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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right I think that we've got a few people that still haven't arrived. Charlie is still not in and I'm still not sure if Gordon Jackson is going to make it or not. He may be on the 9:00 o'clock airplane that gets in about 9:15. But we'll call the meeting to order. By tradition we start the meeting with a moment of silence so we'll do that.

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(Moment of Silence)

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. The next item of business is to seat new members and I believe that we only have -- Edgar Hoelscher have you been seated before? He has? Okay. In the spring. And so I think that the only one that hasn't officially been seated on the Council is Mike Smith. Mike, I guess you don't have a letter from Tanana Chiefs yet.

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MR. SMITH: No, I wasn't aware that I needed one.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: And I think that -- we've talked and we know that you're going to be the official representative, so we'll let you participate fully in the meeting but you need to probably talk to Fred and have -- it can just be one or two sentences thing, but for our records and for the official membership you need to probably have the president of TCC write a note to Fred.

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MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman?

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yes sir.

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MR. ANDERSEN: I move that we seat Mike Smith as the representative from Tanana Chiefs.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Do we have a second?

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MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Is there any objections to seating Mike Smith on the Council to represent the Tanana Chiefs Conference?

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(No opposing votes)

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
2 will be the action of the Council.

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4 Thank you.

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6 A couple of housekeeping items before we
7 start. Most of you remember this, but all of the
8 proceedings are recorded and transcribed. In order to be
9 recorded, you need to make sure that the red light is on.
10 And you push the button where it says mike on/off. So be
11 sure that when you speak, you need press your button and
12 have a red button on. The meeting will be a little bit
13 more formal today. Only Council members will be allowed
14 to speak unless there is a specific question or comment
15 that people raise their hand and they're recognized. If
16 we do that, you need to come up to this table and key the
17 mike so that your comments are also recorded. Because it
18 doesn't pick up the people talking out in the room. One
19 last housekeeping item. Since we had to change rooms,
20 the coffee and donuts are now not part of the deal and
21 poor Fred, got stuck. I can see that there is
22 overwhelming sympathy, but for helping him out
23 financially if everybody would kick in a buck or two --
24 and he's not the one that asked me to do this. But I
25 know that it's not part of his job description to buy you
26 guys all donuts. So if everybody would kick in a dollar
27 or two I think that will make Fred whole again.

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29 Next item of business is to have a roll
30 call to establish a quorum and Ralph will do that for us.

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32 MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
33 Edgar Hoelscher.

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35 MR. HOELSCHER: Here.

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37 MR. ANDERSEN: Ralph Anderson, that's me,
38 I'm here. Gary Kompkoff.

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40 MR. KOMPKOFF: Here.

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42 MR. ANDERSEN: Gloria Stickwan. Gloria
43 is absent. Austin Ahmasuk.

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45 MR. AHMASUK: Here.

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47 MR. ANDERSEN: Gordon Jackson. Gordon is
48 not here. Stanley Mack. Stanley is not here. Herman
49 Squartsoff.

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1 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Here.
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3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mike is here for
4 Stanley Mike.
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6 MR. ANDERSEN: Who is?
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8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Mike.
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10 MR. ANDERSEN: No, Mike is from Tanana
11 Chiefs. Oh Ben.
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13 MR. GOLODOFF: I'm Ben Golodoff.
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15 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ben Golodoff, I
16 believe, represents the Aleutian Pribilof.
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18 MR. ANDERSEN: Okay. Ben Golodoff.
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20 MR. GOLODOFF: Here.
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22 MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you. Herman
23 Squartsoff.
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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Here.
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27 MR. ANDERSEN: Enoch Shiedt, Sr.
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29 MR. SHIEDT: Here.
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31 MR. ANDERSEN: Charles D.N. Brower. I
32 just spoke with Charlie and he's on his way. Michael
33 Smith.
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35 MR. SMITH: Here.
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37 MR. ANDERSEN: Wayne Regelin.
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39 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Here.
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41 MR. ANDERSEN: Doug Alcorn.
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43 MR. ALCORN: Here.
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45 MR. ANDERSEN: A quorum is present Mr.
46 Chairman.
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48 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Ralph. I
49 believe that we have a quorum so that we can conduct
50 business and what I'll just do is as members arrive I'll

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1 enter into the record that they've arrived.

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3 The next item of business is
4 introductions and I think that we'll go around the room.
5 We did this yesterday and most of us were here but
6 there's new faces and names and I'm starting to kind of
7 catch up but still people that I haven't got the names
8 and faces all figured out for sure yet. We'll go around
9 the table and say our names and where you're from or what
10 group you're with. I'll start. I'm Wayne Regelin and
11 I'm with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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13 MR. ARMSTRONG: Fred Armstrong. I'm the
14 Executive Director for the Council.

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16 MR. KOMPKOFF: Gary Kompkoff. (In
17 Native)

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19 MR. SMITH: Mike Smith. Tanana Chiefs
20 Conference.

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22 MR. GOLODOFF: Benjamin Golodoff,
23 Aleutian Pribilof Islands.

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25 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Herman Squartsoff,
26 Tanana and also the rep for the Council on the Flyaways
27 and the SRC Council.

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29 MR. BROWER: Good morning. Charlie
30 Brower, North Slope Borough.

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32 MR. HOELSCHER: Edgar Hoelscher, AVCP,
33 WCC.

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35 MR. ANDERSEN: Ralph Andersen, Bristol
36 Bay Native Association.

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38 MR. ALCORN: I'm Doug Alcorn with the
39 Fish and Wildlife Service.

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41 (Off record)

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43 (On record)

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45 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Thank you
46 everyone. Are there any additions to the agenda. As we
47 take a look at the agenda we'll go through this in the
48 order that it's listed there on the agenda. Are there
49 any additional subjects that anybody would like to add to
50 the agenda.

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1 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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3 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yes sir.

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5 MR. ANDERSEN: At the workshop yesterday,
6 I guess I just need clarification. At the workshop
7 yesterday, did we agree to discuss guidance for the
8 Technical Review Committee and will that be covered under
9 the Technical Committee report section?

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11 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: It's up to us how we
12 want to do that. We have a report on the technical
13 committee -- we can have a brief report because we did
14 some of that yesterday, and we can talk about guidance
15 that we would like to provide to them at that time or we
16 can put it at the end of the meeting, whichever the
17 Council members feel would be the most productive time to
18 do that. So, I'm open to either one but we do need to
19 make sure that we do that. Is there any preference of
20 doing that early on in the meeting under item number
21 three? Or would you prefer to do it later in the day?

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair, I prefer.....

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25 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: That makes no
26 difference to me. That's fine. We'll just do that at
27 that time when we get to that. Any other suggestions or
28 additions people would like to make? All right, hearing
29 none then we'll follow this agenda then and if something
30 comes up we can talk about it. We have to run the
31 meeting a little more formal since it's recorded and we
32 want to but I got really nervous when they handed out
33 everybody the Roberts Rules of Orders. I want everybody
34 to put it in their briefcase and forget they have it and
35 remember if you get it out, I got a bigger one. We'll
36 try to do this basically with the rules, but we're
37 informal enough that we probably deviate from them and
38 somebody that really understood it, would drive them
39 crazy.

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41 Next item is approval of the minutes from
42 the May 14th meeting. That's under item tab number seven
43 in your white book. Excuse me, I didn't hear what you
44 said Charlie.

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46 MR. BROWER: So moved there, Mr. Chair.
47 Approve May 14th minutes.

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49 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Oh excuse me, we have
50 not approved the minutes of the March 28th meeting

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1 either. So let's do these in order Charlie if you would
2 withdraw your.....

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4 MR. BROWER: I withdraw my motion and
5 make a motion to approve March 28, 2002 meeting minutes.

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Second.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: We have a motion to
10 approve the minutes of the March 28th meeting and second.
11 Are there any changes or additions to the minutes as
12 written under tab seven? Are there any objections to
13 approving these minutes. Are there any objections.

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15 (No opposing votes)

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17 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
18 will be the action of the Council.

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20 Next we have the minutes of the meeting
21 from May 14th.

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23 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Also move Mr. Chair that
24 we adopt the minutes of the May 14th.

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26 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Second.

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28 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. We have a
29 motion to approve the minutes and a second.

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31 MR. BROWER: I have a question Mr.
32 Chairman,

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34 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Yes sir.

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36 MR. BROWER: Under your page three --
37 what was the idea of approving the YK Delta goose
38 management plan?

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40 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think that we had
41 quite a long discussion about that there had been a
42 tremendous amount of very good work done by the Goose
43 Management Plan and there was discussion about whether
44 the entire plan -- whether it was appropriate to make
45 that part of the regulations and we -- after discussing
46 that we decided that we -- it wasn't appropriate because
47 the plan is lengthy and has a lot of different items in
48 there that are good policies, but they're not necessarily
49 something that you would want to be a federal regulation.
50 So we passed a resolution acknowledging the benefits that

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1 it had and that's the memory I have. If other people
2 want to add to that we can.

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4 MR. BROWER: Well, isn't it a signatory
5 between the Waterfowl Association from Bethel versus
6 California for the white front goose on Pacific Flyaway?
7 That plan was for that purpose to my understanding.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well I think the
10 Waterfowl Management Plan has a lot more items in it than
11 that about protecting waterfowl and how they're going to
12 be managed and how they're going to work together. So
13 there's more to it than just one species of white fronted
14 goose. That's my understanding. Is that -- Edgar would
15 you like to speak.....

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17 MR. HOELSCHER: The GMP has the four
18 species in there. Not just one. There's the Black
19 Brandt, Emperor goose and the Canada tapping goose with
20 the white front.

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22 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Is there further
23 comment on that? Did that answer your question Charlie?

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25 MR. BROWER: Somewhat, thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Are there any
28 other additions or questions about the minutes of the
29 meeting of May 14th? Is there any objection to adoption
30 of the minutes as written?

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32 (No opposing votes)

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34 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
35 will be the action of the Council.

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37 The next step is listed on here as
38 election of officers. According to the bylaws we rotate
39 the chairman and the vice chairman and the third person
40 -- there's three official voting members on the Council,
41 a state representative, a Native representative and a
42 federal government representative and those three seat
43 rotate annually. So at the end of this meeting, we'll
44 rotate and Doug Alcorn will become the chairman. I will
45 become the secretary. And the Native representative will
46 become the vice-chairman. And I think that Ralph right
47 now is serving as the secretary and would you like to
48 have a short caucus of the Native representatives to.....

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50 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman I was going

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1 to request that.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN:okay. We'll stand down for as long as we take and the Native group can caucus and come back and tell us who you would like to serve as vice-chair. It sounds like there's a room next door that the Native members of the Council can go into. Well let's give everybody a chance to get a cup of Fred's coffee.

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11 (Off record)

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13 (On record)

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Call the meeting back to order. Would you give us a report Ralph on the caucus.

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MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The caucus agreed to appoint me as the vice-chair. We also took it a step further and appointed Charlie Brower from the North Slope and Mike Smith from the Tanana Chiefs Conference as the representatives to the Central Flyaway Council.

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MR. BROWER: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yes Charlie.

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MR. BROWER: I would nominate Ralph Andersen as the upcoming vice-chair of the AMBC.

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MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman I'd second that motion.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. We have a nomination for Ralph Andersen to serve as co-chairman of the Council for the next year. Is there any objection to that action?

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(No opposing votes)

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that will be the action of the Council. We should probably have a nomination on these two appointments to the Central Flyaway Council. Let's put it in motion and then we'll have a couple of questions. Put the motion on the table.

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MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yes Ralph.

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3 MR. ANDERSEN: I move that we appoint
4 Doug Alcorn as the chairman of the Council for next year.

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6 MR. SHIEDT: Second.

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8 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Doug Alcorn has been
9 nominated to be the chairman of the Co-management Council
10 for the next year. It's been seconded. Is there any
11 objection to Doug Alcorn being chair of the Council for
12 the next year?

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14 (No opposing votes)

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16 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
17 will be the action of the Council.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And I also would move to
20 appoint Wayne as the upcoming secretary for the next
21 fiscal year.

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23 MR. AHMASUK: Second.

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25 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Is there any
26 objections to me serving as secretary for the next cycle?

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
31 will be the action of the Council. I guess the only
32 thing I would say is that I may not be here next year.
33 I'm appointed by the Governor. We're going to have a new
34 governor in December so there may be a different person
35 sitting on the Council representing the state of Alaska.
36 That will be up to the new governor.

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38 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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40 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yes Ralph.

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42 MR. ANDERSEN: Would you object to
43 serving until if and when you are replaced?

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45 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: No I won't.

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47 MR. ANDERSEN: Yeah Mr. Chair, I guess it
48 would be at this time too I'd like to so move that we
49 appoint Charlie Brower and Mike Smith to the Central
50 Flyaway Council as representative.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: That was Mike Smith
2 and Charlie Brower to be Council representatives to the
3 Central Flyaway Council. Is there a second?

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5 MR. AHMASUK: Second.

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: A question I have.
8 Are we going to routinely -- is it necessary for us to
9 continue to go to the Central Flyaway Council for the
10 next year? I'm not sure who went -- you went Fred to the
11 last meeting but I'm not sure if anybody went with you to
12 the Central Flyaway Council. Is there business that we
13 need to make sure that we need to be continued to be
14 represented on that body?

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16 MR. ARMSTRONG: The principle purpose for
17 me attending the Central Flyaway was to give them --
18 provide an insight on the new Council and the
19 recommendations that had been adopted by the Council and
20 sent to the SRC and would give a briefing to them. There
21 may be some lingering concerns with some birds that go
22 through that region and they have an interest in our
23 Council.

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25 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Well I
26 would think that it's probably fine to have people ready
27 to go if necessary and we can keep an eye on what's going
28 on and what's on their agendas and if there's concerns
29 we'll make certain that we have somebody there to
30 represent it. Several people wanted to talk. First it's
31 Herman and then Doug.

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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah Mr. Chairman, in
34 our caucus we just had here, we felt that it would be
35 good to educate the Central Council also like we've been
36 doing with Pacific and SRC on who we are and what we do
37 and the Council and everything. So I think we need to do
38 that.

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40 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Go ahead Doug.

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42 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
43 It's just an observation, page four in the bylaws that we
44 have for the Council, we do have -- under Article 4 on
45 page four, an allowance for Flyaway representatives. It
46 doesn't specify for the Central flyaway, just for any
47 flyaway, so it's certainly within the realm of our bylaws
48 to be included.

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50 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Very good. I'm not

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1 objecting, I just wanted to make sure that -- and Russ
2 Oates may have been at the meeting and he had something
3 he wanted to say.

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5 OATES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just
6 wanted to mention to the Council that I think this is
7 probably a good move on their part to have
8 representatives to the Central Flyaway. One of the
9 issues which I think is on the agenda there is the
10 Mikatna white front issue and I don't think it's an issue
11 that's going to go away anytime soon. So I think it's
12 very valuable for the Council to have subsistence voices
13 strongly represented there.

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15 Thank you.

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17 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Russ. All
18 right, the motion before us is to have Mike Smith and
19 Charlie Brower represent the Council at the Central
20 Flyaway Council. Is there any objections to that action?
21 Any objection.

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23 (No opposing votes)

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25 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
26 will be the action of the Council.

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28 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chair do we have any idea
29 when that meeting is going to take place?

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: We're going to get
32 into the annual cycle here in a little while and we'll
33 have people that can walk us through because almost all
34 of the councils meet about the same time and we'll get
35 you a date at that time.

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37 Are there any other items to report back
38 from your caucus Ralph?

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40 MR. ANDERSEN: No.

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42 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. We're
43 right on schedule. The next thing at 9:30 was for an
44 opportunity for the public to comment. If anybody would
45 like to address the Council on any issue, they can come
46 to the table and speak to us. Is there anyone that would
47 like to speak? Sorry Gabe, you're so small I didn't see
48 you back there. Come on up and go ahead and introduce
49 yourself and tell us who you're representing and give us
50 your comments.

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1 MR. SAM: Thank you, Mr. Chair. My name
2 is Gobi Sam. I'm the subsistence advocate for RuralCAP.
3 First of all I would like to request to get on the
4 mailing list for this Council so that I could know when
5 your meetings are. I got notice of this meeting through
6 a friend on the e-mail. The e-mail said it was at the
7 Hampton and I went over to the Hampton yesterday and it
8 wasn't. And then I contacted some of the people to see
9 where it was at. A couple of months ago we had a summit
10 here in Anchorage. It was a statewide summit with -- we
11 brought in over 300 people from the rural communities and
12 other agencies, non-profit agencies to talk about what's
13 happening out there with the fish, wildlife and habitat.
14 And we had over 290 registered people that attended the
15 meeting. We have currently a draft document that we've
16 typed up of what was said at that meeting and we got a
17 lot of reports of migratory birds and we're finalizing
18 this draft and we would like to have it sent out to all
19 the agencies and we would like to have it sent to this
20 Council specifically. Some of the recommendations. Some
21 of you guys were there and heard all this public
22 testimony. It was a very unique summit in that, we
23 invited agencies to attend but not really play a big role
24 in what was -- to just basically dominate the meeting.
25 We wanted to hear reports from the Elders, Native
26 resource managers and the rural communities and just what
27 people are seeing that is happening with the resources.
28 And so -- I guess to make a long story short, we're
29 compromising a video, a six and one half hour video of
30 this conference that we would put on and we would like to
31 also distribute that to all the agencies. I think one of
32 the things that people see out there with the steel shots
33 that's being used, they're having a hard time getting
34 used to using them. A lot of the elders say they're
35 seeing wounded birds out there than they used to after
36 hunting season. And so, I guess I just wanted to come up
37 here and tell you guys that this draft will be out in
38 final copy soon and I'll just need to -- I got your
39 addresses and all from on the table over there and I'll
40 be distributing that out within a couple of weeks or so.
41 That's all I had to say.

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43 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Gabe. Are
44 there any questions for Gabe? Ralph.

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46 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, Gabe, thank
47 you for coming up. I haven't seen the report that you
48 have, but are there any specific regulatory proposals
49 that you see that you can identify based on your report?
50 Was there anything identified like at the conference?

