permit for the same -- for elk.

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24 So it'd have to be based off of the  
25 harvest quota. When I looked at the State draw there  
26 was 50 permits available in the last drawing for each  
27 hunt so if we take 25 percent that's roughly 12 or 13  
28 would go to Federally-qualified.

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30 And then the last part is just  
31 information that's also in the State drawing that would  
32 aid in the management of the herd with some biological  
33 samples and both of the antlers.

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35 The rest of it, you know, the Council  
36 can beat that up, we didn't get a lot of discussion  
37 about that yesterday but kind of a quick overview.

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39 Thank you.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
42 Terry. And I'd just like to reiterate that I brought  
43 this up because, you know, elk are an introduced  
44 species and that's the situation that's similar to  
45 Berners Bay, where moose were introduced, they were not  
46 found there naturally. Elk have been there for quite a  
47 number of years now. Last year the Subsistence Board  
48 accepted our proposal to declare that there was  
49 customary and traditional use for elk in Southeast now  
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1 because elk have been here long enough and I know I  
2 don't know the specific numbers but, you know, a good  
3 percentage of the folks that put in for those drawing  
4 permits for elk do go to rural users and I'm pretty  
5 sure that rural users have taken a fair amount of the  
6 harvest of those elk so I felt it was appropriate that  
7 we kind of institute that there would be a priority,  
8 some kind of a meaningful priority for the harvest of  
9 those elk.

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11 And this concept kind of mirrors what  
12 was done for Berners Bay once it was decided by the  
13 Board that there was a customary and traditional use  
14 for Berners Bay moose and there should be a Federal  
15 priority for that hunt. So that's the idea and concept  
16 for this proposal.

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18 So now I guess maybe for any further  
19 discussion if somebody on the Council would like to  
20 make a motion to accept this proposal then we could  
21 have further discussion.

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23 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, Mike  
24 Douville.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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28 MR. DOUVILLE: I make a motion that we  
29 adopt this proposal.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think submit the  
32 proposal would be the proper word there.

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34 MR. DOUVILLE: Yeah, submit.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
37 Mike.

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39 MR. KITKA: I'll second it, Harvey.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
42 Harvey. Okay. Any other discussion from the Council  
43 or questions for Staff.

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45 MR. KITKA: One question, this is  
46 Harvey.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harvey.

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1 MR. KITKA: Is this Federal property?

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't know, do  
4 you want to answer that Terry.

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6 MR. SUMINSKI: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Mr.  
7 Kitka. I believe it's almost all Federal land. There  
8 maybe -- maybe Robb Cross has that information but this  
9 particular Federal hunt would only happen on the lands  
10 within the -- the Federal land within that boundary.

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12 MR. KITKA: Thank you.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And, Harvey, for  
15 more clarification, the lines that are indicated there,  
16 or the boundaries indicated in the proposal are  
17 essentially Etolin Island. I think it -- and it  
18 excludes some of the smaller islands kind of  
19 surrounding Etolin Island and, yeah, to the best of my  
20 knowledge all of Etolin is Forest Service Federal land  
21 and there is also a Etolin Island Wilderness area  
22 included on that island.

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24 MR. KITKA: Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any other  
27 questions.

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29 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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33 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
34 I don't have a question. But since we have put a  
35 motion on the table to submit this proposal I would  
36 just like to express that I would support this proposal  
37 to be submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board. I  
38 know that this Council has talked about potentially  
39 putting a proposal like this forward but we took the  
40 time during the last wildlife proposal in order to get  
41 C&T determination for elk so we've taken a couple of  
42 steps to move in this direction in order to provide a  
43 little more meaningful subsistence priority for  
44 subsistence users in getting this.

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46 I also feel like we've discussed or  
47 talked about, in the past, that it's a draw permit and  
48 a number of those draw permits that don't -- they don't  
49 necessarily get utilized and so, you know, I would

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1 support assuring that Federally-qualified users had a  
2 little bit of a greater chance of being able to get a  
3 draw permit because I know Federally-qualified users  
4 would use that permit if they were to draw one and so  
5 this provides that priority for them up front and gives  
6 Federally-qualified subsistence users an actual  
7 allocation out of the permit.

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9 I'd like to say I really appreciate  
10 Staff putting this together, digging through the other  
11 regulations to give us some good language because I  
12 don't think we could have gotten that far in this -- of  
13 what they put together for us.

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15 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
18 I think that's a good justification for support. Is  
19 there anybody else on the Council with questions or a  
20 comment.

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22 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Frank.

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26 MR. WRIGHT: Their numbers, like is  
27 there a population count on the area that we're talking  
28 about and would those numbers dictate how many permits  
29 would be issued out?

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That would be a  
32 question for the Staff, I don't know if they know the  
33 condition of the elk population there.

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35 MR. SUMINSKI: Through the Chair. Mr.  
36 Wright. What I can say is in looking at the draw hunt,  
37 supplement from the State for this coming year, they  
38 offered 50 permits for each of those time periods. I  
39 don't know what that might look like next year.

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41 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman. Did he say  
42 50?

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44 MR. SUMINSKI: Yes, Mr. Wright, 5-0.  
45 Thank you.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Okay, thank you. That  
48 seems like a lot but I don't know anything about elk.

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1 All right, thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.

4 Anybody else.

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6 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, I'd like to  
7 call for the question.

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9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
10 Cal. The question is being called for. Frank, you  
11 want to go through the roll.

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13 MR. WRIGHT: Yes, where's my list.

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15 Cal Casipit.

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17 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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19 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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21 MR. DOUVILLE: Michael Douville votes

22 yes.

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24 MR. WRIGHT: James Slater.

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26 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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28 MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

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30 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes.

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32 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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34 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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36 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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40 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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42 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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44 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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46 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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48 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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1 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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3 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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5 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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7 MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes yes, motion  
8 passed.

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10 MR. BEMIS: Larry Bemis didn't vote.

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12 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, go ahead, is  
15 that DeAnna.

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17 MS. PERRY: I'm sorry I didn't catch  
18 Larry Bemis' vote, sorry.

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20 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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22 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
25 Frank. Thank you, DeAnna. Let's go to the second elk  
26 proposal that's next up in the email, and that's the  
27 other elk proposal. So I'll just kind of give a brief  
28 overview of this and when the State started having elk  
29 seasons at some point the elk started migrating to  
30 adjoining islands. Elk have been reported on Prince of  
31 Wales, they've been reported on Kupreanof, probably  
32 Mitkof, they definitely moved to Zarembo and Bushy and  
33 Shrubby, some of the islands that are in the vicinity.  
34 So it was kind of determined that the State didn't  
35 think it was a good idea for elk to spread everywhere  
36 from where they were originally introduced on Etolin  
37 Island. And the history of the elk introduction was, I  
38 mean they were brought to Etolin Island as a -- for the  
39 sporthunting opportunity, basically. It was an attempt  
40 to transplant elk to Southeast Alaska and then the  
41 State's intention was that, you know, big game hunters  
42 would come to Southeast Alaska and use guide services  
43 to go elk hunting and -- anyhow once the elk started  
44 leaving Etolin Island and spreading to adjoining  
45 islands, at some point the State decided that maybe  
46 that wasn't such a good idea for elk to start  
47 populating elsewhere. There is some impact to habitat  
48 from having large numbers of elk. They are capable of  
49 out-competing deer for browse, you know, particularly  
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1 during hard winters. So the State instituted a general  
2 season for elk outside of their original area where  
3 they were transplanted. And their regulation at the  
4 time was from August 1st to December 31st, one elk,  
5 doesn't necessarily have to be a bull, was available to  
6 anybody on those other islands. And then I don't know  
7 what year it was but for some reason the State decided  
8 to rescind that regulation. And I don't know it's just  
9 my feeling that -- I thought it was a good regulation.  
10 I know I hunt areas where elk have been spotted and I  
11 always felt if I ran across an elk I certainly would  
12 want to shoot it and I am a little concerned about some  
13 of the impacts to the habitat from, you know, a large  
14 number of elk so that's why I proposed this regulation  
15 that would essentially restore for Federally-qualified  
16 people that general hunt outside of the area where the  
17 elk were originally introduced.

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19 So Terry, I don't know if you wrote up  
20 this regulation as well. Maybe you could go through  
21 the language a little bit and make sure everything I  
22 said was proper and the language reflects that.

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24 MR. SUMINSKI: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this  
25 is Terry Suminski. Yeah, Rob Cross pulled this  
26 together. He found the old language that you asked  
27 for.

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29 Something that we did put in here is to  
30 keep Bushy, Shrubby and Kaskevarof Islands closed as  
31 well, and that's to make it consistent with the draw  
32 hunt proposal. You have to understand that this would  
33 be -- we wrote it as a stand-alone proposal. It would  
34 have to be modified a little bit if the draw, you know,  
35 if the draw situation went into effect. But just  
36 looking at this particular proposal with the way the  
37 regulation would read, similar, you know, one antlered  
38 bull outside of that closed area, and that's about it.

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40 Rob did send me some harvest  
41 information just for your -- just to help you out. The  
42 chart from 1997 to 2010 which is the most recent. The  
43 harvest ranged from 14 animals -- 14 harvested in 1999  
44 to down to one animal in 2006. So even though they may  
45 issue a lot of permits, it's a very difficult hunt so  
46 not everybody's successful.

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48 Thank you.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Terry. I'm aware of the success rate on that hunt, it  
3 hasn't been very great. And I don't think anybody  
4 knows if anybody's harvested an elk off of those other  
5 areas. I always hear rumors but nothing confirmed.  
6 But I have seen elk sign on POW and on Kupreanof so I  
7 know they're there.

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9                   Anyhow, maybe if the Council would  
10 like, it's appropriate to make a motion on this  
11 proposal now.

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13                   MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal  
14 Casipit. I just had a couple of questions and maybe we  
15 would maybe want to have Staff change some of this  
16 wording. But anyway let me just launch into this.

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18                   I agree with your summary of the  
19 history and impacts of elk in the Southeast Alaska  
20 habitat. I know that when it was first being proposed  
21 there was a significant number of people who were  
22 interested in elk because you can have an industrial  
23 timber program and a large ungulate to hunt at the same  
24 time and you don't have to, you know, you don't have to  
25 worry about impacts on Sitka black-tailed deer. I know  
26 there was a lot of that talk going around too.

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28                   Anyway, as far as the area where we  
29 would have the no close season with one antlered bull,  
30 it says Unit 3 remainder, shouldn't we add, Unit 2 as  
31 well, if you're noticing elk sign on north Prince of  
32 Wales.

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34                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, oh, yeah,  
35 you're right Cal. I kind of missed that.

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37                   MR. CASIPIT: But other than that I'm  
38 totally okay with this proposal.

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40                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. If we want  
41 to change the wording I suggest that we -- let's see,  
42 maybe we should -- I guess we should probably maybe  
43 change the wording -- have a discussion on changing the  
44 wording first and then make a motion, that might be  
45 best. Maybe our Parliamentarian can weigh in here,  
46 should we get it on the floor and then amend it or  
47 amend it first and then bring it up.

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49                   Frank.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Well, the way it's  
2 supposed to go is it -- you're going to have to have a  
3 motion made, the motion's got to be made and then  
4 discussion on changing words and then it's amended.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
7 Frank. I think I would agree with that. Let's get a  
8 motion to bring it before the Council and then if we  
9 want to amend it we can do that.

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11 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, I move that we  
12 submit this proposal for elk outside of Etolin -- yeah,  
13 I guess that's all I need.

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15 MS. NEEDHAM: Second. Cathy.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
18 And thank you for that catch, Cal. The way that's  
19 worded, Unit 3 remainder, that would include Kupreanof  
20 Island but, yes, I would like to include Prince of  
21 Wales and without having the research here before me,  
22 there may also be some elk have migrated to the main  
23 land as well and I think that's Unit 1B adjacent to  
24 Etolin Island. So I'm thinking we may want to include  
25 Unit 3 remainder, Unit 2, and maybe with a little help  
26 from the Staff there, possibly Unit 1B.

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28 I know the map's in our Council book  
29 here if we look quickly.

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31 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is  
32 Terry Suminski. I would just suggest Units 1 through 4  
33 and cover your basis.

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, I guess we  
36 could do that.

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38 MR. CASIPIT: I like that idea.

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40 (Laughter)

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Sure, who knows  
43 maybe they'll end up on Admiralty some day. Okay, that  
44 might simplify things, we could always make any changes  
45 in the deliberation process but for now that might be  
46 the best way to put it forward.

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48 Cal, I believe you made the motion, if  
49 you would want to amend it.

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1 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I'd like  
2 to move to amend this to add basically instead of  
3 saying Unit 3 remainder, say Unit 1 through 4 and the  
4 remainder of Unit 3 or something like that. I would  
5 leave it to Staff to write it the best way.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That's what we  
8 would want to do, thank you, Cal. I don't remember who  
9 the second was but they would have to second again.

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11 MS. NEEDHAM: Second from Cathy.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
14 Cathy. It's been amended, any further questions or  
15 discussion.

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17 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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21 MR. JOHNSON: I was just wondering if a  
22 primary goal of this is around control of a non-Native  
23 species, if there's any opportunity to make the hunt  
24 more liberal and include cows.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't know, I  
27 don't -- it has two purposes, I guess I'd say. That's  
28 one of them, I don't know if it's the main purpose. I  
29 think the other purpose is to provide more opportunity  
30 for subsistence hunters, I mean should they encounter  
31 an elk. Like I said, I certainly wouldn't want to pass  
32 it by because it wasn't legal. And I guess that kind  
33 of brings up the question, well, if you would like to  
34 maybe have a few elk around leaving a strictly bull  
35 hunt might allow for, you know, some elk to continue  
36 but not grow too much. I don't know.

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38 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, certainly expanding  
39 it to cows would increase subsistence opportunity as  
40 well.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. Right.

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44 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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48 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
49 For purposes of, you know, potentially controlling a

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1 species that is moving I definitely support the take of  
2 cows but this proposal was crafted based on previous  
3 State language and so I kind of question whether or not  
4 there is reasoning why cows weren't included when the  
5 State had a -- when the State had this type of hunt  
6 open. And I doubt we can get the State to answer that  
7 question since they're probably out at the Board of  
8 Game meeting today. But I just wanted to throw that  
9 out there as a thought.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. You know at  
12 this point of the process, I'm tempted to just leave it  
13 the way it is because I was attempting to mirror, you  
14 know, previous State regs. And, you know, these kind  
15 of topics are certainly addressed in the analysis and  
16 when they come back to us we can consider all of these  
17 questions and proposals can always be amended at the  
18 time that we deliberate on them. So I think for now  
19 I'd recommend just leaving it the way it is.

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21 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal  
22 Casipit. And I kind of -- I would like to speak to  
23 actually including cows. Number 1 because, again, like  
24 the subsistence -- you know additional opportunity that  
25 was said by Ian earlier, but also in my mind let's just  
26 go ahead and ask for it. If Staff believes it's a bad  
27 idea to include cows, we can always remove it next  
28 fall, but if we don't ask for cows now they won't  
29 analyze cows. So I'm of the opinion that we include  
30 cows.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.  
33 That's a good point. I guess I can't argue with that.  
34 So if you'd like to further amend the motion I guess  
35 now would be the time to do that.

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37 MR. KITKA: Mr. Chair, this is Harvey  
38 Kitka.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harvey.

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42 MR. KITKA: Are we talking general hunt  
43 for Federally-qualified users or is this kind of a  
44 subsistence hunt?

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, Harvey  
47 seeing's how it would only be available to rural  
48 residents I guess we'd have to call it a subsistence  
49 hunt, yes.

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1 MR. KITKA: Okay, thank you. I had one  
2 other comment. My son-in-law was up at Blue Lake just  
3 outside of Sitka, up the mountain a ways and he swore  
4 he heard an elk bugling up there so maybe they're  
5 already swimming here and there.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I wouldn't rule it  
8 out, Harvey.

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10 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
11 Albert.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Albert.

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15 MR. HOWARD: That could be someone like  
16 Albert with a bugler just running around.

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18 (Laughter)

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, Cal, once  
21 again I think you made the motion do you want to amend  
22 it to include any elk.

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24 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.  
25 I think we have a motion on the floor for an amendment  
26 already that we have not voted on.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think you're  
29 right, Cathy. So we can just add this to the  
30 amendment, I guess, we haven't voted on it yet.

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32 MR. CASIPIT: Okay. I would like to  
33 amend my amendment, again, I guess, in the proposed  
34 Federal regulation it would read, Unit 1 through 4 and  
35 the remainder of Unit 3, one elk by Federal  
36 registration permit and no closed season.

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38 MS. NEEDHAM: The second concurs, this  
39 is Cathy.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I think  
42 we're good on the amendment. So now we have an amended  
43 proposal before us. Any other discussion.

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45 (No comments)

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47 MR. KITKA: Call for the question on  
48 the amendment, Harvey.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Frank, if  
2 you want to read the roll on making the amendment, this  
3 vote is on the amendment.

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5                   MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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7                   Cal Casipit.

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9                   MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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11                  MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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13                  MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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15                  MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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17                  MR. SLATER: Yes.

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19                  MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

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21                  MR. SCHROEDER: Yes.

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23                  MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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25                  MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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27                  MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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29                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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31                  MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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33                  MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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35                  MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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37                  MR. KITKA: Yes.

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39                  MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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41                  MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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43                  MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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45                  MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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47                  MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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49                  MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes yes. Motion  
2 pass -- the amendment passes and now we're back to the  
3 main motion.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
6 Frank. Now we have the amended motion before us,  
7 any.....

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9 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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13 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
14 Just to do our due diligence on the discussion, I just  
15 want to add to -- I know you put this forward and  
16 you've had a lot of time to give some justification but  
17 I think we need to have it from other Council as well.  
18 So I would support this regulation. I would support  
19 that we submit this regulation to the Federal  
20 Subsistence Board. I think that this, you know, that  
21 there is a precedence for this type of hunt within the  
22 region when the State had a hunt like this before and  
23 then closed it and when they closed it that may have,  
24 you know, reduced Federally-qualified users at that  
25 time -- potentially Federally-qualified users at that  
26 time. This opens that back up. I don't see that  
27 there's a conservation concern with elk so I feel  
28 pretty -- especially because they're being taken  
29 potentially off of the areas that they were introduced  
30 to for the sport hunt.

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32 So, again, I think it's a good  
33 opportunity for Federally-qualified users in our region  
34 to be able to harvest an elk and I support it.

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36 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.

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40 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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44 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, I'd say also in  
45 support of -- just that the concern of elk competing  
46 with deer is certainly an issue and so in my opinion  
47 this is a proposal that provides opportunities for  
48 subsistence users and also gives them some control over  
49 local deer populations and mitigating that competition.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ian.  
2 Any other Council members want to weigh in on this  
3 proposal.

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5 (No comments)

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7 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, if there's no  
8 other discussion I call for the question.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
11 Question's been called for on the main motion. Frank.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Frank you want to  
16 do the roll call vote.

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18 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, okay.

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20 Ian Johnson.

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22 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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24 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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26 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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28 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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30 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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32 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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34 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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36 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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38 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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40 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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44 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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46 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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48 MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

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1 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes.

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3 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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5 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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7 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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9 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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11 MR. WRIGHT: Calvin Casipit.

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13 (No comments)

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15 MR. WRIGHT: Cal.

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17 (No comments)

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19 MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes yes. Motion

20 carried.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
23 Frank. Maybe we better take a 10 minute break here and  
24 collect our thoughts.....

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26 MR. CASIPIT: I'm sorry, this is Cal.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....a little.....

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30 MR. CASIPIT: I'm sorry this is Cal. I  
31 voted yes. I hit my hangup button instead of my mute  
32 button, I'm sorry.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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36 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Let's take a 10  
39 minute break. Everybody can kind of collect their  
40 thoughts, stretch their legs and then we've got one  
41 moose proposal and then we'll get into the Unit 4 deer  
42 stuff, and I think we kind of need to take a little  
43 break before we do that, so let's take 10 minutes and  
44 come back at 11 -- let's say 11:15.

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46 (Off record)

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48 (On record)

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Do you want to  
2 check and make sure that the Council is all back.

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4 MS. PERRY: Okay, I can do that.

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6 Okay, Jim Slater, are you back on.

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8 MR. SLATER: Yes, DeAnna, I am. Thank  
9 you.

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11 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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13 Robert Schroeder.

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15 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes, Robert Schroeder's  
16 here.

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18 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Bob.

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20 Albert Howard.

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22 MR. HOWARD: Here.

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24 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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26 Harold Robbins.

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28 MR. ROBBINS: I'm here.

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30 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Harold.

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32 Harvey Kitka.

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34 (No comments)

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36 MS. PERRY: Larry Bemis.

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38 MR. BEMIS: Here.

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40 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Larry.

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42 Cathy Needham.

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44 MS. NEEDHAM: I'm here, thank you.

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46 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Cathy.

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48 Ian Johnson.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: I am present.

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3 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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5 Frank Wright.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MS. PERRY: Cal Casipit.

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11 MR. CASIPIT: Here.

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13 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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15 Mike Douville.

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17 (No comments)

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19 MS. PERRY: And Don Hernandez, I heard

20 you.

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22 Harvey Kitka, were you able to rejoin

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24 us.

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26 MR. KITKA: I'm here. I thought I had

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28 it on speaker but it's on mute.

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30 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Harvey.

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32 Frank Wright.

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34 (No comments)

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36 MS. PERRY: Mike Douville.

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38 (No comments)

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40 MS. PERRY: Okay. Mr. Chair, you have

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42 10 of your 12 members online. At present you have a

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44 quorum.

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46 MR. WRIGHT: Frank's here.

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48 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Frank.

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50 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I thought I

might like to go through the two other proposals that

don't deal with Unit 4 first. If we could maybe get

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1 those done then we can concentrate on the Unit 4  
2 proposals because they kind of have a lot of the same  
3 concepts.

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5 Mike Douville, I don't think I heard  
6 you back yet. I was going to ask you to introduce the  
7 moose proposal, are you there?

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9 (No comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is that you Mike?

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm not hearing  
16 Mike. But we could go to the goat proposal and,  
17 Harold, I think you were the one who brought that to  
18 our attention, do you want to kind of introduce that  
19 one and I don't know hopefully you had a chance to look  
20 at the language there and see if it meets what you were  
21 expecting.

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23 MR. ROBBINS: This is Harold, thank  
24 you. Yes, I have had a chance to look at it. And  
25 basically what it does is just eliminates the minimum  
26 of 4 goat harvest quota -- reserve for Federal-  
27 qualified subsistence users basically because over the  
28 last -- since '14 only two subsistence goats have been  
29 taken and hardly anybody even applies for a goat permit  
30 so it would just kind of clean up the regulation and  
31 make it a little easier for the managers to -- instead  
32 of having to stay on top of it and have an in-season  
33 adjustment.

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
36 Harold. And then who on Staff wrote up the proposal,  
37 if.....

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39 MR. ROBBINS: I think.....

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41 MS. OEHLER: Mr. Chair, this is.....

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43 MR. ROBBINS: .....Susan Oehler wrote  
44 that.

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46 MS. OEHLER: .....Susan.....

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Susan maybe  
49 you can do a little more explanation on how it's  
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MS. OEHLER: Sure, this is -- for the record this is Susan Oehler with the Forest Service, and through the Chair, sure I can speak to that.

Yeah, I think Council Member Robbins just kind of gave the summary of it and just the background. But this regulation has been in the language since 2002, you know, with good intentions for reserving a number of goats in the harvest for Federally-qualified users. But as Mr. Robbins spoke, you know, even going back as -- I went as far back as 2005, I mean there's been just very little effort for harvest on really either side, State or subsistence users. So it's just -- you know, we've just really never had to implement that minimum for users. We have not had to close, you know, close the season based on that or, you know, really implement. So it's just really cleaning it up. You know this was also put in before we had in-season management authority. Everything had to go through the Board but now we have that flexibility that if there are issues during the season the District Ranger can implement, you know, any changes as needed to, you know, serve the subsistence users.

So it's mostly just kind of simplifying the regulations.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you Susan. Well, if somebody on the Council would like to put this forward as a motion then we'll have further discussion.

MR. ROBBINS: This is Harold, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harold.

MR. ROBBINS: Yes, I would like to put this forward as a motion.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Second.

MS. NEEDHAM: Second by Cathy.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you, Cathy. So any further discussion or questions from the



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1 Council about this proposal.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, not hearing any questions but if somebody wants to put forward a justification that'd be helpful.

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MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal Casipit. I'll take a shot at that.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Excuse me, Cal, what was that.

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MR. CASIPIT: I said I'll take a shot at providing that justification if you'd like.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cal.

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MR. CASIPIT: Okay. I will support this motion. It basically cleans up regulations and it's basically something that one of the Yakutat Council members has worked with one of the local managers with the Forest Service to come up with this and it seems reasonable based on the information provided. And it simplifies the regulations and it doesn't appear that there is a problem with meeting the subsistence needs in this area.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, very good, thank you, Cal. Anybody else from the Council with a question or comment.

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(No comments)

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MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair, Jim Slater.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Jim.

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MR. SLATER: This just seems like a very straight forward and common sense proposal. I would vote to say yes. And that's it.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Very good. Are we ready for the question.

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MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, I will call for the question.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

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Frank, do you want to run through a roll call vote on

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MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, okay.

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Ian Johnson.

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MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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(No comments)

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MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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(No comments)

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MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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MR. KITKA: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

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MR. SCHROEDER: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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MR. SLATER: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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3 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Calvin Casipit.

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7 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes,  
10 motion passed.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
13 Frank.

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15 MR. BEMIS: This is Larry Bemis, I hit  
16 the button wrong here. I vote yes also. Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Larry.  
19 We're all being challenged by the buttons this morning.  
20 Okay, that proposal passes.

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22 Mike Douville, I hear you're back, I  
23 kind of wanted to go through the moose proposal that  
24 you recommended, do you have that in front of you and  
25 does the rest of the Council see the moose proposal. I  
26 was going to ask you, Mike, if you want to just take a  
27 look at it and introduce it and see if it's -- make  
28 sure if it's what you had intended.

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30 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay, I'm looking at  
31 what's on -- that just came up on the screen and it  
32 needs to scroll a little ways.

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34 (Pause)

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So like I say what  
37 I'm doing here is just kind of -- whoever suggested the  
38 proposal I'm just kind of asking them to take a look at  
39 it and make sure it's along the lines of what they were  
40 looking for and then once we do that then we can make  
41 it a motion and put it before the whole Council to  
42 discuss. So that's what I'm trying to do here for  
43 everybody when we get to the rest of them.

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45 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay. Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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49 MR. DOUVILLE: I think what they're

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1 looking for is a Federal draw hunt for rural users in  
2 Units 1 through 4 for rural -- let's not say any  
3 particular units but for rural qualified hunters.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. And I  
6 think that's kind of implied being a Federal regulation  
7 and our C&T determination is for all rural residents, 1  
8 through 5, so under those conditions I think being a  
9 Federal hunt would indicate that.

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11 MR. DOUVILLE: Well, you can hunt but  
12 what we're looking for is a Federal draw hunt for any  
13 bull.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Ah, right, okay.

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17 MR. DOUVILLE: You know I think it  
18 would offer more subsistence opportunity without having  
19 to like if you go hunting there now under current  
20 regulations and not find a legal bull although there's  
21 adequate numbers, there's no conservation issues or  
22 anything, but it becomes kind of difficult to find the  
23 exact right one.

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. So I'm  
26 looking at the proposed language here and it doesn't  
27 say -- make any mention of a drawing. It says, you  
28 know, 20 bull moose, which in my understanding is any  
29 bull moose, not necessarily the one antlered -- or  
30 spike-fork 50 inch or three brow tine, all that  
31 language, but it doesn't say by -- it says by Federal  
32 permit but I think your intent was to have a drawing  
33 for that permit, correct?

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35 MR. DOUVILLE: That would be correct  
36 although it would be adequate either way but I think it  
37 would be more fair to have a draw hunt.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. I wouldn't  
40 know how to do it otherwise actually so let's get --  
41 let's get it before the Council as a motion and then if  
42 we want to amend it we can do that.

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44 MR. DOUVILLE: I will move to submit  
45 this proposal.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. All we need  
48 is a second.

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1 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal, I'll second.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.

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5 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is

6 Terry Suminski.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, let's have  
9 Terry explain what he's done here if you're the one who  
10 wrote the proposal Terry.

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12 MR. SUMINSKI: Yeah, thanks, Mr. Chair,  
13 for the chance to explain. I was pretty tired when I  
14 wrote this up to be honest with you. And I was really  
15 struggling with having a draw permit on a population  
16 that we have no population estimates for. So the  
17 percentage idea wouldn't work because we don't know  
18 what percent of, you know, how many animals. What  
19 controls the population in this unit is the spike-fork  
20 50, which allows just certain males to be taken.

