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February 24, 2021

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9:00 a.m.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Greg Encelewski, Chairman

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Aaron Bloomquist

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Donna Claus

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Ed Holsten

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Andrew McLaughlin

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Diane Selanoff

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Gloria Stickwan

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Angela Totemoff

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John Whissel

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Telephonic - 2/24/2021)

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I'm ready to call
8 the Southcentral Regional Advisory Council to order
9 February 24th, 2021. And I don't know who we have that
10 would like to do the invocation, if Gloria is not here
11 yet.

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13 (No comments)

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, DeAnna, I'm
16 going to do the invocation.

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18 (Invocation)

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: All right, with
21 that I'll call the meeting to order. Do you want to do
22 the official roll call then, establish a quorum.

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24 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair. It sounds
25 like we've had a few additional people join so that
26 maybe that was Council members. So I'll start the
27 roll.

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29 Ed Holsten.

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31 MR. HOLSTEN: Here.

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33 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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35 Diane Selanoff.

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37 MS. SELANOFF: Here. Good morning.

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39 MS. PERRY: Good morning.

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41 Gloria Stickwan.

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43 (No comments)

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45 MS. PERRY: Angela Totemoff.

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47 (No comments)

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49 MS. PERRY: Angela, I heard you

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1 earlier, are.....

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3 MS. TOTEMOFF: Good morning, I'm here.

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5 MS. PERRY:you perhaps on mute.

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7 MS. TOTEMOFF: I am on mute, can you
8 hear me, I'm here.

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10 MS. PERRY: I can now, thanks Angela.

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12 Donna Claus.

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14 MS. CLAUS: Here.

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16 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Donna.

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18 Andy McLaughlin.

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20 MR. McLAUGHLIN: Here.

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22 MS. PERRY: Good morning, Andy.

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24 Aaron Bloomquist.

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26 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Here.

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28 MS. PERRY: I see you and your sidekick
29 there on Teams.

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31 John Whissel, I heard you earlier, are
32 you still with us?

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34 MR. WHISSEL: Yeah, I'm still with you
35 guys. I can only have you on audio, though, I can't
36 seem to run Teams and the phone call at the same time,
37 one takes over the other so.

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39 MS. PERRY: Okay, thanks, John.

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41 MR. WHISSEL: I'll try to get something
42 else running to watch here but I'm not quite there yet.

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44 MS. PERRY: Okay, thanks, John.

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46 And Paula Nicklie.

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48 (No comments)

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1 MS. PERRY: Okay. Paula is one of our
2 new members and she's actually out of state in some
3 classes so I believe she will only be available to come
4 in during the afternoons for our meeting.

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6 So, Mr. Chair, you have eight of 10
7 seated members participating and you have a quorum.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I would
10 like to at this time then we've got a quorum, so we'll
11 go ahead and we'll get ready to start. We want to do
12 welcome and introductions. DeAnna, do you want to ask
13 the new members to introduce themselves or do you want
14 to introduce them first and then we could make the
15 introductions.

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17 MS. PERRY: I'd be happy to, Mr. Chair.

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19 We have as a new member Angela
20 Totemoff. She is from Anchorage. And Angela if you'll
21 go ahead and open your phone and just, if you want to
22 tell us a little bit about yourself, we'll be doing
23 Council member reports here in a minute where you can
24 talk about your community but if you could just
25 introduce yourself to the group and to your fellow
26 Council members and Staff right now that would be
27 great.

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29 MS. TOTEMOFF: Thank you, DeAnna.
30 Yeah, once again my name is Angela Totemoff. I am born
31 and raised from Tatitlek Alaska. My parents are Roy
32 and Evelyn Totemoff. And I am thrilled to be on the
33 Board, or the Advisory Council. So thank you so much
34 for having me here today.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Great.

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38 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Angela.

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40 We also have Donna Claus. Donna, if
41 you want to go ahead and open up your phone and tell us
42 a little bit about yourself, where you're from and
43 where you're at we would love to hear from you.

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45 MS. CLAUS: Okay. This is Donna. I
46 was born and raised in Durango, Colorado but came to
47 Alaska in 1975, or '76, I can't even remember, I just
48 know that when I touched down in Fairbanks I was home.
49 I've lived -- I have lived all over the state,
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1 Fairbanks, Nome, and then Bristol Bay region for quite
2 awhile. I lived in a wall tent on Lake Iliamna, learned
3 subsistence from the local lovely, lovely, lovely
4 Native women there. My first net I put in for
5 subsistence I had 160 fish, that makes all of you who
6 did that a good laugh, they all laughed at me. I live
7 now -- I married the captain of the commercial fishing
8 boat in Bristol Bay that I was on and we now live 100
9 miles up river from Chitina on the Chitina River almost
10 to the headwaters. I look out my left and see Kluane
11 National Park of Canada, I see the St Elias in front of
12 me and the Wrangells beside me. I am sitting there
13 right now. We have lived here for 39 years. We don't
14 have any neighbors, we're all alone, we own a lodge, we
15 do recreational and commercial hunting, and I am on the
16 Board to represent commercial hunt -- the commercial
17 people, but I want you all to know that I do
18 subsistence. I had a trap line for years. I am well
19 versed on the commercial, the subsistence, all ends of
20 it, and I am here to hopefully do a super good job.

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22 Thank you.

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24 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Donna. I hope
25 those Kluane mosquitos leave you alone in the summer
26 those are gianormous.

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28 MS. CLAUS: Yes.

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30 MS. PERRY: I just want to remind folks
31 to press star when you're not speaking, and then when
32 you're ready to speak you can star six -- star six, I
33 mean -- star six to mute and unmute your phone. It
34 sounds like maybe somebody's doing some dishes in the
35 background. But, again, that helps with the background
36 noise so we can hear each other.

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38 And then I know Paula's not on the
39 line. But Paula Nicklie from Cantwell was our third
40 new member that we had appointed this year and
41 hopefully she'll be able to join us later this
42 afternoon.

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44 That's it for introduction of new
45 members, Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
48 And welcome to the Council, we look forward to working
49 with you. That's great to have some new members and

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1 fill some of the seats.

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3 DeAnna, how do you want to -- do you
4 want to go and before we get into adopting of the
5 agenda, do we want to -- I know you made a roll call,
6 do we want to go around, we usually introduce everyone
7 that's here. How would you like to do that.

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9 MS. PERRY: We could certainly do that.
10 Maybe it would be easier if I went through the names
11 again and everybody could just kind of introduce
12 themselves. And, again, just keeping in mind that we
13 have public and our new members who have not met any of
14 the Staff. If you could open up your cameras when you
15 say hi that would probably put a face to the name for
16 our new Council members. So I'll just go down the list
17 here, it's kind of alphabetical by first names. So
18 when I call your name if you're on Teams, if you could
19 open up your camera and just let us know, you know,
20 again, who you are and what you do and for what
21 program.

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23 Amy Craver.

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25 MS. CRAVER: DeAnna, I'm not on Teams,
26 I'm just on the phone. So Amy Craver, Cultural
27 Anthropologist and Subsistence Manager for Denali
28 National Park and Preserve. And I'm happy to join you.

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30 Thank you.

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32 REPORTER: Hi, Amy.

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34 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Amy.

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36 Barbara Cellarius.

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38 MS. CELLARIUS: Good morning. This is
39 Barbara Cellarius. I'm the Cultural Anthropologist and
40 Subsistence Coordinator for Wrangell-St. Elias National
41 Park and Preserve.

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43 MS. PERRY: Bret Christensen.

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45 MR. CHRISTENSEN: Yeah, I'm Bret
46 Christensen. I'm the Wildlife Program Manager for the
47 Chugach National Forest.

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49 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Bret.

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1 Chris McKee.

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3 MR. MCKEE: Hi, DeAnna. This is Chris
4 McKee, BLM Subsistence Program Coordinator.

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6 MS. PERRY: Thanks Chris.

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8 Dave Sarafin.

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10 MR. SARAFIN: Good morning. This is
11 Dave Sarafin. I'm the Fisheries Program Manager at the
12 Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.

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14 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Dave.

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16 Greg Risdahl.

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18 MR. RISDAHL: Good morning, DeAnna.
19 This is Greg Risdahl. I'm the new U.S. Forest Service,
20 Subsistence Program Leader and the InterAgency Staff
21 Committee member for the Forest Service. Thank you,
22 very much.

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24 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Greg.

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26 Jared Stone.

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28 MR. STONE: Good morning, DeAnna. This
29 is Jared Stone, Fisheries Biologist with the Office of
30 Subsistence Management.

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32 MS. PERRY: Judy Putera.

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34 (No comments)

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36 MS. PERRY: I wasn't sure if she had
37 called in yet or not.

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39 How about Katya Wessels.

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41 MS. WESSELS: Good morning everyone.
42 Thank you, DeAnna. This is Katya Wessels, and I am
43 Acting Policy Coordinator for the Office of Subsistence
44 Management. Also I am the new Council Coordination
45 Division Chief for the Office of Subsistence Management
46 and I start with that duty in the middle of March.
47 Thank you. And it's very nice to be with you here at
48 the meeting.

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1 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Katya.

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3 Ken Gates.

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5 MR. GATES: Yeah, good morning
6 everyone. This is Ken Gates. I'm the -- one of the
7 Senior Fish Biologists in Kenai with Kenai Fish and
8 Wildlife Conservation Office, and also the new Federal
9 in-season fisheries manager for Cook Inlet. Thank you.

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12 MS. PERRY: Thanks for joining us Ken.
13 And for those who can't see, Ken just showed himself on
14 Teams and I'm wondering how many passengers his boat
15 can hold because that weather on that boat looks really
16 tempting.

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18 All right.

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20 Mark Burch.

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22 MR. BURCH: Good morning. This is Mark
23 Burch. I'm the Special Projects Coordinator with the
24 Department of Fish and Game and I play the coordination
25 role for the Department. Thank you.

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27 MS. PERRY: Thanks for joining us,
28 Mark.

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30 Milo Burcham.

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32 MR. BURCHAM: Yeah, Milo Burcham.
33 Subsistence Program Lead for the Chugach National
34 Forest.

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36 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Milo.

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38 Pat Petrivelli.

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40 MS. PETRIVELLI: Good morning. This is
41 Pat Petrivelli and I'm with the Bureau of Indian
42 Affairs and I'm the Subsistence Anthropologist and I'm
43 also a member of the ISC.

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45 MS. PERRY: Thanks Pat.

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47 Robbin LaVine.

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49 MS. LAVINE: Hello, Madame Chair -- Mr.

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1 Chair -- sorry -- and members of the Council. This is
2 Robbin LaVine and I'm an Anthropologist with the Office
3 of Subsistence Management.

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5 MS. PERRY: And Stephanie Latimer.

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7 MS. LATIMER: Hi, I'm sorry. Too many
8 fingers doing too many things at once. I'm the
9 Executive Assistant with the Chugach National Forest.

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11 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Stephanie. And,
12 again, Stephanie is doing me the huge favor of running
13 all the Teams stuff in the background so that really
14 frees me up to do my normal designated Federal official
15 stuff. So thank you, Stephanie, for joining us and for
16 running everything in the background.

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18 Let's see here, Todd Eskelin.

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20 (No comments)

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22 MS. PERRY: Hey, Todd, I think you're
23 on mute.

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25 MR. ESKELIN: Thank you. Thank you.
26 Too many buttons to push, myself. Todd Eskelin, Kenai
27 National Wildlife Refuge, Wildlife Biologist and assist
28 the Refuge Manager in in-season management of all the
29 hunts on Unit 15 Federal lands.

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31 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Todd.

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33 Valerie Lenhartzen.

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35 MS. LENHARTZEN: Hello. Good morning,
36 everyone. I'm Valerie Lenhartzen. I work for the BLM.
37 I'm the Associate Field Manager for Resources.

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39 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Valerie.

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41 Victoria Florey.

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43 MS. FLOREY: Hi, this is Victoria
44 Florey. I'm a Subsistence Program Analyst with the
45 National Park Service and the Regional Subsistence
46 Team. Thank you.

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48 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Victoria.

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1 Wayne Owen.

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3 MR. OWEN: Good morning everyone. I'm
4 Wayne Owen. I'm the Director of Natural Resources for
5 the Alaska Region of the United States Forest Service.
6 And I hope you have a great meeting today.

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8 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Wayne. Okay,
9 that's kind of my periphery list. Is there any other
10 Staff members that have joined us that I did not call
11 -- actually Joshua Ream, I see almost on cue there I
12 saw you pop up on Teams. Go ahead and introduce
13 yourself.

14

15 MR. REAM: Hi, good morning, DeAnna and
16 Council members. My name is Joshua Ream, and I am the
17 Regional Subsistence Program Manager for the National
18 Park Service, also the Park Service representative to
19 the InterAgency Staff Committee. Thank you for having
20 me today.

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22 MS. PERRY: Thanks Josh. Anyone else.
23 I am going through the list here on Teams just to make
24 sure I haven't missed anyone. Is there anybody either
25 on Teams or on the phone from Staff that I have not
26 called yet.

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28 MR. PAPPAS: Good morning, DeAnna.
29 George Pappas.

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31 MS. PERRY: Hey, George, good morning.

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33 MR. PAPPAS: George Pappas, OSM State
34 Subsistence Liaison. I sit on the Board of Fish and
35 Board of Game as a Federal advisory. But also I am the
36 Acting Fisheries Division Lead for awhile as Greg
37 Risdahl moved over to Forest Service. Good morning.
38 Thank you.

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40 MS. PERRY: Good morning, George. Any
41 other Staff that we haven't heard from yet.

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44 MS. JOCHUM: Good morning. This is Kim
45 Jochum. I am a Subsistence Program Analyst also with
46 the National Park Service in the Regional Office. Good
47 morning.

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49 MS. PERRY: Thanks for joining us, Kim.

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1 And anyone else.

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3 MR. HERREMAN: Good morning Jason
4 Herreman with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in
5 our Homer office.

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7 MS. PERRY: Thanks Jason. Appreciate
8 you joining us. Any other Staff.

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10 MR. RINALDI: Yeah, good morning this
11 is Todd Rinaldi with the Division of Wildlife
12 Conservation based out of Palmer. And we also have --
13 I believe we also have Heidi Hatcher, the area
14 biologist for Unit 13 on the phone this morning.

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16 MS. PERRY: Fabulous. Thank you, Todd,
17 and welcome Heidi.

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19 MS. WESTING: Good morning. This is
20 Charolette Westing. I'm the Area Biologist here in
21 Cordova.

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23 MS. PERRY: I'm sorry, Charolette, I
24 got biologist but I didn't get the location -- or I
25 think I got Cordova but are you on the district, or I'm
26 sorry I didn't get the agency.

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28 MS. WESTING: I am with Fish and Game,
29 I'm the Area Biologist for Fish and Game.

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31 REPORTER: And it's Charolette, what,
32 Westing?

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34 MS. WESTING: Charolette Westing.

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36 REPORTER: Thank you.

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38 MS. PERRY: Is that W-E-S-T-I-N-G
39 Charolette?

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41 MS. WESTING: Yes.

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43 REPORTER: Thank you, DeAnna.

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45 MS. PERRY: Okay, great. Again, we're
46 capturing all of this for the transcript so it helps
47 sometimes if we have spellings. I know we've got quite
48 a few new names this time around so that's helpful.
49 Any other Staff with us that I haven't called or hasn't

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1 spoke yet.

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3 (No comments)

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5 MS. PERRY: Okay. Mr. Chair, I do
6 believe Gloria Stickwan, I see her on Teams. Gloria
7 are you on the phone, or Council Member Gloria
8 Stickwan?

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10 MS. STICKWAN: Yes, I'm on the phone.

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12 MS. PERRY: Okay, great, Gloria. Okay.
13 All right, Mr. Chair, I think that's it for
14 introductions. And before you go on with the agenda,
15 if I could have a few moments to go over some
16 housekeeping rules whenever you'd like me to do that
17 I'll be happy to.

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19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, you could
22 go right ahead and welcome everyone.

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24 MS. PERRY: Okay. Again, this is the
25 Southcentral Subsistence Regional Advisory Council
26 meeting. A few housekeeping items. For those that are
27 just calling in, the agenda and meeting materials can
28 be found online on the Federal Subsistence Program
29 website, and that address is www.doi.gov/subsistence
30 and once you're there if you go into the regions tab
31 you'll be able to find meeting materials, and our
32 meeting book materials as well as a few supplemental
33 items are there along with the agenda.

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35 We've opened up a videoconference
36 option through Microsoft Teams to help convey
37 information that is usually provided in the handouts
38 when we're all meeting in person. For the length of
39 this videoconference, if you're on the phone, please
40 call the Office of Subsistence Management at 1-800-478-
41 1456; again, that's a link to the videoconference, 1-
42 800-478-1456. The audio is captured on the
43 teleconference line so that's kind of the most
44 important part of our meeting and the videoconference
45 is a bit of a bonus for us. A few videoconference
46 basics. So folks that may not be familiar with this
47 platform, once you're connected with to meeting, if you
48 hover over the main part of your screen you'll see a
49 tool bar that comes up, there are icons for camera, and

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1 microphone. Again, we've muted all of the audio on
2 that channel, so you'll see a strike through your
3 microphone, but you can toggle off and on your camera
4 icon as to whether you want to be seen on screen or
5 not. I'd also like to point out the little hand on the
6 tool bar, if you'd like to speak, if you want to raise
7 your hand that helps us recognize you. And, again, I
8 would just remind folks to star six when you're not
9 speaking. When the Chair recognizes you to speak go
10 ahead and press star six to unmute. Please wait for
11 the Chair to recognize you before speaking and identify
12 yourself so that we can adequately capture names for
13 our administrative record. Again, the meeting is being
14 recorded by a court reporter and we do need to identify
15 speakers for the transcript.

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17 Another request is that you do not
18 place this call on hold. This does create a disruption
19 to the meeting, sometimes we get background noise, we
20 get music and then nobody can hear anything. So,
21 please, if you need to step away go ahead and hang up
22 the phone and call back in when you're ready.

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24 The lines seem to have become a little
25 unstable recently so if you do have a bad connection,
26 just hang up, place your call again, and, of course, if
27 your call is dropped, we hope that doesn't happen, but
28 just go ahead and call back in.

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30 I'm going to thank everybody in advance
31 for helping us try to mitigate any unnecessary
32 interruptions so that the Council can conduct its
33 business. I know all this preamble is a little long
34 but it's kind of necessary just to remind folks so that
35 once we dive into our meeting we can do it smoothly.

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37 This is a non-regulatory meeting for
38 the Council. However, I'd like to inform our new
39 members and remind everyone else that all of our
40 meetings are conducted pursuant to Roberts Rules of
41 Parliamentary Procedure. It is a little harder to
42 stick to this protocol when meetings are held
43 virtually. You know sometimes we can't see the other
44 person and it's harder to recognize when someone wishes
45 to speak so it's important that all Council members,
46 Staff and public ask to be recognized before they speak
47 by saying, Mr. Chair, and then when the Chair
48 recognizes you, please state your full name, your
49 organization if appropriate, so that we can capture
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1 that for the administrative record, and then you can
2 proceed with your statement.

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4 Some of what the Council discusses can
5 be very controversial and difficult. It can be easy to
6 blurt out a comment on the phone, however,
7 parliamentary protocol and respecting each other are
8 key components for conducting this Council business, so
9 I would ask people to please hold their comments until
10 the appropriate time and I want to assure you that
11 those who might be hard to hear on the phone -- I know
12 at the last meeting it was sometimes hard to hear when
13 someone wanted to speak, we will try our best to listen
14 and to recognize all those folks who do want to speak.

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16 I think other than mentioning, you
17 know, day long meetings, I know most of us Staff are
18 used to day long meetings, we all recognize it can be
19 hard to consistently.....

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21 (Teleconference interference -
22 participants not muted)

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24 MS. PERRY:hard to concentrate on
25 the meeting so I hope everyone will.....

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27 REPORTER: Okay, so, DeAnna, this is
28 Tina.

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30 MS. PERRY: Yes.

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32 REPORTER: So right here we have an
33 example, if everybody could please look at their
34 phones, see if they're muted, we're getting a
35 conversation over DeAnna.

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37 Thank you.

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39 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Tina. Again, star
40 six will mute your phones if you don't have a mute
41 button. I was just going to say, you know, I hope
42 everyone's able to engage in and listen for the full
43 day and possibly tomorrow, but we do acknowledge we
44 have distractions and these meetings can be
45 challenging. So please know, from a safety standpoint,
46 and a commitment standpoint, we realize if you need to
47 step away and, you know, take care of something, feel
48 free to do that.

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1 (Teleconference interference -
2 participants not muted)

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4 MS. PERRY: We do have some agenda
5 items that do require a quorum vote. So for Council
6 members, we hope that you're able to engage all day
7 but, again, we do know how life is in the virtual
8 world.

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10 And it sounds like someone has their
11 line open because I'm hearing a lot of noise so, again,
12 if you could please star six to mute your phone.

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14 (Pause)

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16 MS. PERRY: Okay, I think I've covered
17 the basics, Mr. Chair.

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19 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks,
20 DeAnna. That's great, I was just wondering if we
21 wanted to introduce the Council members but we kind of
22 did that. I think we're going to give our reports as
23 we go on. So I'm going to go ahead and move on to
24 review and adopt the agenda if we're ready for that.

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26 MS. PERRY: I think we are, Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Council
29 members if you want to review the agenda, take a look
30 at it, and I'll take a motion to adopt, amend, or do
31 what we need to do.

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33 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair. Move to adopt
34 the agenda. This is John Whissel.

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36 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Aaron. Second.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: John, I got your
39 motion. Who seconded it?

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41 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Aaron.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Aaron, thank you.
44 Any other discussion, or question.

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46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: All in favor,
49 aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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5 (No opposing votes)

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. We will
8 follow the agenda to the best of our ability.

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10 DeAnna, it looks like we got election
11 of officers coming up and so we're going to turn the
12 Chair over to you, I guess, as the first order of
13 business as the designated Federal officer.

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15 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We
16 will now hold election for officers for the
17 Southcentral Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.
18 Are there any nominations for the Chair position.
19 Again, you can just star six to unmute your phone.
20 This is a nomination for the Chair position.

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22 MR. WHISSEL: Yeah, I'd nominate Greg
23 Encelewski again. This is John Whissel.

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25 MS. PERRY: Thank you, John. Greg
26 Encelewski.....

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28 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Andy seconds.

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30 MS. PERRY:is a nomination.

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32 REPORTER: Is that you, Andy?

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34 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yes. Andy second.

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36 REPORTER: Thank you.

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38 MS. PERRY: And any other nominations
39 for the Chair position.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: This is your
42 chance to step up, whoever wants, this is a really
43 great job.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MS. PERRY: Okay. If there are no
48 further nominations I will declare the nominations
49 closed.

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1 (No comments)

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10 MS. PERRY: Those opposed signify by
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IN UNISON: Yea.

(No opposing votes)

MS. PERRY: So it sounds like that is
unanimous for Greg Encelewski to serve as Chair. I
will once again ask were there any nays just so that I
can record this correctly.

(No opposing votes)

MS. PERRY: Okay. It's my pleasure to
announce, Greg, that you've been voted to serve again
as Chair of the Southcentral Subsistence Regional
Advisory Council and the floor is now yours if you
would like to go ahead and hold nominations for Vice
Chair and Secretary positions.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,
DeAnna. And thank you, Council members, for your
support. I'm not sure if I should cry or just be happy
but anyway I'll try and do my best and we'll keep
things moving along here.

So I'm going to go ahead and open up
the nominations for Vice Chair at this time.

MR. HOLSTEN: Yeah, this is Ed. I
nominate Gloria Stickwan for Vice Chair.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Ed.
Second.

MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Andy would second
that.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Andy.
Are there any other nominations.

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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any other
4 nominations for Vice Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing none, all
9 in favor of Gloria aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Gloria, you got
18 to stick with me, you're unanimous.

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20 MS. STICKWAN: Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you.

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24 MS. STICKWAN: I'll try to do my best.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Secretary.
27 We're going to open the floor for nominations for
28 Secretary.

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30 MR. HOLSTEN: Yeah, this is Ed. I
31 nominate Andy McLaughlin as Secretary.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Ed.
34 Is there a second.

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36 MS. SELANOFF: This is Diane, I second.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Diana.
39 Seconded for Andy. Any other nominations for
40 Secretary.

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42 (No comments)

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing none, all
45 in favor of Andy, aye.

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47 IN UNISON: Aye.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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1 (No opposing votes)

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Andy,
4 thanks, keep us in line. Thank you. Unanimous.

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6 Okay, with that, we're going to move on
7 to review and approve previous minutes and DeAnna, if
8 you had anything on there that you wanted to say before
9 we approve that. I had a little note here something
10 about Amy, but, anyway, maybe that was just my writing.

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12 MS. PERRY: Well, the meeting minutes
13 for the last meeting begin on Page 5 of your meeting
14 book. And I know the meeting books have been out for a
15 little while now so I'm assuming that most folks have
16 had a chance to look that over. Perhaps we could take
17 another minute or two to glance over that. I realize
18 that the new members who weren't with us at the last
19 meeting won't be able to attest to its accuracy since
20 they weren't there, but if there are spelling or
21 grammatical errors that you see we can make those
22 corrections. And for those Council members who were
23 attending last meeting, if there's anything that you
24 feel needs to be corrected, just let me know at this
25 time. Otherwise if it is ready to be accepted we would
26 need a motion, a second and a vote on approving the
27 meeting minutes.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks,
30 DeAnna. I was just checking to make sure we didn't
31 have something, or a correction there you had, but,
32 okay.

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34 MR. WHISSEL: I had a correction, Mr.
35 Chair. This is John Whissel.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, John.

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39 MR. WHISSEL: Page 9 of the meeting
40 packet, in the first full paragraph that -- the first
41 full paragraph on that page discussing FP21-10. It
42 says, the first sentence, three Council members voted
43 in opposition to this proposal due to conservation
44 concerns and concerns about escapement goals not being
45 met. Being one of the Council members who opposed, I
46 don't think that accurately captures the dissent on
47 that vote.

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49 Escapement goals were narrowly met

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1 every year for sockeye, and for kings. The issues that
2 I cited on my opposition was low -- very little law
3 enforcement for a very large area. The lack of timely
4 reporting, post-season reporting, and the fact that
5 we're still managing this resource as a single stock,
6 rather than managing individual stocks, and the Native
7 Village of Eyak's position on that and my position at
8 the meeting was that those were the criteria for
9 opposition. So it was inadequate law enforcement, lack
10 of timely reporting requirement and seven fisheries
11 still being managed by a single escapement index rather
12 than by stock.

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14 Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you,
17 John. So that's a correction you want to make to
18 those minutes, correct.

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20 MR. WHISSEL: Yes, correct. And if
21 it's okay with the others who were opposed, I'd like to
22 strike escapement goals not being met from the record
23 as escapement goals have been met, that's inaccurate
24 information there.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I picked
27 up on that too, so thank you. So is everyone okay with
28 John's corrections there that he just stated.

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30 (No comments)

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Is there any
33 other corrections or modifications -- we'll vote on
34 them all at once as to the minutes.

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36 (No comments)

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing none,
39 then a motion would be in order to accept the minutes
40 as corrected and discussed.

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42 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair. Move to adopt
43 the meetings [sic] with the aforementioned correction
44 on Page 9 of our pamphlet.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, John.
47 Is there a second.

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49 MR. HOLSTEN: Yeah, this is Ed. I

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I have a
11 motion on the floor to adopt as corrected, amended by
12 John, seconded by Ed. Any other discussion on the

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(No comments)

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing none, all
in favor of accepting as corrected, aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

(No opposing votes)

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Then we'll
accept the minutes as corrected. Thank you.

We're going to go ahead and move on to
reports and we start out with the Council members, and
we could just -- I can't see around the table to
recognize where we're seated so I'm just going to call
them as I've got them on my list. Ed, do you want to
start out, I got you on the top of my roster.

MR. HOLSTEN: Okay. This is Ed
Holsten, resident of Cooper Landing on the Kenai
Peninsula. Not much to report other than we're finally
getting a winter here. I know in November, December we
had a horrible bunch of weather here in Cooper Landing,
a lot of ice rain, what snow we had was melting off.
I've never seen so much ice all the years I've been
here but, finally, we've got a good winter going right
now.

The other thing is our snowshoe hare
population has, you know, the last year or so has
really gone up so that's good to see.

But that's about it for me, thank you.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Ed.

Next, I got DeAnna.

MS. PERRY: I think you mean, Diane.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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3 MS. SELANOFF: Good morning, Greg.

4 There's not much to report here either. We're hopeful

5 for a better next summer fishing season. I know it's

6 been kind of quiet with, especially, you know, Covid

7 going on and not many people getting out or doing much,

8 and social distancing. And last summer being a

9 horrible fishing year, we're looking forward, we have

10 lots of hope that this coming summer will be much

11 better.

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13 So thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Diane.

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17 Okay, Gloria, you want to be next.

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19 MS. STICKWAN: Good morning, this is

20 Gloria Stickwan. We had a relatively warm winter. It

21 hasn't been too cold for too long. I really don't have

22 much to report either.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Yeah, we

25 just met in October so it wasn't that long ago but

26 anyway, thank you. If you get something later let us

27 know. Okay, thank you, Gloria.

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29 Angela, you have something to report or

30 just say hello again.

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32 MS. TOTEMOFF: Hello, Mr. Chairman,

33 thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, go ahead.

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37 MS. TOTEMOFF: Learning this new system

38 is a learning curve for me. But nothing to report

39 here. Since this is my first meeting, I'm using this

40 opportunity as a learning moment to see how the

41 meetings are run and how I can contribute to that.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.

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45 Donna, you're next.

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47 MS. CLAUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

48 Living out here in the Wrangell-St. Elias all by

49 ourselves. I called friends to ask about things in the

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1 region. There's varying opinion on hares here. I
2 think ours peaked two years ago and we have almost none
3 now, and with that we have very few wolves, other
4 predators around us. Usually in the winter we have
5 lots of wolves out here and lots of other predators but
6 this year it's pretty lean, even the birds are gone
7 this year. We usually have eagles, ravens, jays, pies,
8 and now it's like down to one raven, one magpie and one
9 greyjay, kind of weird. Last year we had 12.6 inches
10 of rain for the entire year, and four inches of it we
11 got in December. It hasn't been very cold. Like
12 Gloria said it's been probably 30 degrees, our coldest,
13 it's probably 30 degrees warmer than a normal year.
14 We've only had to minus 26 this year and that's really
15 warm. And we have lots of snow which we usually do not
16 have lots of snow, and I mean lots of snow.

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18 So there you go.

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20 Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Alrighty, thank
23 you.

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25 Andy, you're up.

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27 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, as for Southwest
28 Prince William Sound out here around the Chenega
29 village region. The fall, since October, unbelievable
30 harsh weather, you know, lots of waves, not able to do
31 any type of going out for goats, which is very
32 dangerous or even the deer population. Had a couple
33 snow events that were followed by some calmer weather
34 where few people ventured out. I can say that there's
35 less than six deer harvested in the entire village this
36 winter which is probably the lowest numbers I've ever
37 seen. So deer population being a concern here, harsh
38 winter-wise, and the fall -- the conditions just didn't
39 enable people to go, but also number-wise, once some
40 deep snow did happen and, now, yeah, it's -- it
41 reflects what other people are saying about the harsh
42 winter, yeah, we're buried. Just today I post-holed up
43 to get this phone working since 8:00 o'clock this
44 morning, about a mile up to the dish.

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46 So anyhow people switching over to,
47 ironically, when the weather is good and people can
48 launch boats, people are getting rockfish, subsistence
49 rockfish by the way, not sport rockfish, but, of
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1 course, there's no Federal subsistence waters here.

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3 And we got clamming that's taken place,
4 you know, people got beyond the fear of the PSP that's
5 been happening in Yakutat, Kodiak, or surrounding us,
6 the same waters, but in the winter months the chances
7 of that is less, so people kind of held off a little
8 more, not just the months without R, but on into like,
9 maybe not -- maybe late November to start but.....

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12 participants not muted)

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14 MR. MCLAUGHLIN:then there's been
15 quite a few families getting clams.

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17 That's what I can say for Chenega
18 region right now.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: So that's --
21 thank you, Andy. See how you could send me some clams.

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23 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: I think I could make
24 it into chowder for you.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, next, I got
27 Aaron.

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29 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Hello, Council. I'm
30 Aaron Bloomquist. I live in Palmer in the wintertime,
31 Copper Valley, Copper Center in the summertime, spend a
32 month in the Arctic Refuge -- I'm about to spend a
33 month in Wrangell-St. Elias Park too, but right now I'm
34 actually on the big Island, not Kodiak, spending a
35 month here this year, and we can teach the kids some
36 stuff about a different part of the world, we're pretty
37 lucky to do that. We're kind of in a resort spot now
38 you might see on my picture, but we're going to the
39 rural areas here in just a few days and we'll spend a
40 month over there, we like to hang out.

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42 But the Mat-Su Valley's had actually a
43 pretty easy winter this year. Ice fishing was good,
44 not much snow, probably more because it blows away than
45 anything over there.

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47 Kind of heard the same as Gloria said,
48 you know, fairly warm in the Copper Valley, where I
49 spend the summers there, this year.

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1 And I don't know just a neat little
2 story. We talked to a guy yesterday here on the Big
3 Island that lives on a little farm and there's a really
4 strong subsistence tradition here. It's somewhat -- it
5 was basically imported by the Polynesians many hundreds
6 of years ago with pigs and goats and all kinds of
7 bananas and coconuts and all this stuff isn't -- none
8 of it's Native to Hawaii but the guy I was talking to
9 is just a really neat guy. He hasn't bought anything
10 at a grocery store other than salt and spices in over
11 five years, so he grows or hunts for -- or, you know,
12 gets it all from the land, and I don't know it's just a
13 fun, educational experience to see it a little
14 different than Alaska.

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16 And I will leave you guys with that.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Alrighty, thank
19 you, Aaron.

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21 John, you want to go ahead. John
22 Whissel.

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24 MR. WHISSEL: Yes, Mr. Chair, thank
25 you. Apologize for the noise. I have three dogs,
26 they're all wrestling right now, they just decided to
27 rumble so I'm going to choose not to stop them and talk
28 to you guys instead.

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30 Go lay down.

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32 Okay, that wasn't for you, that was for
33 the dogs.

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35 Cordova has had a fairly normalish
36 winter. We had -- I think I reported on the coho
37 harvest being sort of low this year and pretty low
38 sportfishing pressure but coho remain a concern. I
39 don't think anybody's super comfortable with the number
40 of fish that we're getting to escape into the Delta.

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42 The deer harvest here seems patchy. I
43 think some folks found some deer and did pretty well,
44 other folks had some trouble. I hunted four times this
45 year and I didn't connect once, so that's not too
46 common, although I didn't get a chance to hunt when the
47 snow flew. And, you know, I honestly think that we
48 need to continue to tweak the deer season a little bit
49 to try to make it so that folks have a better
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1 opportunity as long as the herd is there to support it,
2 and we'll talk about that later.

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4 There seem to be some crabs around, and
5 that's good. There's been a test fishery for golden
6 king crab in Prince William Sound, which, I think,
7 anecdotally when pretty well, but I haven't seen the
8 data on it. That's really hopeful for everybody and
9 there's been some talk of sea cucumber harvest.

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11 Other than that, what I can say about
12 the winter has been the weather and something like a
13 sort of normalish winter. We've had quite a bit of
14 snow, it's sort of come and gone. We don't have a huge
15 giant snow pack down low at the coast, but the
16 mountains are holding a fair amount of snow, and that's
17 really good. That, coupled with a bunch of big storms
18 has us, again, having a second winter in a row where
19 we're going to have likely plenty of water in the
20 streams and we're going to have a churned up Pacific
21 Ocean, which is really good for our fish. You get --
22 you know, we've talked about it before, but you get the
23 wind and the storms churn up the surface water with the
24 lower layers and that reduces your sea surface
25 temperature and then you get, you know, plenty of snow
26 pack to melt through the summer and that's good for
27 your streams so we're really hopeful that the lower
28 abundant salmon runs we've seen in the past couple of
29 years are going to get replaced by a strong crop from
30 these big good winters we've had.

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32 So that's it, thanks.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you,
35 John, good report.

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37 Next, I don't know if Paula joined us
38 yet, but she may not have until this afternoon, I
39 understand so, Paula, are you out there.

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41 (No comments)

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, I'm going
44 to give you my report to the Council just from the
45 Council member report, not the Chair's report.

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47 But the report here from Ninilchik is
48 it's been kind of a good winter. I mean we had snow
49 this morning, we had a fair amount of snow, not a lot,
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1 but it's been cooler temperatures, kind of normal.
2 There are people out doing some trapping and stuff, we
3 don't have much winter hunting. Wolves are down a
4 little bit, that's probably they got thinned out a
5 little bit.

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7 But moose seem to be doing pretty good,
8 still seeing a lot of moose around, still holding their
9 own pretty good.

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11 A lot of people still doing the winter
12 fishery and the State off of Homer, and winter kings,
13 so I get a taste of those now and then. They've been
14 pretty good holding on so far.

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16 Not a lot since October, not a lot to
17 report on Ninilchik. I know that later on Darrell will
18 be one and he'll give a report maybe on -- from the
19 Council side of view of it and give us a report what
20 they've been up to for the Ninilchik area.

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22 But I don't have a lot there, I do have
23 stuff on my Chair's report next, but if you got any
24 questions or any Council members, on their reports, now
25 would be the time to ask.

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
30 Okay, thank you, Council members that's good reports
31 and if Paula wants to speak this afternoon we'll
32 certainly make room for that.

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34 The Chair's report.

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36 I have a fair amount of stuff to report
37 but most of it's going to be intertwined with the
38 agenda today. I did attend the Federal Subsistence
39 Board meeting back January 26th through 29th, most of
40 those days. Will give you a report on the outcome of
41 our proposals that we submitted to them.

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43 It was a fairly long meeting. A lot of
44 stuff went on there. I won't get into the exact
45 details now, I'm going to have DeAnna give a report on
46 some of that on the results of the Federal meeting.

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49 participants not muted)

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Anyway, I hear
2 somebody in the background.