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1 MR. SAM: It was more just kind of like a
2 general information from the elders of what they see is
3 happening out there. A lot of the birds that they see
4 are -- some of them are very skinny and they're wondering
5 why they're very skinny. Usually they arrive and they
6 are fat and they're not. And in the fall time, it seems
7 like they're not leaving -- a majority of the birds
8 aren't leaving as soon as they should be leaving and
9 there was just a lot of generalization about some of the
10 public testimony that we received from the people. I
11 think some of the Interior people are very wary of this
12 Council actually. They're not sure exactly what its
13 intentions are. They know that next year it's going to
14 be legally able to hunt migratory birds, but they're
15 still a bit wary. And documentation of the harvest --
16 harvest data collections. I think it's set up in a
17 positive manner for some of the villages that I've gone
18 to. The people that are collecting data are local people
19 and I think it provides a small boost in the economy for
20 local jobs. They want to see more young people get
21 involved with the management aspects of migratory birds.

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24 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Go ahead Ralph.

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26 MR. ANDERSEN: I have just one more
27 question. You just mentioned that the people in the
28 Interior are leery about the Council and I'd just be
29 anxious or interested to hear your suggestions on how we
30 overcome that.

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32 MR. SAM: Well, I'm not going to do
33 Mike's job that's for sure.

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35 MR. ANDERSEN: I'm not asking you to do
36 Mike's job. I'm asking you to tel me what you have in
37 mind.

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39 MR. SAM: The organization I work for is
40 a state-wide organization. And I've gone to a lot of
41 different places and heard a lot of different things
42 about subsistence and I just spent the last four days in
43 Cordova and what I hear down there about their
44 subsistence resources, fishing predominantly is their way
45 of life. Migratory birds serves as a -- I don't want to
46 say supplement, but as another food source that could be
47 utilized. The village I come from, Huslia, I was there
48 this fall and we were moose hunting and we haven't seen
49 very much migratory birds. Nobody knows the reason why
50 or what the causes were. Maybe it was too early. It was

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1 a late fall. The reason why my hand is shaking is I tore
2 a ligament in my shoulder hunting moose. I don't scare
3 very easily. But that's just what we heard.

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5 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Thank you,
6 Gabe. Other -- Mike.

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8 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,
9 Yeah, Gabe thanks for coming up and I wanted to commend
10 you on your summit. It was a very well done summit. In
11 regards to the issues in the Interior, one of the things
12 that I think this Council will probably be addressing --
13 one of the first main issues I think and certainly it
14 would be one that I'm interested in is the White Fronted
15 geese in the Interior. And if you stick around today we
16 have a telemetry study that we'll be discussing in
17 regards to those and that will provide us an opportunity
18 to have a much better understanding of what's happening
19 with those geese. Certainly it will be my intentions to
20 work on that issue. It was also one of the reasons that
21 I wanted to attend the Central Flyaway Council's
22 deliberations. So yeah, we certainly agree. I think
23 that the Council is going to look at that very closely
24 and probably one of the first things we look at in
25 regards to those type of issues. But thanks for coming
26 up Gabe.

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28 MR. SAM: You're welcome.

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30 MR. SMITH: And you're sure you don't
31 want to do my job? I mean, I could certainly use the
32 help.

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34 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Enoch.

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36 MR. SHIEDT: Yeah just to add. I was
37 there at the meeting and the elders were saying
38 vegetation is really growing out there and they are
39 getting worried where the birds are going to go. Grasses
40 are growing, Willows are growing. Trees are growing
41 where they never grew before. Lakes are getting smaller
42 and they're saying that. Especially from the Interior. I
43 was there and I got approached by a lot of Interior
44 elders, saying this is happening to my area. Just to
45 add.

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47 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Enoch.

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49 MR. SAM: Yeah Mr. Chair.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yeah Gabe.

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: You were with us on the
4 Council so I imagine you were informing them a little bit
5 about us, what we're doing and everything like that. So
6 I believe you're doing something like that to let them
7 not to be too wary of us.

8 MR. SAM: Mr. Chair. Herman. I said all sorts
9 of nice things about you Herman. You can rest assured
10 that.

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12 MR. SQUARTSOFF: And then also it sounds
13 like maybe Gabe that a steel shot clinic might be helpful
14 a little bit up in that area if possible and then I think
15 what he was saying also with a lot of wounded ducks and
16 all that and everything else, that would kind of follow
17 hand and foot with our methods and means of having that
18 five shot and possibly moving boat or whatever to get
19 right in there and get the ducks and not cripple a while
20 bunch of them. Something like that would help a whole
21 lot I think.

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23 MR. SAM: Mr Chair. Just a thought.
24 With the steel shot clinic do they use clay pigeons or --
25 I found out that -- you know I went to a gun range here
26 in Anchorage with my shotgun just to practice with it and
27 I was telling my dad about that in Huslia and at first he
28 got a kick out of it because he doesn't see any sense in
29 wasting shells but he said it might be useful in the
30 village because a lot of the first time hunters,
31 especially the young kids that go out, they're missing a
32 lot and just wounding the birds as they fly away. So,
33 maybe that would be something that could be looked at.
34 have these clinics with the clay pigeons in the villages
35 or something like that. That's all.

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37 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Maybe a
38 little later in the meeting I'll have Tom come up and
39 give the Council a quick overview of our steel shot
40 clinics and the numbers that we've had and a little bit
41 about how it's done. Thank you, Gabe. Oh excuse me,
42 Austin had a question or comment. Go ahead.

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44 MR. AHMASUK: Mr. Chair. It's more of a
45 comment. But a question to our own staff. Gabe mentioned
46 notices of the meetings. Where do we again, publish
47 notices of the meetings?

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49 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Fred.

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1 MR. ANDERSEN: We use the newspapers and
2 we sent it out -- Donna could you help me out. We sent
3 out a couple of ways we've done it and i'll let Donna
4 explain on that. If I may though, Gabe could I respond to
5 your concern about the meeting move? Last spring we
6 utilized the Hampton Inn and had requested that same
7 room. However, we didn't know that they put up a wall
8 and divided our meeting space in half, which wouldn't
9 accommodate the entire Council plus the public. So we
10 skirted around and found this meeting place here and left
11 a note over there saying that the meeting had been moved.
12 It's unfortunate that we had to do that but considering
13 the circumstances, we had no choice.

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15 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Donna.

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17 MS. DEWHURST: Thirty days before the
18 meeting we took out legal adds in Juneau, Fairbanks and
19 Anchorage papers and then about a week or week and one
20 half before the meeting, we got with the Anchorage Daily
21 News and got on their Community Events/Meetings list for
22 the Anchorage Daily News. It's also appeared in the --
23 they have like an outdoor events, outdoor interests -- it
24 was in that. And then we also had adds in two
25 environmental list servers on the web. It was the AWEN
26 and then there's an Arctic -- I'm trying to think what
27 that one's officially called -- the Arctic News and it's
28 a scientific list server, so we're on two web servers and
29 Anchorage Daily News recently.

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Doug.

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33 MR. ALCORN: Maybe just to offer another
34 way to get the information out and also distribute things
35 like our minutes and documents that we produce as a
36 Council. I think that we can work with the folks in our
37 computer shop in the Regional Office to establish a
38 website for a web page for the Co-Management Council
39 Office. And we can hang any of these written documents
40 that we produce. We can hang meeting notices, any kind
41 of news worthy items we can put there regularly and then
42 once folks know of our address, they can go there and
43 find any information they're looking for.

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45 MR. BROWER: Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yes Charlie.

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49 MR. BROWER: Also to Donna for public
50 advertisement. The majority of us have our local

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1 newspapers, like the Arctic Sounder, Thunder Drums,
2 Bristol Bay or whatever that can be utilized. Those are
3 read by most local people within each region. I think it
4 would be more appropriate.

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6 Thank you.

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8 MR. ANDERSEN: I just wanted to add that
9 locally you could contact those regional newspapers
10 through the Alaska Newspapers, Inc.

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12 MS. DEWHURST: And the website is already
13 in the works. So that's a done deal. We were planning
14 on targeting the local newspapers more for when the
15 regional management bodies have their meetings to try to
16 get adds for those. Because those were where the regional
17 meetings would be, but we could certainly make mention of
18 the Anchorage meetings too.

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20 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Donna.
21 Other comments. Any other comments about this? Any
22 other members of the public wish to speak? Seeing none,
23 we'll close the meeting to public testimony. Public
24 comment. Sorry.

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26 MR. BROWER: Mr. Chair. Are you going to
27 have the Council say something if they want to too or
28 what? As public comments? Or is it on our -- all right
29 I'll hold on.

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay, to do that on
32 the agenda later Charlie?

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34 MR. BROWER: Yes. I didn't turn the page
35 over and see Council comments so I'll hold off till then.
36 Thank you. At this time is it possible to take a five
37 minute nature break?

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39 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think old business
40 is going to go real slow and then I was going to take a
41 little longer break. I guess if nature is calling too
42 hard you can sneak out. Old Business is not going to
43 take very long. We talked about this yesterday and let me
44 kind of give a brief summary and you can add your
45 comments to item number one.

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47 As we discussed quite at length
48 yesterday, the procedural regulations have been adopted
49 as a federal law or regulation and they are available in
50 your book here. So we have procedural regs on how we can

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1 do business as a Council. We have what I call the
2 hunting regulations that are going to be taking up the
3 24th of October in Washington, D.C. that will include the
4 list of species that can be hunted. A list of species
5 that can't be hunted, which is fairly short. And then
6 the season dates, when the seasons are open and that 30
7 day closure for each by region, as we all put together
8 and worked on the last couple of times we got together.
9 So those things should all come to reality here in
10 another two weeks. We've got four people at least, going
11 back to represent the Council at the SRC meeting in
12 Washington, D.C. on the 24th. Fred is going to go back
13 and Doug will go back. Herman Squartsoff and Ralph will
14 go back as our SRC representatives. And there may be
15 other people that are there too from Alaska. And there's
16 a possibility that they may make some changes to the list
17 of birds that are open for hunting. We just don't know.
18 And if they do then we'll have to address that at a later
19 meeting. So, that's sort of the status of where we are on
20 that. Are there any other questions or comments or did I
21 leave anything out? Doug.

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23 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. There
24 is an opportunity and I think our regional director, Dave
25 Allen mentioned it yesterday that, when the SRC does
26 adopt or does recommend the Council's regulation package
27 to the Director, at some point they get published in the
28 Federal Register for public comment and it will be open
29 for 60 days. And that's also our opportunity as a
30 Council to provide comment as well. So I know that there
31 was some discussion with Mike yesterday asking questions
32 about the process and how we would influence their
33 recommendation and that's one way that we can weigh in a
34 second time. If they do change our recommendation we can
35 weigh in and provide some comment, as well as individual
36 members can do the same thing. That will be published in
37 the Federal Register. And I'm sure that Fred's shop as
38 soon as it's published will notify everybody on the
39 Council that it's there and it's open for 60 days -- 30
40 or 60 days and maybe some time in between. Thirty is the
41 minimum, 60 is the norm. What's holding us back in the
42 process is once the recommendation is made to the
43 Director, then there's a number of layers in the
44 bureaucracy that sort of have to concur and agree and
45 brief the Director and then the Assistant Secretary
46 before it's finally published. That sometimes takes time
47 and of course our season, which begins in March is sort
48 of the drop dead date that these things have to be
49 published. We start counting backwards from that date the
50 numbers of days that are required for clearances and

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1 public comment and what not. So that drop dead date of
2 March 11 is what's driving the whether it's 30 or 60 days
3 I think. But, the point I'm making is we have an
4 opportunity as individual agencies, as individual
5 representatives and as a Council to provide comment to
6 the Service.

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8 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Doug. And
9 I know that when you guys get back we can get to all
10 Council members an e-mail what actions they took and
11 probably correspond by phone and e-mail to decide if we
12 want to comment back. If they made changes that are
13 significant enough that we went to comment back as a
14 Council and I would suggest that the three -- the chair,
15 the vice-chair and the secretary and Fred kind of get
16 together and decide if we need to do that. Maybe put a
17 letter together that could then be circulated back to the
18 membership. And do that -- we'll have 30 days at the
19 shortest and I think that if there's significant changes
20 we will probably want to respond as a Council, as well as
21 individual regional groups may want to do the same thing.
22 Mike

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24 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, In
25 regards to the SRC Council, I wonder if it wouldn't be
26 appropriate to the Council to send along a letter with
27 our representatives, once again, reiterating our support
28 for our list in a very strong way, as well as delivering
29 the perception that should they take any of those birds
30 off that list that they're impacting a subsistence way of
31 lifestyle in Alaska and that the purpose of the Alaska
32 Migratory Bird Co-Management Council is to protect that
33 right and I just think we need to reiterate that fact
34 that is, in fact, what we're trying to do here. Should
35 they decide to take any of the birds off that list.

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37 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess that we
38 certainly can do that, but delivering that message in
39 person with Herman and Ralph and Fred being there and
40 looking them in the eye and saying that, I'm not sure a
41 letter adds much. But if the Council thinks that it is
42 appropriate, we could try to do one. Herman.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah Mr. Chair, Mike
45 that's a good idea, but like Wayne is saying, I think
46 maybe we can carry that individually and what I wouldn't
47 want to do is jeopardize anything right now of getting
48 our recommendations through these guys. If they already
49 have their mind set through their staff or whatever, that
50 they think they might have to take some of these birds

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1 off and we discussed that here as a Council in the
2 lengthy discussions it'll probably happen. It's going to
3 happen. We were just putting them on there just to
4 reassure ourselves, then we can come back to it next year
5 or whatever.

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ralph.

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9 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chair, I move that we
10 ask Mike Smith do draft a letter for our consideration,
11 either later today or by teleconference stating the
12 Council's support, or what his ideas are that Herman and
13 I can carry with us. And I agree that it's not going to
14 hurt. It wouldn't harm us. I also don't think that it's
15 going to jeopardize anything. A statement of support is
16 simply that, a statement of support. And I think it
17 would help us too, as we carry the message back to
18 Washington. So Mike, if -- that is my motion. If.....

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20 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. We have a motion
21 and a second. Let's hear from Mike. Are you willing to
22 put something together for us to take a look at later
23 today?

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25 MR. SMITH: Certainly. I'm not sure
26 about later today, Mr. Chairman. I could certainly try.
27 I can certainly do it as soon as I get back to the
28 office. I hate doing these things just off the cuff like
29 that because you certainly never get it quite right, but
30 I could certainly draft one when I get back, circulate it
31 via e-mail and certainly -- I'm not sure who it would be
32 signed by. It would be signed by the Chairman. I'm not
33 sure if you want me drafting a letter for you, but
34 that's fine too. My concern I guess is, once it gets
35 published in the Federal Register, I think we heard this
36 from Mr. Allen yesterday too is that very seldom do those
37 regulations get changes after it's published. And that's
38 my concern. Is that should some birds start dropping off
39 that list, that we will be fine. That each one of those
40 birds will become a specific issue and that it will just
41 be that much harder to get them on the list in the
42 future.

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44 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Fred, go ahead.

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46 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
47 was just thinking about this letter that you guys are
48 mentioning. I think that if we just let this process go
49 through and see what happens -- Doug mentioned a while
50 ago we have an opportunity to weigh in during the public

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1 process comment. I think if we sent a strong letter
2 indicating in the public comment process that this is a
3 way of life, this is -- people's lives are dependent on
4 this. It has a lot of weight in that respect and I think
5 that might be one way we can send the same message. It's
6 really countering some of the actions that have taken
7 place, if any, by the SRC.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Herman and then Ralph.

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11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair maybe
12 I'll take back what I said by jeopardizing Ralph and
13 Mike, but more of what I meant was by slowing down a
14 process then maybe not wanting to make a decision right
15 then and there. That was my main concern, not really
16 jeopardizing it, but slowing the process down. Maybe it
17 will come to a screeching halt if we send a letter or
18 something like that.

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20 Thank you.

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22 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. First

23 Herman and then Dug.

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25 MR. ANDERSEN: I was just going to say
26 that a carefully worded letter might -- I don't think we
27 need to jump to being defensive right away. Because I
28 think that by doing this pro-actively, by stating our
29 support or reiterating our support. Because I think our
30 support for the list of birds and all the other proposals
31 is implied in our submission of them. By unanimous
32 adoption of those proposals implies that we fully support
33 them. But Mike if you think -- if it makes you more
34 comfortable developing or a preparing a letter of support
35 then I'm all for that. But I think it's implied by our
36 unanimous consensus on these proposals that the support
37 is there.

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39 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Doug.

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41 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
42 It's just as a matter of process this is a meeting that's
43 called by the SRC. It's a special meeting just for our
44 recommendation. And I certainly don't think a letter
45 supporting our position is going to jeopardize. It's
46 certainly not going to slow things down because they're
47 meeting just for the sake of our regulations. I think if
48 it were -- like Ralph said, if it were crafted in a way
49 that explains what our role is, and our role is defined
50 in the bylaws and in the protocol, reemphasizing that

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1 subsistence is a way of life, I don't think that the SRC
2 is going to view that negatively. I think it would do
3 nothing but remind them that this is a separate and
4 unique situation up here. So I support the motion. I
5 don't think that they would take it negatively at all.

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7 MR. ANDERSEN: I call for a question.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Austin was first.

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11 MR. AHMASUK: I just want some
12 clarification on the motion. The wording of your motion
13 asks Ralph to develop a letter from his own perspective
14 to the SRC. But our discussion are sounding like we're
15 asking the Council to draft this letter. Is that
16 correct.

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18 MR. ANDERSEN: Well what it is, is asking
19 -- it's Mike that I asked not Ralph. My motion is for
20 Mike to draft a letter to present to the Council.

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22 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Mike.

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24 MR. SMITH: I certainly didn't anticipate
25 this to be that contentious of an issue. It certainly
26 seems that -- I'm not sure -- I haven't personally seen
27 the proposal as it was submitted to the SRC. I didn't
28 see the cover letter that went along with it. I
29 certainly haven't heard any of the minutes or anything
30 about any of the deliberations as to what the SRC heard
31 from this Council in regards to our proposals. I guess
32 that kind of drives a little bit of my concern. I'm not
33 sure what they're hearing. So I mean, in that regard,
34 I'll go ahead and withdraw the motion and go ahead and
35 submit my public comments during the regulatory process.