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22 So I think what we -- if we just -- the  
23 problem with the way it's written, of course, is the --  
24 you know, 20 bulls, they could be taken within the  
25 first minute of the season and we'd have no way to stop  
26 it quick enough. So I think this -- you could use the  
27 same language and insert similar language that we have  
28 in the elk draw permit, we'd have to modify it a little  
29 bit, it might take a few minutes, but we could do that  
30 if you want us to do that first before you try to, you  
31 know, do it through Roberts Rules. If that would be  
32 helpful, I could probably, 10, 15 minutes get it  
33 cleaned up a little bit to make it clear of what Mike's  
34 intent was.

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36 Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, yeah, if you  
39 think you can do that. It just -- you know, talking  
40 about the number associated with it, I mean right now  
41 it is an open hunt, there is no set quota. So that  
42 makes it different from, like, Berners Boost -- or  
43 Berners Bay moose where they set a quota and issue --  
44 have a drawing for so many permits. So I guess I  
45 realize that the 20 bulls is somewhat of an arbitrary  
46 number although there's, you know, fairly consistently  
47 been around 100 bulls harvested over a number of years.  
48 So I mean that does seem like, for now, that's a pretty  
49 reasonable number. It's close to that, you know, 25

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1 percent, that we've talked about in Berners Bay kind of  
2 priority. Yes, I think there would have to be a  
3 drawing to see who's qualified, or who's eligible to  
4 shoot a moose that doesn't conform to the 50 inch  
5 antler restriction. And that's -- I mean that's kind  
6 of based -- I'd consult with Mike with this but it's  
7 kind of based on the fact that the population is pretty  
8 healthy, that spike-fork 50 inch, you know, three brow  
9 tines all of that has been apparently pretty successful  
10 in building a pretty good herd. So, you know, can we  
11 take some of those as below that requirement and not do  
12 any harm to the population. I guess that's the issue  
13 before us.

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15 And, I don't know, Mike, do you want to  
16 add anything to that.

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18 MR. DOUVILLE: No. It would have to --  
19 in order to be successful, the analysis would have to  
20 show you could do that. The other thing is you must  
21 have a draw hunt in order to control the numbers,  
22 otherwise, just a Federal permit, things could quite  
23 easily get out of hand, and in fact probably would. So  
24 a Federal draw hunt would strictly regulate how many.  
25 20 is an arbitrary number, I guess, and the analysis  
26 would tell you if it's okay or less or whatever. So,  
27 yes, that's my thought.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. And people  
30 would have to keep in mind that the majority of the  
31 hunters, probably overwhelming majority of the hunters  
32 that take advantage of the moose hunt are Federally-  
33 qualified.

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35 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is  
36 Terry Suminski. Would you like -- maybe we could have  
37 Greg edit on the screen or do you want me to do that  
38 and you can put it back up.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is that something  
41 that you can put up on the Teams screen?

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43 MR. SUMINSKI: Yeah. Are you okay with  
44 that Greg?

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46 MR. DUNN: Hi, Mr. Chair, this is Greg.  
47 I can do it all here on the screen, it's all good.

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49 MR. SUMINSKI: Okay. If you can just

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1 clip that draw portion out of that elk draw permit we  
2 can just modify that to get it tuned in for moose and  
3 for this type of -- and then it would be.....

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5 (Teleconference interference -  
6 participants not muted - overlapping conversation)

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8 MS. PERRY: Excuse me. Pardon me, Mr.  
9 Chair. I just want to remind everybody to mute their  
10 phones. If you can take just a second and make sure  
11 that your phone is muted. We're getting some crosstalk  
12 and unable to hear the conversation. Again, if you  
13 don't have a mute button just press star six and then  
14 if you need to speak press star six to unmute.

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16 MR. SUMINSKI: Did you catch that,  
17 Greg, just clip that draw paragraph out of the elk  
18 proposal.

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20 MR. DUNN: Thank you. I caught that  
21 now.

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23 MR. SUMINSKI: Okay, thanks.

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25 (Pause)

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27 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal  
28 Casipit. I'm not on Teams so I don't really see the  
29 edits going on there but I'm okay with that. I trust  
30 Staff and I trust the people that do have it on their  
31 screen.

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: We will explain it  
34 all, Cal, so just, yep, pay attention.

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36 MR. CASIPIT: I did want to note  
37 though, this thing that we're talking about, a draw for  
38 any antlered bull, this isn't without precedence. We  
39 did that for the Stik -- I know the Council did that  
40 for the Stikine several years ago. I know it was  
41 removed later because it was basically for --  
42 apparently a lot of it was directed at getting antler  
43 data for the Board of Game to reduce it from three brow  
44 tines on one side to two brow tines on both sides. So  
45 I know that went on. But having a draw permit in this  
46 way with a companion antler restriction hunt going on  
47 at the same time, that isn't without precedent and  
48 we've done it before -- or the Council's done it  
49 before, I should say.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Cal. Yeah, while we're waiting for the actual wording  
3 to come up, you know, if any other Council members have  
4 questions or, you know, they understand what we're  
5 doing well enough and want to weigh in that's fine.

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7                   MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, could I  
8 just finish up with Greg here real quick.

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10                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Sure. Yeah, just  
11 keep doing what you're doing there.

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13                  MR. SUMINSKI: Yeah, Greg, you can get  
14 rid of that first sentence. It'd be one bull moose --  
15 the first sentence there, yes, there you got it. Okay.  
16 The one above annual harvest quota, so I think that  
17 still works, and I would get rid of that last sentence.  
18 And then I think that should get it.

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20                  Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thanks for your  
21 patience.

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23                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Things can kind of  
24 get a little cumbersome when we're trying to do this  
25 all on teleconference so I guess we just have to bear  
26 with it here.

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30                  MR. SUMINSKI: And Greg you should add  
31 the draw sample on there, that might have gotten  
32 dropped.

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36                  MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is  
37 Terry Suminski. I think we're done and ready for the  
38 Council to weigh in. Thank you.

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40                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks,  
41 Terry. I guess it's going to come up on the Teams  
42 screen, that's what we're waiting for, correct?

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46                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So.....

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48                  MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna,  
49 it is on the Teams screen, and for those looking at it  
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1 you'll see a red dash to the left of the language and  
2 that shows where the new language was put in.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm sorry  
5 I'm not seeing it on my screen.

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7 MR. SLATER: Yeah, I'm not seeing it  
8 either, DeAnna.

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10 MS. PERRY: Are you not seeing the  
11 proposal at all or you're just not seeing the edits?

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13 MR. SLATER: No proposal at all.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No proposal.

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17 MS. PERRY: Okay. I think Greg's going  
18 to try again, it was up on my screen. Let's see if the  
19 second time's a charm.

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21 (Pause)

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23 MS. PERRY: And I can see it now, can  
24 everyone else on Teams see it.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No.

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28 MR. SLATER: Not yet.

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30 MR. SCHROEDER: I've got it. This is  
31 Bob.

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33 MS. PERRY: Perhaps as a work around we  
34 can read off the language. I know folks probably have  
35 the emailed version in front of them. We could kind of  
36 explain it if -- I don't know why some people are  
37 seeing it and some aren't.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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41 MR. DUNN: Excuse me, Mr. Chair, this  
42 is Greg. If you guys are on your gallery Council  
43 meeting -- it has the gallery that's usually up, if you  
44 go to that one, because there's usually two screens  
45 that come up, that's where you can see it at, not from  
46 just the chat.

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48 MS. PERRY: Are folks able to get that  
49 up, did that work?

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1 MR. SLATER: No, not at this point. I  
2 just see all of the initials, the different members.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's what  
5 I'm seeing.

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7 MS. PERRY: Okay. We can verbally talk  
8 about the new language and where it's inserted.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. DeAnna, my  
11 screen is saying desktop sharing isn't supported in  
12 your browser yet. I don't know why that is but maybe  
13 that's a problem other people are having. I'm just  
14 going to go back to the email and follow along and try  
15 and see where the wording comes up.

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17 MS. PERRY: Well, you were seeing the  
18 ones previously, right?

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah. I don't  
21 know what changed though.

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23 MS. PERRY: Yeah, I know Teams is  
24 really having some challenges this week. I noticed our  
25 echo is back on the phone line.

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27 (Pause)

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29 MS. PERRY: So let's see.....

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31 MR. SLATER: Hey, DeAnna.

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33 MS. PERRY: Yes.

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35 MR. SLATER: I just hung up on the  
36 meeting and then rejoined and now I see it. So that  
37 might work for you, Don.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, okay.

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41 MR. JOHNSON: This is Ian. The only  
42 other thing I could suggest is, Greg Dunn, it's his  
43 screen that's sharing, so I would just click on his  
44 user and try to highlight them within your Teams  
45 program, it might bring up his screen that way. I'm  
46 not sure if it will.

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48 (Pause)

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1 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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MS. NEEDHAM: This is Cathy, and it sounds like Don is trying the trick of hanging up and calling back in so maybe I'll just try to move us forward and step into his role for a few moments while we're waiting for that. For those that can't see the regulation, the words that were added -- we're looking at a proposed Federal regulation here for Unit 2 moose. The previous regulation language that we're keeping was from September 15th to October 15th, one antlered bull with spike fork or 50 inch antlers or three or more brow tines on either antler or antlers with two brow tines on both side by State registration permit only.

The added language would include on Kupreanof and Kuiu up to 20 bull moose may be taken by Federal draw permit. Harvest limit is one bull moose per Federal draw permit. Only one bull moose permit will be issued per household. A household receiving a State draw permit for moose may not receive a Federal permit. The annual harvest quota will be announced by the USDA Forest Service Petersburg Ranger District Office in consultation with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Successful hunters are required to send a photo of their moose antlers to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and a five inch section of lower jaw with front teeth.

So that's the way the new language read. And at this time are there any comments or questions from the Council.

MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal. That part where you read about if you have a State draw permit you're ineligible for a Federal one. I don't think we need that language because there is no State draw permit. It's all a registration spike fork 50.

MR. SUMINSKI: This is Terry Suminski. Thanks, Cal. I was contemplating that in case it did go to a draw but it probably wouldn't be the same area so I'd get rid of that sentence.

Thank you.

MS. NEEDHAM: All right, thank you Mr.

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1 Casipit and Suminski. Are there any other comments  
2 regarding the new proposed language from Council  
3 members, comments or questions.

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5 MR. DOUVILLE: Madame Chair.

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7 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes, Mr. Douville.

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9 MR. DOUVILLE: I know you submit a  
10 lower jaw for elk but is that necessary for moose, to  
11 include that.

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13 MR. SUMINSKI: Through the Chair. Mr.  
14 Douville. This is Terry Suminski. That's very common  
15 in all the moose hunts we have in Southeast. It allows  
16 animals to be aged, you know, to develop the age  
17 structure of the herd.

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19 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay, thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And Cathy I am  
22 back now and I did manage to get it up on my screen by  
23 going in and out, or out and in again so thanks for  
24 picking up the slack there.

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26 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So any other  
29 issues here that the Council wants to bring up on this  
30 proposal.

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33 (No comments)

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, then.....

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37 MR. SCHROEDER: This is Bob Schroeder.  
38 I note that the spike fork 50 requirement on this and  
39 for that matter with some other hunts around the state,  
40 basically has been a way to deal with making things  
41 slightly more manageable. However, we never heard  
42 testimony or anything from subsistence users saying  
43 that they really want only really old bulls or only  
44 really young bulls. So creating kind of a hybrid hunt  
45 like this because in Unit 3 almost all the moose are  
46 taken by subsistence users allows some access to the  
47 permit system for some of the more tastier critters.  
48 So I'd just make that note.

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Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you, Bob. And just as a reminder, we have a motion to put the proposal forward in its original language so we do need an amended motion as well at some point if this language meets that need.

MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, Terry Suminski again. I just noticed that we may have to make it clear that there's just one -- the limit is one moose no matter whether you do the draw or the spike fork 50 hunt. So I'm not sure exactly how to fix that just yet.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Let's see.

MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead Mike.

MR. DOUVILLE: I'm agreeable with that if you had a Federal tag and you got a moose you wouldn't qualify for any other moose in this unit. And the other thing that I would ask Terry is there any advantage to saying Unit 3 instead of specifying those two islands.

MR. SUMINSKI: Yeah, Mike, I think the problem with specifying Unit 3 then you get into the main land hunt on the Stikine River and I think the focus should be on Kuiu and Kupreanof, especially if you're thinking about Kake and some of the other communities. But I guess I'm not sure how happy (indiscernible) would be with something like that but -- we don't know so I'm not sure.

MR. DOUVILLE: Okay.

(Pause)

MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, where are we at, do we have a motion on the floor or do we need one?

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: We have a motion to put the original proposal forward but now that we've amended the language we would need a new proposal [sic] to accept the amendments. Or excuse me, a new motion. I think you made the original motion, Mike.

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1 MR. DOUVILLE: Yeah.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. So you  
4 would make the motion for the amendments if you think  
5 they're good.

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7 MR. DOUVILLE: I think they're fine. I  
8 would like to make a motion include the amended  
9 language.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. I  
12 can't remember who seconded.

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14 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal, I seconded.  
15 I consent to those changes, it sounds good.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Any  
18 other discussion on the amended motion.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Frank.....

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24 MS. NEEDHAM: Question.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....you want to  
27 -- was that you Cathy.

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29 MS. NEEDHAM: I just called for the  
30 question.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Frank,  
33 do you want to do a roll call vote on the amendment.

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35 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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37 Cal Casipit.

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39 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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41 MR. WRIGHT: This is on the amendment,  
42 right?

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Correct.

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46 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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48 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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3 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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7 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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13 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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15 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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17 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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19 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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21 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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23 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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25 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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27 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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29 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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31 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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33 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

34 Amendment passed, back to the main motion.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
37 Frank. Okay, we now have an amended motion before us,  
38 any other discussion anybody has about the motion or  
39 the amendment -- excuse me, the proposal as amended.

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41 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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45 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
46 believe we've discussed this and provided in the  
47 discussion, justification for this proposal -- putting  
48 forward this proposal, even as we were amending the  
49 language to assure that we're carefully considering and  
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1 providing for a subsistence priority for Federally-  
2 qualified subsistence users. So I'll support the main  
3 motion.

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5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy,  
8 that's good rationale, justification. Anybody else  
9 want to add to that.

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11 MR. CASIPIT: So I just wanted to use  
12 the specific words for the record, but I believe that  
13 this -- that putting forward this proposal will provide  
14 for a meaningful priority for Federally-qualified  
15 subsistence users who hunt on Kuiu and Kupreanof.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.

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19 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Are we ready for  
22 the question -- one more comment.

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24 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, I'm  
25 sorry this is Terry Suminski.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Terry, go ahead.

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29 MR. SUMINSKI: I think I have some  
30 language so that people don't double up on permits --  
31 just a second here. I think if we could insert in  
32 there, in the second -- or the bold paragraph,  
33 recipients of a Federal draw permit is not eligible for  
34 a State permit.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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38 MR. SUMINSKI: Sorry about that. It's  
39 kind of hard write regs on the fly.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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43 (Laughter)

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45 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.  
46 I move to amend the proposal to include recipients of a  
47 Federal draw permit are not eligible for a State  
48 permit.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you.  
2 Cathy's putting forward a new amendment, do we have a  
3 second.

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5 MR. CASIPIT: Second. This is Cal with  
6 a second.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks, Cal.  
9 Okay. Yeah, Terry worked on that and came up with some  
10 additional language. I think, Terry, that does resolve  
11 that issue. Any other Council members have comment on  
12 that, question.

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14 (No comments)

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16 MR. KITKA: Call for the question.

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18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 So.....

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21 MR. DOUVILLE: Just a minute. Just a  
22 minute, Mr. Chair, I have a question.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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26 MR. DOUVILLE: I would like the  
27 rationale for not being qualified for a State draw  
28 permit. If you are up in the -- if you had one of  
29 these permits, not that you'd need two moose, but I  
30 guess my question is is why would you add that in  
31 there? And there would be some -- you know if you  
32 apply for -- depending on when these draw permits  
33 become available, same time as the State or -- you  
34 certainly could apply for one and maybe get two permits  
35 but there would be some conflict where you'd have to  
36 forfeit one or the other. But, anyway, those are  
37 questions I guess we could answer later but they did  
38 come to mind.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't know, do  
41 you have a response, Terry, to that.

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43 MR. SUMINSKI: Through the Chair. Mr.  
44 Douville. Terry Suminski. Yeah, It was just simply  
45 that if somebody got a draw permit, the chances are  
46 pretty high that they'd find any bull and the remaining  
47 -- the only other way you would be able to take a  
48 moose in this unit is through the State registration  
49 permit using the spike fork 50 provision. So for  
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1 somebody that -- I guess it's just, you know, to  
2 prevent people from taking two moose so they're better  
3 shared, I guess.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. And I  
6 think what's important here is that anybody can get a  
7 moose registration permit, you just go in and pick one  
8 up, there's no restriction on it. So if you had one of  
9 those in hand you would not be eligible to have a  
10 Federal draw permit and a State permit both and you  
11 could essentially be eligible for two moose so you'd  
12 have to say that.....

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14 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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18 MR. DOUVILLE: It's clear now. I was  
19 confusing it with the State draw hunt, which doesn't  
20 apply here. We're talking about registration. So,  
21 okay, I'm good.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That's what I  
24 realized. Okay, thanks, Mike. Any other discussion on  
25 this amendment.

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, so we have a  
30 seconded amended motion made by Cathy and I think it  
31 sounds like we're ready to vote on this amendment.

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33 MR. KITKA: Call for the question,  
34 Harvey.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Harvey.  
37 Go ahead, Frank, you want to do a roll call on this  
38 one.

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40 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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42 Ian Johnson.

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44 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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46 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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48 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

MR. BEMIS: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

MR. KITKA: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

MR. HOWARD: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

MR. SCHROEDER: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

MR. SLATER: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Calvin Casipit.

MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

Motion carried on amendment.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.

So that puts the amended motion. Before us is the main motion, one more opportunity for any comment on the main motion.

(No comments)

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Are we ready for the question.

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1 MR. HOWARD: Question.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.  
4 Frank, one more time roll call on the main motion.

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6 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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8 Cal Casipit.

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10 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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12 MR. WRIGHT: You heard it Cal.

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14 MR. CASIPIT: Yes. Yes. Sorry.  
15 There's so many fingers.

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17 (Laughter)

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19 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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21 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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23 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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25 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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27 MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

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29 MR. SCHROEDER: Yes.

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31 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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33 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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35 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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39 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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41 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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43 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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45 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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49 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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3 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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7 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

10 Motion carried.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
13 Okay, we're going to take a break for lunch. When we  
14 come back we'll take up the various proposals dealing  
15 with Unit 4 deer and I believe that's all that's left  
16 for us, but that's not a small thing. So we still have  
17 several action items that we need to address for this  
18 meeting, and I do want to allow some ample time for the  
19 folks from Womens Earth and Climate Action Network to  
20 make their presentation so we've got some work ahead of  
21 us this afternoon.

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23 DeAnna, I do want to check with you,  
24 Wanda Culp was going to present for the WECAN group, is  
25 she available all afternoon?

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27 MS. PERRY: I will doublecheck. She  
28 did want me to text her when we were getting up to that  
29 agency report. I did see her on earlier so I can text  
30 her and see her availability for the rest of the  
31 afternoon -- oh, I just got a text they are available  
32 so there's your answer.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.  
35 Unfortunately I can't tell them, you know, a precise  
36 time when we'll be looking for them but it sounds like  
37 it will be into the afternoon, not right away so you  
38 can let her know that.

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40 MS. PERRY: Okay. I believe she's  
41 monitoring.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, very good,  
44 thank you. Okay, we'll reconvene at 1:00 o'clock.

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46 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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1 MS. PERRY: I would ask everybody to go  
2 ahead and hang up and disconnect and I'll ask the  
3 operator to break the line and dial up again. I'm  
4 hoping we can get rid of the echo that we've been  
5 experiencing all morning. So if we could all just go  
6 ahead and hang up and the operator can disconnect the  
7 line and then everybody dial back in when they're back  
8 from lunch. Maybe we won't have our reverb going on  
9 this afternoon, that would be helpful.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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13 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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17 MR. DOUVILLE: Yeah, I would request a  
18 copy of this most recent proposal via emailed if it's  
19 not too inconvenient for DeAnna.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm sure she can  
22 do that.

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24 MS. PERRY: Yeah, I can go ahead and  
25 send out all the ones that we've done so far.

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27 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay, thank you. See  
28 you after lunch.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, have a good  
31 break here, bye.

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33 (Off record)

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35 (On record)

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: DeAnna, maybe you  
38 could go through the roll and see if we have a quorum  
39 back.

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41 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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43 Alrighty, Harold Robbins.

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45 MR. ROBBINS: Here.

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47 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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49 Harvey Kitka.

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1 MR. KITKA: Here.

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3 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Harvey.

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5 Larry Bemis.

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7 MR. BEMIS: Here.

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9 MS. PERRY: Cathy Needham.

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11 (No comments)

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13 MS. PERRY: I think Cathy is back but  
14 she's on another line, I just got a text, but she is  
15 here.

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17 Ian Johnson.

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19 (No comments)

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21 MS. PERRY: Frank Wright.

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23 MR. WRIGHT: Here.

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25 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Frank.

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27 Cal Casipit.

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29 MR. CASIPIT: Here.

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31 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Cal.

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33 Mike Douville.

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35 MR. DOUVILLE: Here.

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37 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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39 Jim Slater.

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41 MR. SLATER: Here.

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43 MS. PERRY: And Robert Schroeder did  
44 let us know he would be out this afternoon.

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46 Albert Howard.

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48 (No comments)

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1 MS. PERRY: And, Don, I heard you.

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3 Ian Johnson, have you joined us.

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5 (No comments)

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7 MS. PERRY: And I know Mr. Johnson's

8 had some meetings he's had to pop in and out for so

9 maybe he is out at one of those.

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11 Albert Howard, have you joined us.

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13 (No comments)

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15 MS. PERRY: Okay. Mr. Chair, it looks

16 as though we have nine of your 12 members online. And

17 I did want to let you know I just got an update from

18 George Pappas. As we know the Board of Game meeting is

19 going on today and one of the things on their agenda is

20 Proposal 194 that this Council discussed yesterday.

21 That came up right before lunch and it looks like

22 they'll be deliberating that proposal when they come

23 back from lunch and hopefully George can give us an

24 update on what action they took a little bit later in

25 the meeting.

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27 Over to you, Mr. Chair.

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29 Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, DeAnna.

32 Okay, as I mentioned before we got started on our lunch

33 break we do have a number of business items to take

34 care of and what could be a lengthy presentation this

35 afternoon so we still have these wildlife proposals to

36 get through. And we had a lengthy discussion this

37 morning on kind of the, I guess, you could say the

38 merits of putting in these proposals, merits and

39 implications and all of that. I hope everybody's had a

40 chance to think about all of that for awhile now. And

41 I think the way I'm going to approach this is, is just

42 given the amount of time we've put in on this already

43 and how much time we have left. I'm going to take

44 about an hour to work on these four proposals left and

45 if the Council can't come up with some kind of

46 consensus on where we want to go with these, I'm afraid

47 I'm going to have to leave it up to the communities to

48 put in proposals, because I know they will, and, of

49 course, they will also get equal consideration but we

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1 do want to keep in mind that a proposal that comes from  
2 the Council is generally viewed a little differently by  
3 the Board because they know that we've put a lot of  
4 time and effort into putting forward a proposal. So  
5 everybody keep all of that in mind and.....

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8 participants not muted)

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....any -- I'll  
11 give a chance if anybody has any comments on that.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, very good.  
16 Let's go to the proposals and I think I'll maybe like  
17 to start with the one dealing with Lisianski Inlet. I  
18 know we had a lot of testimony on that one and it might  
19 be kind of the focus of our discussion and it might  
20 kind of lead to what we do in the other areas west  
21 Admiralty Island and Northeast Chichagof Controlled Use  
22 Area. So.....

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24 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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26 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is  
27 Calvin.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
30 Cal.

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32 MR. CASIPIT: Didn't we already vote on  
33 the Lisianski Inlet one, the Pelican one?

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35 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this Council has  
36 done final action on that proposal. If the Council  
37 would like to amend the previously adopted motion they  
38 can but the Council has already voted on that proposal.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, yeah, thank  
41 you for reminding me of that. I don't know, did we  
42 have this -- the language that the State wrote up  
43 yesterday when we did this, I can't recall.

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45 MR. SLATER: Yes. Mr. Chair, this is  
46 Jim Slater. I integrated the language from Justin  
47 Koller at that time. The only thing that was left that  
48 we said that we would permit the Staff to do is to  
49 adjust the lines, the definition of the line by a small  
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1 amount to incorporate some harbors near the end of both  
2 Lisianski Inlet and Lisianski Straits.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. And I see  
5 that as a separate proposal. Do we need to address  
6 that now or what's your view on that.

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8 MR. SLATER: I thought we said we were  
9 going to leave that and trust the Staff and it would be  
10 dealt with later on as it went through the review  
11 process and I'm not sure exactly at what point,  
12 somewhere down the line is what I remember, the  
13 conversation, how that was going yesterday.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I see they  
16 do have some language for us on that. Do we want to  
17 clean that up at this time or leave that up to the ones  
18 to.....

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20 MR. SLATER: I'm find with your  
21 recommendation. I sent Justin Koller the markers, or  
22 the chart with lines on it today defining the  
23 modifications and I'm not sure if he's had a chance to  
24 look at that.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'll ask the  
27 Staff. I think I see it in front of us here. I got it  
28 in the email, I'll say.

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30 MR. SLATER: Oh, okay, I'll check out  
31 my email right now.

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33 MS. PERRY: If I could insert. What I  
34 sent was what we had on the screen yesterday when the  
35 Council voted on the proposal. Jim, I don't think you  
36 looped me into whatever you sent to Justin, but Justin,  
37 just a couple minutes before we came back at 1:00  
38 o'clock, asked me if that had been addressed and so I'm  
39 not sure what conversation you two are having but the  
40 Council does not have that in front of them.

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42 MR. SLATER: I can forward it to you  
43 right now. I sent it to Justin so he could put it in  
44 the proposal and I thought the Council would reevaluate  
45 at that point, later. Okay, it is on the way.

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47 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, somebody

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1 else.

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3 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is  
4 Terry Suminski.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Terry.

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8 MR. SUMINSKI: Yeah, I was under the  
9 impression that you took final action with the  
10 understanding that Staff would just adjust those lines  
11 before they were submitted, and that's what the  
12 conversation was about so I don't think it's any  
13 substantive change, it was just moving the line  
14 slightly but the same concept and intent are there.

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17 participants not muted - typing - cell phone)

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. It kind of  
20 sounds like we can move on to a different proposal  
21 then. Let's see, I'll ask is Albert back yet, I don't  
22 think I heard Albert earlier.

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24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I don't  
27 think I'm hearing Albert. So why don't we go to the  
28 proposal that deals with the Northeast Chichagof  
29 Controlled Use Area.

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32 participants not muted - typing - cars)

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So I don't know if  
35 either, Ian, if you or Frank want to explain that  
36 proposal. I don't think we've dealt with that one yet,  
37 I recall, I'm sorry I kind of lost track of where we  
38 were yesterday. Some confusion on the Lisianski one.  
39 But I believe we still have to deal with the Northeast  
40 Chichagof Controlled Use Area proposal.

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42 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
43 Albert.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, hi, Albert.

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47 MR. HOWARD: Okay, good, now you can  
48 hear me.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ:  Yep.  Yep, I hear  
2 you.  We'll get to your proposal shortly.

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4                   MR. HOWARD:  Okay, thank you.

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6                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ:  Yep.

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8                   MR. JOHNSON:  Mr. Chair, this is Ian.  
9 I apologize for missing roll call but I am here now.

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11                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ:  No problem, Ian.  
12 Do you want to kind of present the initial discussion  
13 here on the Northeast Chichagof Controlled Use Area  
14 proposal.

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16                   MR. JOHNSON:  Yeah, I can and I would  
17 -- actually I might open the floor to Frank really  
18 quick because he did introduce it yesterday.  Frank,  
19 would you like to start into it or do you want me to do  
20 it?

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22                   MR. WRIGHT:  You can go ahead and do  
23 it.

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25                   MR. JOHNSON:  Okay.