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4 Ken, I see you're on today and I've got
5 Ken Gates, he's the -- we did get to meet with -- he's
6 our local fish and wildlife guy, now, took over here on
7 the Kenai and so we had a good meeting with him and
8 Andy Loranger, we meet with the Council, we had a
9 personal meeting so that was good.

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11 So on the Chair's report, one of the
12 things that happened was our proposal, and we'll be
13 getting into it a little later on the Cordova dipnet
14 fishery, 21-10, that was referred back to the Councils,
15 to our Council and to Eastern Interior Council. And we
16 will take a look at having a joint meeting and come up
17 with a compromise or a plan going forward, is what I
18 believe we were instructed to do. I did talk, as
19 Chairs, we had it set up and I did talk with Sue, she's
20 going to be available, Entsminger, from Eastern
21 Interior, she'll be available to call and give us her
22 side this afternoon, and basically we had a very good
23 conversation and we're hoping that we could request the
24 Federal Board to set up a joint meeting this fall or as
25 soon as possible and maybe see if we can't get working
26 on this issue. So that'll be an issue coming up for
27 the Council in the future here and we'll get into more
28 detail as we go on.

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30 DeAnna, is there anything on the
31 Chair's report that I need to report that I'm missing
32 here from the meetings.

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34 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. I think we will
35 be going over most of that when we get into the State
36 proposals, because many of the Federal proposals the
37 Board had in front of them and that the Council made
38 recommendations on we'll be visiting that when we get
39 into looking at the comparable State proposals.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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43 MS. PERRY: I would ask that.....

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I think you're
46 right. So I'm going to leave it at that and then we're
47 just going to go ahead and move on with the agenda
48 unless you have any questions for me.

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1 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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5 MS. PERRY: We neglected at the
6 beginning when we were looking at our agenda and
7 approving it, I think we were going to add a discussion
8 on the FP21-10, the Copper River dipnet proposal, we
9 were going to add that on to our agenda as a formal
10 item, and I think we were going to put it under old
11 business in 10E.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I got it
14 highlighted and I put it on my agenda here but we
15 didn't get the Council to approve it, sorry. So
16 Council members, if there's no objection can we put --
17 add 10E, 21-10, under old business.

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19 (No objection)

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: And I'm going to
22 ask for unanimous consent for adding that on there.

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24 All in favor of it.

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26 IN UNISON: Yes.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed to
29 doing that.

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31 (No opposing votes)

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, good catch,
34 DeAnna. And I had it all here highlighted, in fact I
35 got it on my agenda 21-10, 10E, but we didn't put it on
36 there.

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38 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we'll
41 discuss that at the appropriate time.

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43 MS. PERRY: Great, thanks.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, thank you.
46 Okay, next, just public and tribal comments on
47 nonagenda items, available every morning and, DeAnna,
48 did you want to talk on that.

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1 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Mr. Chair, this is
2 Aaron. I had one more thing I forgot to mention during
3 my report, if I may.

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5 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sure.

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7 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, actually the
8 first thing I had on my list I forgot to mention. But
9 I'm going to be leaving you guys after this meeting,
10 I'm not going to reapply. I've been appointed to the
11 Big Game Commercial Services Board as one of the two
12 guide representatives. And for those that don't know,
13 the Big Game Commercial Services Board regulates Alaska
14 hunting guides, transporters, anything that has
15 anything to do with big game and commercial use. So
16 I've valued this, you know, this system and experienced
17 quite bit, and I intend to stay involved and testify
18 with you guys, since there's, you know, little or no
19 communication between the Federal Subsistence System
20 and the Commercial Services Board, although the
21 Commercial Services Board has a ton of communication
22 with Federal agencies when it comes to guide issues. I
23 think there's an important aspect to guiding in rural
24 communities and I'll probably try to take a bit of a
25 liaison, you know, unofficial type of situation, where
26 I'll come and talk to RACs.

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28 Anyways, I just forgot to mention that
29 and I thought people should know.

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31 Thanks.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, thank you,
34 Aaron, I did get your note on that and I wasn't sure if
35 that was going to be the case. But we appreciate your
36 input and your good work on the Council. So we'll be
37 looking forward to your continued involvement, but,
38 thank you.

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40 Okay. I'm going to go back on the
41 public tribal comment on nonagenda items available, and
42 we don't have a lot to deliberate on until we probably
43 get down the road but they're available each morning.

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45 DeAnna, did you have anything I need to
46 cover on that?

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48 MS. PERRY: Just encouraging anyone who
49 would like to provide public testimony, that you
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1 identify yourself and, again, please, go ahead and
2 spell your name, identify what community or
3 organization you are with so that we can capture that
4 for our transcript. You know, usually we have sign-in
5 sheets at our meetings and we see people come up to
6 testify, but in our virtual world, we would just, Mr.
7 Chair, open it up and see if anybody would like to
8 provide any public comment at this time.

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10 Thank you.

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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14 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, who's
17 speaking?

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19 MS. LINNELL: This is Karen Linnell
20 with the Ahtna InterTribal Resource Commission. We
21 represent seven, eight tribes, seven of which are on
22 the Copper River.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, you want to
25 speak to a nonagenda item, go ahead.

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27 MS. LINNELL: Yes, sir. On January
28 28th we received an email, this is after the Federal
29 Subsistence Board had met, regarding Fish Proposal --
30 we received an email from our local fisheries manager
31 with the 2021 Copper River salmon forecast.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh.

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35 MS. LINNELL: And in the email he said
36 the forecast is 37.4 percent below the most recent 10
37 year average. And we had been talking about the
38 decline and the lack of subsistence harvest, especially
39 on anywhere north of Glennallen, Gulkana, Gakona,
40 Chistochina and Slana. And in the last meeting
41 regarding, you know, we wanted to -- we opposed that
42 Chitina dipnet fishery and I know it's on the agenda so
43 I'm not going to speak to that too much right now, but
44 I -- and then he also, in his report says that the king
45 salmon forecast is about 37,000 total, which is 22.4
46 percent below the recent 10 year average.

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48 This is pretty alarming.

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1 And they do not expect to -- or plan
2 any pre-season restrictions at thispoint. This is a --
3 one of our biggest fears is that this is going to turn
4 into the Yukon and the Kuskokwim situation where we're
5 going to be restricting subsistence uses. So I'd be
6 happy to forward this email to DeAnna so that she can
7 share it with you folks, and the attached public
8 announcement. But this is his own words in this email.
9 And I just -- this is something that we've been talking
10 about for quite some time, that we're seeing a decline.
11 We're seeing a decline and our words aren't being
12 heeded by both the Federal Subsistence Board and the
13 Alaska Board of Fish. And so we're seeing this
14 happening, and we urge you to raise this concern to the
15 Federal Subsistence Board and to the Department of
16 Interior, that they do a more thorough and look at what
17 the -- what the management structure is like and how
18 are we -- what are we doing to ensure that we have
19 sustainable salmon stocks that this is -- so that the
20 salmon will be here for generations to come.

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22 We have put proposals forward under the
23 FRMP to do more research on escapement and other things
24 on the Copper River and have not been funded. I know
25 last year the Native Village of Eyak received an FRMP
26 grant to do a sonar project on the Klutina River, the
27 Klutina River, based on a previous radio telemetry
28 project carries 30 to 50 percent of the sockeye return,
29 and so we'd like to monitor that and make sure -- and
30 see what's happening there. But that doesn't -- that's
31 further south, or down stream.

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33 Last summer, I had the duty of watching
34 the fishwheels in Chistochina, four of them, four of
35 the five, one day checking them and distributing the
36 fish for the elders there, in four fishwheels we got 40
37 fish and four kings. Totally -- totally unheard of.
38 Where we would usually get -- we can get anywhere from
39 30, 40 fish in one fishwheel, for the entire season I
40 got 66 sockeye and 16 kings. And because of such a low
41 return I shut my wheel off to ensure that there's
42 escapement. Such a low return is just unheard of. And
43 this limits -- I provide for my parents who are in
44 their mid-80s, I provide for my sisters, I provide for
45 my children and my grandchildren, I provide for my
46 uncle, and cousins who aren't busy working and taking
47 care of their families and unable to come to the
48 fishcamp. And this year I didn't have very much to
49 share with them.

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1 And so I urge you to request and make
2 the Copper River a priority on this FRMP projects, that
3 we find out more data on this river. We have a manager
4 who's told us multiple times on the State side that
5 even if he had more data he wouldn't use it. Well,
6 that's what they told the Native Village of Eyak when
7 they were trying to do their mark/recapture project on
8 the chinook, and now they're counting on that
9 information. And so I, once, again, urge you to
10 support collecting more data on the Copper River, as
11 mentioned by one of the Board members on the Federal
12 Subsistence Board in that January meeting that you were
13 at Mr. Chair.

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15 And I thank you so much for your time
16 and opportunity to speak to you. And, Aaron,
17 congratulations on your new appointment. I know you'll
18 do well there.

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20 Thank you so much, Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Karen.
23 Yes, that's a lot there, Karen, we'll definitely be
24 addressing some of those issues as we move forward
25 here. But we know it's a very challenging and very
26 serious issue. When we get into some of these
27 proposals of the State, maybe we can make some
28 recommendations.

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30 Okay, is there any.....

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32 MS. LINNELL: I am forwarding.....

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:other public
35 testimony or comments on nonagenda items at this time.

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37 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair. I am
38 forwarding that email to DeAnna right now so that she
39 can get it to you folks.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
42 Thank you, Karen. Any other testimony on nonagenda
43 items.

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45 MR. OPHEIM: Hey, Greg, this is Michael
46 in Seldovia.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hey, Michael,
49 good to hear you, how you doing.

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1 MR. OPHEIM: Not too bad. For the
2 record my name is Michael Opheim, O-P-H-E-I-M. And I'm
3 representing Seldovia Village Tribe, Community of
4 Seldovia. Just wanted to give a little update on our
5 little community here.

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7 You know we've had a bit of a scare
8 this winter with ADF&G wanting to pull our king salmon
9 fishery from the area and take it to Homer, this would
10 have been pretty detrimental to the community. It's a
11 big economic boost for the community. It's also a
12 place where people get their fish for the winter and
13 feed their families so it would have been pretty tough.
14 There was a large letter writing campaign. We were
15 able to, hopefully, save the run for a little while.
16 So we're looking forward to that continuing, working
17 with Fish and Game and trying to, you know, get the
18 fish to stay here. So that was a bit of work this
19 year. We met with our AC and the AC, I hear, wrote a
20 letter as well in support of the fishery staying here,
21 the tribe did, lots of community members so that was
22 good.

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24 Got lots of critters moving around here
25 this winter. We now have snow and a little bit of
26 cold, but back when it was raining and wet we had some
27 black bear moving about, people were a bit concerned
28 about that but we tried to assure them that they would
29 go back and find a nice cozy place to rest once that
30 cold weather came back and some snow.

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32 We've got moose moving around, which is
33 good. Some small moose. Some cows with calves. So
34 pretty happy to see all that.

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36 Lots of rabbits around so we have a few
37 more coyotes and wolves cruising around. We have had
38 some wolves pretty close to the community and I think
39 those have moved on now, haven't had any reports on
40 those for awhile.

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42 I don't know how the goat hunt ended,
43 Jason with Fish and Game might have some numbers for
44 that, how that went this year.

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46 We only tagged probably six or eight
47 bears this year and we had probably had three poached
48 or just killed, so hopefully we can get that
49 straightened out.

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1 Then no otters tagged this year.

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3 We did have ducks show up here in good
4 numbers so some guys got some ducks, that was good.
5 Good numbers here for those.

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7 And we'll be -- at the tribe here,
8 we'll be starting a herring project to see if we can't
9 do something to bring our herring back in a little bit
10 larger numbers. It's a great resource, a lot of people
11 miss having it in their diet and then, you know,
12 there's a small run but not one that's -- that would
13 sustain a large harvest.

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15 And then also continuing our silver
16 salmon project, we'll be hopefully able to run our
17 moist air incubator and get some silvers to be a little
18 more sustained in the area as well.

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20 So that's kind of what I've got here.

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22 Some nice weather. Snowing today,
23 blowing, looks good.

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25 I hope you guys have a good meeting.

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27 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, thank you,
28 Michael. Good to hear you and good report and keeping
29 us in check. I guess we're still waiting to see what
30 the total outcome is of our appointments are too, so we
31 might -- we're going to discuss that a little later in
32 the meeting, but, thanks, good to hear you.

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34 Is there any other public comments on
35 nonagenda items.

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37 (No comments)

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39 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. We're
40 going to go ahead and move on and that'll be available
41 each morning but I'm hoping that we'll be able to wrap
42 this up today but who knows.

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44 Okay, we're going to move on to old
45 business, and we've got nonrural determination process,
46 update. Robbin, do you want to go ahead and lead us
47 through that, give us your update.

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49 MS. LAVINE: Yeah, absolutely. Thank

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1 you, Mr. Chair. Members of the Council. Can you hear
2 me?

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CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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7 MS. LAVINE: Great. So for the record
8 my name is Robbin LaVine, and I'm an anthropologist at
9 OSM in the Southcentral region. I'm going to present
10 you with a brief update on the 2021 nonrural
11 determination regulatory cycle, where we're at in the
12 cycle timeline, outcomes from the recent Board decision
13 on RP19-01, and next steps before a new cycle begins in
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For those of you listening in, you can
find the 2021 nonrural timeline, I'll be referring to
that on Page 15 of the Council books. For those of you
on Teams, you can see it on your screen. So this is
not an action item.

So as you know, we just completed all
work associated with our very first nonrural proposal,
RP19-01 during the Board session. The Board took
action rescinding the nonrural status for the community
of Moose Pass. So this allows residents of Moose Pass
to participate in Federal subsistence harvest
opportunities that are open to all rural residents. So
the next step for Moose Pass is they will need to have
their customary and traditional uses recognized for
some specific resources in their area. So you may see --
we may see some proposals submitted during this
wildlife cycle.

We're going to be -- we have an
opportunity to review the policy. So in preparation
for the next nonrural regulatory cycle, which begins
next year, 2022, we may review the policy for ease of
administration. We can take another look at the
timeline because many people have expressed concern
that four years is kind of a long time. But some of
the highlights of the policy that I'd like to bring
your attention to you that have been helpful. If you
look at the graphic you can see points throughout that
cycle with texts that is in bold. And these are points
of Council participation. And that's for the threshold
review, receiving input and guidance from the Council
on regional characteristics, so that would be like what
the analysis should look like or what the analysis
should include, and that's going to be specific to each

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1 region, not just, you know, how things rolled out in
2 Southcentral. It's going to look different in other
3 parts of the state. And then you can see, finally,
4 Councils provide a final recommendation and input on
5 the analysis. I also want to point out the importance
6 of the public hearing. The public testimony that
7 occurred at the hearings and all along the way
8 throughout Council meetings was really helpful and it
9 really populated and provided a lot of information into
10 the analysis itself.

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12 Going forward, any changes made to the
13 policy would be intended to clarify language and Board
14 intent, if any modifications to the policy are made
15 it's not going to be a huge change in really, yeah, the
16 intent of the policy but will bring the policy back to
17 you with any highlighted changes at this fall meeting
18 for Council comment.

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20 And, with that, we're done.

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22 I'm here to take your questions.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, very good.
25 Good report Robbin. Any questions, Council members,
26 anything you want her to explain more or are we good.

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28 MS. STICKWAN: I would like her to
29 explain, four years is too long.

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31 MS. LAVINE: Please, hello, through the
32 Chair, was that Gloria, and Gloria could you restate
33 your question.

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35 MS. STICKWAN: This is Gloria. I was
36 just wondering what you meant, four years is too long.
37 Is that part of the process to shorten that up?

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39 MS. LAVINE: Thank you for that
40 question, Gloria. Through the Chair. This is
41 something we've heard from different people throughout
42 the process that have expressed concern that four years
43 might be too long a time to wait for people submitting
44 a proposal. It doesn't come from OSM, certainly we
45 recognize that it's a lengthy process. But, again, as
46 I pointed out, it has allowed multiple opportunities
47 for Council input and for public participation and
48 testimony. And from my experience, you know, and from
49 this very first time taking this policy for a test
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1 drive, those opportunities for Council guidance and
2 public testimony takes time. It takes time. So I'm
3 recognizing that people have been frustrated with how
4 long this process has taken. I'm also recognizing how
5 useful it has been to coming up with a really good
6 analysis with multiple levels of review, and in order
7 to support the Board in making a really informed
8 decision.

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10 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,
13 Robbin. Did that answer your question, Gloria.

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15 MS. STICKWAN: Kind of, not really. I
16 was just wondering if they were trying to shorten it up
17 somehow and make it so it would be less than four
18 years, was what I was trying to get at.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Robbin, do
21 you want to tackle that.

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23 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
24 Gloria. I don't think we're -- I don't think that's an
25 intention. Again, we are just looking for feedback and
26 if there was an effort to shorten it, I don't think
27 it'd be by much. But we'll see. I think that
28 everybody who's participated in this process has an
29 opportunity to provide some feedback. You all have an
30 opportunity to provide your thoughts and feedback. I'm
31 happy to take notes now. And we'll be discussing this
32 issue again with you this fall.

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34 Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you. Okay,
37 any other questions for Robbin.

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39 (No comments)

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you,
42 Robbin. I got next here, update on National Park
43 Service individual C&T determinations.

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45 MS. FLOREY: Yes, hi, Mr. Chair, this
46 is Victoria Florey, National Park Service.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Victoria, first I
49 got to say congratulations to you. I didn't get a

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1 chance to say that. I was kind of shocked when they
2 came out and told me that you had got the job but I
3 heard it at the Federal Board meeting, but, welcome.
4 Go right ahead with your report.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MS. FLOREY: Thank you. Appreciate
9 that. So good morning, Mr. Chair and Council members.
10 For the record my name is Victoria Florey, and I'm a
11 Subsistence Program Analyst with the National Park
12 Service's Regional Subsistence Team. Today I am here
13 to report on recent decisions made by the Federal
14 Subsistence Board on the process used to make customary
15 and traditional use determinations for individuals.

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17 So before I start talking about these
18 recent decisions, I just wanted to remind everybody
19 that individual C&Ts and these recent Board decisions
20 will not in any way impact your ability to fish, hunt,
21 trap or gather resources. These changes to the
22 individual C&T make the whole process easier and faster
23 for the applicant. It became more streamlined. We
24 didn't want Federal qualified subsistence users waiting
25 for years to be eligible to go hunt and fish on Park
26 lands, so that's why the Board modified these steps.
27 We are simply now reporting to you what actions the
28 Board took. This isn't something that you need to vote
29 on.

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31 So I will explain the adopted process
32 to you here following a short introduction to
33 individual C&Ts. Again, no action on your end is
34 required, but, however, we would appreciate your
35 feedback on the process adopted by the Federal
36 Subsistence Board.

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38 You might recall that NPS Staff offered
39 a lengthy presentation on this issue at your fall
40 meeting. As a reminder, individual customary and
41 traditional use determinations are rare. Less than a
42 dozen have been made in the history of the program, and
43 fewer than 10 in the last 40 years. And eligibility to
44 hunt and trap in National Parks and National Monuments
45 is a rather complex process compared to other Federal
46 public lands. Almost all customary and traditional use
47 determinations are for communities and areas, and not
48 individuals. So last fall we asked all 10 Subsistence
49 Regional Advisory Councils and the seven Park

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1 Subsistence Resource Commissions for feedback. We
2 incorporated the feedback into our proposed process and
3 this is what was adopted by the Federal Subsistence
4 Board at its January 2021 meeting.

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6 So the revised process includes two
7 critical recommendations made by the RACs and the SRCs.

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9 First, that there was no delegation of
10 authority to NPS. The Federal Subsistence Board will
11 retain the final decisionmaking authority.

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13 Second, the process now includes a
14 formal recommendation from both the affected RACs and
15 the affected SRC.

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17 Perhaps the biggest change is that the
18 process is no longer tied to a lengthy regulatory
19 proposal cycle. Instead, the application window is
20 open continuously and once the RACs and SRCs have
21 weighed in, the Board will take action on the request
22 at its next public meeting. This accomplishes an
23 important goal of being able to process applications in
24 a timely manner.

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26 So many of the RACs and SRCs voted to
27 defer action until they had more time to study this
28 issue. However, the Federal Subsistence Board already
29 took action to improve the process, the Board still
30 welcomes any feedback that you might have for further
31 improvement, either now or at any point in the future.
32 Ultimately the National Park Service and the Federal
33 Subsistence Board just want this process to be as
34 streamlined and responsive as possible.

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36 Thank you for your time, and I am happy
37 to answer any questions you have. And if you have any
38 feedback for the Board I am happy to deliver that as
39 well.

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41 And then, next, Amy Craver, the
42 Subsistence Manager and Cultural Anthropologist for
43 Denali National Park and Preserve will present on the
44 individual C&T for Blaine Mayo.

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46 Thank you.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you.

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1 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, this
2 is DeAnna.

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5 (No comments)

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7 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, can you hear me,
8 this is DeAnna.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I could
11 hear you.

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13 MS. PERRY: Oh, okay, thank you. I
14 just wanted to remind the Council members that the
15 materials on what was just discussed as well as the
16 Blaine Mayo documentation was sent to the Council by
17 email on Friday. That is not in your meeting books but
18 I just wanted to let folks know that that's in their
19 email from Friday from me, just in case they wanted to
20 pull that up and have it in front of them during this
21 discussion.

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23 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
26 Okay, is there any questions for Victoria before we go
27 to the next step here.

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29 (No comments)

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31 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, we'll go
32 ahead and move on with the presentation, go ahead.

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34 MS. CRAVER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and
35 members of the Council. For the record this is Amy
36 Craver and I'm the Cultural Anthropologist and
37 Subsistence Manager at Denali National Park. And as
38 you've already heard, the Federal Subsistence Board has
39 adopted policy on.....

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41 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair,
42 I'm sorry, but we're getting some background noise from
43 somebody and we can barely hear the presenter.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I'm getting
46 it also. Could whoever is not presenting mute your
47 phones please.

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49 (Pause)

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, it's been
2 quite for a minute, go ahead Amy and let's see if
3 that's better.

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5 MS. CRAVER: Okay, thank you. So as
6 you've already heard the Federal Subsistence Board has
7 revised its policy on individual customary and
8 traditional use determinations. Under the new policy
9 proposals can be submitted at any time.

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11 On February 5th, 2021, the National
12 Park Service received a proposal to add five
13 individuals from a single household for customary and
14 traditional use determination for moose in Unit 13E.
15 The names of the individuals are Blaine Mayo, Tracy
16 Mayo, Owen Mayo, Adelynn Mayo and Ryland Mayo. Blaine
17 Mayo, as the head of the household, requested a C&T use
18 determination for himself for moose in 13E in 2019.
19 Under the Federal Subsistence Board's previous policy a
20 proponent for an individual C&T needed to possess a
21 National Park Service 13440 subsistence eligibility
22 permit at the time of the application or live in a
23 resident zone community of the Park that he or she
24 seeks determination within. Mr. Mayo did not live in a
25 resident zone community nor did he have the requisite
26 subsistence eligibility permit. His application,
27 however, did reveal some complications with the Board's
28 policy and triggered the revision that is in effect
29 today.

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31 The Mayo family is originally from
32 Cantwell, a resident zone community for Denali National
33 Park. Several generations of his family have exhibited
34 an extensive pattern of subsistence use of moose in
35 13E. And they have long maintained a hunting camp in
36 the proximity of the Park's boundaries. In 2018 the
37 family moved to Healy. While this community is in the
38 proximity to the Park it's not a resident zone
39 community, nor is Healy included in the existing
40 customary and traditional use determination for moose
41 in 13E. The Mayo family intends to continue their
42 pattern of subsistence use of moose in Unit 13E and,
43 thus, seeking this individual C&T determination.
44 Blaine Mayo's brother, Kevin Mayo, also resides in
45 Healy was granted an individual C&T determination for
46 moose in 13E in 2010. Blaine Mayo and his household
47 now possess a National Park Service 13440 subsistence
48 eligibility permit for Denali National Park. The
49 proponents have provided substantial information
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1 regarding their family's customary and traditional use
2 of moose that exemplifies the eight factors for
3 customary and traditional use determinations. As
4 evidenced in the analysis, this family exhibits a clear
5 long-term and consistent pattern of use of moose in
6 13E. This pattern has been repeated for many years
7 through several generations. Method and means are
8 characterized by efficiency, economy and effort and
9 cost based on local characteristics. The pattern is
10 consistent with past method and means of harvest at or
11 near the family's hunting camp within the unit in
12 question. Knowledge and handling, preparing,
13 preserving and storing moose meat is shared among and
14 between generations as is the knowledge of skills and
15 values associated with hunting moose in the area.
16 Moose meat is regularly shared with the family and
17 within the broader Cantwell and Healy communities. The
18 proponents demonstrate a pattern of use that relates to
19 the reliance on a wide diversity of wild foods that
20 provide the family with cultural, economic, social and
21 nutritional benefits. Furthermore, this family's
22 pattern of use is also evidenced through the Federal
23 Subsistence Board's previous determination for Blaine
24 Mayo's brother, Kevin Mayo, in 2010.

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26 For these reasons there appears to be
27 substantial evidence to support the issuance of an
28 individual customary and traditional use determination
29 for the proponent, all members of the household, and
30 the nuclear family unit.

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32 As per the Federal Subsistence Board's
33 revised policy, the next step is for the affected
34 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and Park
35 Subsistence Resource Commission to offer formal
36 recommendations on this matter. This is why I'm
37 speaking to you today.

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39 This is an action item for your Council
40 and Commission, and I'm happy to answer any questions
41 that you have.

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43 And I would like to say the Denali
44 Subsistence Resource Commission met yesterday and they
45 unanimously supported this individual C&T for Mr. Mayo.

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47 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Alrighty, thank
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1 you, Amy. So we got an action item here you're saying.

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3 MS. CRAVER: Yes.

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5 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Does
6 someone want to make a motion.

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8 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
11 DeAnna.

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13 MS. PERRY: I might be able to.....

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Verify that.

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17 MS. PERRY:you get underway here.
18 So we are looking for a motion to either determine
19 there is sufficient evidence to support an individual
20 customary and traditional use determination for Mr.
21 Mayo's family or there is not sufficient evidence to
22 support that determination. So just wanted to offer
23 that to get us started. Again, it is an action item on
24 the individual customary and traditional use
25 determination for moose in Unit 13E and areas managed
26 by the National Park Service where subsistence uses are
27 allowed. Customary and traditional use determinations,
28 again, may be made on an individual basis.

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30 So I don't know if that's of any help
31 to get us started but, again, we're looking at if
32 there's a motion for sufficient evidence to support
33 that determination or there's not.

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35 Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well,
38 thanks for clearing it up, I mean that's what I was
39 trying to get at, but that's great, thank you.

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41 So all we need is a motion whether we
42 feel that we have evidence the Mayos or not, I guess,
43 and that needs to come from the RAC. So I think a
44 simple motion by anyone on the RAC, seconded, duly
45 voted upon will do.

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47 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair, this is John
48 Whissel. I'll move to support the individual customary
49 and traditional use determination.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: John, thank you.
2 Is there a second.

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4 MR. HOLSTEN: Yeah, this is Ed.....

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6 MS. CLAUS: This is Donna, I will
7 second that.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Donna.
10 Discussion.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing none, all
15 in favor of the motion to support signify by saying
16 aye.

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18 IN UNISON: Aye.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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22 (No opposing votes)

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: We have our
25 support. Will that be sufficient DeAnna.

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27 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. As with all
28 actions, if we could have a short justification.
29 Perhaps Mr. Whissel could provide a quick justification
30 for that.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, if not, I
33 will. But, anyway, go ahead, John, do you want to give
34 your justification to your motion, please.

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36 MR. WHISSEL: Certainly. It's clear
37 that this request meets the criteria for an individual
38 customary and traditional use determination. And I
39 don't see any reason why we wouldn't support it.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you. Is
42 that good enough.

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44 MR. WHISSEL: Sorry about the double
45 negative there.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: All right.

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49 MS. PERRY: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair, was
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1 that a question to me, I kind of loss you in some
2 shuffle. If I could remind everyone to star six to
3 mute your phones. I think maybe somebody has a speaker
4 phone on and they're shuffling some papers.....

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6 REPORTER: Or snow.

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8 MS. PERRY:and it's hard for me
9 to hear. So, Mr. Chair, did you have a question for
10 me?

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: No, I just wanted
13 to make sure that was sufficient, his justification,
14 and I believe it is.

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16 MS. PERRY: Yes, thank you very much.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
19 And so that was affirmative, and I had no opposed.

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21 Okay, can we go on to Denali
22 Subsistence Resource Commission appointment.

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24 MS. CRAVER: Okay. This is Amy Craver
25 again with Denali National Park, Mr. Chair. So I'm
26 just hear to give you an update on the status of the
27 two Southcentral Regional Advisory Council appointments
28 to the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission.

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30 One of the Southcentral RAC
31 appointments to the Denali SRC is Justin Mason, who you
32 appointed, I think a year ago, and we just received a
33 new application for the second Southcentral RAC
34 appointment. And before I go over the application, I
35 just want to present a little bit of background
36 information to the RAC about the Denali SRC.

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38 And the purpose of the Commission is to
39 advise and to recommend to the Governor and to the
40 Secretary of Interior a Program for subsistence hunting
41 within Denali National Park. The Commission Hunting
42 Program recommendations may address major topics
43 related to management of subsistence such as access,
44 customary and traditional use determinations,
45 eligibility, season and harvest limits, method and
46 means, traditional use areas, trapping, customary
47 trade, cabin use and research. After consultation with
48 appropriate local Advisory Committees and Regional
49 Councils, the recommendations of the Commission are
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1 conveyed directly to the Secretary of the Interior and
2 to the Governor. The Denali Subsistence Resource
3 Commission is comprised of nine local rural residents
4 representing geographic, cultural and user diversity
5 from within the region. Each of the members terms on
6 the Commission is for three years unless they resign or
7 they are removed for cause by appointing source.

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9 The Southcentral RAC appoints two
10 members to the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission.
11 Each of these members is either a member of the
12 Regional Advisory Council or the Southcentral RAC [sic]
13 and they have to engage and be a qualified subsistence
14 user in Denali National Park.

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16 And so the one application that we have
17 is Caleb Holum and he was just recently appointed to
18 the Regional Advisory Committee -- the Denali Regional
19 Advisory Committee, and so now he serves as the Vice
20 Chair of the Denali Fish and Game Advisory and in his
21 application that he submitted, and I'm just going to
22 quote what he put on his application. I've hunted and
23 fished since I was a child growing up in Oregon. It is
24 a way of life for me and my family. As subsistence
25 users we hunt moose, caribou and bear. My family picks
26 berries and fireweed for jelly. We rely on hunting and
27 fishing for the bulk of our meat. As we -- as a
28 family, we camp, hike, ATV and raft in this area and
29 want to promote that right for future generations. And
30 then he's got two local Cantwell people for his
31 references. And I -- actually I didn't go back into
32 the records but he's been routinely applying for moose
33 and caribou permits probably for the last 10 years, him
34 and his family.

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36 And I'll take any questions.

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38 Thank you, Mr. Chair and Council
39 members.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Amy, are we
42 supposed to approve this or is this just from the
43 Commission?

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45 MS. CRAVER: This would be another
46 action, whether or not you want to support his
47 application as the Southcentral Regional Advisory
48 Council to the Denali SRC.

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1 MS. STICKWAN: I have a question.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Gloria.

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5 MS. STICKWAN: Could you spell his last
6 name, his name is Caleb what?

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: H-O-L-U-M is what
9 I see.

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11 MS. CRAVER: Yeah.

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13 MS. STICKWAN: What is that again?

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: H-O-L-U-M.

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17 MS. STICKWAN: And is he from Cantwell?

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19 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Cantwell is his
20 home address, yes.

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22 MS. STICKWAN: Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh.

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26 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, it's up to
29 the Council if they wish to appoint him or not and, if
30 so, we would need a motion.

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32 MS. STICKWAN: Didn't we put forward a
33 recommendation previously and then we had another
34 applicant, so can we go back to the original
35 recommendation and see if there's any justification for
36 that.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, Amy, could
39 you clear that up, did we have another -- I thought we
40 were short one, we didn't have one, but, anyway, go
41 ahead and clarify, do we have another one in the cue or
42 not?

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44 MS. CRAVER: Okay. So when I met with
45 -- when we had our previous meeting we didn't have any
46 applicants for the Southcentral RAC appointment to
47 Denali SRC. And, partly, that was because the local
48 Denali Advisory Council hadn't met for a couple of
49 years and I kind of polled everybody and nobody was

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1 interested. So since the last Southcentral RAC
2 meeting, the local AC did meet and now they've got --
3 and so Caleb's like a new person, Vice Chair on the
4 local Advisory Committee, and then he has put in an
5 application. And so this is a new application because
6 we didn't have any interested people that were
7 qualified at the last meeting.

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9 MS. STICKWAN: Okay. I'll make a
10 motion to have the Denali SRC be Caleb, I believe his
11 last name is, Holum.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, okay. Is
14 there a second to that.

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16 MS. TOTEMOFF: This is Angela Totemoff,
17 I second.

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19 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Angela, second,
20 okay, thank you. Any discussion by the Council.

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22 (No comments)

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing no
25 discussion, all in favor of appointing Caleb Holum,
26 aye.

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28 IN UNISON: Aye.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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32 (No opposing votes)

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, so carries
35 unanimous. Okay, thank you, Amy, I think we got it
36 square. Thanks.

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38 MS. CRAVER: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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42 MS. CRAVER: Appreciate it.

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Who's there?

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46 (No comments)

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I heard someone
49 request the Chair.

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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Did we lose you?

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5 (No comments)

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: DeAnna, can you
8 hear me?

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10 MS. PERRY: I'm here. I don't know who
11 that was, perhaps maybe it was a late vote.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, okay.

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15 MS. PERRY: I'm not sure.

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, it sounded
18 like they wanted to address but anyway it wasn't.
19 Okay. If there's no opposition then we'll go ahead --
20 was there anything else under that Denali Subsistence
21 Resource Commission?

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23 MS. PERRY: No, Mr. Chair. I put
24 together a letter and sent that out and I will do that
25 after this meeting.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
30 Okay, we're ready to move -- the next business is the
31 State Board of Fish proposals, and we put them in here
32 just so if we decide we want to comment or not, but how
33 about before we get into this let's take about five,
34 six, seven, minutes, and let's take until 11:00,
35 stretch, get some coffee or stretch your legs or do
36 whatever, and then let's get back right here promptly
37 at 11:00 and see if we can't move forward.

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39 Sound like a deal.

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41 IN UNISON: Affirmative.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I'll step
44 back in at 11:00.

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46 (Off record)

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48 (On record)

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Are we all
2 gathered again.

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4 MS. PERRY: DeAnna's here. Would you
5 like me to do a quick roll call of the Council members.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sure.

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9 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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11 Ed Holsten, are you back with us?

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13 MR. HOLSTEN: Here.

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15 MS. PERRY: Alrighty.

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17 Diane Selanoff.

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19 MS. SELANOFF: Here.

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21 MS. PERRY: Gloria Stickwan.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MS. PERRY: Gloria, are you with us
26 again?

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28 MS. STICKWAN: Yes, I'm here.

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30 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Gloria.

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32 Angela Totemoff.

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34 MS. TOTEMOFF: Here.

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36 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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38 Donna Claus.

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40 MS. CLAUS: Here.

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42 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Donna.

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44 Andy McLaughlin.

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46 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Here.

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48 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Andy.

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1 Aaron Bloomquist.

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3 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yes.

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5 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Aaron.

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7 John Whissel.

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9 MR. WHISSEL: Here.

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11 MS. PERRY: Thanks, John.

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13 And Paula Nicklie, have you joined us
14 yet?

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16 (No comments)

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18 MS. PERRY: Okay. Mr. Chair, you still
19 have a quorum, you have nine of your seated members
20 online currently.

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22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Good. One
25 thing, Council members, I overlooked. We had an FRMP
26 report under E, under new business we wanted to add, so
27 if there's no objection that's going to be added under
28 new business. And I don't know that I need a vote but
29 if you guys are all good with it we'll just go to that
30 report when we get to that point.

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32 MS. STICKWAN: Sorry, what's the report
33 again?

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: It's the FRMP
36 report, Fishery Resource Management Program.

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38 MS. STICKWAN: Thank you. And that's
39 under new business, okay.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Under new
42 business and number E.

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44 MS. STICKWAN: Thank you.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you. Anyone
47 else, if there's no problem we'll go ahead and just add
48 that in there.

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CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: DeAnna, I got a question for you. we didn't formally introduce Sue Detwiler, and she was maybe going to be on at 11:00, is she online?

MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. She was going to text me when she was available and I don't have anything from her yet so I believe she might still be in her meeting.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well, you just let us know when you can. And now we're going to ready to start on these State Board of Fish proposals. And, you know, we don't have to take action, we can take action, we can submit something. I don't know that we're going to get into debate them, we're not going through course of program, but if we want to comment to them. I do want to mention that, you know, the Alaska Board of Game and Fish postponed their regulatory meeting '21 cycle, '22 cycle. So DeAnna, I'm going to let you kind of give an overview of our request. We actually asked that you put these on for our agenda items this time and we would look at them so that's why they're there.

MR. BURCH: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

MR. BURCH: Hello, this is Mark Burch for the record.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh. Mark.

MR. BURCH: With the Department of Fish and Game. We understood that the fisheries topics would be taken up at 1:00 p.m., this afternoon, and many of our biologists are in another meeting and not available at this time. So that's for your information. We would be -- we hope to be, expect to be available at 1:00 p.m., if that would work for you, otherwise it's kind of up to you what you want to do.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, okay. Well, I don't want to hold the Council up. I want to

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1 see how much they want to debate them and then we could
2 certainly come back and ask all these questions at
3 1:00. But it's the wish of the Council. I think we
4 need to keep moving forward if we can.

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6 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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10 MS. PERRY: Yeah, this is DeAnna. We
11 did give Alaska Department of Fish and Game a time
12 certain to try to minimize the amount of time that
13 they're taken away from their normal work and we did
14 say 1:00 o'clock. We are progressing through our
15 agenda quicker, so might I suggest that we go ahead as
16 a Council and discuss what the action -- what the
17 Council might want to do on this agenda item and then I
18 can take note of any questions for biologists, and when
19 those biologists become available later this afternoon
20 we can certainly revisit that and possibly do that
21 before we have any vote, a final vote, that would be a
22 work around and that would still keep us moving through
23 our agenda.

