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YUKON KUSKOKWIM DELTA SUBSISTENCE  
REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

PUBLIC MEETING

VOLUME I

TELECONFERENCE  
October 6, 2021  
9:24 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Raymond Oney, Chair
  - Thomas Alstrom
  - John Andrew
  - Jackie Cleveland
  - Norma Evan
  - James Landlord
  - Myron Naneng
  - Henry Parks
  - Phillip Peter
  - Alissa Rogers
  - Richard Slats
- Regional Council Coordinator, Eva Patton

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P R O C E E D I N G S  
(Teleconference - 10/6/2021)  
(On record)

MS. PATTON: Good morning, welcome everybody. Of course our first announcements are about our telephone lines. So that everybody is able to hear and we don't have background noise and interruptions, while you're on teleconference please keep your phones muted unless you're speaking. And you can do that by hitting the mute button on your cell phone or you can push star six to mute. And then the other challenge is, and this is most especially with agency Staff, to

9 make sure if you have an incoming call, disconnect from  
10 the teleconference, don't put the teleconference on  
11 hold because then we get the Muzak, that we can't  
12 remove. So please just remember, if you have another  
13 incoming call while you're on the teleconference,  
14 disconnect from the teleconference and then you can  
15 call back in. So we'll keep providing those reminders  
16 but it really helps to make sure everybody's got their  
17 background noise eliminated by keeping your phones  
18 muted at all times unless you're speaking. And, again,  
19 you can hit the mute button or you can hit star six  
20 mute and star six to unmute.

21 MR. SLATS: Eva, a quick note.

22 MS. PATTON: Yes, go ahead, Richard.

23 MR. SLATS: Yes, sometimes even if they  
24 have the mute button they still need to do the star  
25 six.

26 REPORTER: That's correct. So if you  
27 don't find that it's working for you then you will need  
28 to use the star six. That all kind of depends on a  
29 carrier situation. But thank you, Richard.

30 MS. PATTON: Thank you for those tips  
31 and pointers. So sometimes, you know, we can tell, you  
32 know, who it might be, sometimes we hear sweet little  
33 kid voices who we know in the background or, you know,  
34 sometimes somebody's typing so we'll just keep  
35 reminding folks to mute phones and that'll help a lot  
36 to keep that background noise down so everybody can  
37 hear okay.

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1 For the Council members, you know,  
2 since we're meeting by teleconference and can't see you  
3 in the background, if you're having difficulty hearing  
4 or, you know, need to bring anything to our attention  
5 just go ahead and speak up otherwise we don't know if  
6 you need help with anything or address us. And, again,  
7 Council members, you can always text me if you are  
8 having any challenges, like you get disconnected from  
9 the teleconference and that number is 444-4851.

10 And would like to welcome everyone to  
11 this meeting, we have a full Council once again on the  
12 Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory  
13 Council and meeting in teleconference but hope all are  
14 doing well, your families and communities. And with  
15 that I will turn the meeting over to our current Chair,  
16 Raymond Oney.

17 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva.  
18 Looking at the agenda we could go ahead and get started  
19 with an invocation. At this time I'd like to request  
20 Richard to lead us in prayer.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Richard.

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MR. SLATS: Good morning, were you  
calling on me?

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yes, I was going to ask  
you if you could lead us in prayer to get our meeting  
started. Give an invocation.

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MR. SLATS: Yes.

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(Invocation)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Richard. Go  
ahead and call the meeting to order, the time now is  
9:24 a.m., today October 6, 2021. Welcome to the Yukon  
Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

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If we could go ahead and ask Richard to do a roll call.

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Richard, could you do a  
roll call to see who is on teleconference.

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MR. SLATS: Can you hear me?

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, I could hear you.

MR. SLATS: Okay. I'm going to go down  
the roster. Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional  
Advisory Council. Henry Parks.

MR. PARKS: Here.

MR. SLATS: Norma Evan.

MS. EVAN: Good morning, sir. Good  
morning from Marshall.

MR. SLATS: John Andrew.

MR. ANDREW: Here.

MR. SLATS: Thomas Alstrom.

MR. ALSTROM: Thomas Alstrom here, good  
morning.

Jacqueline Cleveland.

MS. CLEVELAND: Here.

MR. SLATS: James Landlord.

(No comments)

MR. SLATS: James Landlord.

(No comments)

MS. PATTON: Thank you, Richard. James  
was planning on being in on the meeting here and I'll  
text him again and see he's able to join us in a little  
bit here.

22 MR. SLATS: Okay. Yeah, we can make a  
note of that when he gets on.  
23 Alissa Nadine Rogers.  
24 MS. ROGERS: (In Yup'ik) I'm here.  
25 MR. SLATS: Phillip Peter, Sr.  
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1 MR. PETER: Good morning, Richard.  
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3 MR. SLATS: Wasillie Alexie.  
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7 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Richard. Yes,  
I just spoke with Wasillie Alexie yesterday. The  
community of Russian Mission is experiencing challenges  
with Covid and he is part of the emergency response  
there in the community so unfortunately he is not going  
to be able to join us for the meeting this week. So  
excused absence for Wasillie Alexie.  
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9 Thank you.  
10 MR. SLATS: Thank you. Ray Oney.  
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12 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Ray Oney here.  
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14 MR. SLATS: Myron Naneng, Sr.  
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16 MR. NANENG: I'm here, Richard. Good  
morning.  
17 MR. SLATS: Robert Aloysius.  
18 (No comments)  
19 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Richard. And  
this will be Robert's last meeting prior to his  
retirement and we had hoped to be able to meet in  
person to honor him. It's too hard to hear on  
teleconference so he won't be joining us for this  
meeting but we will be recognizing him under our  
Council member awards. Thank you.  
20 MR. SLATS: Okay. And Richard Slats is  
here. We have -- Mr. Chair, we have 10 present and one  
I would like to call on the body to excuse the  
gentleman from Russian Mission. 10 present, Mr.  
Chairman.  
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22 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Richard. So  
noted. As we go on hopefully James Landlord will be  
able to participate during our meeting.  
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24 MR. SLATS: Mr. Chair, when he calls in  
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Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Richard.

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MR. LANDLORD: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

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MR. LANDLORD: This is James Landlord.  
I just called in.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, James, for  
coming on. For the record we'll note James being  
present. Thank you.

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MR. SLATS: 11 present, Mr. Chairman.  
11 present, Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: So noted, 11 present,  
thank you, Richard. At this time I could go ahead and  
go through who may be on teleconference from different  
agencies. I'd like to welcome you and if you could  
introduce yourself and who you represent.

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Thank you.

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MR. MASCHMANN: This is U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service, this is Gerald Maschmann in  
Fairbanks. I'll be giving a Yukon River fisheries  
report today.

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Subsistence Division at Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Alida.

MR. BURCH: Good morning, this is Mark  
Burch.

MS. MCDAVID: Good morning, Mr. Chair  
and Council members. This is Brooke McDavid with the  
Subsistence Division also in Fairbanks.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Welcome.

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MR. BURCH: Hello this is Mark Burch  
with the Department of Fish and Game in Palmer.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Mark.

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MR. GRAHAM: Good morning. This is  
Cory Graham with the Office of Subsistence of  
Management in Anchorage.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning.

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MR. MERIZON: This is Rick Merizon with  
the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Palmer.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning.

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MS. MONCRIEFF: Hi. This is Catherine  
Moncrieff with the Yukon River Drainage Fisheries  
Association. And Serene Fitka will also be in and out.  
She had to jump off right now to attend a competing  
meeting. We look forward to your meeting.

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participants not muted)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning.

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MR. JONES: Good morning, Ray. This is  
Patrick Jones, Keith Oster and Phillip Perry with Fish  
and Game in Bethel.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning.

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MS. KLEIN: Good morning, Ray. This is  
Jill Klein. I'm with Fish and Wildlife Service as the  
Regional Subsistence Coordinator joining in today.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Jill.  
Good to hear you.

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MR. LIND: Good morning, Ray. This is  
Orville Lind. The Native Liaison for the Office of  
Subsistence Management.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Ray.

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MS. ESQUIBLE: Good morning, Ray. This  
is Janessa Esquible with ONC, Natural Resources  
Director in Bethel.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Janessa.

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UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: (In Yup'ik)

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KYLIE: Good morning, Ray. This is  
Kylie with ONC in Bethel as well. I'm the Natural

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Resources Technician.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Kylie.

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13 MR. MOSES: Hey, Ray, this is Aaron  
Moses, Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge.

14 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Aaron.

15 MR. ADERMAN: This is Andy Aderman with  
the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. Good morning.

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18 MR. TULIK: Good morning, Ray. This is  
Chris Tulik with the Yukon Delta Refuge.

19 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Chris.

20 MR. NICORI: This is Dennis Nicori, the  
new RIT here in Bethel.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Dennis.

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23 MS. JONES: Good morning. This is  
Paige Jones with Association of Village Council  
Presidents.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Paige.

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1 MS. GLEASON: Good morning. This is  
Christy Gleason with Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
in Fairbanks.

2 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Christy.

3 MS. HOOPER: Hi, Ray. This is Jennifer  
4 Hooper also with AVCP in Bethel. I'm going to have to  
5 also, like Serena, jump back and forth between the  
North Pacific Council meeting today just in case AVCP  
6 gets called on something.

7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you,  
Jennifer.

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10 MS: HOLLINGWORTH: Good morning, Ray.  
This is Savannah, the Western Regional Coordinator for  
the Department of Fish and Game, Board Support.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Welcome Savannah.

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13 MR. PLANK: Good morning. This is Tom  
Plank, Wildlife Biologist for the Office of Subsistence  
Management.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Tom.

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MR. SMITH: Good morning. This is  
16 Nicholas Smith with the Alaska Department of Fish and  
Game.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Nick.

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MS. PETRIVELLI: Good morning. This is  
19 Pat Petrivelli with BIA in Anchorage.

20 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Pat.

21 MR. MCKEE: Chris McKee with BLM out of  
Anchorage.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning.

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MS. LAVINE: Robbin LaVine with the  
24 Office of Subsistence Management.

25 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning, Robbin.

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1 MS. LAVINE: Good morning.

2 MS. DECKER: Sam Decker with Alaska  
Department of Fish and Game in Fairbanks.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning.

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MS. SCHOMOYI: Good morning. This is  
5 Terese Schomogyi with the Kuskokwim River Intertribal  
Fish Commission in Bethel.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning.

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MR. PATTERSON: Good morning. This is  
8 Dillon Patterson with the National Park Service  
Regional Office.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good morning. Do we  
10 need to have any more that need to introduce themselves  
at this time.

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12 (No comments)

13 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none we could  
go ahead and move on with the agenda. Next on the  
14 agenda we have election of officers. Since we had only  
four Council members at our winter meeting we decided  
15 to go ahead and do election of officers with a full  
Board and at this time I'll turn it over to Eva.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Ray. And, yes,  
17 just a little background since we have many new Council  
members who were just appointed to the Council this  
18 spring and it's a first meeting for all of them. We

19 did have an extended delay in appointments from the  
Secretary of the Interior, which not only delayed new  
20 Council appointments but reappointments of previous  
Council members. So at the spring meeting with just  
21 four Council members present as voting members seated  
for that meeting, we did want to hold election of  
22 officers once we had a full Council present. And  
normally we do this in the winter/spring meeting, but  
23 since we now have our full 13 member Council we'll hold  
election of officers today. And Ray Oney was elected  
as the Chair at our spring meeting.

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I will open the nominations for Chair  
25 and that is open to all Council members, and then once  
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1 our Chair is elected I will turn it back over to the  
Chair to continue with elections -- nominations and  
2 elections for Vice Chair and Secretary.

3 Since we're on teleconference, you  
know, oftentimes the Council may prefer to do, you  
4 know, little stickie note confidential votes but since  
we're on teleconference we'll have to make a call for  
5 all those in favor say aye and all those opposed same  
sign. So we may need to go through the roster just to  
6 count everybody that's voting.

7 REPORTER: Eva.

8 MS. PATTON: Yes, go ahead, Tina.

9 REPORTER: I'm sorry, I thought you  
were done. And, Council members, when you do come on  
10 to give a motion or a second, I know most of you but  
some I do not, so if you could please just state your  
11 name I would appreciate that so I have your name down  
correctly in the transcript.

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Thank you, Eva.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Tina. Please  
14 do, as we go through the meeting, identify yourselves  
when speaking so we know who to attribute your comments  
15 and also, in particular, a motion and a second so we  
can record that for the record. Thank you for that  
16 Tina.

17 And with that I will open up the floor  
to nominations for Chair of the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta  
18 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.

19 MR. ANDREW: Eva. This is John W.  
Andrew from Kwethluk, I nominate Ray Oney.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, John. We have  
21 a nomination for Ray Oney.

22 MS. EVAN: Hi Eva. This is Norma Evan

at Marshall. I nominate Ray Oney.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Norma. And do  
24 we have any other nominations that anyone would like  
to.....

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1 MR. CLEVELAND: Yes. Hi, this is  
Jacqueline Cleveland and I nominate Myron Naneng, Sr.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Jackie.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Ray Oney here, nominate  
4 Alissa Rogers.

5 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Ray.

6 MR. PETER: This is Phillip K. Peter,  
Sr. I close the nomination.

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MS. PATTON: Okay, thank you everyone  
8 for the nominations. And if there are no further  
nominations at this time we will close nominations and  
9 go to a vote. So our first nomination for Chair was  
Raymond Oney of Alakanuk. And if we could, please, to  
10 have everyones vote in favor of Raymond Oney.

11 (No comments)

12 MS. PATTON: And since we're on  
teleconference if you would like to support that  
13 nominee please go ahead and speak up and say a yes vote  
for Raymond Oney and I will record that.

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MR. LANDLORD: Eva. James Landlord,  
15 yes.

16 MS. PATTON: Thank you, James.

17 MR. LANDLORD: Okay.

18 MS. ROGERS: Alissa Rogers, yes.

19 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Alissa.

20 MR. ALSTROM: Thomas Alstrom, yes.

21 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Thomas.

22 MR. ANDREW: John Andrew, yes.

23 MS. PATTON: Thank you, John. Any  
other yes vote for Ray. So far I have James, Alissa,  
24 Thomas and John.

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ALAKANUK: Yes from Alakanuk.

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1 MS. PATTON: I'm sorry, who was that?

2 ALAKANUK: (Indiscernible) from  
Alakanuk.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr.  
4 (Indiscernible). And for the election of officers vote  
is for the Council members but thank you for your

5 support.  
6 And just wanted to check in, Norma, I  
7 know you had also spoke up to nominate Ray Oney, did  
8 you want to vote Ray Oney as Chair?  
9 MS. EVAN: Yes, I would like to vote  
10 for Raymond Oney as Chair. Thank you.  
11 MS. PATTON: Okay, great, thank you,  
12 Norma. And.....  
13 MR. PETER: Eva.  
14 MS. PATTON: Yes.  
15 MR. PETER: Eva.  
16 MS. PATTON: Yes, go ahead.  
17 MR. PETER: This is Phillip K. Peter.  
18 Phillip K. Peter, Sr. votes for Raymond.  
19 MS. PATTON: Okay, thank you, Phillip.  
20 Okay. And one last call, I know it's a little bit hard  
21 for folks to hear and to get off mute so one last call,  
22 any other votes for Raymond Oney as Chair.  
23 (No comments)  
24 MS. PATTON: Okay, thank you everyone.  
25 And next we have.....  
26 (Teleconference interference -  
27 participants not muted)  
28 MS. PATTON: .....Myron Naneng, Sr.  
29 Nomination for Myron Naneng, Sr., for Chair.  
30 MS. CLEVELAND: This is Jacqueline  
31 Cleveland. I vote yes for Myron Naneng, Sr., for Chair.  
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32 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Jackie.  
33 MR. PARKS: Eva, this is Henry Parks  
34 from Nunapitchuk voting for Myron Naneng.  
35 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Henry. And do  
36 we have any other votes for Myron Naneng, Sr., as  
37 Chair.  
38 (No comments)  
39 MS. PATTON: Okay. And then we move on  
40 to our next.....  
41 MR. SLATS: This is Richard Slats.  
42 MS. PATTON: Yes, go ahead, Richard.  
43 MR. SLATS: This is Richard Slats. Yes  
44 for Myron Naneng.  
45 MS. PATTON: Okay, great, thank you,  
46 Richard. And one last call for nomination for Myron

Naneng, Sr., for Chair.

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MR. NANENG: As a Council Member maybe  
I'll vote for myself.

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(Laughter)

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MS. PATTON: Sure, Myron votes for  
Myron. Okay. And if no more votes at this time for  
Myron Naneng, Sr., then we will move on to our nominee  
Alissa Nadine Rogers.

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MS. ROGERS: Eva.

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MS. PATTON: Yes, go ahead, Alissa.

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MS. ROGERS: Eva. Hi. I didn't speak  
fast enough when Ray had made the nomination but I  
decline the nomination for this season.

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MS. PATTON: Okay, thank you, Alissa.

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MS. ROGERS: Thank you.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you for that. So  
our current vote for Raymond Oney, Sr., -- I'm sorry,

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it's not Raymond Oney, Sr., it's Raymond Oney, is six  
votes in favor of Raymond Oney of Alakanuk as Chair.  
And our vote for Myron Naneng, Sr., is four votes for  
Chair. So Raymond Oney, congratulations on your role  
as Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you. Thank you,  
Eva. Thank you everyone for your vote and your  
confidence in me in leading this organization so  
appreciate your vote. I guess on the next election of  
officers would be the Vice Chair. So at this time I'll  
go ahead and open the floor for Vice Chair nominations.

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MR. ALSTROM: Hello, this is Thomas  
Alstrom. I nominate Myron Naneng, Sr.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: There's a motion on the  
floor to nominate Myron by Thomas Alstrom. Any other  
nominations.

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MR. SLATS: Mr. Chairman, this is  
Richard.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

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MR. SLATS: I make a motion to close  
the nominations for Vice Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Richard.  
There's a motion on the floor by Richard Slats from

16 Chevak to close the nominations. I believe at this time  
17 we ask for unanimous consent to have Myron Naneng as  
18 the Vice Chair.

19 MR. PETER: Second the motion. This is  
20 Phillip.

21 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, second by Phillip  
22 Peter. I ask for unanimous consent to have Myron as  
23 Vice Chair for YKRAC. All those in favor say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Opposed, same sign.

26 (No opposing votes)

27 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none, Myron,  
28 you're the Vice Chair. Welcome aboard. Glad to hear

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29 that you're on the YKRAC.

30 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yes, welcome aboard.  
31 And going down the list we have Secretary nominations,  
32 I'll go ahead and open the floor for Secretary.

33 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. This is  
34 John Andrew of Kwethluk. I nominate Alissa Rogers.

35 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Motion on the floor by  
36 John Andrew to nominate Alissa Rogers.

37 MR. PETER: Mr. Chairman, this is  
38 Phillip.

39 MS. EVAN: This is Norma Evans. I'm  
40 nominating Raymond Alstrom -- I mean Raymond Oney for  
41 Vice Chair -- sorry about that.

42 MR. NANENG: Mr. Chairman, this is  
43 Myron. I nominate Richard Slats.

44 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. There's a motion  
45 on the floor by Myron to nominate Richard Slats. Any  
46 more nominations.

47 MR. PARKS: Mr. Chair.

48 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

49 MR. PARKS: Henry Parks calling in  
50 making a motion to close the nominations.

51 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. There's a motion  
52 on the floor by Henry Parks to close the nominations.  
53 At this time we have Myron Naneng and Richard Slats.  
54 So all those in favor of nominating Myron.....

55 MR. NANENG: Mr. Chair, I was just  
56 voted in to be the Vice Chair so I'm.....

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, my mistake. So Richard, we have Richard at this time, and Alissa Rogers as Secretary. At this time I will ask if there are any votes for Alissa to be the Secretary.

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MS. ROGERS: I decline the nomination for this season.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Alissa, so noted. So at this time we only have one nomination which is Richard. Is there a motion on the floor for unanimous consent. I'm asking for unanimous consent for Richard Slats to be the Secretary.

MR. LANDLORD: Mr. Chair, James Landlord.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: James, go ahead.

MR. LANDLORD: Ask for unanimous consent for Richard Slats as Secretary.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, there's unanimous consent by James Landlord for Richard to be our Secretary.

MR. NANENG: Second.

MR. ALSTROM: Second. Thomas Alstrom second.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Second by Thomas Alstrom. All those in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Opposed, same sign.

(No opposing votes)

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none, motion carries. So Richard you're our Secretary so thank you. Thank you for that.

MR. SLATS: Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: And next on the agenda we have review and adopt the agenda.

And on the agenda we have review and approve previous meeting minutes.

Reports. Council member reports and the Chair's report.

Service Awards.

Public and tribal comment on non-agenda items. This is what we usually do every morning when

4 we take comments from the tribes or organizations that  
5 may want to address the Council.

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Old Business.

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A. .805(c) report.

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B. Board FY2020 annual report reply.

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9 C. Annual report reply process  
10 revision discussion.

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D. Special actions.

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New Business.

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Proposal presentation procedure.

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Wildlife proposals.

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Regional proposals WP22-41, WP22-42 and  
15 WP22, 43/44 combined, and WP22-45.

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16 And there's crossover proposals which  
17 is WP22-47 and statewide proposals which is WP22-01 and  
18 WP22-02.

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18 2022 Fisheries Resource Monitoring  
19 Program.  
20 Identify Issues for FY2021 Annual  
21 Report.

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21 Fall 2021 Council application/  
22 nomination open season.

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23 Mulchatna Caribou Herd conservation  
24 strategy discussion.

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24 Agency reports to be limited to 15  
25 minutes.

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25 Future meeting dates.

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Closing comments.

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Adjournment.

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Do we have any additions to our agenda.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you.

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MR. PETER: Mr. Chairman, this is  
26 Phillip.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Phillip.

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8 MR. PETER: I'd like to add to put the  
9 two tribal Council seats for North Pacific Fisheries  
10 Board.

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10 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. There's a  
comment by Phillip Peter to include an agenda item,

11 which is to include two nomination seats to North  
12 Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

13 MR. PETER: And the other one, Mr.  
14 Chairman, to put False Pass/Area M for chum salmon.

15 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, Eva, where do we  
16 include these two agenda items on the agenda?

17 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
18 Council members. If the Council would like to discuss  
19 writing a letter to the North Pacific Fisheries  
20 Management Council, probably a good point on the agenda  
21 to address that would be when the Council is discussing  
22 topics for annual report and the Council also -- which  
23 is a report to the Federal Subsistence Board, but the  
24 Council can also write letters and recommendations  
25 to.....

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participants not muted)

MS. PATTON: .....other agencies as  
well. So that might be a good point on the agenda to  
discuss this when the Council is bringing up issues of  
concern for subsistence in the region and we can work  
through a letter if the Council wishes to at that time.