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37 MR. ANDERSEN: I wish you could withdraw
38 your motion. But you can't. I made it.

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40 MR. SMITH: Yeah. I would suggest then
41 that certainly that was going to be -- I'm not real
42 comfortable in writing a letter on behalf of the Council
43 at this point either, seeing as how I don't know what was
44 said to the SRC. I mean, I think it would just come from
45 the chairman and the officers. The people that have been
46 at those meetings should be the ones drafting up that
47 letter because they know what the history is. They know
48 what was said previously. They know what to build on.
49 If that's not going to happen and it's not comfortable
50 with the Council, then I'll just go ahead and withdraw

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1 the idea all together.

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Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ralph. I mean, Fred.

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MR. ARMSTRONG: Mike for your information, the proposal package was sent to all the Council members. I know you're brand new in your job and should be somewhere up there, but I've asked Bill to bring back after lunch a copy of the summary of the proposals that have been sent. It's not the proposal package itself, but a summary that the SRC will be looking at and you guys will get an idea. We kind of put a little -- some bullet type briefings on there that will help the SRC when they deliberate on our proposals.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right.

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MR. SMITH: I guess that's the information I was looking for.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess what.....

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MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ralph.

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MR. ANDERSEN: Based on the previous discussion a few minutes ago, I withdraw my motion.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Is there a second.

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MR. BROWER: Concurrence with a second.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Austin did you have a comment?

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MR. AHMASUK: Well I just had a comment. I don't know how many letters the SRC has actually received from the Council. Have they received any other than our submitted proposals?

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well, I think -- I don't know about letters guys, but what we did is we put a packet together that had a cover letter. Was unanimously endorsed by this Council and it went forward. We've had representatives go to the Flyaway Councils and get their concurrence. So it went forward. We have lobbied -- Dave Allen sits on the SRC. There is no doubt

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1 in my mind that they know how important we think this is.
2 I don't know what more we can do. I keep thinking if I
3 was sitting on the SRC and I've got four or five people
4 from Alaska sitting there ready to pounce on them, why do
5 I need to read a letter. Personally. But it's a moot
6 point. The motions's been withdrawn. But I guess my
7 point that I'm trying to make is, we didn't just pass
8 these and act like it's not very important. We passed
9 them unanimously and we have taken every step and
10 exercised every way we could to push them forward to make
11 them happen.

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13 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: You got to put your
14 microphone and ask for -- Doug.

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16 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17 Not only have we supported them along the way, we have
18 attended two SRC meetings that they've had to discuss to
19 provide briefing information, staffing support. We've
20 also attended the Pacific Flyaway, the Central Flyaway
21 and I believe the Mississippi Council or fly away
22 meetings. We have done nothing but advocate these
23 regulations all throughout the process. So if the SRC is
24 getting any other message from this Council than that
25 then they're mistaken and I don't think they're mistaken.
26 I think they're pretty clear on what we've done.

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28 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Mike.

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30 MR. SMITH: Do we have any idea to what
31 any specific concerns of the Service Regulation
32 Committees are? Do they have -- I've heard various
33 numbers over the last couple of days concerning 18 birds,
34 21 birds, 25 birds. I've heard various numbers as to
35 specific birds they have on the list. Are there other --
36 so we know what those birds are and are there other
37 concerns that the Service Regulation Committee is having
38 with our proposals?

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40 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Mike at this time the
41 Service Regulation Committee has, themselves, not taken
42 any action or expressed any concerns. They have had
43 people write them letters expressing concerns so we know
44 it's an issue. Internally within the Service, there is
45 some people that feel like - there's one letter I think
46 that has four birds on it that are Passerine birds that
47 they feel have -- are a species of conservation concern,
48 where there is less than 10,000 and most of them less
49 than 5,000 nationwide. And we know that they are being
50 pushed hard by the Trumpeter Swan Society, which has

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1 significant political clout. Several members of Congress
2 -- I'm not sure if it's the majority or not -- are
3 members of that Society. So they're pushing them. But to
4 date, they have not given any indication what their
5 actions might be. This whole thing -- it's again
6 frustrating for everybody. The whole cycle was set up so
7 that this action would have been taken and we would have
8 known how to respond. All we can do is have a little
9 patience. Let the process run its course. We can comment
10 and then put proposals again the next time. I think that
11 the bird list is something -- as somebody said yesterday
12 --is probably going to be dealt with for four or five
13 years and then it will probably be a moot point and not
14 be dealt with again. But during that time period it's
15 going to be a few things and we probably might only get
16 98% of what we want or what the people out there would
17 like. But you got to realize, we're going to get the
18 vast, vast majority of those species and there's some
19 that -- if there's a conservation concern that we have to
20 take that into consideration. Comments. Herman.

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22 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah Mr. Chair. I think
23 we should just concentrate like we do with the Council,
24 put everything through. Let's just concentrate in
25 getting the seasons open first and then worry about it
26 from there.

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28 Thank you.

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30 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Other comments.
31 We're ready to move forward. I think that the last item,
32 and I'm sorry Charlie, I didn't think that old business
33 was going to take very long. But we got a quick thing
34 that we need to do. Yesterday we talked under Tab B,
35 there's a housekeeping item, were two lists. A list A
36 and a list B. It's a species that can be hunted and list
37 A and list B have exactly the same species on them, it's
38 just reordered and restructured and we would prefer -- to
39 make everybody's life easier -- to adopt list B.

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41 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr Chairman, I so move.

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43 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Second.

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45 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Is there any further
46 discussion about -- the motion before us is to adopt list
47 B under Tab two of the species that can be harvested and
48 there's a short list that can't be. Doug.

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50 MR. ALCORN: Question Mr. Chairman. Is

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1 this -- if I understand it, by consolidating this list,
2 does this supersede the regional proposals with their
3 list of birds or is it just what we referred to
4 originally as the master list.

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6 MR. ANDERSEN: This is the original
7 master list. If you look at version A Doug, version A
8 and version B are exactly the same.

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10 MR. ALCORN: Right.

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12 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: What -- Fred you want
13 to clarify it?

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15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
16 Doug it's just a format issue here.

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18 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: What we want to
19 do.....

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21 MR. ALCORN: And hopefully this will be
22 the last bird list we need to look at for a while because
23 geez at every meeting that I go to, we're asked to clean
24 up lists or do something with a list and I hope this is
25 it for a while anyway.

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27 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: This should clear up
28 any confusion because at one time we had a master list
29 and then added regional lists. All of that has been
30 compiled. It was all compiled into an A list, which was
31 confusing the way it was packaged. Now it's all packaged
32 in B appropriately.

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34 MR. ALCORN: Question. How is this list
35 going to be used in the future? The way you understand
36 it?

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38 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: This list will be the
39 one that the SRC already has. We'll make sure that they
40 only use -- for their convenience they'll use list B. I
41 suppose they'll go through this and look and they may
42 take a species or two off. And then as it comes back to
43 us in the future, if we go back out and some region finds
44 out that we left off a bird that we actually harvest,
45 we'd like to add it, then it would be added to this list.
46 And I think what it will be titled -- we probably should
47 give it a title of -- rather than version B -- and we can
48 let staff put something on it so it's easily referred to
49 from now on. That's my perception. Are there other ideas
50 of how this might work? Go ahead Austin and then Herman

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1 and then Mike.

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3 MR. AHMASUK: Well my comments and
4 questions are not related to your question. Do either
5 Herman or Mike have a concern regarding his question that
6 he asked? Because my comment is a little different.

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8 MR. SMITH: About the list? Yeah, I just
9 wanted a little clarification on the history of it.

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11 MR. AHMASUK: I have other comments about
12 the.....

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14 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Let's go ahead and
15 open it up. We'll start with you.

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17 MR. AHMASUK: You brought up an
18 interesting point Mr. Chairman regarding if a region
19 doesn't have a bird on our list and in the future time
20 they would like to put it on our list. Yesterday I tried
21 to bring up a concern and I said it completely wrong and
22 I think I was totally misunderstood. The point at which
23 a region has a bird on a list or doesn't have it on a
24 list available for harvest, I don't think leaves law
25 enforcement any kind of discretion. And in some cases, a
26 single person in one region might harvest one bird that
27 is clearly a closed migratory bird species for harvest,
28 however, it seems as though talking in my region and with
29 some other Council members that we certainly don't want o
30 make an old man a criminal just because he harvested one
31 bird that could either be a maybe an accident or
32 incidental type of thing where a bird is flocking up with
33 birds that are open for harvest. My concern is that --
34 and help from other Council members how can we resolve
35 this kind of issue. I see we're talking later in the day
36 on law enforcement efforts, but I'd really like to hear
37 some guidance and help regarding that issue because I
38 certainly don't want to see a person made a criminal just
39 because they harvested one bird. I don't think anybody
40 wants to see that.

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42 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Herman was next. Do
43 you want to speak to this point or did you have a
44 different subject.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Well no I can speak to
47 this too a little on Austin's concern. I brought up the
48 same issue before and that's why I said we adopted in our
49 area -- put all the birds on the list and everything.
50 But it was brought up yesterday by I think, Dave Allen,

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1 said that we won't have to worry about law enforcement
2 going to come out and grab you just because of an issue
3 like that. And when he speaks that way, I feel a lot
4 more comfortable than the other law enforcement guy we
5 had in one of our other workshops before that was here
6 yesterday. He said a different thing. Whatever you do,
7 whatever you have written, that's what we're going to do.
8 But hopefully Dave is going to carry a lot more weight
9 than he did, so I wouldn't worry about it too much
10 Austin, I don't think.

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12 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess what I'd say
13 Austin is that it kind of overlaps into how we're going
14 to deal with law enforcement. We know that we're going
15 to. We said we weren't going to deal with that right
16 away until we got seasons opened and a list and then I
17 think that we had a comment from our Washington, D.C.
18 staff that says once we get this thing good -- you know a
19 species that's almost never taken, it might be best to
20 have it off the list with some discretion for the law
21 enforcement agencies. And those are things that we need
22 to have a committee of this group and other people
23 involved probably and go through that and figure that out
24 here in the next couple of years, but I'm not sure we can
25 address it today. And I can't remember -- go ahead Ralph
26 and then Mike. Or was Mike -- go ahead Mike you were
27 next. I'm sorry.

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29 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 Just a couple of quick clarification issues. On the open
31 migratory bird species list, that virtually covers almost
32 all of the migratory birds that come through Alaska. is
33 that correct.

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35 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: It's most of them, I
36 think.

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38 MR. SMITH: So in regards to Austin's
39 concern then, might we consider just sending a closed
40 list to the SRC, and leaving the open season to just any
41 bird then.....

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43 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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45 MR. SMITH:and not specifying
46 that.....

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48 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman. Mr.
49 Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Go ahead Ralph.

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3 MR. ANDERSEN: I think it's kind of too
4 late to do that Mike because what you have in front of
5 you list A -- version A and version B, both birds --
6 those are the birds that have been submitted to the SRC.
7 And all that version A -- from what I understand
8 yesterday and I was a little frustrated and impatient
9 with this is that version B consolidates and removes the
10 confusion from birds that are open and closed and
11 probably this agenda item shouldn't -- because the list
12 includes northern birds closed, the agenda item says
13 closure of species when really the list that's in front
14 of us lists birds that are both open and closed. From my
15 understanding, and Donna if you could correct me if I'm
16 wrong, is that what we have -- version B is a
17 consolidation of the lists that were sent back to
18 Washington, D.C. to the Service Regulations Committee.

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20 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Ralph. I
21 think that one of the things that -- this list was
22 compiled. These are the species that are commonly
23 harvested. They came from people and what we know is
24 taken from all of the surveys that have been done on
25 harvests. So we compiled a large list. And then it went
26 out to each of the regions and they had meetings and they
27 were asked, did we miss anything that's taken in your
28 region. If we missed it, we added it. There's -- and I
29 misspoke. Because there's probably 275 species of
30 migratory birds in Alaska or something and they're not
31 all on this list. What is the status of what?

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33 MR. SMITH: Can we shoot them birds?

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35 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: What was your
36 question?

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38 MR. SMITH: Can we shoot those birds that
39 aren't here then?

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41 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: When the SRC takes
42 action -- when it says open migratory bird species, they
43 can be harvested for spring hunting and summer hunting.
44 Yes.

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46 MR. SMITH: No, I understand that, but
47 you said there was a whole bunch of birds that aren't on
48 either one of these lists.

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50 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: And they're not there

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1 because nobody has ever taken them for traditional
2 purposes for eating.

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4 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman. Mike what
5 you have in front of you are the lists that were
6 submitted from the Regional Councils. Version A lists
7 those birds from the specific Regional Councils. Version
8 B consolidates those birds into one list. So rather than
9 having seven different lists for seven different regions,
10 what Donna did, I understand, was consolidate them in
11 version B into one list. Nothing more, nothing less. If
12 birds aren't on it, I don't know if we can change it
13 because the list has been submitted to the SRC already.
14 Those are the lists from each region that are being
15 considered and I guess what made me a little impatient
16 with this is because I've seen some -- it seems to
17 brought the issue of birds back to the table when I
18 thought we were all done with that.

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20 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I understand
21 that you consolidated the list Ralph and I have no
22 problem with that and I understand what you guys did and
23 I understand that the birds selected by my region are on
24 this list and so I have no problem with that. For the
25 sake of enforcement, Austin's concerns, and just to make
26 the process a little easier, all I was suggesting is that
27 maybe just a closed migratory bird list in Alaska would
28 be more appropriate.

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30 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: At this time that
31 would not be something that we can take action on. The
32 next cycle, that can be something that we can discuss if
33 we want to change the basic way to do this. But I think
34 that -- you also realize we have to fit into a national
35 system of how things are done and they have open and
36 closed lists. Did you have any comments Donna that you
37 wanted to add?

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39 MS. DEWHURST: Just a couple of real
40 short ones. One, going to a consolidated list as far as
41 I've heard a lot of law enforcement concerns, it's much
42 to your advantage because the way it was before, certain
43 birds were only listed in the regions that brought them
44 up. By consolidating the list, if one of those birds
45 showed up in another region and somebody took it, you're
46 covered because those birds are listed statewide now, so
47 anywhere in the state you can take those birds. So it's
48 much to your advantage to have just a statewide list
49 versus these little regional lists.

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1 The other thing was, we did do some
2 research -- staff did some research into the possibility
3 of doing exactly what he talked about. Only having a
4 closed list. It opened up some Pandora boxes. We
5 weren't sure we wanted to go to. We could never
6 completely go to a closed list only because we have
7 certain families we excluded, which is I think what Karen
8 was going to bring up, Passerine for example. We don't
9 deal with song birds in this program at all. So even if
10 we went to a list of just families, there is still a lot
11 of controversial birds that we're not dealing with in the
12 program right now that if we suddenly threw those in, we
13 would complicate our lives considerably. So we're much
14 better off just going at this point with the way we have
15 it. It's the simplest version and as far as enforcement
16 goes, having one list. That way if that bird shows up,
17 even though Bearing Straights brought the bird up, if it
18 shows up someplace else, you're covered.

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20 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: First Doug, then
21 Herman and Bob if you wanted to say something, come up to
22 the table.

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24 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
25 guess the reason I asked the original question how is
26 this list going to be used, if you look at tab one in
27 your white binder, it has the procedural regulations in
28 it. Under sub-part C, which is the very last page 53520.
29 Under sub-part C it says general regulations governing
30 subsistence harvest and there is sub-parts that were
31 bracketed that say reserved. The way I understand the
32 regulation process is that under the Migratory Bird
33 Treaty Act, these birds are closed to harvest until
34 opened. What we are doing by adopting a master list -- or
35 what I call a master list -- at some point we will opt to
36 put that master list of birds that are open to harvest
37 every year in that reserved sub-part. Therefore, we
38 don't have to take action every year to open those birds.
39 They're open by default in our regulation process. What
40 we then do is we then go to what Mike is calling a closed
41 list. We look at the birds only that we don't want
42 harvested. So we don't have to reauthorize this list
43 every year. That's the utility of having a large master
44 list that everybody has bought into and says yeah, those
45 are the side boards, those are the birds that we will
46 harvest. And every year we will look at that list and we
47 will say we won't harvest bird A, B, and C because the
48 numbers are not there or for any number of reasons.
49 That's the way I understand the regulations process.
50 Okay, Donna is shaking her head no. Can you correct me

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1 on that then?

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3 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, the only section in
4 the draft regs that will be permanent so to speak, is the
5 methods and means. You notice on these lists it already
6 has numbers 92.31, 92.32, those sections are in the
7 portion of the regulations that do come up every year.
8 So that doesn't mean we have to change anything, but they
9 will get published on an annual basis.

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11 MR. ALCORN: Right they're published
12 every year but I guess what I'm saying is, is once we've
13 all settled, we don't have to have this discussion every
14 year and that's the whole point of having the list that
15 -- again, I'll use the phrase master list -- a large list
16 that has all of the birds that are potentially harvested.
17 And then every year again we go back and we identify
18 birds that we don't want harvested on that list so we
19 don't have to have this debate every year of which birds
20 are okay to harvest. That's the way I understood what we
21 were trying to accomplish there. And so that's why I
22 asked the original question. How is this list going to be
23 used in the future. If it's only to consolidate, I think
24 it's moot for the reason that Ralph already suggested.
25 We've already sent to the regulation package to the SRC.
26 They're going to take action next Thursday and so I don't
27 know what utility consolidating the list serves.

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29 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: What it does guys is
30 it creates -- we're trying to eliminate the confusion of
31 having regional lists and a master list. What we'll have
32 -- if we do -- if we accept the motion that's on the
33 table, there will be one list and it consolidates all the
34 regional stuff. Now, Herman wanted to speak then Fred
35 and then Austin. Charlie did you -- go ahead Charlie. I
36 missed Charlie earlier.

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38 MR. BROWER: Approving all these version
39 B then we have some birds of concern provided by folks of
40 interest out there. Well we're going to have to look out
41 for those folks and whether they're going to petition the
42 Service or not regarding to the open bird season versus
43 the concern birds?