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27                   (Teleconference interference -  
28 participants not muted - typing)

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30                   MR. JOHNSON:  Okay.  Yeah, so the  
31 issues that Frank brought up yesterday in regards to  
32 kind of testimony or, you know, what we've been hearing  
33 in the community.  I guess the research -- the research  
34 I did last night was to just -- and I think the  
35 document that was passed out to you by DeAnna just  
36 during the lunchtime here, that's not a very complete  
37 document, it doesn't really -- but it was my thoughts  
38 but it did pull some data from the 2016 subsistence  
39 household surveys conducted by the State and reflected  
40 what was brought forward, that about 30 percent of  
41 households used less deer in 2016 and some households  
42 citing just competition and the use of the road system  
43 as primary things for those.  I know there's some  
44 difficulties in determining what the best management  
45 mechanism for this and the proposed language that was  
46 given to us from the Staff, and thank you Staff for  
47 taking a shot at that, does like, you know, includes  
48 this closure aspect which was, of course, debated this  
49 morning and I think is probably part of the larger  
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1 discussion that we need to have around these proposals.  
2 But I might personally favor a bag limit change if we  
3 think that's within our -- for non-Federally-qualified  
4 subsistence users if that seems to be in our tool kit.

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6 And then I did pull up the map in that  
7 document that DeAnna just passed out, I had inserted  
8 the map for the controlled use area which was  
9 recommended by Cal yesterday and would incorporate the  
10 entire road system on Federal lands that we're  
11 referring to impacted by non-qualified Federal use --  
12 for Federal use.

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14 So, again, my document didn't really  
15 look at the -- or the one passed out by DeAnna didn't  
16 really look at the management mechanisms but does  
17 provide further justification for the need for this  
18 regulation.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
21 Ian. Okay, I'm looking at the screen here. Let's see  
22 any comments from the Staff on how they determined to  
23 word this proposal.

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25 (No comments)

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any questions on  
28 it.

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30 MR. SUMINSKI: Hi, Mr. Chair, this is  
31 Terry Suminski. I just saw it scroll by and I'm  
32 looking at it to see if this is the same version. It  
33 looks like somebody added a map that was nice. Yeah,  
34 you know, I just tried to capture what Frank said,  
35 wanted it closed to non-Federally-qualified in the  
36 Northeast Chichagof Controlled Use Area from October  
37 15th to December 31st, pretty straightforward. It's  
38 already a defined area in our regulations so it's --  
39 yeah, I guess I'm prepared for any questions, thanks.

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41 And if Mr. Johnson would like to add to  
42 the justification, you know, it's the Council's  
43 proposal so whatever your wish is.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. Okay, I  
46 think we're all clear on the intent and wording of the  
47 proposal. Would somebody like to make a motion to put  
48 this under consideration for the Council.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, make a  
2 motion on the Northeast Chichagof Island deer proposal.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
5 Do we have a second.

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7 MR. SLATER: This is Jim Slater, I  
8 second it.

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10 MR. JOHNSON: I'll second it.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I heard Jim  
13 Slater is the second. Okay. So comments from the  
14 Council, any further discussion on this or does it need  
15 to be amended also, so go ahead.

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17 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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21 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
22 I want to thank Ian for providing some additional  
23 information to us. I had a chance to read it just  
24 before we came back and I think it's exciting to have  
25 him on the Council to be able to dig for this stuff  
26 really fast and provide background information that we  
27 might not otherwise get for developing these proposals.  
28 He did mention that we might be open for a potential  
29 reduction in bag limit on this for non-Federally-  
30 qualified subsistence users, and so one question that I  
31 would have is if he's given any thought to what that  
32 reduction would look like. I would tend to favor a  
33 reduction over a full closure until -- just because I  
34 haven't heard that there's necessarily a conservation  
35 concern, although I do remember from previous work with  
36 this Council in the early days there used to be a  
37 conservation concern in this particular area. So I  
38 know the analysis will bring us more for that. But in  
39 the materials that Mr. Johnson provided when it talks  
40 about these harvest surveys that were done and what the  
41 reason for not being able to harvest deer was, 36  
42 percent of the respondents reported because it was lack  
43 of effort and competition was listed but it was as  
44 another potential reason for why they had a reduced  
45 percentage in harvest out of this area over the past  
46 year but I didn't see competition as necessarily being  
47 the biggest issue, it sounds like there's a lot of  
48 things going on there.

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1                   So I'd like to entertain a potential  
2 reduction in bag limit for non-Federally-qualified  
3 users and would defer our members from Hoonah if they  
4 think that that's appropriate, an appropriate more  
5 conservative way to go with this particular proposal  
6 and if so what that reduction might be.

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8                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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10                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
11 Before we go about making amendments let's ask some of  
12 the locals what they think about that.

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14                   MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chair.

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16                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Frank.

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18                   MR. WRIGHT: I agree with the reduction  
19 of the non -- people that aren't supposed to be here.  
20 Anyway I'm not quite sure how to go about saying how  
21 many deer because, you know, when a ferry comes in and  
22 there's truckloads going out of Hoonah that means they  
23 must have a full six deer so I would prefer at least  
24 cut it in half or less, something like that.

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26                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
29 Frank. Anybody else with an opinion on that.

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31                   MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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33                   MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.

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35                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I heard Cathy  
36 first and then somebody else. Go ahead, Cathy.

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38                   MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
39 You know when we put the proposal forward for the  
40 reduction of bag limit to non-Federally-qualified  
41 subsistence users for Unit 2 deer, we had been hearing  
42 for years the -- from subsistence users from numerous  
43 communities within that unit regarding the issues for  
44 Federally-qualified subsistence users to be able to  
45 obtain deer and the amount of competition pressure that  
46 was given on that population and because we actually  
47 were working on that particular issue for years before  
48 we took proposal action, the Alaska Department of Fish  
49 and Game was able to give us harvest survey numbers to  
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1 let us know what the normal harvest for non-Federally-  
2 qualified subsistence users were and then when we  
3 decided on a bag limit it was based on that we were  
4 reducing opportunity for non-Federally-qualified  
5 subsistence users to harvest there but that they would  
6 still be able to get one or two deer so that regulation  
7 that this Council put forward that passed the Federal  
8 Subsistence Board process was to limit harvest to two  
9 deer by non-Federally-qualified subsistence users.

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11 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
14 And you're correct. There were some good survey  
15 numbers and it did show that non-Federally-qualified  
16 users, on average, despite the fact that there was a  
17 four deer bag limit, typically harvested around two  
18 deer. So that influenced our decision there. And I'm  
19 guessing that there's probably that same type of  
20 information available in Unit 4. I think they do mail-  
21 out surveys there as well. So don't know what that  
22 number is but we can certainly, at some point look at  
23 that. I don't know if we'd have to get an exact number  
24 in the regulation, in the proposal right now, I mean,  
25 you know, we can adjust as we get more information from  
26 our analysis. So I'd say just pick a reduction and go  
27 from there.

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29 So somebody else wanted to make a  
30 comment, I didn't hear who that was.

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32 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, that was Ian.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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36 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, just in line with  
37 Frank, I thought an appropriate action would be the  
38 reduction. I'm also unsure of the correct number to  
39 ask for but I mean three seems like it should be the  
40 max but, yeah, I don't have any background or ability  
41 to advise on a number exactly.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. If  
45 somebody's ready to put forward an amended motion now  
46 might be the time.

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48 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, sorry for  
49 interrupting again, this is Terry.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Terry.

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3 MR. SUMINSKI: You may want to consider  
4 the Prince of Wales regulation specifies male deer. I  
5 know on Prince of Wales that under State regs you can't  
6 harvest does on Prince of Wales but you can in Unit 4.  
7 Just something to consider if you want to go to bucks  
8 only or leave it any deer.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right, thank you,  
13 Terry. That is an option to add to the proposal to  
14 consider what people think about that, but if anybody's  
15 ready to offer up an amendment, an amended proposal go  
16 ahead.

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18 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

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22 MR. SLATER: Hi, Mr. Chair, this is Jim  
23 Slater. I would just like to ask Mr. Suminski, how has  
24 the bag limit reduction to two on Prince of Wales in  
25 Game Unit 2, how has that worked, what effect have you  
26 seen, have you seen less hunters, have you seen less  
27 deer, what is the end result. I guess I don't know  
28 when it went into play, I don't know how long it's been  
29 en force. But I'm just curious what the result has  
30 been.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MR. SUMINSKI: Through the Chair. Mr.  
35 Slater, I don't live on Prince of Wales. I don't  
36 experience, you know, what may have changed due to  
37 that. It might be better to direct that question to  
38 Mr. Douville.

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40 Thank you.

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42 MR. SLATER: Mr. Douville, do you have  
43 any information along those lines?

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45 MR. DOUVILLE: I don't remember all of  
46 your questions but it is difficult to enforce.  
47 However, we have less hunters it appears. I've also  
48 looked at the Facebook deer groups and, you know, for  
49 the last couple of years, several of them have

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1 recommended not coming over here, but we also have less  
2 deer. And a healthy wolf population so that has all  
3 had an effect, it's not just wolf that is an issue  
4 here, it's second growth closing in under story going  
5 away. So the deer harvest here still appears to be  
6 going down hill. But in our case there's a lot of  
7 private and State land mixed amongst the Federal land  
8 so while the regulation is in place it's difficult to  
9 really enforce.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, I could  
12 weigh in on that as well, Mike. And, yeah, Tom  
13 Schumacher, when he kind of ran through his run down on  
14 the previous hunting season, he did make note of the  
15 fact that there did appear to be a good bit of effort  
16 from off island hunters in Unit 2 this past year after  
17 we instituted that reduction. And, you know, it's kind  
18 of two factors. For the previous several years the  
19 success rate for all hunters has been going down on  
20 Prince of Wales, and at the same time that area close  
21 to Ketchikan, Unit 1A, has seen an increase in deer and  
22 an increase in effort, and there's still a four deer  
23 bag limit in Unit 1A as I recall. So just through -- I  
24 don't know if it was necessarily through our regulation  
25 or just the fact that deer hunting is beginning to  
26 improve closer to Ketchikan and people coming over  
27 here, but there was a definite decrease in the number  
28 of off island hunters hunting here in the last --  
29 actually probably in the last two years now. So like I  
30 say it's hard to say if the regulation change alone but  
31 it could have been an influence.

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33 The other thing is when you have a  
34 situation where you have a lesser bag limit in one area  
35 than the other, if let's say somebody were to shoot a  
36 deer in Unit 1A early in the season and they had a tag  
37 punched, if they came to Prince of Wales they would  
38 only have one tag available to harvest over here and  
39 they would still have three tags available for harvest  
40 over in Unit 1A. So when you have different bag limits  
41 in different areas, when you shoot your deer also has a  
42 big influence on where you decide to hunt. So it's not  
43 worth coming over here, make that long trip on the  
44 ferry and all that's involved if you've only got one  
45 tag. So there's factors.

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47 But overall we've definitely seen less  
48 effort in Unit 2 since the regulation.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Frank.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: I think that, you know, I  
6 was looking at the proposal a little while ago and it  
7 was saying shooting does even in September to end of  
8 December and I don't think that -- that didn't sit well  
9 with me and if we're going to have non-residents hunt I  
10 think they should only stick with bucks and a limit to  
11 two.

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13 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
16 So that offers up a suggestion for an amendment to the  
17 motion. So I don't know if you're ready to make that  
18 motion but you could.

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20 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, I would like to make  
21 that an amendment to the main motion on having non-  
22 residents, only bucks and reduction, and does -- have  
23 to figure out what date. Yeah. Reduction of -- yeah,  
24 I'm trying to figure when to put the does in because I  
25 don't like people to shoot does.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right.

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29 MR. WRIGHT: So I'm lost right now.

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31 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, I'd like Mr.  
32 Wright to clarify if he means non-Federally-qualified  
33 users or non-residents, and when I say non-residents, I  
34 think we're talking about not from Alaska and non-  
35 Federally-qualified users is a little bit.....

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37 MR. WRIGHT: Federally-qualified users  
38 -- non-Federally-qualified users.

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40 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you.

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42 MR. WRIGHT: And only bucks -- non-  
43 Federally-qualified users only bucks and then no does.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: That would be the  
48 amendment to the proposal.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,  
2 Frank. Maybe before we ask for a second, I think the  
3 Staff has been changing that regulation on the screen  
4 as we speak here with the amended language, I think  
5 that's what I'm seeing.

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7                   (Pause)

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9                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, now I see it  
10 reads, unless otherwise restricted, non-Federally-  
11 qualified users may only harvest up to two male deer in  
12 the Northeast Chichagof Controlled Use Area.

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14                  MR. WRIGHT: Yes.

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16                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. I don't  
17 know, are you looking at that Frank?

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19                  MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, I'm okay with that.

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21                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Would you  
22 like to make that your motion to amend it to that  
23 language?

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25                  MR. WRIGHT: Yes, that would be the  
26 amended language. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
29 Now, do we have a second on that.

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31                  MR. HOWARD: Second.

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33                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I heard a  
34 second. Further discussion on the amendment.

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36                  MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal Casipit. I'm  
37 at a little bit of a disadvantage because I don't --  
38 I'm not signed into the Teams thing. So those changes  
39 are in addition to the time closure as well?

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41                  MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, that was --  
42 I wasn't quite sure about the time closures myself so  
43 if anyone could make any recommendation that'd be good.

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45                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Cal, to answer  
46 your question as it's written now there is no time  
47 distinction, it's just two deer for the season which is  
48 September 15th to.....

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1 MR. WRIGHT: December 31st.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't see the  
4 whole thing. I don't see what State regulations are  
5 for non-subsistence.....

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7 MR. CASIPIT: You're miss -- I guess  
8 I'm not being clear. The part that says Federal public  
9 lands in the Northeast Chichagof Controlled Use Area  
10 are closed to deer hunting October 15 to December 31  
11 except by Federally-qualified subsistence users hunting  
12 in the regulations, is that still in there or has that  
13 been replaced by the change in the bag limit?

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15 MR. WRIGHT: That's staying in there.

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17 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, could I just  
18 read it out really quick. Cal, this is Ian. So right  
19 now it reads:

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21 Six deer, however, female deer may be  
22 taken from September 15th to January 31st unless  
23 otherwise restricted, non-Federally-qualified users may  
24 only harvest up to two male deer in the Northeast  
25 Chichagof Controlled Use Area.

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27 That's the entire statement.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. I do have  
30 one question and I thought I heard earlier that right  
31 now in Unit 4 the non-Federally-qualified users, do  
32 they have a different length season that ends January  
33 31st or did that get extended by the State to January  
34 31st.

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36 MR. WRIGHT: I don't know.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That's a question  
39 for the Staff.

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41 MR. SUMINSKI: I could look it up to be  
42 sure -- this is Terry Suminski. I could look it up to  
43 be sure but I'm pretty the State season ends December  
44 31st -- August 1st to December 31st but I'll  
45 doublecheck that.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm  
48 thinking that date might have to be extended to this  
49 proposal, different than the January 31st date.

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1 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is  
2 Terry Suminski. I don't think there's any need to put  
3 any dates in there. I think that would just add  
4 confusion. Because you only want people to take two  
5 from that area, it doesn't really matter when they take  
6 them, especially bucks so unless you want to go back to  
7 closing a complete date range then that's different.

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9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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11 MR. SUMINSKI: But the dates don't make  
12 sense with the reduced bag limit requirement.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
15 Terry. I'll go with your idea.

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17 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, that makes sense.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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21 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, now that I've  
22 been cleared up on what the proposed Federal regulation  
23 is I'm ready for the question on the amendment. I was  
24 just a little confused because I'm not -- I don't have  
25 the screen.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
28 Cal. I will ask are there any other Council members  
29 that have questions on this amended language.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, Frank, I  
34 think we are ready for the vote on the amendment, if  
35 you do want to do a roll call vote.

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37 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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39 Cal.

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41 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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43 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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45 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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49 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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3 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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11 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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13 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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15 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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17 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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19 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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21 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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23 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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25 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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27 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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29 MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes yes.

30 Amendment passed.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
33 Frank. So now we have the amended motion before us and  
34 approved, one last chance for any more discussion on  
35 the proposed amendment.

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37 MR. WRIGHT: Isn't that the main motion  
38 or proposed.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No, this is for  
41 the main motion now as amended.

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43 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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45 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Question.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Cathy, go ahead.

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1 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
2 will support the submission of this proposal. I'd like  
3 to thank the proponents that brought this before the  
4 Council for considering not entirely closing off  
5 harvest to non-Federally-qualified subsistence users  
6 and addressing it with a bag limit. I'm going to  
7 support submission of this proposal but I do want to,  
8 again, voice my somewhat hesitancy and I hope that it  
9 works itself out in the process down the line. The  
10 reason why I'm hesitant is I just feel like we haven't  
11 had an overwhelming -- we worked a lot of years on the  
12 reduction that we needed to do in Unit 2 and we had a  
13 lot of testimony from a lot of Federally-qualified  
14 subsistence users as well as non-Federally-qualified  
15 subsistence users and we had data before us before we  
16 even put a crafted proposal forward that we felt that  
17 would meet the needs of all users in that unit and I am  
18 really hesitant because I feel like we haven't  
19 necessarily done that due diligence but I understand  
20 that this is a -- that we're only voting to submit this  
21 and I think we'll know a lot more in the fall after an  
22 analysis is done, you know, if this is actually  
23 addressing the needs and the intent of Federally-  
24 qualified subsistence users in and around the area of  
25 Hoonah.

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27 And so for justification for putting  
28 this -- submitting this proposal is, this proposal does  
29 address a concern that has been brought to our  
30 attention by residents of Hoonah at this meeting and  
31 that have asked us to do that and we've worked through  
32 the parts and pieces of it so I feel comfortable voting  
33 to submit the proposal.

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35 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
38 Any other Council members want to make a comment on  
39 this proposal.

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41 (No comments)

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Are we ready for  
44 the question.

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46 MR. JOHNSON: Question. This is Ian,  
47 question.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, question's  
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1 been called for. Frank would you do a roll call vote  
2 please.

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4 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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6 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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8 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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10 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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12 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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14 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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16 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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18 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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20 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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22 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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24 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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28 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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30 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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32 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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34 MR. SLATER: Yes.

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36 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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38 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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40 MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit.

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42 (No comments)

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44 MR. WRIGHT: Cal.

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46 (No comments)

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48 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

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Motion passed.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
2 Frank. Okay, in my count I think we have one more  
3 proposal before us, the west Admiralty proposal put  
4 forward by Albert. Am I correct, that that's the only  
5 other proposal or I have lost track. Who's keeping  
6 track here, DeAnna.

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8                   MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chair, this is Terry  
9 Suminski, that's the last one.

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11                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
12 Terry. Okay. Hopefully we'll be able to get some  
13 wording up on the screen for that proposal and then  
14 we'll ask Albert to take a look at that and see if  
15 that's the intent he had. Hopefully, Albert, you can  
16 see that. I see there's some points left blank that  
17 need to be filled in so that's something to deal with.  
18 But other than that, how do we feel about how this  
19 proposal's been written up by the Staff.

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21                   (Pause)

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23                   MR. HOWARD: It looks good to me, Mr.  
24 Chairman.

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26                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
27 Albert.

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29                   MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chair, Terry  
30 Suminski again.

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32                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Terry.

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34                   MR. SUMINSKI: Yeah, the -- I know Mr.  
35 Howard you wanted the west side of Admiralty but I  
36 wasn't really sure exactly where but what I was  
37 thinking if you want -- I was hoping to get some input  
38 from you about maybe how far people from Angoon ranged,  
39 and maybe pick a point-- a point north and a point  
40 south that would more define an area or if you didn't  
41 want to do that, I don't know, I can't remember the  
42 name of the point at the south tip of the island by  
43 MernaCove (ph) but, you know, and then the point up at  
44 the top but I just kind of left that open for you to  
45 just -- just to give you some flexibility in how much  
46 of the area draining into Chatham you would like to  
47 cover.

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49                   Thank you.

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1 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
4 Albert.

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6 MR. HOWARD: I have GPS coordinates for  
7 the most northern point I'd like to see this closure  
8 happen and just south of Greens Creek. And it's  
9 consistent with us, and our concerns with what's  
10 happening in the Hawk Inlet area, we won't even go near  
11 that. So I guess in a way they can have it and then  
12 they'll understand our concerns with Greens Creek as  
13 well.

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15 So the GPS coordinates I'm considering  
16 and looking at is 58.588763, and 134810218, and that's  
17 the northern end on the west side. It's directly  
18 across from Point Augusta.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Do you have  
21 a point or coordinate for the southern boundary Albert.

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23 MR. HOWARD: The numbers  
24 57.016020/134.8614770.

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26 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman, this is  
27 Terry Suminski again.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Terry.

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31 MR. SUMINSKI: Albert, is it possible  
32 to -- is there a named point near those that we could  
33 use just to make it similar.

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35 MR. HOWARD: Point Gardner.

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37 MR. SUMINSKI: I mean (indiscernible)  
38 that may not have a GPS unit, or at least be able to  
39 see it easier on a map.

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41 MR. HOWARD: And you can look at it on  
42 Google. You can go to Google, click on the point and  
43 it'll show you exactly what the coordinates are. This  
44 is Point Gardner is the southern end.....

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46 MR. SUMINSKI: Okay.

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48 MR. HOWARD: .....well, the west side  
49 of Point Gardner because we've been down there,

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1 President Frank and I have hunted as far as Point  
2 Gardner this year because there was -- and people are  
3 going to talk about conservation concerns, there was no  
4 deer on the northern end for us to get.

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6 MR. SUMINSKI: Would it be acceptable  
7 to you if we just used the name of the point rather  
8 than GPS?

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10 MR. HOWARD: Yes, that's fine.

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12 MR. SUMINSKI: Okay. And what -- so  
13 that's the southern, what's the northern point?

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15 MR. HOWARD: I used to know all these  
16 names when I was seining but.....

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18 MR. SUMINSKI: Now, you're all  
19 computerized.

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21 MR. HOWARD: Right. But it's directly  
22 across from Point Gardner. Maybe Mr. Wright knows that  
23 place. The only thing Google's giving me right now is  
24 GPS coordinates.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Frank, do you have  
27 a name for that point that Albert's referring to?

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29 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, there's a name for  
30 it but they've closed seining down so long I forgot  
31 about it.

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33 (Laughter)

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, for the  
36 purposes of this we can always add that later.

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38 MR. WRIGHT: It's just a little south  
39 of.....

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41 MR. HOWARD: It's south of Hawk Inlet,  
42 it's the next point right after Hawk Inlet.

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44 MR. WRIGHT: It's on the tip of my  
45 tongue, gee.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: We can add that

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1 in, it's not a big deal. So Albert, do you think this  
2 proposal is ready for a motion to put forward.

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4 MR. HOWARD: I think so.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. If you want  
7 to go ahead and do that.

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9 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chair, I move that we  
10 submit this proposal for consideration.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

13 Second.

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15 MR. JOHNSON: Second.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I heard a  
18 second, I think from Ian. So, okay, it's now on the  
19 table for discussion.

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21 MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Howard, this is  
22 Terry Suminski again, is that Point Larson?

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24 MR. HOWARD: Yes, exactly. I was going  
25 to say that but then I didn't want to throw Mr. Wright  
26 off.

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28 (Laughter)

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30 MR. SUMINSKI: A seiner should know  
31 that point.

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33 MR. HOWARD: Exactly. I think I lived  
34 there for two weeks one time.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I guess my  
37 question to Albert is, is Albert, kind of decided to go  
38 with a bag limit reduction in the Hoonah area, do you  
39 want to consider that or do you want to stick with a  
40 full closure to non-Federally-qualified?

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42 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman. Just to  
43 fully disclose this to the Council, I did post this on  
44 Facebook last night to get input and it had the  
45 reaction I expected, people that don't come and talk to  
46 us are now talking to us, and people that wouldn't  
47 consider this are now thinking well maybe we should  
48 have considered it in the past. Mr. Chairman, I have a  
49 history of submitting proposals while not -- six years  
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1 ago the tribe ACA submitted two proposals, Kootznoowoo  
2 submitted two proposals and the city of Angoon  
3 submitted two so a total of six proposals went to the  
4 Board of Fish and none of them were considered. The  
5 only one they allowed and put on the floor was the  
6 total closure to salmon seining in Chatham Strait. Why  
7 would you put that one on the floor for consideration  
8 because you know that one for sure is -- everyone's  
9 going to shake their head and say no way. All the  
10 other proposals, the other five had -- and probably  
11 would have passed but I think our frustration in Angoon  
12 is not being heard, or not being considered when  
13 starting a new fishery or when starting something that  
14 seems to generate funds for the State no one considers  
15 what that does to a community like Angoon.

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17 One of the comments was surprising to  
18 me, a person I've never met before, I guess they have a  
19 history of hunting bear on Admiralty Island but I can  
20 honestly say I don't know who they are. They were  
21 saying that what I'm doing is based on emotion and not  
22 science. They also stated that the January hunt,  
23 according to the Fish and Game, mostly fawns and does  
24 were being taken. I taught my sons this years ago and  
25 I learned it from my dad and my brother, all deer look  
26 the same when you're looking from a boat but if you  
27 look through the scope and you look at the nose of the  
28 deer, if it's real short it's a fawn. So even my sons  
29 know, we'll get up and move on. Mr. Chairman, I know  
30 in the record I spoke of I believe last year I was out  
31 on a hunt and a lot of the deer were skinny and I  
32 passed on them and I finally found one that didn't look  
33 like it was in bad shape so I took it home but I  
34 skipped out on a lot of deer and I never consider fawns  
35 even if I am starving. So I know what -- I've been  
36 pushing this rock up the hill and what's happening in  
37 Chatham does keep me awake at night because I know this  
38 is a resource that has provided for this community  
39 forever. You heard Mr. Wright speak of his ties to the  
40 area around Hoonah. I served on the city council and  
41 one of the favorite things of some of the locals here  
42 to do is to tell me traditionally I'm not from Angoon  
43 because my mother is Raven Sea Pigeon which is from  
44 Hoonah. One of the elders asked if that was the case,  
45 did this person really get up and say I'm not from  
46 Angoon and I told him, yes, he tied me to this land, my  
47 grandfather. The person my dad named me after, Albert  
48 Howard had a fort in Cheiek, it's just south of Angoon  
49 on Admiralty Island so I have blood ties to this land,  
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1 not necessarily through our Tlingit way because my  
2 grandfather was Deisheetan (ph), but through my dad.

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4 So when I put something like this  
5 forward it's meaningful to the community and we get it,  
6 we understand. We know the consequences of it. Every  
7 time we try to do something reasonable and make sense  
8 to Angoon residents the Fish and Game shows up, every  
9 time. It's almost on a level of harassment. If we get  
10 caught with one king salmon, you're in a lot of  
11 trouble. Yet the draggers out on the west are allowed  
12 bycatch 30 to 40,000 pounds and we just want one.

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14 This isn't something new to Angoon. We  
15 deal with it on a daily basis.

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17 So when you're concerned that non-  
18 Federally-recognized hunters are going to be affected,  
19 they should consider the impact they're having on  
20 Angoon.

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22 One of the other comments on here was  
23 any extra deer we get gets donated to SEARHC in Sitka  
24 for their traditional foods program. It's interesting  
25 that that comment is made when they could have easily  
26 donated it to an elder here in Angoon. So we're going  
27 to take out traditional knowledge of the area and the  
28 resource and shed some light on what's happening on the  
29 west side of Admiralty.

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31 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
34 Albert. So we have the motion before us, any other  
35 comments, questions from Council members.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So it sounds like  
40 Albert made a pretty straightforward appeal request for  
41 this proposal so.....

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43 MR. KITKA: I'll call for the question.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: .....maybe we're  
46 ready for the question. It sounds like we are. Frank,  
47 if you want to do the roll call vote on this one.

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49 (No comments)

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Are you there,

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Frank?

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MR. WRIGHT: Yeah.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, question's  
7 been called for on this proposal.

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MR. WRIGHT: Calvin Casipit.

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MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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(No comments)

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MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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(No comments)

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MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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MR. SLATER: Yes.

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MR. DOUVILLE: Mike Douville's here,  
26 yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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Albert Howard.

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MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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MR. KITKA: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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3 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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7 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes yes. Motion  
10 passed.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you  
13 Council members. Good work. I'm glad we got through  
14 those. So we can move on. And I will -- I would like  
15 to go to the presentation from WECAN if they are ready.  
16 If they are not ready I'll move on to maybe one other  
17 item of business but I would like to get to them if  
18 they're ready.

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20 MS. SAWERS CONTRERAS: Hi, we're ready.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes, so who  
23 is there and who will we be listening to and introduce  
24 yourselves and we'll get started.

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26 MS. SAWERS CONTRERAS: My name is  
27 Rebekah Sawers Contreras and I will be speaking first  
28 and then I'll be handing it over to Wanda Culp.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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32 MS. SAWERS CONTRERAS: My name is  
33 Rebekah Sawers Contreras and I'm a part of Womens Earth  
34 Climate Action Network and I am a member of the Hoonah  
35 Indian Association. Because the United States is One  
36 Nation Under God I want to start by saying, you and I  
37 are living in a nation built on dehumanizing. Doctrine  
38 of discovery. These are the foundations on which your  
39 ancestors and your current self and system are still  
40 holding accountable to this day. American exploitive  
41 Colonial violence across indigenous territory. It is  
42 now 200 years later and we are bringing the same  
43 interpretation. We come to you, the Federal  
44 Subsistence Board, whose voice is supposed to make a  
45 difference in representing, but when it comes to our  
46 indigenous issues no one is accountable. Here we are  
47 two years later saying the same thing and yet no one is  
48 accountable.