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25 Mr. Chair.

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27 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. That was
28 my exact intention. So I just wanted to explain kind
29 of the reasoning why we're even looking at them. Never
30 as a RAC have had much comment on State proposals, but
31 it's kind of nice to have the opportunity. So we do
32 have the opportunity and I guess we'll get more from
33 the State at 1:00 on time and what they're going to do
34 on their proposals but it's up to the Councils and I
35 guess we could just start out, and we'll do like DeAnna
36 said, we'll talk about the proposals one at a time and
37 see if we want to even have comments to the State or
38 want to ask any questions when we get there at 1:00.

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40 So No. 6, I'm going to open it up and
41 that requires in-season reporting on subsistence
42 sportfish and personal use harvest and efforts. It's
43 kind of similar to 21-11 of ours.

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45 MS. PERRY: And, Mr. Chair, I don't
46 know if this might be helpful but I have Dave Sarafin
47 on the line as well and where many of these State
48 proposals are similar to Federal proposals that this
49 Council just made recommendations on, Dave is standing

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1 by to provide specific information if the Council wants
2 to know, you know, well, what did the Board do on 21-
3 11, I know I sent an email right after the Board
4 meeting, but if it would be helpful for us to provide
5 that information as we go into discussing that, we're
6 prepared to do so.

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8 Mr. Chair, however you and the Council
9 would like to proceed.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, whatever
12 information you want to provide would be prudent to
13 provide it before we debate it so if you or Dave want
14 to provide that information now would be good, on 6.

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16 MS. PERRY: Okay. And, again, just to
17 remind the Council, these are proposals that were
18 identified at the last meeting that were of interest to
19 this Council, again, mostly because many of them are
20 similar to Federal proposals. So we are looking -- of
21 course, we have the opportunity as a Council to provide
22 comments to the State and in your meeting books on Page
23 45, you'll see how the Wrangell-St. Elias SRC provides
24 written comment, and that's kind of as an example. So
25 if this Council does wish to make comment, I could
26 simply capture what your comment is and provide
27 something to the State that's similar to this. Again,
28 on Page 45.

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30 So to kick this off for those folks who
31 are on Teams and can see your screen, we're starting
32 with Proposal No. 6 and Dave Sarafin, if you are here,
33 perhaps I'll let you guide us through each of these
34 State proposals with kind of laying the foundation on
35 the similar Federal proposal and the Board action and
36 then we can start from there.

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38 Dave, are you available?

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40 MR. SARAFIN: Yes, I'm here. This is
41 Dave Sarafin, the Fisheries Biologist at Wrangell-St.
42 Elias. And so yeah I've -- you know, regarding the
43 State proposals they are, with the meeting still being
44 postponed, I don't think we have a specific date on
45 them, but these proposals are on record.

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47 And starting off, the first one,
48 Proposal 6 would require in-season reporting of
49 subsistence, sport and personal use harvest and effort.

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1 So we had a similar one with the
2 Federal Board actions where they did not adopt the
3 Federal and so this -- you know, if there's any
4 questions on this I could see what I could provide to
5 answer any questions so.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, any
8 questions on that. And, Dave, you said, just so the
9 Council hears, the Federal Board did not adopt that.

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11 MR. SARAFIN: Correct. The Federal
12 Board did not adopt.

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14 MS. CLAUS: Mr. Chairman, this is
15 Donna. Can I ask a question, please.

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sure, go ahead,
18 Donna.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Don't hear you,
23 Donna, but if you got a question, go ahead.

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25 MS. CLAUS: Oh, now, can you hear me
26 now?

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I hear you
29 now.

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31 MS. CLAUS: Okay. I was just wondering
32 if he could give us a synopsis about why or what things
33 were brought up, why the Federal did not adopt the ones
34 that were proposed to them.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I would say he
37 can but we want to make it very brief because that
38 could go on for days if we took all of these. There
39 was a lot of discussion on all these things. But if
40 you could, Dave, put in a general synopsis for her that
41 would be real helpful.

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43 MR. SARAFIN: Certainly. Yeah, I've
44 got a few justification notes. So part of it was that
45 there is no user friendly system in place to be able to
46 take in the reports. There's no -- it's, you know, no
47 online system and the amount of -- you know, Federally,
48 it would be calling in every time anyone attempted to
49 fish, to call in within three days for each individual
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1 fishing attempt. And that the, you know, the burden of
2 this may not be worth the value of the info gained.
3 You know that kind of relates to the Federal harvest
4 being only a small portion of the total harvest in the
5 upper river areas, you know, maybe 10 percent roughly
6 of the upper river harvest is Federal, and of the
7 entire harvest of Copper River stocks including
8 commercial, the Federal harvest may only be about two
9 percent. And, you know, also the main thing would be
10 the State management and their comments were that they
11 would prefer continuing to manage on in-season run
12 assessment tools that they have in place as well as,
13 you know, their means of looking at historical past
14 year harvest and patterns in harvest, especially in the
15 Chitina personal use fishery.

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17 And oh another issue, you know, was
18 anticipa -- presently we only have -- we have a pretty
19 low compliance with annual reporting requirements in
20 place, we typically only get 50 to 60 percent of the
21 Federal users that provide their season's harvest
22 report by the deadline so we would anticipate there'd
23 likely be a pretty high level of non-compliance with a
24 three day reporting and -- and there were concerns that
25 that could actually further reduce the annual reporting
26 on that -- associated with that.

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28 So it was recommended that, you know,
29 that to look into a personal program to establish a
30 means of getting, you know, in-season harvest data and
31 incorporating that into a management tool that could
32 also be used.

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34 So if there's any other questions I'm
35 available. That's a synopsis of justification from
36 what I had picked up on.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: A very good
39 synopsis. So Donna did that answer your question.

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41 MS. CLAUS: Boy that -- yes, Mr.
42 Chairman, that really, really helped me, thank you very
43 much.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: You bet. Okay,
46 well, anyone else a question on 6. Anyone want to hold
47 a comment and have DeAnna record it for when we talk
48 at.....

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1 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:1:00, if
4 not, we'll move on to the next one which.....

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6 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:is No.....

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10 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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12 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, I believe
13 Gloria's trying to speak.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, I can't
16 hear you. Gloria, you got to speak up, I don't see
17 hands, I don't hear you, go ahead Gloria.

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19 MS. STICKWAN: I was hoping we could
20 make comments on Proposal 6.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, sure go
23 ahead.

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25 MS. STICKWAN: The RAC supported this,
26 both RACs and Wrangell-St. Elias and it wasn't passed
27 but I do think it's -- it is needed for the upper
28 Copper River, commercial fisheries does it right now,
29 especially with the low run forecast this year and we
30 really need to have some kind of daily reporting for
31 the personal use, sportsfish to get a better handle on
32 what's going on with the fisheries -- so the upper
33 Copper River fisheries can be able to harvest fish this
34 summer. We had a hard time last year. And anything we
35 can do to help that, to get salmon migrating up the
36 Copper River and protect the fisheries, I think we
37 should write comments on to this proposal.

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39 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. The rest
40 of the Council members -- we could add Gloria's
41 comments. DeAnna, I imagine you got that recorded and
42 I'm sure that's pretty much in line with our comments
43 that they didn't approve but we could send them on.

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45 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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49 MR. WHISSEL: This is John Whissel. If

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1 it's appropriate right now, I know we're talking about
2 Proposal 6, but I just wanted to offer a general
3 comment about each of the proposals that we're going to
4 vote on here.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we're not
7 necessarily voting on them but we could add comments if
8 we want.

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10 MR. WHISSEL: Right. Right. Right.
11 That we're potentially commenting on. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,
12 14, 15, 16 are the proposals that we're potentially
13 going to comment on.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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17 MR. WHISSEL: I feel -- I would like to
18 generally make a comment on all of these proposals to
19 the Board of Fish that each of these regulations and
20 restrictions on the fishery were presented to us as
21 potential restrictions on the Federal subsistence
22 fishery and we would only be willing to consider any of
23 those restrictions after they've been adopted in the
24 State subsistence and personal use fisheries. I think
25 that might be a powerful message to sort of get them to
26 look at that seriously. But if I remember correctly,
27 and I'm sure it's in the minutes, that was this RAC's
28 position, was that we're not going to put -- we're
29 required to keep a meaningful preference for Federal
30 subsistence and while we think there are value to these
31 proposals, we can't put these restrictions in until
32 they're in place in lower priority fisheries.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I recall
35 that, and I think you've got a great point there, John.
36 So that could be an overall comment, for sure, DeAnna,
37 if you've got that, and we could make sure note of
38 Gloria's comment also, I guess.

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40 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Gloria.

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44 MS. STICKWAN: I would like to -- it's
45 not really a proposal, but on the Copper River Salmon
46 Management Plan, Fish and Game's proposing to lower the
47 sustainable escapement goal for king salmon, 21,000 to
48 31,000 [sic], I would like us to provide comments on
49 that.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I seen a
2 note in our backup information on that, some of it
3 their new projections and goals so we'll probably talk
4 about that, but that could be another note, DeAnna, if
5 you want to capture that.

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7 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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11 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair, this is John
12 Whissel again.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
15 John.

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17 MR. WHISSEL: I suppose I should make
18 one correction to what I just said because Proposal 6
19 should not be included in that list, I'm sorry, I added
20 that.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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24 MR. WHISSEL: We approved imposing more
25 rapid reporting despite it being a higher burden on
26 Federal subsistence users that other users don't have
27 to follow because it's such an important issue.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we did.

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31 MR. WHISSEL: So I think Proposal 6
32 should not.....

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: And the Federal
35 Board didn't.

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37 MR. WHISSEL:be part of my --
38 excuse me.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I believe we did
41 and the Federal Board did not approve it.

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43 MR. WHISSEL: I know, my point would be
44 that this -- I'm just talking about our action, but
45 this RAC actually did vote -- I said that we had voted
46 to not support any of those proposals because.....

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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1 MR. WHISSEL:it'd put the higher
2 burden on Federal users, but we did vote to support 6
3 and so maybe that should be -- in my previous comments,
4 maybe that should be cited separately, that's all.
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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we'll make
7 that correction, DeAnna, John noted 6, and I think we
8 understand what he's saying there, that was an
9 exemption to the rule there of 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15 or
10 16 [sic].
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12 MR. BURCH: Mr. Chair.
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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
15 who's this, Ed?
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17 MR. BURCH: This is Mark Burch with the
18 Department of Fish and Game.
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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yep.
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22 MR. BURCH: My understanding is that
23 Mark Somerville, the area biologist that manages for
24 the State is now online and can respond to questions if
25 you happen to have any.
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27 Thank you.
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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
30 Okay, we'll keep going and Mark you could listen in,
31 you'll get the questions at the end or whenever we're
32 ready here.
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34 DeAnna, we kind of got -- we were going
35 one by one and then we just got a blanket comment there
36 on those other ones so I think where we are, keep me in
37 line here, but we need to go back to.....
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39 (Teleconference interference -
40 participants not muted)
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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:No. 7 now.
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44 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, before we move
45 on to 7, I know that we're not doing proposals so we're
46 not going through like our proposal procedure.....
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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct.
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1 MS. PERRY:but I do have a member
2 of the public that did say she wanted to comment on
3 Proposal 6, so I will leave that up to you, you know,
4 it's not -- we're not going through our normal process
5 but I did want to let you know that there is some
6 public comment waiting on that if you would like to
7 take time for that right now.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, DeAnna, I
10 guess we could, it's up to the Council. That's what we
11 were trying to stay away from, I mean I don't want to
12 get this confused, the Council is not taking public
13 comments or debate, or we're not voting on these
14 proposals. We're presenting comments on to the State
15 and we have the opportunity and whether they go where
16 they go, you know, I don't want to make it that we're
17 re-having a hearing on these proposals one by one,
18 that's not the intent. So if you do have someone that
19 has a public comment on 6, just, if it's okay with the
20 rest of the Council I'll allow them to make their
21 comment now.

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23 MS. PERRY: That would be Hope Roberts.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, go ahead.

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27 MS. ROBERTS: Good morning, Committee.
28 My name is Hope Roberts. I live in Valdez. I am an
29 employee at Chugach Regional Resources Commission, or
30 CRRC. I am a newly appointed InterTribal Liaison for
31 the Federal subsistence outreach. I own a fishing
32 charter here, I'm a marine mammal cultural harvester.

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34 CRRC is an InterTribal Fish and
35 Wildlife Commission formed in 1984 to address
36 environmental and natural resource issues of concern
37 to seven tribes of the Chugach region, Chenega, Eyak,
38 Port Graham, Nanwalek, Qutekcak, Tatitlek and Valdez.
39 Our mission is to promote and support tribal natural
40 resource management and sustainable development
41 programs in our region through training, education and
42 advocacy. So in 2020 we developed the InterTribal
43 Federal Subsistence Cooperative Management Alliance,
44 which meets monthly with representatives from each of
45 these tribes to develop regional tribal priorities for
46 Federal fish and game.

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48 So I did have a public comment. But I
49 had public comments for a lot of these things but I'll
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1 just keep it to Proposal 6 and try to keep up with the
2 way you guys are doing your meeting. This is my first
3 Southcentral RAC meeting.

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5 So for Proposal 6, our Alliance were in
6 support of this proposal because we agree with the
7 reasoning set forth from the indigenous people who live
8 in this area based on the Native people in the area.
9 If sportfish or harvest is not required to document
10 then in-season reporting will remain inaccurate and
11 inaccurate reporting will (indiscernible) implications
12 for future policy and assessment of biological health
13 of the resource.

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15 So that was my comment that was -- I
16 think it was more of a testimony. So I'll try to
17 change up how I comment for you in the future.

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19 Thanks, I wasn't sure how you guys run
20 your meeting for public comments.

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22 Thanks.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, well, thank
25 you, Hope. Yeah, just so we're clear here, I think
26 we're getting a little confused but not too bad. We're
27 actually not, you know, voting on these proposals and
28 we're not taking public comment.....

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30 (Teleconference interference -
participants not muted)

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:necessarily
33 on them, we're trying to provide comments as a RAC to
34 state our opinion. And some of these we're trying to
35 also get information from our people on what our
36 Federal Subsistence Board did because they went against
37 what our RAC supported. So they can be very confusing
38 as we go through this so I'm trying to bring it in some
39 orderly fashion that we take one at a time and go
40 through it and we record our concerns and DeAnna
41 captures it and at the end and we'll ask questions of
42 the State and we can make a motion to forward these
43 comments to the State on these proposals.

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45 DeAnna, do I have that correct.

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47 MS. PERRY: Yes. So so far I have a
48 general comment for all the proposals we listed in our
49 agenda except for No. 6. And then Gloria has provided

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1 specific verbiage for No. 6. And then I guess we're
2 going to also talk about the Copper River Management
3 Plan a little bit later, separate from the proposals.
4 But, yeah, exactly what you said, Greg, we are just
5 trying to provide comments if the Council wants to.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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9 MS. PERRY: These are State proposals
10 and not Federal so we don't go through our normal
11 process for proposals because they're not ours, all we
12 can do is provide a written comment and so that's what
13 we're discussing here.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, that should
16 clarify it. Now, I hope we're all understanding of
17 that. So we're not trying to cut anyone off, we're
18 trying to just make sure that we're not -- I'd love to
19 be able to vote on these State proposals but the State
20 ain't going to accept them, they ain't going.....

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22 MR. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:to do a damn
25 thing about them. But anyway that's just the way it
26 is, but we'll definitely make our comments known.

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28 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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32 MS. LINNELL: This is Karen Linnell. I
33 believe that, you know, as members of the public and
34 you being our voice that you should -- we should be
35 able to comment to you on these proposals. I know
36 you're not going to vote on them but at least you can
37 hear where we stand on them.

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39 One of the -- one of the things, and
40 this is -- and I appreciate Mr. Whissel was clear to
41 state that you folks were in support of this but didn't
42 want to be more restrictive than the State management,
43 and I -- although I understand that but I don't agree
44 with it as we have to do what is right for the resource
45 and as you seen and as I said earlier this morning,
46 this is the lowest it's been -- lower than the 10 year
47 average by quite a significant amount. And so -- and I
48 sent you that information.

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1 I do think that as our voice, for
2 Federal subsistence users, that taking action and/or
3 commenting on these is -- in a formal process is also
4 beneficial.

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6 Again, our recommendation on this is to
7 support it and the other proposals as well excluding
8 21-10. And I just -- I know that one's going to be on
9 your old business here later so I'll speak to it then.
10 But, again, I'll remind you that we're looking at the
11 lowest we've seen this in a decade and so citing that
12 and pushing forward, you know, I think that the State
13 Board of Fish continue to work on this. The Department
14 of Fish and Game and Staff and every -- they come to
15 the Federal Subsistence Board and are able to speak up
16 to this, they also participate at the InterAgency Staff
17 Committee in helping write the analysis that goes with
18 each of the proposals that you get before you as a
19 Federal proposal, so holding the reins back on the RAC,
20 to me, is a disservice to the rural Federally-qualified
21 users. I believe that you have the duty to represent
22 us in all matters and whether this Board of Fish
23 decides to listen to you or not is up to them but at
24 least you have taken formal action and have actually
25 supported proposals or deliberated on them in a formal
26 motion and then they can take it as they will. But
27 that way you have spoken up regarding these things and
28 taken a stance one way or another to support those
29 proposals.

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31 So I'd like to -- also let you know
32 that a lot of these proposals came out of the Copper
33 River Salmon Synthesis meeting held last February,
34 where they asked for more data and they asked for in-
35 season reporting to better inform management. And that
36 was a group of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the
37 Wrangell-St.Elias National Park Service, CommFish
38 Division and Sportfish Division from ADF&G, Mr. Sarafin
39 was there as well, subsistence users were there, sport
40 guides were there and personal use fishermen were
41 there, and Native Village of Eyak was there. And these
42 are some of the goals that came out of that meeting
43 last February. So this is not just one individual, or
44 one group of people that had this in mind and I think
45 that having the full support of the RAC on some of
46 these so that we can protect the resource in a downward
47 trend on the resource is very important.

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49 Thank you so much for your time.
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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Karen, I think
2 you may have a misunderstanding of where I'm trying to
3 go here. I'm not -- we want to take comments on these
4 and, yes, we may support them and hopefully they'll do
5 something with them, I understand that. But we've
6 already had action on the Federal side of these, we
7 need to know where we are, we're not taking -- you
8 know, we're not redoing the proposals so it's not our
9 job to do those proposals is what I'm saying. We've
10 already noted the comments on 6. We've got the
11 comments from Gloria, we're not holding the reins back
12 on anything. We'll tell the story, we're going through
13 No. 7 now, and we're going to move on to No. 7,
14 prohibiting guiding in subsistence finfish.

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16 MR. HOLSTEN: Mr. Chair, this is Ed.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Ed.

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20 MR. HOLSTEN: Yeah, before we jump to
21 7, I just have a comment on Proposal 6. What troubles
22 me, in general, is the lack of compliance for in-season
23 reporting. And I know that's only a definition but
24 that kind of drives me nuts. I know in our dipnet here
25 on the Russian River Falls, I may be wrong, but if you
26 don't submit your final report, you will not get a
27 permit for the upcoming year. And somehow we have to
28 increase participation in agencies and reporting.

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30 That's all I have to say.

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32 Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's a good
35 comment, Ed. And it's the same here on the Kenai, if
36 you don't report you don't get the permit next year so
37 I think there's probably things could be done there. I
38 also think it's -- you know, when the State doesn't
39 want to use those reports and they want to just use
40 another indices, so I think that's a problem too.

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42 So, DeAnna, you could capture that
43 comment also for No. 6 if you would.

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45 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair. And it
46 looks as though we have a couple of hands raised in
47 Teams. First would be Mr. Ben Mulligan from the Alaska
48 Department of Fish and Game, and then our Council
49 Members Aaron Bloomquist also has his hand up.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Aaron, you
2 want to go ahead.

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4 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, if we're moving
5 to.....

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, I've got a
8 note on mine I got different screens here so.

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10 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, I'll go ahead if
11 we're moving to 7, if we're still on 6 I don't have
12 anything more to say about it.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. DeAnna,
15 did the other gentleman from the State want to do 6 or
16 7?

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18 MS. PERRY: I'm not sure, Mr. Mulligan,
19 if you're on, you can go ahead.

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21 MR. MULLIGAN: Yes, thank you, DeAnna.
22 My name is Ben Mulligan with the Department. This is a
23 general comment. I felt compelled to say something
24 because I heard it at the Federal Subsistence Board
25 meeting and I heard it again just now. The Department
26 hasn't been involved in crafting the ISC's analysis at
27 least for the last two years that I've been involved,
28 talking to some other folks, it's been awhile since
29 we've been involved at that level. We do give them our
30 position when we meet after we've all developed them,
31 and that's the extent of it. So we're not crafting
32 anything with the ISC as far as their comments when you
33 read those in your guys' proposal books.

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35 Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's very good
38 info, thank you for that clarification. Okay, I think
39 we're moving on to 7 now and, Aaron, you want to go
40 ahead on that one.

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42 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah. I think -- you
43 know, and I think we've said a few times that we talked
44 about these, proposals for the Federal Board, and I
45 actually think there's maybe this one and No. 8 that
46 weren't proposals for the Federal Board, unless I
47 missed something, but these two proposals, I'm talking
48 on No. 7 primarily, but also referring to No. 8, these
49 two are really the crux of the issue with the
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1 dipnetting from boats in the Copper River Valley. This
2 is what has increased over the last decade really, or
3 even less than a decade. There's been people
4 dipnetting from boats on the Copper for many decades
5 but it was mostly, you know, kind of -- it's hard to
6 even come up with a term for it, but legitimate
7 subsistence uses or personal uses, for a lack of a
8 better term, and the prohibition of guiding in
9 subsistence fin fisheries is -- or in subsistence
10 salmon fisheries on the Copper there is -- I think that
11 would fix a lot of the concerns that up river users
12 have. The guiding above the bridge at Chitina has
13 increased, I mean, I don't know, a thousand times in
14 the last -- I'm throwing a number out there but it's
15 probably more than a thousand percent in the last, you
16 know, or thousand times in the last 10 years, there
17 just wasn't any. You know when I first started running
18 around out there a lot 20 years ago, there was none,
19 there was a little bit below the bridge in the personal
20 use fisheries, maybe two boats, maybe three at the
21 most, and now there's still, you know, three or four
22 boats below the bridge in the fishery and now there's
23 10 boats or more in the subsistence fishery above the
24 bridge. And we did discuss this to some extent -- I
25 sit on the Mat Valley AC and there was actually quite a
26 bit of support for it there. I'm not positive that we
27 ended up voting in favor for it, but I think we did.

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29 I actually think this is one that has a
30 chance at the State Board of Fisheries of passing. And
31 I think we should support it or, you know, give them a
32 strong recommendation that this is what's changed, you
33 know, dipnetting from a boat hasn't changed, that's
34 happened for a long time, guiding -- and I'm a fishing
35 guide, I mean I'm a sportfishing guide, I could go to
36 Chitina and I guarantee you I could make more money
37 doing that, especially in the down (indiscernible) than
38 I can, you know, guiding sportfishermen on the Klutina
39 but I haven't because it's just -- it's just like
40 almost seems wrong. If people are subsistence fishing
41 they should be doing it themselves as far as I'm
42 concerned, or doing it, you know, having family members
43 help or that kind of stuff.

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45 So, you know, and a lot of these
46 comments apply to No. 8 to the tributary mouth thing,
47 that's something where there's been one or two boats
48 that have done it for years and now there's lots and
49 they can -- if a fisher -- if they're all wadded up
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1 there it can be pretty easy pickens. That's probably
2 not one that makes a difference in the grand scheme of
3 conservation, but it definitely causes conflicts.

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5 So that's my two cents on those.

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7 I think all the others are, frankly,
8 window dressing. I think there's not a chance on the
9 planet that we're going to get rid of dipnetting from a
10 boat in the Glennallen subdistrict.

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12 The gillnet mesh things, I've actually
13 wrote that proposal in the past and I think it could
14 help with king conservation to some extent.

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16 The depth finder thing is just a total
17 red herring and that makes zero difference on anything,
18 the number of people that are using it is so few and
19 they don't work very good.

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21 So No. 7 is the big one and I think we
22 should support it.

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24 And that's all I have.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Aaron,
27 yeah, that was a good justification in the support and
28 I would ask the rest of the Council members to chime in
29 on their support of No. 7 and you heard him also
30 mention on 8 and that's at the confluence of the.....

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32 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:river there.
35 So is there any comments from any other Council members
36 and we'll put this down as.....

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38 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:a comment
41 from the Council that we support it. Do you want the
42 rest of the Council to give you unanimous support on
43 that, Aaron?

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45 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Gloria.

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49 MS. STICKWAN: I would like to hear

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1 from Mark Somerville about this proposal.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: What was that
4 again, could you repeat that?

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6 MS. STICKWAN: I wanted to hear from
7 Mark Somerville about Proposal No. 7, guiding.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Yeah, go
10 ahead, Mark, are you available.

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12 MR. SOMERVILLE: Yeah, can you hear me?

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sure, I could
15 hear you good, I hope the rest can.

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17 MR. SOMERVILLE: All right, I wasn't
18 sure whether I was going to go through my phone or
19 through the Teams, so, anyway. So go ahead, Gloria,
20 what was your question?

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: She wanted to
23 hear you on No. 7 I believe.

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25 MS. STICKWAN: I just wanted to know
26 about guiding.

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28 MR. SOMERVILLE: So right now there's
29 no -- so as far as guiding on -- guiding in these two
30 fisheries, there are no current regulations within the
31 Department for guiding -- for guides in personal use or
32 subsistence fisheries, it doesn't mean they can't
33 occur, there just means there's no regulations
34 directing them and so on.

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36 As far as the number of guides down
37 there. There are two people that we'd call basically
38 transporters that have been operating down in the
39 personal use fishery for decades, that would be -- they
40 run two boats and they transport people to stationary
41 sites, don't generally fish from the boats. Otherwise,
42 we're looking at about four -- four people have been
43 operating down there as guides, actually I'd say, five,
44 maybe six at the most, and they take people out fishing
45 from boats in both -- mostly in the personal use
46 fishery but for a few weeks, four weeks or so they'll
47 fish up in the upper river as well and then they fish
48 up there later on in the season too, but their success
49 rate's pretty low.

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1 So that's the guides right there.

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4 So you're talking about a total of 10,
5 yeah, it's an increase as Aaron pointed out, it's been
6 an increase over the last several years but overall the
7 number of permits -- overall number of permits is down
8 in both fisheries this year and overall harvest is
9 sustainable still. So, yeah, it's another way for
10 people to get out and fish but it's increasing in the
11 number of people fishing and it's not increased in the
12 number of fish being caught.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.
14 Interesting.

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16 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
19 Gloria.

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21 MS. STICKWAN: I'm opposed to this
22 proposal. I think that this is increasing and it's
23 going to increase over time. Guiding in subsistence
24 fisheries when they're under the State, whenever
25 there's a low run they'll switch over to the Glennallen
26 District and fish in that area using boats and dipnets
27 and I see this as a potential increase of boats and
28 taking more fisheries [sic] and with the low runs, that
29 concerns me, projected by the State, their forecast,
30 and the low runs last year for upper Copper River were
31 reported not getting much fish so I'm opposed to this
32 proposal.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: And that's 7,
35 Gloria?

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37 MS. STICKWAN: Yes, I thought we were
38 on Proposal 7.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, we are, I
41 just want to make sure. Okay. You're opposed and
42 basically Aaron was asking for support on that so I'm
43 just trying to.....

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45 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, Mr. Chair, this
46 is Aaron. From Gloria's comments, I'm curious -- I
47 think we actually agreed on it, maybe she read it
48 wrong, it eliminates guiding in subsistence fisheries,
49 it doesn't make it legal.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's why
2 i was asking if it was No. 7.

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4 MS. STICKWAN: I'm sorry, I looked at
5 it again now and I say, yes, I agree, I support the
6 proposal.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks.
9 Yeah, I'm glad you caught that there, Aaron, because I
10 was thinking the same thing. Anyway, okay. Okay,
11 anything else on 7. Does the Council want to support
12 the proposal with the comments given.

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14 MS. CLAUS: This is Donna, Mr.
15 Chairman.

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Donna.

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19 MS. CLAUS: Yeah, for 39 years we have
20 used the Chitina runway and flown from our -- it's our
21 -- it's a terminus, we fly there from our house, you
22 can't get here any other way, but through the years,
23 for 39, 40 years we have seen an unbelievable change
24 there in that area. And it seems like -- I agree fully
25 with Aaron and Gloria, and, Gloria, you're right, it
26 might only be a few now but it has grown so much since
27 we've been here that I can't even quantify it. I can't
28 even tell you how -- how big it's gotten. And even a
29 few more makes it -- it's too many. So I agree, too, I
30 think we should support it.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you
33 for the comment. Any other comments on support. It
34 sounds like everyone's pretty much in agreement to
35 support it.....

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37 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:any.....

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41 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:opposition.

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45 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. I believe
46 someone's trying to speak.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, if they'll
49 speak up I'll recognize them. Who's speaking? You got
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1 your speaker on?

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3 MS. LINNELL: Yes, sir. This is Karen
4 Linnell with Ahtna InterTribal Resource Commission.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Karen,
7 are you addressing 7?

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9 MS. LINNELL: Yes, sir.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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13 MS. LINNELL: I just want to say that
14 subsistence is defined in law as non-commercial. So
15 using a transporter, using a guide changes it from
16 being subsistence to commercial or personal use and
17 just wanted to put that on the record as well.

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19 Thank you. Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, I agree
22 with you, Karen, but down here on the Kenai they say
23 they're just providing a service so they seem to get
24 around it.

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26 MS. LINNELL: Under a subsistence
27 fishery or under sport?

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, they take
30 subsistence people out sometimes and I'm not sure how
31 they do it. But, anyway, that's a good comment, thank
32 you.

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34 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, Andy
35 here.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Andy.

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39 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, thank you.
40 Yeah, I would just concur with all these same comments,
41 you know, this is a State Board of Fisheries proposal
42 that's helping to restrict a resource -- the use of a
43 resource that's been proven to be kind of unpredictable
44 and diminishing at some times so a little more
45 restriction at the State level, you know, we're Federal
46 level, so, yeah, I think we, as the Board, should
47 support prohibiting this guiding thing on the No. 7.

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49 And back to the No. 6 that I didn't

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1 comment on, yeah, these, the in-season reporting and
2 those kind of things all add up to help managing the
3 resource better at the State level.

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5 Thank you.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, good.
8 Anyone else want to speak to them.

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10 (No comments)

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Anyone want to
13 make a motion to support 6 and 7.

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15 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. If you would
16 like to plow through the proposals on the agenda and we
17 could take one vote at the end that might streamline
18 things, or we could do them separately, whatever the
19 Council would like to do.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I would
22 like to plow through them. I don't want to miss what I
23 got so make sure you got it, you know, so far it's been
24 unanimous from what I see support of 6 and 7.

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26 Okay. Well, if no one else has
27 anything on 7, let's do 8.

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29 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Mr. Chair, this is
30 Aaron.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Dipnetting near
33 the tributary mouth of the upper Copper River district
34 and it's on Page 41 also.

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36 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, Mr. Chair, this
37 is Aaron. I'm just going to add just a touch to what I
38 said before because I kind of hit on 8. But I spend a
39 lot of time at the mouths of these tributaries run back
40 -- I run bait stations all up and down there in the
41 spring for bears and that kind of stuff so I see it.
42 And, really in the last two years it's the first time
43 I've seen -- actually even just the last year, guiding,
44 dipnet charters at every -- well, the Klutina and
45 Gulkana mouths specifically are the ones where people
46 do the most of it and now they're -- the guides that
47 showed up there, it's conflicting with other users,
48 all, you know, whether it's fishwheel people that are
49 up and down, you know, they can't put it within a
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1 certain distance of the mouth and sportfish users and
2 everybody else.

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5 Anyway, this one I feel pretty strongly
6 about, I think it's something that if there were enough
7 people that figured it out, which there isn't at this
8 point, you know, one guy running up and down there
9 isn't a big deal but the fish get very concentrated,
10 especially at the Gulkana River mouth at times and the
11 king salmon, particularly, could be really, really
12 affected so I'm strongly in support of this one.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you,
14 Aaron, good comment. Other comments on No. 8.

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16 MS. CLAUS: This is Donna, I think we
17 should support it.

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19 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks,
20 Donna.

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22 Any other comments.

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24 (No comments)

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Anyone
27 opposed to it. Anyone got an opposing view.

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29 (No comments)

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31 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Alrighty, not
32 hearing anything we'll keep those comments, DeAnna, if
33 you will, and we'll move on to Board of Fish Proposal
34 No. 9 and 10; prohibiting dipnetting from a boat in
35 Glennallen Subdistrict upper Copper River District and
36 that's on 42, Page 42.

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38 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Mr. Chair, this is
39 Aaron again. I guess I'll just start this one off,
40 too, since nobody jumped in there.

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Aaron, go
43 ahead.

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45 MR. BLOOMQUIST: I oppose this
46 proposal. I opposed it when we were doing it on the
47 Federal side, I'll continue to oppose it. I've got --
48 I actually did this for the first time this last year
49 just to kind of see what it's all about but surely not

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1 anything I'll do a lot of, it's a lot of work. But
2 I've got quite a few friends that have lived in the
3 Copper Valley for decades that use a boat, they don't
4 have a fishwheel, they don't live on the river and I
5 think it's a legitimate use and in the State system and
6 in the Federal system, if you're doing it yourself and
7 not paying somebody else to do it. So I'll probably be
8 an outlier on this Committee on this one but I do
9 oppose it.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Other
12 comments, Council members.

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14 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair. I support
15 this proposal. Again, I believe that this is going to
16 affect the harvest for the upper Copper River fishing
17 500 yards below and 100 yards above any river, stream
18 will affect our fisheries in the upper Copper River to
19 harvest fish. I think it's going to be, again, if
20 they're finding that it's a good way to fish and it's
21 an easy way to catch a lot of fish and it's going to
22 affect the migration of the salmon.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, good, good
25 comment. Okay. Other comments. Okay, DeAnna, I got
26 anyone else out there wanting to comment or got their
27 hands up.

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29 MS. PERRY: Not that I -- oh, sorry, go
30 ahead.

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32 (Teleconference interference -
33 participants not muted)

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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37 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair, this is Karen
38 Linnell.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Karen.

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42 MS. LINNELL: We're in support of this
43 proposal. Like Gloria said, it's a fairly new method
44 fishery in the Glennallen subdistrict. Before that
45 personal use fishery and dipnetting was done below the
46 Chitina River bridge. It's recently, in the last
47 couple of years, gotten to be a pretty big deal under a
48 State permit and moving up the river. We've had tribal
49 members in Gulkana, Tazlina and Copper Center tell us
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1 many times that they have found some of those users,
2 either getting too close to their fishwheel and causing
3 a wake, which can get the fishwheel off kilter and
4 actually get it stopped, and then also when they're
5 checking their wheels we've found that some of the fish
6 had been -- multi -- all the fish had been taken from
7 their wheel. So it's -- and they're not doing it by
8 (indiscernible) so that's something that is a bit of a
9 concern when you have folks like that and then -- or
10 fishing just below where you have your fishwheel
11 reducing your ability to catch and so we're definitely
12 in support of this proposal.

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14 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you,
17 Karen. And that proposal is to prohibit dipnetting up
18 there, so, okay.

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20 MS. LINNELL: Yes.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Comments,
23 next, go ahead.

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25 MS. CLAUS: Mr. Chairman, I have a
26 question. Does anybody know if there's a statutory
27 definition of dipnetting, is it to be on your feet,
28 standing on the bank, or does it just talk about a pole
29 with a net on it or does anybody know that?

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31 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I'm sure we
32 got some experts out there that'll give us some
33 feedback, Dave or State or whoever wants to speak to
34 it.

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36 MR. SARAFIN: Mr. Chair, this is Dave
37 Sarafin.

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39 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Dave,
40 go ahead.

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42 MR. SARAFIN: Yeah, I believe dipnet is
43 likely defined -- I do not recall myself seeing a
44 definition of dipnetting in the Federal regs, but I'm
45 not sure on State so perhaps they have a comment or if
46 there's other Federal Staff where more information,
47 perhaps they could comment.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I find it

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1 interesting. I thought on the Kenai they had a size by
2 it, but it's basically, they just use a big gillnet in
3 a hoop so, yeah, it's interesting. Does anyone on the
4 State out there want to speak to a definition for the
5 dipnet?

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7 (Pause)

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, I don't
10 know if I'm going.....

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12 MR. SOMERVILLE: Yeah, Mr. Chair, this
13 is Mark Somerville again.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:to get your
16 question answered, Donna, but anyway.

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18 MR. SOMERVILLE: Yeah, Mr. Chair.

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20 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I think someone
23 chimed in to give us a definition.

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25 MR. SOMERVILLE: Yeah, this is.....

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27 MS. PERRY: Mr. Somerville.....

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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31 MS. PERRY:I just wanted to
32 remind you that the audio on Teams has been disabled
33 because we have to use our dedicated conference line.
34 So I know Mr. Somerville's trying to provide that
35 information.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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39 MS. PERRY: But he needs to do so by
40 phone, I don't know if you've called in.

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42 REPORTER: Thank you.

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44 MR. SOMERVILLE: I have.

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46 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Is that you?

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1 MR. SOMERVILLE: Can you hear me
2 through the phone?

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4 MS. PERRY: Yes.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Ed, do we
7 have you on the phone now?

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9 MR. SOMERVILLE: Yes, sir, I think I
10 am.

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12 MS. PERRY: We can hear you Mark.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sorry, I was
15 saying Ed, but looking for Mark. Mark, are you there,
16 could you speak.

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18 MR. SOMERVILLE: How about now?

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I can hear you
21 now if it stays there. Just go right ahead and give it
22 a try.