The False Pass/Area M is not an  
information topic that we had currently on the agenda.

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1 There may be Staff online. I know there was quite a bit  
2 of discussion about Area M management that the  
3 Kuskokwim Salmon Management Working Group meetings over  
4 the summer. So I'm not sure, some of the Staff who are  
5 online to address Yukon River and Kuskokwim River post  
6 season salmon reports might have some information on  
7 Area M, but, again, we weren't prepared to address that  
8 directly. We can, certainly, plan to get more  
9 information for the Council for the winter meeting. If  
10 the Council wanted to, you know, make any  
11 recommendations on that area at this time, we may not  
12 have the information to provide you at this meeting.  
13 But we can check in with the Staff that we have online,  
14 if there's any information that can be shared under the  
15 post season salmon reports which are coming at the end  
16 of the meeting under the agency reports.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva.

MR. NANENG: Mr. Chairman.

MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead, Myron.

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MR. NANENG: Yeah. I know that the coastal areas as well as the Kuskokwim and the Yukon River were closed throughout the fishing season and just recently Fish and Game and Fish and Wildlife Service opened fishing 24 hours, seven days a week without mesh sizes and this was after all the salmon has passed through. I know from previous meetings with State Board of Fish as well as other meetings that I have attended, we know that Area M has an impact on returning chum stocks to the Kuskokwim and the Yukon River as well as other coastal area fisheries. I think the point should be made that if any known impact, or fishing impact of those chum stocks should be closed if all of Western Alaska fisheries are closed for that species. There should not be any exemption because it's a commercial fishery or because the State of Alaska is managing that. I did call the Commissioner of Fish and Game and asked him why are they allowing commercial fisheries down in Area M that is known to have impact on returning chum stocks to the Yukon, the Kuskokwim and Western Alaska tributaries. There really was no response. And I think that we need to make a point that if there is a concern about chum stocks returning to the river systems that we had this past

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1 summer, all fisheries that impact those fisheries, those salmon stocks in those fisheries should also be closed, even if they're far away from the area. It's known that they impact the returning stocks to the tributaries in Western Alaska.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Myron. Yeah, I think that's something that needs to be addressed. So I don't know at this time if there's any agencies that would -- I would request that we include that in our agenda, or should we go ahead and put this in the winter meeting. So I'd like to get direction on who we could address this.

MR. NANENG: I believe it should be started right now because I know that the Board of Fish will probably have winter meetings even before we have our next meeting. So that would be my recommendation.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair and Myron. Yes, and we do have both our Federal and State fisheries biologists and managers online and I can follow up to see if we might be able to gather some information by the time we get to the -- both the

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14 Yukon River post season salmon report, and the  
15 Kuskokwim post season salmon reports, which will most  
likely come on Friday. So between now and then I'll,  
16 you know, try to gather what information I can and see  
if our State and Federal biologists might be able to  
provide some information at that time.

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The Council can, of course, you know,  
18 discuss this and make a recommendation and draft a  
letter on this issue. And probably a good time to do  
19 that would be while we are discussing the management --  
the salmon management on the Yukon and the Kuskokwim so  
20 we can be sure -- you know, the Council has that  
opportunity to discuss writing a letter and  
21 recommendation and I will try to see if we can get some  
more information specific to Area M by the time to we  
22 get to that on the agenda on Friday.

23 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you, Eva.

24 MS. PATTON: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN ONEY: We'll keep that in our

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1 mind as we move along on our agenda and hopefully we'll  
get to it before Friday. Is there any more additions  
2 to our agenda.

3 MS. ROGERS: Yes, Mr. Chair, Alissa  
Rogers.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Alissa, go ahead.

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MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
6 would like to bring this under new business after Item  
F, and I would like to bring up the topic of what is  
7 known as the Donut Hole. The Donut Hole is a high  
fishery that is not regulated nor is it run by anyone,  
8 it's clearly non-operational, it's both territorial and  
international waters. This fishery is a practice and  
9 widely known as illegal, unreported, and unregulated  
fishing in our waters. And the Donut Hole is in the  
10 area between Russia and Alaska and the region is --  
it's sparking a crises and it's not being notified,  
11 it's not being brought out, and I highly doubt anyone  
on this conversation knows what I'm talking about.  
12 That's how little is known about this Donut Hole. It's  
where anyone and anyone of anyone of whatever country  
13 can go fish unregulated and only the Coast Guard can  
like, how do I put it, only the Coast Guard can be the  
14 ones to enter the vessels of these trawlers out in the  
Donut Hole. And the reason why I'm bringing this up is  
15 because that Donut Hole out in the Central Bering Sea  
in the 1980s is the most spectacular fishery that  
16 collapsed our North American history of our famous

17 fisheries and no one's talking about it. So we need to  
18 bring this back up. It's going to take an  
19 international moratorium to ban fishing in the Bering  
20 Sea but it will also need to take a minimum of  
21 international support to preemptively ban the fishing  
22 again. Our numbers are so low, both in chum and any  
23 type of salmon and now we're hitting halibut and all  
24 these other fisheries that are being -- that are a part  
25 of this huge ecosystem that we're looking at and we're  
0023 looking at this at a thousand foot level.

25 So if it's okay with you, Mr. Chair,  
I'd like to bring this back up as an action that we  
write a letter to -- a specific letter about this to  
the Federal Subsistence Board, to the Alaska  
Legislators, to our Congress in regards to this issue  
and we need to bring this back up.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Alissa.

3 Thank you for that. Where do you want to include it in  
4 the agenda?

5 MS. ROGERS: Under new business after  
6 Item F.

7 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. Under statewide  
8 proposals under F.

9 MR. SLATS: Mr. Chairman, I second  
10 Alissa's motion to include G.

11 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. We're still  
12 working on the agenda, I haven't heard anyone mention  
13 that if there's anymore items that need to be included  
14 in our agenda. We're still working on it right now.  
15 So if there's any other additions or comments, at this  
16 time, please say so.

17 MR. NANENG: Mr. Chairman, this is  
18 Myron.

19 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Myron.

20 MR. NANENG: Yeah, I'd like to hear a  
21 report from our Refuge managers on law enforcement of  
22 trespassing by sportshunters. Most of the village  
23 corporations lands were selected for subsistence  
24 purposes, and this is getting to be an issue that needs  
25 to be addressed because it competes with people from  
the villages as well as other business opportunities  
that the village corporations are looking at with the  
wildlife that's going on. I know that they may be  
private lands, but the majority of the villages within

20 the region selected their lands for subsistence  
purposes. So I recommend that we hear a report from  
21 the Refuge managers to advise the Board -- or the  
Council on what they're doing in terms of law  
enforcement on trespass with that.

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Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Myron. Eva,  
24 is there anywhere we could put this on the agenda?  
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1 participants not muted)

2 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
thank you, Myron. We do have representatives from both  
3 Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge and Togiak  
National Wildlife Refuge online and will follow up with  
4 them to reach out and see if they might be able to  
address these issues of law enforcement. Again, we'll  
5 probably be getting to the agency reports, including  
the Refuge reports, on Friday, and so hopefully we can  
6 get connection and maybe law enforcement  
representatives on to speak to that question of  
7 trespass.

8 Thank you.

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participants not muted)

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REPORTER: Okay, excuse me, this is  
11 Tina. So somebody has their phone unmuted.

12 CHAIRMAN ONEY: We're still working on  
the agenda, is there any more additions to the agenda?

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REPORTER: Excuse me, Ray. This is  
14 Tina. Somebody has their phone not muted and we're  
getting office conversation in the background. If you  
15 could -- if everybody could please check their phone so  
we could hear the Council talking.

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Thank you. Go ahead, Ray.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Tina.  
18 And as a reminder to always mute your phone when you're  
not speaking, star six and star six to unmute. Thank  
19 you. Thank you, Tina.

20 And, again, we're still working on the  
agenda. Is there any more additions to our agenda.

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MR. PARKS: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

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24 MR. PARKS: Henry Parks calling in from  
25 Nunapitchuk. I would like to include the Bering Sea  
0025 trawl fish fisheries down in the Bering Sea. The  
reason why I bring this up is I really don't know when

1 they start fishing, trawl fisheries down in Bering Sea.  
The reason why I bring this up is this year, 2021, we  
2 had a really low chum run, both in Kuskokwim and Yukon  
so I want to include this. I want to know exactly when  
3 they start fishing and how long they fish down in  
Bering Sea. If that can be included on our agenda.

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Mr. Chair.

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6 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Henry. I  
think we could include that in the agency reports when  
we get to either the Kuskokwim or the Yukon salmon  
7 reports and keep that in mind when we get to the agency  
reports that you could bring that up.

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MR. PARKS: Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you.

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11 MS. EVAN: This is Norma Evan at  
Marshall. I'd like to make a comment.

12 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Right now we're working  
on the agenda, Norma. We're trying to get our agenda  
13 approved in order to do our business. So at this time  
I'm asking if there's any more additions to the agenda.

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15 MS. EVAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, I'll  
wait.

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MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Right now if we could  
get a motion on the floor to adopt the agenda with the  
additions.

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20 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair and Council. I  
do have just a couple of amendments to the agenda, some  
updates on our agency reports. And also as we  
discussed at our pre-meeting, moving the Mulchatna  
21 Caribou Herd discussion which is under new business, F,  
to the beginning of the wildlife proposals. And the  
reason for that is we have, prior to the wildlife  
22 proposals, we will be receiving the latest updates, you  
know, the latest data that can be shared on each of the  
23 proposal subjects prior to the proposals. And that  
conversation on the Mulchatna Caribou Herd will lead  
24 into our first proposal, WP22-41, on the delegation of  
25 authority for the management of the Mulchatna Caribou

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1 Herd. So if the Council concurs, we would like to move  
2 that Mulchatna Caribou Herd discussion to the beginning  
3 of the wildlife proposals.

3 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

4 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva.

5 MR. BURCH: Mr. Chair and Eva, this is  
6 Mark Burch, may I interject on that subject?

6 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

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8 MR. BURCH: Yeah, this is Mark Burch  
9 with the Department of Fish and Game and it looks like  
10 I'll be part of that discussion about the Mulchatna  
11 prior to that proposal. And my availability is limited  
12 to the mornings. I'm also hoping that that item could  
13 be on the agenda for perhaps tomorrow morning if that's  
14 possible.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Eva.

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14 MS. PATTON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair,  
15 and thank you, Mark. And I'm guessing, a rough  
16 estimate of how we move through the agenda that this  
17 will most likely come up tomorrow morning that we would  
18 be starting on the wildlife proposals and discussion of  
19 Mulchatna Caribou Herd at that time. If we do move  
20 along a little more quickly, we can move on to other  
21 proposals first so that we can take this up in the  
22 morning when we have your input, from ADF&G, which is a  
23 big part of this discussion and then we'll have our  
24 Federal biologists and managers on too. So I think  
25 that should work fine, either way if we get to it prior  
26 to the end of the day today, tomorrow morning will work  
27 well.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair and Eva.

23 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva. Go  
24 ahead, Alissa.

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25 MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
26 was going to propose that we move Item No. 11, old  
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1 business to after Item No. 12, new business, so we can  
2 start with our proposal presentation as -- that we  
3 switch old business and new business; that old business  
4 will come after the new business for time management-  
5 wise.

4 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

5 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Alissa.  
6 Eva.

7 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. We  
8 may, depending on the timing because I think we have a  
9 number of folks presenting for the wildlife proposals,  
10 prior to the old business we do have our Council member  
11 reports and public and tribal comments on non-agenda  
12 items, so it might end up being late in the afternoon  
13 anyway by the time we get to wildlife proposals and I'm  
14 not sure how that timing will work out for Mark and the  
15 other ADF&G Staff that were going to be presenting the  
16 wildlife updates. Maybe we'll just check in with those  
17 Staff presenting the wildlife updates.

18 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, we heard from  
19 Mark and he said he's only available in the morning so.  
20 MR. BURCH: Hello, this is Mark Burch  
21 again.

22 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead, Mark.

23 MR. BURCH: We can certainly check in.  
24 You understand I -- since I just mentioned it, is that  
25 my availability is limited to the mornings. The other  
26 proposals are related mostly to Unit 18, I think, and  
27 we have Staff that are prepared to do that from Region  
28 5 with our Division and I believe -- or with our  
29 Department and I believe that they're available as it  
30 comes up on the agenda so I think that that would work.  
31 And I'm in communication with them, if otherwise, they  
32 can let me know.

33 Thank you.

34 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you.

35 MS. PATTON: Great, thank you, Mark.  
36 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yep, so if folks are available  
37 for discussion on the other wildlife proposals we could

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38 certainly take up wildlife proposals prior to old  
39 business and then we'll just ensure that we have the  
40 caribou discussion tomorrow morning. So I think that  
41 should work fine with everybody's availability.

42 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. So we'll go  
43 ahead and do new business here before we go into old  
44 business.

45 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, Alissa Rogers.

46 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead, Alissa.  
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8 MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If  
9 there's no more changes to the agenda I make a motion  
10 to close the agenda and motion to adopt the agenda with  
11 the amendments.

12 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you,  
14 Alissa. If there is no other additions to the agenda  
15 there's a motion on the floor for Alissa to adopt the  
16 agenda as written. Do I hear a second.

17 MR. SLATS: Second, Mr. Chairman. This  
18 is Richard.

19 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Second by Richard. All  
20 those in favor say aye.

21 MR. NANENG: Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, go ahead.

23 MR. NANENG: Mr. Chairman. Yeah, this  
24 is Myron. I believe North Pacific Fisheries Management  
25 Council is meeting right now and if there is an  
26 opportunity to recess for some of the Council members  
27 to testify to the North Pacific Fisheries Management  
28 Council I would recommend a recess to give an  
29 opportunity for Council members to make -- to give  
30 testimony at the North Pacific Council. We have to  
31 sign up. And I think Mary Peltola and her Staff will  
32 be helpful in signing up -- giving an opportunity for  
33 people to sign up through her office to provide  
34 testimony. And this is regarding fisheries, you know,  
35 that we experienced this past summer here in the  
36 YKDelta.

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37 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you, Myron,  
38 so noted. Eva, where can we put that in there.

39 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Myron. Thank  
40 you, Mr. Chair. What might work as we -- as you noted,  
41 Myron, if Mary Peltola or others are engaged in the  
42 North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting to  
43 alert Council members when comment opportunity comes  
44 up. I know having participated in those meetings  
45 online it's a very fluid agenda and so very difficult  
46 to know when that public comment opportunity comes up  
47 but if Mary or others would be able to help alert you  
48 to that comment opportunity then, you know, we can  
49 provide a brief recess when that opportunity comes up.

50 MS. PELTOLA: Mr. Chairman, this is  
51 Mary Peltola.

10 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead, Mary.  
11 MS. PELTOLA: Yeah, Myron, thank you  
12 very much for sharing that and, Eva, thank you for the  
13 suggestion. I'm more than happy to send when they're  
14 willing -- or when they begin testimony. The only  
15 thing is we will need to know is the names of the folks  
16 who want to testify so we can register them. Their  
17 phone numbers and emails. We'll need their name, phone  
18 number and email to sign them up to testify.

19 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you Mary.  
20 And the dates, do you have the dates and everything?  
21 MS. PELTOLA: It's later this  
22 afternoon.

23 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Oh, later this  
24 afternoon. Okay, if there's a way we could make that  
25 work for our Council, would that be possible?

26 MS. PELTOLA: I think if you could  
27 recess, and we'll have your names registered so you can  
28 -- and it's a three minute time limit.

29 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you.

30 MS. PELTOLA: You're welcome.

31 CHAIRMAN ONEY: We'll make a note of  
32 that Eva. There was a motion on the floor by Alissa to  
0030 adopt the agenda with additions. We need a second to  
1 the motion.  
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3 MR. NANENG: Myron, I second it.  
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5 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, there's a second  
6 by Myron Naneng to approve the agenda with additions.  
7 All those in favor say aye.  
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9 IN UNISON: Aye.  
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11 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Opposed, same sign.  
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13 (No opposing votes)  
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15 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none, motion's  
16 carried. So we have adopted our agenda. We could go  
17 ahead and move down to the next agenda item, which is  
18 review and approve previous meeting minutes. If you  
19 look on Page 5 you could see the meeting minutes on  
20 March 3 and 4.

12 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman. This is  
13 John Andrew from Kwethluk. I move that we adopt the  
14 minutes of March 3 and 4 of 2021. Thank you.  
15 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. There's a motion  
16 on the floor by John.....

17 MS. ROGERS: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN ONEY: .....Andrew from  
19 Kwethluk to.....

20 MS. ROGERS: Alissa Rogers.

21 CHAIRMAN ONEY: .....accept the March 3  
22 and 4 winter meeting, 2021, seconded by Alissa Rogers.  
23 All those in favor say aye.

24 IN UNISON: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Opposed, same sign.

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2 participants not muted)

3 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none, motion's  
4 carried. Going down to Item No. 8, reports. We have  
5 Council member's reports and the Chair's report. At  
6 this time I'll turn it over to Eva to get the Council  
7 member's reports.

8 Thank you.

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10 participants not muted)

11 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
12 Council. And maybe before I begin here just one more  
13 reminder to folks on teleconference to please mute your  
14 phones, star six, or your mute button to eliminate that  
15 background noise so we can hear the Council. I do want  
16 to note again that we have Sophie Evan on  
17 teleconference with us today and tomorrow and she is  
18 available to provide Yup'ik translation or English to  
19 Yup'ik translation. So if any Council members would,  
20 or public would like to speak in Yup'ik and have  
21 translation, please, just let us know. Sophie is  
22 available and online to translate. Thank you so much  
23 Sophie.

24 And for Council member reports, this is  
25 a really important part of the Council's work and  
0031 Council meeting. We take time to hear from each of the  
1 13 Council members. Your report for your community and  
2 your region, subsistence and observations of the  
3 environment and how your community is doing with  
4 subsistence activities. This is a really critical part

17 of the Council's work and sharing that information and  
18 your local knowledge and track record throughout the  
19 years to understand how subsistence is for communities  
20 throughout the YK Delta region, changes that are  
21 occurring, you know, challenges and issues that  
22 communities want to have addressed. So we welcome  
23 everyone to share from your experience and your  
24 community. And we can start with maybe some of our  
25 long-time Council members so those of you who are new  
0032 have an opportunity just to settle in a little bit and  
looking forward to hearing from everyone.

23 And, maybe, Ray, if you don't mind, we  
24 would begin with you as the Chair and then we'll work  
25 through each of our Council members then from the top  
of the roster.

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1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Eva.  
Thank you, Eva. And thank you everyone, especially the  
3 new Council members that are on board for the YKRAC,  
4 look forward to working with you guys all during this  
meeting.

5 And, again, my name is Raymond Oney.  
6 I'm from the village of Alakanuk. I've been here for a  
good number of years. Married to a lady from here. I  
7 have two grown children and I have maybe about seven or  
eight grandchildren at this time. I've been a  
8 subsistence user all of my life. I've lived a semi-  
nomadic lifestyle pretty much all of my life up until I  
started going to high school.

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10 participants not muted)

11 CHAIRMAN ONEY: I'll go ahead to ask  
12 people to mute their phone with star six. We're still  
hearing a lot of background noise. So if you're not  
13 speaking can you please press star six to mute your  
phone. Thank you.

14 And, again, following through, I've  
15 been a subsistence user all my life, utilize the  
resources throughout the seasons, spring, summer,  
16 winter, fall. And like I mentioned I lived a semi-  
nomadic lifestyle pretty much all my life up until the  
17 time that I started high school and that was my first  
experience leaving the village to go out of my area to  
attend high school. As you know we relied on the  
18 resources throughout the seasons, the four seasons.  
Whether it be fishing in the summer or trapping in the  
19 winter, we followed the seasons. And that's how our  
community was as I was growing up, and that's how I

20 remember it, how the seasons changed from time to time.  
That's what I recognized growing up.

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22 But for the village of Alakanuk, as you  
23 know, we've been experiencing really hardship on  
24 salmon. As you heard throughout the summer from YRDFA  
25 teleconferences and radio talk shows and everything  
about the decline of the salmon, chinook and chum  
salmon. Really the crash of the salmon on the Yukon  
River. We didn't get no opportunity to even fish, not  
even once, other than using small four inch net. And

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1 as you know we use these other species of fish  
throughout the other seasons because we look forward to  
2 the salmon when it comes. As I mentioned we utilize  
the seasons throughout the year and summertime comes,  
3 we look forward, we prepare, prepare ourselves to go  
out to fish camp and spend the summer, all summer  
4 there, until it's time to go back, and it was after  
Labor Day when we went back to school. Like I  
5 mentioned, I utilized the resources through the  
seasons.

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7 There hasn't been too many people  
fishing even though they used a four inch net. And  
earlier this summer when the season opened there was a  
8 lot of people going up north to try and get their  
harvest of salmon. From what I was told there was a  
9 number of villages that went up to that area in hopes  
of bringing back salmon. But I guess when they made  
10 that trip there was so much nets out there I guess  
people didn't have an opportunity to try and set out  
11 nets but people came back with some fish.

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13 And it's been a wet season for us. At  
the beginning of the spring, it was a warm hot spring,  
but as the summer came it became cooler and it stayed  
cool pretty much all through the summer and rain. It's  
14 still continuing to rain today.

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16 People are out getting their moose. I  
guess people are -- I've been getting moose from people  
so you hunters who aren't getting your moose we still  
17 have a lot of moose that are still running around in  
our area. People are out getting birds and also the  
Bering cisco.

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19 Other than that I think it's been a  
really wet, wet, wet summer for us. Even right now  
it's still wet so I don't know what the winter's going  
20 to bring.

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I'll conclude this as my report.

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Thank you.

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participants not muted - line put on hold)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: And if John or Richard  
25 would follow.

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1 MR. ALSTROM: Hello, this is Thomas  
Alstrom from Alakanuk.

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3 MR. ANDREW: This is John Andrew from  
Kwethluk.

4 MR. ALSTROM: Oh, go ahead, John.

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6 MR. ANDREW: Yeah. Starting this  
spring a lot of our salmon fisheries over here they  
7 were late coming in. The water was too high. and on  
the first part of June they gave us one opening per  
8 week for the month of June only, right around the  
weekends, two, five and nine was the set net opening  
9 and hardly anybody went out because the water was too  
high where we are by the big Y. And starting the  
10 following week we got a few, getting short -- set net  
out -- no, a drift opening, but set and drift openings,  
still not too many people go out until the middle of --  
11 after the middle of June.

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12 The chums were barely non-existent.  
They were hardly catching any chums but catching a very  
13 few sheefish and mostly small jacks. But when the reds  
picked up, they did good. Personally, I think I had  
14 over 300 reds and I gave practically all of them away  
to the community. And what chums I got, I think I gave  
them to the old ladies at the village. But when the  
15 reds picked up we did good but.....