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1 I want to be accountable that you know  
2 that you and I are made up of elements, mostly carbon,  
3 oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen, just as this earth is  
4 made of these elements. The atmosphere, the stars are  
5 also made of these elements. And I want you to know  
6 that only 36 percent of our earth, of our body remains.  
7 66 percent, over half of our earth is exploited. Even  
8 the predicted two degree increase in the next few years  
9 will hurt everyone and everything.

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11 We are sharing our indigenous intellect  
12 today. We are declaring indigenous sovereignty on our  
13 territory. The indigenous people are, have been, will  
14 be permanent inhabiting and we are connected by  
15 history, culture and commonality. Our indigenous  
16 populations and institutions are thriving. We are in  
17 talks today of setting things straight for our future  
18 to survive. Not only survive, but to be successful.  
19 Because of our permanent sovereign state on this  
20 territory and knowledge and commonality, it is clear  
21 that the current Colonial state in charge has destroyed  
22 66 percent of the natural life over the past 200 years.  
23 And we will no longer sit back and allow you to  
24 monetize and compare everything but yourselves in this  
25 ecosystem. Compare that all agencies are in favor of  
26 industry. Compare your nation to our nation. Compare  
27 your symbols. Compare your ideas. Compare your uses.  
28 Compare your interpretations. Compare your resource  
29 standpoints. Compare your assets. People in higher  
30 positions have done nothing but justify punishing,  
31 wages and criminalizing indigenous people. Compare the  
32 punishment the male non-Native artist got for  
33 exploiting indigenous art to the Native artist charged  
34 for participating in the Marine Mammal Protection Act.  
35 To this day I see no shame in exploitation, instead you  
36 camouflage exploiting in words like sustainability or  
37 blank works for Alaska. Agriculture. Subsistence.  
38 Economy. Rural and urban. With 36 percent of natural  
39 world left I find it illogical to continue to exploit  
40 on this territory. I do not trust your validation on  
41 the structure you claim. From the Roadless Rule  
42 situation to corporations in charge of Native cultural  
43 programs at National Parks instead of indigenous  
44 tribes. The structure of the Marine Mammal Protection  
45 Act is clearly not protecting the marine mammals and is  
46 totally for the exploitations of industrial society.

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48 We are here interpreting, defining and  
49 justifying our grandparents ancestors way of life,  
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1 indigenous concepts. The ownership of our inhabitants  
2 is recognized nationally and internationally. With our  
3 cultural knowledge I put my trust in full participation  
4 in dissimilation and expanding Tlingit and Haida's  
5 social service's obligations to cover land management,  
6 natural resources and management of food sovereignty,  
7 alongside housing and general services and education.  
8 Grassroots tribal reports the future is ours to  
9 envision and inhabit.

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11 We appreciate you listening to our  
12 interpretations of NEPA, ANILCA and ANCSA today, and  
13 here is Wanda Culp.

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15 MS. CULP: Gunalcheesh Rebekah. And  
16 Gunalcheesh to everybody that's working these last  
17 couple of days. I know it's been a tedious affair and  
18 I'm grateful for the time we have right now.

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20 (In Tlingit)

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22 MS. CULP: I'm also a member of the  
23 Hoonah Indian Association and a member of the Womens  
24 Earth and Action Climate Network.

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26 WECAN Tongass' concept serves to  
27 reverse the downplay of tribal history and governing  
28 and create a language of inclusion equally weighted in  
29 value to industries, society. A new frame must be  
30 created through indigenous prescription and  
31 interpretation of laws intended for National, tribal,  
32 land conservation and environmental protection.

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34 The food sovereignty proposal concept  
35 being presented to you is rooted in indigenous  
36 intellect. We are seeking traditional natural resource  
37 security for healthy communities, land, air, waters and  
38 climate justice. This concept rides on the U.S.  
39 Constitution, laws of the land and our intelligence.  
40 Every one of us plays an important role. Federally-  
41 recognized tribes are legal instruments of our National  
42 government. ANILCA holds 229 recognized tribal village  
43 governments within a land mass of 420 million acres of  
44 1959 State of Alaska, 1971 Alaska Native Settlement and  
45 U.S. Federal lands where about 14 Federal agencies  
46 conduct Uncle Sam's affairs. Five of those Federal  
47 agencies are Congressionally composed of the Federal  
48 Subsistence Board and administered by two Secretaries,  
49 Interior and Agriculture. Additionally, the Federal  
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1 Subsistence Board dual manages subsistence by  
2 outsourcing the use of State and Federal law  
3 enforcements and associated with courts without an  
4 established due process capability for those of us  
5 charged for illegal hunting and fishing. The Federal  
6 Subsistence Board uses State of Alaska's 10 game units  
7 under its sportfish and game laws. The State of Alaska  
8 is out of legal compliance of the Alaska National  
9 Interest Lands Conservation Act called ANILCA, along  
10 with other land conservation laws. The 1971 Alaska  
11 Native Claims Settlement Act, ANCSA, created 12 Alaska  
12 Native regions. The 1980 ANILCA is a compromise of  
13 ANCSA. All associated programs should be managed  
14 within these 12 Federally-recognized Native regions for  
15 uniformity, simplicity, and expediency. In 1969 the  
16 Interior's Environmental Protection Agency became the  
17 parent for the National Environmental Protection Act,  
18 NEPA, requiring an environmental impact statement for  
19 any major Federal actions on public and Indian owned  
20 lands for review and comment. The U.S. EPA's  
21 responsibility includes management of natural resource  
22 use and protections. It makes sense for this agency to  
23 become a part of the Federal Subsistence Board. The  
24 2020 industry and foods fiasco causing the illegal  
25 overturning of the 2001 Roadless Rule is a perfect  
26 example as the Secretary of Agriculture's Forest  
27 Service excluded the Federal Subsistence Board in its  
28 Roadless Rule EIS, environmental impact statement.  
29 Last week the lead agency for the Federal Subsistence  
30 Board.

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32 The Interior, Fish and Wildlife  
33 Service, barely slapped the wrist of a fake ivory  
34 carver Anchorage business owner for violations under  
35 the 1972 Marine Mammal Protection Act and for  
36 misrepresenting Alaska Native art for the purpose of  
37 sale. And this isn't his first violation. Tlingit and  
38 Haida Tribes have endured Fish and Wildlife criminal  
39 charges for use of bird feathers on ceremonial objects,  
40 for selling herring eggs, for transporting sea otter  
41 pelts. The Fish and Wildlife Services to have their  
42 priorities backwards and lack a grip on the definition  
43 of customary traditional use also called subsistence.

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45 The Interior's National Park Service  
46 has failed the Tlingit miserably. 1996 banning of our  
47 traditional activities and economies to favor the State  
48 of Alaska's new blooming business, the cruiseline  
49 industry. Up to 25 huge ships come enter Glacier Bay  
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1 National Park daily into pristine whale infested waters  
2 of our homeland, Glacier Bay. Had the Covid-19 not hit  
3 in 2020 Hoonah's Icy Strait Point would have had 211  
4 ships in our midst holding 450,000 passengers from  
5 different cruise ships apart from Glacier Bay's. This  
6 is an example of the State's lack of costal management  
7 control of Alaska's navigable waters free from negative  
8 impact mitigation.

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10 The Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs  
11 administers tribal self-determination, self-governing  
12 contracts, grants, and compacts across Alaska. This is  
13 a good time along with their Bureau of Land Management  
14 to apprise Alaska Native landholdings and interests to  
15 identify Federal trust aspects like Native allotments  
16 and townsite lots and associated property interests and  
17 to conform to a uniform sister of inter and intra  
18 agency communication compliance, reporting, reparation  
19 plans, preventions and (indiscernible) reservations.

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21 If the Federal agencies connect their  
22 attention and resources as equally as they do for  
23 industry and if the tribal governments are provided  
24 full support from each agency towards food sovereignty  
25 we will truly become one of today's political winds of  
26 change. Still, there exists the old Republican  
27 political party mood of industry only priorities. Last  
28 week the Alaska Republican Party voted to condemn  
29 Alaska's U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski to seek  
30 (indiscernible) more in line with their philosophy in  
31 the 2022 election. Here's a few of the things listed  
32 against Senator Murkowski. She voted to full  
33 impeachment of Trump from the U.S. Presidency. She  
34 voted against the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.  
35 She voted against confirmation of the U.S. Supreme  
36 Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. She voted for  
37 Congresswomen Deb Haaland for Secretary of Interior,  
38 yes. And she stands her ground to the oath of the U.S.  
39 Constitution and commitment to Alaska's people. The  
40 arrogance of the Alaska Republic Party dissed the vote  
41 of the people who elected Lisa Murkowski to office on a  
42 write in campaign. We do not lack in political power.  
43 As people, we can influence change towards healing,  
44 growing, thriving on healthy land, breathing fresh air  
45 and depending on clean salt and fresh water for all the  
46 (indiscernible).....

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48 (Teleconference interference -  
49 participants not muted - overlapping conversation)

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1 MS. CULP: .....they provide globally.  
2 Each us play an important role in the intelligence  
3 that's going to require on the road back to healthy,  
4 back to our ability to do for ourselves and our family,  
5 back to our individual and group sovereignty. Each of  
6 us are assets towards the ability to determine the  
7 quality of our lives and destinies of our future  
8 generations. Let us begin with root knowledge, and  
9 build up from that solid foundation, together we can.

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11 I hope to extend, respect, that  
12 recognition to Patty Phillips, she should be on the  
13 Board, yet, she's always contributing plenty for us.

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15 Gunalcheesh to you folks for listening  
16 to us and hearing us out. And, please, we'll be glad  
17 to know what happens to our proposal concept.

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19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,  
22 Rebekah and Wanda. I'll open it up if you'd like to  
23 answer some questions from the Council members, they  
24 probably have some for you. Council members, I'll give  
25 you a chance to digest -- there was a lot of  
26 information there but if anybody's ready to ask a  
27 question, the floor is open.

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29 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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33 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I,  
34 first, just want to say that I really appreciate you  
35 guys coming before us and giving such clear and  
36 passionate and well informed presentations to us, not  
37 just this meeting, but in the past. You know I enjoy  
38 hearing from you and I'm glad that this message can be  
39 stated so clearly.

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41 My question back to you is, whether or  
42 not you are aware of efforts in the region by 12  
43 Federally recognized tribes that have also forwarded  
44 petition to the Secretary of Agriculture, the Homelands  
45 Conservation Petition that has gone forward, and  
46 whether or not you've had any interaction with that  
47 group and how you see your proposal aligning with some  
48 of the actions that are in that petition, if you're  
49 aware of it.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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4 MS. CULP: Thank you, Cathy. That's a  
5 really good question. I will admit I am in possession  
6 of that document and I did start reading it but, you  
7 know, in the flurry of getting our proposal and  
8 everything in line, I have not revisited it. But I  
9 definitely got the feeling of where everybody is going,  
10 we're all in the same (In Tlingit) so to speak. And  
11 what we are proposing is that the foundation of the  
12 subsistence issue be converted to food sovereignty and  
13 get rid of the word, subsistence. And look towards the  
14 indigenous knowledge as the foundation to build on food  
15 sovereignty. And this food sovereignty also includes  
16 what is also known as food security. So this is a  
17 broad thinking that ones who live off the land and  
18 depend on the natural resources and also see the  
19 changes coming to global warming and how it's affecting  
20 our foods, this is the best information to provide for  
21 village tribal governments who will provide to Tlingit  
22 and Haida Central Council, who could conceivably pick  
23 up management of the food sovereignty program and then  
24 from there work with the Federal Subsistence Board and,  
25 of course, SERAC in gaining our system, which is the  
26 same system we're looking at right now with the  
27 proposals and the administration would go through the  
28 tribal sources rather than the Federal Subsistence  
29 Board. The Federal Subsistence Board would be a  
30 supportive.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Followup Cathy.

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MS. NEEDHAM: Yeah, Mr. Chair, thank  
you. And thank you for that Ms. Culp. Also in your  
testimony you mentioned, you know, the work on the  
marine mammals, which is obviously part of the Marine  
Mammal Protection Act, and in work that this Council  
has previously done with respect to sea otters, we  
understand that that takes an Act of Congress in order  
to be able to make those changes to implements and  
effects. I know that this Council struggled with a lot  
of that. We tried to get the language -- or tried to  
work on language changes when I first got on the  
Council and it became a pretty difficult endeavor and  
still, to this day, has not been changed. And so I'm  
wondering if that's your understanding that it would  
take an Act of Congress to potentially implement that  
aspect of it and, if so, if you've had, you know, pre-  
discussions with the Alaska Delegation where something

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1 like that might get sponsored for that Act of Congress.

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3                   And I ask that, I know, because I feel  
4 like it could potentially be a road block and the  
5 petition that is going to the Department of Agriculture  
6 is more under the APA rulemaking process, which might,  
7 you know, finding ways to merge your efforts into that  
8 might be a more streamlined way that would, you know,  
9 not take an Act of Congress to do but that's just -- I  
10 might not have a right handle on that, but I was  
11 wondering if you could address that aspect of it.

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13                   Thank you.

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15                   MS. CULP: Yes, that's a really good  
16 question because we've had to grapple with that as  
17 well. But, you know, the Federal -- the Fish and  
18 Wildlife Service has that so-called Subsistence  
19 Division and the interpretation has been -- their gut  
20 interpretation has been against the Alaska Natives.  
21 Now, this is my example of how the Marine Mammal  
22 Protection Act is misinterpreted, and with laws like  
23 this, we're not asking for new laws of Congress, and  
24 throughout the process, yes, there will have to be some  
25 changes, but right now the interpretation of the five  
26 Federal agencies that make up the Federal Subsistence  
27 Board, they haven't been a damn bit of good for us.  
28 I'm sorry to say it but, you know, we need focus on  
29 food sovereignty. I think that the subsistence thing  
30 has gotten too out of hand, it's been dissipated so  
31 much by so many and not us. So the thought here is not  
32 to put the tribes into -- we're not trying to dictate  
33 certain anything to the tribes but it's just merely a  
34 concept proposal saying that the interpretation of  
35 these laws such as the Marine Mammal Protection Act,  
36 ANILCA Title VIII start with the basis of indigenous  
37 knowledge, outlook and concept, not from Washington,  
38 D.C., or the industry's lobbyists or commercial this,  
39 that and the other thing, but start from the grassroots  
40 of who these laws are for and it's land based. You see  
41 the current subsistence setup covers -- especially with  
42 the State of Alaska involved, that's got to stop, you  
43 know, I mean the State of Alaska is out of compliance  
44 with ANILCA Title VIII, that should bounce them right  
45 out of this picture because they have totally  
46 (indiscernible). Now, if we get into disregarding the  
47 State's Fish and Game regions and reapply the 12 Alaska  
48 Native regions, corporation regions, now this brings us  
49 into working face to face with our very own Alaska

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1 Native Corporations, our land surrounds our villages,  
2 they're still Alaska Native lands even though it's  
3 private property, it's still in our tool box and  
4 Sealaska's very friendly to our proposal.

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6 It's going to take cooperation of  
7 everybody and start scraping the old notion of  
8 subsistence and thinking of a system that's broken and  
9 let's fix it. And let's build a foundation from  
10 indigenous knowledge because our intelligence is what  
11 is going to save this. Everyone recognizes it. It's  
12 not a threat to anybody. But it's unutilized and  
13 untapped on resources we want to bring to the table.  
14 Just get to thinking from indigenous point of view,  
15 those laws will fall into shape as far as  
16 interpretation, won't be so confusing.

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18 And, yes, we will run into some snags  
19 where it will take adjusting from Congress but I think  
20 it will be adjusting and it won't be major.

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22 Did that answer your question?

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24 MS. NEEDHAM: Yeah -- Mr. Chair --  
25 thank you, Ms. Culp. I really appreciate, again, the  
26 time that you take to put these thoughts together. I  
27 think you're very well versed and educated in this and  
28 obviously very passionate about the idea. I just want  
29 to let you know as well as other Council members know  
30 that, I ask my questions because I'm trying to find,  
31 you know, another group has come before us to ask for  
32 our support in a petition that they submitted, and I  
33 just am hoping that we can find ways that these  
34 efforts, which are becoming more and more -- I don't  
35 want to say emergent, we've been working on this ever  
36 since I've been on the Council and longer, probably  
37 since Patty Phillips started on this Council, been  
38 working on this type of thing and this movement that is  
39 happening very loudly right now. And I support food  
40 security and food sovereignty and I definitely support  
41 indigenous management of local resources. I am an  
42 Alaska Native person. Much of my career is spent  
43 working in the realm of collecting information that can  
44 be used for resource management decisions and so I'm  
45 only trying to ask a little bit of the hard questions  
46 in terms of how can we merge or move forward together  
47 as one so that we don't have conflicting efforts out  
48 there and that we can take a path forward that will  
49 potentially be successful.

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1                   So I just wanted to assure you that I  
2 am not -- I'm hearing you, I guess, is what I'm saying  
3 and I appreciate that you're bringing this to us and I  
4 feel like you're giving us a lot of information and  
5 tools and venues and I hope that all of the efforts in  
6 Southeast can move together in this direction.

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8                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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10                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
11 Anybody else on the Council have a question or a  
12 comment for Wanda or Rebekah.

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14                   (No comments)

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16                   MS. CULP: I would like to add  
17 something, this is Wanda. I would like to thank you  
18 Cathy for your suggestion in joining that coalition of  
19 tribes and, you know, we're trying to build a concept  
20 and hope everyone supports it, at least the concept and  
21 build it into what the tribe is thinking and wanting to  
22 do. So, yes, we'll definitely finish reading that  
23 document. I'll make a point of it and then make  
24 contact with -- we have been -- conference with  
25 President Peterson and his land managers, it was real  
26 productive. We started communication. But you know  
27 there's -- we need follow through. You know, we're  
28 just in the village trying to make things happen and  
29 the support you folks are bringing forward is really  
30 going to help us bend the earlobes of other people, of  
31 other groups as well. Kake Tribal, we've been in  
32 contact with them. And other groups too. SEAC. So  
33 the meetings have been real receptive but like Cathy  
34 said we need to organize within ourselves to somehow  
35 have a meeting of the minds and get all of our good  
36 thoughts and ideas moving.

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38                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Wanda.  
39 Maybe I'd like to jump in here, as the Chair. What I  
40 am wondering is in this effort, I'm assuming that the  
41 tribes are going to take the main lead in kind of  
42 trying to bring this about and I am wondering how the  
43 Council can best be involved. I know there'd be a lot  
44 of interest, you know, on the Council in this issue and  
45 how it all comes about and, of course, the Council will  
46 be instrumental in implementing anything that would  
47 happen as a result of your effort, so I don't know,  
48 Wanda, if you've got any special requests of the  
49 Council or how we might become best involved, I guess

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1 in this effort. Have you thought about that?

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MS. CULP: Oh, yes, certainly have.

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But it all has to do with food, we all have to eat. And it all comes from our lands, the ones we're talking to right now, all of these folks listening, we depend on the land, and the clean water, air, and we're seeking a way to bring the intelligence of the indigenous people forward and hopefully this intertribal government incorporated into the Southeast Tongass communities, the remote communities and then bringing it forward all the way to D.C., so that we truly have our say. It's a way for us to truly participate and have our say.

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1                                   And it brings people not so fragmented  
2 -- everything is so fragmented, if you look at your own  
3 web page on there it gives me a brain cramp trying to  
4 figure it out. I think we're all in the same boat. So  
5 we're proposing, let's back off -- let's drop the words  
6 that are causing all this confusion and use the laws as  
7 they're intended and change the dialogue that fits the  
8 purpose.

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10                                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So, thank you,  
11 Wanda. And the way I'm looking at things now, your  
12 WECAN group specifically mentions climate action and  
13 that has been a topic that has become -- starting to  
14 come to the forefront here before the Council and that  
15 incorporates just a whole lot of the issues that you've  
16 talked about this afternoon. You know, food security  
17 and who manages the resource and, you know, what has  
18 happened in the past, management in the past has gotten  
19 to this situation where people are worried right now.  
20 They don't like what they see happening. There's some  
21 warning signs out there related to -- climate change is  
22 kind of a result of a lot of (indiscernible) uses of  
23 the resource and mismanagement over a very long period  
24 of time, obviously. It's just kind of a manifestation  
25 of what you were talking about of how we've so  
26 industrialized our uses of the resource that we've  
27 brought this upon ourselves and now is the time. And I  
28 know Rebekah is a younger person and we must think  
29 about them and their future and where are we going from  
30 here, and it's a turning point. It has to be a turning  
31 point. And the proposals that you're talking about I  
32 think will start moving us in the right direction if  
33 they can be brought about. And I think we'll -- we  
34 have to rely, I think, on indigenous voices to be a  
35 strong advocate for change here and that's what you're  
36 doing.

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38                                   I think you do have to take the lead.

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40                                   You know speaking for the Council we  
41 can certainly be involved in any way we can but I  
42 really do think it's important, as you pointed out, for  
43 the tribes to take the lead on this. I don't see  
44 anybody else doing it. There's not a lot of people  
45 doing it. There's a lot of opposition to where you're  
46 trying to go.

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48                                   So moving forward, as I said, you have  
49 to take the lead, I believe, and the Council would like  
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1 to be involved, I believe, so we have to try and make  
2 that happen. And, you know, just from the Council's  
3 point on this I proposed at the start of the meeting  
4 that we form some kind of a subcommittee or a working  
5 group of the Council and maybe some representatives of  
6 your group that can start to work together and at least  
7 keep informed of, you know, what's happening so that  
8 when we do have meetings of the Council, that working  
9 group or subcommittee can, you know, bring that  
10 information back to the Council. Be involved in, you  
11 know, some of the work that you do as well and that way  
12 the Council can stay involved in this and try and push  
13 it forward. You know as our role, as an advisory  
14 council, you know, eventually some of this obviously  
15 will come before us to be approved, presented,  
16 whatever, that's part of our charter is to deal with  
17 management policies. So it is certainly in our mandate  
18 here.

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20 So I don't know if you have any  
21 thoughts along those lines about working with the  
22 Council in that way?

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24 MS. CULP: Thank you. I really  
25 appreciate it, of course we would and we would be very  
26 happy to. And it's a good idea that we have a  
27 mechanism in which to report to you folks because as we  
28 move forward we would like you folks to know have we  
29 connected with those 12, is Central Council involved,  
30 is Sealaska involved, is village corporations, even our  
31 village councils, especially our village councils  
32 involved so, yes, I feel like we have a lot we could  
33 report on to you.

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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37 MS. CULP: We'd appreciate doing that,  
38 thank you for asking.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think that's  
41 something we may attempt here. I know previous  
42 meetings, you know, the Council really wanted to take  
43 some concrete moves towards trying to address, you  
44 know, all the issues related to climate change and that  
45 definitely fits in with the whole food security issue  
46 that you're addressing. So I think it would be a good  
47 combined focus for the Council to be involved in both  
48 of those issues and it could all happen in one venue as  
49 I see it.

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1 MS. CULP: Nice.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So maybe I better  
4 let some other Council members weigh in here if they  
5 have anything to add or say.

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7 (No comments)

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9 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Anybody  
10 else on the Council have any questions they want to  
11 ask.

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13 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Ian, go ahead.

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17 MR. JOHNSON: I don't necessarily have  
18 a question other than just to back up what you're  
19 saying. I mean I already feel like -- certainly I know  
20 the Council has a history of this. It's certainly --  
21 climate change, in particular, is important here in  
22 Hoonah, and Wanda and Rebekah, you know, help continue  
23 to underline that. We've already talked about proposal  
24 effects, weather effects this season and those have  
25 been reflected in the change in proposals that have  
26 been done in Pelican and, yeah, I think as we go  
27 forward trying to think, not reactively, but more  
28 proactively to how we expect climate change to impact  
29 our food sovereignty, at this time known as  
30 subsistence, is just, yeah, of utmost importance.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ian. I  
33 agree. We're reacting. We need to be proactive. And  
34 I think we've got a lot of issues before us that we  
35 can't regulate our way out of. We have to dig deeper  
36 and start looking at policies and things like that. So  
37 it's -- we're not going to regulate our way out of  
38 this, it's going to take more effort than that.

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40 Anybody else.

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42 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, this is Frank.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Frank.

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46 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, you know, everything  
47 that this RAC does is based on taking care of the  
48 environment and taking care of all the animal life so  
49 that it would benefit not only the rural communities

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1 but make sure that everything we do keeps indigenous  
2 wildlife around for generations. You know, when you  
3 think about it, we are doing what we can right now to  
4 take care of the environment, as every living animal,  
5 every living fish and everything is part of the  
6 ecosystem and that's something we have to take care of.  
7 You know people in this world are not listening to  
8 what's going on in this world and, you know, even  
9 though we may be just a little drop in the bucket we  
10 still make a drop in the bucket difference.

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12                   You know, I always think about, you  
13 know, one time I was in Juneau and I was talking to  
14 this guy from the south and I said, you know, this oil  
15 business, you know, everybody's been in a car and  
16 they've ran out of fuel, this earth is going to --  
17 eventually the tank is going to get empty so we need to  
18 -- really need to keep on people and figuring out  
19 alternatives without destroying this planet. I hate to  
20 say this but I'm probably not going to be here to watch  
21 it if we don't -- here to watch it and see it with my  
22 grandkids and my grandkids kids', you know, and then  
23 they have to face what's going on in this world right  
24 now. It's already happening and no one even -- no one  
25 even seems to care, you know, it's kind of like, you  
26 know, I think about it and wonder about my grandkids  
27 and my daughter and everybody that has to deal with  
28 this issue that the rich people don't care about what's  
29 going on in this world. You know, it's -- like I said,  
30 what we've seen in this little community, Hoonah,  
31 there's so many changes that, you know, in my 70-some  
32 years and it's amazing what's changed around here. You  
33 know I enjoyed it when I was a kid, I was able to play  
34 marbles in the middle of the road, now there's so many  
35 cars in this town you can't even walk across the road  
36 without getting run over.

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38                   You know, the people that speak up, you  
39 know, that speak up, those are the people that makes us  
40 feel good, and the RAC, the Council that, you know,  
41 there is someone that is saying something and it may  
42 not reach the big people but it's a comfort to our  
43 ears, you know.

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45                   Heather Bauscher has brought these  
46 young children to our RAC meeting and then those young  
47 children think about what they live in and what's  
48 happening in this world, it gives you hope. So I  
49 commend her for having kids show their interest in what  
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1 we're doing.

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3 Like I said, you know, this RAC --  
4 depends on this environment in order for all the  
5 resources that we put together or try to protect  
6 because we will not -- we do not approve of any  
7 proposals that will destroy any of the resources that  
8 we are potentially managing.

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10 So gunalcheesh for coming forward.

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12 Gunalcheesh.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.

15 Anybody else.

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17 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair, this is Jim  
18 Slater. I just wanted to say quickly that I admire the  
19 courage that they have and the stance that they've  
20 taken. And that's all I wanted to say, thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Jim.

23 Anybody else.

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25 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
26 Albert.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Albert.

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30 MR. HOWARD: I just want to encourage  
31 them to continue with what they're doing. And when you  
32 get discouraged, you're not -- I do this to myself,  
33 when I get discouraged and feel like giving up on the  
34 fight I'm in, I look at my kids. So when you get  
35 discouraged look at the next generation. The work  
36 you're doing is going to have a positive impact on them  
37 if you continue on the road you're on.

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39 So thank you for what you're doing.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.

42 Anybody else.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I just want to add  
47 to what Frank said. This is Don again. You know there  
48 are a lot of people that agree with what you're doing  
49 but unfortunately, like we saw in the whole Roadless

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1 process, those voices get drowned out by whoever  
2 happens to be the power structure at the time. So I  
3 think there is a lot of support for your efforts, we  
4 just have to make sure that they don't get drowned out.

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6 And, Wanda, I think you're correct that  
7 we have a very fortunate circumstance right now with a  
8 new power structure back in Washington, D.C. And I  
9 know our new Secretary of Interior is definitely going  
10 to have an open ear for what you are proposing. And  
11 Interior does have a lot to say about the Subsistence  
12 Program, so I think it's a real opportunity so we  
13 shouldn't be discouraged.

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15 Any other Council members with a  
16 comment.