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24 MR. SOMERVILLE: All right. So
25 basically as far as dipnetting there's definitions for
26 what a dipnet is, how it's manufactured, how big it can
27 be and so on. Dipnets have to be used by hand, you
28 can't -- you can't like tie them to your boat and use
29 them and use them like that, they have to be used by
30 hand, but that's the only defini -- that's the only
31 part in the regulation. There's nothing that says you
32 have to be on shore, that you can't be in a boat or
33 anything like that.

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. And there
36 is a size definition, correct?

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38 MR. SOMERVILLE: Correct. It can't --
39 the dipnet can't be any bigger than five feet from
40 point to point, so if it's square the diagonal can't be
41 any greater than five feet, if it's a hoop, then it
42 can't be -- the diameter can't be any greater than five
43 feet. And then the mesh, there's a mesh size, you
44 can't have a mesh of more than four and a half inches
45 and the net has to be -- I don't know off the top of my
46 head, but the netting has to be about twice the
47 distance of your -- the size of your hoop or a portion
48 of that distance of your hoop so essentially you can't
49 like string gillnet in tight into the hoop and use it
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1 as a gillnet sort of thing, you actually have to have a
2 bag so.

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4 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. If they
5 take -- they could do some enforcement on that but,
6 anyway, good. Okay.

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8 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
11 whoever that is, is that Karen?

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13 MS. LINNELL: Yes, thank you.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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17 MS. LINNELL: I'd like to ask him,
18 what's the definition of trawling?

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Mark, you got a
21 definition for trawling? I know.....

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23 MR. SOMERVILLE: No, I don't have that
24 off hand.....

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:commercial
27 trawling.

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29 MR. SOMERVILLE:that's a
30 commercial method and stuff and drifting with adrift --
31 dipping from a moving boat does not constitute
32 trawling.

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34 MS. LINNELL: According to the
35 regulation of Board of Fish -- the Alaska regulation,
36 it is a net in the water in a moving boat.

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38 MR. SOMERVILLE: Yeah, I'd have to --
39 I'd have to defer that to the Department of Law so I
40 can't comment on that completely. I'm just not the
41 right person for that.

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43 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair. I have Jim
44 Simon on the phone with us as well and he might be able
45 to pull that regulation -- that definition up right
46 quick.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That'd be fine,
49 go ahead.

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1 MR. SIMON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
2 Actually I can't do that but I am looking.

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4 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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6 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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10 MS. PERRY: While we're waiting for
11 that, I didn't know if this might be helpful to the
12 Council but I just wanted to remind them that State
13 Proposals 9 and 10 correspond with the Federal fish
14 proposal 21-11 and just to remind everyone that was
15 prohibiting fishing with dipnets from boats in the
16 upper Copper River for salmon. The Board did not adopt
17 this proposal in deference to the Southcentral RAC and
18 the Wrangell-St.Elias SRC recommendations stating there
19 were subsistence users who don't have access to
20 fishwheels and Federal lands for fishwheels is limited
21 so dipnetting from boats is necessary for some users.
22 This RAC had opposed that proposal. Eastern Interior
23 RAC had supported it. So I just wanted to provide that
24 background to remind everyone how we stood on the
25 Federal proposal, which is very similar to, again,
26 State Proposal 9 and 10.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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30 MR. SIMON: Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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34 MR. SIMON: Yeah, this is Jim Simon.
35 I'm a consultant with the Ahtna InterTribal Resource
36 Commission and the Chugach Regional Resource
37 Commission. And, I do, as far as the issue that Karen
38 was bringing up, I do see in 5 AAC 39.105, in 10, a
39 trawl is a bag shaped net towed through the water to
40 capture fish or shellfish. I think that's what Karen
41 Linnell was referring to.

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43 Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
46 Okay, well.....

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48 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair, if I might. I
49 wanted to thank DeAnna for reminding me that now the
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1 Southcentral -- and you, that Southcentral and Eastern
2 Interior RAC both have jurisdiction on the Copper River
3 as they represent communities that have a C&T, a
4 positive C&T finding on the Copper River.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct.
7 That's true.

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9 MS. LINNELL: Yes, thank you, Mr.
10 Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, thank you.
13 Okay. So let's go on here and see if we could finish
14 up 9 and 10, any other comments and get those recorded
15 and then we'll debate whether we want to eat lunch
16 today.

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18 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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22 MS. PERRY: I just wanted to let you
23 know, I'm not sure, Hope Roberts has been chatting on
24 Teams to let me know of the Alliance's position on some
25 of the proposals and I neglected to have that screen up
26 a moment ago so I am sorry that I missed her the first
27 time around but I wanted to see, Mr. Chair, if she
28 would like to provide that on the record. If not, I
29 can capture that in her text. But, again, I -- this
30 was an oversight and I wanted to make sure that she had
31 that opportunity.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, Hope was
34 going to -- because she did 6 and she wanted to just
35 talk as we went, I believe. So if she wants to go
36 ahead and give her comments now, Hope, if you're out
37 there, to get caught up on the 7, 8, 9 and 10 that
38 would be good.

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40 MS. ROBERTS: Oh, yeah, thank you. I
41 wrote the comments in the chat and if you want to
42 record it that way that'd be fine as well.

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. DeAnna,
45 you want to read those.

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47 MS. PERRY: I'd be happy to.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
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1 MS. PERRY: So she's clarifying the
2 Alliance's position on all the Board of Fish Proposals
3 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16.

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5 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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7 MS. PERRY: These proposals are similar
8 to ones that were before the Federal Subsistence Board
9 in January and we supported their adoption by the
10 Federal Subsistence Board to adhere to the
11 precautionary principle of conservation given the
12 importance of these runs to so many people throughout
13 the state. These proposals all provide better in-
14 season data and offer solutions that can decrease the
15 mortality of non-targeted fish species. We believe
16 these factors will lead to more responsive in-season
17 management, especially in years of extremely high or
18 low runs. These proposals also support the
19 precautionary principle of observation -- or I'm sorry --
20 of conservation, by making it more difficult to target
21 large schools of fish at once, a practice which could
22 negatively impact smaller stocks and overall genetic
23 diversity in the Copper River.

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25 The Alliance supported the adoption of
26 similar regulations by the Federal Subsistence Board
27 and, though, were disappointed they were not adopted by
28 the Board, we believe the State proposals will have an
29 even bigger impact on salmon management given the large
30 number of participants in State managed fisheries.

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32 For this reason we agree with and thank
33 the RAC for your decision to engage the Board of Fish
34 in support of these proposals.

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36 Again, that was a statement, we're
37 reading that into the record, from Hope Roberts. And,
38 Hope, can you give us the full name of the Alliance
39 again, I didn't write the full name there.

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41 MS. ROBERTS: Yes. It is the
42 InterTribal Federal Subsistence Cooperative Management
43 Alliance.

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45 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Hope, I
46 appreciate that. Mr. Chair.

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48 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
2 DeAnna.

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4 MS. PERRY: I was just turning it back
5 over to you.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. We were
8 finishing up 9 and 10, other comments, other support,
9 anything we want to get in the record before we move
10 on.

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12 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. It does look
13 like we have some differing opinions from Council
14 members on this one.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, we do.

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18 MS. PERRY: So we might need to decide
19 amongst the Council if they want to provide a comment
20 from all of the Council.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's a
23 good point, DeAnna. Council members, since we do have
24 some support, we have one opposing, we have some
25 variance there, does anyone on the Council want to make
26 a motion or -- I don't know, if we were going to wait
27 until the end to make a motion, I guess but -- how do
28 we want to deal with that DeAnna, do you want a
29 recommendation from the full Council in support or take
30 a vote or what?

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32 MS. PERRY: If it were a full support
33 or a full opposition on any of these proposals we could
34 kind of do a blanket motion, but as it stands right now
35 I'm not clear on the, you know, prevailing idea from
36 the Council.....

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh.

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40 MS. PERRY:since we've heard from
41 both sides. So that means I really have no way of
42 putting a comment together for or against, because I
43 don't know what everybody else on the Council wants to
44 do. So.....

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I know where we
47 stand, you need to vote, you need to see who's for,
48 who's against, whether we support it by majority or
49 not. So I would ask the Council to make a motion to
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1 support and we'll take a vote.

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3 MS. STICKWAN: I move.....

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5 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair, this is John
6 Whissel. Do you want to do that for each individual
7 proposal.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Just the ones
10 here that we had a conflict on, just on 9 and 10.

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12 MR. WHISSEL: Gotcha. They're
13 basically the same so I would make a motion to havea --
14 is this -- I guess it's not an action item but have a
15 roll call vote so that it could be noted in a single
16 comment to Proposals 9 and 10 regarding dipnetting from
17 boats on the Copper River.

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19 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's good.
20 Second to the motion.

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22 MR. HOLSTEN: This is Ed. I second.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Ed, thank
25 you. It's been moved and seconded. So DeAnna, if
26 you'll give us a roll call vote on that then we'll have
27 some numbers for you to make the comment with.

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29 MS. PERRY: Okay, great.

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31 Diane Selanoff.

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33 MS. SELANOFF: When we voted on this --
34 well, we reviewed this previously and it's the State's
35 proposal now, correct, we're giving our opinion on the
36 State's proposal?

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38 MR. HOLSTEN: Yes.

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40 MS. PERRY: Yes. So the Federal
41 proposal.....

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43 MS. SELANOFF: Then.....

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45 MS. PERRY:that was similar.....

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47 MS. SELANOFF:and then.....

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49 MS. PERRY:to this, the

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1 Southcentral RAC opposed this proposal.

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3 MS. SELANOFF: Yes, and that's what I
4 thought so I'm going to oppose and with our original
5 decision because we discussed it at length then.

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7 MS. PERRY: Okay. Just to be clear, so
8 John's motion was to note a single comment on Proposal
9 9 and 10 so this vote would be whether or not we're
10 going to comment and then the next step would be what
11 that comment is.

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13 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Gloria.

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17 MS. STICKWAN: I just want to remind
18 the Council that we are not voting on Federal
19 proposals, we are voting on Board of Fish proposals so
20 our comments could be different from what we supported
21 on the Federal proposals.

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct.
24 We're just voting not even on the proposal, we're
25 voting on the comment, so we're just voting to provide
26 the comments that we come up with here, and our
27 comments could be to oppose or support or be a variance
28 of whatever.

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30 MS. SELANOFF: In that case then I'll
31 change my vote to support.

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33 MS. PERRY: Okay. So I think we
34 actually need to take two votes unless, John, you want
35 to change your motion. Your motion was.....

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37 MR. WHISSEL: No. No, I guess what I'm
38 saying is that let's -- let's -- I would say we can go
39 for unanimous consent on whether we're going to comment
40 9 and 10 together, and then a roll call vote on the
41 substance of that comment, whether it's in support or
42 opposition of the proposals.

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's
45 good. I was going to put them together too.

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47 MR. WHISSEL: Supporting prohibition
48 right, so my motion was whether or not to put a
49 proposal in, in support, so an aye vote would be to

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1 support the prohibition of dipnetting from boats, and a
2 nay vote would be to oppose the prohibition of
3 dipnetting from boats.

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5 Does that make sense?

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That makes sense.
8 Did we have a second now; Ed?

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10 MR. HOLSTEN: Ed's good with it.

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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14 REPORTER: Okay, this is Tina, the
15 reporter, excuse me, Greg. So did Ed agree with that?

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Ed agreed with
18 it, yes.

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20 REPORTER: Thank you.

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22 MR. HOLSTEN: Yes.

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24 REPORTER: Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Tina.

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28 MR. WHISSEL: But I don't think we need
29 to roll call vote whether we'll lump these proposals, I
30 think we can do that in one.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Does
33 everyone agree we're going to lump these together and
34 make a comment.

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36 MS. CLAUS: Yes.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: All in favor,
39 aye.

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed to
44 lump them together, okay. All in favor -- nays, I
45 didn't hear.

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47 (No opposed)

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, we're going
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1 to lump them together. Now, we're going to do the roll
2 call to support or oppose.

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4 MS. PERRY: Okay. So John I understand
5 what you're saying, however, I want to make note that
6 Proposal 9 and 10 are to prohibit dipnetting so.....

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8 MR. WHISSEL: Correct.

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10 MS. PERRY:so a yea vote would
11 actually be against dipnetting.....

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13 MR. WHISSEL: Right.

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15 MS. PERRY:and a no vote would be
16 the opposite.

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18 MR. WHISSEL: Yeah.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct.

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22 MS. PERRY: Just because of the way the
23 proposal's worded so I just wanted to make that real
24 clear.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct.

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28 MR. WHISSEL: I'm hoping we can keep
29 that straight but that's correct, DeAnna, that was my
30 intention.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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34 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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36 MR. WHISSEL: A yea vote would be to --
37 in support of the prohibition and a nay vote would be
38 against the prohibition.

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40 MS. PERRY: Great. Thanks for that
41 clarification on the record.

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43 MR. WHISSEL: Right, that's my motion.

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45 MS. PERRY: This is a joint vote on
46 Proposal 9 and 10. Again, a yea vote would be
47 supporting the prohibition. I'll do a roll call.

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49 Ed Holsten.

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1 MR. HOLSTEN: Yes.

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3 MS. PERRY: Diane Selanoff.

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5 MS. SELANOFF: Okay, so a yea vote
6 would be to support dipnetting from votes.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: No, the
9 prohibition.

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11 MR. WHISSEL: Prohibiting dipnetting
12 from boats.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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16 MS. SELANOFF: A yea would be
17 prohibiting boats from dipnetting [sic]?

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19 MR. WHISSEL: Correct.

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21 MS. PERRY: Yes, because the way the
22 proposal is written, Diane, the.....

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24 MS. SELANOFF: Okay.

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26 MS. PERRY:proposal is to
27 prohibit dipnetting. So if you want to support
28 dipnetting you would do a nay vote, because the
29 proposal is to prohibit it.

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31 MS. SELANOFF: Nay.

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33 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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35 Gloria Stickwan.

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37 MS. STICKWAN: Yes, I support.

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39 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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41 Angela Totemoff.

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43 MS. TOTEMOFF: Hello, this is Angela
44 and I vote nay.

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46 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Angela.

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48 Donna Claus.

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1 (No comments)

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3 MS. PERRY: Donna, are you on mute by
4 chance.

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6 MS. CLAUS: Yeah, I was. I am so
7 confused I don't know. Is there an abstention?

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9 MS. PERRY: You can abstain to vote but
10 just in case it isn't clear, so Proposal 9 and 10, the
11 wording of the proposal starts with prohibit dipnetting
12 so if you support that proposal you're supporting the
13 prohibition of dipnetting.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: From boats.

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17 MR. WHISSEL: From a boat.

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19 MS. CLAUS: Okay, so if I vote yes --
20 if I vote yes I prohibit dipnetting from boats?

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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24 MS. CLAUS: Okay, I would like to vote
25 yes then, I guess, or yea.

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27 MS. PERRY: Okay. So you support
28 prohibit dipnetting.

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30 MS. CLAUS: Yes, from the -- yes
31 because -- yes, I do.

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33 MS. PERRY: Okay, thanks, Donna.

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35 Andy McLaughlin.

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37 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yes. Considering that
38 this is State and not Federal, yea, I support
39 prohibition of the use of gillnet from boat on the 9
40 and 10.

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42 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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44 And Aaron Bloomquist.

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46 MR. BLOOMQUIST: No.

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48 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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1 And John Whissel.

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3 MR. WHISSEL: Yea.

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5 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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7 Paula Nicklie, has she joined us?

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9 (No comments)

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11 MS. PERRY: And Greg Encelewski.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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15 MS. PERRY: Okay. It looks like six
16 are in favor, three are opposed, and Mr. Chair, I was
17 reminded that earlier I had mentioned that we would be
18 voting after 1:00 when the State was going to be
19 available. We can do our final vote as a group at that
20 time if that's agreeable to everyone.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we won't
23 need to vote again on this one, DeAnna, this is voted
24 on.

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26 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we could do
29 the final vote on the rest of them though.

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31 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh.

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35 MS. PERRY: So that takes care of 9 and
36 10.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we're up to
39 14. I got about 12:18 or something, does everyone want
40 to take a break for lunch.

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42 MR. WHISSEL: Yes.

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44 MR. HOLSTEN: Yes.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: How long would
47 you guys like, one hour.

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49 MR. WHISSEL: An hour's fine for me.

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1 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, let's take
4 a break for lunch and let's reconvene, we'll make it a
5 little under an hour at 1:15.

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7 MR. HOLSTEN: Okay.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Does that sound
10 reasonable, DeAnna.

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12 MS. CLAUS: Yes, every reasonable.

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14 MS. PERRY: 1:15.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, 1:15,
17 everyone be back.

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21 (On record)

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, we'll go
24 ahead and get back to our business, we're back in
25 session. Hope you all had a good lunch. I had some
26 moose tongue, it was very good. It was one of those --
27 well, I don't know if it was subsistence or State but
28 it was a good moose.

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30 Anyway, we're on Proposal No. 14, these
31 are Board of Fish proposals and we're discussing
32 whether to comment or not on them. This one will be
33 prohibit the use of gillnet mesh in dipnets,
34 monofilament, multifilament material before August
35 15th, and it's on Page 43. So I'll open it up to the
36 Council to go ahead and start comments, and that's
37 where we're at.

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39 Thank you.

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41 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, did you want us
42 to start with some background or.....

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, absolutely,
45 DeAnna, go ahead give the background, please, and we
46 could get the State and what happened with Dave in the
47 Federal meeting, that would be good.

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49 MS. PERRY: Okay. Dave, did you want

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1 to cover that or I can.

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3 MR. SARAFIN: Yes, I could start with
4 this. This is Dave Sarafin, Fishery Biologist at
5 Wrangell-St. Elias.

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7 Proposal 14 would prohibit the use of
8 gillnet mesh in dipnets in the Copper River for the
9 State fisheries. And I'd suggest perhaps lumping this
10 with Proposal 15, which also does a similar thing, the
11 difference with 14 is that it specifies a date range
12 for this to apply whereas 15 is more general for the
13 whole season.

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15 So this, in the Federal meeting, for
16 this one the Board opposed and in justification this
17 was listed in deference to both Eastern Interior and
18 Southcentral RACs and the Wrangell-St. Elias SRC. They
19 thought it was an unnecessary burden to Federal
20 subsistence users and unlikely to have significant
21 benefits so that's Federally-speaking anyways. And
22 they also mentioned that this proposal has historically
23 been rejected by the State Board of Fisheries. So
24 that's part of their justification on not supporting
25 that.

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27 And that completes a quick summary.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you. Thank
30 you, Dave. That's a good summary, you did a good job.
31 Yeah, and for Council members, I think we could comment
32 on both as Dave suggested, one has a date difference.
33 So we'll open comments to 14 and 15.

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35 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, Mr. Chair, this
36 is Aaron.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Aaron.

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40 MR. BLOOMQUIST: I'm painfully aware
41 maybe this has been rejected by the Board of Fish a few
42 times. I wrote probably the original incarnation of
43 this myself. And my reasoning was at the time we had a
44 lot of closures in the State dipnet fishery to king
45 salmon retention and, you know, one of those things
46 that get the ball rolling, like a lot of things, I was
47 down at the Chitina bridge and there were a ton of
48 kings coming through and guys were dragging them up on
49 the beach and shaking them around for a long time. It

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1 shocked me how long it took to get them out of the
2 gillnet mesh dipnets and, you know, they're dead or
3 close to dead by the time they kicked them back in the
4 water. You know, I've thought about it since, I
5 probably changed my opinion a little bit that it
6 probably doesn't need to be all the time although I
7 think what would happen is it would morph into all the
8 time but, you know, at least when we're -- when we have
9 restrictions where there's no retention of king salmon
10 in the personal use or the subsistence dipnet
11 fisheries, I think this is a good -- I actually think
12 there's a lot of unreported, you know, unreported --
13 it's not harvest because they're not taking them home
14 and eating them but unreported mortality, I guess, is
15 the proper word for it due to this, but it's one of
16 those things that's difficult or impossible to quantify
17 and, you know, it's just anecdotal for me.

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19 So, anyway, that's why I support it and
20 I think the Board of Fish would probably -- we're
21 probably wasting our time a little bit even talking
22 about it but I still support it.

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24 So, thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Aaron.
27 Other comments.

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29 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair, this is John
30 Whissel.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, John.

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34 MR. WHISSEL: I also support this. I
35 know people fish very responsibly but also anecdotally
36 I spend a fair amount of time on the Copper River up
37 river and you see hygrading, you see, you know, a lot
38 going on that makes it very difficult to return king
39 salmon to the water unharmed. And the nature of gill
40 webs -- gillnet web is not to keep fish from being
41 harmed, the nature of gillnet web is to capture fish by
42 their gill plates and that almost always results in
43 some injury to the gill and the probability of survival
44 of that is pretty low.

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46 I wish we had quantitative studies on
47 this in our systems but we don't. But I'd rather err
48 on the side of caution and, you know, I'd also like to
49 say that people, aside from hygrading, or, you know,
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1 bringing kings up on the beach and shaking them out and
2 kicking them back in the water, a lot of people limit
3 out on kings but still have sockeye to catch and
4 continue to fish and continue to take kings and roll
5 them back, responsibly but all those encounters are
6 very, you know, high mortality for those fish and you
7 have to think about it that way.

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9 So I support this, too, but I'd also
10 like to see -- I'd like to see a little bit more
11 targeted research when it becomes feasible to do so to
12 try to actually see which of these restrictions are the
13 most meaningful so that we can provide opportunity but
14 also conserve our research.

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16 Thanks.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, John,
19 thanks. Yeah, that answers one of my questions because
20 you're dipping, you certainly want to get your fish and
21 you want to catch them but if you're causing extra
22 mortality with it that could be a problem.

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24 Okay, other comments from Council
25 members on 14/15.

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27 MS. CLAUS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, this is
28 Donna.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Donna.

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32 MS. CLAUS: Yeah, having commercial fish
33 drift gillnet in Bristol Bay for many, many, many
34 years, the gillnets are made, like he said, to capture
35 the fish. And we would have fish fall out of our nets
36 before they got on to the boat and by the end of the
37 season Bristol Bay is covered with dead white salmon
38 and they are horrendously stinky and it's because of
39 that, the gillnets are meant to -- they hurt them,
40 those fish fall out and it looks gentle when they're
41 falling out but they die. And by the end of the season
42 you're just up to your eyeballs, you pull a net in and
43 50 percent of them are white, rotten, dead from falling
44 out of the gillnets. So I'm really opposed to gillnet
45 being used for this kind of thing on the Copper River.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. We're not
48 talking just the gillnets, we're talking about the
49 monofilament nets, just so we're sure on that.

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1 MS. CLAUS: Well, that's what it is.
2 Monofilament mesh is used for gillnets, and it's
3 sticky. We called it the sticky nets. And we had
4 different sizes for different seasons. You had the
5 size for the king season and you had a size for pinks
6 and, you know, a web size, so, yeah, I mean that's what
7 it's used for is to stick.

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9 Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, I understand
12 that, I'm a commercial fishermen, I know all about
13 those nets but my point being, I guess, was just the
14 monofilament thing is what they're trying to restrict,
15 not the nets themselves.

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17 All right, other comments.

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19 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, Andy
20 here.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Andy.

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24 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: I'd like to just
25 solicit a comment from Ed Holsten there, does he got
26 any experience with the gillnet mesh being used over
27 there in that Russian River dipnetting?

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29 MR. HOLSTEN: Yeah, this is Ed. From
30 what I've seen up on where we dipnet, we really don't
31 see a lot of gillnet type mesh and monofilament type
32 mesh being used at all. I think I know one guy a
33 number of years ago was dipnetting with a good size
34 hoop with gillnet on it and he swung it out below the
35 falls and it took three other people to pull him out of
36 the water because he had 22 fish hooked up in there.
37 But I think the majority of the people that dipnet up
38 at the Falls do not use gillnets or the monofilament.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks.
41 Andy did that answer your question.

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43 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, thanks, Ed.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: So Ed you brought
46 up a good question because on the Kenai they do dipnet
47 by the thousands and, you know, I don't know if there's
48 a restriction on monofilament down here but I know
49 there is on the definition of the dipnet, the five foot
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1 rule, but they dip like mad and keep everything they
2 catch. So, I, too, could see the problem with the
3 monofilament though.

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5 Okay, other comments.

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7 MS. STICKWAN: I support this proposal,
8 this is Gloria.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Gloria you
11 support it.

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13 MS. STICKWAN: Yeah, I think these fish
14 are being damaged when they're taken out of the dipnet.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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18 MS. STICKWAN: It weakens them, some of
19 them and probably are not able to make it to the
20 spawning grounds because of their condition.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's a
23 good point. I will just give you a little information
24 here on one of our fisheries. We have a fishery that
25 we're allowed to dip and stuff on the Kenai and the in-
26 season, Ken Gates, could probably respond to this, but
27 we had very strict limits on the type of web, the type,
28 the size of web, you know, fish friendly, we called it,
29 mesh, so on and so forth so, yeah.

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31 Okay, thanks, Gloria.

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33 Any other Council members wish to
34 comment on this.

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36 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, Andy here again.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Andy.

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40 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: So, yeah, if, you
41 know, if support of these prohibition of the gillnet
42 mesh stuff, I mean this still has nothing to do with
43 Federal subsistence, this is just our support to the
44 State Board of Fish proposals to regulate State
45 dipnetting using gillnet mesh in the dipnet.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct.
48 And that's a good clarification, thanks.

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1 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: And, yeah, so I can
2 say I've participated in the Kenai personal use and
3 I've used the monofilament mesh and the large, you
4 know, dipnets from boat and shore and multiple times
5 I've released kings that I don't think were that too
6 much worse for the wear, I was using the type of mesh
7 that you dipnet reds with and the kings were still
8 alive and kicking and hardcore but at those points in
9 time there was no retention of them so I had to release
10 them and I didn't -- but I'm still in support of this
11 prohibition on the State use of gillnet mesh.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Yeah,
14 that's a good clarification. Any other comments.

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16 MR. WHISSEL: Yeah, Mr. Chair, if I
17 can. I think that's the very nature of the type of
18 damage we're talking about here, is that the fish gets
19 caught around the gills, has a small cut in the gills
20 but they seldom heal, so the fish is released to the
21 water, looks fine, swims away, eight hours later it's
22 floating belly up having slowly lost all its blood
23 through a cut in its gills. It definitely isn't
24 something where people can't release them and I don't
25 want to make the case that I think there's a lot of
26 abuse or a lot of people misusing the resource and
27 releasing injured fish. You get an idea from it from
28 being down river from the fishery and seeing the belly
29 up fish floating past you, that's all. And I think
30 that might be sort of similar to what was being stated
31 about Bristol Bay.

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33 And, again, I wish we were studying
34 this kind of thing because I think there's a lot to
35 learn here.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, there's a
38 lot of things pro and con on all the sides. I mean
39 commercial fishing, you get a king, if he's any size at
40 all, he's going to bounce off that web and keep on
41 going and, you know, if you have a bigger web you stand
42 a chance of catching their nose or something you still
43 could snarl them but smaller web is not as bad.

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45 Okay, any more comments for those two.

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47 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
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1 Karen.

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4 MS. LINNELL: This is Karen Linnell
5 with Ahtna InterTribal Resource Commission. I would
6 appreciate your support on this proposal. Like on the
7 Kenai, there are thousands of personal use fishermen
8 using the dipnets on the Copper River anywhere between
9 seven and 9,000 permits are issued a year and so we've
10 seen a significant increase in the personal use
11 fisheries and then, you know, when you compound that --
12 and, yes, there are a few folks that -- inexperienced
13 and unlike the gentleman from Chenega, Mr. McLaughlin,
14 who just spoke about being able to remove them safely
15 and things like that; some of these folks aren't as
16 experienced.

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17 And so I appreciate your support on
18 this proposal.

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20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: You still there,
23 Karen?

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25 MS. LINNELL: Yes, sir.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Yeah, were
29 you finished or you had more?

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31 MS. LINNELL: No, that's it. Thank
32 you, Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
35 Okay. Yeah, good points. Okay, we got anyone else who
36 wants to give comments.

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38 (No comments)

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: DeAnna, am I
41 right, everyone -- the comments of -- let me see, we
42 had a comment from Aaron, was that in opposing?

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44 MS. PERRY: According to my notes
45 everyone supported this proposal to prohibit -- or
46 actually I should say both proposals 14 and 15,
47 prohibiting the use of gillnet mesh and monofilament
48 and multifilament.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Is that
2 correct by Council members.

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4 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, this is Aaron, I
5 did support it.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I just
8 wanted doublecheck, I thought you did -- Okay. Well,
9 okay, in supporting this is the prohibition, it's a
10 State proposal so it's another one of those that we
11 support it to prohibit it. And so I think, DeAnna, you
12 have all our comments and they're all in the same
13 agreement.

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15 MS. PERRY: Yes. And I'll provide just
16 a quick wrap-up when we do one final vote on all of
17 these where the Council had a consensus on the comment
18 they wanted to move forward.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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22 MS. PERRY: I'll do that at the end.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, better you
25 than me. Thank you.

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27 Okay, Proposal -- we're going to move
28 on, Proposal No. 16, that prohibits the use of depth
29 fishfinders on boats in the upper Copper River district
30 from June 1 to September 30 and that's on Page 43.

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32 MR. SARAFIN: Mr. Chair, this is Dave
33 Sarafin. I could lead off if you'd like.

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Dave, I'd
36 appreciate that, you go right ahead.

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38 MR. SARAFIN: Okay. Yeah, Proposal 16
39 would apply to the Copper River personal use dipnet
40 fishery management plan. It's -- well, it's listed on
41 the title of that but, anyways, it would prohibit the
42 use of depth or fishfinders on boats in the upper
43 Copper River district as follows. It actually applies
44 to not only personal use but it also applies to State
45 subsistence and let's see -- so no electronic devices
46 that indicate bathymetry or fish locations are
47 permitted on boats while they're participating in this
48 fishery in the upper Copper River drainage from June 1
49 to September 30th.

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1 So the Federal Board had a similar
2 proposal and on that one, let me pull it up here, so
3 this one the Federal Board adopted prohibiting the use
4 of fishfinders or depth finders while actually
5 subsistence fishing from a boat in the upper Copper
6 River district. However, they provided clarification
7 that the device can remain on board the boat. Their
8 justification, you know, they felt there's a limited
9 negative impact to the subsistence opportunity, you
10 know, there were mixed comments and testimony regarding
11 safety concerns. It was felt to be beyond the
12 authority of the Board to prohibit the devices from
13 being on board. And, you know, it was noted that, you
14 know, it'd be interesting to hear more feedback
15 regarding the fishfinders and safety on this issue.

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17 And so that's a brief breakdown on this
18 one.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right. Okay,
21 Dave, yeah. So basically they prohibited the use of
22 the fishfinders while fishing but they don't have to
23 remove them off the boat.

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25 MR. SARAFIN: Correct.

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27 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any comments from
28 the Board.

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30 MS. CLAUS: Mr. Chairman, I have a
31 question.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go right ahead,
34 Donna.

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36 MS. CLAUS: I don't know nothing about
37 fishfinders. Yeah, do the fishfinders, how much of a
38 difference do they make. I've never -- I don't know
39 anything about them.

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41 MR. SARAFIN: Well, this is Dave again.
42 And we had mixed testimony on that on, you know, how
43 well they actually picked up fish or not and whether
44 they actually were being used to target schools of fish
45 that are holding. So that was mixed. And we also had
46 some mixed testimony regarding their usefulness for
47 navigation and safety in the river. So the answer is
48 unclear.

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1 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Hey, this is Aaron.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead Aaron.

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5 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, maybe to answer
6 some of Donna's question, and I presented this when we
7 talked about it too. This is -- honestly it's almost
8 an embarrassing outcome by the Federal Subsistence
9 Board, I mean there's -- I would be shocked if there
10 were more than five boats on the entire Copper River
11 that had a fishfinder that worked at all, even for
12 depth much less for -- I -- I got fishfinders on all my
13 boats and it came with them because when you build a
14 boat nowadays a lot times they come with them and they
15 just simply -- the normal ones that people have on
16 boats don't work worth a darn in the Copper River and
17 they don't work very well in flowing water that's even
18 clearer than the Copper River like the Klutina or the
19 Gulkana or any of that stuff, well, the Gulkana is
20 pretty slow, they work pretty good there, but, you
21 know, it's totally unenforceable reg they passed. The
22 Board of Fish is not going to pass it in any way shape
23 or form, no way. And it did nothing. It's just not --
24 it's just not a concern. I don't know who originally
25 thought of it but it's very, very, very, very little
26 used and very, very, very ineffective and frankly I'm
27 tired of talking about it.

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29 So that's all I've got.

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31 Thanks.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thanks, Aaron.

34 Okay.

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36 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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40 MR. WHISSEL: This is John Whissel.

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, John.

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44 MR. WHISSEL: So I generally agree with
45 Aaron. I'm responsible for a lot of boats that run on
46 the Copper River and there are a number of issues with
47 fishfinders and GPS and this proposal, the way it's
48 written, more and more -- a fishfinder, or a -- what it
49 is is a sonar, a fishfinder is a -- you know we're

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1 talking about sonar here. More and more these pieces
2 of equipment are integrated in multi-function displays
3 where your GPS and your sonar and your temperature
4 sensor, your radar, whatever all comes up on one
5 screen. And it's not practical to take these
6 components off and on a boat but it may be practical to
7 turn them off and on.

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9 We have some pretty experienced
10 operators running our boats. I don't allow a sounder
11 on the river. They're the most likely thing to get you
12 into trouble running a boat on the Copper looking at
13 data about where you've been, not looking at what's
14 happening in front of you. They're not terribly useful
15 and most people that spend any time running the river
16 have abandoned it. That river needs to be read. The
17 bottom shifts so quickly. In the course of a day you
18 might see five miles across the valley from the way you
19 went up the river, coming down, because the channel
20 moves. It's not something where you want to go into it
21 with your eyes on a screen and it's not something where
22 the nature of the bottom is so full of debris, any
23 bottom you see is, you know, probably trees that are
24 just submerged in the bottom and stuff in the silt, and
25 the water's so silty it is almost impossible to target
26 fish let alone schools of fish. Believe me we've tried
27 with some pretty sophisticated sonar. We have one
28 sonar we can see fish with very well, it cost about
29 \$250,000. So other than that -- other than using
30 something like that, it's got a limited utility in
31 terms of actually targeting fish.

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33 That kind of thing is most helpful to
34 like bait fishermen. People that are like casting on
35 grayling looking for structure, where fish are holding,
36 but it's -- it would be a difficult rule to enforce and
37 it would be, I think, have less of an impact that is
38 hoped for. Because I just -- I don't see it's going to
39 be an effective tool.

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41 With that said, and here's the other
42 side of that coin. Is if we're looking towards the
43 future, that sonar that I spent \$250,000 on in, you
44 know, today's money, in 15 years that might be what
45 comes on your boat for free for, you know, five -- 600
46 bucks, and I think it's really going to matter if it
47 doesn't matter right now.

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49 And so I'm going to be in support of
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1 this even though I totally agree that sonar and
2 fishfinders are a worthless tool and more likely to get
3 you into trouble. It's not that far off where it's
4 going to be different, where it's going to be, you
5 know, doable and don't even get me started on your
6 transducers ripping off, we got to do this with
7 something that's shooting through your aluminum hull.

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9 So anyway that's my comment. Sorry for
10 being a little lengthy.

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Those are good
13 comments. Any other comments. so John when you did
14 say you was going to support it, that's supporting to
15 be opposed to them.

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17 MR. WHISSEL: To prohibit even though
18 they're worthless, but someday soon they're going to be
19 great and they're going to work.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah.

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23 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair, it's Gloria.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Gloria.

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27 MS. STICKWAN: I support prohibiting
28 any kind of fishfinders to fish with. I believe there
29 was -- I was listening on the Eastern Interior RAC on
30 this proposal and they said that you could -- someone
31 said that you could -- a person could buy a very
32 expensive fishfinder and they do work. They may cost a
33 lot of money for a good one, but if you buy a really
34 good one you can spot the fish in the river. They're
35 expensive but you can find the spots. And with fishing
36 from a boat becoming more popular, in Federal as well
37 as the State, this is going to be a problem for king
38 salmon and sockeyes, going back to the spawning grounds
39 and that's a concern to me.

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41 Thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thanks, Gloria.
44 Anyone else have something they want to add in before
45 we.....

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47 MR. HOLSTEN: Mr. Chair, this is Ed.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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1 MR. HOLSTEN: Yeah, just briefly. I'll
2 reluctantly support this. But I hate these kind of
3 proposals because I don't know how you can enforce this
4 proposal. So I think there's just going to be people
5 who will go ahead and keep using them because I don't
6 know how you can enforce it.

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8 That's all I have to say, thanks.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, Ed, I had
11 the same thought so I'm glad you mentioned that. I
12 just -- anyway -- but I understand the reluctance to
13 support it too. So thank you. Anyone else have an
14 opinion want to get it on the record.

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16 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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18 MS. CLAUS: Yeah, I support it. This
19 is Donna.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, okay,
22 Donna. Was there another comment coming in from
23 someone.

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25 MS. LINNELL: Yes, Mr. Chair, if you're
26 taking comments from the public.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sure, go ahead.

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30 MS. LINNELL: Okay. This is Karen
31 Linnell.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Karen.

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35 MS. LINNELL: It's interesting that in
36 one breath they say they don't work and then turn
37 around and say -- then they should be able to have them
38 or use them in another breath. And so to me it is --
39 technology changes quickly, look at the cell phones
40 we've had and how many times we change our cell phones
41 in just a couple years. I can see that this, you know,
42 is -- can be changing rather quickly and I'd like to
43 thank Mr. Whissel for speaking to the technology
44 advancements that have been happening in the last few
45 years.

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47 Also it's a safety concern. If they're
48 looking down on that they're not reading the river.
49 And that -- that's, to me, another issue. We lose a

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1 couple folks a year on the river, dipnetting, and I
2 don't know that it's ever recorded in a single place
3 but at least one or two people either die on that river
4 dipnetting and/or get stranded and have to be rescued.

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6 So we -- the Ahtna InterTribal Resource
7 Commission support this proposal.

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9 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Karen.
12 Okay. Is there any other -- anyone who would like to
13 talk to this proposal, 16.

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15 (No comments)

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, DeAnna, you
18 captured all the comments there and I think they were
19 all in agreement that they were -- that they support
20 the proposal to prohibit.