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MR. ANDREW: .....when the fall came,  
19 it's like Ray said, it was raining all the time. I  
never put any up until the latter part, during the  
20 rainy season, they didn't dry well and had the same  
complaints from our neighbors, some people I know,  
21 better than half of them had weather-related spoilage.

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And the brown bears were raiding our  
camps, some of the smokehouses were hit twice.

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24 And then during the moose season, first  
time we see lots of moose out but the bulls were hardly  
25 moving because the weather was too warm and mild. The  
ones that do get some they were catching mostly very  
young bulls, hardly any bigger bulls. The bigger bulls  
always start moving after the first frost.

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1                               And they said most people did good on  
2 berry picking. And not too much on whitefish. I tried  
3 whitefish where my relatives -- and where I usually go  
4 is the water was too low and we were catching too many  
5 pikes. I had to pull my whitefish nets out early.

6                               And it was just about the same  
7 everywhere, water -- on the moose part, we did not do  
8 too well on moose. And on Zone 2, Zone 2 water was too  
9 low. But up there all the people with the jet boats go  
10 up there and make it and I have neighbors complaining  
11 about big jet boats going up the Kwethluk, Kasigluk and  
12 Kisaralik and the other day, they were saying jet boats  
13 coming down with the antlers but it looked like they  
14 had no meat in the boat. I think the sport outfitters  
15 are taking hunters up there.

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(In Yup'ik)

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Thank you.

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12                               MS. EVAN: Hi, this is Norman at  
13 Marshall, is it comment time?

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participants not muted - line put on hold)

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15                               MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair, did we lose  
16 you?

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(No comments)

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18                               MS. PATTON: John, did we lose you, it  
19 sounded like you got cut off there?

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(No comments)

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20                               MS. EVAN: GCI is having difficulties  
21 in our region and I'm pretty sure it's a GCI problem.  
22 We're actually lucky to have phone this week. Last  
23 week we weren't having any line to cell phone usage.

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24                               MS. PATTON: Thank you, Norma. Yes,  
25 and I know some other communities were also having  
26 challenges with GCI. And it sounds like.....

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MS. EVAN: Well, are we on.....

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MS. PATTON: Let me check with folks

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1 online and just check in to see who we still have from  
2 the Council connected at this time.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Ray Oney here.

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MR. NANENG: I'm still on.

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5 MS. CLEVELAND: This is Jackie, I'm  
still here too.

6 MS. PATTON: Okay, great, thank you,  
Ray. Okay, great, thank you, Jackie.

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8 MR. ALSTROM: Thomas is still here.

9 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Tom.

10 MR. SLATS: Richard's still here.

11 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Richard.

12 MR. PARKS: Henry's still on the air.  
Henry Parks.

13 MS. PATTON: Great, thank you, Henry.

14 MR. LANDLORD: James Landlord's here.

15 MS. PATTON: Wonderful, thank you,  
James.

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17 MR. PETER: Phillip Peter.

18 MS. PATTON: Great, thank you, Phillip.

19 MR. NANENG: Myron's still on.

20 MS. PATTON: Great, thank you, Myron.  
And Norma is on with us. John, did we lose you, you  
got quiet all of a sudden.

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22 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, Trapper John's still  
here.

23 MS. PATTON: Okay, great, thank you,  
John.

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25 MS. ROGERS: Alissa Rogers is still  
here.

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1 MS. PATTON: Great, thank you, Alissa.  
Okay, we do still have the full Council on. My  
2 apologies, it got really quiet and I thought maybe John  
had gotten dropped there. Okay, yes, Ray, we can  
3 continue with our Council member reports here.

4 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you, Eva.  
I believe Thomas was going to speak right after John  
5 and then after Thomas we could go ahead and take  
Richard Slats and then we'll follow through with the  
6 rest.

7 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Ray.

8 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead, Thomas.

9 MR. ALSTROM: Yes, hello, Eva, Mr.

Chair. This is Thomas Alstrom, Alakanuk. I'm here to  
10 give my report. Just kind of a follow up, there was  
11 this past spring and summer, like Mr. Oney said there,  
12 there was no harvesting of salmon here on the Yukon,  
13 Yukon Delta, no commercial, no subsistence opener.  
14 Nobody was able to harvest their salmon this year.  
15 However, the Fish and Game has the test fisheries and  
16 at one point they were harvesting -- I believe they had  
17 a run of kings there, a pulse of kings and they did  
18 catch quite a few kings during that time and  
19 individuals were able to go up to Emmonak and pick up  
20 some kings to distribute out to the villages and I was  
21 lucky enough to receive, you know, a couple of kings  
22 from the Fish and Game test net.

17 Due to no harvesting of salmon here on  
the Yukon the local tribe here in Alakanuk.....

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19 participants not muted - line put on hold)

20 MR. ALSTROM: .....they were able to  
21 distribute Bristol Bay -- frozen Bristol Bay salmon so  
22 then my parents were able to receive a box, I believe  
23 it was frozen chums -- if I recall they were chums.  
24 But then when I took a look at them they looked nothing  
like the Yukon salmon that we have here. I did get a  
-- you know, get to try the Bristol Bay salmon and they  
taste a lot different from the local salmon, maybe from  
packaging and processing the fish to be sent up here.  
Maybe that's the reason why they taste different.

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1 But as far as harvesting this spring  
2 and summer, something I seen different here on the  
3 villages on the Lower Yukon was several individuals  
4 were taking up -- taking up rod and reeling and sport  
5 fishing, maybe 20, 30 miles off shore out there on the  
6 Bering Sea. You know people were coming back say late  
7 June, early July, they were bringing back halibut, you  
8 know, and they weren't much, maybe they'd catch a  
9 halibut or a couple of halibuts per boat. And you know  
10 they were also catching Pacific cod, I'd say, you know,  
maybe a dozen each time they went out. I did see and  
hear some individuals catching salmon sharks, what I  
believe they are -- I believe they're salmon sharks but  
due to no salmon fishing this summer, you know, I think  
several individuals going off shore and, you know, as  
groups and doing off shore rod and reeling trying for  
halibut, from the villages of Kotlik, Emmonak,  
Alakanuk, Nunam Iqua and all these lower villages are  
going out trying for halibut. In fact I got me a  
couple of halibut rods but I'm pretty sure there's a

11 certain way of rigging that line because it has to go  
12 directly down to the bottom because halibut feed off  
13 the bottom of the ocean floor.

14 As far as moose, I wasn't able to get  
15 my moose this fall due to relatives catching moose and  
16 all our freezers are full and I didn't get my chance to  
17 catch a moose and I've been calling, you know, friends  
18 and family asking if they need moose and everybody's  
19 coming up with the -- telling me their freezers are  
20 full with moose so I believe a lot of people have  
21 moose.

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18 participants not muted - line put on hold)

19 MR. ALSTROM: About a week ago I took a  
20 ride around this island, the south mainland -- or the  
21 south side, being Alakanuk is on an island, so it maybe  
22 was a half hour or 45 minute boat ride around the  
23 island, I took a ride with my uncle and we seen five  
24 bull moose -- five bull moose all in different  
25 locations and three cows. In fact they were right  
26 there at the river bank and, you know, due to everybody  
27 having their moose I wasn't able to shoot any moose or  
28 anything, just seen the moose right there. So came  
29 back around and I was surprised to see that they were  
30 all fairly nice sized bull moose. So just in that  
31 little half hour, 45 minute boat ride, you know, seeing

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1 five bull moose -- five bull moose during that little  
2 short drive was showing that there's a lot of moose  
3 here in Unit 18.

4 But other than that I hear of a lot of  
5 people all up and down the coast line, Kotlik and all  
6 the way down to Scammon are starting to see snow geese  
7 come from the Russian Siberia side heading back down  
8 south for the winter. So a lot of people have been  
9 going out bird hunting -- snow geese hunting, except  
10 for staying for weeks, several -- a couple of -- and,  
11 you know, doing their bird hunting for snow geese.

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8 And let's see I was planning to go out  
9 and try for (In Yup'ik) this past Tuesday in between  
10 our potluck on Monday and today, but due to the  
11 weather, we've just been having rainy, rainy weather,  
12 cold rainy weather, slushy snow off and on, so I wasn't  
13 planning to head out in that terrible weather. And  
14 it's still raining off and on as of right now. I  
15 wanted to go out for (In Yup'ik), a lot of people have  
16 been going towards the coastline harvesting (In Yup'ik)  
17 for the winter.

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Let's see, yep, and they haven't --

14 there hasn't really been any sightings of bears down  
15 this way on the Lower Yukon. I know in the past year  
16 or two, usually during this time of the year, right  
17 before winter, we start seeing bears coming into town  
18 or, you know, along the rivers but there really hasn't  
19 been any sightings of bears yet, but maybe within the  
20 next week or two we might hear people sighting bears.  
21 So we got to be on the look out.

22 Other than that, I hope I didn't miss  
23 anything, that pretty much wraps up my report.

24 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

25 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Thomas, for  
26 your report. Moving down to Richard Slats.

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28 participants not muted - line put on hold)

29 MR. SLATS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
30 Since this thing has started back in 2020, the summer  
31 before this, this summer was iffy again. For, you  
32 know, like being a life long subsistence user, after  
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34 1 the summer before this past I was leery about heat  
35 2 because the -- because of the high temperatures this  
36 3 past spring when we finally got our snow back, but now  
37 4 I'm leery about the cold for this winter because of the  
38 5 tall and thick grass that's out in and about my lawn.

39 6 The ptarmigans made their way back so  
40 7 we did, you know, get some ptarmigans. Not as many as  
41 8 there were when we were young but there were ptarmigans  
42 9 and it was good to have ptarmigan soup again.

43 10 It was -- our rivers were closed for  
44 11 fishing so, you know, like we were closed for fishing  
45 12 and this has been going on after my whole life of not  
46 13 ever being closed. Because, you know, when I used to  
47 14 -- you know, like fishing -- subsistence issues in our  
48 15 community -- I've always attended those things out of  
49 16 curiosity and concern. But it was letting it be known  
50 17 that our Councilmen, the tribal councilmen before me,  
51 18 before us, before our time when we were sitting through  
52 19 their meetings they had an agreement with the Fish and  
53 20 Wildlife that because we allowed them to build on our  
54 21 traditional rivers and waters, that they were never  
55 22 going to interfere with our subsistence fishing. And  
56 23 that was one of the -- like an agreement that was not  
57 24 written, there was, you know, no MOA, none of that.  
58 25 But, you know, after this summer without any  
59 26 forewarning they closed our fishing on our rivers and  
60 27 not only that they didn't consult with the tribe and

16 so, you know, that causes for us to have these types of  
17 concerns about the need for tribal consultation, things  
18 like this. And now it's open, you know, it's after the  
19 fishing is done and gone it's open now, and we're not  
20 going to go back out and fish just because they say  
21 it's open.

22 So the fish are gone and now they want  
23 to open it. So this is something that I'd like the  
24 rest of this Council to understand that these things do  
25 go on, even from right under my nose, and I, you know,  
0041 people look at me like I sit on this Council and then  
1 they look at me like I'm not doing what I need to be  
2 doing, raising all these concerns with whoever I need  
3 to.

4 But, you know, the effects of Covid are  
5 still with us. Our community is still going through  
6 lockdown and things like this. But then it's also the  
7 need for going out and getting whatever we need for our

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1 -- for the winter.

2 I wanted to also make it a point that  
3 when -- as we were growing up when we would set our  
4 whitefish nets, I don't know what the biological names  
5 for it but they are not (In Yup'ik), you know, what  
6 those baby little, they look like halibut but they're  
7 just small, the size of your hand, are no longer in our  
8 whitefish no more. Tom cods, we call those Tom cods in  
9 our smaller rivers, they're not around anymore. And  
10 those things that used to always get on our whitefish  
11 nets, (In Yup'ik), I don't know, you know just like I'm  
12 saying, I don't know the biological name for them. But  
13 those things, those small fish that we would still, you  
14 know, some of us would still keep those just to boil  
15 them and have them. Those smaller fish are no longer  
16 abundant in our whitefish nets, or we're not catching  
17 them no more.

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11 So this is -- to me that's a sign of  
12 things to come. Just like we raised things in our past  
13 meetings that times of hardship are coming upon us  
14 because of, you know, global warming, and it seems like  
15 these things that are going on in the world. So these  
16 are things that I'm going to make a plea to this  
17 Council, to consider the hardships when we're making  
18 our decisions. I appreciate how we've always, you  
19 know, like made it work that we were trying to -- or  
20 we're trying to make for getting more moose because of  
21 the hardships because some of the hardships that we're  
22 facing with the fish. Because we're fish people. We  
23 rely on fish, that's always been part of our diet. And

17 whenever we -- like we go out to our fish camps, we dry  
18 fish and then we dry them so they can keep for the  
19 harsh winters ahead.

20 So these things, what we do, and it's  
21 kind of like our tradition and our heritage, what we  
22 pass on to our children. These things that we have  
23 witnessed in our lifetime, we may not even be -- our  
24 children, or their grandchildren -- our grandchildren  
may not even witness because of what has been going on  
to this day and age. So, again, like I wanted to ask  
the rest of this Council to consider the hardships that  
the villages are raising and to consider subsistence  
uses of our resources, first and foremost.

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Richard.  
2 Good report. Move on to Alissa Rogers, then James  
3 Landlord.

4 MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If  
5 you'd just give me a minute I'm going to close my door  
6 real quick. Okay. Where do I start.

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participants not muted - line put on hold)

7 MS. ROGERS: Hi, my name is Alissa  
8 Nadine Rogers. I am the granddaughter of John and  
9 Alice Hanson, the daughter of Marty Hanson, the  
10 granddaughter of Bridget and (Indiscernible) Joseph of  
Hooper Bay, the daughter of Allen Joseph of Hooper Bay.  
My name is (In Yup'ik) from my mom's side and (In  
Yup'ik) after my grandpa.

11 It's been a tough year this year. We  
12 had a huge loss of (In Yup'ik), that was her  
13 grandchild, my aunt. We lost him on the New Year's  
14 Day. And then just this past week we lost my Uncle  
15 Willy, Wilfred Rex Hanson, John and Alice Hanson's son  
16 of Alakanuk. Since the beginning of this year it has  
17 been very difficult but we're making through it as the  
18 best as we can. But due to this on both my mother and  
19 father's side of my family it's been very hard to go  
subsistence gathering for my family this year.

20 This spring, egg hunting, Leland had to  
21 drag me out of the house to take me out egg hunting and  
22 so we were able to go for a few hours and sure enough I  
23 lucked out and Leland was able to find a Loon egg for  
24 me in my backyard while we were gathering greens and it  
was a huge blessing. We were able to put a lot of  
spring food gathering food away. The unusual part was

20 that the tundra was full of tundra cotton for miles and  
21 miles and miles, nothing but tundra cotton, like it was  
22 snow in spring, but it was nothing but tundra cotton  
23 everywhere for miles and miles and miles and it stayed  
24 that way for months, which usually they only last until  
the first real rain and it didn't. It continued to  
stay regardless of the rain and the storms we were  
having in springtime. I only remember seeing it like  
that when I was younger, which is not a good sign.  
Also there was high heat in the springtime, which was  
unusual.

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1                   There were lots of successful egg  
2 hunters spring green gatherers, and waterfowl hunting.  
3 The waterfowl hunting was very successful. The birds  
4 were coming in in unison of order and they were right  
5 on time which hasn't happened in a few years. There  
6 were a lot that were flying over this year and in large  
7 bulks at a time. And then it was like, oh, was that  
8 it, no, there's another flock of them flying right  
9 over. We even had snow geese flying really low this  
10 year headed out to the coast. I thought they were  
11 seagulls because they were flying so low and then I  
12 really looked at them and I heard them and I was like,  
13 nope, those are snow geese.

14                   For smelts this year, they came in  
15 heavy and short, it only maybe lasted maybe six to  
16 eight hours at the most. After that it was nothing but  
17 chicklings. They were big though. That was -- they  
18 were big, big smelts.

19                   This summer fishing, me and my family  
20 had opted out to go fishing at all for any salmon this  
21 year during the summertime. There was just too few  
that my heart was not in it to go fishing when I know  
there is many other (indiscernible) out there that rely  
on those salmon more heavily than I do. I cried lots  
this year. Listening to people's hardship of not  
putting fish away and seeing all the empty fish racks  
and someone's begging for salmon both on the Yukon and  
Kuskokwim almost broke me this year as I was already  
dealing with so much, I had to step back a lot this  
year so I can heal. And also because I don't want to  
reinfect my sorrow to the wildlife. As my Hanson  
grandparents had taught me, not to go if my heart is  
hurting, the animals, fish and birds will see my crying  
and they will not want to come to me so I didn't go out  
this year.

22                   But one thing I will say, I was very  
23 disappointed this year in how the fishery was handled  
24 on the Kuskokwim. I was really hoping the State would

22 take over because their fishery had limited openers  
23 versus U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Kuskokwim  
24 River InterTribal Fish Commission with how low in  
25 abundance our fishery has declined, was projected, and  
0044 what we were hearing from the villages, I am very  
disappointed that we were not being more conservative  
and fishing in more abundant reds with smaller gear.  
Everyone is going to say that we made escapement but I

1 honestly know and do not believe that. No matter how  
2 you put it in your science gages and how you want to  
3 put it in your graphs, I know in my heart and I feel  
4 that we could have done better at managing this fishery  
5 this year.

6 The weather this year was horrible,  
7 this summer. There was rain, it was cold, it was wet,  
8 it was humid, it was stink, and there was so much mold.  
9 There was no thunder clouds or lightening, which I have  
10 not seen happen in many years. There was a lot of  
11 tornado tunnel formations but none of them touched the  
12 ground. There was a lot of water spouts. There was a  
13 lot of wind tornados or tunnels, if you want to call  
14 them, and there was like right after the other.

15 This fall silvers came in a huge bulk  
16 and were very spotty and heavy in abundance. There was  
17 so many people that were fishing, maybe five minutes at  
18 the most, and completely sunk their nets. I've watched  
19 video clips of this from multiple people, and even my  
20 neighbors. They went fishing for less than five  
21 minutes, sunk their net and had to pull out as fast as  
22 they could and they caught 120 or more salmon, silver  
salmon. That run only lasted 24 hours before people  
were going back out and going where's all the fish that  
everyone's talking about, we're not catching any. In  
those catches there was silvers mixed in with reds,  
mixed in with whitefish, which was really odd, because  
the whitefish usually run right after the kings but  
there wasn't very many this year, which was really hard  
to catch any this year, even with a rod and reel, which  
is one of my pastime favorites that I've been doing  
since I was a little kid. So if I'm not catching any  
on a rod and reel there's something rather -- wrong  
with the fishery or I'm just a bad fisherman this year.

23 The blueberries were really, really,  
24 really small. A lot of the (In Yup'ik) didn't grow  
25 this year, they stayed green and they tasted funny.  
The blackberries were bigger but they didn't have  
flavor. The cranberries are really sour.

26 But for waterfowl hunting this year

23 there was lots and lots and lots of baby birds. I can't  
24 even count on -- in my thoughts of how many more baby  
25 birds I've seen this year flying south than I've seen  
0045 in many years so I know for a fact that it was a  
1 successful hatching year for those birds out there. We  
2 caught quite a bit of little bird -- younger birds this  
year, so.

3 Thank you, Mr. Chair, that's my report.

4 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you. Thank you,  
5 Alissa. I'd like to send condolences to the family.  
6 At this time I'll go ahead and ask James Landlord to  
7 give his report.

8 MR. LANDLORD: Yes, good morning. Thank  
9 you, Ray. My name's James Landlord. I'm from Mountain  
10 Village. I have five children and five granddaughters  
11 -- grandkids.

12 Break up, because the ice was about  
13 five feet in some areas, it seems like it was solid but  
14 weather -- warm weather came in there and break up was  
15 kind of early this year. Water gradually came up. As  
16 soon as they could people started saying their nets --  
17 they usually setnet for sheefish and whitefish and  
18 others, I heard they were catching sheefish but I  
19 didn't hear too much, they -- they started drifting  
20 right away with their seven inch because hoping they  
21 would catch some early kings and chums. I heard some  
22 caught kings but there weren't that many. I don't  
23 remember when the river got closed down, maybe first  
part of June.

24 We were expecting a lot of wood to come  
25 down but there were not that many wood floating down  
compared to the past. Because we gather wood in  
springtime for the winter. We had south wind and a lot  
of the wood were on the north side. I heard there was  
a lot of wood coming down -- I got a friend in  
Grayling, he said they were bank to bank and even up, I  
think, in Russian, but we didn't see them here. My  
brother went up to around Pilot this fall a couple  
times to get wood. Compared to when the wind was calm,  
that's the reason that -- that's the reason why we had  
no fish, no chums, you know, fall chums coming to the  
Yukon because the mouth of the Yukon has to (In Yup'ik)  
have really strong winds for the fish to come in so  
it'll stir up the mouth. Compared to last year, this  
year we had some wind but it wasn't very strong. The  
(In Yup'ik) down at the mouth, but we didn't have any

24 -- we had the driftnets at Emmonak, Mountain and up  
25 river, I was very -- very surprised that the counts of  
0046 the kings and chums were very, very low compared to --

1 I was really surprised that hardly any fish came in.  
2 Very disappointed wondering why, why, why, where --  
3 where's all the fish.

4 I have a daughter that lives up -- she  
5 has a boyfriend from St. Michael, we picked her up the  
6 first week of June, and then she wanted to go back  
7 early so we brought her up, I think middle -- second  
8 week of July, it was kind of windy, we had to wait for  
9 calm conditions to go up and I heard that through that  
10 time, the month of June and July that down river  
11 communities, Kotlik, Alakanuk, Emmonak were setting  
12 nets, Point Romanof, around that area, they said that  
13 we could -- it was open so we swung over -- when I  
14 brought her up I brought my driftnet, six inch, with me  
15 so when we got there my daughter's boyfriend wanted to  
16 set the net at his grandpa's fish camp so they took the  
17 boat and the net out. They set it overnight, they  
18 caught only eight chums. And I thought we were going  
19 to go back that day but the weather was kind of choppy  
20 so we stayed another night and he reset the net  
21 overnight and I think we caught another eight chums so  
22 altogether we had about 16 chums. So the other people  
23 that set their net, I don't know how they did from St.  
24 Michael. And on our way up from Mountain to St.  
Michael we saw a lot of nets set from down river  
communities. I estimated there might have been about  
15 nets with boats behind it and setnet and watching  
their nets. I was really surprised that people went  
all the way up to that area searching for fish.

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17 My wife froze a few, not many, but I  
18 think with the rest we have like chums because we  
19 wanted to half dried -- there were too many to dry them  
20 completely so we just half dried them. We're grateful  
21 for that.