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18 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman, Mike  
19 Douville.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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23 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes. Wanda, it's been a  
24 long time since we've been to Hoonah and I remember you  
25 making quite a presentation at that time and it's  
26 impressive for me to see you still in the game and  
27 moving forward. You're doing a good job and I  
28 encourage you to continue. And like Don said, you  
29 know, the Roadless, all testimony was more than 90  
30 percent against it and it went on deaf ears but  
31 hopefully we have a better opportunity now. But great  
32 to hear from you again Wanda.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mike.

35 Anybody else.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Did I hear  
40 somebody.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Apparently not,  
45 okay, Wanda and Rebekah, thank you once again for your  
46 presentation. I am going to put it to the Council  
47 before the end of the meeting if we can come up with a  
48 work group, subcommittee that can work with you and if  
49 we do that we'll be in contact and see how we could

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1 work it out so that we can work together. And also we  
2 have a petition -- a couple petitions to consider  
3 writing letters of support for so that's also on the  
4 agenda. It all kind of works towards the same goal  
5 here. So thank you to you, and Rebekah once again for  
6 coming before the Council.

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8 MS. CULP: And thank you folks for  
9 listening and be willing to work with us. Really, it's  
10 comforting.

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12 Gunalcheesh.

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14 MS. SAWERS CONTRERAS: Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you. And,  
17 now, Council let's take a short break. We'll break for  
18 10 minutes and come back at 3:00 o'clock and wrap up  
19 some of the work items that we have to finish, the  
20 annual report, the charter and letters and a couple  
21 more agency reports that don't require action. So 10  
22 minute break and come back at 3:00 o'clock.

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24 MR. SLATER: Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, go ahead.

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28 MR. SLATER: This is Jim Slater. I'm  
29 sorry, I have an appointment I have to leave for. I  
30 just wanted to excuse myself and offer my sincere  
31 thanks for everyone welcoming me to the Council. It  
32 was both a pleasure and an honor to participate in the  
33 meeting. And apologies for any protocol mistakes I may  
34 have made during my first meeting here.

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36 Thank you, everyone.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Jim. I  
39 think everybody was really glad to have you on board.  
40 I think you're a real asset to the Council and don't  
41 worry about mistakes made at a first meeting. I think  
42 there were very few and it's very common. So, yeah.

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44 MR. SLATER: All right, well, thank you  
45 again. Everyone take care.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

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49 MR. KITKA: Don, just so the Council

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1 will know that Sitka herring went on two hour notice.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, wow, that's  
4 something Harvey. Yeah, early -- it sounds a little  
5 early this year. And I just saw the first boat go by  
6 the house here headed south towards Craig with herring  
7 pounds in tow so that's going to get started up soon as  
8 well, I believe.

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10 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. When we come  
11 back from break I have an update on the State Proposal  
12 194 if you'd like me to share that.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, yes, thank  
15 you, DeAnna.

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17 REPORTER: Okay, so we're off record.

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19 (Off record)

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21 (On record)

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23 MS. PERRY: I'll see if Council members  
24 have rejoined us before we get back into order.

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26 Let's see, Robert -- Jim -- those two  
27 guys are gone.

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29 Albert Howard.

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31 MR. HOWARD: Here.

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33 MS. PERRY: I need to update my list  
34 here.

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36 Don Hernandez.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Here.

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40 MS. PERRY: Harold Robbins.

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42 MR. ROBBINS: Here.

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44 MS. PERRY: Harvey Kitka.

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46 MR. KITKA: Here.

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48 MS. PERRY: Larry Bemis.

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3 MS. PERRY: Cathy Needham.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Here.

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7 MS. PERRY: Ian Johnson.

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9 MR. JOHNSON: Here.

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11 MS. PERRY: Frank Wright.

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13 MR. WRIGHT: Here.

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15 MS. PERRY: Cal Casipit.

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17 MR. CASIPIT: Here.

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19 MS. PERRY: Mike Douville.

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23 MS. PERRY: Larry Bemis.

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27 MS. PERRY: Okay, Mr. Chair. Currently  
28 you have 8 of your 12 seated Council members, you have  
29 a quorum.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, DeAnna.

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33 I trust the rest of the Council will be back shortly.

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35 I'm looking at what is left ahead of us  
36 here for the remainder and I see three action items --  
37 no, excuse me, yes, three -- review the charter, review  
38 the final -- finalize the annual report, confirm  
39 meeting locations. I don't think those will take too  
40 long. I think I'd like to go to the agency reports. I  
41 hate to keep those people waiting until the very end of  
42 the day if we can avoid it. Those should be fairly  
43 short so if we hear from those folks first I think we  
44 can finish off our action items and we also have to  
45 decide on any correspondence we want to write. There's  
46 several items there. And a work group.

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48 So do we have people ready to give  
49 agency reports at this time?

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MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, I believe

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1 Melinda for the Tribal Relations report from Forest  
2 Service stepped into a consultation so she will have to  
3 come back to us. I wasn't quite expecting that to be  
4 next so I haven't reached out to folks to check their  
5 availability. If you can give me just a moment.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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9 (Pause)

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11 MS. PERRY: I believe Brent Vickers is  
12 online. He's our leadership team lead from Office of  
13 Subsistence Management. Perhaps he would be able to go  
14 ahead and give the OSM report.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, sounds good.

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18 MR. VICKERS: Yes, hello. This is  
19 Brent Vickers. Thank you DeAnna and I am available to  
20 give the OSM report.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, go ahead,  
23 Brent.

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25 MR. VICKERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr.  
26 Chair and Council members. My name is Brent Vickers  
27 and I am a Cultural Anthropologist with the Office of  
28 Subsistence Management.

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30 First of all we want to thank you and  
31 all the Council members for your work. It's been very  
32 difficult for all of us dealing with the Covid19  
33 environment.

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35 Teleconferences.

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37 We're holding all 10 winter 2021  
38 Regional Advisory Council meetings via teleconference.  
39 This decision was made with the utmost consideration  
40 and concern for the health and safety of Council  
41 members, families, rural communities, the public and  
42 Staff, who are all part of the Council meetings. The  
43 health and safety of everyone is our highest priority.  
44 The Center for Disease Control and Prevention  
45 guidelines suggest that people avoid travel and refrain  
46 from meeting in person to minimize risk and help  
47 prevent the spread of Covid19.

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49 The Regional Advisory Councils are the  
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1 foundation of Alaska's Federal Subsistence Management  
2 Program. We recognize that holding face to face  
3 Council meetings in rural communities across Alaska is  
4 preferable for engaging the public most effectively.  
5 The Federal Subsistence Management Program is fully  
6 committed to resuming in-person Council meetings across  
7 Alaska as soon as it is possible to do so safely.

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9 OSM Staff changes.

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11 Since your last Council meeting, the  
12 following Staffing changes have occurred.

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14 I, Doctor Brent Vickers, started at OSM  
15 as OSM Anthropology Chief in December.

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17 Greg Risdahl moved over to U.S. Forest  
18 Service in January to become their Subsistence Program  
19 Leader, and will be the Forest Service representative  
20 at the InterAgency Staff Committee.

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22 We are grateful to have experienced  
23 people on the ISC that will remain with the Program as  
24 advisors to their Board member.

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26 George Pappas is currently the acting  
27 OSM Fisheries Division Chief, in addition to his normal  
28 job as liaison to the State Wildlife and Fisheries  
29 Programs.

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31 Katya Wessels, Council Coordinator, is  
32 currently acting as OSM Policy Coordinator. Katya was  
33 just selected as Council Coordination Division Chief  
34 and will be starting mid-March.

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36 Steve Fadden came to us from the U.S.  
37 Fish and Wildlife Refuges to be the acting OSM Wildlife  
38 Division Chief.

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40 Sabrina Schmidt has served as one of  
41 the clerks at OSM, she took a promotion with the  
42 military in January.

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44 Council appointments and applications.

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46 Annual Council appointment process is  
47 complex and takes about 15 months to complete. It  
48 begins in September each year when the Federal  
49 Subsistence Board announces the open application period  
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1 for Council membership. During a six month application  
2 period the Program conducts an extensive statewide  
3 recruitment and effort. The Program distributes  
4 approximately 2,000 applications throughout Alaska via  
5 mail and email to individuals, agencies and  
6 organizations. Additionally the Program conducts  
7 wide-range outreach through a variety of media outlets  
8 including, but not limited to newspaper, radio, TV,  
9 internet, FaceBook and public conferences. Last year,  
10 2020, the effort resulted in 74 applications to fill 62  
11 vacated or expiring seats. On January the 15th, 2021,  
12 OSM received copies of the Regional Advisory Council  
13 appointment letters signed by the former Secretary of  
14 Interior. At that time we received full appointments  
15 only for four Councils. Kodiak/Aleutians, Bristol Bay,  
16 Northwest Arctic and the Seward Peninsula, and partial  
17 appointments for three Councils, Eastern Interior,  
18 North Slope and Southcentral. Three Councils, Western  
19 Interior, Yukon Kuskokwim Delta and Southeast Alaska  
20 did not receive any appointments in January 2021. I'm  
21 glad to announce that on Monday, March 8th, we received  
22 copies of an additional 27 appointment letters with  
23 full seats of appointments on Western Interior, Yukon  
24 Kuskokwim Delta, Southeast Alaska, Eastern Interior,  
25 North Slope and Southcentral. At this time there are  
26 only eight vacant seats on all Councils.

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28 The application period for this year's  
29 2021 Regional Advisory Council appointments was open  
30 until March 12th. The application deadline was  
31 extended. By December 2nd of this year we are going to  
32 have 35 open seats for appointment or reappointment,  
33 and as of today we have very few applications to fill  
34 these seats. We are encouraging Council members, whose  
35 terms will expire in December 2021 to reapply. Your  
36 Council Coordinator should have contacted already if  
37 your membership expires this coming December. We also  
38 encourage other Alaskans to apply for Council  
39 membership. Serving on a Regional Advisory Councils is  
40 the best way to proactively participate in the Federal  
41 Subsistence Management regulatory process to help  
42 sustain your traditional way of life. Your  
43 participation on the Regional Advisory Councils allows  
44 for better time regulations to be developed that  
45 satisfy the needs of the users in the region, and, at  
46 the same time, assure the continued viability of fish  
47 and wildlife populations. Please let your coordinator  
48 know if you want to reapply or apply or would like to  
49 nominate someone so that they can get you to the  
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1 application form. Also please encourage knowledgeable  
2 users in your communities to apply as well.

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RealIDs for travel and Council  
meetings.

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8 Over the past two years we have been  
9 reminding Council members about change in requirements  
10 for IDs at airports. This has been postponed until  
11 October 1st, 2021. Note that all Council members will  
12 need to make sure that they have the required RealID  
13 for travel next fall. If you don't have the correct  
14 ID, please make sure that you get it before the fall  
2021 Council meeting cycle.

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Lawsuit from the State of Alaska.

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40 Two months later on November the 18th,  
41 the Court also denied the State's motion for a  
42 preliminary injunction on the Kake hunt after Judge  
43 Gleason concluded that the State had not demonstrated a  
44 likelihood of success on the merits, raising serious  
45 questions on the merits of its claim, or demonstrated  
46 any likelihood of irreparable harm.

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While these rulings on preliminary  
injunction are encouraging, they do not resolve the



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1 litigation. Settlement negotiations between the  
2 Department of Justice, the DOI Solicitor's Office, and  
3 USDA Office of General Counsel, and the State are  
4 ongoing. The parties have agreed to delay the court  
5 proceedings while these discussions are underway.  
6 Barring a settlement, the Solicitor's Office now  
7 estimates that the briefings should be complete in  
8 summer 2021 and that the court will issue its decision  
9 in late summer.

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11 Based on legal guidance, Program Staff  
12 does not comment on any active litigation directed  
13 against the Federal Subsistence Board beyond what is  
14 set forth here.

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16 I'd be happy to answer any questions.

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18 Thank you, Mr. Chair and Council  
19 members.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you  
22 Mr. Vickers and welcome to the Program.

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24 MR. VICKERS: Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Council, any  
27 questions for Mr. Vickers.

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29 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead Cathy.

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33 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
34 did want to know if the application period, I know it  
35 got extended for Regional Advisory Council members and  
36 I thought that that extension had closed so I wonder if  
37 he could clarify that, from his presentation, and then  
38 if he could let us know whether applications will be  
39 processed in a regular timely manner for this next  
40 round, and will appointments be made around the time  
41 that current appointments expired. Have they fixed  
42 that problem or did they just go back and clean up and  
43 we don't know what's going to happen this next year.

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45 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.

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49 MR. VICKERS: Yes, hello, this is Brent

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1 Vickers. First of all I'd just like to answer the  
2 question about the extension for the applications, they  
3 closed -- I know it was a little bit misleading --  
4 confusing what I said, but they did close on March  
5 12th, and it was confusing because I was reading from a  
6 statement that was written before and just had to  
7 change it, so they are currently closed.

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9 As for your next question, DeAnna, you  
10 might be a little bit better prepared to answer those.  
11 I have some idea but I really don't want to mis -- make  
12 the wrong statement. So DeAnna, can you answer more  
13 appropriately.

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15 MS. PERRY: Sure, I'd be happy to  
16 Brent. I would like to let folks know that the  
17 information that Brent mentioned about applications is  
18 still relevant. In fact I usually keep a tickler list  
19 throughout the year for those folks who have expressed  
20 interest in Council membership. So although this cycle  
21 application period has closed, if you have someone that  
22 you'd like to nominate or someone who's interest  
23 through the summer, and into the fall, please don't  
24 hesitate to reach out to me and I can make sure that  
25 when the applications are printed and available, that I  
26 send those out to those interested.

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28 So for the appointments. I believe  
29 everybody is quite encouraged that we'll get back on  
30 our regular schedule and that we can expect  
31 appointments to be made that first week in December,  
32 usually by December 2nd. That's not a promise but I  
33 think there's definitely some hope there that we will  
34 be able to kind of get back to our regular schedule.

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36 I would like to revisit the Board  
37 meeting. As Cathy had mentioned, she participated in  
38 the Board meeting earlier and one of the strong  
39 comments from almost all Council revolved around the  
40 appointments, the lateness and the non-appointments for  
41 three of the Councils. The folks at OSM did explore  
42 some possible solutions to that and we'll get to that a  
43 little bit more with the charter but Cathy had kind of  
44 offered up a solution and wanted to know if it would be  
45 possible to perhaps put something in the charter that  
46 would allow us to have a revolving time so that, for  
47 instance, if you are currently seated on the Council,  
48 December 7th rolls around and your term expired  
49 December 2nd, so your appointment letter had expired,  
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1 if we have something in the charter that provides for a  
2 continuing term, there could be language in there such  
3 as to serve an appointment until new appointments. And  
4 I can, again, clarify more when we get to the charter  
5 discussion. But OSM did explore that, it is possible,  
6 and I can let you know that up to date I believe all  
7 the other Councils have chose to put that wording in  
8 their charters. So this Council will be looking at  
9 their charter a little bit later and if they choose to  
10 do that that might be a solution to, if appointments  
11 are not received in the normal time, that perhaps we  
12 would be able to have that continuing term.

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14 So I hope that answers your question,  
15 Cathy.

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17 MS. NEEDHAM: It does, thank you, Mr.  
18 Perry. Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
21 Cathy. Any other questions from the Council for Mr.  
22 Vickers.

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24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I don't think I'm  
27 hearing any. So Brent, I'll just say thank you for  
28 your report again, welcome to the Program and we were  
29 prepared to really burn your ears about appointments  
30 but given that the new Administration and things are  
31 looking up, don't have to do that so you're off the  
32 hook.

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34 MR. VICKERS: Great. Thanks, I  
35 appreciate it. My ears have been pretty worn down with  
36 all this great discussion. So thank you. I do also  
37 have an update on the Fisheries Resource Monitoring  
38 Program, which closed just the other day, would you  
39 like me to read that update?

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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43 MR. VICKERS: Or the applications --  
44 sorry, go ahead.

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Excuse me.

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48 MR. VICKERS: I was going to say the  
49 applications for the Fisheries -- for the 2022 cycle in

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1 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program just closed  
2 on March 15th, I do have a small update for that if you  
3 would like me to read that still.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes. We have that  
6 on the agenda so go ahead.

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8 MR. VICKERS: Okay. I will read the  
9 update. Everyone just please keep in mind that the  
10 application period just ended on March 15th and so,  
11 I'm, again, reading from an update that was written  
12 prior to the closing so some of the verb tenses might  
13 be a little bit misleading so keep in mind the next  
14 cycle will be open in two years.

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16 This is not an action item.

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18 But we were seeking applications for  
19 projects that address priority information needs that  
20 you developed at your last Council meeting and that  
21 gather information to manage and improve subsistence  
22 fisheries in Federal public waters in Alaska. The  
23 Monitoring Program is also directed at supporting  
24 meaningful involvement in fisheries by Alaska Native  
25 and rural organizations and promoting collaborations  
26 among Federal, State, Alaska Native and local  
27 organizations. For the 2022 funding cycle it is  
28 anticipated there will be \$2.25 million available in  
29 the first year of new projects. Anyone wanting to  
30 apply, particularly for the next cycle, can find  
31 information about the program on the Federal  
32 Subsistence Management Program web page or by visiting  
33 [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

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35 After the funding opportunity window  
36 closed, applications will be reviewed by the Technical  
37 Review Committee. The results of that review will be  
38 presented to you at your next meeting.

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40 This is not an action item.

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42 If there are any questions, I would be  
43 happy to address them now. This concludes my  
44 presentation.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

49 Are there any questions.

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1 MR. CASIPIT: Yes, Mr. Chair, this is  
2 Cal Casipit. I was just wondering if he has a  
3 breakdown on the number of proposals for Southeast that  
4 were submitted and maybe a breakdown between stock,  
5 status and trends and harvest monitoring TEK. And if  
6 he doesn't have that information that's fine, I was  
7 just wondering if he had it at his fingertips. I don't  
8 want to take a whole lot of time.

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10 MR. VICKERS: No, I'm sorry. Thank  
11 you, Cal, for that question. I do not have it at my  
12 fingertips. I know that it just closed and I've been at  
13 this meeting for the last couple days so I haven't  
14 heard of any such breakdowns yet, and I'm sorry. Does  
15 anyone online have an answer at their fingertips for  
16 him?

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18 MS. PERRY: This is DeAnna, I haven't  
19 received anything either.

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21 MR. VICKERS: Okay. Well, we can try  
22 to get that information to you as soon as we can, will  
23 that suffice?

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25 MR. CASIPIT: That's fine. Just have  
26 DeAnna email it to me when it's available, that's fine.  
27 I was just curious if you had it.

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29 MR. VICKERS: Okay. Well, we'll find  
30 out. We still have to go through a validation process  
31 and so I'm not sure how that will affect the timing of  
32 our response but just please keep that in mind.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other  
35 questions on Fisheries Resource Monitoring projects.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Once,  
40 again, thank you, Brent for that update.

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42 MR. VICKERS: Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. DeAnna, do  
45 we have another agency available for a report.

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47 MS. PERRY: Yes. Joshua Ream is still  
48 with us representing the National Park Service and I  
49 believe he's got some Staffing and personnel updates.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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3 MR. REAM: Hi, Mr. Chair and members of  
4 the Council. For the record this is Joshua Ream. I am  
5 the Regional Subsistence Program Manager for the  
6 National Park Service.

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8 I don't have a whole lot to report but,  
9 you know, I'll start with Staff at the regional office.  
10 Luckily my program is now fully Staffed for the four  
11 positions that we have on our work chart. We're  
12 excited to be able to support more of the statewide  
13 National Park Service program as well as the Federal  
14 Subsistence Management Program as a whole.

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16 Don Striker, who is the Superintendent  
17 of Denali National Park and Preserve remains the Acting  
18 Alaska Regional Director. Timing for the permanent  
19 selection of this position is yet again delayed and  
20 this time it's due to the change in the Administration.  
21 So we expect that it may be the end of April or May  
22 before we get any word on the filling of that position.

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24 Maija Lukin, who is the Superintendent  
25 of Western Arctic Parkland has accepted a position as  
26 the Park Service's Native Liaison based in Anchorage.  
27 She will transition to that new position by the end of  
28 this month. In fact, I think she's already in there.  
29 And she'll be moving to Anchorage, I believe in May.  
30 So this was a position that was vacated maybe two years  
31 ago and we're really, really excited to have it.

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33 Joel Hard is our Deputy Regional  
34 Director and has been for some time but he is retiring  
35 at the end of this month.

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37 And Deb Cooper is an Associate Regional  
38 Director for resources and she's retiring this year, we  
39 suspect, in June. The Subsistence Program is situated  
40 within her directorate and we are sorry to see her go  
41 but we wish her the best in retirement and we have lots  
42 of gratitude for all that she has done to support the  
43 Subsistence Team within the Park Service over the  
44 years.

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46 The Park Service Subsistence Program  
47 has been working really closely recently with the  
48 Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program. We're  
49 excited to have entered a contract, a cooperative

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1 agreement with them to bring on student interns in the  
2 summer. We might be able to add more but we currently  
3 have at least three students each year for the next  
4 three years. It's been successful in getting ANSEP to  
5 expand their internship focus to include projects that  
6 are more anthropological or interdisciplinary.

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8 Our agency is also working with ANSEP  
9 and our Washington office and I believe now, the  
10 Department, regionwide, throughout Alaska, to  
11 potentially make ANSEP a direct hiring authority and  
12 this would allow ANSEP to hire our summer interns even  
13 though they would be working for NPS, and if the  
14 student successfully completes the internship including  
15 a minimum number of work hours and they graduate from  
16 their degree program, they'd then be eligible for non-  
17 competitive hiring status for up to two years following  
18 their graduation. It's a great opportunity for the  
19 Park Service to hire ANSEP students permanently and to  
20 retain excellent talent when it's identified.

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22 And then just a brief note on the  
23 Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program, statewide,  
24 the Park Service is lacking quite a bit of fisheries  
25 biology capacity that we once had and to help address  
26 this need and to further develop collaborations our  
27 regional office program, Subsistence Program, is  
28 looking at ways that we can be better engaged with the  
29 Partners Program so we're hoping to utilize the  
30 expertise of partners like the Ahtna InterTribal  
31 Resource Commission, Bristol Bay Native Association,  
32 Yakutat Tlingit Tribe, Native Village of Eyak and  
33 others to coordinate research and joint funding  
34 proposals in Park associated lands. And we'll have  
35 more on that hopefully in the fall.

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37 I'd be happy to try to answer any  
38 questions that you have, otherwise thank you for your  
39 time.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,  
42 Joshua. Any questions for Mr. Ream.

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44 (No comments)

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Apparently not.  
47 So thank you again Joshua. And, DeAnna, do we have any  
48 other agency reports.

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1 MS. PERRY: Yes. Before we go to the  
2 Forest Service, I would just like to recognize Lauren  
3 Sill and -- from the State Department and I -- I'm  
4 sorry, I'm trying to read and talk at the same time.  
5 We've had some State folks from Alaska Department of  
6 Fish and Game with us throughout our meeting and wanted  
7 to recognize that they have been listening. There's no  
8 agency report from them at this meeting but did want to  
9 recognize that they have been listening and may provide  
10 a report at the next meeting.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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14 MS. PERRY: That brings us to the  
15 Forest Service and special actions and I believe Terry  
16 Suminski is ready to give that report.

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18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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20 MR. SUMINSKI: Good afternoon, Mr.  
21 Chair and Council members. Terry Suminski with Forest  
22 Service. I just wanted to point out in your  
23 supplemental material the summary of Federal  
24 subsistence special actions, it starts at 12A. And  
25 that is a list of all the in-season actions that were  
26 taken in Southeast in calendar year 2020. I won't read  
27 through them all. I think maybe the new Council members  
28 are very familiar with those, they should be,  
29 hopefully, if did our job right.

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31 The only thing that -- the action we've  
32 taken since then and you've heard a little bit about  
33 that already is the limited closure to eulachon in  
34 District 1 which allows limited fishing in the Unuk  
35 River.

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37 So without going into a lot of detail,  
38 I'd just open it up for questions if anybody has any.

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40 Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks,  
43 Terry. Any questions on special actions from the  
44 Council.

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46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. We all have  
49 the list to refer to there. Okay, DeAnna, you  
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1 mentioned that Melinda Hernandez Burke had a report for  
2 us but she was busy, I don't know if she's available  
3 yet.

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5 MS. PERRY: I think she is almost  
6 there. I know that she gave me kind of the five minute  
7 warning just a couple of minutes ago so I think it's  
8 probably at any time. We had originally thought that we  
9 might also be able to hear from Ray Paddock with  
10 Central Council letting us know some information on the  
11 Unuk and Taku Transboundary monitoring that's going on  
12 and he is, unfortunately, in a meeting right now but I  
13 believe that he has passed along information to Melinda  
14 so that's another thing that Melinda can speak to the  
15 Council about as well.

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17 So I don't know if maybe we want to  
18 take care of one of our action items while we're  
19 waiting for Ms. Hernandez Burke to be available.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Probably will.  
22 Were there any other Native organizations that wanted  
23 to report to us at this meeting. I don't see anyone on  
24 the list here.

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26 MS. PERRY: Not that I'm aware of other  
27 than Ms. Culp and the WECAN group, and Rebekah Sawers.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I just  
30 wanted to check if there were any others. Okay, let's,  
31 while we're waiting for Melinda to finish up let's go  
32 to the Council charter review. That was brought up by  
33 Mr. Vickers. We had a little discussion on that with  
34 you and Cathy so why don't we take care of that charter  
35 review. And I know the information about the charter  
36 is in our Council book, I believe it starts on Page 64.

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38 MR. VICKERS: Yes, hello, Mr. Chair and  
39 Council members. This is Brent Vickers again.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, hello, Brent.

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43 MR. VICKERS: Let me review this  
44 charter review script for you.

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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48 MR. VICKERS: Under the Federal  
49 Advisory Committee Act your Council charter is reviewed

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1 every two years. Before the charter is renewed the  
2 Council has a right to review it and discuss any  
3 changes that they would like to propose to the Federal  
4 Subsistence Board. The Board then reviews proposed  
5 changes and if the Board agrees the request for  
6 proposed changes is forwarded to the Secretary of  
7 Interior.

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10 A lot of language in your charter is  
11 actually required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act  
12 and is implemented policy so you can't change that  
13 language. The changes that you can request are the  
14 changes to the name of your Council, or to the number  
15 of members on your Council, but you will need to have  
16 reasonable justification for it. You can also request  
17 an addition of language that specifies a desired  
18 membership balance that, if achieved, would allow the  
19 members of the Council to represent the entire region.  
20 For example, a few years ago the Kodiak Aleutian  
21 Council requested and was granted approval to  
22 geographically rebalance the membership to have four  
23 members from the Kodiak Archipelago, three from the  
24 Alaska Peninsula and three from the 30 Aleutian  
25 Pribilof Islands. Because that region is so spread out  
26 the Council wanted -- that having a broader geographic  
27 representation is a value for them. During the last  
28 charter review the Western Interior Alaska Council also  
29 added similar language to their charter.

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31 Additionally, delays to Council  
32 appointments experienced over the last few years, the  
33 Council also may want to consider requesting adding a  
34 provision to its charter that allows a member to serve  
35 after the expiration of his or term until a successor  
36 is appointed. This is what is called a carryover term  
37 that will come into play if the appointment letters are  
38 late. Rather than the members' term expiring and the  
39 Council having an empty seat on that Council that  
40 member could continue to serve until an appointment  
41 letter comes in. If the Council is satisfied with all  
42 charter provisions and requests no changes then the  
43 Council can just simply vote to forward the charter to  
44 the Board.

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46 As a reminder, during the last charter  
47 review of 2019 the Secretaries approved new language  
48 suggested by the Councils that their charters -- that  
49 alternate members may be appointed to the Councils to  
50 fill vacancies if they occur out of cycle. An

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1 alternate member must be approved and appointed by the  
2 Secretary before attending the meeting as a  
3 representative. The term for an appointed alternative  
4 member will be the same as the term for the member  
5 whose vacancy is being filled. However, in order to  
6 have an alternates there needs to be a sufficient  
7 number of applications in your region. Alternates are  
8 appointed as members only if a seat was vacated because  
9 of a member passing, resigning or moving out of the  
10 region.

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12 This is the time for the charter review  
13 and no action is necessary unless you wish to take some  
14 action. The charter carries over and is formally  
15 approved every other year. You can review, edit and  
16 you can make recommendations if you desire, but if not  
17 then it continues.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MS. NEEDHAM: All right, it sounds like  
26 Mr. Hernandez has dropped off the call so I will take  
27 over Chair duties until he returns.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No, Cathy, sorry,  
30 I forgot to unmute.

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32 MS. NEEDHAM: Okay. Great, thanks.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Sorry about that.

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36 (Laughter)

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, I was just  
39 thanking Mr. Vickers and saying that, yes, we probably  
40 will want to change our charter in regards to the  
41 carryover appointments. And before we get into that  
42 I'll ask the Council if there's any questions regarding  
43 the charter.