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22 MS. PERRY: Yes.

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24 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, just for the
25 record, this is Aaron, I was the outlier, I didn't
26 support it but I don't think we need to vote -- I don't
27 think we need a vote on it, I think it's not going to
28 happen anyways.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, well,
31 that's not a problem, we'll just put it in the
32 comments. But, yeah, I think she will have a good
33 summary anyway, there's a lot of discussion on there.
34 But generally we want them to pay attention to what
35 they're doing on the river and not using fishfinders.
36 So there's no way to enforce it probably, but, anyway
37 we got some good comments.

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39 (Teleconference interference -
40 participants not muted - typing)

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42 Okay, DeAnna, I have, before I move on
43 with your summary, we had Proposal 5 was talked about,
44 the setting the limits we wanted to look at, is that
45 the time to look at that now?

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47 REPORTER: Okay, wait a second, Greg.
48 Hello, DeAnna, DeAnna, wait a minute.....

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1 MS. PERRY: I didn't see that on my
2 list from the last -- so it might just take a.....

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4 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, it was
5 brought up -- Karen Linnell brought it up that she
6 wanted to -- I'm not sure if it was Karen, it might
7 have been someone else, someone wanted us to look at
8 that, did -- they wanted to set the harvest limits.

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10 REPORTER: Okay, wait a second, DeAnna,
11 before you answer, and excuse me, Greg, this is Tina.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Tina, go
14 ahead.

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16 REPORTER: If everybody could look down
17 at their phone, make sure they're muted because I can
18 hear someone typing in the background and it's
19 interfering with the recording. I'd appreciate it if
20 we could all mute our phones if we're not directly
21 speaking.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thanks, Tina.

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27 MS. PERRY: So, Mr. Chair, we do have
28 Proposal 5 in the Council meeting book, it was on the
29 same page as Proposal 6. So on Page 40, if the Council
30 members would like to look that over and discuss it we
31 could certainly do that.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Yeah, I
34 thought someone mentioned that or someone wanted to
35 bring up that, and maybe it was Gloria, I'm not sure.
36 But anyway they have some new proposals, establish
37 escapement goal for the Copper River, king salmon, is
38 that.....

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40 MS. STICKWAN: I wanted to hear
41 from.....

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:to change
44 that -- did someone want to talk to that.

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46 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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1 MS. STICKWAN: This is Gloria. I
2 wanted Mark Somerville to talk about the Copper River
3 King Salmon Management Plan, give us an overview. This
4 is the only proposal that I could see that was close to
5 the Fish and Game's recommendation, theirs is different
6 -- the recommendation to change it is different from
7 this proposal. They're just -- they're proposing an
8 SEG instead of an optimal goal and I was wondering if
9 Mark could give us an overview.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Who do you
12 have to go over it Gloria?

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14 MS. STICKWAN: I'm sorry, I didn't hear
15 you.

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Who did you want
18 to speak to it?

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20 MS. STICKWAN: Mark Somerville if he's
21 online, he's the area person.

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Mark, are
24 you out there.

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26 MR. MULLIGAN: Mr. Chair, this is Ben
27 Mulligan at Fish and Game. Mark had a previous
28 commitment and he had to leave the meeting.
29 Unfortunately we don't have anybody who can talk about
30 that at this time, I'm sorry.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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34 MS. STICKWAN: Okay. Well, this is the
35 only one that I could see, other than what Fish and
36 Game is recommending, and Fish and Game is proposing to
37 change it to an SEG of 21,000 to 31,000 for the king
38 salmon management goal, and right now it's set at
39 24,000, and I am concerned about that. If we talk to
40 Proposal 5, I would say that we modify it to change it
41 to SEG and that we're opposed to -- we're opposed to
42 modifying the king management -- king subsistence
43 management -- Copper River King Salmon Management Plan
44 to lowering it.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I think I
47 got it. I think DeAnna probably got it. We want to say
48 that we're opposed to the change basically.

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1 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: And that would be
4 the comment that we'd like to submit to the State.

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6 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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8 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Is there
11 anyone else that would like to comment on it just so we
12 don't miss an opportunity.

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14 MR. WHISSEL: I would.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, is.....

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18 MR. WHISSEL: This is John Whissel.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:this John.

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22 MR. WHISSEL: Yep, John Whissel.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
25 John.

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27 MR. WHISSEL: The big thing here is not
28 the number, it's the shift in a management from an SEG
29 to an OEG and it's something that KRSA's been promoting
30 in other systems because that's what they'd like to see
31 on the Kenai River.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah.

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35 MR. WHISSEL: I don't think that's the
36 way to manage our fish, and frankly I don't prefer the
37 plan that Fish and Game -- this is more than just
38 Proposal 5, which is KRSA's response to a potential
39 change by ADF&G. The king salmon, they've had some
40 fairly low abundance over the last 10 years or so and
41 that's how they calculate these numbers. They look at
42 managing for the 10 year rolling average, and we're
43 down. If we shift our management plan down in response
44 to a 10 year rolling average we're managing for a
45 decline. These fish go through decadal oscillations
46 and so I think there's something to be questioned about
47 choosing that same period on which salmon sort of
48 fluctuate in their abundance for how we calculate our
49 escapement goals.

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1 So I would like to just request that we
2 maintain the status quo management plan and the
3 existing target, which is at least 24,000 chinook into
4 the system, and I don't really think we should be
5 changing it until we're looking at this system by
6 system and past this sort of low resolution of managing
7 with one big number for the whole entirety of the
8 Copper River.

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10 That's my two cents on all this stuff
11 so I am not in support of changing the King Salmon
12 Management Plan at all.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, good
15 comments. Good info. Yeah. I know that's been fought
16 down here on the Kenai for years, one way to give them
17 more flexibility, I guess. Bad, bad management.

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19 Okay, any other comments.

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21 MS. STICKWAN: I just want to say that
22 they say we didn't meet our escapement goal this year
23 and now they're trying to lower it and to me that
24 doesn't make sense.

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26 MR. WHISSEL: We haven't had the
27 escapement release for this year.

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29 MS. STICKWAN: What?

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31 MR. WHISSEL: The escapement hasn't yet
32 been released for this year. I don't believe Fish and
33 Game has calculated the harvest and looked at the in-
34 river abundance with harvest taken out yet. I could be
35 mistaken but.....

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37 MS. STICKWAN: Maybe I heard something
38 different then, I don't know.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. So
41 basically though so far the comments are to leave as is
42 and not to go to an optimum escapement goal to 24 to 40
43 which is a pretty huge range.

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45 MS. STICKWAN: No, I'm saying that this
46 proposal is optimal and on the Copper River we have a
47 sustainable escapement goal.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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1 MS. STICKWAN: That's why I'm saying if
2 we're going to talk to this proposal we should change
3 the wording to sustainable escapement goal, but if
4 we're not going to talk about Proposal 5 and just, in
5 general, talk about the Copper River Management Plan,
6 which makes more sense to me, and just say we oppose
7 it.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's -- I
10 was trying to say that.

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12 MR. WHISSEL: Agree, yeah.

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14 MR. SIMON: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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18 MR. SIMON: Yes, thank you. Jim Simon.
19 I'm a consultant with the Ahtna InterTribal Resource
20 Commission and Chugach Regional Resources Commission.
21 In the absence of Department Staff weighing in here, I
22 just want to point out that Proposal 5 is proposing an
23 optimal escapement goal because that is the only kind
24 of escapement goal that members of the public or
25 organizations can propose to the Board of Fish because
26 a sustainable escapement goal, as defined in the
27 State's subsistence salmon fisheries policy is
28 basically a policy decision by the Department. So if
29 the public disagree with the Department's
30 recommendation that came out last March, that is -- the
31 only option is to submit a Board of Fish proposal to
32 adopt an optimal escapement goal. And so there's no
33 way for the public to propose a sustainable escapement
34 goal.

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36 Thank you.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Does that
39 answer some questions.

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41 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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45 MS. LINNELL: This is Karen Linnell. I
46 know when the Board of Fish last met regarding the
47 Copper River in Valdez, they had another goal at that
48 time to reduce and management was able to change the
49 management plan as adopted by the Board without Board
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1 input. And at that time we talked and raised a concern
2 that something that has been adopted and deliberated on
3 by the Board of Fish and we had asked them why is it
4 that manage -- the Department can modify a Board
5 approved plan without the Board input and public input
6 and at that time they said that they agreed and weren't
7 going to -- I believe they didn't want to have any
8 changes to the plans without it coming to the Board of
9 Game first. And, again, referring back to Mr.
10 Somerville's email, you know, I want to remind you that
11 this forecast is 22.4 percent below the most recent 10
12 year average.

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14 And the way that we feel is that they
15 keep lowering these objectives so that they can keep
16 harvesting and it is managing to decline. And the goal
17 should be higher so that we can look at sustainability
18 of this resource rather than lowering it so that we can
19 continue to fish. So, you know, we can't keep taking
20 at the same level. When the fish are declining, we
21 can't keep taking at the same level, we have to reduce
22 the amount of take that we have. And it's near the
23 point of restricting subsistence users as well.

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25 So I guess that's all I have to say
26 whether it's a sustainable escapement goal or an
27 optimal escapement goal or whatever, the goal needs to
28 be that the fish are here for generations to come.

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30 It seems like an overly optimistic or
31 overly complicated process instead of looking at the
32 fish population and setting the goal and being clear
33 about it, whether it's sustainable, whether it's
34 optimal and there's one more, I can't remember what it
35 is, setting one goal for the population and ensuring
36 that we have a sustainable fishery, that the salmon --
37 because I'm new to the Board of Fish process, I've been
38 so focused on wildlife for geez almost 15 -- over 15
39 years now, just working on protecting our moose and
40 caribou hunting rights that we've kind of let the
41 fishery be on the back burner and while we were doing
42 that, we've seen a decline and we need to have been
43 able to watch both. So at this -- you know, I -- I
44 just pray and ask that you comment that this needs to
45 be -- we need to not be reducing the goals to fit
46 what's happening on the river, but raise the goals so
47 that we can ensure that the chinook keep coming back.

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49 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Karen.
2 Yeah, John had made a comment earlier about maintaining
3 the existing goal, and I guess my comment would be
4 should at the minimum maintain the existing goal, if
5 not raise it. And so I think that would be a comment.

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7 But if there's other comments out there
8 let's get them in and we're getting a little tangled up
9 on this but obviously we don't feel that we need to
10 lower this or start setting -- you know, to manage for
11 decline. That's wrong.

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13 Okay.

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15 MR. WHISSEL: Yeah, I want to main --
16 this is John Whissel. I'd like to maintain the current
17 management plan, I don't think we should shift it to
18 any of the proposed changes.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Any other
21 comments.

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23 MS. CLAUS: This is Donna. I'd say the
24 same thing he did, maintain it.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks,
27 Donna.

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29 MS. CLAUS: Don't go down.

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31 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, anyone
32 else.

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34 MS. STICKWAN: I agree that we should
35 just address the management plan and keep it.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Gloria.
38 Anyone else.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing none,
43 DeAnna, do you have enough recorded on that for our
44 thoughts.

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46 MS. PERRY: I believe so, Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you. That,
49 I think, concludes.....
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1 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:there's

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6 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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10 MS. STICKWAN: I wanted to look at
11 Proposal 22. The way I read that, I wanted to add that
12 -- you said other proposals in the book that we could
13 address, and I'm bringing up 22 as well, about positive
14 C&T. The way I read this proposal is they want
15 positive C&T in the Chitina subdistrict, and I'm
16 concerned about that, for the personal use fisheries.
17 They're trying to get positive C&T. And once they say
18 for other fish, other than salmon, and then the second
19 part they say, why can't they have it, it's positive in
20 the Chitina subdistrict, so the way I interpret it, is,
21 they're asking for C&T in the Chitina subdistrict. And
22 I don't know if the State can explain this proposal but
23 that's the way I read it and understand it and I'm
24 opposed to that.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Do we have
27 22 here. I'm looking for my Proposal 22.

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29 MS. PERRY: It's not in the meeting
30 book.....

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: It's not in the
33 book.

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35 MS. PERRY:because it wasn't
36 identified at the last meeting but I think we're in the
37 process of pulling that up.

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39 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well,
40 maybe we could have someone explain that one for us and
41 we'll go ahead and take it up under these other Board
42 of Fish proposals.

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44 MR. BLOOMQUIST: This is Aaron. I
45 think it actually does the opposite of what Gloria is
46 talking about. It -- there is currently C&T in the
47 Chitina subdistrict for freshwater finfish, which it
48 would give that positive C&T -- yeah, at least that's
49 the way I read it. And these are nonsalmon finfish I'm

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1 assuming.

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3 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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5 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chairman, can Fish
6 and Game.....

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8 MR. WHISSEL: This is John Whissel.
9 That's -- Aaron's correct. It's to reverse the current
10 C&T determination.

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12 MS. STICKWAN: C&T for sockeyes or
13 otherfreshwater finfish, that's my question. That's --
14 I find that confusing -- the proposal confusing the
15 way it's worded. We have Fish and Game on the -- why
16 can't they explain this proposal to us.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, I'm going
19 to try and get someone here, Gloria. We got someone
20 that could explain Proposal 22 to us.

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22 MR. MULLIGAN: This is Ben Mulligan at
23 Fish and Game. Let me take a crack at this. I'm just
24 now looking at this proposal like you guys but it's
25 like Aaron said, it's asking the Board to reverse the
26 C&T finding within the Chitina subdistrict for other
27 freshwater finfish. So outside of salmon, just other
28 freshwater finfish saying that it won't meet the eight
29 criteria for C&T determination.

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31 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Thanks, Ben. This is
32 Aaron.....

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34 MR. MULLIGAN: So it wouldn't meet that
35 -- so it wouldn't meet for subsistence purposes.

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37 MS. STICKWAN: So that means excluding
38 sockeyes and king salmon.

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40 MR. MULLIGAN: It has nothing to do
41 with sockeye and king salmon.

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43 MS. STICKWAN: Okay. That's.....

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Probably, other
46 fish, would that be steelhead or something like that,
47 or rainbows or what?

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49 MR. MULLIGAN: It could be suckers or a

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1 whitefish.

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CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yep, okay.

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MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, I think probably the one that this is most used for in that Chitina subdistrict, it's probably not used very often -- very much at all for very many fish, but probably burbot on the Copper River. You know, people set lines for those, you know, it's not a big fishery at all. There's -- maybe they consider some of the surrounding lakes in the subdistrict, but I -- I don't know that for sure. I think it's just on the Copper and burbot would be the only thing I could think of that people would use it for.

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MS. STICKWAN: Well, I'm still opposed to this proposal anyways.

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MR. SIMON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, got ahead.

MR. SIMON: Yes, again, Jim Simon with Ahtna InterTribal Resource Commission. I might be able to help think through this, it is a complicated proposal. I think that both Gloria's interpretation and the others interpretation are actually both correct. The issue is that the freshwater finfish customary and traditional use determination established by the Board of Fish is for the entire Prince William Sound area. I believe that the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee and specifically the Chitina Dipnetters Association, you know, that's represented on that Advisory Committee is frustrated that they are unable to retain freshwater finfish, like steelhead, and rainbows in the personal use dipnet fishery. There are very limited targeted subsistence fishing opportunities for those freshwater finfish in the Copper River but they are able to be incidentally caught in fishwheels and retained and because of the biological concerns associated with those freshwater finfish populations, that is why those opportunities are not provided for personal use because the pressure of that fishery is just too great for those populations to be sustainably harvested by so many personal use dipnetters. And so the reasonable opportunities for subsistence uses of those fish are found outside of the Chitina subdistrict and I believe that's where the

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1 Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee is coming
2 from. And that it's also part of, you know, their
3 historical efforts to get that determination that the
4 Board of Fish made, that that dipnet fishery is not a
5 customary and traditional fishery, such that is not
6 protected by the State subsistence priority law and
7 that's -- you know, so it seems that they're going
8 about it through the back door instead of the front
9 door to try to get the Board of Fish to take up the
10 customary and traditional use determinations for
11 fisheries in the Chitina subdistrict.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, a nice can
14 of worms, okay, thank you. That did help explain it
15 though very well. So, yeah.

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17 Okay, Gloria and others, how would you
18 like to propose a comment to that proposal.

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20 MS. STICKWAN: Well, I'm opposed to it
21 because this is just a way of them trying to get C&T
22 for fresh finfish other than sockeyes and that would
23 open the door for them to say well we have C&T for all
24 of these burbot and whitefish and, you know, other
25 finfish besides sockeye and kings and once they get
26 that positive C&T, then they have a very good argument
27 about, well, we have C&T for Chitina subdistrict but we
28 don't have it for sockeyes, or king salmon, but if
29 they're granted C&T for this it's going to open the
30 door for them to say -- boost their argument for
31 sockeye and kings, so I'm opposed to this.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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35 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Mr. Chair, this is
36 Aaron.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
39 Aaron.

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41 MR. BLOOMQUIST: It actually does
42 exactly the opposite of what Gloria said. They already
43 have C&T for all of those finfish and it gets rid of
44 these. I actually think Jim's probably right, that
45 this is a back door way to get the Board to take up the
46 eight criteria and examine it in the Chitina
47 subdistrict. But as written, this proposal gets rid of
48 the already existing positive C&T for finfish in the
49 Chitina subdistrict, which is a carve out of the

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1 greater positive C&T for the Prince William Sound
2 region or whatever.

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4 MS. STICKWAN: I guess I'm confused
5 because I thought I heard him say it's -- we were both
6 right and my comment was it's a back door approach like
7 he was saying and it's possibly opening a door for
8 them. Jim, could you explain that again to me.

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10 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair, this is John
11 Whissel. Can I -- is it okay if I jump in here.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: John, go ahead,
14 jump in. Jump in.

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16 MR. WHISSEL: Okay. I'm not going to
17 speak for Jim or Aaron. There is already an existing
18 C&T for finfish other than salmon and there's no C&T
19 for salmon. The reason that's there is so that there
20 can be the personal use fishery.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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24 MR. WHISSEL: What I think is going on
25 here is that they're using this -- I think the back
26 door -- this is the back door I think, I'm not sure if
27 this what everybody else is saying the back door is, by
28 approaching it this way, rather than applying for a C&T
29 for salmon, they get the Board to look at the C&T
30 determination and I would expect that they'll put an RC
31 in sometime during the meeting that would change the
32 request to a C&T for salmon. Their justification they
33 make is not the kind of justification that I would use
34 to support something like this, they're saying, well,
35 if we don't have a C&T for salmon, why would we -- and
36 salmon is the most desirable, why would we have a C&T
37 for these other less desirable finfish, and that's the
38 false equivalency, it's not up to the Fairbanks AC to
39 talk about whether or not someone in Chitina
40 subdistrict likes to eat whitefish or not, or rainbow
41 trout, or, you know, steelhead. That's not the
42 criteria by which we evaluate these things.

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44 So that's what I see is that what
45 they're trying to do is get this -- get a C&T positive
46 for salmon to make that a subsistence fishery so that
47 it will not be shut down when there's a scarcity,
48 subsistence in Wood Canyon is not a very good thing.
49 We can all remember that.

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1 So anyways, that's what I see happening
2 here and I'm going to be opposed to this proposal for
3 sure.

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5 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks,
6 John.

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8 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, this is Aaron
9 again. And I think John is pretty close to on point on
10 his explanation. Although I think -- I think really
11 what they're doing is trying to expose the hypocrisy
12 that has been the two different C&T determinations
13 salmon versus other fish and -- and to correct in, you
14 know, our system, it's not up to Fairbanks to tell
15 people in the Chitina subdistrict what to do but in the
16 State system everybody's a subsistence user, so they
17 have as much say as somebody that lives in Chitina in
18 that system.

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20 But, yeah, I think it's kind of one of
21 those things where they're going to say it either needs
22 to be for both or for neither.

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24 So I oppose it.

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26 I think we all oppose it but maybe for
27 different reasons.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Yeah, is
30 there any other comments on that.

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32 (No comments)

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I think we all
35 sound like we're opposed to this. So DeAnna, you've
36 captured that. So is there someone else that would
37 like to speak to the issue right now.

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39 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair, this is Karen
40 Linnell.

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Karen, you got
43 the floor.

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45 MS. LINNELL: Thank you. So the Ahtna
46 people's customary and traditional pattern of use of
47 using dipnets from shore is quite different from what
48 is happening now with personal use dipnet fishery and
49 what it's become. As we've been discussing about the
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1 affects and the decreased reasonable opportunities for
2 the Ahtna people up river. While the Federal customary
3 and traditional use determinations for subsistence
4 fisheries would remain intact, the freshwater finfish
5 we have customarily and traditionally relied on, we can
6 -- and that we can retain them in our fishwheels, we
7 cannot support the extra harvest pressure and the
8 conservation threat that the personal use fishery
9 presents.

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11 The fishery has been determined not to
12 be customary and traditional use but the fish that swim
13 through the Chitina subdistrict are still subsistence
14 resources. There's sustainable management to provide
15 for both State and Federal subsistence priority
16 throughout our river. The proposal is the wrong fix to
17 the Fairbanks AC's issues of concern.

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19 Just because the Chitina personal use
20 fishery is a nonsubsistence fishery does not mean that
21 our freshwater finfish that aren't subsistence
22 resources and so I just am opposed to this proposal.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
25 That's more to add to the side of opposition. Is there
26 any other comments.

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28 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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32 MS. PERRY: So again the way the
33 proposal is worded I just want to make sure that we're
34 all clear, so far everyone is opposed to reversing the
35 positive customary and traditional subsistence use
36 determination for freshwater finfish within the Chitina
37 subdistrict.

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39 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct by
40 my understanding.

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42 MS. PERRY: Okay. I just want to make
43 sure because the wording of the proposal is a little
44 backwards so I want to make sure that everybody knows
45 what they're opposing.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, good, good
48 clarification. I appreciate that. Okay, that was the
49 last chance, I guess we got that one taken care of.

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1 Is there any other Board of Fish
2 proposals that we wanted to comment on before we move
3 on.
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6 (No comments)
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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, hearing
9 none, I don't know if we need a break yet or not, but
10 if we don't we're going to move on and this -- I'm
11 going to ask DeAnna to talk to and maybe some mothers,
12 but 21-10, we listed it as 10E and that was our
13 proposal that we submitted to the Federal Board for the
14 Chitina -- excuse me, Copper River dipnet fishery and
15 they referred it back to the Southcentral RAC and the
16 Eastern Interior, to have a joint gathering and try and
17 work on a compromise proposal or consensus proposal.

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19 (Teleconference interference -
20 participants not muted)
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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: So, DeAnna, do
23 you want to go ahead and take the lead on that for now
24 and just give us the reading from the Federal
25 Subsistence Board. And then also, I mentioned earlier
26 in the meeting that I met with Sue from Eastern
27 Interior, their Chair, she is available to call in to
28 give her comments on why their RAC felt the way they
29 did and the action they took, and so hopefully I'll get
30 her to call. But my understanding of the action that
31 we need to take is to request a joint Council meeting,
32 the Regional Councils between Southcentral and Eastern
33 Interior.
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35 MS. PERRY: So, Mr. Chair, I have
36 texted Sue Entsminger. She is the Chair of the Eastern
37 Interior RAC, so while we're waiting and giving her a
38 chance to call in, we do need to circle back to the
39 State proposals.
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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, good call.
42 You were going to read the total -- okay.
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44 MS. PERRY: Yeah, because there's been
45 a lot of discussion and.....
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47 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.
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49 MS. PERRY: and -- I'm sorry, is
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1 someone trying to speak.

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3 MS. LINNELL: Yes, please, this is
4 Karen Linnell. There's one more proposal on the Copper
5 River, Proposal 18, and it is to expand.....

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7 (Teleconference interference -
8 participants not muted)

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10 MS. LINNELL:the dipnet area down
11 river from the Chitina bridge to a half mile past Haley
12 Creek and I think that it would be good if it was
13 addressed by this Board. Proposal 18 would.....

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16 participants not muted)

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18 MS. LINNELL:expand the
19 fishery.....

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21 REPORTER: Excuse me.....

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Karen,
24 we'll try and get that one in here, we'll take a look
25 at it in a minute.

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27 MS. LINNELL: Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I'm getting some
30 feedback on here, I'm listening to someone's
31 conversation and it sounds like you're having fun but
32 we need you to mute yourself.

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34 REPORTER: Thank you, Greg.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: But anyway,
37 DeAnna, you were getting ready to do the summary but if
38 it's the Council's pleasure to take 18 we'll go ahead
39 and go back and do 18.

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41 MS. STICKWAN: I would like to.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, let's
44 get someone to give us an overview of what that is and
45 explain it to us so we can debate it for comment.

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47 MR. SARAFIN: Mr. Chair, this is Dave
48 Sarafin. I could, I guess.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Dave, I
2 appreciate that. It's really tough when I can't see
3 the crowd or see who's there or reach out to grab
4 someone, but that'd be great if you could give us an
5 overview of that proposal and what we might consider
6 commenting on.

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8 MR. SARAFIN: Okay. Yeah, this is the
9 Board of Fisheries Proposal 18, and it would extend the
10 lower boundary of the Chitina subdistrict down stream
11 one half mile. So currently the down stream edge of
12 the subdistrict is 200 yards -- approximately 200 yards
13 up stream of Haley Creek, so this would extend the
14 subsistence fishing area down stream slightly for the
15 State fishery -- or the State descriptions of setnet
16 creeks, I guess.

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18 (Teleconference interference -
19 participants not muted)

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21 REPORTER: Hang on Dave.

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23 MR. SARAFIN: So part of it's.....

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25 REPORTER: Dave. Dave, we have people
26 not muted. Please look down and mute your phones.

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28 MR. SARAFIN:mentioning
29 concentration of fishing boats in a small area that
30 occurs right just up stream of that lower boundary line
31 so this could expand that area of concentration for
32 those fishers.

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34 So that's basically what I have.
35 Perhaps if the State has additional information on this
36 they could provide, too.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, is the
39 State there, still, is someone there. I know they were
40 coming in at 1:00 and we've made it past that, anyone
41 want to make an explanation and help us out.

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43 MR. WHISSEL: I can make a comment on
44 this if there's no one from the State. This is John
45 Whissel.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, John.
48 We'll give you a shot at it, give it your best shot and
49 make sure you don't incriminate the State.

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1 MR. WHISSEL: Well, I'm just going
2 to.....

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4 (Laughter)

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6 MR. WHISSEL:say it's the second
7 time we've seen this one so it's gotten some review. It
8 was put forward at the last cycle of meetings when we
9 held the meetings in Valdez, I think 2017, and they
10 pulled the proposal and it's being put in again.

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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14 MR. WHISSEL: The reason they pulled
15 the proposal was because the assumptions of our
16 mark/recapture study require there not to be harvest
17 between the two fishwheels. There aren't any, you
18 know, major spawning tributaries or anything like that,
19 but if people are pulling fish out of the system in
20 between the two fishwheels where we're counting it
21 messes up our count.

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Absolutely.

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25 MR. WHISSEL: And because they don't
26 have -- what -- there isn't -- because there isn't
27 means of parsing whether you've harvested above or
28 below where the fishwheels are fishing we can't discern
29 what part of the harvest occurred below the fishwheels
30 or above the fishwheels and so it ends up making it
31 more challenging to come up with a number for king
32 salmon at the end of the year and it makes it more
33 challenging for us to come up with it statistically
34 valid. So the number is higher error, less likely to
35 be within that 95 percent confidence we're looking for.

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37 That's the biggest -- that was the
38 biggest issue previously and that's the reason I would
39 oppose it now.

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41 The other issue, I think, that, you
42 know, personally, the most dangerous part of that river
43 and maybe the one that's most difficult to read for
44 someone that doesn't encounter it on a daily basis is
45 this giant whirlpool that exists right off of Wood
46 Canyon, and adjacent to the giant whirlpool is this
47 sand bar that's very difficult -- or gravel bar, very
48 difficult to see it's a gravel bar and boats that don't
49 know what to do want to go way far around this really
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1 big whirlpool and they get grounded out and then they
2 have to get out of their boat right next to something
3 they're sure to die in if they get sucked into it and
4 try to push their boat out, and they have to push the
5 boat into the whirlpool to get out. It's awful. You
6 got to know to run through the whirlpool and where to
7 run through the whirlpool or you can't get through at a
8 lot of different water levels, especially when people
9 are fishing and the sockeye are peaking.

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11 I wouldn't want to have any fishery
12 happening where people are transitioning that area very
13 often, it's incredibly dangerous.

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15 So that's my personal take on it.

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17 Thanks.

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19 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Any other
20 comments. Was there anyone from the State who was
21 going to talk to this.

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23 MR. MULLIGAN: Mr. Chair, no. When you
24 guys started at 11:00 Mark came on early and so he had
25 to switch his schedule around so he's probably not
26 going to be on for the rest of the afternoon.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well,
29 hopefully this is -- we're wrapping it up here. But we
30 got an idea of what's going on on 18.

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32 So is there any other comments on 18,
33 anyone that has any support for it.

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35 MS. STICKWAN: I oppose this proposal.
36 And one of the reasons why is because subsistence
37 fisheries dipnetting from a boat is allowed under the
38 State, it's considered subsistence fisheries and
39 they're allowed to use dipnets and they could be
40 trawling, going up the river and catching a lot of fish
41 in that area while they're doing that and that will
42 affect the up river fisheries and migration of sockeyes
43 and chinooks.

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45 I oppose it.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, good
48 comments. Any other comments.

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1 MR. SIMON: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, go ahead.

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5 MR. SIMON: Yes, again, Jim Simon. I'm
6 a consultant with Ahtna InterTribal Resource Commission
7 but I'm going to just speak for myself as a former
8 Federally-qualified user of the Copper River drainage
9 and my family still owns property in the region.

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11 I grew up getting our salmon through
12 bartering and trading with our Ahtna friends and
13 neighbors and, you know, that is not possible any
14 longer and while I have also been a dipnetter in --
15 later in my life, in adulthood, I'm opposed to this
16 proposal. Expanding the personal use dipnet fishery to
17 more parts of the river, I feel, threatens up river
18 subsistence needs and I also think it's important to
19 keep in mind that, once, again, there is a bill before
20 the Legislature to provide a priority for personal use
21 fisheries. Just two weeks ago it was, again, discussed
22 at the Fairbanks Fish and Game Advisory Committee, you
23 know, that in the context of the Proposal 22, et
24 cetera, also, and that they, you know, are going to
25 keep trying to get that personal use to be a priority.
26 If that -- if the Legislature ever did do that, I am
27 afraid that people above the bridge are even going to
28 have more difficulties getting a reasonable opportunity
29 for subsistence uses of salmon in their fishwheels, et
30 cetera.

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32 I mean when I was a kid we would get a
33 pickup truck load of salmon that we would trade, barter
34 other things with Ahtna friends of ours and, you know,
35 I know that they-- there's not the abundance in the
36 catches, it takes so long to even get close to what
37 personal needs are, that those kind of customary and
38 traditional activities just are continuing to be eroded
39 by this expanding personal use fishery.

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41 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Jim.
44 Good info, appreciate it. Okay, last chance, anyone
45 else on 18.

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47 MS. LINNELL: Yes, Mr. Chair, thank you
48 for your consideration. This is Karen Linnell.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh.

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3 MS. LINNELL: I'd like to thank the RAC
4 for taking this proposal under consideration. The
5 Ahtna InterTribal Resource Commission, again,
6 represents seven tribes on the Copper River, eight
7 tribes throughout the Ahtna traditional use territory
8 and we oppose this proposal. And I'd like you to hear
9 on there, the reasoning that they want this is that
10 there's an increase use of boats and there are so many
11 boats fishing in this small area that they would like
12 to expand the area -- and so the anecdotes and things
13 that we've heard from folks regarding this fishery and
14 that the fish -- that the boats aren't an issue, this
15 tells you that the boats are an issue.

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17 And, again, there are up to -- up to
18 9,000 permits issued a year, quite a bit different from
19 when this first started with the personal use fishery
20 when it was around 3,000. So it's nearly tripled the
21 amount of.....

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23 (Teleconference interference -
24 participants not muted)

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26 MS. LINNELL: Somebody's not on mute.
27 Anyway, we strongly oppose the expansion and not just
28 for the safety concerns but also the Native Village of
29 Eyak's mark/recapture program is a vital part of the
30 management and we need that to be as accurate as
31 possible.

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33 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks,
36 Karen. Okay, anyone else. We went through this quite
37 a bit here, is there any other comments.

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39 MR. BOTZ: Yeah, Mr. Chair, this is
40 Jeremy Botz with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game
41 in Cordova.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, good to
44 hear you.

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46 MR. BOTZ: I could -- I did not really
47 participate much in drafting Department comments on
48 this proposal but I was able to dig up Department
49 comments on this so I might be able to just provide a

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1 little bit of additional information.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, we got her
4 going now so everything helps so go right ahead.

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6 MR. BOTZ: All right. So, you know,
7 basically the effect of this proposal would be to
8 provide additional fishing area in the Chitina personal
9 use fishery, we've kind of covered that. But accessing
10 the proposed additional area from shore would be
11 difficult due to rock slides and river crossing
12 barriers, this change in the Chitina subdistrict
13 boundary would diverge from the Federal subsistence
14 regulatory boundary. That's kind of -- you know, the
15 Department's, you know, -- effects of the proposal and
16 the Department's comments were basically that the
17 Department is neutral on the allocative aspects of the
18 proposal and the current boundaries have and continue
19 to allow for harvest opportunity in this fishery.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, very good.
22 Any other comment there or was that it.

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24 MR. MILLER: Mr. Chair.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
27 who's there.

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29 MR. MILLER: This is Odin Miller with
30 Ahtna InterTribal Resource Commission.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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34 MR. MILLER: I just wanted to make a
35 brief comment. I agree very much with what Jim and
36 Karen said earlier. And the one thing I just wanted to
37 add is that the State Department of Transportation has
38 just recently improved the road from O'Brien Creek to
39 Haley Creek, you know, which we don't yet know, what
40 kind of an effect that's going to have on the amount of
41 pressure on the resource. Think Wood Canyon, because
42 it's going to be a lot easier to access so there'll
43 already be a lot more people vying for that resource
44 because of the easier access because it's now
45 accessible by, you know, much more (indiscernible).....

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48 participants not muted)

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1 MR. MILLER:so I think expanding
2 the boundary down stream, even though the Chitina
3 Dipnetters Association and Fairbanks AC who proposed it
4 claim that it's unlikely to result in any increased
5 harvest. I am completely skeptical of that just
6 because there's going to be more room for people to
7 have the boats in the lower river. There's going to be
8 that, you know, tendency for that pressure and crowded
9 so -- so I anticipate this would likely result in
10 increased fishing effort which would probably result in
11 additional harvest.

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13 And another thing in 2017, Proposal 17,
14 Board of Fisheries, proposed extending the personal use
15 boundary down to the (Indiscernible) River
16 significantly so, I think my concern is if they expand
17 it a little bit this year, what.....

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19 (Teleconference interference -
20 participants not muted)

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22 MR. MILLER:I think it's pretty
23 likely they're going to keep wanting more and more area
24 for dipnetting.

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26 So, thank you, those are my comments.

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28 REPORTER: Okay. If I could everybody
29 take a look at your phone, why don't you glance down at
30 it and see if you're on mute because we're getting
31 conversations over our speakers.

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33 Thank you.

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35 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Where do you live
36 at?

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Wherever you live
39 at, you have to mute your phone.

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41 REPORTER: Hello.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, they seem
44 to.....

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46 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:still be
49 there, they're not hearing us. Let's give it a try to
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Was there another one that just came on when we were trying to get the phones cleared up that wanted to comment, I'll take a last comment or two.

MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna. I have a comment through our chat in Teams.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, go ahead, DeAnna.

MS. PERRY: Yes. Hope Roberts, it looks like there's some interference on the phone so she's able to text in her comment and I wanted to make sure that was part of the record.

So her comment is, I am a personal citizen, not as an employee of anyone. I would like to also comment that this proposal, 18, should be rejected for the reasons set forth by Ms. Karen Linnell.

And that was the end of her comment.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you. Add that to your comments there.

Okay, with that heard, I think we've pretty much -- that is pretty much unanimous there in our comments on that proposal. Is there anyone else, a last shot at having an opposite opinion.

(No comments)

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, DeAnna, I think we're to the point and I don't know where we got -- if Sue's left hanging, but let's go ahead and do our summary and see if we can't wrap up this Board of Fish stuff and so if you want to lead us through that and then we'll move on.

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MS. PERRY: Sure. Again, whoever is on the phone we can hear your conversation so please press star six to mute your phone. It's really hard to hear

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1 each other with that conversation going on. Again,
2 please press star six to mute your phone, and I don't
3 think that person's listening.

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5 Tina, would we be able to isolate that
6 line by chance.

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8 REPORTER: I'll call the operator.
9 Although they.....

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11 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Tina.

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13 REPORTER: Yeah. I don't know if
14 they'll answer but I'll give it a try. Yeah, if
15 everybody wants to take just one second, look at your
16 phone, and please mute your line.

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18 Thank you.

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20 Okay, how about whoever's driving in
21 their vehicle right now, could you please look at your
22 phone and mute it.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Silence, good.

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26 REPORTER: Okay, DeAnna, go ahead.
27 Thank you.

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29 MS. PERRY: Thanks, Tina. So I have
30 lots of notes here so I think I've captured the intent
31 for the Council, so I am going to read what I have here
32 and I'll pause after each one. Again, it's not going
33 to be a verbatim because I can't quite take notes that
34 fast but it will have captured the intent and if
35 there's something I missed or if I have captured it
36 incorrectly I, again, will pause after each one of
37 these so that someone can let me know.

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39 So I'll start off with State Proposal
40 No. 6 and, again, the Council is going to be sending a
41 letter commenting on these proposals -- No. 6. The
42 Council is in support of this proposal, which is
43 requiring in-season reporting of subsistence, sportfish
44 and personal use harvest and effort. And I just
45 captured the beginning of that proposal. And that the
46 Council's support is because of the low run forecast,
47 and there needs to be daily reporting to know what's
48 going on in the river.