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45 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Anybody -- the process
46 for the SRC is open. They can be there. They can send
47 letters to present their point of view. We're presenting
48 ours and we'll have four people there to argue our side.

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50 MR. BROWER: Okay. Thanks.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Herman.

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3 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah Mr. Chair. The way
4 Doug explained is the way -- Donna I'm sorry, but the way
5 we adopted it. Our motion that I made in May was to
6 adopt the master list with the above changes. And that's
7 not the way it's written here on the minutes, but we did
8 make a motion, we did adopt that master list like Doug
9 was saying to use it in everything. And that's why it is
10 now with the SRC with our packet and everything. I mean,
11 it's done, we did it. I don't know why the issue has
12 been brought up again umpteen times and we don't have to
13 discuss it every year. We shouldn't have to discuss it
14 at every meeting. I mean, it's something that we did
15 already and I think what we did was a good thing on it.
16 We took it to the regions and everything and from the
17 regions we made a master one out of it. Bam, everybody's
18 concerns are on there.

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20 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Frank.

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22 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
23 Just a point of clarification to Doug and Donna. I think
24 they're partially right. The season is closed until we
25 open it -- until the Service opens it. That's right.
26 The list will be visited for -- we figured at least four
27 or five years and then we'll set it aside and then focus
28 on the closed birds. How we take those birds of the open
29 list? This is a question that I would like at some point
30 to try to discuss with all parties involved in this and
31 try to come to some consensus as to how that can happen
32 without a lot of controversy that is immanent now. But
33 really, as Wayne said, all of this stuff is a moot issue
34 right now. We're kind of speculating on where we're
35 going and I think we're going to have an opportunity to
36 meet after the SRC takes action and probably discuss this
37 list more at length.

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39 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: In that case, I call
40 for questions.

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42 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I have one person
43 before we do that.

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45 MR. AHMASUK: I understood that our list
46 is a list of birds that are potentially harvested then
47 close birds that are open. However, the list doesn't
48 read -- first the spectacle Eider is not on the open
49 list. But we want to close it. How can it be closed if
50 we don't even open it?

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: It's on the endangered
2 list.

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4 MR. AHMASUK: Regardless of whether
5 they're on the endangered list.....

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: There were seven
8 species.....

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10 MR. AHMASUK: We want to harvest them.

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12 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Guys, we've been
13 through this at the last two meetings and you two people
14 weren't here and we're repeating everything that we spent
15 two full days on. We brought seven species that are
16 listed as endangered that have special -- it just says
17 they're closed. And we did that because they're listed
18 as threatened or endangered and we don't have -- there's
19 no way they can be opened once they're listed as
20 threatened or endangered is the reason. Okay. We're
21 going to have Mike talk and then we're going to -- the
22 question's been.....

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24 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman thank you for
25 your indulgence in me trying to get up to speed here.
26 And the reason it was brought up is if we're, in fact,
27 sending a new list to the SRC for their consideration.

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29 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Absolutely not.

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31 MR. SMITH: Okay. Then why are we
32 sending this list to them at all.

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34 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: We're trying to.....

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36 MR. ANDERSEN: It's simply a housekeeping
37 measure.

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39 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: It's a housekeeping
40 measure so that there's no confusion like we seem to have
41 had. It's the same species list. if you look through
42 them it's the same birds.....

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44 MR. SMITH: So the effect of this list --
45 the consolidated list has no real practical effect
46 because it's not going to be in regulations because the
47 regulation is considering the regional list. Is that
48 correct?

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50 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Doug.

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1 MR. ALCORN: The way I understand it,
2 that's right Mike. The SRC has already been presented
3 with the regional lists of birds and when they convene
4 next week, they will consider those original proposals.
5 The way I understand, Ralph, in making the motion is this
6 is a housekeeping thing to only consolidate it for the
7 record? For the record.

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9 MR. ARMSTRONG: It will show up this way
10 in the regulations once they've been acted on by the SRC
11 versus how we submitted them to the SRC, which shows
12 regional birds. That's really what we're getting at
13 here.

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15 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: It's really pretty
16 simple. They've got list A in front of them, list B is
17 easier to work with and it makes everything statewide
18 instead of just by region.

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20 MR. SMITH: It's not going to be in the
21 regulations.

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23 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: It is too. It will be
24 -- it will pass as a regulation and list B will be the
25 reg.

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27 MR. SMITH: I was just told that it will
28 not -- the regional list is what is being considered by
29 the SRC.

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: It is what's there now
32 and if we pass this action we'll ask them to use B as a
33 housekeeping measure. They know that's coming. The
34 staff has been working on this.

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36 MR. ANDERSEN: When it comes time to
37 publish the regional lists in the federal register, we
38 will submit version B as a consolidated regional list.
39 So it's sort of a housekeeping measure.

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41 MR. SMITH: So the Council is, in fact,
42 then submitting a revised list to the SRC and I guess
43 that's.....

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45 MR. ANDERSEN: No we're not having this
46 being considered by the SRC. After they adopt the
47 regional lists -- and each region has its own list. When
48 it comes time rather than publishing seven different
49 regional lists which include the same birds, which will
50 take up.....

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1 MR. SMITH: Now how do you do that
2 without submitting a new proposal to them?

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4 MR. ANDERSEN: We're not submitting a new
5 -- I mean, the regional lists are being considered. And
6 correct me if I'm wrong Donna, but when it comes time to
7 publish the regional list, rather than doing the regional
8 list which is version A, we can always adopt version A,
9 right? Version A is the way it is now. And version A
10 which is totally confusing to read. Version B simplifies
11 it, consolidates all the birds onto a single open and
12 closed list. Right?

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14 MS. DEWHURST: Yeah, this is the list
15 that actually Washington was one of the people that asked
16 us if we could simplify our list. It was at their
17 request plus this also went through the technical
18 committee and they did make a motion to go to the
19 consolidated list too.

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21 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Excuse me, I didn't
22 have my microphone on. The question has been called to
23 adopt version B as the list that we will ask the SRC to
24 work off of and to make part of the regulations package.
25 Is there any opposition to adopting version B? Any
26 opposition to adopting version B?

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
31 will be the action of the Council. I want to take a 15
32 minute break.

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34 (Off record)

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36 (On record)

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38 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: If you'll take your
39 seats we'll get started again. All right. We're moving
40 into the new business part of the meeting. The first
41 thing we were going to do is have a video on 2002 status
42 of waterfowl. I think it's the nationwide video that
43 just talks about the status. How long does it last Fred
44 -- go ahead. Do you want to talk about this for a
45 second?

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47 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: One second and I'll
48 just offer that this is the national status video that's
49 prepared in advance of the sport hunting seasons and that
50 is one of the communication tools that we do use to try

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1 to get the status of populations out. Alaska is included
2 in this operational survey. We talked a little bit about
3 how we gather information yesterday. And there may be
4 some things that you can use in the future in your I and
5 E efforts that you'll see in this video, or at least I
6 would suggest to you that perhaps at some stage you may
7 want to also prepare at least an occasional video to help
8 get the word out to folks. It seems to be a readily
9 accepted method of communicating for us anyway.

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11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: We do have extra
12 copies of this too. So if any of the regional folks
13 (indiscernible - away from microphone)

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15 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Hit the
16 button Fred.

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18 Watching video

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20 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Would somebody turn
21 the lights back up. I know that they were higher a while
22 back. Thank you, Donna. All right. Let's bring the
23 meeting back to order. Any comments or questions about
24 the film of anyone?

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26 MR. BROWER: In the future, invite all
27 these Flyaway Councils to our meetings. Instead of us
28 going down, maybe they can come up. They can explain a
29 little bit of their statutes.

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31 MR. ARMSTRONG: We've already extended
32 invitations to the Flyaway Council chairs.....

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34 MR. BROWER: All the Flyaway Councils?

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36 MR. ARMSTRONG: Exactly.

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38 MR. BROWER: Then they can do a good
39 report on some other aspects.

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41 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Thank you.
42 We're ready to move onto the next item of business which
43 was the Harvest Survey Committee Report with Austin and
44 go ahead. I'll let you take over Austin. I know we
45 talked about it. We don't want to repeat what we did
46 yesterday too much, but we need to have your reports.

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48 MR. AHMASUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
49 I'll be brief. Cynthia and I mentioned yesterday the
50 workings that the Harvest Survey Committee has had. Our

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1 last meeting, as was mentioned yesterday, was in
2 December. We have no more report to submit to the
3 Council. It's been a day since we heard the information
4 yesterday that we gave. I'll just mention this I
5 suppose. The pilot project that is occurring in some
6 parts of Alaska are underway. They comprise of grant
7 agreements, funding agreements with the Native
8 organizations to conduct harvest surveys. And at this
9 point, many of the things regarding those harvest surveys
10 are patterned after work that has been done in the Yukon
11 Kuskokwim Delta. As was mentioned yesterday, not all
12 areas of Alaska have the long standing harvest survey
13 record that the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta does. Many aspects
14 of the pilot project are related to activities that are
15 done there. We've had a day to think over some things
16 that were said yesterday. If there are any questions,
17 there is a number of folks in this room, on this Council
18 and certainly in the audience here that are dealing with
19 these harvest surveys as they are being played out now.
20 So if there's any questions.

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22 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Any
23 question for Austin? Go ahead Mike.

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25 MR. SMITH: Yeah, thank you Mr. Chairman.
26 I was just curious what are future efforts going to be?
27 Are there harvest surveys scheduled for other areas and
28 so on and so forth?

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30 MR. AHMASUK: Mr. Chairman. Yes, they
31 are. And as was mentioned yesterday, we certainly hope
32 to do all of Alaska. WE can't afford it at this point.
33 Some areas of Alaska, in the past, had very intensive and
34 very well completed harvest surveys. With the amount of
35 work that's scheduled in lieu of how much funding there
36 is, some harvest surveys are being molded to take into
37 account the fact that there isn't an exhaustive supply of
38 funds to do this and so, as was mentioned yesterday,
39 activity stratification, not surveying every household in
40 all of the communities seems to be an aspect that is
41 being carried out with this pilot project and these
42 harvest surveys.

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44 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Austin.
45 Ralph.

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47 MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
48 Austin, yesterday we reviewed a budget with \$300,000 in
49 it for harvest surveys. I'm wondering if either you or
50 Cynthia can explain to us how that money is planned to be

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1 spent.

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MR. AHMASUK: Well it's -- like I mentioned, it's being spent through grant agreements with, more than likely, a regional organization. I think Cynthia can speak more regarding how it works with refuges -- the combination of refuge information technicians and villages. Not all areas of Alaska are within refuges or even near them. But they are spent through grant agreements with Native organizations for harvest surveys. I am not the project -- I work at Kawerak in -- I'm not the project officer for the current migratory bird harvest survey project. We do have that person here. You may know, someone else may know, have a good idea how much it costs to do surveys in an entire region. I would certainly have to defer to someone who actually knows how much money is being spent on those projects.

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MR. ANDERSEN: I should have been more clear in my question. What areas or regions where surveys will be conducted in I guess was my -- was what I wanted to know.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: If you're going to speak, Cynthia, you need to come up to the table or we can't get you on the tape.

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MR. AHMASUK: I will invite Cynthia to the table for her presentation.

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MS. WENTWORTH: As far as what is being done, or has been done in 2002, the pilot project, we did four areas covering 55% of the people in the subsistence eligible areas in Alaska, which we defined as our sample frame at the workshop in December. Those four areas include Northwest Alaska, Maniilaq Association basically, Kawerak, Bearing Straights, Yukon Delta and Bristol Bay all the way to Port Heiden on the Alaska Peninsula. That was, like I said, 55% of the total population of subsistence eligible areas which is 84,000. That was this year. Now for the future, okay, for the future the goal is, and we establish this at the statistical workshop as well. The goal is to sample all of the subsistence eligible areas, which again is the sample frame. But when you sample, you don't survey all 84,000 people. You can't. it's a sample and it's a statistical sample and that's where we really need the help of a statistician to figure out just how we're going to do that. We won't be surveying everybody like you brought

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1 up the other day. We just don't have the money with
2 \$300,000 to survey 84,000 people. So statistically
3 though you can do it quite easily. And we actually will
4 get a larger sample from the sample frame than what they
5 do nationally. A much larger sample. So we're lucky in
6 that respect.

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8 MR. ANDERSEN: So Cynthia, the plans for
9 the coming year or plans for the surveys that will be
10 coming on line will be to continue -- or is it to --
11 would it be continuing or building on the pilot project
12 that was going on?

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14 MS. WENTWORTH: Exactly. Yeah, that's
15 good. It's building on the pilot project. For the pilot
16 project, I was trying to figure out how to use our money
17 most efficiently. Again, without the help yet of a
18 statistician, I was trying to do a second year of
19 activity stratification, which, like I say has already
20 saved us a lot of money and also I was trying to
21 concentrate on the areas where hunting is greatest --
22 where's the most high hunting households. And with the
23 exception of North Slope, those communities all the way
24 from Kivalina or Port Heiden, all those Western Alaska
25 communities, take a lot more birds per household in
26 general -- I'm speaking in general now -- than Interior
27 Alaska or other parts of Alaska. And so those are the
28 areas where we'd have the most high hunters and so those
29 are the areas where it's most expensive to do per the
30 number of households in the region. I mane, you get --
31 you get high numbers of households in other areas like,
32 say Cordova, but most of the people are going to be non-
33 hunters, or at least non-subsistence hunters. They're
34 going to fall in the active category where we only pick a
35 very small percentage. So our costs relative to the
36 number of households are lower in those other areas than
37 they are in the areas where I picked. And I did that on
38 purpose because it just made sense to use our money that
39 way. But that was the pilot project. Now we hope to be
40 able to build on that.

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42 Some other things we did in the pilot
43 project I could just repeat what I said yesterday, is
44 trying to consolidate the survey form dates. Because
45 again, this is a statewide survey. So we're trying to
46 consolidate on that and we also developed a new survey
47 form with images from the National Geographic. We got
48 permission from them so that we could have images in
49 color, as opposed to always before we'd had black and
50 white. And the color what we hear, it's really helped

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1 people in identifying the birds. We have two survey
2 forms. One for Western Alaska and I'm about to go to the
3 printer here with one for Interior Alaska. And there's
4 50 species on the form. There's a few birds that you
5 could argue could be on the form but I know I relied a
6 lot from the RIT's I depend a lot to do the survey in the
7 Yukon Kuskokwim Delta and Bristol Bay. Particularly
8 Ferdinan Sharp and Michael Jimmy for advice on which
9 birds to include and so forth. I mean, for instance,
10 snowy owl, we didn't put in there, but Michael Jimmy has
11 been working for us since 1983 and he knows the villages
12 really well and stuff and he knows that there's a few
13 taken but he just didn't feel like it was worth it to put
14 it on the form. So we didn't. But we did, I think, hit
15 the species that people really do take. But again, it's
16 a pilot project and that can be changed.

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18 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Cynthia.
19 Fred.

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21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22 I think in yesterday's discussion about the Harvest
23 Survey Program that there was enough concerns that we
24 need to revisit the Harvest Survey Committee and get them
25 actively involved in this process and kind of look at
26 different alternatives that perhaps these other people
27 can bring. The committee, I think, is going to be an
28 important part in lending credibility to whatever project
29 we end up with. And to answer your question Ralph, about
30 what we're going to do for next year, I would just
31 caution any response right now pending -- I think we were
32 going to ask the Harvest Survey Committee when they would
33 like to meet with a two or three day session and get some
34 crucial work done out of this to see how much progress we
35 can make and try to come up with a credible program.

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37 MS. WENTWORTH: Yeah, I'd like to have
38 all the committee members contact me whenever you see me
39 and tell me all the dates you'll be available for from a
40 week from now until December so that we can figure out
41 the dates for this as soon as possible. I need to know
42 everyone's available weeks and dates.

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44 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well we may do it a
45 little different. I think that -- I'll get to you in
46 just a second. A couple of things I wanted to say. We
47 created this committee because it's so vital to us. Part
48 of the treaty -- the standard that we need to meet is we
49 need to quantify the harvest and our expectation is that
50 it's not going to increase. And we need to be able to

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1 show that that -- and I think it will. We have to have
2 reliable data that's statistically sound. And I guess
3 I'm distressed that the committee got together 10 months
4 ago, identified significant concerns about the design,
5 and we haven't met since. It has not met since. I think
6 it's essential that that committee meets so that we have
7 a survey that is statistically reliable that is going to
8 meet the standards of scientific rigor that's going to be
9 demanded of us. And I think the committee is a way to
10 start that and I guess that I would like to urge them to
11 get together here in the next two or three weeks and move
12 forward on this. I don't want to continue to go down the
13 road of pilot projects without designing the statistics
14 and the sampling process and the protocols that have to
15 go along with it to make it statistically reliable. I
16 like the idea that we have residents of local villages
17 collect this information, that kind of thing. That's
18 very positive for us. At the same time, we have to make
19 sure that they're following strict protocols on how they
20 do it so that it's repeatable in the future. And I don't
21 know -- I can't remember all of the people on that
22 committee but -- here Fred just handed it to me. And I
23 know that Polly Wheeler is on the committee, Gloria
24 Stickwan, Bill Ostrand, Robert Sudam, Tom Rothe, Cynthia
25 Wentworth, Frank Kaverelok and Austin was on this. The
26 harvest committee isn't the one that can do the design,
27 but what we probably need to do is insure that they get
28 together and that we spend some of the money to make sure
29 -- hire the right people to make this designed right so
30 that it -- we can move forward. Other comments or
31 responses to that? Charlie had first and if you have a
32 comment, come up to the table.

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34 MR. BROWER: I just had a question Mr.
35 Chairman. You stated you did four pilot projects. Is
36 that right?

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38 MS. WENTWORTH: Four areas.

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40 MR. BROWER: Four areas, Northwest,
41 Maniilaq, Kawerak, Bearing Straight and Lower Delta?

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43 MS. WENTWORTH: Uh-huh. (Affirmative)

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45 MR. BROWER: And isn't Bearing Straight
46 and Kawerak the same?