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45 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
48 Cathy.

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1 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
2 just have a question on the last item that Mr. Vickers  
3 made out to us about out of -- sort of out of cycle  
4 appointments. So if we have a vacated seat because of  
5 a death or a resignation that it could be filled. I  
6 was wondering if our, if the Southeast charter has that  
7 provision in there, because I know we have one vacant  
8 seat right now from a Council member that resigned and  
9 I'm unsure why it was not filled.

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11 Thank you.

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13 So I guess my question really is did we  
14 address that and is that language provided for in our  
15 charter already so we don't need to make that change at  
16 this time -- that particular change at this time.

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18 MS. PERRY: Mr. Vickers, I can probably  
19 cover that.

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21 MR. VICKERS: Thanks very much.

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23 MS. PERRY: Yeah, so, Cathy, that new  
24 language from the Secretary appears in all of our  
25 Councils. I was just going to see the page because I  
26 had pulled up something else. The reason why we only  
27 have 12 of our 13 seats filled currently is because the  
28 application process went through and then Mr. Leighton  
29 resigned his seat after the application period had  
30 closed. Everyone who applied last year in that cycle  
31 was appointed, and we did not have any additional  
32 applications to fill any other seat. So all seats were  
33 filled until Mr. Leighton resigned and upon his  
34 resignation we did not have any applicants left over  
35 from that cycle to fill his seat.

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37 MS. NEEDHAM: All right, thank you for  
38 that clarification. I wanted to make sure we didn't  
39 need to do that housekeeping as well.

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41 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,  
44 Cathy. Any other Council members with a question.

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46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I do have one  
49 question. It relates to this provision where

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1 apparently we're still operating under the 70/30  
2 percent representation, 70 percent should represent  
3 subsistence interests within the region and 30 percent  
4 should represent commercial and sport interest within  
5 the region. Are we still operating under that, it's in  
6 the charter, and I don't know, you know, on our present  
7 Council how we dealt with that, I want make sure we're  
8 complying.

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10 MS. PETRIVELLI: Mr. Chair, this is Pat  
11 Petrivelli.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Pat.

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15 MS. PETRIVELLI: That provision is in  
16 the regulation, in type A and B of the regulations of  
17 the Program, and it may be in the charter under  
18 membership. But the idea of complying is if those  
19 people apply -- so from like the sport and commercial  
20 industry have to apply to the Council, so like on the  
21 North Slope Council no one has every applied on that  
22 Council to represent the sport and commercial interest  
23 so all of these provisions as to membership are usually  
24 -- that the Secretaries will appoint them from the  
25 available applicants.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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29 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, I think  
32 that's DeAnna.

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34 MS. PERRY: Yeah, this is DeAnna,  
35 sorry. With our new appointments, we currently have 10  
36 subsistence user group representatives, and two  
37 commercial/sport use representatives.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Could you  
40 tell us who the two commercial sport representatives  
41 are, I'm not aware of who that would be?

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43 MS. PERRY: Sure. Frank Wright and  
44 Harold Robbins.

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, okay, so we're  
47 in compliance, thank you very much. So maybe if  
48 there's no more questions we're to the point where we  
49 want to change our charter, add to it, as the rest of  
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1 the Councils did to make allowances for a carry -- I  
2 think the term was a carryover appointment.

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4 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair. And I can  
5 let you know similar language that most of the Councils  
6 are approving if that would help.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That would be very  
9 helpful.

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11 MS. PERRY: Okay. So it would be just  
12 an added number on the charter and not quite sure  
13 exactly where it'll be but it would say something like:

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15 Service of members: Any member of any  
16 Advisory Committee may serve after the expiration of  
17 the member's term until a successor is appointed.

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19 It might not be verbatim from one  
20 Council to the other but definitely it's that same  
21 intent, again, that all Councils have basically put in  
22 their charters this go around.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. That sounds  
25 pretty straightforward. I am assuming, DeAnna, that  
26 that would have to come as a motion from the Council.

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28 MS. PERRY: It would if you're making  
29 any changes to the charter.

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31 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Is somebody  
32 prepared to make such a motion.

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34 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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38 MS. NEEDHAM: I'm going to add the  
39 language:

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41 Service of members: Any member of any  
42 Advisory Committee may serve after the expiration of  
43 the member's term until a successor is appointed to the  
44 Southeast Regional -- Southeast Alaska Subsistence  
45 Regional Advisory Council charter.

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47 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.

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1 Do we have a second.

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3 MR. HOWARD: Second.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.

6 Okay, open for discussion, questions or comments from  
7 the Council on what we're doing.

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9 MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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13 MR. JOHNSON: I don't think I have any  
14 issues with this I just wonder if there are any  
15 potential pitfalls to it, or is there any negative to  
16 potentially including this clause that people can think  
17 of?

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'll leave that  
20 open to the Staff if they want to comment on that.

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22 (No comments)

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I guess I'm not  
25 hearing a response, Ian. I'll take that as being  
26 everybody likes it.

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28 MR. VICKERS: Mr. Chair, this is Brent  
29 Vickers from OSM. I don't have -- I am not aware of  
30 any negative -- I'm not saying that there aren't any, I  
31 have listened to most of the other Regional Council  
32 meetings and I have not heard any discussion about  
33 possible negative impacts from this. So I don't -- I  
34 can't promise you they're not there but I am -- I,  
35 myself, am unaware of any discussion about them.

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
38 Mr. Vickers.

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40 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

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42 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, go ahead,  
45 Frank.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, I was just wondering  
48 about, you know, if we -- or when we get together and  
49 we still haven't been appointed yet, like if we're in  
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1 Ketchikan or something like that and then come to find  
2 out we're not reappointed then, you know, someone else  
3 is put in your place then where do we go from there,  
4 they just send you home?

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Frank, I don't  
7 think that can happen, I don't know is there a comment  
8 on that from Staff.

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10 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, I could cover  
11 that. So when a new member is appointed, we do have  
12 paperwork that's required to be able to get them to  
13 travel so if it were to happen say within a week or so  
14 before a scheduled meeting, it would almost be  
15 impossible to get the new member to the meeting. The  
16 appointment would prohibit the previous member from  
17 attending and being a member, but it's not like we  
18 would send you to Ketchikan and on the second day of  
19 the meeting have to send you home because someone's  
20 coming in to fill your seat. Logistically, I don't  
21 think that would be possible.

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23 MR. WRIGHT: Okay, thank you.

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25 MS. PERRY: Uh-huh.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any other  
28 questions.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MR. WRIGHT: Call for the question.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Question's been  
35 called for. Frank, if you would do a roll call on  
36 this.

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38 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, before a roll  
39 call, do we need to establish like a strong  
40 justification why we feel this is needed, like we've  
41 only just asked questions and then talked about the  
42 potential not -- how it would harm us, but not why; I'm  
43 just curious. I know I know why it's needed and it  
44 seems like housekeeping to me but I just want to make  
45 sure before we take a vote if we actually have to put  
46 that justification into the record.

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48 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Does  
2 somebody on the Staff want to answer that.

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4 MS. PERRY: This is DeAnna, yeah, I  
5 think that would be a good idea. I think it's  
6 definitely been a hot topic for many Councils so it  
7 won't come as a surprise but it would be nice to voice  
8 your specific concern if this were not added to the  
9 charter.

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is that something  
12 you're prepared to do Cathy.

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14 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
15 wouldn't say I was prepared to do it. But reasons why  
16 I feel this is extremely important is as has been made  
17 apparent to our Council and our inability to represent  
18 Federally-qualified subsistence users, if we would have  
19 tried to attempt to do this meeting as a five member  
20 Council, which up until last week or 10 days ago or so  
21 we were a five member Council. And I think that would  
22 have been a detriment to subsistence users in our  
23 region because we wouldn't have been representative  
24 across the region. But adding this language into our  
25 charter, it allows for carryover of service of members  
26 so that our constituents do have representation on this  
27 Council and it can operate as a full Council while  
28 we're waiting for appointments, for whatever reason  
29 they may be held up.

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31 And yeah, I'll leave it at that and let  
32 other Council members add points to the justification.

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34 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
37 I think the question had been called for, and unless  
38 there's any other questions.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Frank, go ahead  
43 and do a roll call vote.

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45 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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47 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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49 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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1 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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3 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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5 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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7 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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9 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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11 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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13 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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15 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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19 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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21 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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23 MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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29 (No comments)

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31 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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33 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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35 MR. WRIGHT: Calvin Casipit.

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37 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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39 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

40 Motion carried.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,

43 Frank. So question for the Council. Are there any

44 other proposed changes you would like to make to the

45 charter.

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47 (No comments)

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm not

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1 hearing any so I think we've completed that action  
2 item. DeAnna, am I correct that we've done everything  
3 we need to do there?

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5 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
8 I did want to, before we leave the topic, I did want to  
9 just point out to the Council members there is a topic  
10 in the charter dealing with subcommittees, which I  
11 proposed wanting one. And just to familiarize you with  
12 that, we haven't had a subcommittee in awhile, it says,  
13 subject to the DFO's approval, that's the Designated  
14 Federal Officer, who is DeAnna, in our case,  
15 subcommittees may be formed for the purpose of  
16 compiling information or conducting research, however,  
17 such subcommittees must act only under the direction of  
18 the DFO and must report their recommendations to the  
19 full Council for consideration. Subcommittees must not  
20 provide advice or work products directly to the agency.  
21 Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish  
22 their assignments subject to the approval of the  
23 Designated Federal Officer and the availability of  
24 resources.

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26 So you can see the limitations of what  
27 a subcommittee does but I think one would be useful to  
28 deal with the issue before us of comanagement and  
29 related topics.

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31 So we'll get to that later but we  
32 should continue on with action items, one of which is  
33 the finalization of our annual report.

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35 Draft annual report is in our Council  
36 books. I think that starts on Page 69. So who  
37 presents for the annual report?

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39 MS. PERRY: That would be me, Mr.  
40 Chair. I do see that Melinda was available so I didn't  
41 know if you wanted to take her first while she's  
42 available or if you wanted to move on to this item. I  
43 just wanted to let you know.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, if Melinda's  
46 available let's bring her on and we can take care of  
47 our other business afterwards, no problem.

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49 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Hi, Mr. Chair,

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1 Council members, guests, tribes, public, this is  
2 Melinda Hernandez Burke, Tribal Relations Specialist  
3 for the Forest Service here in the Alaska region.  
4 Apologies I was not available a little bit ago when my  
5 name was called. I had to step out for a consultation.  
6 But happy to be invited to give a bit of a report  
7 today.

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9 I heard from Bob Schroeder, he really  
10 wanted to hear about some plans to include tribes in  
11 some management structures and I have something for you  
12 that I'm happy to share and some of you might have  
13 already heard about it. I was hoping to be joined by  
14 Ray Paddock from Central Council today but he's not  
15 available right here at this time.

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17 But wanted to share a bit about the  
18 Tlingit and Haida and the U.S. Forest Service signing  
19 an Indigenous Guardians Network Partnership back in  
20 September. It was really exciting to see this coming  
21 to fruition. I first learned about the concept of the  
22 Indigenous Guardians when I attended a workshop that  
23 Cathy and many other folks were at looking at the model  
24 in Hyda Gwaii and the relationship that the First  
25 Peoples there have with the Federal government and the  
26 way that their management structure is allowed for,  
27 that indigenous on the ground knowledge to be  
28 incorporated into decisionmaking. So was really happy  
29 when the Regional Forester was approached with a  
30 proposal by Central Council and some other partners in  
31 this network and we were tasked with making it happen.  
32 So fast forward a couple months in September there was  
33 an MOU signed and one of the really cool things about  
34 this agreement is that one of the broad topic areas is  
35 subsistence. One of the others is adaptation planning.  
36 The other is shared stewardship and then heritage as  
37 well. So we're still at the very, very beginning  
38 stages of this partnership which Tlingit and Haida has  
39 just signed a Staff member who's going to be working  
40 full-time on supporting their training, growing the  
41 program. We have a charter to build, we have a  
42 steering committee to build. So just really excited on  
43 how this is going to play out with communities, with  
44 tribes, applying ecological knowledge and sustainable  
45 ways of living into monitoring projects, restoration of  
46 the Forest.

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48 So we're really excited about that.  
49 I'm happy to share the agreement itself and a couple of  
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1 great articles about the partnership with DeAnna, to  
2 give out to everybody via email and I'll put a link  
3 here in the chat as well.

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5 But will open up to any questions.  
6 Hopefully folks have heard about it and if you haven't  
7 please dive in and Ray Paddock from Tlingit and Haida  
8 offered up for me to share his contact info as well if  
9 there's any followup questions specifically for the  
10 tribe.

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12 Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, Melinda  
15 thank you. Council, you have some questions for Ms.  
16 Hernandez Burke.

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18 MR. CASIPIT: Yeah, Mr. Chair, this is  
19 Cal Casipit. I just wanted to thank Melinda for giving  
20 us that report. I'm really looking forward to seeing  
21 the materials you send us through DeAnna, look forward  
22 to seeing that. And if you get a chance say hi to Ray  
23 for me, I was hoping I would hear him today but that's  
24 okay, and just say hi to him for me and I kind of miss  
25 halibut fishing with him out here.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Through the  
30 Chair. Mr. Casipit, yes, absolutely I will. He  
31 regrets not being able to join today. I think that you  
32 will be hearing more from us and from this program --  
33 about this program in the future. We really do, you  
34 know, plan on having a robust process to get this  
35 charter, the steering committee established. There's  
36 already some really fantastic work happening out there  
37 and some great models to work off so we just look  
38 forward to that work with the tribe and Ray and there's  
39 a bio that I'll share with you as well for the  
40 individual that was hired at Central Council who will  
41 be working on this project.

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43 So thanks, Cal, and please do reach out  
44 to Ray, he's offered for any Council members, any Staff  
45 who has questions to please reach out to him and he  
46 shares his contact info.

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48 Thanks.

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1 MR. KITKA: Melinda, this is Harvey  
2 Kitka.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
5 Harvey.

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7 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Hi Harvey.

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9 MR. KITKA: Hi Melinda. I was just  
10 hoping that some information could be forwarded to me  
11 so I could take it to the Sitka Tribe.

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13 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Yeah, absolutely  
14 Harvey. I'll share the challenge cost share agreement  
15 itself. I would have everybody go to -- my VPN just  
16 cut out here for a sec so the link will take a minute  
17 to show up in the chat box but I would encourage folks  
18 to go to Page 20, which shows our operating plan and it  
19 shows our three initial phases that we've lined out  
20 together and will be working towards.

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22 The other sharing opportunity that I  
23 just learned about a little while ago, Tlingit and  
24 Haida puts on these lunch times -- let me find exactly  
25 what it's called -- here we go, Tlingit and Haida puts  
26 on Native issues forums via the web and they've just  
27 invited the Regional Forester today to participate in  
28 the one next Thursday which will be about this program  
29 so I'll also include that information in the chat and  
30 for DeAnna to send out to you all. Harvey, I think you  
31 were just the star of one of these Native issues forums  
32 recently with the herring egg discussion and the  
33 Kaagwaantaan petition. So you can hear more from Ray,  
34 from President Peterson, and from Regional Forester  
35 Dave Schmid next week Thursday at noon.

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37 MR. KITKA: Thank you.

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39 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: You're welcome.  
40 Gunalcheesh Harvey. Miss you guys.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Anybody else on  
43 the Council have a question go ahead.

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45 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, go ahead.

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49 MR. JOHNSON: Hey, Melinda. So, yeah,  
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1 I just want to, I guess connect a few dots and -- to a  
2 point that Cathy made earlier during the WECAN  
3 presentation is just that, you know, there's multiple  
4 initiatives going forward in the same direction,  
5 sometimes in parallel, sometimes crossing over and -- I  
6 guess I'm pretty with the Guardians Initiative and I've  
7 been pretty involved with it here and very excited  
8 about it but just, you know, kind of want to  
9 acknowledge that can be -- maybe the central sort of  
10 thrust of these different initiatives going forward and  
11 I think just becoming aware of this Guardians Program  
12 could help this Council sort of direct communities or  
13 other things into this -- other initiatives into this.  
14 I hope it becomes that at least.

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16 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Yeah, through the  
17 Chair. Thanks so much for that, Ian. And one of the  
18 things that I'm awaiting as well, and you heard from  
19 Regional Forester Dave Schmid earlier in the week,  
20 we're anxious to hear what kind of action will be taken  
21 by the new Secretary and this Administration on the  
22 Homelands Petition. Like you said there's a lot of  
23 parallel actions happening at the same time and I  
24 really think that once we get some solid direction on  
25 what the Department is going to do with that Homeland's  
26 Petition, I just see so many -- like you said, so many  
27 dots to be connected and I think that a lot of this is  
28 going to fall into some really great actionable,  
29 collaborative efforts here in the real near future. So  
30 we wait with everyone else on what happens with that,  
31 what happens with the Kaagwaantaan Petition, so I'm  
32 excited to connect dots and work with the tribes and  
33 communities involved in these efforts and really get  
34 things rolling.

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36 Gunalcheesh.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks,  
39 Melinda. Any other Council members with a question or  
40 a comment.

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42 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
43 Albert.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Albert.

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47 MR. HOWARD: I seem to have missed  
48 something here. What's the purpose between the  
49 agreement between the Forest Service and Tlingit and  
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1 Haida?

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4 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Through the  
5 Chair. Mr. Howard. So the Indigenous Guardians  
6 Network is operating under Tlingit and Haida and  
7 they've asked the Forest Service to come in as a  
8 partner, a signatory partner, and I know the bigger  
9 partnership network includes FFP, SpruceRoot, a lot of  
10 other partners out there. But I think where it  
11 parallels and has some tie-in to the Subsistence  
12 Program is that one of the broad focus area topics is  
13 subsistence, so we look forward to really exploring  
14 that and building it. I can't tell you exactly what it  
15 looks like right now but I think this network is going  
16 to be something exciting just to bring some of these  
17 efforts together and really the focus is incorporating  
18 indigenous knowledge and traditional ecological  
19 knowledge into management practices. So broad -- kind  
20 of broad goals and we look forward to building that  
21 with a lot of folks at the table.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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MR. HOWARD: A followup, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

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MR. HOWARD: Well, Mr. Chairman, you  
heard earlier there's 229 Federally-recognized tribes.  
Angoon Community Association has always stated that the  
Tlingit and Haida is like the regional corporation but  
they're a regional tribe. I asked the question for a  
reason and the reason is is that it seems like, I don't  
know if they're trying to take over the role of the  
Southeast Regional Advisory Council, I could see it  
happening that way watching how they've taken over  
other programs and basically -- they took a lot of  
programs out of Angoon that we can no longer get back.

I'll give you an example.

The housing authority, we have no say  
over what happens with our funds anymore. I don't feel  
like Angoon has proper representation at the Council.  
Traditional ecological knowledge.....

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participants not muted - piano)



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1 MR. HOWARD: That's not my piano by the  
2 way so.

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. HOWARD: So I have concerns with  
7 that. I haven't, you know, it would be nice to see  
8 that type of effort from the Forest Service happen with  
9 Angoon as far as a lot of our concerns with the Island.  
10 So now this is just something that I've got to put on  
11 my radar to keep an eye out for.

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13 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
16 Albert. Any response Melinda.

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18 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Yeah, sure, I  
19 guess I would just offer, Mr. Howard, you know we're at  
20 the very, very beginning of building what this  
21 partnership and this network looks like. There's still  
22 a lot that I, personally, have to learn about the  
23 Indigenous Guardians Network. Like Ian said, there's  
24 been a lot of work out there that I'm still learning  
25 about myself as well, so would definitely invite a  
26 conversation, you know, with you at any time, or, you  
27 know, if you look over this and your tribe has any  
28 questions; I think all input is -- and, you know,  
29 collaborative opportunities is definitely welcome at  
30 this point in these very, very early stages.

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32 Gunalcheesh.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks,  
35 Melinda. Any other questions from the Council.

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37 MR. HOWARD: Just a quick one. May I  
38 have all that information sent to me as well?

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40 MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Yeah, it'll get  
41 to the whole RAC. Through the Chair.

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43 MR. HOWARD: Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Anybody else.

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48 participants not muted)

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Anybody on the  
2 Council. Question for Melinda.

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5                   (No comments)

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8                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Apparently not,  
9 Melinda. So, once, again, very exciting things  
10 happening and thank you for bringing that to our  
11 attention and we will definitely be tuned into what's  
12 going on and make sure we'll look for that information  
13 you're going to send us, sounds interesting.

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                  MS. HERNANDEZ BURKE: Absolutely. Yep,  
yep, on it's way. And thank you so much for the time  
today, I know that you've got quite a bit to cover here  
before the end of the day. And, yeah, thank you so  
much look forward to future opportunities to engage.

                  Gunalcheesh.

                  Thank you.

                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
Melinda. Okay, are we ready to go to the annual  
report.

                  MS. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So  
on Page 69 -- for the record this is DeAnna Perry. On  
Page 69 of your meeting book you'll see the details  
about the purpose of the annual report and then on Page  
71 you'll see the draft of this Council's 2020 annual  
report. And I know most folks have had an opportunity  
to look at that, should we take a few moments to look  
that over one last time before we dive in, Mr. Chair.

                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, everybody  
has to familiarize themselves with it. Yeah, while  
we're doing that I was just -- maybe like to bring it  
to the Council's attention. We have a rather lengthy  
item on Council vacancies, some of that has been  
resolved, maybe the underlying issue is still there. I  
don't know if we wanted to change anything in that item  
but it bears looking at.

                  MS. PERRY: And, Mr. Chair, I did  
assume that I would need to update that with numbers  
and I think I have in there may expand this line, which  
depending on the appointments so anything that's not

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1 factually correct, that can change.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right.

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5 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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9 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

10 When I think about annual reports I think about this  
11 particular annual report being reflective of issues  
12 that we worked on during 2020 and that was definitely a  
13 very highlighted issue with a lot of discussion and,  
14 you know, this is our opportunity to show the Board  
15 where we spend our time and what types of things that  
16 we work on so other than, you know, the updates that  
17 Ms. Perry needs to provide I don't necessarily feel  
18 like we need to cut it out completely. I know that  
19 they know that it's a concern because it was reported  
20 on at length by all of the Councils at the Federal  
21 Subsistence Board meeting but it is also part of this  
22 longer term established public record from the actions  
23 of this Council.

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25 So I just thought I would provide that  
26 feedback on that particular piece.

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28 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
31 Cathy.

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33 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, following up on  
34 what Cathy just mentioned. You will note that on Page  
35 74, just before paragraph four, that last paragraph on  
36 Council vacancies, we are asking the Board to take some  
37 action by sending a letter. So I just wanted to bring  
38 that to your attention. I had not expected to take any  
39 of that out, again, I just expected to change the  
40 numbers to accurately reflect our new appointments but  
41 the rest of that would all stay in.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, I think it's  
44 worth, you know, for the record informing the incoming  
45 Secretaries that, you know, we recognize the importance  
46 of having fully seated Councils just for the record, so  
47 to speak, you know, we have this history behind us of  
48 how it's been. As you said, DeAnna, just making sure,  
49 you know, that the numbers which, you know, at the time  
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1 you wrote this were valid and current might have  
2 changed some but we could change that.

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4 So as the Council looks through this,  
5 just ask if anybody picks up anything else that they  
6 want to see amended. And I guess we still have an  
7 opportunity to add something if we'd like, correct,  
8 DeAnna.

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10 MS. PERRY: Yes, we can do that, Mr.  
11 Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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15 MS. PERRY: This is where you finalize  
16 and approve so we can certainly add something.

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18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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20 (Pause)

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And while we're on  
23 this topic in relation to bullet point No. 6, the  
24 status of fish and wildlife resources in Southeast. I  
25 do want to thank our Fish and Wildlife Staff for  
26 putting together what I think is a really good report  
27 that we could pass on to the Secretaries. It's a  
28 report that they presented to us on harvest of fish and  
29 wildlife at the beginning of the meeting. I think  
30 they've got a really good concise way of presenting the  
31 data and I like the way they kind of set it up with the  
32 averages -- a couple different averages over 10 year  
33 periods, kind of make for a good quick comparison and I  
34 think that information will be helpful to the Board and  
35 the Secretaries to get a good synopsis of how our  
36 harvests are going here in the region. So I want to  
37 thank them for that, it's good work.

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39 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
40 Albert.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Albert.

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44 MR. HOWARD: Do we want to add concerns  
45 about the newly created kelp fishery and the lack of  
46 information on how it will affect subsistence users and  
47 resources around the kelp farms that are being created.  
48 It's part of, you mentioned earlier, being proactive  
49 instead of reactive.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. Albert.  
2 So I guess here's my feeling about that. Now, you  
3 know, the kelp farms they would be taking place out of  
4 the jurisdiction of what the Subsistence Board has, you  
5 know, in salt water, and, you know, issues like that do  
6 affect subsistence users but there isn't really  
7 anything that the Board or the Secretaries, it's not  
8 really in their jurisdiction. But there's ways to deal  
9 with that and I think it's something we have to  
10 consider here as we're moving forward.

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12                   A lot of the issues that we may see  
13 that, and have in the past, have gone into annual  
14 reports, I think can be better addressed with letters  
15 that are sent to the agencies that actually, you know,  
16 have jurisdiction. And we have done that. I mean  
17 we've sent letters to the State Department of  
18 Environmental Conservation and obviously Department of  
19 Fish and Game, I think, on issues. So if that's an  
20 important issue we can send letters from the Council to  
21 those agencies, you know, expressing our concerns. But  
22 I don't think the annual report is really the right way  
23 to go about that.

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25                   So if we want to keep that on the radar  
26 for our letter writing correspondence policy, I think  
27 that would be a better way to address it.

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29                   MR. HOWARD: Well, Mr. Chairman, you're  
30 correct, we don't have jurisdiction but what I learned  
31 through the ETJ process is, in fact, if you exercise  
32 the extraterritorial jurisdiction and ask the Federal  
33 government to come in and look at an area because we  
34 felt that the State wasn't properly managing the area.  
35 Within that petition the Federal government came back  
36 and said, well, you have three years to fix this or  
37 you're going to lose jurisdiction of that area to the  
38 Federal government. So even though they have  
39 jurisdiction it can be temporary.

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41                   I think we need to put this on the  
42 front burner if there's concerns of subsistence users  
43 in that area.

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45                   Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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47                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,  
48 Albert. I'm not the, you know, final say over what we  
49 do or not, I was just offering up a suggestion there.

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1 I don't know if there's anyone else or Staff, you know,  
2 that has any kind of input on this.

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5 MR. CASIPIT: Hey, this is Cal Casipit.  
6 I just wanted to chime in a little bit in here about  
7 extraterritorial jurisdiction. I may be overstepping  
8 my bounds because I'm not Staff anymore. But petitions  
9 for extraterritorial jurisdiction are really  
10 complicated but basically what that is is where the  
11 Secretary reaches out his own jurisdiction to change or  
12 influence an activity happening outside his or her  
13 jurisdiction that affects subsistence resources -- or  
14 affects the resources occurring on areas under his or  
15 her jurisdiction. So we have to be careful about when  
16 we use the terms ETJ and what it means and what the  
17 Secretary can do or not do under ETJ, it's a really  
18 complicated legalistic thing. And, yeah, I just wanted  
19 to bring that out.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.  
Yeah, I guess my understanding of that is that is the  
process. It is intended to take jurisdiction over  
something that would affect uses on Federal public  
lands such as, you know, in the Angoon petition, the  
impacts were out in the saltwater but the -- I should  
say the problem was out in the saltwater, the  
management jurisdiction, but the impacts were happening  
at the stream which is Kanalku on Federal public lands.  
So different situation I guess with kelp aquaculture.

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MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chair. That was just  
a demonstration of the fact that, yeah, they do have  
jurisdiction but it's not set in stone. That wasn't  
intended to say, well, let's try to exercise -- that  
wasn't my intention by my comment, it was just to  
demonstrate that my understanding of jurisdiction and  
how that works. So when you create a new fishery and  
it takes food off of subsistence users table that's  
affecting their table. So I was just trying to offer  
an idea on remaining proactive and getting a grasp on  
what's happening before it happens and before it does  
affect someone in that area and they no longer can get  
their halibut there or whatever else they get there.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. And it is  
a good suggestion, Albert, and I'm thinking about it

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1 here a little more, you know, before any of these kelp  
2 operations get started there's all kinds of permitting  
3 that must have to happen. I don't know how much but  
4 I'm sure there's permitting that has to happen and  
5 there's agencies that have to issue those permits. It  
6 could be Army Corps of Engineers, State Department of  
7 Environmental of Conservation, I am not sure what all  
8 the jurisdictions are. But I think it is well worth  
9 our while to send letters to the entities that are  
10 involved in the permitting just to let them know that,  
11 you know, subsistence users have a concern here so  
12 before they issue any permits they have to consider  
13 that and investigate it and bring it back to the public  
14 and all that process. And if an operation gets  
15 permitted and goes into operation and does start having  
16 impacts, you know, despite our efforts to prevent that  
17 from happening, well, then other action has to be  
18 taken. But, you know, until something actually happens  
19 I mean there is a process, we can be involved in that  
20 process and I think that's the place to start before we  
21 start voicing our concerns to the Secretary of  
22 Agriculture. I mean that's just kind of my opinion.