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23 We did hear that Bristol Bay wanted to  
24 donate some fish for the Yukon River villages. We did  
pick up about four chums, I think, with pollock -- I  
guess pollock. The first fish we had were -- they did  
dinner was pollock and it tasted different. It -- I  
thought it was good, tasted okay. I enjoyed the fresh  
fish. And maybe about three weeks ago the tribal  
office also was passing out fish and I think they were  
more -- a couple more chums for the winter. And other  
people also got -- I don't know how much fish came in  
but I think there was enough to pass out.

1                   Regarding the moose, there were a lot  
2 of moose. They had plenty. Everybody that went out  
3 caught moose. I didn't go out this year, or my sons  
4 didn't go out this year because people kept giving us  
5 moose and pretty soon we had enough for the winter so  
6 we were very grateful for the people that gave us moose  
7 because we didn't even have a chance to go out and  
8 hunt. But I did receive a call from -- we have a  
9 couple of guys that have a camp down at the Nanook  
10 River, one of them came up, they called me right away  
11 and said there was a hunting guide -- moose hunting  
12 guide from St. Mary's that passed their camp and the  
13 boat looked really light, there was four horns in a  
14 boat and right away they said that they thought those  
15 hunters left the meat because the boat was so light  
16 with four horns and it should be very heavy but the  
17 boat was very light and they called me right away and I  
18 didn't know what to do, I didn't know who to call so I  
19 emailed Ray and CC copy to Eva. There were other  
20 guides that, I think from Mountain that also went to  
21 Thirtymile, the river they call Thirtymile and a lot of  
22 Mountain Village people hunt and maybe from down river.  
23 Anyways one of the Mountain Village people posted on  
24 Facebook that he heard that St. Mary's -- Andreaafsky  
25 River tribes up there, community up there closed down  
Andreaafsky north and south fork to no more guides  
should be moose hunting there. You know, so Pilot  
Station -- I was told that they also closed down the  
(In Yup'ik), they call it (In Yup'ik), a river right  
above Pilot. And that person suggested that Mountain  
should also close down Thirtymile because a lot of  
people from Mountain hunt there in the falltime and  
wintertime for moose, they get their whitefish, a lot  
of (indiscernible) set there for whitefish. That was a  
suggestion made by whoever from Mountain, he wanted to  
look for how, how, how it can be done.

19                   It's been a wet, wet summer. Like  
20 right now, like Alissa said, too, there's a lot of  
21 cotton balls out on the tundra. We went up to St.  
22 Michael, Point Romanof on top is white, a lot of cotton  
23 balls, we thought there might be a lot of  
24 salmonberries. We were planning to go down to Kotlik  
25 -- that's where we pick our salmonberries from Kotlik  
because there was hardly any here and we usually pick  
our salmonberries between here and St. Mary's on the  
road but there wasn't very much berries as last year so  
we went down to Kotlik. But this year there was  
plenty. We picked up enough salmonberries and enough

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1 blueberries but there were hardly any blackberries or  
2 cranberries on the road this year. There were a lot of  
3 blueberries and salmonberries and so we picked.

4 It feels different not to have dryfish.  
5 I grew up with dryfish and king salmon dinner every  
6 once in awhile. We have leftover dryfish from last  
7 year, my wife and I have been conserving those, so  
8 every now and then we have one or two pieces of dryfish  
9 so that we can stretch it.

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11 (Teleconference interference -  
12 participants not muted)

13 MR. LANDLORD: But it feels very, very  
14 different, I don't know. Since a lot of people are  
15 fishing for whitefish and sheefish and I don't know how  
16 it's going to affect the fish later on in the future.

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18 People, they really (In Yup'ik), I  
19 don't know how it will be next year.

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MS. EVAN: Okay. Phillip Peter. He is going to make his report. From spring to fall. At this spring there was plenty of waterfowl and was excellent waterfowl hunting.

After the river broke up there was a lot of water. It was okay to use a small mesh net and not only him but other fishermen as well used the small mesh net and caught plenty of sheefish and small whitefish. And then with the first opener -- oh, wait, he forgot smelting, that the smelts were so plentiful people were giving him gifts of five gallon buckets each full of smelt. Then when the first setnet opener came he did not set a net but during the second opener he used a herring net, 60 feet long, and he took his nephew who he is teaching how to subsist and set the net five miles down river from his village, set it and watched it for two hours until at the end of two hours they caught 18 and brought it home and his wife cut it up and passed it out to the elders. During the next opener, since the time starts at 6:00 a.m., he went by himself and moved the net, his setnet further down river and caught six more kings and took it out and went home. And then at the next tide he went ahead and set his net again and got six kings. And then an officer stopped by asking him permission if he could check Mr. Phillip's net. He told the officer that he is legal and once he left he did not set the net again. But when this thing opened he went out drifting and that was a good fishing day. And that people got enough fish with red, but that he only caught seven chums.

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1 The Federal and State regulators were  
2 conserving and when he was heading home from his fish  
3 camp he saw men out fishing on his way home so he  
4 stopped by each of them and asked them why are they  
5 fishing and they said that the State had opened -- made  
6 an opener and they had called the State recording line  
7 and confirmed the opener. So he gassed up and headed  
8 down river to join the other fishermen. And two  
9 Troopers stopped by -- or he heard that two Troopers  
10 were in his village and had arrested two fishermen from  
11 Akiachak even though they had confirmed the State  
12 opener with the recording line. And that the Feds were  
13 saying that we couldn't fish. What is bothering him,  
14 why Federal and State regulated confused -- made  
15 fishing confusing. The Troopers arrested two fishermen  
16 and took their fish and gear, what is going on. As a  
17 fisherman I wait for the KYUK announcement, what  
18 happened here. And he further added that subsistence

10 isn't the same as commercial fishing. That the Yup'ik  
11 law says that when there are animals around and they  
12 come in their season that they cannot sit around. That  
13 that is the Yup'ik law. That when there are animals  
14 that are gifted us, do not sit around.

15 The next part, the connection got  
16 pretty bad but he started to talk about the  
17 difficulties of the summer during this Covid epidemic  
18 and that people have been helping each other even  
19 though they are not their direct family members.  
20 Helping each other go through Covid and that we will  
21 pull through this epidemic and continue our fishing  
22 ways. But it breaks his heart and it's so  
23 disheartening when everyone stops fishing after those  
24 two men got arrested, everyone went back up on land  
25 because they were scared after listening to the State  
26 recording line. Please don't repeat this confusion  
27 again.

28 Thank you, that was Mr. Phillip.  
29 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Sophie, for  
30 interpretation of Mr. Phillip's report. Thank you.  
31 I'll go ahead and move on to Henry Parks and Norma  
32 Evan.

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34 (Teleconference interference -  
35 participants not muted - line put on hold)  
36 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Can you hear me?

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37 MR. PARKS: Mr. Chair, quyana. Am I on  
38 the air, just to make sure?

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40 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, you're loud,  
41 thank you.

42 MR. PARKS: Okay. Quyana. Quickly I  
43 will introduce myself. My name is Henry Parks. I'm  
44 from the Native Village of Nunapitchuk and I'm a Yup'ik  
45 Eskimo. I will try and make my report short because we  
46 have a lot of agenda items to discuss.

47 Anyways, I'm a longtime subsistence  
48 fisherman, hunter, trapper in my village. And I do a  
49 lot of harvesting on like salmonberries, or any kind of  
50 berries or greens, whatever we eat. And do seal  
51 hunting down on the coast, coastal areas during the  
52 springtime, and other subsistence activities.

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54 Right now during the past summer, it's  
55 a long trip from my village, tundra villages to the  
56 Kuskokwim River to go fishing. It's like about 30,  
57 maybe 40 miles or more by boat to go down river to  
58 Kuskokwim to fish. We did some -- first of all I want  
59 to thank the State for giving us an opportunity to fish

14 this past summer for drift fishing. I did catch a few  
15 kings, not very much, but reds were lots this past  
16 summer. But the chum run returns were so low I hardly  
17 caught chums. And I was wondering why the chum run was  
18 so low. But the reds return were in abundance.

17 The most important impact that we're  
18 facing right now is salmon fishing. Other than that,  
19 like moose hunting or waterfowl hunting, we're pretty  
20 good on that, moose hides. But salmon returns are  
21 number 1 priority that's been affecting our subsistence  
22 fishermen in the YK Delta region.

20 This past summer, like I said, since  
21 we're from the tundra villages, most of us used to go  
22 down river, below Johnson to fish, which was good. But  
the other comment that I want to make is.....

23 (Teleconference interference -  
24 participants not muted - line put on hold)

24 MR. PARKS: .....what was stated  
earlier, was there was a conflict between Fed and State  
25 and it really, really was somewhat uncomfortable for us  
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1 because I thought that the State and Federal were  
working together on subsistence related issues.

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3 Right now other than those reports I  
4 don't have much to report. Like I said I am a newly  
5 appointed Council member so I have a lot of things to  
6 learn ahead of me and work with my other Councils.

5 Quyana.

6 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Henry.  
7 You're doing good, welcome aboard. Next one will be  
8 Norma Evan and then Myron.

8 (No comments)

9 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Remember to press star  
10 six if you're going to talk and star six again to mute.  
11 So Norma if you're on, can you give your report.

11 (No comments)

12 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair, this is Eva.

13 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Eva, go ahead.

14 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
15 just got a text from Norma that she's disconnected  
16 right now so maybe we'll move on to Myron and come back  
to Norma after that.

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Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you. So at  
this time I'll go ahead and ask Myron to give a report.  
Thank you.

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MR. NANENG: Yeah, quyana, Mr. Chair.  
20 I'll make my report (indiscernible) for the last.....  
21 (Teleconference interference -  
participants not muted - line put on hold)

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REPORTER: Okay, hang on a second,  
23 Myron. This is Tina, the reporter and I am not picking  
you up. So folks, please, if you could check your  
24 device and make sure you're on mute, we're having a lot  
of scratching noise and I'm not picking Myron up right  
25 now. So thank you and, somebody, of course has put us  
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1 on hold. All right, Myron, please go ahead.

2 MR. NANENG: Okay. I keep hearing that  
beeping sound from somebody's phone.

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REPORTER: Correct. Somebody has put  
4 us on hold and since we're on hold, I can't tell them  
to mute their phone. I'll correct that at the lunch  
5 break.

6 MR. NANENG: Okay. Good afternoon,  
it's almost afternoon and almost time for lunch. But  
7 I'll make my report short.

8 For the last few years out on the  
coast, just like my home village of Hooper Bay, they  
9 have not really had good opportunity to go subsistence  
fishing because of lack of fish and the closures that  
10 they've had because the runs they consider to be going  
up towards the Yukon River so it impacts Hooper Bay,  
11 Chevak and Scammon Bay.

12 And for my background, I'm originally  
from Hooper Bay, my name is Myron P. Naneng, Sr., I  
13 have had eight kids and now down to five and we adopted  
five kids to the family. I've been living here in  
14 Bethel since 1979. I worked for AVCP as the president  
for 24 years and now working for village corporation,  
15 Sea Lion Corporation as the Chief Operating Officer.  
I've been dealing with subsistence issues throughout  
16 most of my life as well as being a subsistence  
fisherman in the village of Hooper Bay, Scammon Bay and  
17 Kuskokwim and the Yukon. I've also fished commercially  
and subsistence for herring fish out on the coast as  
18 well as fishing rod and reel for halibut and catching  
mostly the other type of fish that we're not  
19 necessarily targeting but they're good eating.

20 But this year, as you know the Yukon  
River was completely shut down and closed because of  
21 lack of returning chum salmon as well as the reduction  
in the king salmon returning to the river systems.  
22 However, I fished here on the Kuskokwim River and if it

23 wasn't for effort I probably wouldn't have gotten any  
24 fish but we had to invite relatives from Hooper Bay as  
25 well as Scammon Bay the last two summers to help fish  
0054 -- to help them being able to put up fish for the  
winter. Last year it was Hooper Bay, this year it was  
also Scammon Bay. So we supported the family members

1 out there for trying to catch salmon that they  
2 otherwise weren't given the opportunity to subsistence-  
3 wise.

3 On the moose hunting area I went to  
4 Black River, which is by Kusilvak area. All the  
5 hunters that I know that went up there from Scammon Bay  
6 came back successful with at least a moose or two and  
7 there are a lot of moose running around when we were up  
8 there.

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7 (Teleconference interference -  
8 participants not muted - line put on hold)

8 MR. NANENG: And we have village  
9 corporation land up by Kusilvak and we have a guide  
10 authorized land use permit to bring in sports hunters  
11 as a guide because we're getting concerned about the  
12 big population of moose in the area and hopefully they  
13 don't deplete and we also notice that moose are  
14 relocating on their own.....

12 (Teleconference interference -  
13 participants not muted-driving and line on hold)

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14 MR. NANENG: .....to Kuskokwim area as  
15 well as the coastal area as well as Nelson Island and  
16 towards the Kuskokwim. Like I reported.....

15 MS. ROGERS: Myron.

16 MR. NANENG: .....waterfowl.

17 MS. ROGERS: Myron.

18 REPORTER: Wait a second Myron.

19 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair.

20 REPORTER: Myron, please hold up.

21 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, I can't hear  
22 him.

23 REPORTER: Somebody who just got in  
24 their vehicle and is driving, and unless that's you,  
25 Myron, with all the background noise.....

25 MR. NANENG: Yes.

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1                   REPORTER:   .....whoever's driving can  
2 you please put your phone on mute because all of a  
3 sudden we can't hear him and we'd like to be able to  
4 hear what Myron has to say. Please look at your device  
5 and put it on mute.

6                   MR. NANENG: (Indiscernible) If you  
7 hear it it's because I'm on my way to the food  
8 (indiscernible) maybe I can make a report later after  
9 somebody else makes their report because I'm driving.

10                   REPORTER: All right, I see, okay.

11                   (Laughter)

12                   MS. PATTON: Yeah, Myron, that would be  
13 fine. We'll try to connect with Norma and Jackie and  
14 we'll hear back from you after you're done driving.

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16                   MR. NANENG: I'll put myself on mute  
17 and give my report when I'm done driving.

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19                   (Laughter)  
20                   MS. PATTON: Thank you, Myron. Have a  
21 safe trip.

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23                   (Laughter)

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25                   MS. PATTON: Myron, you're not on mute  
26 yet.

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28                   REPORTER: Hey, Myron, you're not on  
29 mute yet.

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31                   MS. PATTON: Myron. Hey, Myron, this  
32 is Eva, you're still loud and clear with your driving,  
33 if you could hit mute on your phone.

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35                   (Laughter)

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37                   MS. PATTON: Well, everyone, I'm  
38 wondering if at this juncture if maybe the Council  
39 would like to recess for lunch so we can have a clear  
40 telephone line when we come back on -- oh, there we go.

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42                   Okay.

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44                   (Laughter)

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46                   MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chairman.  
47                   MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair, are you still  
48 online with us  
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51                   MR. ANDREW: Eva, this is John Andrew.  
52 I need to be at excused right now, I got to go to

5 another meeting this afternoon and as soon as I get off  
6 I'll try to get back with our group.

7 MS. PATTON: Okay, great, thank you so  
8 much, John.

9 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, thank you.

10 MS. PATTON: I can keep in touch with  
11 you by text on updates when we're back on lunch -- or  
12 after lunch this afternoon.

13 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, Eva, my call got  
14 dropped but I'm back on.

15 MS. ROGERS: Eva. Mr. Chair.

16 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yes.

17 MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
18 make a recommendation that we move to lunch.

19 CHAIRMAN ONEY: There's a request by  
20 Alissa to take a lunch break at this time.

21 MR. ALSTROM: Thomas Alstrom seconds.

22 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Second by Thomas. So  
23 we'll go ahead and take a one hour lunch break, would  
24 that be okay, or what time should we come back. Eva.

25 MS. ROGERS: 1:15.

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1 CHAIRMAN ONEY: 1:15 it is. So we'll  
2 come back at 1:15 and hopefully Myron and Norma will be  
3 able to finish their reports. So, thank you, we'll go  
4 ahead and take a recess. And keep in mind there's that  
5 teleconference that will be going on. I believe  
6 there's some people that are going to that so we'll  
7 come back to our meeting at 1:15 so we'll go ahead and  
8 take a lunch break.

1 Thank you.

2 (Off record)

3 (On record)

4 CHAIRMAN ONEY: I'll go ahead and call  
5 the meeting back to order. The time now is 1:21 p.m.,  
6 and we're back to our meeting. I'll go ahead and turn  
7 it over to you, Eva.

8 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
9 Council members. First off, we just want to make a  
10 friendly reminder to everyone calling in on  
11 teleconference to please mute your phones. So I hear  
12 some background noise right now and I know every time

9 Council members speak it's hard to remember to remute  
10 your phones. But for everyone on teleconference please  
11 take a moment to check the mute button on your cell  
12 phone or you can push star six to mute your phones and  
13 that'll eliminate the background noise. And the other  
14 reminder is, especially for all the agency Staff that  
15 are calling in, please do not put the line on hold,  
16 that creates beeping and Muzak that we can't get rid of  
17 because we can't get a hold of you. So please, folks,  
18 if you're getting a call coming in while you're on the  
19 teleconference, hang up from the teleconference in  
20 order to take a call.

21 Thank you.

22 And a reminder, again, for both the  
23 Council members and the public, we have Sophie Evan on  
24 teleconference with us today and tomorrow and she is  
25 available to provide Yup'ik translation. So please do  
0058 request at any time if you would like to speak Yup'ik  
1 to have Sophie translate for you, or, as we're going  
2 through the reports and especially the wildlife  
3 proposal analysis, if you would like translation at any  
4 time, please just speak up, and ask Sophie if she can  
5 translate. Thank you, again, Sophie.

6 And, I want to make an announcement  
7 about the wildlife proposal regulatory process. So we  
8 will be getting to both public and tribal comment on  
9 non-agenda comments after Council member reports, and  
10 then when we get into the wildlife proposals there is  
11 an opportunity for public and tribal comments on each  
12 proposal. And there's also a new process for

13 submitting written comments if anyone would like to  
14 submit written comments. And I'm going to read that  
15 process here now and I'll go back over this again when  
16 we get to the wildlife proposals as well.

17 So this is an announcement of  
18 opportunity for written public comments. At the  
19 beginning of each day and at the start of the proposal  
20 presentation, we'll let everyone know about this  
21 process. So the council meetings provide an  
22 opportunity for the public and tribes to provide oral  
23 and written testimony and comments and there will be  
24 several opportunities for these throughout the meeting.  
25 At the beginning of each day there is an opportunity to  
provide testimony on non-agenda items, and the Council  
Chair will announce these. And, again, that will  
happen a little later this afternoon today and then  
tomorrow morning in the morning again. There is also

10 an opportunity to provide oral comments on the wildlife  
11 proposals and closure reviews after the analyst  
12 presents the proposal analysis. And the order of  
13 receiving the comments is outlined on Page 46 in the  
14 meeting materials book, and that can be found online.  
15 I think most who are in the meeting right now have  
16 received the emails with the link for the meeting  
17 materials. And to let you know, too, all the  
18 supplemental materials have also just been uploaded to  
19 the web page. So everything that's coming before the  
20 Council is available online as well. And the Council  
21 Chair will call for public oral testimony after we walk  
22 through each individual proposal analysis. And there's  
23 also an opportunity to submit written public comments  
24 on the proposals. If you have a written comment that  
25 you would like to provide to the Council, please email  
0059 it to subsistence@fws.gov, and indicate the number of  
1 the proposal that you are commenting on in the title of  
2 the email. And the comment -- written public comments  
3 need to be emailed prior to the proposal that you're  
4 commenting on, presenting to the Council. And then  
5 we'll have the process, if there's a lot of comments  
6 submitted we'll walk through that.

7 So just want to make sure that  
8 everybody that's online is aware that there is an  
9 opportunity to submit written comments in addition to  
10 addressing the Council verbally at this teleconference  
11 meeting and, again, those written comments can be  
12 submitted to subsistence@fws.gov. And we'll be walking  
13 through that proposal process for each proposal so  
14 there's an opportunity for tribal and public comment  
15 for each proposal.

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17 And, all right, again, the meeting book  
18 and all the supplemental materials are available on the  
19 OSM website. And if anybody needs that link again -- I  
20 think most folks that are on with us have received a  
21 couple emails with that link, you can just reach out to  
22 me and let me know if you need that again.

23 Thank you, Mr. Chair. And maybe we can  
24 do a quick roll call to see who we have online and  
25 we'll resume with our Council member reports.

26 Thank you.  
27 (No comments)

28 MS. PATTON: So far we've had everybody  
29 join us back on teleconference, we were just missing  
30 Jacqueline Cleveland. Have you joined us yet Jackie.

31 MS. CLEVELAND: Hi, Eva, I've joined.  
32 Thanks.

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14 MS. PATTON: Wonderful, thank you. And  
15 Norma Evan.

16 (No comments)

17 MS. PATTON: Norma mentioned they were  
18 having some challenges with GCI and so I'll try and get  
19 through by text and see if she's able to join us. And,  
20 again, John Andrew and Richard Slats are excused this  
21 afternoon. They both had tribal council meetings to  
22 address. So hopefully they'll be able to join us back  
23 in about an hour or so.

24 Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think we left  
25 off with Myron Naneng, Sr., as he was driving off. Did  
0060 you have anything further to add to your report, Myron.

1 MR. NANENG: Yeah, I just want to say  
2 sorry about driving off when I was making the report. I  
3 thought I was being quiet as I was moving along.

4 However, like I stated before, I'm  
5 originally from the Native Village of Hooper Bay, born  
6 and raised there. I attended the University of Alaska

7 and I've also worked for AVCP for over 20-plus years  
8 and I also served on the negotiating team of the  
9 Yukon/Canada Treaty when they first started back in the  
10 early '80s, and also sat on the WaterFowl Conservation  
11 Committee Chair for a long time, as well as a member of  
12 the Alaska Migratory Bird Comanagement Council. I've  
13 attended many Board of Fish meetings as well as some  
14 North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meetings  
15 providing testimony as well as the Federal Subsistence  
16 Board.

1 I'd like to start off with what's been  
2 going on out in the YK Delta, especially out in the  
3 coast of Hooper, Chevak and Scammon. For the last  
4 three years around Hooper and Chevak there hasn't  
5 really been much subsistence fishing because of lack of  
6 fish coming into the bay and also the closures that  
7 have been imposed there for fish that are bound to the  
8 Yukon River. And as a commercial fisherman I fished on  
9 the Yukon for salmon from 1985 up until 2016, even  
10 though I kept my permit active, I haven't fished since  
11 2016. But for the last couple of years I went out to  
12 Scammon Bay to go subsistence fishing except for this  
13 summer where I didn't go out there but had family  
14 members come here to Bethel from Hooper Bay and Scammon  
15 Bay to fish with me so they can have at least some  
16 salmon put aside for their winter food source. It's  
17 been a tough few years in terms of salmon fishing. I  
18 know that once upon a time chinook salmon fishing on  
19 the Yukon was a lucrative one but no longer exists  
20 because of lack of chinook salmon returning to the

17 spawning grounds, as well as the requirement that the  
18 Yukon River salmon fishing groups have to face  
19 regarding the Yukon/Canada Treaty and the escapement  
20 objectives that they have to meet.