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48 MS. WENTWORTH: Yes.

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50 MR. BROWER: And how you count for two

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MR. AHMASUK: She didn't.

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MS. WENTWORTH: Maniilaq. I didn't.

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MR. BROWER: No, you have Maniilaq as
8 Northwest.....

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MS. WENTWORTH: Right.

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MR. BROWER:and you said Kawerak,
13 Bearing Straight and Delta.

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MS. WENTWORTH: Oh Bristol Bay and Alaska
16 Peninsula down as far as Port Heiden.

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MR. BROWER: Okay.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ralph did you have a
21 comment? I mean Fred.

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MR. ARMSTRONG: I think there was a
24 request to perhaps increase the membership of the Harvest
25 Survey Committee to include some other technical people
26 on this. I know that the Council has made the
27 appointments in the past and we've been kind of hesitant
28 to increase any committee without the Council's approval.
29 I don't know where you guys stand on this.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Bill Ostrand come on
32 up.

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MR. OSTRAND: Just to add to what Fred
35 said, we've also lost a member. Polly Wheeler no longer
36 works for the state so we need to replace her.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Russ Oates had a
39 comment.

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MR. OATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
42 just wanted to request of the Council that they appoint
43 someone from the Populations Survey Program to insure
44 that there is compatibility between the population data
45 and the harvest survey data, which is what you have to
46 have for good regulations process.

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Thank you.

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MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Oates, do you have a

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MR. OATES: You mean of a name?

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MR. ANDERSEN: A name.

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MR. OATES: Not at this time. But I'll
8 get you one pretty quick.

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MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman I move that
11 we name Russ Oates to the harvest committee.

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MR. AHMASUK: Second.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess that I would
16 like -- I know that you have a supervisor and if he
17 thinks you're the most appropriate person -- if he nods
18 we'll do that.

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: He's got staff that
21 can help.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Doug.

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MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
26 There was a name that was brought up yesterday. Bob
27 Stint is a biometrician and I think he could offer some
28 assistance that maybe Russ is incapable of offering and
29 probably everybody in this room is incapable of offering
30 and I would like for us to have the opportunity for Bob
31 and I and Russ to talk about who really the best person
32 is. But, we certainly want to support this group. I'll
33 stand on my soap box just for a moment. I think that
34 harvest survey information from this point on is one of
35 the most important things that we can do. Because
36 Charlie mentioned inviting the fly away councils up here.
37 When we start sending our recommendations down to them in
38 the future, they're going to ask, how are those effecting
39 -- how are these regulations effecting harvest in the
40 state. And we need to be able to say, it's either showing
41 an increase, it's stable or it's actually showing a
42 decrease. We need to have good solid data to support any
43 assertions that we make. And I think that this committee
44 is probably the most important committee that we have.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: We have a motion
47 before us to have Russ Oates added to the Harvest Survey
48 Committee. It's been seconded. And I realize that you
49 may take -- hire more technical people with you to these
50 because we realize it's a very technical survey problem

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1 that most of us in this room don't know how to do but we
2 have experts that can.

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4 MR. BROWER: Question on the motion.

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6 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Shall we -- let's go
7 ahead -- is there any objection to adding Russ Oates to
8 this committee?

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10 (No opposing votes)

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12 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
13 will be the action of the Council. Sorry Enoch. Go ahead.

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16 MR. SHIEDT: I got no problem with the
17 survey Cynthia but you guys made some changes without
18 even talking to anyone. Especially me from my area. I
19 did the survey before under house to house and you
20 changed it to stats. I got a problem with the stats
21 that's going to come out versus the household How do you
22 make the difference or how do you going to compare this
23 data that was being used versus a new data that's coming
24 out? Because under your stats, they're not going to get
25 all the people that are actually harvesting the birds and
26 you're just going to get so many percent of it.

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28 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think that we're
29 getting into some really technical things that we can't
30 answer or have anybody to address and maybe you and
31 Cynthia can sit down afterwards and talk about it. But
32 Ralph go ahead and then Austin.

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34 MR. ANDERSEN: I was just going to say
35 Mr. Chairman, that I think Cynthia got the message
36 yesterday of the need to communicate. And I don't think
37 we need to go into that very much. I think the messages
38 came across pretty clear yesterday.

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40 MS. WENTWORTH: Yeah, well we've
41 explained his question extensively in the survey handbook
42 that he had during training. It's all been explained
43 many times. Ferdinan Sharp has explained it many times
44 how all that works. I'll be glad to explain it again,
45 but it has -- we have explained that quite a bit. It's
46 part of our training.

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48 MR. ANDERSEN: And again, the message
49 that was sent yesterday is the need for the Harvest
50 Committee to communicate more with the regions and with

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1 the areas that are being sampled as part of the pilot.

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3 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. I think
4 first Austin and then Herman.

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6 MR. AHMASUK: As Enoch mentioned the
7 Harvest Survey Committee came up with some -- and we
8 submitted those to the record of the March meeting --
9 ways in which we envisioned the harvest survey would
10 probably change. And like Enoch mentioned, some things
11 will probably change. They have changed for this pilot
12 project because there simply isn't -- Cynthia's program
13 doesn't have enough money as she mentioned before to do a
14 house to house survey. The major thing that will change
15 -- and I'll just quickly go into some aspects of this.
16 In the past, many areas of the state that conducted
17 migratory bird harvest surveys were house to house. They
18 surveyed everybody in the village and estimated the
19 harvest from a fairly complete survey method and survey
20 design. It's divided out into -- the Harvest Survey
21 Committee envisioned that this pilot project could test
22 activity stratification dividing high hunters into low
23 hunters and non-hunters. Some regions have found areas
24 where there's small villages, 69 households. Maybe 20 of
25 them are high hunters, 30 are low to moderate hunters and
26 then the remaining 10 are non-hunters. What happens is
27 -- and it's probably not too hard to imagine is you then
28 estimate the harvest based upon a survey of maybe 10
29 households in a village of 69 households. So this method
30 of activity stratification is a cost measure that -- I
31 understand each region works with Cynthia's office, but
32 it is something that is changed and it's something that
33 we did detail in our report that we committed to the
34 record in March. And it's probably a scenario that
35 maybe a lot of people don't particularly like. And for a
36 small village it's probably hard to understand why not
37 just instead of doing 10 surveys, why can't we just do 20
38 like we normally would for households that are high and
39 low hunters. These are all aspects that get to a very
40 very technical level in the Harvest Survey Committee.
41 Our report that we submitted -- we threw a bunch of
42 statistical formulas at you guys and the definition of
43 sampling areas, sampling methods and all this kind of
44 stuff that is very technical in nature.

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46 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you.....

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48 MS. WENTWORTH: I'd just like to add
49 something too. I think it's really important to see that
50 this isn't just Cynthia's survey. The refuge information

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1 technicians and the Fish and Wildlife Service play a huge
2 part in this survey. I couldn't begin to do this survey
3 without them. They train not only individual villages,
4 but they train the trainers. They -- and then also the
5 contractors that we have, Kawerak, Maniilaq, who are
6 actually out doing it -- you talk about communication.
7 That's where village communication goes on. Through our
8 RIT program and through our contractors. Those are the
9 people that are getting the messages out to the villages.
10 I train the people who get it out. That's the way it's
11 always worked and that's the way it's continuing to work.
12 So it's very important that the RIT's and the other
13 people be fully abreast of what's going on with this
14 committee. That's extremely important.

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16 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Herman you
17 were next to talk.

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19 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah Mr. Chairman, I'd
20 like to ask Cynthia here if, we as the Council or the
21 region reps can have a copy of this training handbook or
22 whatever. IF you guys seem to be having a problem of
23 having to explain it all the time. I'd like to look at
24 it and see what it is.

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26 MS. WENTWORTH: Certainly. Yeah, we can
27 make more copies. Okay. That's a good idea. I like
28 that idea.

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30 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. First Mike
31 and then Fred and then Ralph.

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33 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
34 Cynthia in regards to Enoch's concern, have you been able
35 to compare a household survey in a village with a
36 stratification survey in that particular village? And
37 what kind of difference did you get, if any?

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39 MS. WENTWORTH: We don't have our data in
40 from the latest survey, so we can't do that yet. But
41 sometime down the road, certainly we'll compare. That's
42 a statistical question we can talk about more later, the
43 technical aspects of that if you want.

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45 MR. SMITH: No, I was just concerned.
46 We're establishing subsistence harvest levels and I just
47 want to make sure we err on the side of getting as much
48 as we need.

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50 Secondly, I was wondering if you could

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1 just explain a little bit about the cooperative
2 agreements and how those work and then in regard's to
3 Ralph's question, I'm not sure we got a good answer as to
4 exactly how that \$300,000 for the upcoming year is
5 anticipated to be spent. How much of that will be going
6 to cooperative agreements? How much will be going to
7 hiring a statistician and those type of things?

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9 MS. WENTWORTH: Okay. Well, we don't
10 know yet just how it's going to be spent because we've
11 got to have the help of the statistician before we go
12 forward on that. But, as far as cooperative agreements.
13 They always used to be cooperative agreements, now
14 they're contracts. Our contracting office changed it so
15 now we have contracts with the different groups. But I
16 can't tell you right now how the money is going to be
17 spent.

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19 MR. SMITH: And how are the cooperative
20 agreements structured. Can you just explain how those
21 work and what they are? I mean, I understand what they
22 are.....

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24 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ralph why don't you --
25 I mean Fred.

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27 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman, these are
28 -- as Cynthia said, they're different from the grant
29 agreements that we have with the non-profits. These are
30 direct contracts with some of the same non-profits to
31 collect the harvest data. As to how we're going to spend
32 the \$300,000. I think that's a process question that the
33 committee will probably be charged with to come to some
34 agreement as to what type of harvest survey the Council
35 will feel comfortable with and that will have credible
36 information. I don't think that's a fair question at this
37 point in time to address to Cynthia. She's going to try
38 to take advisement of the Committee as work and move
39 forward with that. I think a lot of these questions are
40 in the air, but we need to give the Committee time to
41 work on some of this stuff.

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43 MS. WENTWORTH: I just urge all the
44 Committee members to give me your dates. We might be
45 able to even figure out when we're going to have it right
46 here today. If everyone can give me their availability
47 dates, we can work on that.

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49 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ralph.

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1 MR. ANDERSEN: I guess my -- what I have
2 to say is we'll get this in order. I want you to know
3 Cynthia that while -- I don't consider it Cynthia's
4 surveys. But I do really appreciate the work that you
5 do. The work that your (indiscernible) does. As Wayne
6 explained a few minutes ago, the harvest surveys are
7 really critical to our work here. The RIT's I understand
8 play an important part in it. The people that are hired
9 in the villages to conduct the surveys play an important
10 part of it in identifying households and that sort of
11 thing. And with that said, I move that we accept the
12 Harvest Survey Committee's report.

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14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I'll second it.

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16 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. We'll continue
17 the discussion I had next -- Doug was next and then
18 Enoch.

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20 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
21 was going to offer a motion, but it seems very clear to
22 me that what we need is for Cynthia's survey effort to be
23 in concert with the will of the Committee and that they
24 need to be working together on where they direct and
25 focus their efforts. They direct the expenditure of
26 these funds. I was under the understanding that the
27 contract that we let with the statistician was going to
28 offer some insights and recommendations on how we might
29 apply that -- how we might conduct a statewide survey in
30 an efficient manner and then using that information,
31 allow us to apply the \$300,000 toward that. I don't know
32 that it's going to -- if that's true, I don't know that
33 it's going to be that beneficial for the Committee and
34 Cynthia to get together until they have the findings or
35 recommendations from that contract from the statistician.
36 Once they have that, I think it behooves us to instruct
37 the Committee to work with Cynthia to decipher that
38 information, to look it over, to come to some agreement
39 on how we will apply that money and conduct the survey in
40 the future based on the prototype that we funded this
41 year.

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43 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Enoch.

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45 MR. SHIEDT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
46 Cynthia I know from April to possibly the end of June,
47 the surveyors come knocking door to door. But I don't
48 see him coming and knocking door to door during the fall
49 time. How is the fall survey accomplished then?

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1 MS. WENTWORTH: Oh they do go door to
2 door during the fall time too. There is a survey in the
3 fall. Yeah, you bet. In fact, sometimes they come to
4 the fall even more than in the spring because maybe the
5 households aren't home in the spring and we like to get
6 the information as soon as the hunting takes place but
7 sometimes that's not possible. So sometimes they're even
8 collecting more forms in the fall than they are in the
9 spring.

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11 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Did you want to
12 respond to what Doug said?

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14 MS. WENTWORTH: Yeah. I was -- it was
15 interesting that Doug said that because that's what I've
16 been saying all along when people are saying why don't we
17 have a committee meeting. I've been trying to get this
18 statistician for a long time. So, I was really happy
19 when Ron Stanik told me here yesterday that we may be
20 able to get some other help from Fish and Game. That just
21 really delighted me to no end because I've been wanting
22 this for many many months and that's why we haven't been
23 able to move forward.

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25 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well when is the
26 contract -- you've contracted with the statistician --
27 and I can't remember his name now. Joe.....

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29 MS. WENTWORTH: Joe Reynolds.

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: When is his report due
32 to be completed?

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34 MS. WENTWORTH: We just barely started.

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36 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: See that's the part
37 that bothers me.....

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39 MS. WENTWORTH: Me too. Me too.

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41 CHAIRMAN REGELIN:you set up a
42 whole pilot project without a statistician being involved
43 in designing it. It's not the way the scientific process
44 should work.....

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46 MS. WENTWORTH: Okay. Okay. Let me
47 explain that though. Last year we did the pilot project
48 because our meetings were December 10th, 11th and 12th
49 and then that very month -- that next week even I had to
50 start the survey. So we didn't have time to hire a

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1 statistician and do the whole analysis before we started
2 the 2002 survey in -- the Yukon Delta likes to start in
3 December of the year before. And then other places we
4 start in the spring. But anyway, that's why we did a
5 pilot project that year. But yeah, for suer, I agree with
6 what you say.

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8 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well we.....

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10 MS. WENTWORTH: We don't want to keep
11 doing that.

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13 CHAIRMAN REGELIN:keep going on and
14 discussing this, but I guess that what we have to decide
15 is we know it's vital and we -- it's going to take very
16 talented people to design this for us. Borrowing somebody
17 for a few weeks from Fish and Game might help a little
18 bit but that's not the solution. We need to sit down
19 internally with the Fish and Wildlife Service, the
20 scientific part and make sure that we move forward on the
21 right direction. We have a motion before us -- first,
22 did Mike -- are you -- you were still on the list.

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24 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
25 Just a little clarification and I -- the Harvest
26 Committee then approves a harvest survey plan and then
27 allocates the money, or does that plan come back to us
28 for approval at all or review or do they just go ahead
29 and determine how that money is going to be spent?

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess that we don't
32 have anything to do with spending the money. That's
33 Cynthia and her staff, but Austin did you have a
34 clarification on the question?

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36 MR. AHMASUK: Yeah Mr. Chairman. We don't
37 direct where the funding goes. At our December technical
38 workshop we came up with a slue of ideas that we
39 presented to the Council as to how we should proceed.
40 The program with the Fish and Wildlife Service, the
41 Migratory Bird Harvest Survey would have continued
42 regardless of a plan that the Council felt really
43 comfortable with, or the Committee felt really
44 comfortable with simply because dedicated dollars for the
45 harvest survey are administered by Cynthia and her staff
46 and the RIT's. At this point we tried out some things
47 with this year's survey effort that are not part of the
48 grandiose scheme that we envisioned for the whole rest of
49 the life of these new regulations that are going to come
50 out this next year. Granted that in the past 20 years

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1 we've tried something that was never part of any sort of
2 scheme for these new round of regulations that are coming
3 up. There is something out there. There is some harvest
4 data, but it's certainly not anything that's uniform that
5 I suppose the Service Regulations Committee at this point
6 will put their finger on and say, okay, well yeah, in
7 2002 your harvest was this, now in 2003 it's this. Did
8 it significantly increase? May not know. I don't know.

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10 MS. WENTWORTH: Yeah, thanks Austin. The
11 pilot project in 2002 covered more areas than had ever
12 been covered before in a single year. More areas and
13 also more hunting than had ever been covered before in a
14 single year.

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16 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think that we will
17 -- I think what we need to do -- we have a motion to
18 accept the report and I think we should go ahead and do
19 that and then knowing that there's going to have to be
20 some conversations between the scientists and the
21 migratory bird office or the Council staff and how to get
22 this done. And we'll make sure that that happens and
23 that the Committee becomes active again. I guess to my
24 feeling is, the Committee provides overall direction and
25 it's got a lot of non-technical people on it but it's a
26 way to keep us informed as a Council and provide the
27 direction. Because we know that we have to have a high
28 element of science in it but there's also the component
29 of going out and talking to people in the villages. So
30 there's a dual thing there. We have a motion -- yes
31 Cynthia.

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33 MS. WENTWORTH: Yeah. Doug mentioned
34 that he -- I don't know -- was that a motion or not? You
35 mentioned about delaying the meeting of the Committee
36 until we got the statistician. So I'm going to need some
37 guidance here.

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39 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess -- let's talk
40 about that afterwards. I think that we need -- I guess I
41 hate to delay until December. I don't think that that's a
42 wise decision. I think that the Council, or the group has
43 identified some things that need to get done and we need
44 to get moving on that. What we got people is a
45 statistician looking at how the data can be used, not how
46 to design a program. That's what we were told yesterday.
47 And I'm talking about a different function and I want the
48 Committee to address that and address it soon so that we
49 don't miss a season. And if we have to miss a season to
50 design it right, we will It's more important to design

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1 this right and have information that's highly credible
2 than to collect information that's not useable. That's
3 my personal opinion. Now we have a question before us.
4 Is there any objection to accepting the report? Any
5 objection.

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(No opposing votes)

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
10 will be the action of the Council. And maybe I can talk
11 with people a little later but let's try to get the
12 Committee here together in the next few weeks and get it
13 done. Bob. Bill.