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24 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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28 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
29 You know, I think this is an important and emerging  
30 potential issue within our region and I respect that  
31 Mr. Howard brought it back to the table for the annual  
32 report but I feel like it's possibly something that I  
33 personally would want more information and discussion  
34 on before I would include it in an annual report  
35 because we've only really just heard it in this year  
36 which is 2021, and the annual report should reflect all  
37 the work that we did in 2020.

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39 So maybe one thing to do besides just  
40 keeping it on our radar is to request that for our next  
41 Council meeting that maybe we get somebody to come  
42 before us to talk to us about how we could be involved  
43 in the permitting process to have that -- you know, how  
44 members could get involved in that process, whether  
45 it's us making comments or individual communities so we  
46 could learn a little bit more about how we could get  
47 involved at the forefront of some kelp farm going in.  
48 And maybe that's a good -- not put it in the annual  
49 report but keep the issue alive and make sure that

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1 information is coming back to us so that we can start  
2 building a public record on it.

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4 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, thank you  
7 for that suggestion, Cathy. I think it's a good one.  
8 And, you know, also aquaculture, that's something that  
9 requires a lot of permits and what not, but, I know,  
10 Albert, you've also expressed concerns about new  
11 fisheries that are developed and not a lot of  
12 consideration go into the impacts it might have on  
13 other users. That's kind of a separate issue. It's  
14 not something you can just point to a specific permit,  
15 application on but it's a topic that can be discussed  
16 for sure. Something to put on our agenda for the  
17 future, I think.

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19 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
20 Albert.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
23 Albert.

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25 MR. HOWARD: So this whole concept is  
26 already to the permitting process and this is the first  
27 time we're discussing it. So before it even reached  
28 the permitting process why wasn't there a process  
29 before that. So now anybody can apply for a permit and  
30 go through the process without us even knowing about it  
31 until now. Why wasn't this part of any of the agency  
32 reports saying, hey, this is what's coming. This is  
33 what's coming and how is it going to affect your  
34 community if one of these pops up in your community.  
35 Why wasn't that part of any of the agencies reports to  
36 this Council so we could have acted on it before it got  
37 to the point where an individual now can go apply for a  
38 permit to put one of these in an area and, yeah, I can  
39 talk this to death but I don't always agree with the  
40 permitting process because I've dealt with it on so  
41 many different level in so many different areas but you  
42 don't get the full story on what created one of these  
43 farms was done to the environment. And now I have more  
44 concerns because I've got more questions now than  
45 answers.

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47 So if one of these pops up in Angoon, I  
48 don't know how it's going to impact Angoon because the  
49 people that are allowing this to happen probably don't  
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1 know themselves, and that's the problem with creating a  
2 new fishery is it's never fully looked at on the impact  
3 that it'll have, whether it's positive or negative,  
4 it's always revenue -- is more important than anything  
5 else. And if it's going to create jobs and revenue,  
6 well, we'll deal with everything else later.

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8 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, you've  
11 raised some really good questions Albert. Definitely  
12 something that needs further exploring. I think we  
13 should keep that in mind for a topic for our future  
14 meetings here, or, yeah, I don't know the best way to  
15 address it but, yeah, it's definitely a topic of  
16 concern.

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18 Is there any other Council members who  
19 have been looking over the annual report and want to  
20 make any comments.

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22 (No comments)

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Not hearing any,  
25 DeAnna, I think this requires a motion to -- I don't  
26 exactly know what the wording of the motion would be  
27 but -- what would that be?

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29 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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31 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair, to finalize  
32 -- to approve and finalize the annual report as  
33 discussed. And it looks as though the only changes  
34 would be, again, just updating the paragraph on Council  
35 vacancies. If there are no other additions or changes.

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
38 Was there somebody on the Council who would like to  
39 make such a motion.

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41 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal  
42 Casipit. I move that we accept the draft of this  
43 annual report with discussed changes that we had talked  
44 about with the changes in the number 3, the Regional  
45 Council vacancies. I also wanted to make sure that that  
46 harvest presentation is included as well. And, yeah, I  
47 think that's all we need.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.

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1 Need a second.

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3 MR. JOHNSON: Second.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you. I  
6 think that was Ian.

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8 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. We have the  
11 motion to accept the annual report as a final product  
12 to be sent to the Secretaries. Any other discussion on  
13 the motion.

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15 MR. KITKA: Don, this is Harvey Kitka.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harvey.

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19 MR. KITKA: Was there any additions to  
20 the annual report?

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: We do not have any  
23 approved additions, no.

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25 (Pause)

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any other  
28 questions.

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30 (No comments)

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Are we ready for  
33 the question.

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35 MR. WRIGHT: Call for the question.

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
38 You want to call the roll call vote.

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40 MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit.

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42 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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44 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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46 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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48 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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1 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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3 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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7 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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9 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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11 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Kitka -- Harvey

12 Kitka.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey.

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18 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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20 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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22 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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24 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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26 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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28 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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30 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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32 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

33 Motion passed.

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, the annual  
36 report's been accepted. Just a couple more action  
37 items I believe, DeAnna. Requires action to draft  
38 letters, I believe, and then we have to talk about  
39 future meeting places and times. Is there anything  
40 else that I've missed that you know of?

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42 MS. PERRY: No, we had deferred further  
43 action on State proposals if we had time this meeting,  
44 if not, those were going to rollover.

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46 So, yeah, I think meeting dates and  
47 then any correspondence.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Well, I

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1 don't think we'll go back to fisheries proposals, I  
2 think by the time we take care of those items of  
3 business we'll be pretty much at 5:00 o'clock and it'd  
4 be great if we could adjourn by then.

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6 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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10 MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
11 I'd like to make a motion that we draft and provide a  
12 letter of support to the Kaagwaantaan ETJ proposal for  
13 herring roe.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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17 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes, for herring, I  
18 didn't have to say roe.

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21 participants not muted - typing)

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23 MR. HOWARD: Second.

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think I heard a  
26 second there.

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28 MR. HOWARD: It's Albert.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you  
31 Albert. Okay, we have a motion to draft a letter in  
32 support of the Kaagwaantaan petition. Beyond that is  
33 there any specific language that anybody would like to  
34 include in that letter.

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36 (Teleconference interference -  
37 participants not muted - typing)

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39 MR. KITKA: Don, this is Harvey Kitka.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harvey.

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43 MR. KITKA: I don't know if this would  
44 be included in the language but as you know I just told  
45 you that we were going to go on two hour notice on  
46 Saturday. One of the things of why we put in for this  
47 petition was we tried for a lot of years, going through  
48 down all the avenues of having to -- have them do a  
49 herring fishery that was more conservative. We didn't  
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1 want to stop the fishery but it seemed like it got to  
2 the point where we couldn't -- all our arguments were  
3 falling on deaf ears. Even though the tribe basically  
4 won two parts of the lawsuit to where they got to  
5 consult with the tribe. One of those things was part  
6 of the test fishery and the notice, and they didn't  
7 consult with the tribe again. So I guess they're going  
8 to go to court.

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10 So basically I just want to say that  
11 the State of Alaska would not listen to our people here  
12 in Sitka.

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14 Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you,  
17 Harvey. Yeah, we'll just ask DeAnna to kind of take  
18 notes here of what's being said and the language that  
19 needs to be added to the letter she'll work from her  
20 notes and transcripts and what not.

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22 So anybody else have language they want  
23 to suggest putting in the letter.

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25 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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29 MS. NEEDHAM: I don't have specific  
30 language necessarily. But if we could point towards  
31 the fact that this Council has spent a number of years  
32 receiving reports regarding herring stocks and was  
33 involved in other potential efforts in the region for  
34 having herring listed, or recognized as forage fish and  
35 trying to take other protective methods. We've also --  
36 even when Mr. Kitka was not on our -- reappointed for  
37 our Council he still came before us to give updates of  
38 this petition, the Kaagwaantaan's intent to submit this  
39 petition forward. So I think we understand that other  
40 avenues and efforts had been tried before it got to an  
41 ETJ petition for finding ways to put protection on  
42 herring in Sitka Sound. And, you know, an ETJ petition  
43 for herring in Sitka has been put before the Secretary,  
44 even in the past before I was on the Council, even, and  
45 so it's a longstanding issue and continues to be a  
46 concern and it really feels like this might be one of  
47 the last tools in the tool box that the community is  
48 able to potentially use in order to get the attention  
49 that this conservation on herring in Sitka Sound has.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
4 Cathy. Good points. Anybody else with topics they  
5 would like to -- it doesn't have to be wording,  
6 essentially topics that you want to include in the  
7 letter.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman.

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11 MR. CASIPIT: This is -- oh, go ahead.

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13 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I hear Frank, go  
14 ahead, Frank.

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16 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, I was just  
17 wondering, Harvey said that they had gone to court and  
18 I wondered kind of like a date with the court and what  
19 the outcome of the court was -- court hearing, might be  
20 able to put in the letter in addressing it.

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22 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
25 Was that a question that Harvey would answer?

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27 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, well, I think if  
28 it's going to be put in the letter we probably need to  
29 get dates and stuff like that and so maybe Harvey can  
30 provide it to DeAnna.

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32 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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34 MR. KITKA: Could I email that to  
35 DeAnna, I'm sure we're going to -- we can go back and  
36 dig up all our paperwork and I can send it off to her.

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38 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Harvey.

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40 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any Council  
41 members who want to work with DeAnna in crafting this  
42 letter, that's certainly encouraged.

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44 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal. I think  
45 some important wording in there has got to be -- that I  
46 think we should put in there is that, you know, all  
47 lega -- the proponent feels that all legal and  
48 administrative remedies have been exhausted.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Very good, Cal.

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3 MR. CASIPIT: And that way it's like,  
4 hey, look, this is -- we need your help, it kind of  
5 gives that.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Any other input to  
8 this letter.

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10 (No comments)

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And I'm sorry if  
13 somebody could remind me, did we put forward a motion  
14 to write this letter.

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16 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair. Cathy  
17 moved and Albert seconded.

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19 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
20 I wanted to make sure. Okay, any other input from the  
21 Council.

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23 (No comments)

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Perhaps we have  
26 enough input for now. I would point out that, you know,  
27 in crafting this letter if any of the Council members  
28 who have an interest can, you know, work with DeAnna  
29 and make sure that these points are expressed the way  
30 we want them. So are we ready for the question.

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32 MR. WRIGHT: Call for the question.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
35 Go ahead and do a roll call vote.

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37 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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39 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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41 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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43 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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45 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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47 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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49 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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MR. KITKA: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

MR. HOWARD: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

(No comments)

MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

(No comments)

MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Calvin Casipit.

MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

Motion passed.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
Frank.

MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
move that we submit a letter of support for the  
petition of the USDA rulemaking to create a Traditional  
Homelands Conservation role for the long-term  
management and protection of traditional and customary  
use areas in the Tongass National Forest.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Do we have a  
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MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal, I second.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Motion's been made to write a letter on the Homelands Conservation Rule. Suggested topics to include in that letter, anybody on the Council.

MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

MS. NEEDHAM: For the Council's reminder this is the -- we were asked to provide this letter of recommendation, the Organized Village of Kasaan is sort of the lead tribe on the petition asked us to support their effort in this letter. I feel like this is a -- personally it's a very -- it has specific asks in it, it's a very detailed well thought out petition that was signed on by 12 Federally-recognized tribes in the region. It is an outcome that was initiated on the heels of the Alaska Roadless Rulemaking process when the region as a whole made comments that they did not want the Alaska Roadless rule and wanted more input on a local level, and I think that this petition really addresses that well and puts Federally-recognized tribes in the forefront from that and I also believe it falls in line with some of the recent discussions that we're having and hope to have continued in the future regarding comanagement of resources within the region at a more local level, and working with Federally-recognized tribes as a lead for that. So I think those types of points would make for a strong support letter.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Very good, thank you, Cathy. Other Council members have suggestions for this letter.

(No comments)

CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think Cathy's comments kind of sum up the will of the Council on this so if there's no other Council comments maybe we're ready for the question.

(No comments)

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1 MR. KITKA: Call for the question.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
4 Harvey. Frank, can you give us a roll call vote on the  
5 motion to send a letter to the Board and Secretaries in  
6 support of the Homelands Conservation Rule Petition  
7 submitted by the various tribes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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11 Cal.

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13 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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15 MR. WRIGHT: Mike Douville.

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17 MR. DOUVILLE: Mike Douville votes yes.

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19 MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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21 (No comments)

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23 MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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29 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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31 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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35 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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37 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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39 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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41 MR. KITKA: Yes.

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43 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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45 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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49 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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3 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

6 Motion passed.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.

9 Any other letters that we've talked about writing this  
10 meeting or new suggestions. Is there anything else.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I think that's all  
15 we had on the list as of this morning. I don't.....

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17 MR. KITKA: Mr. Chair, Harvey Kitka  
18 here.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harvey.

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22 MR. KITKA: On the early talks with the  
23 Forester, he was talking about young growth and the  
24 logging of it, I think somewhere down the line we need  
25 to make sure that they do it in a way that will not  
26 bother the wildlife.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I know  
29 that's something that we've certainly talked about.  
30 It's kind of important to me. I think we've got enough  
31 before us that we could write such a letter. I don't  
32 know if any other Council members want to weigh in on  
33 that or make a motion.

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35 (No comments)

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37 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: If we want to  
38 write a letter we do need a motion and then we can  
39 flesh out the details.

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41 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.  
42 I move that we craft a letter to Forest Service  
43 describing our expectations around young growth logging  
44 practices as it pertains to wildlife.

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ian.

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48 MS. NEEDHAM: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
2 Okay, any other thoughts on this letter.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: So I have some  
7 things that we could add to the letter. I think it  
8 should point out that the -- I think the Council  
9 supports the transition away from old growth harvest to  
10 a second growth harvest, however, the Council also has  
11 concerns that in the harvest of the second growth, or  
12 the young growth, should be done in a manner that has  
13 the least adverse impacts on subsistence uses. I see  
14 the potential for logging in the young growth as having  
15 almost as much impact as taking the old growth in the  
16 long-term. I think it needs to be done in a very  
17 limited manner and done with techniques that allow for  
18 habitat restoration, I think would be the key term.  
19 There's opportunities to allow for habitat restoration  
20 when they conduct young growth harvest.

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22 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
25 Ian.

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27 MR. JOHNSON: Yeah, just adding to  
28 that, that they're conscious of, you know, we want to  
29 be thinking proactively again about climate change so  
30 thinking about snow intercepts and other factors that,  
31 you know, basically these stands are going to develop  
32 to the point where they are probably functioning at  
33 least partially as an old growth stand in regards to  
34 intercept and other factors affecting deer. So we  
35 don't want, you know, we need to be thinking about  
36 winter deer habitat on top of spring habitat, summer  
37 habitat when creating young growth opportunities.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. So  
40 essentially, and I don't know if this needs to be put  
41 in the letter, we don't want to see clear-cutting  
42 techniques in the second growth harvest. There's  
43 opportunities -- I mean right now it's very poor  
44 habitat and there are opportunities to, you know, do  
45 some thinning and improve habitat but if you were to go  
46 about and start clear-cutting in the second growth  
47 stands that would not be beneficial at all so there are  
48 opportunities to improve the stands, take out some wood  
49 and not do further damage to the habitat. It's still  
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1 going to take a long time for the habitat to recover  
2 regardless but we certainly don't want to do more  
3 damage.

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5 MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal  
6 Casipit. I want -- I wholeheartedly support the focus  
7 of -- I think the way we want to state it is just say,  
8 from a cultural prescriptions and young growth -- young  
9 growth managed stands should focus on deer habitat  
10 restoration. I think if we say that we would kind of  
11 keep away -- get away from a semi-cultural prescription  
12 where they're just looking at tree production. If we  
13 actually specify that we expect a semi-cultural  
14 prescriptions to restore wildlife habitat -- or restore  
15 deer habitat, I think we're ahead to say that.

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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal. I  
18 think that's a good succinct way of saying what I was  
19 trying to say. So good wording.

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21 MR. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair, this is Ian.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Ian.

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25 MR. JOHNSON: I apologize, but I need  
26 to get off for actually another phone call at 5:00 of a  
27 meeting I have to lead so I appreciate everything  
28 that's happened in the last few days. I've got brain  
29 kill by now. I guess in terms of letters, I would like  
30 to bring -- once the vote is done on this Forest  
31 Service one, bring back to your attention, we did  
32 mention a potential letter around the regulatory  
33 process in help farming. And I know you alluded to  
34 Forest management and other subcommittees and I would  
35 just like to volunteer myself to participate in any of  
36 the subcommittee that might be formed later in this  
37 call.

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39 And, again, I really appreciate  
40 everyone's time and thank you again, Staff, and  
41 everyone else.

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you,  
44 Ian. Appreciate you volunteering for subcommittees,  
45 that's very helpful. Yeah, I'd just like to say that I  
46 think you've been a real asset to the Council. Really  
47 glad to have you on board and look forward to meeting  
48 with you in person next time.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you. Have a good  
2 night everyone.

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4 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I think  
5 we've got some good concepts here for writing the  
6 letter on young growth management. So I'll ask if  
7 there's anybody else that has anything to add.

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9 (No comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Perhaps we're  
12 ready for the question.

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14 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Mike.

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18 MR. DOUVILLE: Yeah, nobody's more  
19 effective than we are with young growth and I certainly  
20 promote the idea of transitioning. It's been sort of  
21 in the agreement for quite some time but hasn't  
22 happened even a little bit. But I also agree that it  
23 needs to be done in a fashion that makes things better  
24 like small units and, you know, wildlife be the primary  
25 concern, making better wildlife habitat, not just for  
26 deer but for other things.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right.

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30 MR. DOUVILLE: I guess I didn't  
31 volunteer for that but I'd like to be informed and  
32 perhaps be of some help.

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34 Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mike.  
37 And, yes, I think we should stress that we would like  
38 to see a rapid transition away from old growth harvest.

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40 Anybody else.

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42 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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46 MS. PERRY: I'm sorry, I know that  
47 Harvey mentioned the subject but did we actually have a  
48 motion and a second.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I believe we did.  
2 I think Cathy made the motion on this one again or am I  
3 mistaken.

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5                   MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, I believe it  
6 was Ian Johnson that made the motion and I'm not sure I  
7 caught who seconded it.

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9                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right, it was Ian.

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11                   MS. PERRY: I'm sorry, Cathy, who did  
12 you say seconded it.

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14                   MS. NEEDHAM: I said I didn't hear who  
15 seconded it so I'm not sure, I'd have to.....

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17                   MS. PERRY: Oh, okay. Yeah, I'm kind  
18 of having some problems hearing so.....

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20                   REPORTER: Cathy seconded the motion.

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22                   MR. DUNN: DeAnna.

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24                   MS. PERRY: Yep.

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26                   MR. DUNN: Cathy seconded it.

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28                   MS. PERRY: Okay, I appreciate that.

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30                   MR. DUNN: The motion about logging and  
31 young growth.

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33                   MS. PERRY: Yes.

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35                   MS. NEEDHAM: I think you're right,  
36 thank you, sorry.

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38                   (Laughter)

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40                   MR. DUNN: This is Greg, by the way.

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42                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm glad  
43 somebody's still with it here, it's getting late so,  
44 okay, thank you. Are we ready for the question.

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46                   MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal, I call for  
47 the question.

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49                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.  
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MR. WRIGHT: Yep.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Roll call.

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MR. WRIGHT: Okay. Cathy Needham.

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MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Harvey Kitka.

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MR. KITKA: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Bob Schroeder.

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(No comments)

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MR. WRIGHT: Jim Slater.

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(No comments)

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MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit.

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MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright votes yes.

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Motion passed.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Frank.  
2 Okay, now we're getting down to the last couple things.  
3 I think we ought to talk about subcommittees. And as  
4 of right now I think we've only actually talked about  
5 one subcommittee or working group. The actual Forest  
6 management subject didn't actually come up. But the  
7 Homelands Conservation Rule or Indigenous Guardians  
8 Network, kind of topic, I guess. So I think what we  
9 need to do here is, and, DeAnna, you have to weigh in  
10 on this but I think we have to identify several Council  
11 members who will get together with -- probably have to  
12 rely on Melinda Hernandez Burke to help us maybe make  
13 these connections but we have to find the right people  
14 to work together on this issue and I know the women  
15 from the Womens Earth and Climate Action Network would  
16 probably be involved but there could be others, we have  
17 to identify. But at some point we'll have to set up  
18 some meetings, some get togethers of some kind and  
19 start coordinating efforts. And this may be mainly a  
20 way for the Council to stay in touch with what's  
21 happening because I think these other groups are going  
22 to -- the tribes, in particular, are going to have to  
23 be pushing on this but I think if we just wait to get  
24 reports during our meetings we're probably not going to  
25 be able to keep up, there's going to be too much going  
26 on. So if we have a group that can stay up on all of  
27 this while it's happening I think that would be very  
28 helpful and I know, you know, some of the people who  
29 are likely to be on that group will probably have some  
30 pretty good input into what happens as well.

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32                   So with that being said, DeAnna, you  
33 are our designated Federal officer who would have to  
34 oversee this subcommittee, is there anything that you  
35 need to add to this discussion.

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37                   MS. PERRY: Well, I want to make sure  
38 that we're all aware that there is a difference between  
39 a working group and a subcommittee. We currently do  
40 have a climate change working group that was formed in  
41 October of 2018. It looks like three of those members  
42 from the Council are still on there.

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44                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right.

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46                   MS. PERRY: So I guess maybe the first  
47 question would be, do we want to use this working  
48 group, do we want to create a new working group or do  
49 you want to create a subcommittee. I will let you know  
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1 that there are a lot of requirements with a  
2 subcommittee. And our charter is in conflict with the  
3 FACA final rule as far as who has the authority to  
4 approve. The FACA rule says -- and it looks like the  
5 Program Solicitor also says that.....

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7 (Teleconference interference -  
8 participants not muted)

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10 MS. PERRY: I'm sorry, did someone --  
11 oh, okay. It looks as though a subcommittee would need  
12 to be approved by the Federal Subsistence Board.  
13 Subcommittees can also be subject to FACA rules. So  
14 all the reporting that we do for a RAC might need to be  
15 done with a subcommittee. So I just kind of wanted to  
16 outline the difference between the two because it will  
17 be very important that the Council, whenever, if they  
18 make a motion, that they make it either for a working  
19 group or a subcommittee, they are two different things  
20 and we shouldn't use those terms interchangeably.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I kind of  
23 recognized that and I guess the question is, you know,  
24 what would facilitate this best. Would it be a working  
25 group or a subcommittee, and along those lines I would  
26 ask can a working group include non-Council members,  
27 like if we want to have members of the WECAN or tribes  
28 on our working group or is the working group only  
29 Council members?

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31 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes,  
32 we can include other public or other entities, anybody  
33 else on a working group. They just can't vote. And,  
34 of course, either with a working group or a  
35 subcommittee, anything that they do still has to come  
36 back through this Council. I would remind you that  
37 when we did the climate change working group, Heather  
38 Bauscher had her students in Sitka, and we actually  
39 placed one of the students on this climate change  
40 working group.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right, I remember  
43 that. Okay. I am thinking that in this instance a  
44 working group would be the place to start. Maybe as  
45 things get rolling, maybe it would become evident that  
46 we might actually want to form a subcommittee, but for  
47 right now we're just looking for coordination and being  
48 able to share information and keep abreast of what's  
49 happening and it certainly sounds like a working group

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1 could accomplish that. So that would be my  
2 recommendation.

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Any other thoughts from the Council.

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MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.  
7 I like the idea of starting with a working group  
8 because that's something we could formulate now and put  
9 folks on the Council to work getting a better read on  
10 the efforts that are out there in the region with the,  
11 hopefully, potential for having down the line a formal  
12 subcommittee on this where the Regional Advisory  
13 Council could help maybe merge efforts that are going  
14 on and facilitate that process so that all of the like  
15 efforts that are working in parallel to the subsistence  
16 realm can be working together for a stronger voice  
17 across the region.

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So I think I'd like -- I think you  
might be talking about more than one working, I'm not  
exactly positive. But the one that I'm referring to  
when I say that would be, maybe we could title it  
something along the lines Indigenous Comanagement, or  
something like that.

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MR. SUMINSKI: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead.

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MR. SUMINSKI: Yeah, this is Terry  
Suminski. I just got a note that DeAnna got dropped so  
we might want to make sure she's still on the line.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh.

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MS. PERRY: I am. I didn't lose audio,  
I just lost the Teams connection so I think everybody  
heard the difference between the working groups and the  
subcommittees.

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CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes, we did,  
DeAnna.

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MR. SUMINSKI: Okay, thank you.

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MS. PERRY: Thanks, Terry.

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MR. KITKA: Mr. Chair, this is Harvey  
Kitka.

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1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harvey.

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3 MR. KITKA: Sorry, I have to leave and  
4 I didn't want to miss out on this but I guess I'm going  
5 to have to.

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7 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Before you go,  
8 Harvey, are you interested in being on a working group.  
9 I know you've got an awful lot on your plate right now  
10 but if you would like to we'd like to have you.

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12 MR. KITKA: Well, I could probably sit  
13 in on some of them but I'm not too sure if I can attend  
14 all of them.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, well, we'll  
17 keep that in mind. So thank you Harvey and boy good  
18 luck with the herring harvest this year, the egg  
19 harvest, I hope it goes well for the folks over there  
20 in Sitka. And it's great to have you back on the  
21 Council. Sorry we couldn't be in Sitka, it would have  
22 been a great time to be there but we look forward to  
23 sitting down with you again at our next meeting and  
24 doing lots of visiting.

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26 MR. KITKA: Okay. Bye all.

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28 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Bye Harvey. Okay,  
29 Indigenous Management work group, kind of an umbrella  
30 phrase that Cathy suggested.

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32 So any other discussion on this.

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34 (No comments)

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Am I still  
37 connected?

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39 MS. PERRY: Yes, we can hear you Don.

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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43 (Laughter)

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: The sounds of  
46 silence.

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48 (Laughter)

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1 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, do we need a  
2 motion or not, or can we just form the work group and  
3 move on to whether or not we're forming a second one.  
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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah. If we've  
6 got an idea of what we want to call it and what it's  
7 going to do I think we're ready for a motion.  
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9 MS. NEEDHAM: I move that we form an  
10 Indigenous Comanagement work group.  
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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
13 Is there a second.  
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15 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal, I second.  
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17 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cal.  
18 So I think we've got the idea of what we're looking for  
19 here, we need some, obviously support from our  
20 Coordinator which, DeAnna, I think you're able to  
21 provide, right.  
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23 MS. PERRY: Yes.  
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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And we may want to  
26 enlist Melinda Hernandez Burke as well if she's  
27 available as well to help coordinate. So let's see, do  
28 we need to decide who might be on this work group  
29 before we have a vote?  
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31 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, the last time we  
32 did this we did identify folks for that working group  
33 but I realize that you may want to have external  
34 participants so I'll leave that to you.  
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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. Well, I  
37 think we can identify Council members and then make  
38 some connections and add people to the group from other  
39 entities, I don't think that would be a problem. So  
40 I'll start with -- who was on that work group for  
41 climate change?  
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43 MS. PERRY: That was yourself, Albert,  
44 bear with me because I had already closed that window.  
45 I know John Yeager was on there, he's no longer with  
46 us. Blake LePerrier, the student. Cathy Needham.  
47 Robert Schroeder.  
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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's see,  
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1 Bob Schroeder's not with us right now, I'm pretty sure  
2 he would want to be on this subcommittee. I would be  
3 interested in being on it, or excuse me, work group.  
4 Cathy, Albert, how about both of you?

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6 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, the way we  
7 do things here nowadays is if you're not here somebody  
8 volunteers you so I volunteer Robert Schroeder.

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10 (Laughter)

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, I think  
13 we've already volunteered Robert. I'm pretty sure he  
14 wants to be on it. But how about you, Albert, you're  
15 here, you can decline if you want but otherwise, you  
16 know, if you leave you're on it.

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18 MR. HOWARD: Sure, I'll be a part of  
19 it.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Very good, thank  
22 you Albert. Cathy, how about you?