21 On the Kuskokwim, for a few years,  
22 there was also restrictions where there was four inch  
23 mesh size fishing allowed for awhile to try and  
24 maintain good healthy returns on the river system,  
25 however, this summer there was hardly any chum salmon  
and I'm not sure if we can contribute that to a couple  
of years ago or a few years back when the river systems  
were hot and the water was hot and there were a lot of  
dead salmon that were floating on the river because of  
the warm water. However, the bycatch and the Area M  
fisheries are still a concern that we have to contend  
with. So I think that the State of Alaska really needs  
to start monitoring Area M as well, if they're going to

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1 close subsistence fishing on the Yukon/Kuskokwim side  
2 that they ought to be included because they do impact  
3 returning spawning salmon to the river systems. There  
4 shouldn't be favoritism shown to one area of the state  
5 when a lot of people that rely on salmon for  
6 subsistence fishing and food -- for their winter food  
7 source rely on it and with the prices of food going up  
8 -- as one elder made a comment the other day, our  
9 people are going to have to rely on both salmon and  
10 meat that we harvest off the land to survive because  
11 the price of store bought foods are going up  
12 substantially. And on top of that another comment that  
13 he had was that we haven't had any recalls of some of  
14 the subsistence foods that we've gotten for some kind  
15 of potentially health hazards or ecoli or other things.

16 So that is one concern that was passed  
17 on to me by one of the elders recently.

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19 The salmon fishing was okay this summer  
20 for me because I made an effort to go out fishing both  
21 here on the Kuskokwim (indiscernible - muffled) trip  
22 down to Quinhagak to check out more fishing. And one  
23 of the things that I observed is that many of the  
24 coastal people along the Kuskokwim as well as the  
25 coastal area people do go to Quinhagak to go  
subsistence fishing. And I don't know, I counted quite  
a large number of boats and that was the first time I  
ever went down there to check it out.

26 But we still have a concern about the  
27 lack of the -- the escapement objectives and I was  
28 concerned when both the State and the Feds were in  
conflict and opened the summer, where the State  
announced an opening for fishing and the Feds were

19 saying we can't go fishing. And I believe that  
20 decision was political on the part of the State to try  
21 and challenge Title VIII of ANILCA. That's my belief.  
22 If anybody thinks that I'm wrong I'd like to hear from  
23 them and give me another reason why I shouldn't have  
24 that concern. Because we do have subsistence priority  
25 and also escapement goals and objectives that need to  
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23 On the moose hunting areas. I went  
24 over to Black River, which is between Scammon Bay and  
25 the Yukon River by Kusilvak Mountain and there's plenty  
0062 of moose that I saw this summer. I probably counted at  
least 16 and 17 moose. And one of the other

1 observations that we've seen for the last few years is  
2 that more moose are showing up down by Hooper Bay as  
3 well as down in Nelson Island and some of them are  
4 moving down through towards the Kuskokwim because right  
5 below here, below Bethel about 10 miles down river,  
6 this fall I've seen at least five moose in the area,  
7 pretty much three cows and two calves. And I've seen  
8 some bulls running around every once in awhile, but not  
9 this year. Moose hunting on the Kuskokwim for many of  
10 the people in the region has been pretty sporadic  
11 because a lot of people have not been able to harvest  
12 their moose like they had in the past or they harvest a  
13 moose in the Kuskokwim area, especially in the Lower  
14 Kuskokwim area has been lower than before per the  
15 reports that we've heard.

9 So I hope that with the Federal  
10 Subsistence concerns that we pass on to -- some of  
11 these fisheries impacts that we'll be able to make a  
12 difference to see better returns as well as monitoring  
13 of our own fisheries within the river systems.

12 One of the other things that I observed  
13 out at my village at Hooper Bay is the (indiscernible)  
14 Project to prevent impact on the nested grounds. Back  
15 in 2003 we had only 400 nesting pairs of black Brant  
16 and the following year after a community meeting with  
17 village residents, the nesting pairs were 1,400 and has  
18 been increasing since then. (Indiscernible -  
19 background noise) impacts on our lands so that we can  
20 have a good harvestable natural resource within our  
area.

17 And one observation that I had this  
18 summer, earlier this summer, usually that whitefish are  
19 plentiful during the early summer after the chum and  
20 chinook salmon have returned to their spawning grounds  
but this year they seemed to be a little later than  
usual because there was hardly any chum salmon that

came into the tributaries to spawn.

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But, Mr. Chair, that's the extent of my  
report.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Myron. I  
believe at this time we have Jacqueline Cleveland that  
could give her report, if you're still on. Jacqueline.

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So, hello, my name is Jacqueline  
Cleveland. And in Yup'ik, I'm (In Yup'ik). I'm from  
the Native Village of Quinhagak where I was born -- or  
no I was actually born in Bethel, but where I was  
raised in Quinhagak by my late grandparents Abraham, or  
Ham, and Katie Cleveland.

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So I'm very honored to be a new member  
of this YKRAC and I look forward to getting to know the  
ones that I haven't met yet. I know some of you and  
good to see you on here.

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So a little bit about my background  
since I'm a new member. So I went to school for media,  
theater and arts, but the focus was in documentary  
filmmaking and photography, mostly environmental and  
cultural topics. I still do freelance but with Covid  
it's kind of sporadic. But I would say I first  
identify myself as a lifelong subsistence hunter,  
fisher, gatherer. And I kind of -- I won't really go  
into my past jobs and things like that. And before I  
start I wanted to just mention that a couple times I  
was dropped on the call so far so if that happens, you  
know, I'll call right back and I apologize ahead of  
time and that I was out of sorts because I was  
traveling during this first part of the morning because  
we missed the flight yesterday but I'm hoping now it's  
-- I'm happy to have made it, but I'm going off my  
notes that I quickly wrote at the airport and I have  
the worst handwriting.

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So I'll start with although our  
subsistence and hunting activities seem to be in  
numbers not as good as last year overall for both  
fishing and hunting. Quinhagak still met their needs,  
or we met our needs for both salmon and moose, in  
particular. Waterfowl was the same, it seemed like it  
wasn't as good as last year.

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So starting with salmon, this season  
was overwhelming for me because all three fisheries

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24 were in full operation without any type of monitoring  
except for one aerial survey, which we all know that's  
25 not 100 percent accurate. So after having a year of  
Covid and not having, you know, all the sportfish

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1 traffic, it just seems like a bit overwhelming to have  
it all in full force this season when everyone else is  
2 suffering in the other rivers. And like I said,  
unmonitored.

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So for my personal harvest, you know, I  
4 only -- we made sure we only took what we really needed  
and didn't really exceed or go extra like we do some  
5 years for our extended family to send fish to. And  
that's fine and that's something I'm going to practice  
6 more of from now on based on the numbers.

7 So all three fisheries, in general,  
from observations and collecting, I guess, indigenous  
8 knowledge and some sportfish numbers, too, they're all  
generally saying kings are in lower numbers and chums  
9 are in even lower numbers than that. Aerial surveys  
show that -- so the kings met the escapement  
10 goal, the chums did not meet the escapement goal and  
the sockeye exceeded the escapement goal, and I don't  
11 have the numbers in front of me but that's what I know  
from talking to some of the biologists and this is for  
12 the Kanektok River. We also have Arolik River where we  
harvest salmon and moose and everything, and berries  
13 and everything.

14 Sockeye, I wanted to mention, you know,  
there'd be such a thing as over escapement, but there  
15 is where in the past -- I'm not sure if it's five years  
yet but we have had an over escapement of sockeye  
16 escapement so we would go for around 35,000 as a goal  
and that's the high end, I believe if I'm not wrong.  
17 And for maybe at least we've been getting around  
350,000 in that mark. So I was told that what happens,  
18 you know, maybe five years or more of this going on at  
the headwaters, at the lake (Indiscernible), that they  
19 could, you know, run out of -- you know, have an over  
escapement up there and run -- either run out of food  
20 or other species, go lower numbers. I'm not a  
biologist by any means, so sorry if that sounds so  
21 generalized. But I know that could be becoming a  
concern in the future and maybe the near future.

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Another concern was, you know, like  
23 Myron mentioned he seen a lot of boat traffic in our  
bay during subsistence fishing and we get a lot of this  
24 traffic from all the closures happening everywhere else  
and we do very much feel for the other rivers. We

25 can't even -- I can't imagine not being able to fish or  
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1 just putting away six kings for the whole year or  
something like that, that makes me very sad for you  
2 guys. But, you know, we are also feeling the pressure  
over here since we're not monitored or unregulated, not  
3 to say that we want to be very regulated, but we did --  
the Native Village of Quinhagak, in fact, did pass a  
4 resolution to self-restrict on our subsistence fishery  
in the bay W4 to match, kind of match Kuskokwim, like  
5 six inch mesh, 45 depth and -- but our main concern was  
some of these boats had two and three nets. People  
6 would call me and they would have concerns about -- you  
know, because we don't fish like that and we wanted to  
7 ask for -- yes, we want to share our resource but  
maybe, you know, just one net per boat and six inch  
8 mesh because, you know, based on these other  
observations our numbers are not as great anymore  
9 either, at least for kings and especially chums now.

10 So about that resolution, the State did  
not honor the resolution, so subsistence fishing  
11 continued in full operation for the rest of the season  
and we had no way of knowing, you know, how many kings  
12 leave, even in the subsistence surveys there's not a  
question in there, you know, where are the kings coming  
13 from, but that is something I have suggested and wished  
for future surveys to include that, since there's no  
14 way of us knowing what's leaving our bay, maybe one way  
that could be collected is put a question in there  
15 that, you know, like how much of this fish came from  
Quinhagak. And like I said we want to keep sharing  
16 because we are a sharing tribe and in the past, you  
know, we share resources. You know our people go down  
17 to the -- across the bay to get walrus or egg hunting  
or -- so we understand the sharing. And then sometimes  
18 for the, you know, hardcore people that go to Upper  
Kuskokwim or Kwethluk or somewhere to get the good  
19 wood. So we, too, go out and collect other resources  
-- resources from other parts of this region. So not  
20 to say that we don't want to share, but we do just want  
to put a minimal fair, you know, self-restriction but  
21 it wasn't honored. Not everybody feels the same way but  
I know the tribe did and the elders also felt that.

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23 And let's see, the -- so while I'm on  
the fish subject, and I don't mean to kind of go back  
and forth but I wanted to touch up a little bit on the  
24 sportfishery here. As a lot of you guys know, within  
this whole region we probably get the most traffic of  
25 sportfish because of our -- the Kanektok River and, you  
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1 know, our rich resources in salmon and trout, and that  
2 was also in full operation this year and there are  
3 users and outfits that are very, you know, key into the  
4 environment and very careful and also respect our  
5 community and our culture, but, of course, not everyone  
6 is that way. And, you know, when we're trying to count  
7 the boats it's at least 60-plus boats and those are  
8 just the operations, not including the private and not  
9 including the floaters. So in a given season with  
10 sportsfish on this river alone is, you know, at least  
11 60 or more boats that this river has to have and we  
12 share. The community does have concerns and these  
13 concerns have been there for decades. Of course the  
14 over populated -- the over population of just boats and  
15 motors that are on the river that could affect the  
16 ecosystem and with, you know, also the waste and toxic  
17 chemicals that come out of them. If you put it all  
18 together and think about it that way, that's a lot of  
19 toxic chemicals and grey water that could be going into  
20 the river, and our river is fragile and it's small and  
21 it's also, you know, going through a lot of erosion  
22 through -- we have kind of a swift river when the water  
23 is high so every year in the spring there's so much  
24 erosion and with these 60 or more boats I see going  
25 back and forth and back and forth, just one boat's wave  
will crumble so much gravel back into the water and I'm  
not saying they're the only contributors but there's a  
lot of factors here in that. And then, of course, the  
mortality rate of the catch and release when there's  
that many, you know, if you put three people in those  
60 boats so then, yeah, that's a lot of people fishing  
and catching and releasing.

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18 And then another concern that I've  
19 heard is how it affects the big game on our water  
20 system and even that there's, you know, a lot of big  
21 game they stay close to the water for food source and  
22 drinking. This year we noticed like the big game,  
23 yeah, we do see some along the river but they've kind  
24 of been pushed off way further inland than usual. And,  
25 again, all done without monitoring. And then of course  
for commercial we won't know those numbers until -- the  
exact numbers until they come out with a report, I  
believe in January. But I know from talking to  
commercial fishermen this summer here and there, they  
were saying the same about kings being smaller, less  
and almost no chum at all.

25 So I'll maybe move on to another

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1 species. For those of you who don't know we now have  
pike in our river but they're more in these land-locked

2 (indiscernible) and lakes and ponds. It's interesting.  
3 You know I've never gone pike fishing here before and  
4 this summer -- or fall for the first time I went out  
5 rod and reeling in one of these land-locked  
6 (indiscernible) and got eight pike right away. And,  
7 you know, going up we'd have to go get those from Eek  
8 or the Kuskokwim. So that's a new one. Some community  
9 members are concerned about that is it could threaten  
10 the trout population and some have even said that maybe  
11 it already has. But talking to some biologists  
12 throughout the past they claim that maybe it's not a  
13 threat at this time with the small numbers so far.  
14 But, you know, if they became more and more and more  
15 then that could be a threat in the future.

16 So I'll leave it at that with fish. I  
17 know Quinhagak has a lot of fish business and like I  
18 said it was overwhelming and we're really feeling for  
19 the rest of the region pretty much not having a  
20 fishery, or a subsistence fishery at that.

21 So as far as moose go, this fall was a  
22 bit slow of a start. The first two weeks were very --  
23 the weather was so bad, it was raining and blowing  
24 sideways wind and nothing was moving. Just for days  
25 and days, we'd sit there and nothing really moved  
26 except for some bears of course and at least they're  
27 entertaining to watch. So we had a season for all of  
28 September for one antlered bull. The first two weeks  
29 were slow but the second half of the month I believe  
30 people met their needs and started getting them then.  
31 And even some first catch -- first catcher kids getting  
32 some moose I saw, including my nine year old nephew got  
33 his first moose this year so that was exciting.

34 But I've always wanted to say, quyana,  
35 and thanks to the communities who have chose to or  
36 follow along with the moratoriums on moose in the  
37 surrounding villages and it's because of these -- your  
38 efforts that we now have a moose population that's  
39 growing and growing here in Quinhagak and the  
40 watersheds of Arolik and Kanektok Rivers.

41 Let's see, predators. I guess I'll  
42 touch up on a little bit of predator stuff. We still  
43 have an increase in wolves in the past couple of years,  
44 and even coyotes have been seen. In fact a rabid

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1 coyote came here and fought with my dog last spring but  
2 my dog was vaccinated and he lived and he's good now.

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3 And for the people I know, I'm a plant  
4 person and a berry person as well, so I make sure every  
5 year I collect my edible and medicinal plants while in-  
6 season and berries were abundant this year. Not as much  
7 cranberries as years before but there's still some and  
8 enough.

9 I wanted to maybe end with a piece of  
10 traditional indigenous knowledge that I was taught and  
11 to be so true about salmonberries, in particular. So  
12 Joshua Cleveland, my other grandpa, his wife, she's a  
13 plant and berry expert and she said during the  
14 salmonberry season to always watch the cotton grass,  
15 and I know this was mentioned earlier, she said if the  
16 cotton grass are spread out then that's how the berries  
17 will grow, spread out and evenly, but if they're in  
18 bunches and then, you know, sporadic and bunches that  
19 that's also how the berries will be. And low and  
20 behold, that's how they were, the salmonberries were  
21 more in bunches and then you wouldn't see any for  
22 awhile and then suddenly see a healthy bunch again. So  
23 I thought that was something so cool.....

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25 participants not muted)

MS. CLEVELAND: .....to learn this  
year. And, you know, I could go on about climate  
change and we're all going through it and we all know  
we're affected here so maybe I'll save that for another  
time.

Quyana.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Jacqueline.  
Thank you for a good report. I believe we have Norma to  
give a report if she's on.

(No comments)

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Are you on Norma.

(No comments)

MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair, this is Eva.

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1 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Eva, go ahead.  
2 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
3 did try texting Norma and I didn't get a response and  
4 so I'm assuming they're having challenges with GCI  
right now. So hopefully Norma will be able to call  
back in and when she does we can hear from her and her

report.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva. Moving on, I believe the next item on the agenda is the Chairman's report and I'll turn it over to you Eva.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. For the new Council members, often the Chair's report is kind of a recap of the regulatory process, the Federal Subsistence Board meeting and the Council's actions over the past year. And we will have a report, what is called the .805(c) report on the Board's actions from the fisheries regulatory cycle last year. So that's coming up next on the agenda. And, Mr. Chair, you may want to update the Council on last spring when the Council met, winter/spring meeting, the Council did submit a special action request to increase the moose harvest, Unit 18 remainder in the Lower Yukon River. And that request was supported by the Board. And the harvest increased from two to three moose for the remainder of last season. And that concluded in April/May of 2021. And there is an opportunity, I know we did get some inquiries from the public and Council members about another special action for the Unit 18 remainder moose and that is fully an option for the public or for the Council at this meeting. Public can submit a special action request at any time and if the Council wishes to submit a special action request you can do so at this meeting. Maybe a good opportunity for discussion about that might be under the wildlife proposals. One of the proposals the Council submitted that's in your meeting book is to make that increase in harvest limit permanent in regulation so that will be coming before the Council under the wildlife proposals. But that would not take effect until next summer of 2022. So if the Council does want to revisit the special action request for this current moose season, the Council has that opportunity to submit a special action request either for that Unit 18 remainder moose or any request out of cycle.

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So that was a big part of the Council's work. The Council also did submit a letter to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.....

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MS. PATTON: .....relaying concerns about.....

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6 REPORTER: Hold up, Eva. Eva, hold up.  
7 MS. PATTON: .....chum salmon bycatch.  
8 REPORTER: Eva, hang on just one  
minute.

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10 MS. PATTON: Yep, we're going to have  
to ask, it sounds like maybe Aaron Moses, if your line  
is unmuted, if you could please mute.

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12 REPORTER: Yes. If we all could take a  
second and just look at our device and make sure we're  
muted so we can continue listening to the report.  
13 Thank you. Sorry, Eva.

14 MS. PATTON: Thank you, everyone. And,  
15 yes, so the Council did submit a letter to the North  
Pacific Fisheries Management Council and it was  
presented to that Council during their summer meeting  
16 session on the agenda addressing the Bering Sea  
fisheries. And that letter wasn't included in your  
17 supplemental materials. All the current Council  
members at the time received a hard copy in the mail.  
18 But I will be sure to forward that to those of you who  
are new here.

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20 So those were some of the primary  
actions of the Council from the previous meeting and,  
again, we'll have a report on the Federal Subsistence  
21 Board action, what's called an .805(c) report where  
they report back to the Council the proposals that they  
22 concurred with and justification for any proposals that  
they did not concur with the Council's recommendation.  
23 And that'll be coming up under old business.

24 And, Mr. Chair, I turn it back to you  
if there are other Chair reports that you'd like to  
25 provide to the Council.

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1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Eva.  
3 The reason why we submitted the special action request  
last spring was because of the Covid that was going on  
4 and we didn't know what was really going on and people  
were kind of concerned about food security. And as you  
5 know at that time the airlines had to shut down and  
there was hardly any freight coming into the villages  
and at that time we submitted the special action to try  
6 and get extra food into our freezer. And that's how  
the special action came, to try and ask for a third  
7 moose because of the over population of moose we have  
in Unit 18. And I'm thankful that the moratorium is,  
8 you know, spreading, and hearing people seeing moose  
for the first time and that's really, really good and

9 I'm thankful for the people that put on the moratorium,  
10 both on the Yukon and Kuskokwim, which really helped  
11 out the growth of the moose population. And as you  
12 heard from Eva, we still have an opportunity now to  
13 include that as a permanent third moose if the Council  
14 wishes to do so. We'll keep that open.

15 I think that pretty much covers it.

16 Thank you, Eva.

17 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 CHAIRMAN ONEY: And then moving on, if  
19 there's no other questions or comments, we'll go down  
20 to Item No. 9, Service Awards.

21 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
22 Council. OSM and the Federal Subsistence Board  
23 recognizes the volunteer service of all our Regional  
24 Advisory Council members. Recognizes the lifetime  
dedication to subsistence and advocating for  
communities in your region. Yeah, amazing, it's been a  
lifetime of service for many.

25 First up for service award is Raymond  
26 Oney, 20 years of service on the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta  
27 Subsistence Regional Advisory Council. And, Ray, I  
28 want to say, personally, it's just been an honor and a  
29 joy to work with you so thank you so much.

30 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you. Thank you,  
31 and I accept this award and I thank OSM for recognizing

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32 that. 20 years doesn't seem to be that long, it seems  
33 just like it was a few years ago. But when I first  
34 came on, oh, boy, there was a lot of elders on there  
35 that I don't see here today. And just recently James  
36 Charles and Charlie from Eek, they'd been on there for  
37 a long time and they just recently retired last fall,  
38 so those were the people that I recognize from the time  
39 that I volunteered my time to the YKRAC. And there's a  
40 lot of knowledge that I got to learn from the elders  
41 that were there at the time, the late John Hanson, late  
42 John Thompson, Billie McCann, Phillip Moses, James  
43 Charles, those people that I worked with when I first  
44 came on.

45 So I thank you for the recognition,  
46 thank you, appreciate it. And hopefully that we  
47 continue to work on subsistence for our people in hopes  
48 of rebuilding what we're losing and we need to pay

10 close attention to what we're doing as far as trying to  
11 rebuild the stocks that we're seeing declining, both on  
12 the Kuskokwim and Yukon and the coastal villages. So  
13 appreciate the recognition, thank you very much.

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MR. LANDLORD: Congratulations, Ray.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, James.

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15 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And  
16 we do have a framed plaque and service award. We had  
17 hoped to be able to meet in person this fall and honor  
18 each of you in person and have our big celebration  
19 potluck, but we will be mailing your service award  
20 plaque in the mail and I'll be in touch when it's on  
21 its way. We've got to package it carefully. Thank  
22 you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you.

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MS. PATTON: Next.....

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MS. ROGERS: (Indiscernible)

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22 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Alissa. I  
believe the next one we have is John Andrew. Eva.

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24 MS. PATTON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.  
25 John Andrew is also being recognized for 15 year  
service award. And I believe John is probably still in  
his tribal council meeting right now. John, are you

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1 online with us.

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(No comments)

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4 MS. PATTON: Yeah, I believe he is  
still in his tribal council meeting. So when he's able  
to rejoin us later this afternoon we'll circle back  
around and recognize John Andrew for his 15 year  
service award.