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MR. OATES: Yeah I just wanted to draw
16 the Council's attention to replacing missing committee
17 members, particularly Polly Wheeler, who represented the
18 state. Ron Stanik has been sitting in, but since he's not
19 been appointed and approved by the Council, he can't vote
20 on the committee.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Doug.

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MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
25 move that we appoint Ron Stanik as a Fish and Game
26 representative to the committee.

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MR. ANDERSEN: Second.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. We have a
31 motion before us to appoint Ron to this committee. I
32 think we would do the same thing we did with Russ Oates
33 that Ron will be the official member but he may very well
34 bring a biometrician and statisticians from his -- from
35 the Fish and Game offices to help. Is there any
36 objection to adding Ron Stanik to the Harvest Survey
37 Committee?

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(No opposing votes)

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
42 will be the action of the Council. Thank you.

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It's noon. We are way behind schedule.
45 We will take a break and let's try to be back at 1:00
46 o'clock. We've got a lot of things to still happen. You
47 want to work through lunch? Would people like to work
48 through lunch? Let's take a break for an hour and we'll
49 come back and some of these things we can go through
50 pretty rapidly.

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5 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay we're ready to
6 start. Let's take our seats and we'll get moving here.
7 All right let's call the meeting back to order. Thanks
8 for getting back promptly. I know an hour is hard for
9 lunch when you got to drive to a restaurant and get back.
10 It looks like we got everybody back too. It's amazing.
11 Thank you. Before we move on to item number three, I
12 want to talk for just another minute about the Harvest
13 Committee report, or the Harvest Committee. I talked
14 with several people on the Council over lunch and have a
15 suggestion to toss out to everyone. We asked the Harvest
16 Committee to get together in the next two or three weeks
17 and put together a request for proposals to go out to get
18 the statistical expertise that's necessary in order to
19 design the harvest survey the next phase that we're
20 moving into. Fred can -- work through Fred's shop on all
21 the technicalities that need to be done. That would move
22 us down the road because it takes a while to get an RFP.
23 We've learned enough about the -- we were thinking about
24 waiting until we had the consultant that's working --
25 looking at the data now to do that. But, what we're
26 going to get from that consultant is, his charge was not
27 to design a new experiment or even to discuss or
28 recommend new design. It was to analyze the data to see
29 what you can do with it. And while that's a necessary
30 step, it doesn't address the more critical need. So
31 that's my suggestion. Does anybody have any comments on
32 that?

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34 MR. ANDERSEN: I move.

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36 MR. BROWER: Second.

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38 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: We have a second. Any
39 discussion? Everybody doesn't want to discuss anything
40 anymore.

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42 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Question.

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44 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess that you can
45 sit down and talk with Fred and he'll know how to go
46 about this process, but it puts on fast track and we need
47 to back up and figure out -- look down the road so when
48 we'll have this new system in place. We'll leave it up
49 to the Harvest Committee for the details. You got your
50 work cut out for you. Okay we have a motion before us.

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1 Is there any objections to asking the Harvest Committee
2 in the next two or three weeks to get together and put
3 together request for proposals for the design phase of
4 the harvest report system.

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6 (No opposing votes)

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8 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
9 will be the action of the Council.

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11 The next item before us is the Technical
12 Committee Report and we're going to then -- Fred will
13 give us a brief report and then we'll talk about some of
14 the charge or the role we're going to have for the
15 Technical Committee.

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17 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Well I don't want
18 to belabor you with what I reported yesterday. The topic
19 quickly changes anyway to one of guidance. But I want to
20 bring up a couple of points that were discussed at the
21 meeting that I neglected to in the past. One is that at
22 the first Technical Committee meeting there was only one
23 Native representative present and it was very heavy with
24 agency people. One of the concerns we had is that we
25 didn't want to shape anything for the Council and make it
26 look like we're running the show. And that's where we
27 kind of got away from the recommendation processes. We
28 were really concerned that it would have -- it would look
29 like we're running the show and actually we're trying to
30 look at this as a partnership.

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32 The other thing is -- I know this is a
33 sensitive area but I feel I need to bring it out in all
34 fairness to everybody. There are people appointed to
35 these committees and if you have an avid interest in the
36 program, you need to be present. If you're not, the work
37 has to continue. I think we're seeing the same thing
38 happen over and over again where people are trying to
39 meet and then we get to the Council meeting and it ends
40 up being discussed over and over again. I don't think
41 we're making any progress. The people who have concerns
42 need to be present to present their views and see how
43 that committee could work together. I really want to
44 stress your presence is important to us and that if
45 you're appointed or volunteer to go on a committee,
46 please be there. It's going to really help us move
47 things forward. It eliminates a lot of the impression
48 that people are doing things that are not in the best
49 interest of the Council when, in fact, we're just doing
50 with what we have available, I mean, the people present

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1 at the meetings. Enough said on that. I think we could
2 just focus on the guidance that the Council wants to
3 provide the Technical Committee and we'll try to see how
4 we can integrate that into our Committee.

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6 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Fred.
7 Charlie.

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9 MR. BROWER: I'd just like to make a
10 comment. Just through the recent Technical Committee
11 meeting was -- the planning and communication was pretty
12 poor. But they should be at least planning and
13 communication well in advance for the proposed meeting
14 dates. Not just a week or two before. You have to have
15 advanced communication to make necessary --
16 communications for the membership to make traveling
17 arrangements. You just can't put them there a week
18 before or two. It takes time to make travel arrangements
19 and some of us have to travel out of Anchorage and need
20 time to make some traveling arrangements. I'm just
21 saying that communication is the key point here in all
22 committees. Try to set an advance communication a couple
23 or three weeks before. And set up some guidelines -- or
24 not guidelines but communicate to us. A week before a
25 meeting in some areas -- you know how long it takes to
26 make traveling arrangements to some of us and it just
27 doesn't happen just by saying we're going to have a
28 Technical meeting here next week, be there. I just want
29 to make that statement.

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31 Thank you.

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33 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Charlie. I
34 think that we heard your message and before we get into
35 the role or the expectations of what we're going to have
36 the details of what the Technical Committee might produce
37 for us in the near future, there's two things. There's
38 nine people on the Committee officially. Two of them
39 have moved on to other things and Stanley Ned is no
40 longer on the Council and Polly Wheeler has changed jobs
41 and is no longer available. So we need to replace those
42 two people on the committee of nine. We also want to
43 make it very clear that if somebody else from the Council
44 or that just works for one of the regions has a real
45 interest and wants to go to the Technical Committee, they
46 can. We've always said that. That's been part of the
47 role. So I will accept nominations or a motion to add
48 -- Mike Smith.

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50 MR. SMITH: I so move.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: And.....

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3 MR. ANDERSEN: Second.

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5 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Mike has already
6 agreed that he would serve. If there's no objections,
7 Mike will be a new member of the Committee and Ron Stanik
8 is the other volunteer. No excuse me.....

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10 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, Mr.
11 Chairman, I nominate Mary See.

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13 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yeah, excuse me. Do
14 we have a second?

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16 MR. BROWER: Second.

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18 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Mary Ann See is
19 the Deputy Director of the Subsistence Division for the
20 Fish and Game Department and she will do this and over
21 time she may delegate it down to other people but for
22 night now we would like to have Mary Ann See sit on that
23 committee. Is there any objections to Mary Ann See?

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25 (No opposing votes)

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27 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. That takes
28 care of part one.

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30 Part two -- we've had some discussions
31 yesterday and a little bit here at noon. Everybody I
32 think feels the Technical Committee needs to be -- is a
33 very important committee to help us get our work done. I
34 know the Technical Committee is worried that they don't
35 want to take over and replace the Council and I guess I
36 don't think that that's going to happen. But it's a
37 Technical Committee and we should probably have -- it's
38 most appropriate for them to work on issues that are
39 technical in nature rather than strictly policy. But
40 what we think we need -- and I think what we all know we
41 need are briefing papers that outline an issue, say
42 here's what the law says, here's the issue and explain it
43 a little bit and then two or three options of a way you
44 could approach it. And we had a very good example of
45 that that Doug showed that Karen Lang put out yesterday
46 where she told us what -- about permitting. About what
47 the laws were and then the second part of that was, here
48 are some idea. And that's something that we will be
49 dealing with probably over the next two or three years.
50 And that's the kind of thing that we need the Technical

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1 Committee to work on. I think the big concern I keep
2 hearing is, the Technical Committee itself probably isn't
3 the one that's going to sit down and write these issue
4 papers. But they have people on their staff or they can
5 work with Fred's staff to make sure these get done and
6 they need to have that direction. So from there, I'll
7 open it up to the Council. I wanted to set the framework
8 to try to minimize the time we spend on this. Ralph and
9 then Charlie.

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11 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I think you
12 summarized it pretty well. I'd just like to add
13 something to that. The fact that the Technical Committee
14 needs to be focused on technical issues. The Committee
15 really doesn't establish policy for us and nor should
16 they be asked to address policy issues. I think it's
17 important that the Committee understands that its work
18 needs to follow its name. That it's a Technical
19 Committee not a policy committee. That the request to --
20 and I think it should apply to us too as a Council that
21 we don't ask the TRC to look into really a policy matter.
22 And I think that Karen Lang's presentation yesterday was
23 an excellent example of the kind of work, or kind of
24 product that we expect to see from the TRC, where the
25 issue is identified. The laws and regulations are
26 identified and the second page of her presentation listed
27 a number of options for us to consider. And that's what
28 we're looking for and we don't expect the members of the
29 Committee themselves to sit down at a keyboard and do the
30 work. Because it -- they might not have the necessary
31 technical expertise to accomplish the work. But they do
32 have friends and colleagues within the agency and within
33 their departments that do have that expertise. For
34 example, Russ Oates, being assigned -- his appointment to
35 the Harvest Committee also opens a way for other members
36 in his department to get involved in the work. So, while
37 I don't expect Russ to do all the work, he does have
38 access to the skills and expertise in order for him to
39 accomplish the work. And that's the same sort of thing
40 that I think we see with the Technical Committee. While
41 the Committee will be given assignments, it's really not
42 the -- we don't expect to see the members themselves
43 sitting down in front of a computer terminal doing the
44 work. Because I think it's through the agencies and
45 organizations that we have represented here on the
46 Council that we do represent big number of people.

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48 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Ralph.

49 Charlie.

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1 MR. BROWER: I think Ralph said it but I
2 just want to state that these Technical Committee members
3 and adjacent with the migratory bird staff and Fred's
4 staff, they should work together cooperatively and not
5 say it's not my problem, it's not my part of the thing.
6 They should work together because I get the feeling that
7 there's some interaction between the two divisions here
8 that, it's not my responsibility or whatever, but I just
9 want to make that clear that they should work together
10 hand to hand.

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12 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Charlie.
13 One of the things that I see that as an example of
14 something that I think I'd like to see the Technical
15 Committee do is after the SRC takes their action and if
16 they remove two or three or four species of birds from
17 this list, then I think the Technical Committee should
18 probably take a look at each of those species, write a
19 little briefing paper for the Council or an issue paper
20 with the status of that species. Is it a conservation
21 issue or not. Because we'll have to make a decision at
22 our next meeting whether we want to try to put that bird
23 back on. And we're going to need some technical
24 biological information of whatever -- is that something
25 that we should try to do or is there a real conservation
26 need out there and we should just accept the decision of
27 the SRC. That's a -- so there'd be a one or two page
28 briefing on -- probably one page on each species or
29 something like that, or maybe not even quite that much.
30 We've got this biological expertise on the Technical
31 Committee to direct that and then have the appropriate
32 person within one of the agencies write that together.
33 So that's the kind of thing I'm looking at. Other
34 comments or examples or suggestions? Herman.

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair, Ralph pretty
37 much hit it good and you and the suggestion you made the
38 slight briefing and everything and also how it would
39 effect each region if the bird was taken off the list
40 whether it effected that region or not. And it would
41 make it a little easier for that region rep to work on it
42 with their people also. And then a lot of these things
43 that we've been doing and going through in our meetings
44 here round and round, the Technical Committee can take
45 care of that in a short order of time for us probably.
46 Instead of having lengthy discussions on it all the time.

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48 Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Ralph.

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1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Ralph?

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3 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I look right at him
4 and say Ralph. Fred.

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6 MR. ARMSTRONG: I wasn't paying
7 attention.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I got to -- I don't
10 know what we're going to do.

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12 MR. ARMSTRONG: Oh it's okay Doug.

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14 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Boy
15 that'll make me pay attention. Did you have some
16 comments you wanted to make Fred.

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18 MR. ARMSTRONG: No I just appreciate the
19 input and I think that as the -- I think it's important
20 to note that we're all growing in our respective
21 positions here, new responsibilities and as we continue
22 to grow, I think the Technical Committee, as well as the
23 Harvest Committee will grow and become pretty proficient
24 in their positions here. The input you guys have
25 provided will go a long way in providing identity for our
26 committee.

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28 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Mike.

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30 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
31 certainly appreciate the -- I look forward to working on
32 the Technical Committee. But I know at the last one I
33 went to, we did kind of go round and round as to exactly
34 what our role was and certainly the SRC decisions could
35 certainly generate some work for the Technical Committee
36 to do, but it would be nice if there were some other
37 suggestions offered as well. I think -- I forgot who it
38 was now, but somebody brought up the issue of how we're
39 going to address the Emperor Goose plan. And maybe
40 something like that is also an appropriate role for the
41 Technical Committee to do is come up with a plan on how
42 to address that issue. Who we need to contact, what
43 meetings we need to go to, who do we need to set up
44 contacts with. That type of thing. So the more specific
45 recommendations that this Council can offer I think would
46 be -- would better suit the Technical Committee.

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48 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Thank you
49 Mike and I think that we can do that. I know that we've
50 got at least two and probably more people sitting out

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1 that are on the Technical Committee. Is there anything
2 that you -- are you satisfied and do you want more
3 direction or do you have any comments? Tom. If you're
4 going to talk, you got to come up.

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6 MR. ROTHE: Mr. Chairman, My name is Tom
7 Rothe. I'm the Waterfowl Coordinator with Fish and Game.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: You did look familiar.

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11 MR. ROTHE: Just a couple of general
12 comments. I think the last Technical Committee meeting
13 we milled around a little bit because we really didn't
14 have a sense of what the Council members thought were the
15 issues of the day. We came with our individual ideas.
16 So if there's a way to capture issues the Council wants
17 to address and have those funneled maybe to Fred's
18 office, it'll help us build an agenda for the Technical
19 Committee. I think it's right on that we can put
20 together population data and harvest data to look at some
21 of the species stuff and I think Mike's right that the
22 Technical Committee probably has a real good role in
23 launching an Emperor goose planning process with probably
24 at least four or five regions are involved in that.

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26 One thing came up yesterday is education
27 and outreach. And in our Technical Committee meeting we
28 ran into some things like what do we need to do about
29 loons getting caught in gill nets? It's one where we
30 didn't come up with any specific suggestion but somebody
31 said well, how about if we just have an information
32 program that goes out to fisherman saying, try to avoid
33 catching loons. So you chose not to develop an Education
34 Committee and that would seem to may be a natural role
35 for the Technical Committee to develop ideas for outreach
36 products and programs.

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38 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Tom and I
39 think that (indiscernible - away from microphone) -- are
40 the species issues and also I know the Emperor goose
41 issue are two that are given that will be worked on. Are
42 there any others that anybody on the Council right now
43 would like to suggest that they provide some technical
44 advice and briefings on? Mike.

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46 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd
47 like to also try to start addressing the White Fronted
48 goose issue. I think Boomer will give us some telemetry
49 stuff that will get us a long ways toward what we've been
50 looking for in regards to how to approach that issue. I

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1 guess my concern is how do we approach that issue and I'm
2 not sure. I mean, we certainly have to deal with Canada.
3 We have to deal with Mexico. We've have to deal with
4 Texas and other mid-continental states. I'm not real
5 sure how we're going to go about doing that whole
6 process. So maybe the White Fronted goose or the Emperor
7 goose plan could be the areas where we can get our feet
8 wet in starting to address some of these issues.

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10 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Certainly and I think
11 that's one that we -- that's a perfect way for the
12 Technical Committee to look at that and come back and
13 say, here's how we think we should move forward. And you
14 guys, if there's other things that you see that you know
15 we're going to be facing as a Council, because you are
16 more involved in the day to day stuff of what's going on
17 in the waterfowl world, go ahead and put together an
18 issue for us to discuss and some options how to make
19 directions. Any other comments? Doug.

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21 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22 Just a question. Do we have a chairman for that
23 committee?

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25 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I believe that Fred is
26 serving as Chair of that committee. Do you intend to
27 continue to be the Chair of that committee Fred?

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29 MR. ARMSTRONG: Until they say otherwise.
30 I think, again, at the first meeting we didn't have very
31 much representation and it kind of just fell on my
32 shoulders. But there's room for rotation.

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34 MR. ALCORN: I don't necessarily see as
35 the role of staff to chair the Committee. I think that
36 the committee chairman, whoever that is, whether it's
37 Fred or anybody else, I think the role of the chairman is
38 to somewhat set the tempo and the agenda for that
39 committee and take -- I certainly see Fred's office as
40 being the clearinghouse for issues as they are presented.
41 Whoever wants to petition the Committee on an issue has,
42 I think, the responsibility of writing up the issue.
43 Much like Karen Lang put together the briefing paper that
44 we looked at yesterday in the work session. I think if
45 anyone has a concern, they present it in a similar
46 fashion. Their concern. Their issue. What the
47 ramifications of no action. What the benefits of action
48 would be. What the potential actions could be. Those
49 kinds of things. Then sent to Fred, or whomever the
50 Chair is, and then the Chair set the agenda for the

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1 Technical Committee and convene the Committee when he or
2 she feels like there's enough issues to warrant having a
3 meeting and in a timely way so that we're adequately
4 staffed and prepared for the meetings that we set based
5 on our schedule.

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: One suggestion on the
8 chairmanship might be is to let the Committee get
9 together the next time, discuss amongst themselves and
10 select a chairman. Until that time, Fred can serve in
11 that role and I guess my personal opinion is that Fred
12 may not be the Chair, but he needs to be closely involved
13 with this Committee because there's got to be that real
14 close link between the staff and the Technical Committee.
15 So, Greg -- first Ralph.....