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24 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair. I would like  
25 to defer to Ian Johnson. I know he's not here and we  
26 like to volunteer people who aren't here, but he did  
27 volunteer to be on a group and I think that he would be  
28 very connected into this issue. Hoonah is also one of  
29 the tribal members on that petition so I know he's  
30 engaged in that aspect, the Guardians aspect. He  
31 probably knows Ms. Culp very well so I think that he  
32 would have great connections. And having someone like  
33 Ian on there I think negates the need for someone like  
34 myself.

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36 Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Ian  
39 did volunteer before he left. How about other Council  
40 members, anybody else interested in being on this work  
41 group of the folks that are still with us here.

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43 (No comments)

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, I'm not  
46 hearing anybody but that identifies four people which I  
47 think is an adequate number to put on the group.  
48 Somebody could always join afterwards if they choose, I  
49 think. But we have myself, Albert, Robert and Ian.

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1 MS. PERRY: And possibly Harvey.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And possibly  
4 Harvey. We can get back to Harvey. Let's put Harvey  
5 as an alternate just so he's on the motion. Okay,  
6 we've got some people identified and the concept. Any  
7 other comments.

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9 (No comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: This is obviously  
12 going to take some discussions after the meeting to get  
13 all this, you know, figured out but we can certainly do  
14 that. For right now I guess we need to just authorize  
15 it and once, again, I've kind of lost track in all the  
16 discussions, I think we still need a motion.

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18 MR. CASIPIT: No, Mr. Chair, I  
19 believe.....

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21 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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23 MR. CASIPIT: .....Ms. Needham made the  
24 motion and I seconded, and I'm ready for the question.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
27 Cal. I think we are ready for the question. Frank,  
28 why don't you go through the roll call before everybody  
29 drops off here.

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31 MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit.

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33 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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35 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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37 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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39 MR. WRIGHT: Albert Howard.

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41 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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43 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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45 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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47 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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49 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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3 MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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7 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson's gone. Frank  
10 Wright votes yes.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, very good,  
13 we've got that established.

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15 Okay, I think the only thing left is  
16 meeting dates and places; is that correct, DeAnna.

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18 MS. PERRY: As an action item, yes, Mr.  
19 Chair. But I did want to share with the Council the  
20 update that I received on State Proposal 194 which was  
21 deliberated today at the Board of Fish -- or, I'm  
22 sorry, Board of Game.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Very good, go  
25 ahead.

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27 MS. PERRY: Okay. Mr. Pappas advised  
28 that the proposal did pass with amendments. The  
29 proposal requires hunters and trappers to sequentially  
30 number or mark their green hides, a requirement for a  
31 phone and reporting of harvest to call the Department  
32 within seven days of take to report the location and  
33 date of take, and to seal the hides within 15 days of  
34 take. The idea is that ADF&G needs the date and  
35 location of each animal harvested for population  
36 management. Marking each green hide with a number or  
37 whatever the trapper configures will allow trappers to  
38 keep sequential harvests identified so when the animal  
39 is sealed and sampled, they already have information  
40 through their phone records to tie the date and  
41 location of harvest linked to the individual animal.

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43 Again, this isn't verbatim, this is  
44 just kind of what Mr. Pappas captured in his notes  
45 while listening. I'm sure we'll get an official notice  
46 through the State and when that happens I'll be glad to  
47 send that out to the Council.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. That

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1 sounded complicated. But not being a trapper, I don't  
2 know, maybe it's not as complicated as it sounds so.  
3 Any comment, Mike, got a reaction to that.

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5 MR. DOUVILLE: I didn't grasp it all  
6 but it sounds pretty complicated to me. I don't know  
7 I'll have to listen to it again I guess to -- and turn  
8 my hearing aides up.

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10 (Laughter)

11  
12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, we'll --  
13 yeah, that leaves the question of whether or not we  
14 want some kind of a companion proposal -- boy, I don't  
15 see us going through all that and doing anything about  
16 it right now. I don't know.

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18 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.

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20 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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22 MS. NEEDHAM: I would not be surprised  
23 if the Alaska Department of Fish and Game puts the  
24 companion proposal through for our wildlife cycle and,  
25 of course, they may even -- that's their opportunity to  
26 do that. I think that what the Board of Game did was  
27 more complicated than what we discussed and was before  
28 us to be able to look at so it'll be interesting to see  
29 how that plays out in the process and whether or not we  
30 choose to support a companion proposal on the Federal  
31 side.

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33 Yeah, thank you, Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
36 I think your analysis there is probably right. That's  
37 probably what will happen so we can deal with that when  
38 the time comes. So very good.

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40 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, DeAnna.  
43 Thank George for listening in on that and reporting  
44 back to us.

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46 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, Mike  
47 Douville.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
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1 Mike.

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3 MR. DOUVILLE: I would like DeAnna to  
4 restate that if she would please.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. You got  
7 your hearing aides turned up now, uh.

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9 MS. PERRY: It is a long one. Okay, so  
10 Proposal 194 passed with amendment. The proposal  
11 requires hunters and trappers to sequentially number or  
12 mark their green hides, as a requirement for a phone  
13 and reporting of harvest, to call the Department within  
14 seven days of take to report the location and date of  
15 take, and to seal the hides within 15 days of take.  
16 The idea is that ADF&G needs the date and location of  
17 each animal harvested for population management.  
18 Marking each green hide with a number or whatever the  
19 trapper configures will allow trappers to keep  
20 sequential harvests identified so when the animal is  
21 sealed and sampled, they already have information  
22 through those phone records to tie the date and  
23 location of harvest linked to the individual animal.

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25 And, again, that's kind of paraphrasing  
26 from listening in today.

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28 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay. Thanks, good luck  
29 on that one, you know.

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31 (Laughter)

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33 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Anybody  
34 else want to comment.

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36 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, I have an  
37 additional comment.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Cathy.

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41 MS. NEEDHAM: I find it interesting  
42 that during a pandemic the Board of Game, you know,  
43 altered their schedule and shifted it to another  
44 meeting and that this proposal came in without -- and  
45 passed without much in the way of opportunity for  
46 commenting on proposals during any kind of cycle. You  
47 know we just heard about this proposal, it was just  
48 submitted to the Board of Game not too long ago, it  
49 didn't go through the process so I can't imagine that  
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1 there was a lot of opportunity for other subsistence  
2 users in the region to call in to make comment on the  
3 proposal, especially the amendments that were to the  
4 proposal. We got a copy of Proposal 149 and it didn't  
5 have all those extra complicated factors into it and  
6 obviously we also did not support the reporting of  
7 harvest within seven days of take and the additional  
8 reduction of time. Like on the Federal side we --  
9 trappers seal their hides within 30 days of the end of  
10 the season I believe it was which was an action that  
11 the Federal Board took the last wildlife cycle. So it  
12 does seem like it's going to be quite a complicated  
13 situation to work through during this next wildlife  
14 cycle but I really question the way the Department  
15 handled this one -- or the Department and the Board of  
16 Game handled this one. Because on such a controversial  
17 and hot topic, it feels like it was snuck in under the  
18 radar.

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20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
23 Did you just want to state that for the record or do  
24 you want a letter of any kind to follow that up or you  
25 want that on the record.

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27 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, I just wanted  
28 to state it for the record. It's something that we  
29 could be thinking about while we wait for the  
30 Department of Fish and Game to submit a companion  
31 proposal on the Federal side. I think it's -- I think  
32 I will remember in six months when we reconvene to  
33 bring forward when we deliberate on any kind of Federal  
34 companion proposal.

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36 Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
39 Cathy. Any other comments from the Council.

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41 (No comments)

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43 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's take  
44 a look at the meeting schedule and I believe that is on  
45 Page 79 of our Council books, 79 and 80. DeAnna, do you  
46 want to inform us about this item.

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48 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, real quick.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Albert, go ahead.

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3                   MR. HOWARD: I have another meeting at  
4 5:30. But I still wanted to address the kelp farm  
5 issue in some capacity so.

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7                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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9                   MR. HOWARD: So if it's sending a  
10 letter that's fine.

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12                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, I  
13 missed that, what, Albert?

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15                   MR. HOWARD: Even if we're sending a  
16 letter, that's fine, as long as we're addressing it at  
17 some point.

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19                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Do you want  
20 to make a motion for a letter now before you have to  
21 leave.

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23                   MR. HOWARD: Yes. I make that motion  
24 that we draft a letter with our concerns to the  
25 process, or lack of one, concerning kelp farms.

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27                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Do you have  
28 an idea where this letter should go yet or do we have  
29 to do some research there.

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31                   MR. CASIPIT: Mr. Chair, this is Cal  
32 Casipit.

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34                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, go ahead,  
35 Cal.

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37                   MR. CASIPIT: I do have a little bit of  
38 experience with that permitting process. I know last  
39 summer as Mayor I got a request from the Department of  
40 Natural Resources to comment on a kelp farm that was  
41 proposed to be around Pleasant Island and we had the  
42 opportunity to actually object to that. The -- what I  
43 would suggest is maybe have DNR, I know we've got a  
44 meeting next fall, but maybe have DNR come in, their  
45 mariculture people come in and give the Council a  
46 little bit of a primer on how these farms are applied  
47 for, permitted and managed. And I think maybe if we  
48 all have an understanding of how that works beforehand  
49 then we can be a little more educated in submitting  
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1 letters about concerns about the process.

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3 That's my suggestion.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
6 Cal. You've identified the Department of Natural  
7 Resources as probably the place to send the letter so  
8 we could do that, express concerns and invite them to  
9 come and inform us more about the process and talk to  
10 them about the implications.

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12 MR. CASIPIT: I think that's a good  
13 suggestion.

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Albert made  
16 the motion.

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18 MR. HOWARD: That works for me, Mr.  
19 Chairman.

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21 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, you're still  
22 there Albert, that sounds good to you?

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24 MR. HOWARD: Yes, Mr. Chair, it does.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. You made  
27 the motion so do we have a second.

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29 MR. CASIPIT: I'll second.

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31 MS. PERRY: Point of order. The motion  
32 was to draft a letter so if you want me to just try to  
33 find somebody at DNR to give a presentation at the next  
34 meeting, if Albert wants to withdraw his motion.

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36 MR. HOWARD: I'll withdraw my motion,  
37 Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, if that  
40 works that's fine. I guess we don't need a letter, we  
41 just ask DeAnna to be in contact with the proper people  
42 then okay.

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44 MR. CASIPIT: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair, but  
45 I just heard DeAnna -- just to make sure that whoever  
46 we contact at DNR that they provide us their written  
47 materials ahead of time in our book so we can study it  
48 ahead of time to have a better understanding when they  
49 actually give us the oral presentation. Anyway, that's  
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1 all normal stuff but anyway.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I think  
4 we've got our request there and it probably doesn't  
5 need a motion then. So that sounds good to me on that  
6 issue. Albert, are you leaving us.

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8 MR. HOWARD: I think I can do the other  
9 meeting on my phone so I'll hang in here as long as I  
10 can, Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I think we  
13 just have to set our meeting dates and times. DeAnna,  
14 what are our options there.

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16 MS. PERRY: For folks who are on Teams,  
17 I do have an updated calendar for the fall meetings,  
18 and for those who don't have it in front of you I'm  
19 going to turn real quick to the one that's in your book  
20 and update because this has changed a bit.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Well, it always  
23 does.

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25 MS. PERRY: So this is on Page 79 for  
26 those who don't have Teams up and can look at the  
27 updated one. So October 13th and 14th, that week  
28 there's been some changes, basically that week is not  
29 available. Again, we can only have two Council  
30 meetings a week and two Councils decided to have a  
31 joint meeting along with another Council so we're kind  
32 of having to split that up on that week. We currently  
33 have selected October 19th and 20th. I can tell you  
34 that the Eastern Interior that had that same week,  
35 those dates no longer apply. The next week, November  
36 1st North Slope has selected November 3rd and 4th. So  
37 for the fall we either need to confirm our dates of  
38 19th, 20th and 21st, I'm not sure why in our Council  
39 books it's not to the 21st but we had selected that,  
40 19th through the 21st. Or before October.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. What's the  
43 wishes of the Council on the fall meeting.

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45 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman, Mike  
46 Douville.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, go ahead,  
49 Mike.

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1 MR. DOUVILLE: I believe I would have  
2 conflict from the middle of October to the end of  
3 October with those dates. So before and after, I guess  
4 I don't have anything, however if it fell in between  
5 those dates it's a good possibility that I would not be  
6 attending.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. DeAnna,  
9 refresh my memory, did you say the week of November 1st  
10 was open or was it November 3rd -- excuse me, November  
11 1st that's the only one in November, right, we have.

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13 MS. PERRY: Yeah, that week has been  
14 taken with Northwest Arctic and North Slope. So our  
15 only alternative then would be the week of October 4th  
16 or sometime the week of September 27th.

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18 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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20 MS. PERRY: I mean the window opens as  
21 early as August 8th but no one seems to want to -- you  
22 know, everybody's still really active and busy so  
23 usually.....

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25 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah.

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27 MS. PERRY: .....October and November  
28 are when we set our meetings.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I could go as  
31 early as October 4th, that actually works for me.

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33 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, I'd make the  
34 motion that we choose October 4th.

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36 MS. PERRY: So that would be 4th  
37 through the 6th.

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39 MR. DOUVILLE: That's correct.

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41 MR. BEMIS: Mr. Chair, I will probably  
42 not be available for those dates.

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44 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Let's here from  
45 other Council members first there, Mike.

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47 MR. DOUVILLE: Okay.

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49 MR. BEMIS: Mr. Chair, I wouldn't be  
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1 available for October, I'm still commercial fishing up  
2 until let's see the 3rd and there's no way I could  
3 leave with that short of notice.

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5 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right.

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7 MR. BEMIS: Moose hunting is on the 8th  
8 of October. So I'm out on those schedules.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Does that hold  
11 true for Harold as well.

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13 MR. ROBBINS: I'm a little more  
14 flexible.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thanks,  
17 Harold. How about -- well, we're missing some folks  
18 now but how about some others.

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20 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.  
21 I'm pretty flexible for the whole timeframe so I'll let  
22 those with conflicts work it out.

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24 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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26 MR. CASIPIT: This is Cal. I'm pretty  
27 flexible too, prefer that we avoid the last couple  
28 weeks of September though so I could moose hunt.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I was going to say  
31 we got to consider moose hunting. Well, so far I think  
32 I'm only hearing one other Council member that can't  
33 make the week of October 4th, are there any other  
34 Council members besides Mike who can't the week of  
35 October 19th.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: I guess not.

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41 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, this is Cathy.  
42 Just for a refresher, when we chose -- temporarily  
43 chose the placeholder for the week of 19, 20, 21st we  
44 also chose the location of Craig so it would be quite a  
45 shake if we decided to go to Craig when our  
46 representative Council member wouldn't be available.

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48 Thank you.

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1                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, I was just  
2 going to say that's probably the deciding factor here.  
3 So, yeah. Mike, you want to make a motion for the  
4 October 4th date in Craig.

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6                   MR. DOUVILLE: Okay. I will move that  
7 we have our meeting on October 4th, 5th, 6th in Craig.

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9                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.  
10 Second.

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12                  MS. NEEDHAM: Second.

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14                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
15 Any other discussion.

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17                  (No comments)

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19                  MR. DOUVILLE: Call for the question.

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21                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mike.  
22 Let's do a roll call on this one Frank.

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24                  MR. WRIGHT: Okay.

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26                  Ian's gone. Cathy Needham.

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28                  MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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30                  MR. WRIGHT: Larry Bemis.

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32                  MR. BEMIS: Yes.

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34                  MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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36                  MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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38                  MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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40                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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42                  MR. WRIGHT: Albert's gone, Bob's gone,  
43 Jim's gone.

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45                  MR. HOWARD: Albert votes yes.

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47                  MR. WRIGHT: Oh, you're still there,  
48 oh, good. Mike Douville.

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1 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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3 MR. WRIGHT: Cal Casipit.

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5 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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7 MR. WRIGHT: Frank votes yes. Motion  
8 carried, Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you,  
11 Frank. October 4th in Craig. I'm looking forward to  
12 it. Okay, winter meeting, a long ways out, we're  
13 looking at like a year from now. DeAnna, what's the  
14 latest on available dates for that meeting.

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16 MS. PERRY: Okay. For those people who  
17 have Teams that's coming up for you. And it looks like  
18 I need to open back up mine, okay, so our options are  
19 the week of February 22nd because that Monday's a  
20 holiday so the week of February 22nd. The week of  
21 March 14th. Or the week of March 21st.

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23 MR. WRIGHT: I don't know if I can make  
24 the 22nd because tanner crab fishing usually starts  
25 around the 15th.

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27 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Right. I think  
28 I'd vote for March 14th and try and be over in Sitka  
29 again because that is a good time to be in Sitka for  
30 the herring fishery.

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32 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, this is  
33 Albert.

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35 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Albert.,

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37 MR. HOWARD: When does (indiscernible)  
38 close Mr. Wright?

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40 MR. WRIGHT: Well, it fluctuates where  
41 this year we started on the 17th and ended seven days  
42 later so I've got my crew and stuff to deal with so.

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44 MR. HOWARD: Okay, I was going to say  
45 March 21st through the 24th because it seemed like a  
46 good time to take a box of herring home.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That's true, a  
49 little later would be better. Could be some harvest

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1 going on by then. Other suggestions from the Council.

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3 MR. BEMIS: Yes, anything -- this is  
4 Larry, Mr. Chair, anything after the 15th. Our  
5 trolling season closes on the 15th if that's a  
6 possibility.

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8 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: That's true, too,  
9 Larry. Thanks. Albert, you want to make the motion  
10 for March 21st in Sitka.

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12 MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, I move the  
13 winter meeting be held in Sitka March 21st through the  
14 24th.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Albert.

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18 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry,  
19 that's a four day meeting and we only have three day  
20 meetings.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, the 23rd.

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24 MR. HOWARD: 23rd. I had to give it a  
25 try so.

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27 MS. PERRY: I know.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Actually it'd be  
30 the 22nd through the 24th, Tuesday.

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32 MR. HOWARD: Yeah, that's what I mean.

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34 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah. A second  
35 for Albert's motion.

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37 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chairman, I second.

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39 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Mike seconded.  
40 Any further discussion.

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42 (No comments)

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44 MR. DOUVILLE: Call for the question.

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46 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you,  
47 question's been called for. How about one more roll  
48 call vote, Frank.

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1 MR. WRIGHT: Let's see, Cal Casipit.

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3 MR. CASIPIT: Yes.

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5 MR. WRIGHT: Michael Douville.

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7 MR. DOUVILLE: Yes.

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9 MR. WRIGHT: James Slater, Bob  
10 Schroeder. Albert Howard.

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12 MR. HOWARD: Yes.

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14 MR. WRIGHT: Don Hernandez.

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16 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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18 MR. WRIGHT: Harold Robbins.

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20 MR. ROBBINS: Yes.

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22 MR. WRIGHT: Harvey says yes.

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24 (Laughter)

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26 MR. WRIGHT: Cathy Needham.

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28 MS. NEEDHAM: Yes.

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30 MR. WRIGHT: Ian Johnson.

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32 (No comments)

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34 MR. WRIGHT: Frank Wright says yes.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay.

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38 MS. PERRY: I'm sorry, did I miss Larry

39 Bemis again.

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41 MR. BEMIS: Yeah. Larry Bemis, yes.

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43 MS. PERRY: Okay. And I just wanted to  
44 revisit, we said October 4th, Monday through Wednesday,  
45 I mean normally we do Tuesday through Thursday, but I  
46 just wanted to make sure that is what we meant for our  
47 fall meeting.

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49 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Actually DeAnna,

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1 that should be Tuesday. We don't meet on Mondays,  
2 right?

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4 MS. PERRY: We can.

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6 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Oh, it is  
7 possible.

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9 MS. PERRY: I guess it's up to the  
10 Council if they want to travel during their weekends,  
11 but if you wanted to change that we could simply just  
12 make a motion to amend the previously adopted motion.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I think we  
15 better make it Tuesday, it's not fair to the Staff to  
16 have to travel on Sundays. So we got to pay closer  
17 attention to our dates here.

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19 MS. PERRY: So does someone want to  
20 make that motion to amend.

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22 MS. NEEDHAM: Mr. Chair, I move to  
23 amend the previously adopted motion to change our  
24 meeting dates to October 5th through the 7th in Craig.

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26 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Second.

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28 MR. DOUVILLE: Mr. Chair, I second.

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30 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mike.  
31 Voice vote. All in favor of the amended change say  
32 aye.

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34 IN UNISON: Aye.

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36 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Is there anybody  
37 opposed.

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39 (No opposing votes)

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41 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: No, okay, thank  
42 you.

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44 MS. PERRY: Thank you for the  
45 clarification.

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47 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, DeAnna.  
48 Okay, I think we have our dates set. And I think that  
49 concludes our business, am I correct, DeAnna.

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1 MR. BEMIS: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yes.

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5 MR. BEMIS: I'd like to make a comment  
6 about something that's -- a program that's going on in  
7 Yakutat that was just brought to my attention and has  
8 to do with fish tagging and let's see, what was it,  
9 fish tagging and tracking of king salmon, if that's  
10 okay, I'd like to give just a brief -- I don't have the  
11 names of the individuals but I got the program that's  
12 representing them.

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14 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Larry, just  
15 so I can keep things straight in my mind. DeAnna, am I  
16 correct that we concluded all of our business?

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18 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair, everything  
19 on the agenda, all the action items. If you'd like to  
20 close out the meeting with a round robin with all  
21 Council members that would be great.

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23 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay, we'll  
24 probably do that. But go ahead, Larry, give us your  
25 update.

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27 MR. BEMIS: Okay. Just here about a  
28 week before the season closed two individuals came from  
29 two different universities. One from the UofA and one,  
30 I think, from Fairbanks, I'm not positive. Okay. The  
31 funding was funded with one individual through NOAA and  
32 the other one was from the Department -- the U.S. Navy,  
33 through DOD. Now I'm not sure if this is done before  
34 but they hired a local charter boat captain to take  
35 them out for a given number of days and they sports  
36 caught the king salmon and they've got a tagging  
37 program going. One is 20 backpacks that will be  
38 inserted on the back of the salmon for 10 days to see  
39 his depth, his travel, distance, where he's at, and  
40 this is in the Yakutat Bay in different sectors, all  
41 species. Now, the backpacks are probably being put on  
42 very good size salmon so they can be able to survive  
43 packing this thing around, okay.

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45 The second one is they insert some kind  
46 of electronic device, I'm not positive how or what, but  
47 they sedate the fish and keep it alive and give it a  
48 micro surgery and then place a micro chip of sort that  
49 takes temperature and depth and a few other things.

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1                   Now, the surprising thing is, is one  
2 individual was doing this and had a grant through NOAA  
3 and the guy from another university had funding through  
4 DOT and U.S. Navy asked to join in. So I think that  
5 they're both working on the same projects and they're  
6 doing this every single day in different parts of the  
7 bay, out in the ocean, in the islands, shakers to full  
8 size king salmon and everything they catch that they  
9 can release is put back in the water with some kind of  
10 device on it. And didn't have -- they just said we'll  
11 name it tagging and tracking program for king salmon in  
12 the Yakutat -- in the Pacific Ocean -- or Gulf of  
13 Alaska.

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15                   That's all I have.

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17                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. Sounds  
18 pretty interesting. So let's -- before I adjourn the  
19 meeting just want to give anybody on the Council an  
20 opportunity if they have any final words.

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22                   MR. DOUVILLE: It's been my pleasure to  
23 be here and I'm glad we have a full functioning  
24 Council. I was quite worried about having only five  
25 members and having a meeting. So I'm glad that that  
26 resolved. And other than that I'm just taken aback by  
27 the Board of Game's action. It's going to take me  
28 awhile to absorb that and come to grips with it. But  
29 it's nice to meet with you all and you have a good  
30 spring and summer.

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32                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mike.  
33 Anybody else.

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35                   MR. CASIPIT: This is Can. I just  
36 wanted to thank everybody for their participation and  
37 thanks for the warm welcome. And I also wanted to  
38 thank Staff, they did an excellent job keeping us  
39 straight and giving us the -- especially me, with not  
40 having Teams, being able to have the stuff emailed to  
41 me right away, that was all great. So I just wanted to  
42 say thanks to the Staff, it was a great effort.

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44                   And also just for the record, I just  
45 wanted to recognize the Ketchikan District Ranger for  
46 the excellent work he did with the customary and  
47 traditional users of the eulachon in Unuk and how he  
48 helped to provide for conservation and at the same time  
49 providing some harvest opportunity for the customary  
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1 and traditional users.

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3                   Anyway, that's all I have.

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5                   CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: And thank you,  
6 Cal, and it's great to have you on the Council.

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8                   Anybody else.

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10                  MR. HOWARD: Mr. Chair, this is Albert.

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12                  CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Albert.

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14                  MR. HOWARD: I just want to express my  
15 appreciation to the Staff and all the work they do to  
16 make this happen and to help us sort through the  
17 process to get us from where we are to where we want to  
18 be. I'd also like to express my appreciation to the  
19 Council for supporting Angoon's position on our  
20 resource in our backyard. For the first time it feels  
21 like our concerns are being heard and being addressed  
22 and so I want to say thank you for that.

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24                               Everyone stay safe and healthy.

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26                               Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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28                               CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, very  
29 much, Albert. Anybody else.

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31                               (No comments)

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33                               CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I just --  
34 somebody else, was that someone?

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36                               MS. NEEDHAM: This is Cathy.

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38                               CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Cathy, go ahead.

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40                               MS. NEEDHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
41 just want to reexpress everyone's gratefulness that  
42 they just did. It seems like all parts were covered.  
43 I'm really happy that we have a full Council again. I  
44 felt that this meeting was very engaging, or extremely  
45 engaged. I think back when I was a first time Council  
46 members, I don't think I said anything my very first  
47 meeting and I remember getting a little bit of a  
48 rousing from Chairman Bert Adams of Yakutat because I  
49 was so quiet, and then by like maybe my third meeting  
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1 is when I started talking. So I think it's exciting  
2 that we have some renewed energy and some new  
3 perspectives on the Council that can work together to  
4 represent the region as a whole.

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6 I'm very grateful that you were  
7 reappointed. I can tell you that I was very  
8 intimidated about potentially coming in to Chair this  
9 meeting and so I'm glad that we were able to split  
10 duties and that I didn't necessarily have to do the  
11 whole thing myself so welcome back for that.

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13 Thanks to all of the Staff.

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15 And a shout out and special thanks to  
16 DeAnna, she helped a lot while I was acting Chair and I  
17 appreciate all of the time and effort that she gives to  
18 the Council.

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20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Cathy.  
23 And we really appreciate you stepping up as the Chair  
24 especially when we were so short-handed. So our thanks  
25 go out to you. Anybody else on the Council.

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27 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, Mr. Chairman.

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29 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Frank.

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31 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, I'd like to thank  
32 Staff for doing a good job. I got kind of worried when  
33 there were just going to be five of us, I was trying to  
34 figure out how I was going to -- how we were going to  
35 decide on issues that belonged to other people.  
36 Anyway. And the new members, I think that we got some  
37 good people coming in -- that came in and I think we're  
38 going to have a good group from here on out.

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40 Thank you, good bye.

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42 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Yeah, thank you,  
43 Frank. Anybody else.

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45 MR. ROBBINS: Mr. Chair, this is  
46 Harold.

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48 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Go ahead, Harold.

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1 MR. ROBBINS: Yeah, I'd like to express  
2 my concern when there was only five of us facing this  
3 meeting. I was very concerned about it. And extremely  
4 relieved when we had all the others added to the  
5 Council and I really appreciate it and I really  
6 appreciate all of DeAnna's work.

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8 Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Harold.  
11 Is there anybody else.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Maybe not. I kind  
16 of lost track of who's still with us. But one more  
17 shot, is there anybody else who wants to make a  
18 comment.

19 1 CHAIRMAN HERNANDEZ: Okay. I'd just  
20 like to say that I think we did a great job this  
21 meeting. Everybody really, really pitched in. A lot  
22 of difficult things to go through and there's no way we  
23 could have accomplished what we did if we didn't have a  
24 full Council. So whoever is responsible for getting  
25 these appointments pushed through in time for our  
26 meeting, we all owe a great gratitude to.

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28 So like I say we have a great group  
29 now, we've got some optimistic times ahead, although  
30 we've got a lot of major problems to resolve, I think  
31 we've got some good leadership and good team to work on  
32 it. Some new initiatives with cooperative agreements  
33 and lots of things could happen.

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35 So until we meet again in the fall, in-  
36 person, I sincerely hope, look forward to meeting all  
37 of you again sitting down, sharing stories and really  
38 look forward to being in Craig this fall.

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40 So with that I will adjourn the meeting  
41 so everybody take care, stay safe and have a good  
42 spring and summer.

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44 (Off record)

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46 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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