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1 (Pause)

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3 MS. PERRY: I will go on to 7 unless
4 there's a correction.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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8 MS. PERRY: The Council is in support
9 of Board of Fish Proposal 7. And that proposal is to
10 prohibit guiding in subsistence finfish fisheries.
11 Again, we're supporting the prohibition. Guiding
12 activity has significantly increased in the Chitina
13 area, there's a conservation concern, and this might
14 meet the expected increase in fishing over time.

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16 Any corrections to that.

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18 (No comment)

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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22 MS. PERRY: Proposal No. 8, this
23 Council supports the proposal prohibiting dipnetting
24 near tributary mouths of the upper Copper River
25 district. And this is hoped to relieve conflicts
26 between users. The fish get concentrated and there is
27 the ability to specifically target king at Gulkana, so
28 this proposal, this prohibition could be effective.

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30 (Pause)

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32 (No comment)

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34 MS. PERRY: Proposal 9 and 10, this
35 Council took separate action -- or a separate vote, I
36 should say. I'll just remind you that that was to
37 support the prohibition of dipnetting from a boat in
38 the Glennallen subdistrict as well as prohibiting
39 dipnetting from a boat in the upper Copper River
40 district. The effects harvest for -- this will affect
41 the harvest for up river and it's an easy way to catch
42 a lot of fish so this Council supports the prohibition.

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44 (Pause)

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46 (No comment)

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48 MS. PERRY: Proposals 14 and 15, this
49 Council supports the prohibition of the use of gillnet

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1 mesh in dipnets as well as in Proposal 15 prohibiting
2 the use of gillnet mesh in dipnets and, again, for the
3 full proposal those are in your books, I'm just doing a
4 summary real quick for this. The Council supports
5 these prohibition. There's a concern of mortality,
6 specifically king salmon, there's anecdotal evidence of
7 hygrading and other activities and the nature of
8 gillnetting decreases probability of survival. There's
9 a need to protect the resource.

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11 (Pause)

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13 (No comment)

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15 MS. PERRY: Proposal 16, this Council
16 supports prohibiting the use of depth or fishfinders on
17 boats in the upper Copper River district. We do have
18 one Council member who did not support this proposal,
19 however, he stated on the record that it was okay that
20 we, as a Council, support this proposal in our comment.
21 Part of the justification is this is a limited utility
22 to target fish but looking into the future this will
23 matter. Fishing from a boat is becoming more popular
24 and there is a need to make sure that fish, especially
25 king salmon and sockeye are protected.

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27 (Pause)

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29 (No comment)

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31 MS. PERRY: For Proposal No. 5, bear
32 with me here, I'm going backwards and forwards here,
33 this Council opposed this proposal to establish an
34 optimal escapement goal for the Copper River king
35 salmon. The Council opposed to modifying and lowering
36 this, they would like to see sustainable escapement
37 goal remain and not optimum [sic] goal, this is not the
38 way to manage these fish. We're managing for low
39 abundance. A general comment with this comment on 5
40 would be that the Council recommends maintaining the
41 status quo on the current management plan, do not
42 change that management plan and, again, that's to
43 provide for sustainable escapement goal and not
44 addressing or using optimum escapement goal.

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46 (Pause)

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48 (No comment)

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1 MS. PERRY: Okay. And then last, I
2 believe we had -- or not last, I'm sorry.

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4 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: 22 and 18.

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6 MS. PERRY: I have 22 before I have 18
7 real quick.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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11 MS. PERRY: So the Council opposed this
12 proposal which reverses the positive customary and
13 traditional subsistence use determination for
14 freshwater finfish within the Chitina subdistrict.
15 This is a way of getting finfish other than sockeye and
16 there is a fear that this would open the door for C&T
17 for whitefish and other finfish. Once a positive C&T
18 is determined that could provide the foundation for a
19 good argument for C&T that may lead to C&T of sockeye
20 and kings.

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22 (Pause)

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24 (No comment)

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26 MS. PERRY: I just want to make sure
27 there were no corrections on that.

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29 (No comment)

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31 MS. PERRY: And then the last proposal
32 this Council took action on was 18, the Council opposed
33 this proposal extending the lower boundary of the
34 Chitina subdistrict down stream a half a mile. It is
35 hard to discern harvest above and below fishwheels so
36 it's more challenging for statistics at the end of the
37 year. Dipnetting from a boat could be trolling [sic]
38 and there's the opportunity to catch a lot of fish and
39 that will affect the up river fisheries. It's also a
40 dangerous place to put a fishery.

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42 MR. WHISSEL: DeAnna, can I.....

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44 MS. LINNELL: On that one.....

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46 MR. WHISSEL:jump in -- oh,
47 sorry.

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49 MS. LINNELL: I was going to say, on
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1 that one can you put the NVE research fishwheel.

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3 MS. PERRY: Okay. So Ms. Linnell, that
4 is what I mentioned -- if I can find my little note
5 here.....

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7 MR. WHISSEL: DeAnna.....

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9 MS. LINNELL: Above and below the
10 fishwheels, those are NVE research fishwheels for
11 their.....

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13 MS. PERRY: Okay. So.....

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15 MS. LINNELL:mark/recapture
16 program.

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18 MS. PERRY: Okay. Can't discern
19 harvest above and below NVE fishwheel. Okay. All
20 right, thanks for that. And, John, did you have
21 something as well.

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23 MR. WHISSEL: I think I heard you say
24 trolling, which would be dragging hooks and I think
25 what you want is trawling, T-R-A.....

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27 MS. PERRY: Trawling.

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29 MR. WHISSEL: I'm not sure -- trawling,
30 dragging a net through the water is trawling, T-R-A-W-
31 L--I-N-G.

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33 MS. PERRY: It might be my southern
34 accent.

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36 MR. WHISSEL: I don't know, I just
37 wanted to make sure. I remember from the comment that
38 it was indicated that the equivalence was being made to
39 drifting, dipnets being trawl gear, dragging a net
40 through the water, not troll gear, so as long as you
41 spell it T-R-A-W-L, we're good.

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43 MS. PERRY: Okay. All right, thanks
44 for that John.

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46 MR. WHISSEL: Okay.

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48 MS. PERRY: Okay. So does anybody have
49 any further corrections or comments on this letter

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1 going to the Board of Fish from the Council on the.....

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3 MS. CLAUS: DeAnna.

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5 MS. PERRY: Yes.

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7 MS. CLAUS: This is Donna. And I was
8 wondering there was a proposal, 19, on the Wrangell-St.
9 Elias RAC deal, and I was wondering if you guys had
10 already dealt with that or is that something we're not
11 interested in or whatever.

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13 MS. PERRY: If you would like to bring
14 that up we can. Again, we just started with a list
15 that was identified at the last meeting. And as you
16 know we've identified a few more under our agenda item,
17 other Board of Fish proposals, so if you'd like to
18 bring that to the table we can certainly discuss that.

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20 MS. CLAUS: I think I would like to
21 discuss that, hear other people's opinions on that one.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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27 MS. CLAUS: It's on Page 46.

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29 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, I'll hand that
30 over to you then.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I'm not
33 sure how many we want to go on with this, are we going
34 to take up all of the proposals under Board of Fish, I
35 mean there's a bunch more, too, so what is 19.

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37 MS. CLAUS: On Page 46 of the Wrangell-
38 St. Elias Park Subsistence Resource Commission. It's
39 very -- it's a quick one, it's Page 46, Proposal 19.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, let's go
42 ahead and take it up then.

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44 You want to talk to it Donna, go ahead.

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46 MS. CLAUS: Well, I was just wondering
47 other people's opinion on it. The Resource Commission
48 decided not to support it and everything we've been
49 talking about today is talking about the reduced

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1 numbers of fish coming up and this one sort of goes
2 towards that. And I don't really know enough to make a
3 statement on it and maybe we don't even need to. But
4 if somebody else could read it and give me an opinion,
5 that would be super.

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7 (Pause)

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9 MR. WHISSEL: The proposal is intended
10 to share conservation burden. And.....

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12 MS. CLAUS: Right, it.....

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14 MR. WHISSEL: Go ahead.

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16 MS. CLAUS: If the commercial fishery
17 harvest is 50 percent below the 10 year average on June
18 1st, the maximum harvest level in the Chitina personal
19 use fishery can be lowered; that's what it is.

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21 MR. WHISSEL: Yeah.

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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25 MS. CLAUS: Personally, I think that is
26 probably a good tool for Fish and Game but I don't
27 know.

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29 MR. WHISSEL: I agree that it's a good
30 tool. This is John. I think it's good to share the
31 conservation burden and the commercial fishery is a
32 great means of understanding how many fish are in the
33 resource and they automatically share the conservation
34 burden when the fish aren't there, both by not catching
35 when they're out there and restricted opportunity. I
36 think it's good and it doesn't -- I like that it
37 doesn't impose a requirement, it allows managers that
38 freedom and it was kind of how it was all supposed to
39 set up. Way back when there was a deal struck between
40 the commercial fleet and the dipnetters up river to
41 close the inside and to share that conservation burden.
42 It got the inside closures all right, but they were
43 (indiscernible) increase.

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45 MS. CLAUS: It seems to me that we
46 should support that but if you guys -- you know, other
47 people's opinions.

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49 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, this is Aaron.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Aaron.

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3 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, this one is -- I
4 think there's more to this one than meets the eye. I
5 would probably -- I would oppose this proposal.
6 There's timing issues in here and there's an arbitrary
7 date and there are times when everything happens late
8 and if we tie it to harvest the bottom line is that the
9 effort in the Copper district drastically declines
10 later in the season, you know, if there's a -- if
11 there's a huge push late of Gulkana fish, for instance,
12 or something like that, or even Klutina fish that, you
13 know, could come later, past, after June 1st, they may
14 just be hanging out there without any -- you know,
15 without any opportunity because maybe the 50,000
16 sockeye have already been taken in the PU fishery and,
17 you know, there's -- I don't know how ever -- John
18 would probably know a lot better how many -- exactly
19 the number of boats there but there's hundreds and
20 hundreds of drift gillnet boats down there at the start
21 of the season and then a bunch of them leave and they
22 go do other stuff, so it would be more palatable to me
23 if it was tied to in-river abundance which it pretty
24 much is tied to already and the Department has plenty
25 of tools to restrict the PU fishery, which they do
26 regularly, rather than tie it to just simply, oh, you
27 know, the gillnet fleet was 50 percent below their
28 average so even though there might be a lot of fish
29 coming late, we don't want anybody else to catch them
30 either.

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32 So anyway that's my two cents on the
33 deal. There's way more to it than a simple number and
34 a date in this deal, and the Department has the
35 flexibility to manage this fishery.

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37 Thanks.

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39 (Teleconference interference -
40 participants not muted)

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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44 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Anybody else want
47 to comment on that.

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49 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair, this is

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1 Gloria. I oppose -- I'm sorry, I support this
2 proposal.

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4 REPORTER: Okay, hang on a second,
5 Gloria. I can't -- Gloria, I can't hear you so hang on
6 a second. This is the reporter, whoever is not muted,
7 we can hear your entire conversation. If everybody can
8 take a second, look down at their phone and make sure
9 they're muted.

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11 Go ahead, Gloria.

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13 MS. STICKWAN: I support this proposal
14 by reducing the sockeye 50,000 and they should share
15 the burden along with commercial fisheries if it's
16 below 50 percent and 10 year average they should have
17 it reduced -- the sockeye reduced and share the burden
18 along with commercial fisheries the way it used to be.
19 I forget what year that was changed. I think that it
20 would help up river fisheries to be able to harvest
21 more fish.

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23 Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, any other
26 comments.

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28 (No comments)

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Reading this
31 proposal here, the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park
32 Subsistence Resource Commission opposed Proposal 19
33 with a vote of two in support and five opposed, so --
34 just so we take that into consideration.

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36 MR. BOTZ: Mr. Chair. This is Jeremy
37 Botz with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. I
38 could share some aspects of the Department's comments
39 on this if that would be helpful.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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43 MR. BOTZ: All right. So the -- you
44 know, kind of under what the effects of this proposal
45 would be. Based on an average of let's say fishing
46 openings by June 1st, the personal use fishery would be
47 reduced by up to 66 percent with significantly less
48 fishing time for the entire season. That's kind of
49 referencing June 7th through August 31st. The proposal
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1 would also limit the Department's ability to manage the
2 fishery in-season to attain spawning escapement goals
3 because less surplus fish would be harvested due to
4 reduced fishing time for the remainder of the season
5 after this action took effect. Let me see so salmon
6 stocks in the Copper River are fully allocated.
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8 And then getting to the Department
9 comments. The Department's neutral, again, on the
10 allocative aspects, however, the Department opposes
11 management of the personal use fishery based on the
12 commercial fishing schedule restriction, for example,
13 due to low king salmon abundance and not on actual
14 sonar counts that may indicate a harvestable surplus of
15 sockeye salmon. The current abundance based management
16 approach within the Copper River personal use dipnet
17 salmon fishery management plan compensates for
18 fluctuations in in-season and annual run strengths and
19 the Department has general EO authority to further
20 restrict the personal use fishery as needed to ensure
21 escapement needs for sockeye and king salmon are
22 achieved.
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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Does that
25 help. Does that spur any other comments.
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27 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, this is Aaron
28 again. I think he pretty much covered exactly what I
29 was talking about but there was one thing that he
30 mentioned that could be a huge issue that I didn't
31 think of and that is king salmon, you know, if we have
32 a crash in the kings and there's, you know, the drift
33 fleet is closed trying to protect the kings yet there's
34 tons of sockeyes coming, you know, that dipnet fishery
35 is a lot more specific, you can let kings go and that
36 kind of stuff. So that would be a travesty, I guess,
37 to close it because, you know, they can't be more
38 selective.
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40 So that kind of supports my point.
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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's a
43 good point. That happens to us here every year, they
44 close commercial fishing because of the kings so I
45 could certainly see it happening.
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47 Any other comments for that one.
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49 (No comments)
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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: It seems like we
2 have some -- DeAnna, we got some opposed and we got one
3 support so I'm not sure how we want to handle this one.

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5 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
8 is that Karen.

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10 MS. LINNELL: Yes, sir. Thank you.
11 This is Karen with the Ahtna InterTribal Resource
12 Commission. Karen Linnell. We're in support of a
13 reduction of some sort and this doesn't say that
14 they're going to reduce it significantly. This
15 reduction doesn't have to happen all at once and
16 things, it could be as simple as reducing the bag limit
17 for those permits from their 25 to 15 or something like
18 that. It doesn't have to be a all at once closing at
19 the beginning of the season, however, when the salmon
20 are late returning it would be nice if that -- if the
21 opening of the dipnet fishery is delayed by a week or
22 two because the early runs are the ones that go to the
23 headwaters up to Tanada and Batzulnetas and to
24 Chistochina and Gakona. And so in order to provide for
25 those subsistence users, we would like to see this
26 proposal passed in some form or fashion to ensure that
27 salmon are getting to the northern ends of the river
28 when there is a late return, and low return.

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30 For the last few years, folks on the
31 northern end have not been able to fill their permits
32 completely and -- or at -- and, you know, and myself,
33 less than half of my permit.

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35 So, I, again, would encourage you to
36 support this proposal even with a modification if you
37 would like. It doesn't mean that -- like I said, that
38 they have to do it all at once, but you can -- it can
39 be in the bag limit for those permits, a reduction in
40 the bag limit on those returns.

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42 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you. Okay.
45 All right, I'm going to give one last chance for any
46 comments here. We do still have some differing of
47 opinions it looks like, some are for, some not, so
48 anyone else want to comment on it.

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1 (No comments)

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, hearing
4 none. DeAnna, I'm not sure how we would write that one
5 up. We definitely have a couple differing opinions
6 here so.

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8 MS. PERRY: So I guess we need to have
9 a consensus on if we want to provide a comment, similar
10 to what we did on 9 and 10.

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh.

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14 MS. PERRY: Currently I have that three
15 Council members support it, one opposed. So I don't
16 know how the rest of the Council feels but we would
17 need a majority on whether, you know, since we have
18 differing opinions, whether we want to submit a
19 comment, and similar to what Wrangell-St. Elias did, I
20 can put, you know, that we had one opposed or two
21 opposed or however that shakes out, I could certainly
22 do that.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, I guess we
25 could try it. I mean this may take an extra day before
26 we finish this, but you got -- we probably have a
27 little more information on it. So I like what Karen
28 was saying but, you know, when it says it can't be that
29 way, who's to say it's not going to be that way, the
30 Devil's always in the details. So whatever you pass,
31 you pass the proposal as written, that's what happens.
32 So that's my concern.

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34 So I want to make sure we're fully
35 aware of that before we go forward on this too far.

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37 So anyway.

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39 Okay, is there anyone else who wants to
40 step up and give their side or do you want us to just
41 take a vote to see whether we want to make a comment.

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43 MS. STICKWAN: I think we should do
44 what Wrangell-St. Elias did and just say people
45 supported and some didn't.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Is that
48 agreeable by everyone.

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1 MS. PERRY: So to represent that
2 accurately, Mr. Chair, I would need to have a vote for
3 everyone, whether they support or don't support that
4 proposal.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Really. I knew
7 you would want that.....

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9 MS. PERRY: Would you like me to do a
10 roll call.

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12 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:but
13 sometimes you don't get that. But some support and
14 some don't is an accurate comment too. But I
15 understand you need to have it in a vote, so, I'm not
16 sure how to even vote on this myself but we'll go ahead
17 and open it up to the Council to make a motion if we
18 want to make a comment, first of all on 19.

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20 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Mr. Chair, this is
21 Aaron. I'd just as soon we don't even make comment. I
22 think this is a non-starter with the Board and we're
23 wasting a bunch of time.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Anyone else.

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing no motion
30 it'll fail at this time.

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32 Okay, next item.

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34 (Teleconference interference -
35 participants not muted - dogs barking)

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, we got dogs
38 coming on us. A good barker. Maybe we ought to take a
39 short break. I don't know, DeAnna, if you've got Sue
40 still available or not, but I already gave the lead in
41 to 21-10 but let's go ahead and take about a 10 minute
42 break and then we'll come back at 20 after and we'll
43 get started again.

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45 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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49 MS. WESSELS: This is Katya Wessels,
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1 OSM, Acting Policy Coordinator. I've been in touch
2 with Sue and she will be ready to call in 10 minutes if
3 you still would like her to.

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5 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I would that'd be
6 perfect if you could have her call in 10 minutes and
7 we'll listen to Eastern Interior, that will be great,
8 and then we'll move on with our deliberation with what
9 to do about it.

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11 MS. WESSELS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sound like a
14 plan. Take a stretch, good job. If we need to bring
15 something else up again we've got other, we'll do
16 something.

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18 Okay.

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20 (Off record)

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22 (On record)

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: What I would like
25 you to do, DeAnna, if you would, is to give us a reply
26 that we got from the Federal Board on 21-10 and that
27 letter, I think, was sent to the Council members of
28 what we're to do next, and then as soon as we go
29 through that we're going to put Sue on and let her talk
30 from the Eastern Interior and then we'll decide how
31 we're going to get the RACs together to come up with
32 some compromise or some solution to this proposal.

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34 MS. PERRY: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair.
35 So Council members, I did send an email right after
36 the Board meeting but just to refresh your memory on
37 Fisheries Proposal 21-10, which was to create a new
38 dipnet fishery in lower Copper River for salmon, the
39 Board decided to defer this proposal including the OSM
40 modification and the InterAgency Staff Committee
41 suggested start date. The Board deferred approval to
42 such time as the Southcentral and Eastern Interior RACs
43 can meet and work to develop a compromise proposal that
44 can be supported by all affected. And, again, as a
45 reminder the Southcentral RAC had supported this
46 proposal with the OSM modification of the 48 hour
47 reporting period. Eastern Interior also offered
48 comment and had opposed this proposal.

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1 So, anyway, that lays the foundation,
2 and, Mr. Chair, I believe Sue Entsminger, the Chair of
3 the Eastern Interior was getting on and just to let the
4 Council know once we received that order that the
5 proposal is being deferred, I did set a teleconference
6 between both chairs, and that's Greg Encelewski, and
7 Sue Entsminger, just for the purpose of deciding how
8 each would address it in their RAC meeting. Our RAC
9 meeting is this week, Eastern Interior is next week.
10 So anyway the Chairs had talked about how they wanted
11 to bring that to the Council this week, this and next
12 week.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. Thank you,
15 DeAnna. And I related to the Council earlier that I
16 had a great talk with Sue and she should be on the
17 phone now and we'll put her on here in just a minute.
18 But we both realize that this is an issue for our
19 Councils and we're basically directed to have a joint
20 meeting to come to a proposal agreement. And so with
21 that we won't we say where we were, we did have a very
22 good discussion and it was very good so the total end
23 result will be up to -- maybe we will have a committee
24 to figure out how to organize the joint meetings, where
25 we could have them, when we could have them, so on and
26 so forth. But I'll let Sue talk, Sue are you online
27 now.

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29 MS. ENTSMINGER: I am. I just called
30 in.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, great.
33 Good to hear you. I appreciate it. We're at our
34 Council meeting and we're on this dilemma of our
35 deferred proposal of when we could get the RACs
36 together and come up with a conclusion, so if you want
37 to just go ahead and take the floor and give us your
38 side and what you think we might -- how we could maybe
39 get together.

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41 MS. ENTSMINGER: Okay. As long as
42 you're ready for me.

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I'm ready.

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46 MS. ENTSMINGER: Okay. I assume that
47 the Council knows that the Federal Board put everything
48 back to the two RACs to have a compromise and as you
49 and I talked, Greg, I come up with the idea that we --
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1 I don't think we can make a decision at this meeting
2 because my Council hasn't met and -- but I would say we
3 either have a Council meeting between us or we have a
4 subcommittee working group that, you know, maybe three
5 people from each Council get together and work on it
6 and then bring it back to the Councils. So I would say
7 I would leave that up to the Councils.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, and I
10 understand that, Sue, because you got to go to your
11 Council first with the deferral, and we're going to try
12 and make a decision here today of how you want to do
13 it.

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15 I will mention something, Sue, that I
16 did in the past and I thought it worked very
17 effectively. I don't know that we could do it, it's up
18 to the -- you know, we report directly to the Federal
19 Subsistence Board, so the request has to go through
20 them, I'm assuming, but they're the ones that directed
21 us to meet together, but a joint meeting could be very
22 effective of sharing ideas and doing some other stuff
23 too. And then, you know, I thought about it and years
24 ago we had a joint meeting in Anchorage and each
25 Council had their own separate meeting but we took a
26 half day to have a joint meeting. And so if there was
27 something that worked out in the fall that we had a
28 joint meeting and then we had our own Council meetings
29 and got to look at each other and get to visit and see,
30 I think it would be really helpful. So I would like to
31 see that, that's just my thought. That's not the
32 Council's thought. But I do know that our Councils
33 independently have to make a decision on this.

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35 So I respect that you got to take this
36 back to your Council and I respect you and I had a
37 pretty good talk on the pros and cons of the whole
38 thing, and, so, of course, we got to take what our
39 Councils vote on so it's definitely their decision from
40 this point forward.

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42 So, thank you, Sue, but go ahead and
43 make any comments you want at this time, I appreciate
44 it. And I'll be glad to call into your meeting, too,
45 if I could get a time and figure it out when you're
46 having it next week.

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48 MS. ENTSMINGER: So I guess I do like
49 your idea but I believe that both Councils -- my -- I
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1 don't know. The vote was 6 to 3 on your Council and it
2 was unanimous on ours not to pass. So just a little
3 discussion that you and I had, I thought was extremely
4 helpful for both of us to see where each Council was
5 coming from and I have to say probably the Councils, it
6 just seems like a few people should meet ahead of time
7 and get a feel for it unless you think we can do it at
8 a double Council meeting and then meet.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: No, I'm fine with
11 having a group of the Chairs and a couple Council
12 members working out all the details and then we present
13 it to our individual RACs, I'm fine with that too. I
14 mean that's probably a more logistic sane way to do it,
15 something that might work faster too.

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17 MS. ENTSMINGER: Yeah, I don't know.
18 It seems like that would be good and then a lot more
19 information would be shared and then it wouldn't have
20 to take us a lot of time on the double Council meeting
21 but I think we're ending up with a double Council
22 meeting because they want a compromise between the two
23 of us.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right. That's
26 true.

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28 MS. ENTSMINGER: So that's all I can
29 come up with. But as you know our meeting is the 4th
30 and 5th, next week, and I will be presenting the same
31 thing to them and if you call in during that time and
32 give your opinion like you have here I think it's just
33 awesome that we are showing a great effort to work
34 together.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Yeah,
37 well, I sure will try. I got commitments both those
38 days but I'll figure something out. I do have a
39 Council meeting with the tribe on the 4th and I was
40 going to be driving to Anchorage on the 5th, but I
41 could figure out what time to get called in there
42 sometime during your meeting.

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44 MS. ENTSMINGER: And I can relay -- I
45 believe you could have done a good job for me also, so,
46 yeah, I would just now leave it up to the Councils.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, I
49 appreciate that. Because, you know, just the short
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1 talk we had and I'll share this with the Council, you
2 know, the concern is for the kings, and there's
3 possibly some ways of getting around the concerns of
4 the area, and other things, and maybe a committee can
5 work on that, so I think there's a lot of common ground
6 to be honest with you and I don't think it'll be as
7 hard to come to some kind of conclusion and, you know,
8 the Council at the next meetings, I mean if they want
9 to take it up and hopefully we would have something we
10 could present to them that they could pass so it is a
11 consensus otherwise we're back to square one, I guess.

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13 MS. ENTSMINGER: Did your Council get
14 the information that was presented to the Federal Board
15 that showed our Council's opposition. Did they have
16 it?

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Did you ask if I
19 had it here?

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21 MS. ENTSMINGER: Yeah. I thought maybe
22 we talked to DeAnna maybe of having all that
23 information in front of your Council so they had it.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. DeAnna, do
26 you have that?

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28 MS. PERRY: I do, but I don't think I
29 sent that to Stephanie, so give me just one second to
30 maybe.....

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I did have the
33 transcript somewhere and I got it here, but I haven't
34 isolated the exact one but -- oh, yeah, I do. I'm way
35 squared away than I thought I was.

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37 MS. ENTSMINGER: So as long as
38 everybody on your Council has what we took to the
39 Federal Board. I think that's helpful for them.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, absolutely.

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43 MS. ENTSMINGER: Instead of reading it
44 all, they would have it.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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48 MS. ENTSMINGER: Yeah. Yeah, and you
49 brought it up and I didn't know how much information,

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1 how in-depth or how deep you wanted to get into this.
2 But, yeah, I mean our Council -- your Council needs to
3 know that the Eastern Interior RAC has dealt with low
4 king salmon runs on the Yukon since -- I've been on it
5 20 years, the whole time, and it's never recovered. So
6 there is a concern about fisheries when the numbers are
7 down. And we felt -- they can read it in-depth there.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. Yeah. And
10 we could work that out there. No, I agree with you, I
11 know the numbers are down but we kind of took some of
12 that into consideration in some of our deliberations
13 too. I mean the bigger thing that we were looking at
14 is if there's some restrictions that may have to be in
15 the State subsistence or the State itself, and, you
16 know, we wanted a meaningful preference for the people
17 of Cordova and it couldn't get solved. And, so,
18 anyway, those will be issues we'll work between the
19 Councils, I'm assuming.

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21 MS. ENTSMINGER: Right.

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah.

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25 MS. ENTSMINGER: Yeah, and thank you so
26 much for -- it just worked out that I walked in the
27 door 10 minutes ago so I was able to call in.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, so your
30 suggestion that we probably appoint the RAC Chairs and
31 a couple others to get together so we could have a
32 small meeting first and come up with a plan.

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34 MS. ENTSMINGER: Yeah, that's what I
35 would recommend.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Okay.
38 Alrighty. Well, Sue, we're not going to be debating it
39 here so I'll let you go but I appreciate you calling in
40 and we'll talk about it here at our RAC and we'll see
41 what to do and when you have your meeting, if you would
42 give me a call or text a head's up if you want me to
43 say anything, I'll be glad to, and try and not get deep
44 into it until they make their decision, you know what I
45 mean and.....

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47 MS. ENTSMINGER: Yes. And, you know,
48 your decision will be made and I will be able to tell
49 them that so I guess, you know, the need for you to
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1 call in would be up to you but I think it could be
2 relayed very easily what you guys decided.

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4 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, very good.
5 Yeah, if we decide to have a committee that'll be real
6 simple, you pick yours and we get together.

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8 MS. ENTSMINGER: Right. Right.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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12 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, who's
15 there.

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17 MS. WESSELS: This is Katya Wessels,
18 OSM Acting Policy Coordinator. I'm sharing on the
19 screen and I hope you can see it, what the Eastern
20 Interior, what their position on FP21-10 that went into
21 the Federal Subsistence Board book. Can you see that?

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I could see
24 it. It's -- you're going to have to make it a little
25 bigger to read, I'm not sure how we're going to get it
26 to all the members.

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28 MS. PERRY: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Stephanie
29 had that on the screen, I had sent her what I had. So
30 it's the same, in case people are watching Teams and
31 they saw it twice, it's the same thing Stephanie had up
32 there.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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36 MS. PERRY: And I sent that by email to
37 everyone.

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39 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
40 Thank you, Katya, that's good. Okay.

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42 Okay, Sue, we're going to take a look
43 at it and we'll come to a conclusion and then we'll
44 give you a call.

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46 MS. ENTSMINGER: All right, thanks so
47 much.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.

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1 MS. ENTSMINGER: You're doing a great
2 job.

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4 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. DeAnna,
5 what do you want to do, do you want to read their
6 response, how long is it.

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8 MS. PERRY: It is a bit lengthy.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, let me just
11 talk to the Council first. Let's talk to the Council.

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13 You know, I think it's a pretty simple
14 decision right now where we go. We got to have someone
15 get together and do some logistical stuff of when to
16 meet, where to meet, and, you know, review each others
17 opinions on it and the Federal Board opinion, so I
18 think it's up to our Council to just decide do we want
19 to request from the Federal Board money to support a
20 joint meeting, to have a joint meeting, to appoint --
21 start out with appointing Coordinators, and, DeAnna,
22 you jump in and help me because I'm not sure of the
23 process. I do know that we have to request a meeting
24 and funding for it. I mean they told us to have one so
25 I know that's one step.

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27 MS. PERRY: Yeah, Mr. Chair. I was
28 actually pulling up the calendar for the fall to see if
29 a meeting as Sue had mentioned, you've done before,
30 where you have individual Council meetings and then
31 both Councils get together for like a half day.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh.

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35 MS. PERRY: And the only thing that I
36 saw was October 4th and 5th but I would need to get
37 with OSM because typically we can't have more than two
38 RAC meetings a week, however, there would be no more
39 than two RAC meetings going on at the same time.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Right.
42 And I seem to remember that that they made us adjourn,
43 one had to halt for a half a day and the next one got
44 it the second day. I don't know, it was kind of weird,
45 we had a day off in between and we went shopping, but
46 anyway.

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48 MS. WESSELS: DeAnna, and Mr. Chair, can
49 I address this. This is Katya Wessels. I think if the
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1 Councils decide to have a joint meeting that week of
2 October 11th when Southcentral already has their
3 meeting scheduled in Anchorage, we will be able to
4 have, you know, the meeting all in that one week.
5 Because if we just move it slightly and, I mean maybe a
6 question to Tina, to the court reporter, in terms of
7 the equipment, but if we're all meeting in the same
8 room, or even if we're still doing it via
9 teleconference, it will be the same recording
10 equipment, and I believe if both Councils decide that
11 they want to have a joint meeting we don't even need to
12 ask the Federal Subsistence Board for permission.
13 We'll just need to talk with the OSM Assistant Regional
14 Director about it.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, well,
17 that's good to hear, yeah. So we could make that work.
18 Okay. Okay, I'm going to open it up to Council
19 feedback, does that sound like a plan, we'll work and
20 try to get this joint meeting in early October.

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22 MR. WHISSEL: That works for me, Mr.
23 Chair. This is John Whissel.

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25 MS. STICKWAN: I would like to say that
26 the Board of Fish is going to meet on March 8th and
27 they're going to decide when they're going to hold the
28 meetings that were postponed and they may decide to
29 have the upper Copper River in October but they haven't
30 set a date yet and I just -- it's a big concern to me
31 because I'm going to have to choose which meeting to go
32 to if it's on the same date in October, and I can't
33 decide today. Because Copper River fisheries is more
34 important to me than -- I mean they're both important
35 but I have to make a decision is what I'm trying to
36 say.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, Gloria, is
39 that the Board of Fish, they're meeting on the 8th to
40 set those dates, but didn't they postpone, aren't they
41 going to -- those are just the postponement dates
42 they're setting, right, but I thought they were
43 postponing them until the next year, but I might be
44 wrong.

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46 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: 2022.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: 2022, that's what
49 I thought.

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1 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead DeAnna.

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5 MS. PERRY: I can shed a little bit of
6 light on that. Yes, they are having a meeting on March
7 8th to decide the dates but it's my understanding from
8 a previous meeting that their intent was to roll over
9 the meetings this year into next year. If George
10 Pappas is on the line or anybody from the State that
11 can confirm that, but that was my understanding from
12 one of their latest meetings. So I would not
13 anticipate that they would be scheduling anything in
14 October.

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16 MS. STICKWAN: Hello.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hello. Who's
19 hello?

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21 MS. STICKWAN: This is Gloria. I
22 accidentally shut the phone off.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, okay, Gloria,
25 yeah, we're just -- DeAnna just explained that -- we're
26 waiting for George Pappas to talk, but this March 8th
27 meeting is they're just going to pick the dates to roll
28 over to the next year and that's 2022 so there
29 shouldn't be a conflict on that meeting date with the
30 Board of Fish.

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32 MS. STICKWAN: No, I heard -- I heard
33 they might change that.

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, okay, well,
36 they could I guess.

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38 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah, and I think
39 Gloria's right, there's -- you know, the Board of Fish,
40 at their last teleconference decided they're going to
41 do both this year's cycle and next year's cycle in one
42 year, so they're probably going to have to frontload
43 something in October and November. I mean I don't know
44 if that's their intent to do anything as early as
45 October but could be.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. And then
48 we got some that don't feel that October they would be
49 doing it, well, okay. Well, that's where we're at so.

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CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: So Gloria I don't know, you know, we don't have any idea if they're going to have a Board of Fish meeting in October but we could schedule our RAC meeting and figure out a way for you to attend both, I don't know.

MR. SIMON: Mr. Chairman. I might be able to help.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, I like help. Go ahead help.

MR. SIMON: Yeah, this is Jim Simon. And it looks like on the Department of Fish and Game, Board of Fish meeting web page, the Department has made a recommendation for meeting dates and -- sorry, I just lost it on my phone -- and it looks like.....

MR. MULLIGAN: Jim, hey, this is Ben, I've got it pulled up on my screen if you don't mind me interrupting you, I'm sorry.

MR. SIMON: Thank you, Ben.

MR. MULLIGAN: Hey, no problem. Hey, sorry, this is Ben Mulligan at Fish and Game. We're recommending a possible date of November 30th through December 6th of this winter for the Prince William Sound, Upper Copper River finfish meeting. So in October -- I mean this is our recommendation, the Board may decide on another date, but that's what we're kind of going on right now.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, that's good. That's pretty good info. Okay, Gloria, that shouldn't affect October hopefully then.

MS. STICKWAN: Yeah, that sounds like, if that's what they're recommending and the Board adopts something like that.

CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah. Okay. Well, Katya thinks we could pull it off to have a joint meeting in early October so maybe we should work to schedule that if it's agreeable with the Council and we could also, you know, just have the Chairs get together and we could actually appoint a couple people to have a

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1 pre-meeting to get together the information we want to
2 present to the joint Boards, I guess, if we need it.

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4 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, go ahead.

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8 MS. LINNELL: Yes, this is Karen
9 Linnell with the Ahtna InterTribal Resource Commission.
10 It seems to me I recall before having a working group
11 set up for similar situations, and that might be where
12 you have interested parties participating in the
13 discussion with some of the RAC members.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I agree
16 that would work if you had a specific thing. Here,
17 where we're going to have a joint meeting to make a
18 decision, I'm not sure that working group would know
19 where to go because it's left up to the Board's.....

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21 MS. LINNELL: Right. But I mean to
22 help with coming to the consensus and then for it to go
23 back to the Board.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, well,
26 you're talking about having a group to get a consensus
27 between Eastern Interior and the Southcentral.....

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29 MS. LINNELL: Yes.

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31 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:before we
32 have our Board meetings.

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34 MS. LINNELL: Yeah. And Ahtna
35 InterTribal Resource Commission would be happy to host
36 a town hall meeting in an evening at any time via
37 teleconference or Zoom so that we could have folks call
38 in and just so that both the RACs can hear from the
39 public prior to your moving forward.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that could
42 turn into a huge, huge meeting, too, and I don't know
43 if that would satisfy the joint effort there. I don't
44 know, it's up to the Council, I mean.....

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46 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:we do know
49 we got to have a joint meeting and I'm not opposed to

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1 having a committee like Sue stated -- Sue sent me a
2 text that just said that the RAC Chairs can appoint the
3 working group so, you know, we could appoint a working
4 group, we could appoint whoever we want and we'll work
5 out some of the bugs before we get to the joint meeting
6 which would sure be helpful.

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8 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, go ahead.

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12 MR. WHISSEL: This is John Whissel. I
13 don't want to exclude members of the public from
14 anything, however, if we're going to have a meeting that
15 will be scoped in public like all of our meetings are
16 and the public should probably participate through the
17 normal process. I just would as soon not drag it out
18 with any extra meetings before we have a joint meeting
19 between our two work groups. And I would think -- or
20 between our two Councils -- and I would think that the
21 best way to do it would be to have -- either have a
22 work group or not ahead of a joint meeting, but to have
23 a full joint meeting between the two Councils would be
24 my opinion.

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26 Thanks.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, thanks,
29 John, I think ultimately there's no question we need to
30 have a joint meeting, I mean that's pretty much what
31 we're directed to do. So you can't vote and have a
32 consensus without the meeting. So that needs to be
33 done and it's just whether we want to complicate the
34 matter or try and ease the matter with a prior meeting.
35 But I agree with you on the public process, that'll
36 probably have to go through the joint meeting where
37 every public gets the same opportunity to attend those
38 meetings that'll be posted and so on and so forth.