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17 MR. ANDERSEN: This Ralph was next.

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19 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: This Ralph.

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21 MR. ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22 I have several items that I've written down here that I
23 think are important. One of them is that I really
24 encourage the Committee to be bold in that whatever
25 actions or whatever contacts need to be made that are
26 appropriate to be made, should be made without coming
27 back to us asking us if it's okay to contact so and so.
28 No. We don't need to do that kind of micromanaging. All
29 that I'm interested in -- and I don't know about anybody
30 else -- are the results, the product and going about
31 getting the product done in a way that is accurate and
32 fair and gives us enough information to make informed
33 decisions. So be bold in that way.

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35 And I kind of disagree with Doug on write
36 ups of proposals. Because somebody, say from Kaliganki or
37 New Styuhok or Togiak or Twin Hills doesn't have the
38 technical expertise to sit down and write up the laws, to
39 research the laws, research the regulations and research
40 appropriate actions to write up in two pages and submit
41 out there to the Technical Committee. I think the
42 Technical Committee should be also poised to offer
43 technical assistance to areas and to regions that have
44 identified issues, on a technical basis. Not setting
45 policy again, but on technical matters that are of
46 concern to a village, to a region or to one of the
47 regional councils. For example, one of the regional
48 councils might, or say the Bristol Bay Regional Council
49 might raise an issue regarding Emperor geese because
50 Emperor geese come into Bristol Bay. So we'd need

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1 technical assistance. Nobody from Port Heiden or Pilot
2 Point could sit down and do the analysis of the statute,
3 an analysis of the regulations and come up with options.
4 Because first of all, they don't have the education and
5 in some cases they don't have the typing skills. But I
6 think the Technical Committee should be poised to offer
7 that kind of technical assistance in those instances.

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9 And I guess the third thing that I think
10 is important is that the Committee -- an I agree with
11 Doug in that I don't think it's appropriate for AMBCC
12 staff to be chairing a committee. I think it is more
13 appropriate to have a committee person chairing the
14 committee. I suggest that at the next meeting, part of
15 it be an organizational meeting. And have the Committee
16 decide how it chooses to operate. Whichever way is the
17 most fair.

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19 MR. ARMSTRONG: If I may, Mr Chairman. I
20 kind of disagree in that respect. I think let the
21 Committee decide who is going to be their leadership and
22 how they lead. Again, if you are talking about not
23 micromanaging, it certainly is one example of it. The
24 Technical Committee will meet and we'll meet frequently.
25 It's just a matter of how we gel together. I just as
26 soon leave that to the Committee to determine.

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28 MR. ANDERSEN: That's what I said, yeah.

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30 MR. ARMSTRONG: No, I think you were
31 saying that.....

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33 MR. ANDERSEN: That's what I said. I said
34 that the Committee needs to organize amongst itself.

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36 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah but I think you were
37 saying how we should organize and I don't know.....

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39 MR. ANDERSEN: No.

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41 MR. ARMSTRONG:if that's
42 appropriate.

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44 MR. ANDERSEN: I didn't say how you
45 should organize.

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47 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Anyway, I think that
48 points are well taken. I think that -- I don't know if we
49 misspoke or misheard but I think you're on the same wave
50 length. leave that up to the Technical Committee. First

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1 Greg had a comment -- a brief one he told me, and then
2 Mike. Go ahead Greg.

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4 GREG: MS. WENTWORTH: Yes. Thank you,
5 Mr. Chairman. I was the one that brought up on the
6 Emperor geese because they are a big food item in our
7 region and I think I have more of a question than a
8 comment. Do we bring that to the Technical Committee and
9 say, listen, from our region we want you to deal with it
10 because people are going to eat it and this is probably
11 like discretionary law enforcement be use.

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13 MR. ANDERSEN: I can answer that Mr.
14 Chairman.

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16 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Go ahead.

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18 MR. ANDERSEN: At the last meeting I made
19 a motion for the Technical Committee -- I can't get the
20 exact words but in the minutes I made a motion referring
21 the issue of putting together or revisiting or rewriting
22 or reviewing the Emperor goose management plan. And that
23 involves working with the Pacific Flyaway Council. So
24 what I've also suggested at this meeting is that the
25 Technical Committee be bold enough to contact the Flyaway
26 Council without coming to us and asking if it's okay. So
27 I think the appropriate contacts need to be made in order
28 to revisit the Emperor goose management plan.

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30 GREG: Secondly, also according to our
31 primary for our region -- our primary representative,
32 Stanley Mack, he informed Ben Golodoff and myself that
33 every since the '60's the Emperor goose maximum
34 sustainable population has never been reached and who do
35 you present that to to bring down. Once again the
36 Flyaway Council?

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38 MR. ANDERSEN: No. Mr. Chairman. It
39 could be through revisions of the goose management plan
40 process. Am I right Tom?

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42 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman could I ask
43 Russ Oates or someone to come up and address that because
44 it's part of the plan.

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46 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yeah. Those things are
47 all going to be addressed. If you want to have Tom or
48 Russ come up, we can answer that real fast.

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50 GREG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ben?

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3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The emperor plan is
4 being rewritten under Russ's authority for us.

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6 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: First Ben had a
7 comment. Go ahead Ben.

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9 MR. GOLODOFF: Yes Mr. Chairman. The
10 Emperor goose I thought a local -- birds are taken in
11 Alaska only. I don't see why we have to go to the
12 Flyaway Committee to ask them permission or whatever.

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14 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think that part of
15 the reason that that's necessary is that that's -- under
16 some of these waterfowl plans, that's the information
17 that the SRC is using to make their decisions so that it
18 would be necessary to probably revise some of that. Russ
19 can -- very briefly.

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21 MR. OATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
22 Yes, the original plan that we're operating under right
23 now, was prepared at the request of the Pacific Flyaway
24 Council and received their approval and that's why I was
25 suggesting that we discuss with them. Since it is, in
26 terms of the U.S. anyway, I don't think they'll have any
27 problem because the Alaska representative certainly favor
28 revision of the plan as well. I don't think they'll have
29 any problem with us doing it, but it's just a matter of
30 protocol We need to make that contact and Ralph Andersen
31 suggests that the Committee do that and that's fine.

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33 Just -- I was going to make a point about
34 the plan. Oh, I wanted to give you just one minute of
35 where we are on the plan. What I have done thus far is
36 had people in the waterfowl management staff bring the
37 data in the tables, the population survey information,
38 all the information we have up to date. We are not, in
39 waterfowl management, just totally revamping the plan at
40 this point because we wanted the Technical Committee to
41 be involved in all matters relative to population
42 objectives and things of that nature. All we've done, to
43 date, is bring the numbers in the surveys up to date and
44 try to modify the figures and things to make them more
45 accurate. So that's all the input we've had to date. We
46 were going to bring objectives of the plan, etc, to the
47 Technical Committee for their concurrence.

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49 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Russ. All
50 right we're getting late into the day and we've got a lot

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1 of things still before us. Are there other comments on
2 the Technical Committee? We've had a lot of discussion
3 and I think that we've set the direction. We know what
4 we're going to do. I see a lot of heads nodding so we'll
5 move forward the way we've discussed here and the next
6 group will get together soon and select a new chairman.

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8 I guess that we've been asked to go down
9 and talk about item eight real quickly because somebody
10 might have to leave. It's law enforcement efforts and I
11 think the question is -- probably for Council is -- we've
12 talked about putting law enforcement issues sort of on
13 the back burner until we got some of the basic
14 regulations and process done. Is it time for us to start
15 thinking about that? Do we want to have a committee to
16 look at it? Do we want to have a special meeting focused
17 on that issue? What do we want to do? We have a person
18 here to give us some suggestions. Introduce yourself and
19 go ahead.

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21 MR. OBERHOLTSEER: Thank you, Mr.
22 Chairman. Members of the Council. My name is Steve
23 Oberholtser. I'm the Assistant Special Agent in charge
24 for the Fish and Wildlife Services Alaska Region. I
25 jotted down a few notes. Probably the best way to move
26 through this quickly is if I could read through my notes,
27 they may answer some of your questions and right after
28 it, if you have any other questions please feel free to
29 ask.

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31 I wanted to start out by giving you a
32 brief description of law enforcement's perception of this
33 program and I'll follow it with our tentative enforcement
34 plans. We viewed the Council, they started with a clean
35 slate to create and recommend regulations concerning the
36 spring and summer harvest of migratory birds. You all
37 identified the necessary elements for regulation
38 including the need for prohibitions. The prohibitions
39 you identified are few and are presumably essential for
40 biological or management reasons. The regulations
41 including the prohibitions define the program.

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43 The substance of the regulations will be
44 scrutinized, not only by persons in Alaska but also by
45 interested parties elsewhere in the country and possibly
46 other countries. These parties will include hunting
47 groups who have strict prohibitions against their taking
48 of migratory birds and conservation organizations who
49 have protectionist views.

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1 I was pleased yesterday to hear Ralph
2 speak of his desire to protect the ability to subsistence
3 hunt birds for his grandkids. I think the success of the
4 program and the authorization to subsistence hunt birds
5 in the future, looking 30 or 40 years down the road
6 largely depend on how reasonable the regulations are, how
7 well they're implemented and how well they're complied
8 with. In other words, I think it will depend on
9 maintaining healthy populations of birds and maintaining
10 the public's and lawmaker's perception of how appropriate
11 subsistence hunting in Alaska is.

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13 One example of a scenario that might
14 bring this point closer to home and you can think of as
15 many what-if's as you want but this is one that I thought
16 up yesterday. A brother and a father of a rural resident
17 usually go to Mexico or South America to hunt doves and
18 ducks every year and they illegally shoot thousands of
19 doves. This hunting practice isn't uncommon. This
20 spring they're invited to hunt in Alaska whereas before
21 it would not have been legal for them to come up and
22 hunt. They come up and shoot hundreds of ducks and other
23 non-game birds and bring them back to Texas, also legal.
24 They're also members of a hunting organization and word
25 of their lawful hunt in Alaska with no bag limits, et
26 cetera, spreads throughout the hunting and conservation
27 communities until it lands on a secretary's or a
28 senator's desk.

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30 Although scenarios like this may or may
31 not become frequent, it doesn't take many to gain the
32 attention of someone who can significantly affect the
33 future of subsistence hunting of birds. The reason I
34 offer this scenario is that these are the hunts that
35 people outside of Alaska will hear of. There won't be
36 much publicity of the traditional subsistence hunts where
37 no exceptional circumstances arise.

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39 The Council having identified and
40 endorsed the prohibitions in the regulations should also
41 support the adherence to them. I have heard from some
42 Council members and other members outside the Council say
43 they are concerned with or oppose enforcement of the very
44 same prohibitions they created. I would urge the Council
45 members who oppose enforcement to start thinking of
46 enforcement as a tool that can be used to gain compliance
47 and support for the program in the future. If compliance
48 is gained it may be viewed in the future as a program
49 that is implemented well and then in turn may have enough
50 to have persons inside and outside Alaska regard the

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1 program as appropriate. If there is no compliance and no
2 meaningful regulations it is likely that the program will
3 be viewed as flawed and eventually may be challenged or
4 disassembled.

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6 Law enforcement, again, is one tool
7 that's available to gain compliance with the regulations.
8 Outreach by the Service, the Council and the local
9 representatives is also another valuable tool. Both
10 tools compliment each other and should be used together.
11 One without the other is often ineffective.

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13 I heard yesterday, Herman speak about his
14 strategy for outreach in your region and that's exactly
15 what I'm talking about as far as the type of outreach
16 efforts that we would like to see in different regions.

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18 Now, to our law enforcement plans. My
19 boss, Stan Pruzinski is the special agent in charge of
20 this region. We haven't sat down to come up with an
21 enforcement strategy for the new regulations for one
22 reason because they're not finalized yet. We're both of
23 the opinion that we plan to enforce the prohibitions that
24 become regulation. I'll temper that or I guess throw in
25 another criteria, that our special agent's caseloads
26 right now are very full. And the amount of resources we
27 plan to redirect to support this program will be based
28 somewhat on your recommendations on how much support is
29 needed. In other words, if you identify areas and we
30 hope you do where there are challenges to the program or
31 situations that are undermining the program, we would
32 urge you to get in touch with us through the Council or
33 directly as soon as possible so we can help support the
34 program and gain compliance in those areas. That will be
35 essential to us supporting your goal of having this
36 continue into the future, is close cooperation between
37 the Council and my division so we can support all the
38 prohibitions and the direction the Council wants to go
39 in.

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41 And that's it for my statement. If
42 there's any questions.

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44 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Herman.

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46 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Yeah,
47 Steve, the one you mentioned on the guy and his son, you
48 know, coming up, just not that anybody can come up and
49 subsistence hunt, you know, they got to have a C&T use
50 tied in with it, the people that do it.

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1 MR. OBERHOLTZER: The way I understood it
2 was -- well, if there is a rural resident and they're an
3 authorized subsistence hunter and they can show that
4 they've gone out in the spring, they can invite family
5 members up to hunt with them. As far as customary and
6 traditional criteria, I haven't heard any analysis that's
7 been done yet to determine who would be authorized, other
8 than family members and who wouldn't be.

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10 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. And then
11 also.....

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13 MR. OBERHOLTZER: What we would -- I'm
14 sorry. What we would need to see is some enforceable
15 regulation if you want to exclude some certain family
16 members from coming up, we would need to see a
17 prohibition in the regulations that is enforceable that
18 we could act on.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. But the people
21 that you -- family you're going to have come up, you
22 know, in our area, the way that we mainly take the birds
23 for subsistence and all that, we go out and get what we
24 want, what we need right at the time for a meal or
25 something, we don't go out and shoot a whole bunch of
26 them like you do in a sport hunt. And that practice is
27 carried on by everybody. I mean that's how we regulate
28 it, we kind of regulate our own so it's not going to be --
29 I'm not going to be seeing somebody coming up, a family
30 member, taking hundreds of ducks, it just won't happen in
31 our area or they won't get to hunt, we won't let them.

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33 MR. OBERHOLTZER: I guess the only -- the
34 point I was trying to make is now this -- whereas before
35 it was a Native Alaskan hunt, now it's authorized for
36 rural residents so you may start seeing things that you
37 haven't seen in the past. And those types of things will
38 also be seen by persons in the Lower 48 who have
39 influence over the program.

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41 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess I want to --
42 you know, we aren't ready to discuss the law enforcement
43 details. What we want to limit this to is, do we want to
44 have a special meeting to begin this discussion. Do we
45 want to have a special meeting, add a day to the next
46 spring meeting or do we want to delay a little longer? I
47 think also tied into this and, a big part of it is this
48 idea of who's invited and who can come back and
49 participate from other areas. That's going to be
50 basically in the hands of the Regional Councils to come

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1 back to us. But now is not the time to get into the
2 details and the what-if's, we need to decide how we want
3 to address this in the future if we're ready to.

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5 First Ralph and then Herman.

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7 MR. ANDERSEN: I guess I wanted to
8 clarify something first. It's just not -- the invitation
9 isn't as simple as you think it is. Because according to
10 the protocol, the invitation needs to come from a village
11 council and not the individual. So I can't invite my
12 long lost uncle who lives in Mexico up here without first
13 having the permission and permit issued by the village
14 council.

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16 MR. OBERHOLTSEY: Okay.

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18 MR. ANDERSEN: And that's on Page 9 of
19 the protocol. But I understand your point and you stated
20 it very well to Herman. But I think what you've brought
21 up, I mean I think this whole thing is brought up, you
22 know, the need to have a special meeting either, I
23 suggest before or after the spring meeting.

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25 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Herman.

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27 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair. Yeah,
28 Steve, I want to thank you for your concerns and
29 everything. And like I said, I think, you know, it's not
30 going to be as bad as you think it might be. We need to
31 look at the positive side, you know, and let this first
32 year go and see what we got after we get our regs and our
33 hunt established finally. I think we do need to bring
34 this up as soon as we can, you know, in the spring
35 meeting or whatever, add a day to it or something.

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37 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Austin.

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39 MR. AHMASUK: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, thanks.
40 I believe I heard you mention education and outreach. Is
41 that a plan that enforcement has money for that we can
42 see or that we can request of you, maybe, on a region by
43 region basis?

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45 MR. OBERHOLTSEY: I would say no. Our
46 role as enforcement is that we, like every other division
47 in Fish and Wildlife Service, are stretched pretty thin
48 as far as what we do and the resources we have to do
49 them.

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1 Certainly when our officers are out there
2 in the field contacting people, they will be conducting
3 outreach in one way or another. As far as taking on the
4 burden of providing outreach I saw that as both the Fish
5 and Wildlife Service's role, the Council's role and the
6 region's role, all three.

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8 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. And we all
9 know that education is going to be -- and outreach will
10 be a big part of any enforcement program. It's probably
11 not his shop that's going to do that. Let's try to keep
12 focused and make a decision whether we're going to have a
13 meeting if we want to start doing this. There's two -- I
14 guess there's a couple things. We're going to have
15 another meeting coming this spring -- I'll get to you in
16 just a second, Mike -- this spring. And we could add a
17 day before or after, like as a workshop to begin the
18 discussions. The other thought and we don't know what's
19 going to happen with the SRC and what kind of changes
20 they may make and if we're going to need to have a
21 special meeting to address those. I would say that if we
22 do, that would probably be the most appropriate time to
23 have a, you know, day that we start beginning to address
24 the law enforcement issues but we may not need to have
25 that meeting. So shall we leave it that we want to take
26 it up the next time we get together for one day as a
27 workshop format?

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29 (Council nods affirmatively)

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: And if we decide we
32 need to get together as a Council following the decisions
33 that the SRC makes, I think we could go ahead and do it
34 then if we think we're ready to or we can wait until
35 spring?

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37 MR. ANDERSEN: I say we wait to spring.

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39 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Spring.

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41 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Spring. Mike, you had
42 your hand up and I started talking first.

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44 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
45 was just curious as to how we work currently, are working
46 or how do we request solicitor's opinions through this
47 Council?