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6 And we also want to recognize Bob  
Aloysius of Kalskag. And Bob has served on the Yukon  
7 Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence Regional Advisory Council  
for 18 years. And he will be retiring from the  
8 Council. Again, we had hoped to be able to meet in  
person and be able to gather with Bob and have a  
9 potluck. It's a little hard for him to hear on  
teleconference so -- but we will be reaching out to Bob  
10 and recognizing him for his 18 years on the Council and  
wishing him well. So big recognition for Bob Aloysius.

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Quyana.

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13 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you. Okay, that  
concludes our service awards, we'll go down to Item No.  
10, public and tribal comment on non-agenda items.

14 Eva.

15 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
16 Again, we have this opportunity in the morning on each  
17 day of the meeting and this is our first opportunity  
18 today, this afternoon. So if there's any public or  
19 tribes participating in the teleconference that would  
20 like to address the Council on any subsistence issues  
21 that aren't on the agenda already. Again, we'll be  
22 getting into the wildlife proposals and there's a  
23 process there for public and tribal comment on each of  
24 the proposals. But now is the opportunity if there's  
25 anyone online who would like to address the Council.  
0074 And, again, we do have Sophie Evan online if anyone  
wishes to speak in Yup'ik Sophie is available to  
translate as well.

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Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: So do we have anyone  
24 that may want to give public comment on non-agenda  
items at this time.

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1 MR. WASKA: Hello, Mr. Chair, Evon  
Waska.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Evon Waska, go ahead.

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MR. WASKA: Yeah. I'm in Bethel.  
4 Hello to my Native brothers and sisters, if you're new  
to Alaska, welcome to my land and waters.

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6 Quyana. (In Yup'ik) to Myron. I heard  
him this morning and verifying what's affecting to us  
the most. And, quyana, Jackie, those were very  
7 informative on commenting.

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9 Just I'd like to comment on the three  
minute but it was too short and you're supposed to give  
your name, and my cell number's 545-2471.

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11 My comments could be taken towards  
proposals and I welcome that. And why I say high cost  
of living, October 2021, Alaska Commercial Company,  
12 there was pot roast beef, cattle, 66 bucks, gallon of  
milk 9 bucks, stick of butter 8 bucks, why I say that,  
13 Myron already said it and that's what we're meeting  
for. Subsistence hunting and fishing. I don't trap no  
more but my people do. They need to. Even we haven't  
14 said that, Bethel is the hub, I'm just sharing the  
Bethel prices. St. Marys a hub. Fairbanks. And the  
15 buck doesn't stop there, they have to ship them out,  
they barge them out and that causes tripling of the

16 prices. And what Myron said, me and my people, we're  
17 going to go subsistence, for millennium, generations of  
18 generations, subsistence is our life, it's not a way of  
19 life. The high cost of living here, that's why we need  
20 it. It's our cultural identity. Through these stupid  
21 restrictions, you outsiders come to my land and waters,  
22 fish in State -- Federal and Fish and Game, you  
23 restrict us, harass us, police us. What about -- why I  
24 say that, quyana to my Kuskokwim and Fed and Tribal  
25 Fish Commission for giving us this opportunity to fish.  
0075 My heart is heavy for the Yukon fishermen and the rest  
of the -- they closed the Black River coastal  
fishermen, just like that. I'm angry. Why. May,  
June, Copper River, gussuk fishermen over there in  
Anchorage, they had access for themselves, and I watch  
the 10:00 o'clock news every evening, they had over a  
thousand kings already and them two show off, Alaska  
Airline pilots get off the jet and give them to Seattle  
restaurants. You put restrictions -- four inch stupid

1 restrictions on my people just to let us eat whitefish.  
That's not right. That's discriminatory.

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3 Since when does commercial fishing have  
4 a priority over subsistence, you got it backwards.

5 I read in that AVAC or monthly magazine  
6 on the back page, our Congressman Don Young was  
7 supposed to -- he was asking the National Oceanic  
8 Administration why are -- we're not getting fish here  
9 on the Kuskokwim and Yukon and Norton Sound fisheries,  
10 I only say this -- we used to have delegates, our  
11 bygone delegates, and I'm going to give you the fact,  
12 they're gone now but they were the late Harold Spark,  
13 Dr. John White, Frank Charles, Evan Fox, and there was  
14 someone from the Yukon and Norton Sound. Every winter,  
15 mid-winter they would go to Anchorage and go fight the  
16 Area M and False Pass fisheries were allocated  
escapement for chum salmon. Why I know, Harold Spark  
used to come back and write in our -- he used to put  
articles in our local newspaper. Still you come to me  
and my people and you restrict the hell out of us,  
discriminatory, undue hardship. Why I say that, I  
asked my relative on the Yukon, during the closure, if  
you put your net out you'll catch fish, you will catch  
salmon, he said, yes, that tells me a lot. So now the  
time to acknowledge and I'll quote my Native brother  
from Kwig, it's not us, we've been on restrictions, we  
follow the rules and regulations; that's what he said.  
Our Yukon people, they followed it more. It's time to  
acknowledge and say it's not the Yukon and Kuskokwim  
Native people, all the river comes from the sea. Back

17 then, it's not the first time it's happened on the  
18 Yukon, I've read it in a book, I forgot who the author  
19 was, but it was a missionary, he noticed they were  
20 intercepting the king salmon on the Yukon at the bay,  
21 at the mouth, there's three mouths, Black River, Middle  
22 Mouth, and North Mouth. How I know, my father-in-law,  
23 he take me out and show me the start of the Yukon. And  
24 that missionary saved them. He contacted the  
government and told them what the gussuks were doing  
out there, interception, bycatch -- now it's bycatch.  
It's time for our Fish and Game to acknowledge and say  
it's not us. It's time for you to go police them  
bycatch, high seas trawlers and False Pass and Area M  
fisheries, you got to equal it out.

25 Yeah, overfishing. I see all them,  
what you call them, halibut, gussuk halibut, they bring  
0076 out their clients and make money, overfish halibut.

2 And on these hunting TV guides, they're  
already hunting our sea birds. As Myron stated,  
3 trespass. On moose, we need to keep these tributaries  
on the Kuskokwim and the Yukon Rivers closed to these  
4 what I call the horn hunters, sport hunters, I see them  
flying around.

5 Trapping. My people they know sound  
6 management. They know -- they -- they trap them to  
extinction, how I know I see their snares and traps  
7 still out there, they leave them. We need to do more  
policing on that. They even -- I see them on the  
8 Yukon, I bet they don't even ask the Native  
corporations over there while my people are trying to  
9 make a living off of trapping.

10 But in closing, quyana, to them, they  
just gave awards, Ray and Bob and John, I don't know  
11 who I missed. Quyana, (In Yup'ik) for helping our  
people. Keep it up and for being on the Board. And I  
12 don't know but -- like I said you could take these as  
proposals and add them on, I don't know if I'll take  
13 that opportunity to call again.

14 But, quyana, Mr. Chair.  
15 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Mr.  
Waska. That was good to hear from you. Is there  
16 anyone else from the public that may want to give  
comment on non-agenda comments at this time.

17 GABRIEL: Good afternoon, Ray.

18 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Gabriel.

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20 GABRIEL: Yeah.

21 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead, Gabe.

22 GABRIEL: I remember that one time  
23 there was a lady from, I think, from the old area and  
24 they were talking about, you know, where to store the  
25 chemicals, you know, after they're done and I just  
0077 wanted to know, you know, where would they store -- I  
1 remember they were talking about storing it over in  
2 the Canada area in the mountains and I forgot to ask, are  
3 they going to store them where the water runs through  
4 the Upper Yukon and way in the future, you know, that's  
5 going to be a hazard and poisonous too.

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7 And right now, you know, it seems like  
8 we've been fighting for this fishing, you know, what we  
9 have right now, but I don't see regulations with the  
10 bycatch. And it's going to be going on and I think we  
11 should partnership with those people and I think it's  
12 the only way that we can -- you know, bring our elders  
13 there too.

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15 And the most scary part is, you know,  
16 the global warming, I think it's all our fault, you  
17 know, too much going on in this world right now.

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19 I'm worried about way later on, you  
20 know, all them things they're storing up in the hills,  
21 way up on the Canada area. And if we can get  
22 information of where they're storing all that waste.  
23 And congratulations to all of you guys  
24 there, thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Gabe. Is  
27 there anyone there that can comment on your question  
28 but hopefully we'll get someone on as we move along.  
29 So at this time is there anyone else from the public or  
30 tribal members that may want to comment on non-agenda  
31 items at this time.

32 MR. WASKA: Mr. Chair.

33 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Mr. Waska.

34 MR. WASKA: Yeah, he brought up a good  
35 point, I forgot to mention the mines. These Canadians  
36 are opening up the Donlin and they have in the Flat --  
37 opening a mine in Flat. Here on the Kuskokwim, this  
38 Donlin Mine will be a disaster waiting to our food  
39 source. Why. They'll leave that tailing behind.  
40 They've got all these chemicals coming in, cyanide and  
41 all that, and that guy's right about the Yukon River.

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Quyana. (In Yup'ik).

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Mr. Waska.  
24 Is there anyone else from the public or tribal members  
25 that may want to comment on non-agenda items at this  
time.

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1 (No comments)

2 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none, we'll go  
ahead and move on to Item No. 11, old business. I'll  
3 go ahead and turn it over to Eva.

4 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
Council. And thank you to all the public participating  
5 in these meetings. I know it's a difficult time and  
challenge all by teleconference, so just wanted to say  
6 thank you to everyone for being on today and sharing  
with the Council. Thank you.

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8 And, Mr. Chair, we had decided at the  
beginning of the meeting when we were going over the  
9 agenda, there was a request to switch the order of old  
business and new business. I'm wondering, though,  
because we're missing several Council members at this  
10 time, again, both John Andrew and Richard Slats had  
critical meetings with their tribal councils this  
11 afternoon that was scheduled in advance, so they are  
not on the line at this time. And we've also lost  
12 Norma Evan. GCI is having some outages in a number of  
villages on the Yukon is my understanding and it sounds  
13 like challenges there in Bethel, too, with many dropped  
calls. So I'm wondering, if at this time, because the  
14 wildlife proposals are really critical Council work and  
I think each of the Council members would want to be  
15 present for the discussion and the vote, wildlife  
proposals, if maybe we do take up the old business at  
16 this time so that hopefully we would have our full  
Council quorum when we get to wildlife proposals.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

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MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. At  
21 this time I would like to make a friendly amendment  
that we propose to take up old business instead of  
22 taking up new business at this time because we are  
lacking Council members, and I really don't want to  
23 leave them out while we're going through the discussion

and voting on these proposals.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Alissa. Do I hear a second to her motion.

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MR. ALSTROM: Thomas Alstrom, second.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: There's a motion on the floor by Alissa to do a friendly amendment to put back on the agenda the old business because of several Council members that aren't present if we do go over the proposals. So at this time all those in favor of putting back the agenda to its original state please say aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Opposed, same sign.

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(No opposing votes)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none, motion carries. So we're back to the original agenda, if we could go ahead and start off under 11, old business. Eva.

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So every time the Board takes action, so alternate years, the Board is reviewing and taking action on fisheries regulatory proposals and then in the other alternate years they're taking action on wildlife regulatory proposals. Federal Subsistence fisheries and wildlife regulatory proposals.

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So the Board last met and it was a

1 fisheries regulatory cycle and the Board took action,  
2 either adopting or rejecting Federal Subsistence  
3 fisheries regulatory proposals from throughout Alaska.  
4 And so this report is to respond to the Council to let  
5 you know which of the proposals the Board did align  
6 with the Council's recommendation, and in the case  
7 where they did not.

8 So there were three proposals that were  
9 directly related to the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta region,  
10 and those the Board concurred with the Council's  
11 recommendations in every case. So the Board adopted  
12 Fisheries Proposal FP21-01, which was to eliminate  
13 Federal regulations that describe when and where the  
14 salmon subsistence fishery will close around commercial  
15 openings on the Kuskokwim River. So now those closures  
16 due to any commercial fishery are now removed from  
17 regulation. And the Board adopted Fisheries Proposal  
18 21-03 which is to clarify that drift gillnets are legal  
19 gear in Kuskokwim River tributaries. And the Board  
20 rejected Fisheries Proposal 21-02 which the Council had  
21 recommended rejecting, and that was a proposal  
22 requesting decreasing the distance between set gillnets  
23 on the Kuskokwim River and tributaries from 150 feet to  
24 75 feet, and the Council had recommended rejecting that  
25 proposal due to concerns that it would end up corking  
people and that those eddies would get filled up and it  
would end up maybe being a detriment to everyone rather  
than more opportunity. So the Council's recommendation  
was to reject that and the Board also voted consistent  
with the Council's recommendation so that distance  
between setnets on the river remains at 150 feet.

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18 (Teleconference interference -  
19 participants not muted)

20 MS. PATTON: There were two proposals,  
21 what we call crossover proposals. The proposals are,  
22 in this case fisheries closure reviews that were in  
23 other regions, but because communities within the Yukon  
24 Kuskokwim Delta region have customary and traditional  
25 use determinations, in that they may fish in those  
regions, so the proposal does come before the Council.  
And often times the Council decides to defer to the  
home RAC region, those that are closest to the resource  
or who more frequently use the resource. And so there  
were two proposals that came before the Council that  
are closure reviews. And these are review of closures  
to Federal subsistence fishing and hunting, and they're

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1 reviewed every so often to take a look and see if those

2 closures are still necessary for conservation reasons  
or if the closure is to non-Federally-qualified users,  
3 if that is still necessary.

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4 So there were two proposals. One was  
in the Eastern Interior region, the Jim River. And  
5 another, the Western Interior region, Nome Creek. And  
these are tributaries to the Yukon River. And these  
6 areas had been closed to Federally-qualified  
subsistence users due to conservation concerns and they  
7 were being revisited as to whether those areas should  
be opened to subsistence. And the Council deferred to  
8 the other RAC regions on those proposals. And actually  
the Board kind of had a mixed response to those  
9 Councils. So there were some modifications that were  
suggested by both the Western Interior and Eastern  
10 Interior Councils that will take some follow-up.

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11 But those are the proposals that came  
before the YK Delta RAC at the fall meeting last year  
and the actions that the Board took. The Board did  
12 vote consistent with all the Council's recommendations  
for the YK Delta region fisheries proposals.

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14 And just want to check with the Council  
if there's any questions on that report.

15 (No comments)

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MS. PATTON: Okay. Thank you. And  
17 then similarly, come your -- well, actually the Board  
meeting cycle for the wildlife regulatory process comes  
18 in the spring and so they will not have met yet by the  
time the Council meets in the winter but you'll get a  
similar report for the wildlife proposals as well.

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participants not muted)

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MS. PATTON: And if there's no  
22 questions on the .805(c) report we can move on to old  
business Item B, the Board's fiscal year 2020 annual  
report reply.

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24 REPORTER: Okay, but, Eva, hold up.  
Before you go on to the next subject, we're getting  
some background noise. Could people look at their  
25 device, please put yourself on mute so we can continue

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1 listening to Eva's report. Thank you.

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MS. PATTON: We've got some sweet  
3 little voices in the background there so, yeah, just go  
ahead, everybody take a moment, take a look at your  
cell phone and hit the mute button or star six to mute.

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REPORTER: Thank you so much.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you. So you'll find the annual report reply on Page 21 of your meeting books. And this is actually the Board, the Federal Subsistence Board replying to the Council's 2020 annual report. And the annual report is an opportunity for the Council to address the Federal Subsistence Board on any subsistence issues that are outside of the regulatory proposal process that affect subsistence users in your region. And this now is the Board replying to the Council's annual report from 2020. And later on in the meeting we have on the agenda development of this year's annual report. So we'll be walking through the process of identifying topics that the Council would like to address to the Board for this year. But this is the reply from last year and we want to make sure that the Council is -- that the reply is addressing the Council's concerns. If you have any follow-up questions or there were issues that are not addressed and need to be further addressed. If you haven't had an opportunity to read the annual report in full, or the reply in full, I would encourage you to do that tonight or tomorrow and bring any follow-up questions or concerns up at the meeting so we can follow up on it. We can either add it to this year's annual report, or follow up directly if there's further information that the Council would like.

And so you'll see in the report, first comes the Council's request and that's in italics, and then following each request is the response from the Federal Subsistence Board.

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And the topics that the Council had brought before the Board were support for rural subsistence priority and highlighting what that means fully.

Concerns about food security issues and the need for the Board's awareness and support addressing food security.

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And the third topic was consideration for traditional ecological knowledge when making subsistence resource management decisions.

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And the fourth topic, youth and science cultural camps, and ongoing support from the Federal Subsistence Program for those efforts in the region.

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And, five, was the Mulchatna Caribou Herd and inventory and monitoring studies the Council would like to see ongoing.

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7                   And the sixth topic was climate change  
8 effects on subsistence resources, activities and safe  
9 access and possible mitigation measures.

10                   And the seventh topic was the hardship  
11 on the Council and communities to participate by  
12 teleconference only, which we all know how difficult  
13 that is. And here we are still at this meeting by  
14 teleconference only.

15                   So please do take the time to review  
16 the Board's reply. So if there's any further  
17 information the Council would like, follow-up, then we  
18 can make sure to address that at this meeting.

19                   Any questions from the Council on the  
20 Board's reply.

21                   (No comments)

22                   MS. PATTON: And, again, we'll have an  
23 opportunity to come back to this. We'll be addressing  
24 this year's annual report so we'll have a chance to  
25 follow up if there's any further information the  
26 Council would like at that time.

27                   And we did have a request from the  
28 Board seeking feedback from the Council on the annual  
29 report reply process to best meet the Council's needs  
30 in a timely manner. And we have Robbin LaVine on and  
31 she was going to address that request from the Board.  
32 Are you on with us Robbin?

33                   MS. LAVINE: Yes, through the Chair.  
34 Thank you, Eva. Hello, everyone. This is Robbin  
35 LaVine and I am the Subsistence Policy Coordinator for  
36 the Office of Subsistence Management. And if you're  
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1 ready I can proceed with this agenda item.

2                   CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

3                   MS. LAVINE: The meeting materials --  
4 thank you, Mr. Chair. The meeting materials for this  
5 agenda item begins on Page 45 of your Council book and  
6 I will note that at this time this is not an action  
7 item. So while we recognize that this issue is new  
8 business for the Council, we chose to address it here  
9 in old business following your review of the annual  
10 report replies from the Board. This way the annual  
11 reply process is fresh in your mind as I present the  
12 briefing.

13                   During the Federal Subsistence Board's  
14 August 2021 work session, the InterAgency Staff  
15 Committee briefed the Board on the annual report reply  
16 process and possible revisions to improve workload  
17 efficiency and response to Regional Advisory Council

11 concerns. The Board reviewed and discussed the report  
12 reply process and agreed to forward this topic on to  
13 you, the Councils, for your input on the suggested  
14 revisions including soliciting possible ideas of your  
15 own.

16 So as you are aware, ANILCA, Section  
17 .805 authorizes the Councils to prepare an annual  
18 report containing information related to important  
19 subsistence resource issues within their region. These  
20 reports are invaluable as they provide the Board with a  
21 broad holistic picture of local resource conditions and  
22 the subsistence issues facing communities across rural  
23 Alaska. With this knowledge, the Board can make  
24 informed decisions. Historically, the Board has  
25 strived to provide responses to every topic listed in  
26 annual reports regardless of its authority to address  
27 the issues raised and it's unclear if Board responses  
28 on all annual report topics are helpful to the  
29 Councils, while taking considerable Staff time to  
30 complete.

31 (Teleconference interference -  
32 participants not muted)

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34 MS. LAVINE: The InterAgency Staff  
35 Committee has suggested process revisions to consider  
36 the annual reports serve solely as a means for  
37 informing the Board of local conditions and needs, and  
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39 1 propose that letter writing be a means for requesting  
40 Board response to topics of concern. Under this  
41 2 scenario, Councils could ask their Coordinators to  
42 write a letter to the Board if there are annual report  
43 3 topics to which they are specifically requesting a  
44 response. These suggested revisions are not intended  
45 4 to diminish the ability of the Councils to report to  
46 the Board and Councils will still receive responses  
47 5 from the Board, when requested.

48 6 And these are only suggestions, you,  
49 the Council, may have other ideas about a more  
50 7 efficient and responsive annual report and reply  
51 process. So to that end we are asking you to think  
52 8 about what you want from the Board in terms of replies  
53 as you develop and confirm your 2021 annual reports  
54 9 between this time, the fall meeting, and the upcoming  
55 winter meetings. So we'll take this up again when we  
56 10 meet in 2022. And, once, again, this is not an action  
57 item, not until your winter meeting.

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59 So with that I'm ready for your  
60 12 questions.

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62 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you. Do we have  
any questions from the Council at this time?

15 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, Alissa.

16 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Alissa, go ahead.

17 MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
18 Through the Chair. Are you on Page 45. I kind of got  
lost in the -- where -- what section of the book were  
19 you referring to and is there an outline of specific  
information that you're requiring. Because I know we  
20 have a lot of new people on the YKRAC who might not be  
familiar with the process and I was wondering if you  
21 had some type of like template in our book.

22 MS. LAVINE: Ah, thank you, Alissa.  
Through the Chair. So actually what you'll find on  
23 Page -- oh, maybe it's not 45, I am so sorry, it's  
listed as Page number 45 in the; what's in this report  
24 -- through the Chair, if you will -- if you will give  
me a moment I will find the document I was referring  
25 to. It's a one page -- it's a one page briefing and I  
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1 gave you a summary of it. And really what's in your --  
in the book is some ideas, suggestions that the  
2 InterAgency Staff Committee posed in order to modify  
the annual report reply process, again, as a means for  
3 efficiency and responsiveness. But it's not a  
framework for -- right now for you to respond to. We  
4 will have a better guided discussion at the winter  
meeting. And at that time you will have had the  
5 opportunity to, again, propose issues for your annual  
report, which is happening at this meeting, and then  
6 confirm those topics for your annual report at the  
winter meeting and around that time, either before or  
7 after, we'll ask you to think about this process and  
we'll ask you to think about what you would like from  
8 the Board, and what would be most helpful to you and  
should Board response come as an annual report reply,  
9 or should Board response come through letters or other  
actions.

10 I will look to confirm where the  
11 document is -- oh, it is on Page 45, thank you --  
sorry.

12 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair.

13 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Eva.

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MS. PATTON: Sorry, Mr. Chair, go ahead, Alissa.

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MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Eva. Mr. Chair. Through the Chair. A response back to her, I just wanted to make sure that there is some type of visual aide to help people start to think about exactly what you're asking us for. It's easy to be said over the phone but for a lot of us who are visual people, having it written on paper in a very simplistic form is a lot more familiar and easier to comprehend particularly enough to get a response. I would like to see if Eva can send out an email to us to see specific information so that everyone can understand how this process works. I just want to make sure we're being fair to our newcomers so that they understand how -- what type of information that you're looking for.