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40 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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42 MR. WHISSEL: Correct. I guess I'm
43 just saying I don't want to complicate the process and
44 I don't think.....

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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48 MR. WHISSEL:we ought to scope it
49 out with a meeting that's hosted by an interest group.

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1 Thanks.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, I.....

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5 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair, I.....

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, who's
8 on there.

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10 MS. STICKWAN: This is Gloria, I have a
11 question.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Gloria.

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15 MS. STICKWAN: To Diane Perry [sic], or
16 somebody from OSM. I keep hearing the word consensus,
17 does that mean we're going to have a vote and it has to
18 be a consensus or a non-consensus or is it going to be
19 a majority vote, I don't understand what voting will
20 be.

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22 MS. PERRY: Gloria, this is DeAnna. I
23 did not say consensus, the word from the Board was a
24 compromise. They're wanting us to compromise, if we
25 can. But, again, that's left up to the Councils.
26 Their wording is compromise and that's what I mentioned
27 earlier.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, for
30 that clarification, it's not a consensus, it's a
31 compromise. So we'll go with our proposal, they'll go
32 with their proposal, we'll listen to both sides and
33 we'll see if we can compromise to come up with one
34 proposal. And if we can't, we can't, it goes back to
35 the Federal Board then they have to do their job.

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37 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Greg, can I get a
38 clarification on this, too. From what I understand,
39 this is one proposal that we just disagreed on, is that
40 -- I mean it's not like we have dueling proposals here,
41 this is.....

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, there was
44 just a disagreement on the proposal.

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46 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Eastern Interior
49 didn't support it because they were concerned, they had
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1 other concerns.....

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3 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah.

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5 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:of up river
6 fish escapement and stuff and so their RAC had opposed
7 it.

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9 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Okay. Yeah, and I --
10 I just, I'm a little flabbergasted that this proposal
11 has gotten to this point, where we're talking about
12 2,000 fish for people who don't have boats in Cordova,
13 it's ridiculous and selfish to me, so, anyways, yeah,
14 do what you guys need to do, I'll be gone by then, I
15 guess.

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, well,
18 Aaron, I think, you know, when I talked to Sue and we
19 talked it over, you know, I think -- and, you know, the
20 charts and all the graphs show, you know, the impact,
21 but the big concern seems to be, and whether it's
22 founded or unfounded, is, you know, kings and getting
23 fish up the river. So, you know, our RAC has already
24 made a decision, and now we have to see if we can
25 compromise and come up with the Eastern Interior will
26 change their mind and won't be opposed and they'll be
27 in support with us, and I don't mean that they'll
28 change their minds, because we might change our minds,
29 but we have to be -- a proposal, of some type of
30 compromise, and I don't know how that would work. I
31 have my ideas, but I don't want to say anything, I'll
32 get shot, so I'm -- you know, there is a compromise,
33 there's compromise of how we, you know, control the
34 take of kings, there's compromise of the area, there's
35 compromise of time, restrictions, all kinds of things,
36 so I think there's a work around, we'll just have to
37 see.

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39 MS. PERRY: So, Mr. Chair, this is
40 DeAnna. Are we exploring having a joint meeting as Sue
41 had mentioned you had done before, where one Council
42 meets one day, the other Council meets the second day,
43 and then there's a joint meeting on the third day, is
44 that what I'm hearing.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's pretty
47 much I think what you're hearing, that's what I'm
48 suggesting. I mean we don't have to be there for each
49 others meetings, we only have to be there for the joint
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1 meeting. So if one Council had their meeting one day,
2 and the next Council had their meeting and then we have
3 a joint meeting, because then you got the decision from
4 the two Councils, that's my understanding. The third
5 day you have a joint meeting and try and solve it
6 or.....

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8 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:vice versa
11 -- I maybe got that mixed up. We got to get together
12 first to decide on it and then go back to our Councils.

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14 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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18 MS. LINNELL: This is Karen Linnell.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Uh-huh.

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22 MS. LINNELL: So I have a question
23 regarding the compromise, if reached, would that become
24 a new proposal and would that -- for the Board to act
25 on and then would there be a full public process on
26 that compromise?

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I don't think so
29 but I'm not the professor on that, I think it's a
30 modified proposal. I think the compromise proposal
31 would be a modified proposal. You know we send in
32 proposals all the time and OSM modifies them, someone
33 else modifies them, we modify them, I'm thinking it
34 will be the same proposal but it'll be a compromised
35 modified proposal.

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37 MS. LINNELL: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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39 MS. PERRY: And I know Katya Wessels
40 from OSM is online, I know the Board didn't give us
41 specifics other than saying they wanted us to seek a
42 compromise and so I don't know if Katya Wessels, as the
43 Acting Policy Coordinator, can shed some light on what
44 the Board's expecting, whether it be a new proposal or
45 a modified proposal. She might be able to shed some
46 light on that.

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48 MS. WESSELS: Thank you, DeAnna. This
49 is Katya Wessels. I was just going to look at the

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1 transcripts of the Board meeting actually to see what's
2 really been said so I was not ready for this question
3 so if you can hold a second, continue discussion, if I
4 find something that I can share with you I will ask
5 Chair for permission to speak.

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7 Thank you.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.

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11 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
14 Gloria.

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16 MS. STICKWAN: A compromise proposal is
17 a modified proposal.

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19 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right, that's
20 what I thought.

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22 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.
23 I do have the verbiage for the justification given by
24 the Board for this proposal if you'd like me to read
25 that.

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27 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
28 DeAnna.

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30 MS. PERRY: Okay. It was given by the
31 Forest Service agency, saying:

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33 We face a decision about allocating a
34 limited number of salmon among multiple groups of
35 Federally-qualified subsistence users. While I very
36 much appreciate the efforts of the InterAgency Staff
37 Committee and others to find a way to make this
38 proposal work, I remain concerned that Fisheries
39 Proposal 21-10 has elicited a pointed disagreement
40 between Regional Advisory Councils. These regions and
41 communities are already faced with a greatly diminished
42 fisheries resource from which to meet their subsistence
43 needs, and I believe it is important to find compromise
44 and identify cooperative solutions. Residents of the
45 community of Cordova currently have a meaningful
46 priority for subsistence fishing in the Copper River
47 and are usually able to harvest the fish they need.
48 This is not always true for communities higher in the
49 Copper River water shed. Opening a new fishery may
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1 affect the number of fish that are later available to
2 those up stream users and I do not want to support a
3 proposal that appears to contribute to an existing
4 inequity.

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6 Therefore, I move that we defer
7 approval of Fisheries Proposal 21-10 until such time
8 that the Southcentral and Eastern Interior RACs can
9 meet and work to develop a compromise proposal that can
10 be supported by all affected. I have faith in the
11 Advisory Council process and am certain that their
12 wisdom will lead to a consensus proposal.

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14 That was the justification provided by
15 the Board.

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, DeAnna,
18 very, very good, yes, it clearly states its a
19 compromised proposal, to work on a compromised
20 proposal, this last paragraph, that's what they voted
21 on.

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23 So I would suggest that we try to have
24 a joint meeting and see what the dates shake out, if
25 they don't we could certainly call each other and we're
26 going to have to set one up sooner or later.

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28 MS. PERRY: So, Mr. Chair, might I
29 suggest, I believe Katya had mentioned earlier that we
30 would still be able to have our meeting the same week
31 as we currently have it in October.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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35 MS. PERRY: And instead of two days we
36 could extend that to three and, of course, that would
37 be contingent upon if the Eastern Interior would wish
38 to move their meeting in October. For those on Teams,
39 Stephanie has the calendar up and you can see that
40 Eastern Interior is scheduled currently to meet October
41 7th and 8th and Southcentral on the 13th and 14th so we
42 might suggest either our meeting the 12th through the
43 14th or the 13th through the 15th, knowing that one of
44 those days we won't be actually meeting, that'll be
45 Eastern Interior's time.

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47 And I would just want to confirm that
48 with the court reporter to make sure that that would be
49 doable, because Western Interior RAC is also scheduled
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1 for that week, and we need to be cognizant of their
2 capability.

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4 REPORTER: So this is Tina.....

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6 MS. STICKWAN: Columbus Day is.....

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8 REPORTER:yes, we can.

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10 MS. STICKWAN:a holiday --
11 Columbus Day is a holiday.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's what it's
14 showing on their schedule. We could certainly meet on
15 the 12th.

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17 REPORTER: So DeAnna I just want to
18 answer you, yes, we can cover that. I will block that
19 week out now. Thank you.

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21 MS. PERRY: Thank you, Tina.

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23 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, this is Katya
24 Wessels. I also know from being at the last Eastern
25 Interior meeting that they wanted to have that -- to
26 meet that week originally but they couldn't because
27 Western Interior beat them to the days so they might be
28 happy to have it that week.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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32 MS. WESSELS: And also I reviewed the
33 transcripts from the Board meeting and there is no
34 verbiage that I can see here that they want the two
35 RACs to develop a new proposal, they just want the
36 Southcentral and Eastern Interior to meet and maybe
37 work on developing or exploring a compromise that can
38 be supported by those affected as well. And those were
39 the exact words for the justification and they also
40 were talking about that they don't want to have, you
41 know, people pitting up river, lower river, you know,
42 competing folks, users, subsistence users against each
43 other over a very small proportion of the fishery. So
44 they wanted to have full understanding and find a
45 compromise, whatever it will be. You know it will be --
46 I think if -- you know I think the intent is that
47 maybe you can come to the similar comment on that
48 proposal and if you cannot come to a compromised
49 comment on that proposal then if you decide at that

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1 moment that a new proposal is better and submit a new
2 proposal, then that proposal will need to go through
3 the entire process. But it will be up to both Councils
4 to decide that during the discussion. You don't
5 necessarily need to submit a new proposal.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, yep, we got
8 that. Thank you very much, Katya, that explains it.

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10 Okay, DeAnna, we got some time blocked
11 out there, it looks like we'll be able to pull this off
12 in October some time and I guess we'll leave at that
13 until we get more direction, does that sound
14 reasonable.

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16 MS. PERRY: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Part of
17 our agenda is to confirm our fall meeting dates and so
18 perhaps we can do that now or at the end of the meeting
19 when we normally do but we could just expand that our
20 meeting will happen that week, the 12th through the
21 15th and then I can get everyone's preferences and then
22 share those with the Eastern Interior Chair and
23 Coordinator so that they have that for their meeting
24 next week so that when they vote on their fall meeting
25 dates, hopefully we can find that three day block in
26 there.

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28 So would you like to vote on that now
29 and confirm the fall meeting dates, Mr. Chair, or would
30 you like to do that when we normally do a little bit
31 later.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I'd like to do it
34 now since we're on it, let's go ahead and see if we
35 can't wrap that up. And that would be the fall
36 meeting, if everyone would be in favor from the 12th
37 through the 15th, that's the best we could do for now.

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39 MS. PERRY: And I would need someone to
40 make a motion for the record and a second and then I
41 can do a roll call vote, Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yep. Do we have
44 a motion for that.

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46 MR. HOLSTEN: Yeah, this is Ed. Yeah,
47 I move to have our fall meeting, which would be
48 partially a joint meeting October 13th through the
49 15th, 2021.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: DeAnna, did we
2 need the 12th, too?

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4 MS. PERRY: If Ed wants to show a
5 preference for the last three days in the week that's
6 certainly fine.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Okay.
9 13th through 15th, that's great, I just wanted to know
10 if we needed to block the whole time out Okay, thanks,
11 Ed. Is there a second to Ed's motion.

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13 MS. SELANOFF: I'll second, this is
14 Diane.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Diane,
17 thank you. Any discussion on it.

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19 (No comments)

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: All in favor of
22 the three day meeting, 13th through the 15th, aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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28 (No opposing dates)

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, we got that
31 set but -- yeah, we got that done. So now we've got
32 the joint meeting set so that's what's going to take
33 place, DeAnna, correct.

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35 MS. PERRY: Yes, again, the caveat is
36 with Eastern Interior, it needs to be a compromised
37 meeting date as well, but from what Katya shared it's
38 encouraging because they wanted that week anyway.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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42 MS. STICKWAN: I have a question.

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Gloria.

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46 MS. STICKWAN: With Covid, it's still
47 in existence, you know, it's getting better, I'm just
48 wondering how effective a meeting will be held if we
49 have to do it virtually. It's hard enough right now

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1 with our own Council, but to add another Council to
2 meet, it'll make it more complicated and harder with
3 more people on the line. I'm not sure if we can meet
4 in person in October, and that's something we should
5 talk about.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, Gloria
8 that's a good point and I was thinking about that too.
9 I'm sure hoping that we can meet by October, and I'm
10 hoping that we could, you know, at least get the
11 Councils together with a big enough venue that you
12 could spread us out, and I shouldn't say this but maybe
13 all the agencies might have to Zoom in, but I don't
14 suppose they'd like that.

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16 (Laughter)

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: But, anyway, I'm
19 going to get myself in trouble every time. But, you
20 know, it sure would be nice to have a venue where we
21 could all get together in one place so I guess we won't
22 know but if we get enough immunizations by then and
23 things keep trending down, I'm thinking that we'd be
24 safe and do six foot spacing, I don't see why we
25 couldn't or am I too hopeful.

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27 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair. This is Katya
28 Wessels. It also depends on the existing rules and
29 regulations for the Fish and Wildlife and probably
30 Forest Service as well since we will be the ones
31 organizing the meeting.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's
34 true. You guys will probably get some kind of
35 restriction and then we'll all be hosed, but hopefully
36 not. Okay, yeah, that's a good point.

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38 (Laughter)

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: So, Gloria, I
41 guess we just don't know.

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43 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead DeAnna.

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47 MS. PERRY: Just because the record is
48 kind of still on this point, I just assumed that we
49 would have our meeting in Anchorage, that's what we had
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1 picked at our last meeting but we didn't confirm that
2 in our current vote so I just want to make sure that
3 everyone is still okay with Anchorage, and especially
4 if we're going to have a joint meeting, they will
5 probably have more venues that would accommodate more
6 bodies, socially distanced than another community.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's a
9 good point and I was going to bring it up too, that's
10 why I paused there. Is everyone agreeable to the
11 Anchorage meeting venue if we can meet in person in
12 fall.

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14 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Agreed.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Anyone
17 opposed.

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19 (No comments)

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I think it's all
22 agreed, DeAnna, thanks.

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24 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair, this is Katya
25 Wessels. I also had an additional thought that the
26 Council might want to select alternate dates just in
27 case the Eastern Interior absolutely cannot meet this
28 week, so they have an option, you know, of choosing
29 another week.

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31 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. DeAnna, do
32 you want to go back to the calendar if we got to select
33 an alternate week.

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35 MS. PERRY: Yeah, I think Stephanie can
36 pull that up. From my recollection, October 4th, 5th
37 and 6th, that's the week that Eastern Interior already
38 has set aside, or we could.....

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40 MS. WESSELS: Right now they have
41 October 7th and 8th, that's what they have, and they
42 also had alternate dates of October 19th and 20th, but
43 their first preference was October 7th and 8th.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well, we
46 could have an alternate of October 6, 7, and 8, I
47 guess.

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49 MS. STICKWAN: Is it in Anchorage?

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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3 MS. TOTEMOFF: Mr. Chair, this is
4 Angela.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Angela.

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8 MS. TOTEMOFF: I'd like to make a
9 motion to set the alternative dates for October.....

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11 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:6th through
14 the 8th.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you,
17 Angela, is there a second.

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19 MS. STICKWAN: Mr. Chair, before you
20 vote. I see Eastern Interior is in Fairbanks.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I need a second
23 on that motion and then we'll have a discussion, okay.
24 Could I have a second on that motion 6, 7 and 8 in
25 Anchorage.

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27 MS. SELANOFF: Diane seconds.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Diane.
30 Okay, go ahead, what was your question about Fairbanks.

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32 MS. STICKWAN: On the calendar it says
33 Eastern Interior wants to meet in Fairbanks.

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, boy.

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37 MS. WESSELS: Gloria, I don't think
38 there will be any problem for them moving their meeting
39 to Anchorage. This is Katya Wessels. They would be
40 fine, I think, that's my feeling.

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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44 MS. ENTSMINGER: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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48 MS. ENTSMINGER: This is Sue, Eastern
49 Interior Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I'm glad you're
2 there. We're making dates for you. Go ahead.

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4 MS. ENTSMINGER: I got cut off once but
5 I got back in. I want you to know there was a tri-
6 Council meeting once and we had it in Wasilla to have
7 people meet a little closer, but I think it's easier on
8 us probably just to meet in one city or the other where
9 you can just fly to and not have to drive somewhere.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we were
12 hoping you would be amenable to Anchorage.

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14 MS. ENTSMINGER: I think that you
15 should do the same thing for your meeting places, I
16 don't know what they're going to say. I imagine that
17 they're flying anyway so they'll probably fly to
18 Anchorage just fine.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah.

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22 MS. ENTSMINGER: It's people like me
23 that have to drive. But I would just set an alternate
24 place also.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: An alternate
27 place also, okay.

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29 MS. ENTSMINGER: Yeah, and I think that
30 these meetings might not take three days, it could be
31 that, you know, we meet together, knock it all out and
32 then go back -- when we did that all Council meeting,
33 we were done in a half a day I think, or a day -- I
34 think it was just a day.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: And that was 10
37 Councils, or 8 or 9 Councils, yeah.

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39 MS. ENTSMINGER: Yeah, we only had a
40 day for each Council.

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah.

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44 MS. ENTSMINGER: So at any rate I would
45 leave that open too, I wouldn't complicate things, just
46 maybe an alternate place for -- I doubt they'll care
47 about flying to Anchorage so.

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49 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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1 MS. ENTSMINGER: All right.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I have a motion
4 on the floor for the 6th, 7th and 8th in Anchorage as
5 an alternative and then if we vote on that then I'll
6 take an alternative city if we want.

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8 So all in favor of an alternate of 6th,
9 7th and 8th signify by saying aye.

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11 IN UNISON: Aye.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Would anyone --
18 motion carries, DeAnna. I hear no opposition. Does
19 anyone want to make a motion to have an alternate city
20 of Fairbanks in case Eastern Interior doesn't want to
21 meet here.

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23 MS. TOTEMOFF: Mr. Chairman, this is
24 Angela. I'd like to make that motion.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Angela,
27 thank you. Is there a second to that motion.

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29 MS. SELANOFF: This is Diane, I'll
30 second it.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: You guys with me
33 out there, any second to an alternate city.

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35 MS. SELANOFF: This is Diane, I'll
36 second.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Diane.
39 Any discussion.

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41 (No comments)

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing none, all
44 in favor of alternate city being Fairbanks, aye.

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46 IN UNISON: Aye.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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1 MS. STICKWAN: I oppose.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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5 MS. STICKWAN: I think it's a long ways
6 to travel for people.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: It is.

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10 REPORTER: Okay, who was that that
11 opposed, was it you Gloria?

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I believe it was
14 Gloria, right.

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16 MS. STICKWAN: Yes.

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18 REPORTER: Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I'm starting to
21 hear your voice better now. Okay.

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23 Okay, well, we got one opposed but we
24 did pass it, I guess, for the alternate, Fairbanks.

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26 Okay, DeAnna, before we move on here we
27 got -- is there anything we need on that proposal,
28 that's pretty well going to take its course now so are
29 we ready to go into new business.

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31 MS. PERRY: Yes. Just a clarification,
32 though, on these dates. We had talked about one
33 Council meeting the first day, one Council meeting the
34 second day, and then the joint meeting would be on that
35 third day, so it being a regulatory meeting in the
36 fall, I definitely think that each Council would need
37 their own day to do their own business to make sure
38 that they can get through their agenda and then we
39 would need that third day to cover Fishery Proposal 21-
40 10. If anybody's understanding is different than that
41 please let me know, that's kind of what I had in mind.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I think
44 you're correct because we're going to have to do our
45 normal business and then we -- so I don't see any way
46 of getting around it.

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48 MS. PERRY: Okay, thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well,
2 hopefully we can come up with a compromise proposal and
3 have a nice joint meeting and get Covid-free and all
4 that good stuff.

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6 Under new business we got Southcentral
7 Federal subsistence fishery and wildlife harvest update
8 and I believe, Dave, you're going to give us that.

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10 MR. SARAFIN: Mr. Chair. I think we
11 had discussed the possibility of -- since we've already
12 covered fishery proposals and you guys got wildlife
13 coming up, that I could just provide an update to the
14 Copper River fisheries when I give the agency report.
15 Or if you'd like.....

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, that'll be
18 fine, you could do it in your report.

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20 MR. SARAFIN: Okay. And then, you
21 know, possibly the wildlife could come next for you.

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Okay,
24 who's got the call for wildlife proposals.

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26 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. I'm not sure if
27 Todd Eskelin is still with us, I know he had a conflict
28 in the afternoon so I'm just checking to see if he's
29 available, or Judy Putera.

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31 MS. PUTERA: Judy's here.

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33 KEN: Yeah, DeAnna, this is Ken, I'm
34 here.

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36 MS. PERRY: Okay. So I didn't know if
37 either of you would like to just kind of give a harvest
38 update for wildlife just so that we have a good
39 overview before we go into our call for wildlife
40 proposals. And, Judy, I know that you have a report,
41 it was supplemental material that was given to the
42 Council, I don't know if maybe you wanted to highlight
43 some of those issues that were in your report.

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45 MS. PUTERA: Well, I guess, you know,
46 my report didn't have any harvest data in it so -- but
47 I did a little, you know, digging around and -- and
48 came up with some numbers for moose and sheep but -- so
49 I just basically gave you my report that I gave to the
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1 SRC for the spring meeting and I generally, for each,
2 you know, new meeting, I generally just include the --
3 any work that we did between the previous meeting and
4 the current one. So I don't know, I could run through
5 my report really quick and then give -- I guess just
6 verbally give you some sort of moose and sheep harvest
7 numbers, at least for GMU 11, for Unit 11.

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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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11 MS. PUTERA: Does that sound good.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, just
14 whatever you want to do just go ahead and enlighten us
15 a little bit.

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17 MS. PUTERA: I'm also on Teams and I'm
18 wondering if I share my screen can you -- would you be
19 able to see my report, should I try that.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, you could
22 try that, we'll be able to see it if it -- those of us
23 that got the Teams, I'm looking at DeAnna now so you're
24 going to have to cover her up.

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26 MS. PUTERA: Okay, give me a sec, I've
27 never done this before. Did that work.

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: It worked.

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31 MS. PUTERA: Okay. Good. Yeah,
32 because actually this is a bit of an updated report
33 from what I gave DeAnna, so sorry about that.

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35 So I'm just going to quickly go over
36 the Chisana Caribou Herd since that's really not a
37 Southcentral issue, it's more of an Eastern Interior
38 but we -- we did manage to finish our collaring efforts
39 for that herd and we know, both on the Alaska and Yukon
40 side, we've now got 50 radio collars back into the
41 herd. 21 of those are GPS radium collars. And then we
42 -- we took a lot of samples, hair, and nasal swap,
43 blood and fecal samples from those animals that were
44 collected on the Alaska side and we're doing some
45 analysis from those samples for disease and parasites
46 and what not.

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48 And then this past winter we -- we did
49 two moose trend count areas and so we did them in

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1 cooperation with Fish and Game and the first one we did
2 was the upper Copper River trend count area and that's
3 Figure 1, and Table 1. And I did that one. So
4 basically in the -- in Figure 1 -- the count area is
5 depicted by the black outline but the earlier years it
6 was done it was kind of a shortened version so it was
7 done above -- or, you know, south of the red line
8 there, which is shown in -- for years 2003 to 2009 in
9 Table 1, and then we did the longer version in 2019 and
10 '20. I did want to say in 2019 the conditions were not
11 very good as far as sightability and full snow cover,
12 and we did it -- it actually ended up being done pretty
13 late into December. But the 2020 count that we did
14 this past November, turned out pretty good, we had
15 quite a few number of total moose with a fairly high
16 calf to cow ratio compared to, you know, for the area,
17 and a high bull/cow ratio for the area. And I was
18 happy to see that because I had gotten some reports
19 from folks that felt they -- some hunters that felt
20 they were having a really hard time finding moose last
21 fall.

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23 And then just going down to the second
24 count area, this is the Mount Drum count area, and this
25 was counted by Fish and Game personnel, with their
26 permission I added it to the report, and they had sort
27 of the opposite experience. They counted a total
28 number of moose that was almost half of what they
29 counted three years previous in 2017. It's a fairly
30 low calf/cow ratio, so I'm not sure what the difference
31 was there, but it's a bit interesting.

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33 And just looking at harvest -- and I
34 only have the full numbers really from 2019, which
35 would have been the latest and for moose we had a --
36 from the general State harvest there were 23 harvested,
37 10 from the subsistence -- the Federal registration
38 hunt, and 14 from RM291, and that was a total of 47.
39 which is pretty much in the range of what we've been
40 seeing. So it -- you know, it was not -- it's pretty
41 average.

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43 And I had also talked to Heidi Hatcher
44 (ph), our area biologist about this year preliminary
45 because I was wondering, you know, whether people were
46 coming to hunt with the Covid situation and she
47 indicated that it was about the same as usual so that
48 was interesting.

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1 And then for sheep, for just the
2 general harvest, we had a total of 73 sheep harvested
3 in 2019. And that's actually quite high -- quite a bit
4 higher than it has been in the last, you know, I'd say
5 five years. So in 2018 it was 68 and then 2019 it was
6 73 total sheep.

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8 And just -- I guess just really
9 quickly, to talk about sheep a little bit, our -- we
10 did some trend count areas this past summer, which was
11 in my previous report, and we ended up serving count
12 areas 11 and 12, which are in the Southwest Wrangells
13 there between the (Indiscernible) River and the
14 LongGlacier, and we actually counted -- I think the
15 highest number of sheep we've counted since, you know,
16 the -- let's see -- actually I could probably pull that
17 up here real quick -- there it is -- so actually yeah --
18 so actually the highest sheep we've counted in the
19 last -- probably since 2008 -- and I think those go
20 back to like mid-90 levels or so, so, you know,
21 lamb/ewe ratios were fairly low but that was sort of
22 indicative of the area -- I think in Unit 12 they had
23 even lower lamb/ewe ratios but they did definitely come
24 down and in 2015 actually we had quite -- quite high
25 lamb/ewe ratios in 2015 and '17, the last time those
26 were done. So I felt like our sheep populations are,
27 you know, stable to increasing so I don't -- I feel
28 we're doing pretty good there.

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30 And that's it, unless anybody has any
31 questions.

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33 MS. STICKWAN: I have a question.

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35 MS. PUTERA: Okay.

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37 MS. STICKWAN: I guess maybe more of a
38 comment. The trend count between the upper Copper
39 River and the Mount Drum area, like you guys --
40 different areas were counted, so maybe that's the
41 difference between Fish and Game and Wrangell-St. Elias
42 number for moose?

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44 MS. PUTERA: Just -- are you saying
45 just the different observers and that's why.....

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47 MS. STICKWAN: Different survey areas
48 would account for maybe the different moose count?

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1 MS. PUTERA: Well, it might but, you
2 know, the -- the one thing about -- well, let me go
3 back to that other report, the one thing about the
4 Mount Drum count area is that that has always been
5 consistently surveyed by Fish and Game, so, you know, I
6 -- when I was at the SRC and presented this data I kind
7 of had Joel and Heidi on the phone and asked them what
8 they thought about the decline and they didn't seem to
9 indicate that it was, you know, they felt it was due to
10 maybe a different survey or survey conditions this
11 year, so -- but like I said they've always consistently
12 surveyed that unit so I imagine they're following the
13 same sort of, you know, what they've been doing pretty
14 much all along. So that could be a real -- a real
15 decrease.

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17 Did that answer your question, Gloria?

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19 (No comments)

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21 MS. PUTERA: Hello.

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23 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Hey, this is Aaron
24 Bloomquist, I'd like to followup on Gloria's question a
25 little bit. Do you know if it was the same set of eyes
26 in the plane doing that because I -- I mean I don't
27 know of any hard winters or anything that could have
28 caused a, oh, geez, more than 50 percent decline
29 like.....

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31 MS. PUTERA: Yeah, I mean I think.....

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33 MR. BLOOMQUIST:I mean I know
34 Fish and Game has turned over since 2017 for sure in
35 the Glennallen office.

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37 MS. PUTERA: Yeah, and I know -- I know
38 it was Joel that did that, and I think -- you know,
39 usually they do that survey, I believe with Harley
40 and.....

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42 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yeah.

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44 MS. PUTERA:he was -- he was not
45 the person -- he was not the pilot so it could have --
46 yeah, it could have definitely been a difference, you
47 know, it was a new pilot and a new server [sic], and it
48 -- it might have been done rather quickly, I don't
49 know.....

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1 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Yep.

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3 MS. PUTERA:but I guess, you
4 know, it might be worth if they had a tract file, it
5 might be worth looking at the difference between the
6 tract file and I guess I would suggest that, you know,
7 if they get a chance to do it again next year that they
8 might do that and -- and just maybe make more time to
9 do -- to do the survey.

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11 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Okay, that makes sense
12 to me. Yeah, I mean a new biologist and.....

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14 MS. PUTERA: But, yeah, I know.....

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16 MR. BLOOMQUIST:(indiscernible -
17 simultaneous speaking) somebody else.....

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19 MS. PUTERA:I wasn't in the plane
20 and I, you know.....

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22 REPORTER: I can only have one person
23 talking at a time, please.

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25 MS. PUTERA: I'm sorry.

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27 MR. BLOOMQUIST: No, my question was
28 answered, thank you.

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30 MS. PUTERA: Okay.

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32 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, I believe
33 Barbara Cellarius had her hand up but she might have a
34 further comment or question.

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36 MS. CELLARIUS: So I just wanted to --
37 this is Barbara Cellarius, I'm the Subsistence
38 Coordinator. And in the same meeting packet as the --
39 as Judy's report, there's also some numbers for harvest
40 when people had Federal subsistence registration
41 permits, so it's only the Federal hunts, it's not all
42 of the hunts in the unit but there is information about
43 the moose harvest in Unit 11 remainder, and also there
44 is a joint State/Federal registration permit for sort
45 of the north part of Unit 11 and a portion of Unit 12,
46 and so there's some additional harvest information,
47 Tables 1 and 2, sort of -- it's the sort of last couple
48 of pages of the Wrangell-St. Elias report, if those
49 information are of interest. So just a little more

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1 harvest data that includes 2020 harvest.

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3 I just wanted to bring that to your
4 attention. And I'm happy to answer questions if
5 there's any questions about that.

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7 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.
8 Just for reference sake, I just wanted to let the
9 Council members know that that report that Barbara is
10 speaking to was sent out to you, again, last Thursday
11 at 12:02 and the file attached has the naming of
12 11AWRST report spring 2021 in case people want to bring
13 that up in front of them -- oh, and if you're on Teams,
14 that's up on your screen.

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16 Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thanks, DeAnna.
19 Okay. Okay, any other questions about those reports.

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21 (No comments)

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Probably haven't
24 had time to read them, I don't know.

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26 DeAnna, at this time before I move on,
27 I want to ask a question of the Council here. DeAnna,
28 first of all, you, we got about probably an hour and a
29 half to two hours left if we do all the reports so I
30 need a consensus or I want an opinion if people want to
31 try and finish up tonight and go a little late or do
32 you want to try and wrap up at some point and start
33 over in the morning.

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35 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chair, Andy here.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
38 Andy.

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40 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, let's get as
41 much done as we can. I'm going to be -- I've got to go
42 get a second Covid shot tomorrow at 10:00 a.m., so I'll
43 be out of here tomorrow morning.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, maybe,
46 depending on how much the reports will take it might
47 make it.....

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49 MS. STICKWAN: This is Gloria. I have

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1 another meeting -- two meetings tomorrow.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, okay.

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5 MS. STICKWAN: One at 11:00 so I won't
6 be here after 11:00.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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10 MS. STICKWAN: Let's try to finish up
11 tonight and see how far we can push it.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, let's go
14 ahead. Okay, we'll keep going.

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16 Okay, DeAnna, what's next on the agenda
17 here.

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19 MS. PERRY: The lights just went out in
20 the office so bear with me. So the next thing would be
21 the call for Federal wildlife proposals. And before we
22 move on to that I just wanted to see if Ken Gates
23 wanted to say something before we get into that or if
24 he wanted to save his remarks until the agency reports.
25 So, Ken, if you're online, do you want to do that now
26 or save them until agency reports?

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28 MR. GATES: Yeah, hey, DeAnna, this is
29 Ken Gates. I would defer to Todd Eskelin, with the
30 Kenai National Wildlife Refuge to give any report that
31 he may have regarding wildlife and I believe he's
32 online still.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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36 MR. ESKELIN: Thank you, DeAnna, this
37 is Todd, can you hear me?

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39 MS. PERRY: We can, Todd. I'm glad
40 you're still available.

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Todd, you going
43 to give a report on the wildlife?

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45 MR. ESKELIN: Yeah, thank you, Mr.
46 Chair and Council. Just to give you a quick update in
47 the last year when we meet, or we have gotten through
48 the final last season moose hunt so I do have the final
49 numbers for that for last year and we had a total of 91

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1 permits. And in the early harvest we had two sublegal
2 moose, one cow and then we did have one, well, one
3 legal bull, and then the late season we were fortunate
4 we had -- we had four -- four legal bulls and I think
5 the past (indiscernible - breaking up) seeing the last
6 several years is that the majority of the moose
7 harvested under the subsistence regs would not have
8 been legal under the State regs so definitely providing
9 that additional opportunity but for the most part, I
10 think, well, 15C moose numbers being still relatively
11 high and doing really well most -- most of the folks
12 that hunt that area aren't making it all the way back
13 to the Refuge to participate in the subsistence portion
14 of that hunt and they're finding their -- finding their
15 moose closer to town so I'm not -- I'm not too
16 concerned about the slight decrease at this point and I
17 haven't -- haven't heard any complaints from
18 subsistence users about not enough moose or anything
19 like that.

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21 So we should continue to see Unit 15B
22 increasing moose numbers as a result of the
23 (indiscernible - breaking up) so I would expect that to
24 -- that to continue, and I would expect 15A to still
25 remain pretty low, I don't think that (indiscernible -
26 breaking up) fire will really contribute too much to
27 that. It will help some but there's still a large -- a
28 large portion of 15A that's unburned and not supporting
29 dense moose numbers, you know.

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31 As far as drawing hunts go we did
32 report on that last fall. We had one sheep -- the one
33 sheep permit in the new drawing hunt was successful and
34 one of the goat permits that we were able to offer was
35 successful, and then the other drawing hunts were not
36 hunted last year. So we we're getting ready to offer
37 the drawing period for the 2021 hunt. And I would
38 appreciate -- probably next week I'll be sending out a
39 news release through OSM and to all the affected
40 communities or communities that are able to participate
41 in that and I think we're going to try to do a joint
42 news release with the Forest Service since many of the
43 communities are shared between the Unit 7 drawing and
44 the Unit 15 drawing hunt. So watch for that news
45 release, the drawing period -- or the application
46 period will be open for a whole month this time since
47 we're not under the time constraints that we were last
48 year. And just, yeah, spread the word and make sure
49 that your community members know about it.

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1 And let's see the only other thing I
2 had was we were able to offer in that new drawing hunt
3 period for 2021, we'll be offering for goat permits
4 that -- the one on the other side of -- north and south
5 of Tustumena Glacier and then two permits in the
6 (Indiscernible) River unit and as of last year we'll be
7 doing the drawing and then the top four -- top four
8 winners will be chosen and then the first place winner
9 will pick their unit or subunit and so on and that's
10 how we'll allocate those drawings.

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12 So I think that's everything I have to
13 report but I'm certainly willing to answer any
14 questions you may have.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Todd.
17 Yeah, we'll be looking for that drawing, and anyone got
18 any questions for him.

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20 (No comments)

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I do have a
23 question, Todd, for you.

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25 MR. ESKELIN: Yes. Yes, sir.

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27 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, some people
28 have approached me, you know, on the moose situation
29 because the State is putting out quite a few more
30 drawing permits now down here and so there's a lot more
31 pressure and some people are saying, you know, they
32 want to see it be more permits for moose so maybe we
33 could talk about that, huh?

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35 MR. ESKELIN: Well, we don't have any
36 restriction on moose permits so, you know, there's.....

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: No, I understand
39 that, yeah, okay.

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41 MR. ESKELIN: I mean the.....

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: But you got a
44 limit though.

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46 MR. ESKELIN: I think the only --
47 I think the only thing that you could do would be to,
48 you know, on the next wildlife cycle you could possibly
49 add a drawing, you know, drawing thing for any bull but

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1 I -- I -- you know, I.....

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's
4 where I was going at, they wanted to get.....

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6 MR. ESKELIN: Yeah.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:because the
9 State has any moose.

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11 MR. ESKELIN: Yeah. Yeah, I mean it's
12 certainly something that could be proposed. I, you
13 know, just watching moose population trends on the
14 Kenai, wouldn't expect this, you know, doubtful -- 15C
15 moose population to stay at this high rate forever, and
16 if anybody's been here on the Kenai they know that the
17 Swanson River area was just a gold mine for moose
18 hunting in the '80s in that primetime and now it's
19 deadsville, you know, so I would just make sure that
20 any -- any opportunities you had were, you know, laid
21 out in a way that as -- as it declines we could go back
22 to, you know, what was working for all the subsistence
23 hunters, you know, for the past 10 years or so.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yep. Okay. Good
26 enough. Any other questions for Todd.

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28 (No comments)

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks,
31 Todd. Who's next here.

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33 MS. PERRY: I think that's it, Mr.
34 Chair, for updates.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.
37 Southcentral fishery harvest updates, wildlife updates,
38 are we on -- are we doing the wildlife proposals?

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40 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair. And
41 earlier I found, you know, in a couple of the Council
42 member reports they mentioned snowshoe hares and it's
43 my understanding that there is a snowshoe hare proposal
44 with the State and I believe earlier today Rick Meres
45 [sic] was online and could give some background
46 information on that proposal if we wanted to hear that,
47 but since it's later in the day I'm not sure if he's
48 available. So I would just ask if Mr. Meres [sic] is
49 still available online?