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Alissa.

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MS. LAVINE: Mr. Chair, this is Robbin.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Robbin, go ahead.

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MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Thank you, Council Member Alissa, that is a wonderful idea. And we will make sure that we come up with thoughtful visuals, maybe outlines as well to guide this discussion when we meet again at the winter meeting. So thank you so much for that recommendation.

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MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.

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MS. PATTON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. And to follow up as well, the annual report reply process revision, but added to all the Council meeting materials at the last minute, and understanding certainly for this Council, in particular, that we have so many new Council members who have not yet been through an annual report or reply process, so this is all new, and as Robbin noted, at this time, they're posing these questions now but there will be an opportunity at the winter meeting to really review this, you know, we'll have some time to work with the Council on this process as well. I might suggest, too, this did get added on the agenda under the annual report and then the actual development of the annual report comes later on the agenda. But I think it would make most sense if we can address the annual report

18 itself at this time and that walk through the process  
19 of the Council's annual report and developing the  
20 topics for that report, and that might help the Council  
21 to understand that part of the Council's work and  
communications with the Board and maybe these questions  
about the reply process might make a little more sense  
with a little more background.

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22 So I'm wondering, Mr. Chair, if we  
23 could move that discussion of the annual report topics  
24 itself, which comes later under new business under 12B,  
if we could bump that up and have that discussion now.  
I think it would be helpful, especially for all our new  
Council members.

25 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yes, thank you, Eva.  
What is the wish of the Council.

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MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

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5 MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
Alissa Rogers speaking. I'm a little lost to be  
6 honest. I was trying to follow along but I got lost in  
what we're supposed to be doing but I'm not sure if  
anyone else is but.....

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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, I think we were  
going over the responses that we got from the Board on  
our annual report and I think because of that one item,  
10 let me see.....

11 MS. LAVINE: Mr. Chair, this is Robbin.

12 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Robbin, go ahead.

13 MS. LAVINE: Hi, thank you, Mr. Chair.  
I know that we usually review the annual report replies  
14 from the Board under old business and then later at the  
end of the meeting you develop a new report for this  
15 particular year and you identify issues that you want  
to include for the next report. And I think Eva's  
16 proposing to do that now as we're having this  
discussion about developing annual reports and what  
17 might be the best purpose of a Board reply and what you  
might want from the Board in regards to replies. The  
18 only thing I would note is that we switched old  
business and new business, in part, because of a number  
19 of important Council members are not in attendance.  
And so I would only bring that to consider as you

20 decide whether now is the time to develop your issues  
21 for your next year's report or this year's report, or  
22 whether you might wait.

23 Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Eva.  
24 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Robbin, for  
that clarification.

MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, go ahead, Eva.  
2 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
3 Council members. Actually I think it would be helpful,  
4 we're kind of putting the cart before the horse here  
5 with this new agenda item that was added on the review  
6 of the reply process but I think it would probably be  
7 really helpful for the Council to walk through the  
8 annual report process and understand how that works.  
9 And then typically what we do for our YK Delta RAC  
10 meeting is we bring up the topic of the annual report,  
11 walk through it and we continue to revisit it  
12 throughout the meeting so that as issues are discussed,  
13 you know, there may be presentations that bring up, oh,  
14 yes, we want to address the Board on this as well. So  
15 we can address the annual report process right now with  
16 the Council members we have with us today and then  
17 revisit it tomorrow so the Council members who we don't  
18 have on have the opportunity to respond to topics that  
19 the Council would like to add to your report for this  
20 year.

21 So we always try to do that, you know,  
22 to provide that overview and head's up and then, you  
23 know, keep revisiting it and also keeping track  
24 throughout the meeting of issues that the Council would  
25 like to bring to the Board's attention.

26 I think we could address this now and  
27 then address it again, as we usually do, through follow  
28 up as well with the few Council members that we don't  
29 have online at this time.

30 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Eva.  
31 I think so too. I think we should go ahead and follow  
32 through with the process because there are three or  
33 four Council members that aren't here at this time, and  
34 give the new Council members an opportunity to see how  
35 this process works so I'd recommend that we go ahead  
36 and follow through with your recommendation.

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39 participants not muted)

40 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

24                           CHAIRMAN ONEY:  And, again, there's  
25                           somebody's line is still open.  So if you could remind  
0090 yourself and press star six to mute yourself and if  
1                           you're going to speak press star six again.  
2                           Thank you.  
3                           Eva, go ahead.  
4                           MS. PATTON:  Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
5                           Yeah, it sounds like somebody's doing dishes and has a  
6                           dog barking in the background.  So, please, just take a  
7                           moment everyone to mute your phone, hit the mute button  
8                           or star six to mute.  
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10                           participants not muted)  
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12                           MS. PATTON:  It sounds like there's a  
13                           dog barking in the background and somebody doing  
14                           dishes.  So everybody take one moment, please, to take  
15                           a look at your cell phone and hit the mute button or  
16                           hit star six in order to mute the background noise.  
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18                           Quyana.  
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20                           Thank you, Mr. Chair and Council.  
21                           You'll find the annual report process, the briefing on  
22                           Page 237 of your meeting book.  And so, again, this is  
23                           established under Title VIII of ANILCA as a way to  
24                           bring regional subsistence uses and needs to the  
25                           Secretary's attention.  And, again, the Secretary has  
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1                           Subsistence Board.  And, again, the Council drafts  
2                           their report to the Federal Subsistence Board and the  
3                           annual report provides the Councils an opportunity to  
4                           address each of the Directors of the Department of  
5                           Interior and Department of Agriculture that serve on  
6                           the Federal Subsistence Board, and, again, we also have  
7                           several rural representative members that serve on the  
8                           Federal Subsistence Board.  And the Board is required  
9                           to discuss and reply to each issue in every annual  
10                           report and take action when it's within the Board's  
11                           authority.  In many cases if the issue is outside of  
12                           the Board's authority, they will provide information to  
13                           the Council on how to contact the correct agency or  
14                           follow up with information to help guide the Council  
15                           where they can get the issue met.  And the Board  
16                           members have authority to implement most of the actions  
17                           which would effect the changes recommended by the  
18                           Council, even those not covered in Title VIII of  
19                           ANILCA.  The Councils are strongly encouraged to take  
20                           advantage of this opportunity.

2                   So there are a number of issues, even  
3 outside of the regulatory authority of the Board that  
4 is important to bring to the Board's attention. Things  
5 that are changing, or shifting, climate change effects,  
6 environmental effects on subsistence resources,  
7 shifting subsistence resources. So it all helps bring  
8 awareness to the Board and helps to guide them in their  
9 decisionmaking process to be aware of each of the  
10 Council regions, subsistence issues and the broad sweep  
11 of overlapping interactions that affect subsistence.

12                   So in the report, the issues that are  
13 not normally addressed -- so we have the regulatory  
14 process through the proposals that we'll be addressing.  
15 Like today the wildlife proposals or fisheries  
16 proposals. And the annual report is addressing issues  
17 outside of that normal regulatory process. And key  
18 things to think about to address the Board on are  
19 identifying current and anticipated subsistence uses of  
20 fish and wildlife within the region, evaluating current  
21 and anticipated subsistence needs, and shifts or trends  
22 that may be happening on Federal public lands within  
23 the region, recommended strategies for the management  
24 of fish and wildlife populations within the region to  
25 ensure a subsistence priority and to address  
26 subsistence needs on public lands, and recommendations  
27 concerning policies or standards or guidelines and  
28 regulations to implement these management strategies.  
29 So those are some of the key things to, you know, think  
30 about of what the Board does have the authority to  
31 address and that opportunity to really hone in on those  
32 issues to bring.....

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34 participants not muted)

35                   MS. PATTON: .....information to their  
36 awareness. To bring your traditional knowledge and  
37 experience and observations to their awareness so they  
38 can make recommendations on important subsistence  
39 issues.

40                   So if addressing the policy, it's  
41 helpful to be clear. If there's something unclear  
42 about a policy or if there's uncertainty about a  
43 policy. And we are here, I'm here as your Staff, to  
44 help draft these annual report replies and can help  
45 provide guidance, too, if there's a topic that's really  
46 outside of the Board's jurisdiction, we can bring it to  
47 the Board's awareness but it might be that, you know,  
48 it would require a letter directed to a particular  
49 agency, rather than the Board. But it is the Council's

4 opportunity to help guide the Board, request  
5 information from the Board or changes in process or  
6 regulations and policy and we are here to help you  
7 draft that.

8 So as we go through the meeting, often  
9 times, you know, the Council will -- maybe some of you  
10 have ideas right now of issues that you would like to  
11 bring to the Board's attention, and then as we go  
12 through the meeting there may be other topics that come  
13 up. And I also, you know, work through the meeting  
14 taking notes of, like here is an issue that was brought  
15 up of concern, you may want to add this to your annual  
16 report. So we'll keep revisiting this through the  
17 meeting and then touch base on it again at the end of  
18 the meeting to make sure we have topics that you would  
19 like in the annual report. I work with you, as the  
20 Council, to draft that report and then a draft will  
21 come before the Council at your winter meeting and  
22 that's another opportunity to edit or add to your final  
23 report.

24 Thank you, Mr. Chair. And any  
25 questions from the Council.

26 (No comments)

27 MS. PATTON: And, again, it may be  
28 helpful to review the annual report reply. Again,  
29 that's structured so it has the Council's request or  
30 comments and then the Board's reply so you get a sense  
31 of the Council's annual report from last time in  
32 addition to responses from the Board. And if there's  
33 anything that you feel was not fully addressed we can  
34 follow up on that and then develop the topics that you  
35 would like to add for this year's report. And anything  
36 -- anything that comes to mind for any of the Council  
37 members of issues that you are thinking of right now  
38 that you would like to add to the report for this year.

39 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, Eva, I believe  
40 there was a request by Phillip Peter to include two  
41 Council seats, was that to the North Pacific Fisheries  
42 Management Council. I think that was his question, Mr.

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1 Phillip Peter.

2 MS. PATTON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.  
3 And that is a good example of a topic that would be  
4 best addressed directly to the North Pacific Fisheries  
5 Management Council and so the Council can discuss on  
6 the record if you would like to write a letter to the  
7 North Pacific Fisheries Management Council with the  
8 specific request of adding a subsistence seat or tribal  
9 council seat to the North Pacific Fisheries Management

6 Council. The other option is, and the Council has done  
7 this in the past, is where there's an overlap, you  
8 know, there are many things outside of the Federal  
9 Subsistence Board's jurisdiction that have an impact on  
10 subsistence resources and access to subsistence  
11 resources and so the Council can write a letter to the  
12 Board requesting both to bring that awareness and can  
13 request that the Board elevate that issue of concern to  
14 the Secretary's office -- the North Pacific Fisheries  
15 Management Council is in the realm of the Secretary of  
16 Commerce, not the Secretary of the Interior, which  
17 oversees the Federal Subsistence Program, but the Board  
18 has, in the past, so Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Subsistence  
19 Regional Advisory Council has joined with other  
20 Regional Advisory Councils on the Yukon and Kuskokwim  
21 Rivers, both the Western Interior and Eastern Interior,  
22 to write a joint letter to the Board asking the Board  
23 to elevate the concerns about Bering Sea fisheries  
24 management on subsistence. So there are opportunities  
25 like that where things are outside the jurisdiction of  
26 the Board but the Councils can ask the Board to elevate  
27 the concerns. So that is an option in this case when  
28 addressing North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

18 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Eva.  
19 And also I would like to work on that first request,  
20 request for Board support for a rural subsistence  
21 priority and if you read the response, on the last  
22 paragraph, it says, your Council has been proactive in  
23 utilizing these tools and informing Board processes and  
24 actions. However, these actions can only be  
25 implemented in Federal public waters and limited marine  
26 waters within or adjacent to Federal lands. And I  
27 believe that's one example that we could write a letter  
28 to either North Pacific Fisheries Management Council or  
29 an organization that's higher up from us to let them  
30 know about the crash of the chinook and chum salmon,  
31 both on the Kuskokwim and Yukon River, and how do we  
32 utilize Title VIII of ANILCA. As we heard, many of you

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1 reported that, you know, we haven't been given that  
2 opportunity and yet we still see the decline of chinook  
3 and chum salmon go down and this is the worst year that  
4 we've seen and no opportunity to fish.

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4 So I'd like to follow up with that  
5 first request to, you know, strengthen it, and also ask  
6 different RACs, Western, Eastern and also the Nome area  
7 to see if they could support us in making our  
8 subsistence needs a priority. Because, you know, like  
9 we heard, you know, we just come to this table and, you  
10 know, be angry about what's going on and yet nobody

7 wants to listen to us. And I'd like to follow up with  
8 that, to even strengthen it, to request that the North  
9 Pacific, you know, take our concerns seriously because  
10 of all the losses that we've seen. And it's sad that  
11 we had to go through this. And Alaska is only 60-plus  
12 years since it became a state and within that 60 year  
13 period, in the last 20 years or so we've seen the crash  
14 happening. And as we mentioned there's been no fishing  
15 last -- last year -- or this past summer we haven't had  
16 an opportunity to fish and yet we had abundance of fish  
17 that were going by. We don't know how many or, you  
18 know, because we weren't allowed to fish for it.

19 So I'd like to work on this, and even  
20 to include Area M. I think it's -- like we mentioned  
21 that we met with them before and Fish and Game, through  
22 -- let them know that -- even Fish and Game is aware  
23 that they have no data on Area M so that's something  
24 I'd like to continue to work through to see if there's  
25 any data that could be shared by Yukon, Kuskokwim  
26 biologists and to even go there in Area M just to take  
27 some samples, even if it means a special action to  
28 close it down to do that. I think that's what we need  
29 to consider. Because this is way out of hand in trying  
30 to rebuild the stocks that we're losing and it's going  
31 to be hard to try and rebuild it back with everything  
32 that's going on. So I'd like to continue to work on  
33 requesting that the Board give us a rural priority to  
34 at least fish once or twice a week. But if that's in  
35 order, that's something I want to follow through on.

36 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And  
37 I'm hearing maybe two separate letters perhaps. One to  
38 address North Pacific Fisheries Management, and Bering  
39 Sea management there and another letter to address the  
40 Board of Fisheries, or Area M biologists and managers  
41 about management in that region. And maybe a good way

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1 to address both those things would be -- so if the  
2 Council wishes to draft a letter then that is -- as  
3 we're having here now, a discussion on the record and a  
4 motion and a vote from the Council to draft these  
5 letters and, you know, some of the basic content that  
6 you would like to see in those letters and then, you  
7 know, I'll continue to follow up with you to draft  
8 those and get them submitted to the appropriate agency.  
9 And we can also include the Federal Subsistence Board  
10 in those letters, in particular, for the North Pacific  
11 Fisheries Management Council since the Board can assist  
12 with elevating concerns to the Secretary of the  
13 Interior and, in turn, to the Secretary of Commerce.

8 And because the other RAC regions are meeting after  
9 your meeting, if the Council wishes to engage the other  
10 Councils to be included on a possible joint letter then  
11 we can reach out to the Councils right away in order to  
12 do that.

13 So for this meeting, in order to write  
14 those letters, then it would be, you know, discussion  
15 on the record as we're having here and then a motion  
16 and a vote so that it's clear that this is the intent  
17 of the Council.

18 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva, for  
20 that clarification.

21 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Alissa, go ahead.

23 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, I so move to  
24 make a motion to have those letters written.

25 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. There's a motion  
26 on the floor by Alissa Rogers from Bethel to follow  
27 through with the letters to North Pacific Fisheries  
28 Management Council and to the Bering Sea Fisheries, I  
29 believe, to follow up with a letter. Is there a  
30 second.

31 MR. LANDLORD: Second by James  
32 Landlord.

33 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, the motion's been  
34 seconded by James Landlord from Mountain Village. All  
35 those in favor say aye.

36 IN UNISON: Aye.

37 MR. LANDLORD: Mr. Chair.

38 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Those opposed.....

39 MR. LANDLORD: Mr. Chair, before we  
40 vote.

41 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

42 MR. LANDLORD: It's regarding tribal  
43 consultation with the tribes. You know the tribal  
44 consultation with the Federal government, so the  
45 Department of Interior, Department of Commerce. So  
46 under Department of Commerce, is NOAA, right before the  
47 Department of Commerce, and there's National Marine  
48 Fisheries Service. And I think that's where the tribes  
49 consult regarding anything to do with the North Pacific  
50 Fisheries, and I think that's where we need to write a

12 letter, even to the appointment of the two tribal  
13 council members to North Pacific. I saw a chart one  
14 time that that's how the authorities were written,  
15 Department of Commerce, NOAA, and then NMFS and the  
16 North Pacific, or it's a written bill by Magnuson-  
17 Stevens Act and that's how it was created. But I think  
18 we need to write a letter to the National Marines  
19 Fisheries Service and that's who the tribes consult  
20 with and I think it's delegated down to them from the  
21 Department of Commerce. That's what I saw.

17 CHAIRMAN ONEY: And that's your motion.

18 MR. LANDLORD: To amend the motion.

19 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yes, since you  
20 mentioned about those two Council seats, or are you  
21 just commenting?

22 MR. LANDLORD: Who appoints the two  
23 tribal council members to North Pacific?

24 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Good question. Eva,  
anyone out there that could respond.

MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
25 Council. So my understanding is that the North Pacific  
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1 Management Council would need to make a change to their  
2 appointment process. And I don't have the information  
3 in front of me right here about which of the seats on  
4 that Council are currently appointed but it would  
5 require a change to the membership of the Council and a  
6 change to the process by which they appoint those  
7 Council members.

8 MR. NANENG: Mr. Chairman, this is  
9 Myron.

10 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Myron, go ahead.

11 MR. NANENG: Yeah, I think the  
12 legislation, the Magnuson-Stevens Act has to be changed  
13 in order to get Native representation of subsistence  
14 representation on the North Pacific Fisheries  
15 Management Council. Right now there's -- the Council  
16 members are appointed, I think, by different states. I  
17 don't know how many the State of Washington has, and  
18 Oregon has and Alaska has some members on it that are  
19 appointed by the Secretary of the Department of  
20 Commerce who oversees the Magnuson-Stevens Act. But in  
21 order to add names of Alaska Natives on the North  
22 Pacific Fisheries Management Council there has to be an

14 amendment. That's currently being pursued in, I  
believe, the U.S. Senate, in Congress, to add inclusion  
to that.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Myron, for  
16 that clarification. I think we're just going to make  
recommendation. I think from this Council or just from  
17 our region, the YK region.

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MR. NANENG: Yeah, I agree. There  
20 definitely needs to be. Mr. Chair, I'd also like to  
add regarding your comments about finding some links  
21 between Area M and the Yukon and the Kuskokwim Rivers.  
Back when Harold Sparks was around there was a tagging  
22 study that was done in the mid '80s, early '70s, around  
that timeframe. Some fish tags were found on chums  
23 that were on the Yukon as well as here on the Kuskokwim  
and some of the coastal villages along the route. And  
24 the Fish and Game, Board of Fisheries said that was not  
conclusive enough for them to make any decisions to  
25 reduce commercial fisheries in Area M. But I think

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1 that we definitely do need to find a way to establish a  
link between those two fisheries and its impact on the  
2 YK Delta and subsistence chum salmon fisheries.

3 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Myron.

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participants not muted)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: If I could make a  
6 request one more time to mute your phone. If you could  
press star six, we can still hear music in the  
7 background so if you could please press star six to  
mute your phone if you're not speaking. And if you're  
8 going to speak please press star six again.

9 Thank you.

10 REPORTER: Thank you, Ray.

11 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Ray.

12 CHAIRMAN ONEY: And if I could follow  
up with Myron's comment. I know I would like to include  
13 also a letter from the Delta Discovery that was  
published September 22 to the Commissioner from Steven  
14 Alexie, I'd like to include that in the record for our  
comments to the Area M issue. I think the more comments  
15 or support we could get regarding Area M I think will  
only make it stronger. And I could text that to you,  
16 Eva. I think I did this morning to see if I could  
include that in the report. And I think it will go  
17 with what we're trying to do as far as trying to give

18 subsistence priority to rural villages.

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19 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Ray. And I  
20 can't quite read the text but I still get the Delta  
21 Discovery and so I'll go back. Which date was that?

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21 CHAIRMAN ONEY: September 22, last  
22 month. And it was a letter to the editor by Steven  
23 Alexie.

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23 MS. PATTON: Okay. And could you just  
24 briefly, for the rest of the Council, just a quick  
25 summary of the key points that you wanted to include so  
26 we have that on the record.

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1 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, in order to make  
2 Title VIII stronger, I think we need to include what's  
3 affecting our ability to catch salmon on the Yukon and,  
4 yet, we have other organizations, fisheries, agencies  
5 that are outside of our area that we don't know what's  
6 going on with them. But we rely on the salmon. As you  
7 know the salmon comes in cycles and we're part of that  
8 cycle. We are part of that cycle even though we're in  
9 the village, because we've relied on that resource  
10 since time immemorial, and I think we need to continue  
11 that lifestyle for our people on the rivers. And also  
12 even if it means to, you know, ask Fish and Game from  
13 both Yukon and Kuskokwim to provide data, information  
14 to that area that are catching salmon in that area, to  
15 see if there's any data that they could find to see if  
16 they're destined for tributaries both on the Yukon,  
17 Kuskokwim and Bering Sea.

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10 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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11 CHAIRMAN ONEY: And also I would like  
12 to get clarification maybe from Phillip Peter because  
13 mentioned to appoint two seats to the North Pacific  
14 Fisheries Management Council and I don't know if he's  
15 requesting it from the Board or the YK area.

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(No comments)

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Maybe, Sophie, if you  
could ask Peter.

MS. EVAN: Okay, I will.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you.

MS. EVAN: (In Yup'ik)

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you.  
20 Hopefully he'll come back on. Yeah, I wasn't clear on  
how he wanted those two seats filled.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
22 Yeah, and we can, you know, have a motion on the record  
for those two letters and then, again, we can revisit  
23 some of the details throughout the meeting if there's  
more clarification or details the Council would like to  
24 add.