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1 MR. MERIZON: Yeah, thanks, DeAnna.
2 This is Rick Merizon, I'm still here and happy to
3 provide whatever information I can to the Council.
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5 MS. PERRY: Okay. I think maybe just
6 an overview on what this proposal is because there were
7 a couple of Council members who mentioned issues with
8 snowshoe hare and so it would be helpful just to hear
9 what this proposal is, just to educate the Council, and
10 then if they wanted to put together a Federal proposal
11 similar to that they could do so or it might just be an
12 information issue on wildlife for the Council at this
13 time.
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15 Mr. Chair, if that's okay with you?
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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's
18 okay.
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20 MR. MERIZON: All right. Thank you,
21 DeAnna, and hello Mr. Chairman and members of the
22 Council. My name is Rick Merizon. I'm the Statewide
23 Small Game Program Coordinator for the Alaska
24 Department of Fish and Game. And our program submitted
25 a proposal to the Alaska Board of Game, which, as you
26 know, now, has been -- this proposal will be deferred
27 until January of 2022.
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29 Currently under State regulations there
30 is no salvage requirement for snowshoe hare so a hunter
31 could potentially, legally harvest a hare and walk away
32 having no salvage requirement applied. So this
33 proposal seeks to create a salvage requirement for
34 anyone harvesting snowshoe hares under State
35 regulations.
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37 There are two types of salvage that the
38 Alaska Board of Game identifies. One is for human
39 consumption, which is what many folks are accustomed to
40 with big game hunting where you have to salvage the
41 hindquarters and the backstrap and various parts of the
42 body to consume. The other type of salvage requirement
43 that the Board of Game recognizes is for human use, and
44 that is the salvage requirement that we're seeking
45 through this proposal. So that is a much broader
46 definition to legally meet salvage and that could
47 include a wide variety of uses for the purpose of
48 feeding your dogs, or harvesting the hide to use for
49 different items of, you know, for somebody to wear.
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1 Obviously consuming the meat would be meeting that
2 requirement. Even harvesting a snowshoe hare that
3 could then be used as trapping bait, that also would
4 meet the legal definition of human use.

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6 So it's a fairly broad definition, and
7 that is the definition that we're seeking for this
8 proposal. We simply want to try to stop the potential
9 harvest of snowshoe hares, where they're just simply
10 left on the landscape.

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12 So that's the update on the snowshoe
13 hare proposal. I'm happy to entertain any questions
14 from you, Mr. Chairman, or members of the Council.
15 There's also one minor issue I can briefly cover if you
16 would like regarding ptarmigan in Unit 13.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, if you
19 could you could cover that and then we'll ask questions
20 for both.

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22 Thank you.

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24 MR. MERIZON: Okay, great. Yeah, thank
25 you, and I'll try to keep this very brief. I know
26 you've got still on your agenda tonight.

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28 So back in 2019, there was a Wildlife
29 Special Action Request 19-08 that passed in November of
30 2019 that was seeking to align Federal subsistence
31 ptarmigan season dates and bag limits with the then
32 newly changed State season dates and bag limits for
33 ptarmigan in Unit 13E. And the Federal Subsistence
34 Board did adopt that wildlife special action request
35 and so for the season of 2019/2020 the season date and
36 bag limit was aligned with State regulations in Unit
37 13E, and actually subsequently 13B that -- the Federal
38 Subsistence Board adopted 13B in that wildlife special
39 action request.

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41 Currently, this current season
42 2020/2021, Federal subsistence regulations have gone
43 back to the original longer season and larger bag limit
44 and, again, have departed from aligning with State
45 regulations. And I just wanted to point that out as a
46 point for you to potentially consider, along with the
47 Council, and I can entertain any questions about that,
48 too.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you,
2 Rick. Let's see, questions from the Council.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Sounds like
7 they're pretty quiet out there. Okay, thanks, Rick.

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9 MR. MERIZON: Thank you.

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11 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, sorry, I was on
12 mute there, Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: You were on mute?

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16 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Hello.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I could hear you.

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20 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Okay. Yeah, quick
21 question, was there any historical wanton waste of
22 hares that prompted this, oh, no, somebody's going to
23 shoot a rabbit and leave it, was there some legal
24 questioning of law enforcement trying to find, I mean
25 did something happen?

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27 MR. MERIZON: Again, Mr. Chairman and
28 members of the Council. This is Rick Merizon on the
29 phone here. There's not been a lot of evidence that
30 that was, in fact, a problem, rather it's just we're
31 trying to be responsible stewards of the resource and
32 avoid that potential if it were to happen.

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34 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Okay, thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Was there
37 any other questions, any other mute people out there
38 that were muted that need to ask questions for Rick.

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40 (No comments)

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, hearing
43 none, we'll go ahead and move on then.

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45 DeAnna, I don't know, I'm going to open
46 it up to the Council, is this open now for calls for
47 proposals if they want to entertain a proposal?

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49 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair. We have
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1 Katya Wessels. She's our leadership team lead who
2 could introduce this agenda item to start off our
3 discussion if you'd like.

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5 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, that'd be
6 great.

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8 MS. WESSELS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
9 Members of the Council. I will be very brief. Katya
10 Wessels.

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12 So the Federal Subsistence Board is
13 accepting proposals through May 24th of this year to
14 change Federal regulations for the subsistence harvest
15 of wildlife on Federal public lands for the July 1st,
16 2022 to June 30th, 2024 regulatory years. And the
17 Board will consider proposals to change Federal
18 subsistence hunting and trapping seasons, harvest
19 limits, methods of harvest and customary and
20 traditional use determinations.

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22 So in order for the Council to submit
23 the proposals they will need to discuss them on record
24 today or tomorrow. If you cannot think of a proposal
25 today and you come up with one tomorrow while the
26 meeting is still going you can do that. Also if there
27 are any members of the public that would like to submit
28 a proposal, they can come forward and discuss it with
29 the Council on record and then submit the proposal
30 through the Council, through the Council Coordinator.

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32 And that's all I have, thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you,
35 Katya, that's good. Okay, thanks.

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37 Has anyone got any proposal that they
38 have on their mind at this time to submit.

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40 MR. WHISSEL: Mr. Chair, this is John
41 Whissel, I do.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, John.

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45 MR. WHISSEL: So in Prince William
46 Sound we have an abundance of deer to harvest and I was
47 actually kind of sorry or surprised to hear what Ed had
48 reported that they weren't getting any deer but it
49 seems like we've got a lot of deer and our pellet
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1 surveys show a growing population.

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3 Because of our funny moose lottery
4 drawing we're ending up with less access -- subsistence
5 access to our deer than we otherwise might have. What
6 I'd like to do and I've spoken to Milo about this, he
7 suggested a very simple way the regulations could be
8 amended that I can't recall right now, but the outcome
9 I'd like to achieve is to make it so deer harvest in
10 Prince William Sound, everybody is allowed to harvest
11 five deer, the season progresses from antlered deer to
12 any deer, and then in the month of January you're
13 allowed to harvest one buck if you have -- one male if
14 you have.....

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16 (Teleconference interference -
17 participants not muted)

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19 MR. WHISSEL:any harvest tickets
20 remaining.

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22 What I would like to do is for
23 residents, for Federally-qualified users, I would like
24 to have those limits become a household limit so if
25 there's three people in your household you have a 15
26 deer limit for the household and anyone be able to
27 harvest that entire limit and have the any deer season
28 extend until the end of January to allow people to
29 harvest their red meat.

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31 Thanks.

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33 REPORTER: Okay, before we go on,
34 there's somebody not muted, we could hear your
35 conversation over John.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, we could
38 hear you talking someone.

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40 REPORTER: Could you please mute, thank
41 you.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, John. I've
44 got that.....

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46 MS. WESSELS: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:what you
49 would like to do there in that proposal.

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1 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I just want,
4 procedure-wise for the Council. DeAnna, we have to
5 have that proposal in by the 24th and our Council could
6 support that proposal as he just read it or talked
7 about it or do we need to have it in writing, what do I
8 need to get this on the table?

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10 MS. PERRY: Typically we write up the
11 proposal and the Council looks at that language and
12 approves the language. We kind of work from a template
13 to make sure that we gather all the information
14 necessary for OSM to validate the proposal.

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16 For those that are on Teams we're
17 showing kind of that template and basically it's what
18 regulation do you wish to change; how would the new
19 regulation read, and then a couple of other things in
20 there.

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22 So I would need to take some time to
23 try to fill this out so that the Council could review
24 it and vote on it, yeah, that's typically how that
25 happens because you're going to need to know what the
26 proposal language is.

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28 So it would be a motion and a vote to
29 put in this proposal, but everybody needs to know what
30 the wording would be and kind of answer these
31 questions. Again, these are sort of like an internal
32 format that I use to make sure that we gather all the
33 information that OSM is going to need to validate any
34 proposals.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's what
37 I'm asking because usually we get them submitted ahead
38 of time and, you know, if we're here tomorrow we could
39 vote on it tomorrow, of course, and get it wrote up.
40 And then just as a reminder any individual could put a
41 proposal in until the 24th also, I guess. But that
42 said, we're going to -- John, I'm not sure, if you have
43 that wrote up, you could get it to DeAnna.

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45 MR. WHISSEL: I don't have it written
46 it up but I could get it written up tonight.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well, if
49 you get it written up to her and get it to her we'll be

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1 making a decision, I guess it looks like we're going to
2 be here tomorrow whether we want to or not, so we'll
3 have to decide when we want to quit here. But, okay,
4 if you'll write that up and get it to DeAnna for
5 tomorrow we'll have to look at it then because --
6 unless you want to stay and write it up now but that's
7 going to take awhile. We've got a good hour, hour and
8 a half of reports yet.

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10 So next proposal, anyone else got a
11 proposal they want us to talk about and look at to
12 write up. Wildlife proposal.

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14 (No comments)

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Call for
17 proposals.

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19 (No comments)

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, you could
22 have -- DeAnna, am I correct, they could think about it
23 overnight like Katya said and someone could come up
24 tomorrow morning if we're here and -- whoever's left
25 and then we could vote on it?

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27 MS. PERRY: Yes. And just to be clear
28 these would be any proposals that we want to submit as
29 a Council. Any individual can submit a proposal on
30 their own so, John, I'm understanding you want your
31 proposal about deer to come from the Council, correct?

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33 MR. WHISSEL: That was my hope, yep.

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35 MS. PERRY: Okay, thank you. Just
36 wanted to confirm that.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Yeah,
39 that's what I was trying to make sure of too, okay.

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41 Okay, well, anyone else got a proposal
42 they're thinking about.

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44 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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48 MS. LINNELL: This is Karen Linnell.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Karen, you got a
2 proposal you're going to submit to the Council.

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4 MS. LINNELL: I'd like to have the
5 community harvest system put forward through this
6 wildlife call for proposals to get it put in the books
7 because right now it's just a special action request
8 and will expire after the end of the season, or this
9 next year so.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Can you
12 get that to DeAnna?

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14 MS. LINNELL: Yes, sir.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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18 MS. LINNELL: I'm sure she has it all.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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22 MS. LINNELL: As it's been a long time
23 coming.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: DeAnna, is that
26 going to work if they get that to you tonight.

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28 MS. LINNELL: Yeah.

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30 MR. SIMON: Mr. Chair.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, just a
33 second, I got a question for DeAnna, if that's
34 acceptable?

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36 MS. PERRY: Yes, I believe -- yes, if
37 Karen get me that language I can certainly bring that
38 to OSM on her behalf, for sure.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Okay.
41 Whoever was on, now, go ahead.

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43 MR. SIMON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
44 Yeah, Jim Simon with -- consultant with Ahtna
45 InterTribal Resource Commission. I think based on the
46 action of the Federal Subsistence Board last spring
47 when they adopted Wildlife Proposal 18-19, there were
48 some subsequent temporary changes, that is what Karen
49 is specifically referring to getting into the permanent
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1 regulation. So the proposal concept is to request OSM
2 to help develop a wildlife proposal that would take
3 those temporary regulations and make them permanent in
4 order to continue the existing AITRC administered
5 community harvest system for moose and caribou in Units
6 11, 12 and 13.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I think I
9 got what you're after here but I'm not sure of the
10 procedure on it.

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12 MS. PERRY: This is DeAnna, Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: So DeAnna, is
15 that -- I mean you just heard Jim here, to make those
16 permanent, that goes to OSM, is that something we're
17 going to work on because if OSM's going to be working
18 on it to make it permanent wouldn't it have to go
19 through them for wording and everything before we get
20 it?

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22 MS. PERRY: Right. I would have
23 someone from OSM get in contact with Karen, and, Karen,
24 if there's anyone else that maybe needs to be on this
25 conference call let me know, and they can assist you in
26 writing up that proposal.

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Okay, I
29 just want to make sure it's clear that I'm not missing
30 something. Because right now I'm trying to get
31 proposals that we're going to have to have here by
32 morning.

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34 Is there any other wildlife proposals
35 that we want to -- call for proposals, that the Council
36 wants to support, that the Council wants to put in.

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38 (No comments)

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, hearing
41 none, we could -- you know, I think it's up to the
42 Council but if we come up in the morning and we've got
43 another one I guess we could take that up too, DeAnna,
44 okay.

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46 MS. PERRY: Okay.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Decision
49 time. I don't hear any more calls for proposals at

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1 this time. We've got the Council charter review, that
2 could take a little while and I'm just looking at all
3 the organizations and I hate to hold them overnight but
4 most of them are allowed 15 minutes and the way I look
5 at it it's an hour, to hour and a half, probably two
6 hours to finish up all the reports, and depending on
7 Ahtna's, I give them 15 minutes, everybody's got 15
8 minutes, Eyak, Ninilchik, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S.
9 Forest Service, Park Service, Wrangell-St.Elias, Bureau
10 of Land Management, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
11 and Office of Subsistence Management. So I don't know
12 if that would go in the next our or so, if you guys
13 wanted to try and keep going or if we just want to
14 break now and reconvene in the morning.

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16 DeAnna, what's your thoughts there?

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18 MS. PERRY: It is, it's really at the
19 will of the Council. We have this line reserved and
20 our Teams platform reserved, if the Council wants to
21 continue, it's really up to the Council.

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23 Mr. Chair.

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25 MS. STICKWAN: I have a question. We
26 don't have any more action items so we don't need a
27 quorum for tomorrow, right?

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29 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I don't see any
30 action items. We selected -- the only action item I
31 guess would be select winter 2022 date and location.

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33 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair.

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35 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair. We actually do
36 have.....

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38 MS. WESSELS: This is Katya Wessels.

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40 MS. PERRY:Council charter review
41 as well as our annual report, those are two action
42 items and they follow our call for Federal wildlife
43 proposals. And then as you mentioned the winter 2022
44 meeting dates. So we do have, again, the Council
45 charter review and approving the annual report as
46 action items.

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48 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Okay,
49 well, the Council charter review I know every one of

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1 you read that, I certainly did, it's in the book, but I
2 don't know how long that will take for the Council to
3 review. And the annual report, it's in the book, too.
4 So we could take action on those and maybe we could
5 finish those two up and then we could have a short
6 meeting in the morning just for agency reports, does
7 that sound reasonable.

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9 (No comments)

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any feedback on
12 that.

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14 MR. WHISSEL: That sounds good to me,
15 Mr. Chair. This is John Whissel.

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17 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, I'm glad I
18 got one supporter. I didn't want to be here tomorrow
19 either, I got lots of things to do but maybe we could
20 start a half hour later and we'll be finished before
21 noon, anyway.

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23 Okay, let's go ahead, DeAnna, let's
24 move on to the Council charter review, and I don't know
25 how long it will take but I would like, while Gloria's
26 here and we got probably Andy and some others that
27 won't be able to make it in the morning, so maybe we
28 could get these two action items off the list.

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30 MS. PERRY: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair.
31 On Page 50 of your meeting books you'll notice we have
32 the Council's charter there. It's up for regular
33 review. This charter is essentially the bylaws, kind
34 of giving a little information to our new members. It
35 notes the authorities under which the Council operates,
36 such as ANILCA and FACA. In a different type of
37 organization you might have, again, they're called
38 bylaws, but in our case it's a charter and it provides
39 the context for how the Council operates. Under the
40 Federal Advisory Committee Act your Council charter is
41 renewed every two years. Before the Charter is renewed
42 the Council has a right to review it and discuss any
43 changes that they would like to propose to the Federal
44 Subsistence Board. The Board then reviews proposed
45 changes and if the Board agrees, the request is
46 forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior.

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48 A lot of language in your charter is
49 actually required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act

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1 and it's implementing policy so you can't change that
2 language.

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4 The changes you can request are the
5 change to the name of your Council, or to the number of
6 members on your Council, but we would need to have a
7 reasonable justification for that. You can also
8 request an addition of language that specifies a
9 desired membership balance that, if achieved, would
10 allow the members of the Council to represent the
11 entire region. For example, a few years ago the
12 Kodiak/Aleutians Council requested and was granted
13 approval to geographically rebalance the membership to
14 have 4 members from the Kodiak Archipelago, 3 from the
15 Alaska Peninsula and 3 from the 30 Aleutian Pribilof
16 Islands. Because the region is so spread out the
17 Council wanted to have a broader geographic
18 representation because that has value for them. During
19 the last charter review, the Western Interior Alaska
20 Council also added similar language to their charter.

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22 Additionally, with the delays the
23 Council appointments experienced over the last few
24 years the Council also may want to consider requesting
25 adding a provision to its charter that allows a member
26 to serve after the expiration of his or her term until
27 a successor is appointed. This actually kind of came
28 up at the Board meeting. This is what is called a
29 carryover term, and that would come into play if the
30 appointment letters are late. So rather than the
31 members term expiring and the Council having an empty
32 seat on the Council, that that member could continue to
33 serve until an appointment letter comes in.

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35 If the Council is satisfied with all
36 charter provisions as is, as you can see, starting on
37 Page 50, and you request no changes, the Council can
38 simply vote to forward the charter to the Board right
39 now.

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41 As a reminder, during the last charter
42 review in 2019, the Secretaries approved new language
43 suggested by the Councils to their charters that
44 alternate members may be appointed to the Council to
45 fill vacancies if they occur out of cycle. An
46 alternate member must be approved and appointed by the
47 Secretary before attending the meeting as a
48 representative, the term for an appointed alternate
49 member will be the same as the term of the member whose
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1 vacancy is being filled. However, in order to have
2 alternates there needs to be a sufficient number of
3 applications in our region. Alternates are appointed
4 as members only if a seat was vacated because of a
5 member's passing, resigning or moving out of the
6 region.

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8 So this is the time for the charter
9 review. Again, no action is necessary unless you want
10 to take some action. The charter carries over and it's
11 formally approved every other year. You can review,
12 edit and make recommendations if you desire, but if not
13 it then just continues. So I'll leave that with the
14 Board as far as what action it would like to take.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I'm going
17 to open it up for action on the charter. I would like,
18 myself, personally, to see that the people serve until
19 they're reappointed if the agency is late. We've left
20 a big hole in these appointees and people not being
21 able to fulfill seats and I think that needs to be
22 amended. But I'll open it up for discussion to the
23 Council members.

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25 MS. STICKWAN: I have a question about
26 JE was added on, we have on there, eliminate jobs and
27 have it inhibit jobcreation, impose cost that benefit--
28 this was added the year before or two years, I wonder
29 why it's in there, I think it was under the last DOI
30 Secretary.

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32 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I saw that
33 too.

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35 MS. STICKWAN: And I'm wondering why we
36 need to have that in there, we really don't have
37 authority to eliminate jobs or create jobs, inhibit --
38 I mean it just seems to me like that's out of our --
39 we're not -- I don't know why it's in there.

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41 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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45 MS. WESSELS: This is Katya Wessels.

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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Katya,
48 yes.

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1 MS. WESSELS: I would like to address
2 Gloria's question.

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4 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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6 MS. WESSELS: This is one of the
7 examples of the language which is required. It was,
8 you know, put in the charter by the Secretary of the
9 Interior, and the Council cannot do anything to remove
10 this language unless the Secretary of the Interior
11 decides to remove that language.

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: We're stuck with
14 it, okay, good -- not good, but I mean I understand it.

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16 MS. WESSELS: And it is quite possible
17 since the new Administration came in, it's quite
18 possible that they will decide to remove this language
19 from the charter.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: They might remove
22 us too.

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24 MS. WESSELS: Hopefully not.

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26 (Laughter)

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Gloria,
29 that kind of answered your question, I assume.

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31 MS. STICKWAN: Yes, I understand.

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33 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna
34 again.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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38 MS. PERRY: I just wanted to let you
39 know that I believe a couple of Councils in their
40 recent RAC meetings have added a sentence to their
41 charters. This isn't verbatim but it is similar to
42 this and it addresses the point that was made at the
43 Board meeting regarding that term not expiring until
44 new appointments are made. And so I'll just throw that
45 out there as a starting point for discussion, if the
46 Council would like to add it to their charter, and it's
47 something to the effect of: Service of members- any
48 member of any Advisor Committee may serve after the
49 expiration of the member's term until a successor is
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1 appointed. So if the Council would be interested in
2 addressing that, that might be a place to start.
3 Again, just throwing that out there because I know a
4 couple other RACs have included that in their charter
5 review.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: The exact words I
8 was going to use, thank you. Okay, Council members,
9 does anyone have anything they would like to submit for
10 changes. I would like someone to submit this change to
11 stay appointed that DeAnna just read.

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13 MS. CLAUS: Mr. Chairman, this is
14 Donna.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead,
17 Donna.

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19 MS. CLAUS: Yeah, I'd like to move
20 that, that the service of members -may serve after
21 their appointments, or however DeAnna quoted it. I
22 think that's a good thing.

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24 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. I
25 appreciate that. Is there a second to that motion.

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27 MR. BLOOMQUIST: Second. This is
28 Aaron.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Seconded by
31 Aaron. Any questions.

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33 (No comments)

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Discussion.

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37 MS. STICKWAN: I have a question. I
38 have a question.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead.

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42 MS. STICKWAN: So we're serving until
43 we're reappointed, is that what it means?

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's exactly
46 what it means, yeah.

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48 MS. STICKWAN: And if we die, and then
49 it's vacant?

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yep.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MS. PERRY: Unless there's an alternate
6 appointed.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: If there's an
9 alternate appointed, yeah.

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11 MS. STICKWAN: Unless there's
12 alternate, that's my question. Then the alternate
13 would become the.....

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: They would serve
16 the remainder of your term if they were appointed, if
17 we appointed an alternate.

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19 MS. STICKWAN: And this is part of the
20 motion?

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: No.

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24 MS. STICKWAN: We're just voting on to
25 -- for us as the original members to stay on until
26 we're reappointed, that's the motion?

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28 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct.

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30 MS. STICKWAN: Thank you. I just
31 wanted clarification.

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33 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That's correct.
34 Just until we're either reappointed or replaced.

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36 MS. PERRY: Mr. Chair, this is DeAnna.

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38 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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40 MS. PERRY: I just wanted to address
41 Gloria's concern. Gloria, that language regarding the
42 alternate members is already in our charter. It's on
43 Page 54. It's the first full paragraph so it's already
44 in our charter for alternate members.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, we already
47 got that covered, okay. Okay, I've got a motion and
48 I've got a second to add the language to keep us in
49 there, and we'll take a vote. All in favor, aye.

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1 IN UNISON: Aye.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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5 (No opposing votes)

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, that
8 carries. DeAnna, that concludes the review of our
9 charter and our changes that we would like you to
10 submit.

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12 MS. PERRY: Yes, Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Okay, now,
15 we have another item before we recess.

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17 MS. STICKWAN: I have a question, I
18 thought she said there was two action items.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: That was one of
21 them, we just covered. I'm just going to the second
22 one now, and the second one is the review and approval
23 of 2020 annual report and it's on Page 57.

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25 So one action down and one action to
26 go. We're on review of the approval of our annual
27 report.

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29 So DeAnna, lead me on here, we already
30 sent this and signed it and we're just reviewing it and
31 approving it?

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33 MS. PERRY: This is the drafted
34 language after the Council identified items at the last
35 meeting.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Oh, correct, yes,
38 thanks.

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40 MS. PERRY: So I put in just the
41 descriptions based on the testimony from the last
42 meeting.

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right.

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46 MS. PERRY: So this is the Council's
47 opportunity to read that and make sure I've captured
48 it. And we can also add new items if you'd like. This
49 is just a starting point. But we do need to approve a
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1 final version today.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Okay, I'll
4 give you.....

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6 MS. STICKWAN: I have a question.

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8 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:a few
9 minutes to read that and make sure it's what we want.

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11 MS. STICKWAN: And I have a question
12 for DeAnna.

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14 MS. PERRY: Go ahead.

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16 MS. STICKWAN: About this deferral for
17 this Fisheries Proposal FP21-10. If we don't agree on
18 a compromised proposal, it'll go back to the Board, to
19 me that's a modified proposal, has this -- I don't
20 remember ever -- the Board ever coming back and -- has
21 there ever been -- the Board -- has the Board ever done
22 that before, deferred proposals back to Councils and
23 tell them work on it, work on a compromise because to
24 me that seems like this is a new step that they've -- I
25 don't know, maybe I'm just not remembering but to me
26 this seems like a new process.

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28 MS. PERRY: Through the Chair.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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32 MS. PERRY: Gloria, I would actually
33 have to defer maybe to some of the OSM Staff that are
34 online that have more history with the Program than I
35 do. Not since I've been on board can I remember but
36 I've only been on here a short four years, so with a
37 deeper history in the Program to see what Board actions
38 have taken place prior I would just kind of throw out a
39 life line to OSM Staff, if they could maybe comment on
40 that.

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42 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, this is
43 Darrell Williams.

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Darrell, go
46 ahead. I think we were deferred for 10 years.

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48 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Yes, thank you, Mr.
49 Chairman and members of the Board. This actually has

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1 happened. It happened to us during our customary and
2 traditional use determination for bear on the Kenai
3 Peninsula because we had strong supporting information
4 of residents here traveling to Kodiak to harvest along
5 with fishing and other stuff and so it was -- when we
6 had to demonstrate the actual documentation of where
7 people had gone historically to harvest resources on a
8 C&T determination we actually identified a much larger
9 area than what anybody had anticipated and that did
10 happen to us with Kodiak on the bear thing. So this
11 does happen.

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13 We actually -- for that particular
14 proposal we capitulated and tried to reduce the area so
15 everybody could get along essentially is what happened
16 on the whole thing.

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18 But I also will say it does tend to
19 turn into a stall tactic sometimes so be careful about
20 how long the process goes on because I know one of our
21 concerns with it was a proposal needs to be voted up or
22 it needs to be voted down because if it's just deferred
23 and deferred and deferred there's no opportunity to
24 exhaust the process and actually complete the
25 regulatory process. So there has to be some thought on
26 that too.

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28 So thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you,
31 Darrell, for giving us that info. And while I've got
32 you before you go, are you going to be available
33 tomorrow?

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35 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

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37 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.
38 Great.

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40 MS. STICKWAN: So I kind of remember
41 that with Kodiak -- so Kodiak had -- there was a joint
42 meeting then too or was.....

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44 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: We had to work
45 with them to come to a joint consensus.

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47 MS. STICKWAN: Yeah, I kind of remember
48 that now.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: I think it was
2 kind of a joint meeting, I don't know exactly how we
3 did it, if we did it.....

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5 MS. PETRIVELLI: Mr. Chair.

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7 MS. STICKWAN: I don't think it
8 was.....

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10 MS. PETRIVELLI: Mr. Chair.

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12 MS. STICKWAN:a joint meeting, I
13 think it was.....

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15 MS. PETRIVELLI: This is Pat
16 Petrivelli.

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18 REPORTER: Okay, just one person at a
19 time please. One person at a time please.

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21 Thank you.

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23 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I got two
24 or three people going here, go ahead, first one.

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26 MS. PETRIVELLI: This is Pat
27 Petrivelli. And Sue Entsminger talked about a joint
28 meeting before, but one of -- and Eastern, Western and
29 YK worked on customary trade, they had to work
30 together. But there was also a joint meeting between
31 Western and YK on Unit 21E C&T determination held at
32 that same Wasilla meeting. So the Board had those
33 three Councils meet together and they dealt with two
34 separate issues. Western and YK met about the Unit 21E
35 customary and traditional use determinations and then
36 all three met together to discuss their differences on
37 the customary trade provisions on king salmon.

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39 So yes the Board has directed the
40 Councils to work together and set up joint meetings.

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42 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, Pat, that's
43 good info, thanks.

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45 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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47 MS. TOTEMOFF: Mr. Chair, this is
48 Angela.

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, I guess
2 that answers that question.

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4 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes, go ahead.

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8 MS. WESSELS: I think -- this is Katya
9 Wessels. I think there was also a tri-lateral meeting
10 between YK-Delta, Western Interior and Eastern Interior
11 on salmon issues on the Yukon and I can look for this
12 information later today if the Council is interested.

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14 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well,
15 thank you, Katya. I guess the point is, yes, it has
16 happened and it probably will happen but, yeah, it is a
17 good question Gloria brought up because I couldn't
18 remember it and I forgot about the bear one and I'm
19 from Ninilchik. But those Kodiak people are bears
20 anyway, so anyway they gave us trouble on that.

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22 MS. TOTEMOFF: Mr. Chair, this is
23 Angela Totemoff.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, Angela.

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27 MS. TOTEMOFF: I'd like to make a
28 motion to approve the 2020 annual report.

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30 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Angela, thank
31 you. Is there a second.

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33 MR. WHISSEL: I second. This is John
34 Whissel.

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36 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Seconded by John.
37 Any other discussion.

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39 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Hearing none, all
42 in favor aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Any opposed.

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48 (No opposing votes)

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1 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, DeAnna,
2 good job on that report, thank you. I do want to ask
3 one question here, I think we'll probably -- those were
4 the action items, is that correct, DeAnna, we're done
5 with the action items now?

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7 MS. PERRY: Yes, the next item would be
8 the Fisheries Resource Monitoring project that we added
9 as 11E.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Right. But we
12 don't have an action on that, do we?

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14 MS. PERRY: Yeah, then the agency
15 reports and the only action left would be selecting the
16 winter 2022 meeting date and location.

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18 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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20 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yes.

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24 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, sorry to
25 interrupt thank you. Yeah, we flew through that annual
26 report thing like without any chance for discussion and
27 I, in particular, maybe not the place and time, but I
28 was thinking since this can gets kicked down the road
29 since a couple, two or three meetings, we throw all
30 these fisheries and wildlife proposals around, you
31 know, and that's the methodology that we are allowed to
32 play with but the topic still remains that Federal
33 subsistence users in Prince William Sound are being
34 under served by being restricted to only fresh water.
35 The waters here where people live are utilized in a
36 subsistence way but all the waters in the region down
37 here are considered State jurisdiction and I sure would
38 like some type of explanation or how -- you know, it
39 might be an Act of Congress but what does it take, what
40 does it take for someone, you know, myself, on this
41 Council to bring it up and make a proposal and maybe
42 get it to the Secretary of the Department of Interior
43 or whoever to help get some Federal resources that are
44 utilized by people here, by Federal subsistence users
45 that technically are stuck not being able to do that
46 under Federal regulations because it's only a State
47 jurisdiction in the salt water of Prince William Sound.
48 I don't know if the annual report is the proper place
49 for that but I believe it is an important enough topic
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1 to the users that are being under served around here.

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3 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Is this Andy?

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5 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay.

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9 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: So are you
12 wanting to go back and -- I thought we had plenty of
13 time there and we had a motion so I don't think we blew
14 through it. But anyway you want to go back and add
15 something to the annual report now?

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17 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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19 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah. Go ahead,
20 sorry.

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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, just a
23 second, go ahead Katya.

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25 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, I'm sorry for the
26 interruption. I just wanted to bring the Council's
27 attention that on some issues it might be better if you
28 bring these issues in a letter, direct letter to the
29 Board instead of including them in the annual report
30 because, you know, when a lot of Councils bring a lot
31 of issues, sometimes important issues getting drowned,
32 and sometimes the Board has no jurisdiction over the
33 issues that the Councils bring up, so if the Council
34 thinks it's an important issue I think you would be
35 more effective if you write a separate letter to the
36 Board on the issue.

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38 Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, that's
41 a good point. I never thought about that but, yeah,
42 maybe we could do that. Okay, Andy, we need to address
43 your issue. I understand where you're coming on an Act
44 of Congress but, yeah, that's a real conundrum. But if
45 you want to put something -- are you going to be here
46 tomorrow morning or?

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48 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah, I'll be here
49 probably about 8:30 and then I leave about 9:45 so --

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1 and then I'll come back as soon as I'm done if it's
2 still going on.

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4 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I wouldn't
5 estimate it -- it's certainly not going to be longer
6 than an hour or an hour and a half.

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8 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: But, yeah, I didn't
9 know the proper venue, I didn't know if the annual
10 report was the proper place but somewhere I would like
11 something, some type of action item, communications
12 upward for guidance on what it would take actually.

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14 Thank you.

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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. If you
17 would write that up, please, and bring it to us in the
18 morning and remind me first thing and let's take action
19 on it. We'll either the Council to go back to the
20 annual report to submit it or just a letter to the
21 Federal Subsistence Board.

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23 MS. PERRY: Through the Chair.

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25 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Go ahead, DeAnna.

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27 MS. PERRY: Hi, this is DeAnna. Andy,
28 I just wanted to remind you, we talked about this, you
29 and I had some email exchanges and I didn't know if
30 this might help you write something formal up but it
31 looks like I sent that September 23rd of last year,
32 that might save you some time if you want to kind of
33 revisit that. Hopefully that's a little helpful
34 instead of starting from scratch.

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36 MR. MCLAUGHLIN: Okay, thank you,
37 DeAnna.

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39 MS. PERRY: You bet.

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41 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks,
42 Andy. Okay then.....

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44 MS. LINNELL: Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, go ahead.

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48 MS. LINNELL: This is Karen Linnell.
49 And, you know, as you folks are our representative to
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1 the Federal Subsistence Board, I think you've heard it
2 more than once today when we were talking about fish
3 proposals, that more data is needed on the Copper
4 River. And I think it would be good to have that in
5 your letter.

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7 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Well, I
8 appreciate your input but, yes, it is up to the Council
9 to.....

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11 MS. LINNELL: I know. I know, but.....

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13 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:come up with
14 this letter so.....

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16 MS. LINNELL:as you folks are our
17 representatives I don't [sic] have the opportunity to
18 ask you to put something in.

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20 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, well,
21 we'll.....

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23 MS. LINNELL: So I am just bringing it
24 up.

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26 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI:consider it.
27 And also don't forget, now we were just told, Katya,
28 said it doesn't hurt to write a letter and I know you
29 participate very strongly in the Federal Board too, so
30 we usually need to hit it at all fronts, I guess, okay.

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32 MS. LINNELL: Yes, Mr. Chair, and --
33 and I just -- well, the process is a little confusing.

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35 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, I agree.

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37 MS. LINNELL: The process -- but it
38 came from the Federal Subsistence Board, one of the
39 Federal Subsistence Board members and I think we should
40 kind of follow one of his -- his lead a bit and ask for
41 that more attention be paid to the resource and what's
42 going on there.

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44 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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46 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Thank you, Karen.
47 And, you know, Karen, while I got you, you know, if you
48 have something, you know, I try to keep control of what
49 the Council has to take action versus the public, and
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1 testimony and I'm quite open to everything and I hope
2 we're doing a good job of that. But you could write a
3 letter to us, too, or submit something to our Council
4 for consideration too, ahead of time and we would have
5 a timely manner to debate.

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7 MS. LINNELL: Okay. We will try to get
8 something drafted tonight to send to.....

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10 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thank you.

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12 MS. LINNELL:DeAnna to get to you
13 folks.

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15 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay, thanks.
16 Okay. DeAnna, do we have to do the FRMP, I had asked
17 you once tonight.

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19 MS. PERRY: That's up to the Council.

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21 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Does it need
22 action on it?

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24 MS. PERRY: It is not an action item.
25 It's an information only.

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27 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well,
28 Council members if we're going to have to meet in the
29 morning, and Council members, and the general public,
30 everyone that's on the agenda for speaking, is there
31 anyone out there that won't be here tomorrow, the
32 Village of Eyak, Ninilchik, they said they would be
33 here, Ahtna, Karen, you're going to be here, U.S. Fish
34 and Wildlife, Forest Service, Parks, are all you people
35 able to attend in the morning for your reports if we
36 recess until morning?

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38 (No comments)

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40 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Anyone that won't
41 be able to that needs to be heard tonight?

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43 (No comments)

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45 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: If the Council,
46 if they're in agreement with me, I think it's in order
47 to adjourn for the night, and we'll reconvene our
48 meeting tomorrow. I think we're going to have to -- I
49 wanted to sleep in and I had some other work to do but
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1 we got to be here at 9:00 because Andy needs to -- he's
2 got a short window there and we won't be here when he
3 comes back, so 9:00 o'clock work for everyone?
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5 MR. WHISSEL: Good for me.
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7 MS. CLAUS: Yes.
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9 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Good for you
10 DeAnna?
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12 MR. HOLSTEN: Good for me.
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14 MS. PERRY: Yes.
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16 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Well, if
17 you guys are in agreement we'll just stand adjourned
18 until 9:00 a.m., tomorrow morning.
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20 MS. STICKWAN: We're recessed.
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22 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Recessed. Yeah,
23 we're not going to adjourn, you're right, recess.
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25 Okay, we're in recess, don't forget
26 that.
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28 MS. PERRY: I was just about to say
29 that, thanks, Gloria.
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31 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, that's a
32 good call. Okay, well, hopefully we had a good day.
33 We covered a lot. If we had another hour we would have
34 finished it up but so be it.
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36 Another item we have to do is these,
37 we're going to have to be compensated at some point
38 from these Federal employees, we're coming just like
39 them, a lot of time involved in this stuff.
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41 Don't laugh, DeAnna.
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43 MS. PERRY: Oh, I know. I know.
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45 (Laughter)
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47 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Okay. Anything
48 else I need to say on here before we recess?
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1 MS. PERRY: No, Mr. Chair. Just thanks
2 to all Council members, public and Staff for
3 participating today.

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5 CHAIRMAN ENCELEWSKI: Yeah, thank you
6 all very much and we'll pick it up at 9:00 a.m., and
7 see how we progress.

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9 Thank you.

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11 Okay, I'm going to sign off, thank you.

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13 MS. PERRY: Thank you.

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15 (Off record)

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