25 Maybe we can just recap. I know we  
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1 were on a vote and I've got all the notes of all the  
discussion here. So a vote was for a letter to submit  
2 to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and  
bring to the attention of the Federal Subsistence  
3 Board, the Bering Sea bycatch issue, and concern for  
subsistence priority in the Federal managed waters and  
4 request to the Board to elevate those concerns to the  
Secretary of the Interior and on to Commerce. And just  
5 to reiterate, my understanding, Mr. Chair, was that you  
wanted to reach out to the other Western Alaska  
6 Regional Advisory Councils to invite them to also join  
in on the comment letter.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yes.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you. And I don't  
9 know if it was going to be in a separate motion or  
included in the motion on the letters, a letter to the  
10 Board of Fish and Area M, False Pass biologists and  
managers expressing concern about chums and chinook  
11 harvest and I understanding the Council was also asking  
for current data to be provided.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yes. I don't know what  
13 kind of process the Area M is using in order to collect  
what type of fish they're catching. Here on the Yukon  
14 and I'm sure on the Kuskokwim they collect data such as  
scale samples, egg samples, earlobe samples, stuff like  
15 that, that the scientists, biologists need to know in  
order to identify where those species of fish may be  
16 going to spawn. So I think in order for us to get that  
data, I guess Fish and Game needs to work with that  
17 Area M in order to share that so that we know if  
there's any of those resources, salmon, that are  
18 destined for tributaries, both on the Kuskokwim and  
Yukon.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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21 CHAIRMAN ONEY: And I would request  
22 that in a motion if that's not included in the letter,  
23 to write a letter to Fish and Game to let them know  
24 about the data and to work with Area M to include data,  
so we could find out where the fish are going, if any  
of them are destined for our tributaries.

MS. PATTON: Okay, thank you, Mr.  
Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Do I hear a second.

2 MS. PATTON: And.....

3 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Maybe for the record,  
4 if Tina, someone could reiterate the motion so everyone  
is clear on the vote.

5 REPORTER: Go ahead, Eva.

6 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
7 Council. So the Council is making a single motion to  
8 submit two separate letters. One letter is addressed  
9 to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and  
10 to the Federal Subsistence Board addressing concerns  
11 about Bering Sea bycatch and Federal Subsistence  
12 priority, the challenges of actualizing a Federal  
13 subsistence priority in the Yukon, Kuskokwim and other  
14 Western Alaska rivers. And to elevate these concerns  
15 to the Secretary of Interior and Agriculture. That  
16 letter will also request subsistence representative  
17 seats, or tribal seats on the North Pacific Fisheries  
18 Management Council. And the Council is also seeking to  
19 reach out right away to the other Western Alaska  
20 Councils to invite them to also join them on letters on  
21 this issue.

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15 And the second letter the Council's  
16 requesting to submit to both the Board of Fisheries,  
17 the Alaska Board of Fisheries and to ADF&G Area M  
18 biologists and managers expressing their concern about  
19 the harvest of chum and chinook salmon that may be  
20 destined for the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers and asking  
21 for data and information about monitoring of the  
22 genetics and other information about chum and chinook  
23 salmon harvested in the commercial fishery of the False  
24 Pass, Area M area.

20 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva.

21 MS. PATTON: Mr. Chair, and Council,  
22 did I cover everything there?

23 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yes, I believe  
24 everything was covered.

MS. PATTON: Okay, thank you. And then  
for the record then to, you know, confirm the Council's

25 intent, if we have a vote on that motion for those two  
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1 letters to address Bering Sea fisheries and Area M  
management.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Eva.  
3 I believe there was a motion by Alissa to include those  
two letters to North Pacific Fisheries Management  
4 Council and.....

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participants not muted)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: .....the motion needed  
7 to include data sharing by Fish and Game to work with  
Area M. I believe we are ready to vote on this.

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MR. SLATS: Mr. Chairman, before we  
9 vote.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead, Richard.

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MR. SLATS: This is Richard. I don't  
12 know if everybody received this in their meeting  
packets but there are fliers that, I don't know if mine  
was -- but I'm looking at a flier about North Pacific  
13 Fisheries Management Council that has 15 Council  
members. 11 are voting, four are not voting. The non-  
14 voting members are Pacific State Marine Fishery  
Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S.  
15 Department of States, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The  
voting members are seven appointed seats, five from  
16 Alaska and two from Washington. And it's like -- like  
they, the North Pacific Management Council has like an  
17 advisory panel, scientific and statistical committee  
planning teams. They have a big staff and they have  
18 committees, one of which I sit on. But I just wanted  
to point out before we, you know, like while we're in  
19 the process of writing this letter that the North  
Pacific Fisheries Management Council has five meetings  
20 a year, three in Anchorage, one in an Alaska fishing  
community, one in Seattle or Portland. And these  
21 meetings last approximately eight days this says. And  
their industries are trawl, longline, jig, pod dredging  
22 fishermen, catcher vessels and catcher processors. So  
it's really more of a big boat, big fishing. And a lot  
23 of that, you know, mostly out in the Bering Sea. But  
they do have a meeting process and when they vote,  
24 people -- or I mean the resources they have  
jurisdiction over do not include salmon, they only  
25 include Aleutian Island crabs, scallops, salmon and  
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1 halibut for allocations only. So bycatch fish they  
weren't catching for in those trawlers but they're

2 throwing overboard from these big -- from these  
3 fisheries. So that's why I like the idea -- Myron's  
4 idea of testifying in person as the Council so, you  
5 know, in the future I think as Council, I think we  
6 should plan on attending their future meetings. When  
7 they are not doing their meetings -- I know they are  
8 not doing their meetings in person, but they do their  
9 meetings online and you can register -- we should  
10 register to be heard and have a chance to testify  
11 online.

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8 So I just wanted to point those out.  
9 And the tribes need to be involved, more involved, and  
10 we should also be getting ourselves involved with their  
11 process.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Richard.  
14 Thank you for that information.

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13 (Teleconference interference -  
14 participants not muted)

15 CHAIRMAN ONEY: We still have people  
16 that still need to mute their phones, star six. I  
17 still hear background noise. So if you could take time  
18 to press star six, appreciate it. Thank you.

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17 And we're still in the discussion mode  
18 at this time to take this vote.

19 MR. NANENG: I call for question on the  
20 motion.

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21 CHAIRMAN ONEY: An you state your name.  
22 Myron, was that you?

23 MR. NANENG: This is Myron. I'm ready  
24 to vote.

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25 REPORTER: Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you. I  
27 didn't recognize your name earlier, I thought it was  
28 you. Okay, a question by Myron, he asked for the  
29 question and call for the vote.

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1 So at this time I am asking for a vote  
2 to -- I'll let Eva go ahead and comment on the vote  
3 that we're going to be doing for clarification. Eva.

4 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
5 Council. So the Council was making a motion to submit  
6 two letters. The first of which is to the North  
7 Pacific Fisheries Management Council and to the Federal  
8 Subsistence Board addressing the concerns of meeting a

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6 subsistence priority on Federal waters of the Yukon and  
7 Kuskokwim, and concerns about Bering Sea bycatch of  
8 both chinook and chum salmon and asking the Federal  
9 Subsistence Board to elevate these concerns through the  
10 Secretary of Interior and Commerce. And the Council is  
11 also wishing to reach out to the other Western Alaska  
12 Regional Advisory Councils to invite them to join in on  
13 a joint letter. That's the first letter.

14 And a second letter to be addressed to  
15 the Board of Fish and to Alaska Department of Fish and  
16 Game, fisheries biologists and managers addressing  
17 concerns about Area M, False Pass commercial fisheries  
18 and whether Yukon and Kuskokwim salmon are being caught  
19 in those fisheries. Specifically requesting  
20 information and data sharing genetic stocks and other  
21 monitoring of chinook and chum salmon caught in those  
22 fisheries. And my apologies I forgot the North Pacific  
23 Fisheries Management Council. There's also a request  
24 to add two subsistence or tribal seats to the make up  
of the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva, for the  
clarification. At this time we could go ahead and  
vote. All those in favor of the motion that was  
clarified by Eva say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Opposed, same sign.

(No opposing votes)

CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none, motion  
carries. Thank you. Eva, moving on.

MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
Council. And I would just like to quickly follow up

thank you, Richard for sharing the information on the  
North Pacific Fisheries Management Council. Indeed  
there is a full color flier handout about the North  
Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the process in  
your supplemental materials that came with your meeting  
books. And for everyone who's online, this information  
is also posted on the website with the same link to the  
YK Delta RAC meeting materials. And Richard is  
correct, there is an opportunity for both the public  
and the Council to participate in the North Pacific  
Fisheries Management Council meetings. In the past we  
have -- the Council has -- when the meetings were in  
person there were opportunities in the past to have a  
representative from the Council address the North  
Pacific Fisheries Management Council. As you noted

9 these meetings are online, and that is actually  
10 overlapping with our RAC meeting this week. And Myron  
11 was kind of helping coordinate if people wanted to  
12 comment at that meeting since there's an overlap. And  
13 it sounds like Mary was helping coordinate, that still  
14 might be happening this afternoon for opportunity to  
15 comment. Additionally, the Council -- this Council and  
16 many other of the Councils, the Subsistence Regional  
17 Advisory Councils have drafted letters to the North  
18 Pacific Fisheries Management Council over the years and  
19 as noted have elevated these concerns to the Board and  
20 Secretary of the Interior in the past as well. And  
21 Richard currently serves on -- there's a traditional  
22 knowledge task force that was created to have some  
23 avenue for rural and tribal members to make  
24 recommendations. And we will be having an opportunity  
25 about every other meeting or every other cycle, we do  
26 have a full report from the North Pacific Fisheries  
27 Management Council to this RAC. We last heard from  
28 them at your spring meeting. And at the Council's  
29 request they are invited to the winter meeting so  
30 there'll be another opportunity to address their Staff  
31 and biologists directly at the winter RAC meeting.

20 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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22 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Eva. Yeah,  
23 so we could keep an eye out for when the North Pacific  
24 Fisheries Management Council has their winter meeting  
25 so we could consider if we want to send a Council  
26 member to their meeting. I know in the past I know I  
27 attended, I think, two or three North Pacific Fisheries  
28 Management Council, I think one in Kodiak and one in  
29 Nome and those were the only ones that I attended since  
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1 I've been on the YKRAC. And I've attended -- there  
2 used to be a commercial fisheries council on this RAC  
3 but it kind of diminished or kind of faded away over  
4 the last four or five years so I don't know what's  
5 going on with that. So I attended those meetings on  
6 behalf of YKRAC. So we could go ahead and keep our  
7 ears open as to when North Pacific Fisheries Management  
8 Council will have their meetings, and if we can then we  
9 should at least send someone to that meeting. So keep  
10 our ears open and make that request to the Council, if  
11 anyone wants to go testify on behalf of the YKRAC.

7 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, Alissa.

8 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Alissa, go ahead.

9 MS. ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I so  
10 move to make a motion to have you as our YKRAC  
11 representative to the North Pacific Fisheries

Management Council meeting. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Alissa.

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There's a motion on the floor by Alissa to have the Chairman attend the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council if we can. Is there a second.

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MR. PARKS: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Go ahead.

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MR. PARKS: Henry Parks. Just in case, if you cannot attend, if you have an alternate, and if so I would -- second -- for this meeting to be Myron Naneng.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. There's a motion by Alissa to send the Chairman to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council and a second by Henry Parks and he's requesting if I can't make it then to request the Vice Chair to attend.

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MS. ROGERS: Question.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: The question's been called by Alissa. All those in favor of the motion say aye.

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IN UNISON: Aye.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Opposed, same sign.

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(No opposing votes)

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Hearing none, motion carries. Thank you.

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MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Council members. And, Mr. Chair.....

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MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair.

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MS. PATTON: Oh, go ahead, Alissa.

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MS. ROGERS: Sorry, Eva, thank you.

Are we still on the annual report or topics of issues for the annual report because I have a few to add if it's okay with you, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you, Alissa. I believe we -- Eva, I think we can include other concerns in the letter also.

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MS. PATTON: Yes, of course, Mr. Chair. And, yeah, this is a good time to bring up annual report topics, so this would be in the actual report to the Board. Now is a good time and then again we'll revisit again later in the meeting but if you have

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15 issues that are ready, Alissa, that would be great.

16 Thank you.

17 MS. ROGERS: Thank you. Through the  
Chair. So I have seven topics right now that I would  
18 like to add to our letter.

19 The first topic is going to be Donlin  
Gold has a huge impact on subsistence as they're  
20 threatening our subsistence resources, the health of  
our subsistence resources, which, in turn can make us  
21 sick and decline our health as (In Yup'ik).

22 The second topic is we need more  
whitefish research done. With the decline of whitefish  
23 this year it is concerning to me. And since whitefish  
is one of our fallback on species to keep us going  
24 through the winter we need to get some research done on  
those and see how bad of an impact we are impacting our  
25 whitefish.

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1 I also -- my third topic is going to be  
red salmon research. I want to know the abundance  
2 issues, if it can be detrimental to other salmon in  
spawning grounds or if it's going to create  
3 environmental issues. Because we can only hold so much  
capacity in our tributaries. I would like to see some  
4 type of information so that we can better address the  
red salmon.

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The fourth topic would be the Donut  
6 Hole. The Donut Hole is right over the adult chinook  
salmon adult rearing in the Bering Sea for eight to 12  
7 year old chinook salmon, which we have not seen in  
years. The Donut Hole is known to be an illegal  
8 unreported and unregulated fishery. This location is  
known throughout history to be one of the main causes  
9 of fishery collapses and crashes in all of North  
American fisheries history. I would like to put a  
10 letter to the Federal Subsistence Board, to the  
Secretary of Interior, the Secretary of Commerce,  
11 Alaska Legislators, the U.S. Agriculture, U.S. Congress  
representatives to look to the history of the fishermen  
12 from the Yukon that had met with the Japanese delegates  
in order to make a treaty which allowing the fishery to  
13 rebuild stocks and become plentiful again, where  
commercial fishing was reopened when the stocks  
14 returned.

15 One, two, three, four, the fifth topic  
is the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, to  
16 lower the chinook and chum bycatch numbers to 16,000.  
Due to the decline of the returning chinook numbers and  
17 not meeting minimum subsistence harvest needs, the  
starving people to make escapement numbers is not

18 justified as meeting goals. A decline of our  
19 subsistence over the past 50 [sic] to 20 [sic] years  
20 has decreased by such a huge percentage that this is a  
21 declaration of governmental starvation to meet  
22 conservation needs.

23 One, two, three, four, five, number 6.  
24 A request that the Mulchatna Caribou Herd continue to  
25 be closed until populations reach 30,000. That all  
0109 Mulchatna caribou, regardless of the units, all remain  
1 closed. If one location has to be closed, all  
2 locations have to be closed for harvest of Mulchatna  
3 caribou.

4 One, two, three, four, five, six,  
5 number 7. Snowy owl concerns of low abundance have  
6 reached the ears of the Yukon/Kuskokwim people. We  
7 need to find out and we are requesting research on the  
8 population project -- a population project to find out  
9 how the populations are being affected and if they are  
10 truly low or they're changing their migration route.  
11 If the populations are low, that we, the YK Delta RAC  
12 request an immediate closure on hunting any snowy owls  
13 and enforce these restrictions to protect whatever  
14 remaining snow owls we have left.

15 That's all I have, Mr. Chair, thank  
16 you.

17 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Thank you, Alissa.  
18 There's a request by Alissa to include seven items to  
19 the annual report. The first one being Donlin Gold  
20 impacts on subsistence salmon. Two, whitefish  
21 research. As you know Fish and Game has been letting  
22 us fish throughout the summer because trying to avoid  
23 catching salmon. The third one is red salmon research.  
24 And four, the Donut Hole, to follow up with letters to  
25 the agencies. Five, a letter to North Pacific  
26 Fisheries Management Council to lower chinook salmon  
27 bycatch by -- was that 16,000?

28 MS. ROGERS: You are correct. Yes, you  
29 are correct.

30 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Yeah, thank you. Thank  
31 you, Alissa. To 16,000. And six, the Mulchatna  
32 Caribou Herd to keep the Mulchatna Caribou Herd at  
33 30,000. And to ask for immediate closure to snowy  
34 owls. Correct me if I missed anything?

35 MS. ROGERS: No, you got it all.

36 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Do I hear a second.  
37 Okay, thank you. Is there a second.

21 (No comments)  
22 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Do I hear a second to  
the addition.  
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24 (Teleconference interference -  
participants not muted)  
25 CHAIRMAN ONEY: I'm waiting for a  
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1 second to Alissa's motion to include seven items to  
include in the annual report. Is there a second to  
2 Alissa's motion.  
3 MR. ALSTROM: Mr. Chair, Thomas  
Alstrom, I'll second it.  
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5 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay. The motion is  
seconded by Thomas Alstrom from Alakanuk. All those in  
favor of the items that were mentioned earlier please  
6 say aye.  
7 MR. NANENG: Mr. Chairman.  
8 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Myron, go ahead.  
9 MR. NANENG: Yeah, I have to disclose  
10 that I'm on the Board of Calista Corporation so I'll  
have to declare a conflict of interest on Item No. 1  
and I'll have to abstain from that item.  
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12 CHAIRMAN ONEY: Okay, thank you, Myron,  
so noted. I think -- I don't know what the process is  
but I think -- I don't know maybe we need clarification  
13 on it. Eva.  
14 MS. PATTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair and  
Council members.  
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16 (Teleconference interference -  
participants not muted)  
17 MS. PATTON: And the Council.....  
18 MS. ROGERS: Mr. Chair, Alissa.  
19 (No comments)  
20 (Teleconference interference -  
participants not muted)  
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22 REPORTER: So if people could take a  
look at their device and see if they're muted. It'd be  
greatly appreciated. Unless you're the one speaking  
23 right now, please mute your phone so we can hear who's  
speaking currently.  
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25 And I'm not sure, did we lose Ray and  
Eva?  
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1 (No comments)  
2 MS. LAVINE: Mr. Chair, this is Robbin.

3 (No comments)

4 MS. ROGERS: I think.....

5 MS. LAVINE: Members of the Council  
this is Robbin LaVine.

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7 REPORTER: Go ahead, Robbin, Eva was  
dropped.

8 MS. ROGERS: I think our phones are  
shutting off and we're all going to be end up hanging  
9 up and then calling back in because we're at that time  
limit. Mine's about to go off in like five seconds so  
10 I got to get going. I'll dial back in though.

11 MR. PETER: Hello, Alissa. Hello.

12 MS. EVAN: (In Yup'ik)

13 MR. PETER: Okay, yeah, quyana.

Quyana.

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15 MS. LAVINE: Hello, Tina, and remaining  
Board members, this is Robbin LaVine, Subsistence  
Policy Coordinator with the Office of Subsistence  
16 Management. A number of our Staff, and it appears a  
number of our Council members have been dropped. If  
17 there is anyone remaining, would you like to take a 10  
minute break and adjourn at -- and reconvene at 4:25.

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MR. PETER: Yes, thank you.

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20 MS. LAVINE: Thank you. I'll remain on  
and let people know that we are reconvening at 4:25.

21 MR. NANENG: Yeah, this is Myron, I  
agree.

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23 REPORTER: Okay, Robbin, this is Tina,  
I'll just be on standby.

24 MS. LAVINE: Thank you. And I am  
noting that some of our Council members and some of our  
25 Staff have been dropped and they can't get back on even

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1 though they are using the same information that they  
used to get on prior. And it says the call cannot be  
2 completed.

3 REPORTER: All right.

4 MS. LAVINE: So let's hold on, Tina,  
let's see if anything evolves.

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REPORTER: Okay, I'll standby.

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(On record)

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9 MS. LAVINE: This is the time when we  
10 said we would reconvene. I want to take an assessment  
11 of who is online. And I want to start first with  
12 Council members. I'd like to find out if there are any  
13 Council members remaining online.

14 (No comments)

15 MS. LAVINE: If you are a Council  
16 member for the YK Delta, please speak up.

17 (No comments)

18 MS. LAVINE: And remember you may need  
19 to press star six to unmute yourself.

20 (No comments)

21 MS. LAVINE: One more time, if you are  
22 a Council member for the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Regional  
23 Advisory Council, please speak up and say your name.

24 (No comments)

25 MS. LAVINE: So it looks like we have  
0113 no Council members online. Do we have any OSM Staff.

1 (No comments)

2 MS. LAVINE: Any.....

3 MR. LIND: Hi, Robbin. I can barely  
4 hear you but I'm on.

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7 MS. LAVINE: Hello, Orville. So you  
8 can barely hear me, I hear you well. Is there anyone  
9 else from the Office.....

10 MR. GRAHAM: Hi Robbin.

11 MS. LAVINE: .....of Subsistence  
12 Management? Yep.

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14 MR. GRAHAM: This is Cory with OSM and  
15 you're coming in loud and clear for me.

16 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Cory.

17 MS. KLEIN: Robbin, this is Jill with  
18 Fish and Wildlife, can you hear me?

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20 MS. LAVINE: Yes, I can Jill. Hello.

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22 MS. KLEIN: Hi. Okay, I can hear you  
23 too. So I just was going to chime in if no one else  
24 had said this already. But the testimony at the  
25 Council did just start and so like Mary Peltola's  
testifying right now so folks that may have been  
participating in this RAC meeting my have transitioned

14 over to that if they did have access for their phone  
15 lines.

16 MS. LAVINE: Okay, thank you. If  
17 you'll pause for just one moment I am going to make one  
18 check. Again, primarily because I imagine there are  
19 some agency folks. I did hear that Ben Mulligan is  
20 online, Jill you are online and I know that our Council  
21 Coordinator, Eva, is not online, and our Council  
22 members are not online so we may need to recess until  
23 we have a quorum and that may best happen tomorrow  
24 morning at 9:00 a.m.

25 If you'll hold for just a moment I'm  
26 going to confer with other OSM Staff and I'll be back  
27 in about two minutes at 4:30, all right. Tina, are you  
28 there?

29 REPORTER: I am here, I'll wait, yes.

30 MS. LAVINE: Okay. Please hold,  
31 thanks.

32 (Pause)

0114 MS. LAVINE: Hello, Tina, this is  
1 Robbin.

2 REPORTER: Okay. Yes.

3 MS. LAVINE: Yes, so we will recess  
4 until we have a quorum and we will begin again tomorrow  
5 morning at 9:00 a.m. I will send out contacts for  
6 those of you who are listening online, Jill, Ben, OSM  
7 Staff and others, please reach out to the people you  
8 know who are participating in this meeting and let them  
9 know that we will post a notification on our website  
10 and that we intend to reconvene tomorrow morning at  
11 9:00 a.m.

12 Okay.

13 MR. LIND: Thank you, Robbin. Thank  
14 you, Tina.

15 MS. LAVINE: Yep. All right.

16 REPORTER: Okay, Robbin, I'm going to  
17 go ahead and cut this line as soon as you tell me to.  
18 I don't want to cut it too soon if you want to make  
19 another announcement.

20 MS. LAVINE: Okay. I can make one more  
21 announcement. For anyone listening online, anyone  
22 who's left, due to a lack of quorum, not only a lack of  
23 quorum, due to a lack of Council members, we are

17 adjourning for the day and we will reconvening, or we  
18 are recessing for the day and we will reconvene the  
19 meeting tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. Thank you all  
20 and we'll talk to you hopefully tomorrow.

21 Thank you, Tina.

22 REPORTER: Yep, okay, thank you, Robbin.

23 MS. LAVINE: Bye.

24 REPORTER: Bye.

25 (Off record)

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