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49 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: If you have something
50 that you need to do, I guess you can talk with Fred about

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1 it or you can bring it up through the Council.
2 Solicitor's opinions probably should come through the
3 Council and just because we request them doesn't mean
4 they're going to happen. They're very expensive, time
5 consuming things for the agency. Did you have something
6 in mind specifically at this time or was it just a
7 general question?

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9 MR. SMITH: Well, no, I mean there was
10 some issues, I think, that are going to come up when we
11 start discussing enforcement issues that we will need
12 some solicitor's opinions on. And specifically, I mean,
13 for example what I was interested in is the language of
14 the protocol itself and certain interpretations, wording
15 in it and possible changes to the protocol.

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17 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think that there's
18 two separate things. A solicitor's opinion is a very
19 legal, almost -- it's a legal opinion rather than a
20 judicial opinion that sets policy for the Service and
21 those take a lot of time and are expensive. I think,
22 maybe, what we'll need as we start down this road is
23 someone from the solicitor's office to sit with us to
24 give us informal advice and that kind of thing and I
25 think that we'll request that at the appropriate time,
26 probably through Doug, to go ask for that help.

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28 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. That
29 was exactly what I was going to suggest, Mike, that we do
30 have a woman that works in the solicitor's office here in
31 Anchorage. Her name is Lori Adams. She would -- we
32 could ask her and I think she would accept -- we could
33 ask her to attend that session, you know, when we have a
34 day set aside to talk about law enforcement. She's very
35 easy to work with and I think she would give us caveated
36 opinions. You know, she'd basically say without the
37 opportunity to go and really research this, this is my
38 opinion at this point but it's certainly not a legal
39 opinion. But we could have her as a sounding board, I
40 think, to any questions that we would have for that
41 meeting.

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43 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Fred.

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45 MR. ARMSTRONG: Knowing Lori, I think she
46 would ask in advance what types of concerns that they
47 have and if there are any I think she would try to have
48 them forwarded to us the first so that we could have her
49 do a little bit of research before attending the meeting.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. We're
2 going to meet and I think I got consensus around here
3 that we should try to do this in a one day workshop,
4 either right before or right after the Council meeting in
5 the spring and we'll let Fred's people work that out.
6 Austin.

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8 MR. AHMASUK: I clearly understand how
9 the plan, the enforcement plan's going to work by
10 following the order and the law of the prohibitions. It
11 might take -- it just seems like it might take a little
12 more time for everything to sink in at the regions and
13 maybe during the March meeting, it may not be enough
14 time, I don't know. It's clear that the prohibitions are
15 going to be enforced and maybe I would request that as
16 soon as the SRC can come down with their stuff that this
17 Council and the Staff move as quickly as possible to get
18 those out to us in a very friendly format. It's clear
19 that prohibitions are going to be enforced, we need to --
20 I think we need to have a little more time.

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22 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Thank you,
23 Austin. Were there anything -- did I miss anybody.....

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25 MR. OBERHOLTSEY: Thank you. I
26 would.....

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28 CHAIRMAN REGELIN:other questions
29 or comments?

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31 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair, when is
32 our spring meeting scheduled, do you know?

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34 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I was just looking at
35 it and I couldn't.....

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Are we going to decide
38 that now?

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40 CHAIRMAN REGELIN:find it. We've
41 got one more thing and then we're going to talk about the
42 annual calendar and we'll set that date.

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44 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay. Well, like Austin
45 is saying, maybe we might need to do it a little sooner
46 before we have our hunt start.

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48 Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay.

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1 MR. OBERHOLTZER: I would urge you to use
2 law enforcement as soon in the process as you can, the
3 earlier we're involved in whatever regulations you might
4 want to have enforced, the better, just to make the whole
5 process of drafting them more efficient.

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. All right,
8 let's move on. We have another report on the white-
9 fronted goose telemetry study. Jenny Bryant is going to
10 come up and do that. And I talked to Jenny and she said
11 she could make it pretty brief and I think we're at the
12 stage where it probably needs to be pretty brief but I
13 know there's some key elements that you need to address.
14 I don't know where you're going to show this -- just set
15 it up. Okay.

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17 (Pause)

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19 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: You'll need to turn
20 your microphone on and go ahead.

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22 MS. BRYANT: Okay. My name is Jenny
23 Bryant and I work with the Koyukuk/Nowitna National
24 Wildlife Refuge in Galena, Alaska. I'm here today to
25 talk to you about white-fronted goose declines that we've
26 seen in our area. Both biologists and rural residents
27 have observed declines on both the breeding grounds in
28 Northwest and Interior Alaska and in the wintering
29 grounds in highland Mexico.

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31 These white-fronts nest in the boreal
32 forest, tagia and tundra edge of the Northwest and
33 Interior Alaska and they represent a unique segment of
34 the mid-continent and population. Several factors have
35 been suggested which may be causing the decline. One,
36 that they migrate earlier in the spring and the fall than
37 other geese and that they use a more southern and western
38 wintering grounds in highland Mexico. Recent analysis of
39 harvest and survival data suggests that this unique
40 segment of the white-front population has a lower
41 survival rate and may not be able to sustain current
42 levels of harvest.

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44 And we'll talk about the abundance
45 estimates in the subsistence harvest that we've been
46 doing. We've got a study going on now that's looking at
47 stop over length and we're trying to get an estimate on
48 how long they stay in their -- along their migration
49 routes. We've got two methods, one is satellite
50 telemetry. The second method is neck collar

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1 observations. And I'll have some preliminary conclusions
2 from the studies and some projects that we're working on
3 right now.

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5 This shows one of our annual surveys that
6 we do and this is an aerial survey of molting white-
7 fronted geese on their breeding grounds. And I want to
8 state that these are molting birds, these are not
9 breeding birds. They're easier to see from the air, they
10 group up on lakes and when an airplane flies over they
11 tend to get into a tighter group in the middle of a water
12 body. And you can see there's a pretty marked decline
13 there.

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15 This is some more data from the area
16 molting surveys that we've extended to include, not only
17 the Koyukuk, but also the Innoko, the Selawik and the
18 Kanuti Refuges and the decline is also obvious here.

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20 And these are data from white-fronted
21 goose production surveys. Now, these are looking at the
22 breeding birds and the production of these birds. What
23 we basically do is float down a river in a canoe, it's a
24 whole lot of fun, and I do these every summer at the
25 beginning of July and we're trying to see what
26 production, how the birds are doing. This is one
27 particular river, called the Dulbi River and you can see
28 the decline, it doesn't show up as great, it's still
29 there but it's not as obvious. We had another river that
30 we usually do, the Dulbi Slough but local concerns, a lot
31 of people in the village of Huslia are concerned with us
32 going in there and disturbing what little birds that they
33 have left and so we've left it off for this year and
34 possibly next year. We're going to see how that works
35 out.

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37 These are results from our subsistence
38 surveys, spring and fall. And we took three villages,
39 Galena, Huslia and Nulato and these are household
40 interviews. Huslia and Nulato, we actually do 100
41 percent coverage. Galena is quite a bit larger so we do
42 50 percent coverage. And I just, this morning, I talked
43 on the phone with subsistence biologists in Galena and
44 the numbers from fall -- sorry, from spring 2002, were
45 144 white-fronts taken for those three villages, total,
46 and so our harvest was quite a bit down this year, this
47 spring. Right now we are currently doing our fall
48 harvest surveys so we won't have data from that until
49 probably next spring.

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1 One of the things we're looking at is
2 stopover length, and one of our biggest questions is why
3 is it important? Band recovery and neck collar
4 observation data showed that Interior and Northwest
5 Interior white-fronts leave their breeding grounds
6 earlier in the fall and occurred disproportionately more in
7 Alberta and Saskatchewan during the fall staging and are
8 more likely to winter further south than west in the
9 central highlands of Mexico. They are also likely to
10 stop in Nebraska when leaving wintering grounds and are
11 possibly exposed to episodic avant collar outbreaks.

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13 It's been determined that survival of
14 white-fronted geese from Interior Northwest Alaska
15 recovered in Alberta is lower than those recovered in
16 other areas. You can see the numbers in the pie's there
17 are the percentage of the Interior white-fronts, where
18 they're harvested at and most of the harvest is taking
19 place in Alberta and Texas.

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21 And this one shows the numbers on the
22 outside are the overall mid-continent population harvest,
23 so seven percent of the overall mid-continent population
24 takes place in Alberta and 26 percent in Texas. And the
25 reason this is so important is because the area inside
26 the pie chart shows -- if you look at Texas, 25 percent
27 of the Interior white-fronted goose harvest takes place
28 in Texas and it's pretty much equal so it's pretty
29 representative of, it almost matches up with the whole
30 mid-continent so it's pretty proportional. But then you
31 look at Alberta and 23 percent of the Interior birds are
32 harvested in Alberta and only seven percent of those are
33 mid-continent -- the whole mid-continent population so
34 it's a disproportionate harvest in Alberta.

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36 What is not known is how long white-front
37 stage in Alberta and Saskatchewan and therefore, how long
38 they're subjected to the local hunting pressure.

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40 We're using two methods to estimate
41 stopover length and our first method that we're using is
42 satellite telemetry and during the molt in July when --
43 also when we're doing the aerial surveys, we do these
44 banding drives and we band birds. White-fronted geese,
45 when they're molting, they can't fly so you can see on
46 the corner there there's an airplane, we just basically
47 herd them into these big pots and our target birds that
48 we're looking at are females with brood patches. And a
49 brood patch means that that female attempted, either
50 nested and had a successful brood or she at least

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1 attempted to do it. They'll pull feathers from their
2 breast to line their nests and to lay their eggs so we
3 can tell that they at least tried. And in 2001 we put
4 out 12 of these transmitters. They're internal
5 transmitters placed inside of the birds and we get a
6 signal from them about ever three to seven days and we
7 get the information off of the Internet. And Debra Webb
8 is the lady that's -- she's writing master's thesis on
9 this project.

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11 And these are the three locations where
12 we put these transmitters in. The one there is the
13 Innoko National Wildlife Refuge. The second one is kind
14 of off place, it's the Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge.
15 The little blue circle should actually be up a little
16 further north and the Selawik National Wildlife Refuge.

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18 And here's a few pictures of the
19 implantation. There's the incision in the goose, that's
20 the goose upside down. The speckles there are the black
21 spots on its breast. And she's making the incision in
22 the back of the bird through the body cavity and then she
23 puts the transmitter in there. And up in the top corner
24 you can see there's a reference picture, it's kind of not
25 super clear but that's a picture of the transmitter, the
26 yellow part is the body of it and the black whipped thing
27 that comes out is the antenna and there's a quarter
28 sitting next to it so you can kind of get a feel for the
29 size. And they'll position the transmitter and suture it
30 to the body wall so it won't move around. It's amazing
31 how much room they actually have in their body cavity.
32 And then the antenna sticks out the back. So when we
33 release these birds, they're actually -- actually what we
34 do is when we capture them in those pots and those
35 banding drives, we'll load them up in the airplane, the
36 females with brood patches that we select and we'll bring
37 them back to a base camp where we have a veterinarian and
38 she does this surgery and then she monitors the bird for
39 about four hours and then they take it back out to the
40 same lake and release it and it looks really cool with an
41 antenna sticking out of them.

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43 And this is some of the data that we get
44 back. We actually have a website. If you go to the
45 Koyukuk/Nowitna website and I can get this information to
46 anybody that's interested. It's through the University.
47 And you can pull up this website and see where the birds
48 are. And this is a map from mid- to late-August 2001,
49 last year. And you see they're starting to leave by --
50 and some of them are already down in Canada by late

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1 August. By early September most of them are gone from
2 Alaska. Mid-September they're starting to concentrate on
3 their staging areas. You can see how tight that little
4 spot gets. They mostly go to a couple of particular
5 spots and then it gets a little looser again by late
6 September and then they start moving south more in early
7 October. And then they're heading toward wintering
8 grounds, they're almost there by mid-October. So like
9 right now, I haven't looked at the website but I think
10 they're just starting to leave Saskatchewan right now.
11 And mid-October, going toward the late -- they're
12 starting to arrive on their wintering grounds. And by
13 early November most of them are on their wintering
14 grounds in Mexico and Texas.

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16 And this is also -- this graph here also
17 shows pretty much the same thing. The blue bars at the
18 beginning are their time in Alaska and the dark bar there
19 is when they're in Alberta and the blue and green are
20 Texas and Mexico, the times they spend there. And then
21 the reason why it kind of just stops in the springtime
22 there around March is that the battery life ends on these
23 things.

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25 And this shows the stopover length that
26 we've collected from these 12 birds that we put the
27 transmitters in. The longest they were there in Alberta
28 and Saskatchewan is 57 days and the shortest time was 15
29 days.

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31 Our second method that we're using to
32 estimate stopover length, our neck collar observations,
33 we actually stopped doing neck collaring when we did our
34 banding drives and then we started it back up
35 specifically for this study. And they're using marked
36 recapture analysis and Debra's also incorporating this in
37 her master's thesis. This is her second year of
38 collecting this data so we're hoping to get results from
39 her thesis within a year or two.

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41 And this method has been used a couple
42 other times, specifically in patterns Switzerland and
43 snow geese in St. Lawrence Estuary. And what they're
44 doing is trying to get an estimate so using statistics to
45 look at some information and go, okay, this is our
46 estimate of how long they're staying there and it uses
47 three components. The first is seniority which is
48 basically the time the birds stayed in the area before it
49 was captured. Survival, which is the time the bird
50 stayed in the area after capture. And that uses a

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1 Cormack Sebra model and then there's the resighting
2 probability, which is a chance that the bird will be
3 resighted again. It's kind of hid there on the bottom.

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5 And the way this works is -- the way it
6 works the best is each of those yellow bars there are her
7 sampling squares. That's when she's actually out in
8 these areas looking for collars and she's doing this in
9 Canada. The way it would work best is to observe the
10 bird when it gets to the site -- actually observed
11 shortly after arrival and shortly before departure. That
12 would give you your best estimate. We don't know when
13 they arrive but if we can see them right after they get
14 there, we can estimate how long they stay, especially if
15 we can see them again right before they leave.

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17 And here is a summary of the number of
18 neck collars that we've put out since 1990. I think at
19 the bottom, you can barely see it, our total now is
20 6,379, not all those birds are still alive but this
21 summer we put out 200 of them and last summer we put out
22 412.

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24 I think this is a pretty important
25 picture here. This is what Debra is working on. This is
26 the key to what she is doing. This shows three
27 particular areas that show that the birds are clustering
28 in roughly three areas, Northwest Alberta, East Central
29 Alberta and West Central Saskatchewan. And also previous
30 studies using band recovery are showing pretty much the
31 same thing, it's lining up pretty darn good.

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33 These are the numbers of individual neck
34 collars observed in Alberta and Saskatchewan last year.
35 You can see the number of resightings on the left.

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37 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Can we ask you to kind
38 of move along and summarize the results.

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40 MS. BRYANT: Okay.

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42 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: We're a little short
43 of time.

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45 MS. BRYANT: These graphs are pretty much
46 just showing the same thing, estimates of stopover
47 lengths. This is another estimate of stopover length for
48 Interior birds. The estimate that she got so far is 57
49 days, except she doesn't have a confidence limit, that's
50 what she's working on right now. That's for the Central

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1 Canadian Arctic birds. She's also working on a
2 confidence limit for that.

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4 Our preliminary conclusions are that the
5 satellite telemetry is suitable to describe the migration
6 route and the stopover length of the white-fronted geese.
7 Alberta is specifically important as a staging area for
8 Interior white-fronted geese. The duration of the time
9 spent in the Canadian prairies was similar to using
10 satellite telemetry and neck collar observations. And
11 based on the neck collar resighting stopover length of
12 Interior white-fronts and the Canadian prairies may be
13 longer than stopover length then of Central Canadian
14 white-fronts, but we need a second year data for that
15 which we're working on right now.

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17 Projects that we're working on right now,
18 we put out 22 more satellites this past summer. This is
19 our second year of the neck collar resightings and
20 Debra's out there right now, she is -- I believe she's
21 moving to Saskatchewan. We're still looking at, we need
22 to evaluate the previous year's neck collar observations
23 and we started a third method this summer. We put out 20
24 radio transmitters mounted on collars on the Innoko --
25 and I don't think we put any on the Koyukuk but I think
26 we put a few on the Selawik Refuge and we also put 20 of
27 the same radio collars on the Central Canadian Arctic and
28 Dan Nyman is helping with that. He was on that status of
29 waterfowl video earlier. And he's chasing them right
30 now. And we're also looking at the effects of
31 subsistence harvest in Alaska, spring versus fall
32 harvest. And also we have three Mexican biologists
33 looking at habitat conditions and hunting pressure in
34 Mexico.

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36 Okay.

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38 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. And let's
39 have the Council members come back up to the table and
40 are there any questions about this subject by anybody?
41 Mike.

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43 MR. SMITH: Yeah, Jenny, I want to thank
44 you for that excellent presentation. And I guess, I mean
45 it's within the prerogative of the technical committee or
46 whatever to request assistance from people such as we've
47 heard during our deliberations?

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49 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: It certainly would be.

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1 MR. SMITH: And the Service would
2 authorize her travel and all that stuff to come to us?

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4 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I can't speak for
5 them. All right, thank you very much, Jenny. Fred's
6 coming back. Okay, we need to move on. The next thing
7 on the agenda was the annual calendar under Tab 4 and I'm
8 going to turn it over to Fred and let him summarize
9 briefly and probably focus in on when we're going to meet
10 again and what dates are essential for Regional Councils
11 to get their work done.

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13 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, to bring it
14 to the table, I make a motion that we adopt it, the
15 annual calendar, that is.

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17 MR. BROWER: Second for discussion.

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19 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. It's
20 before us and we'll go ahead, go ahead, Fred.

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22 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, I'll ask Donna
23 to provide some insight as far as the modifications that
24 occurred with this calendar.

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26 MS. DEWHURST: What we're trying to do,
27 this is different than what you had originally requested
28 last May but we were trying to work around the SRC
29 schedule and when we anticipate, at least in the future,
30 that our regulations will be going for final decisions.
31 The critical aspects of this and it's, I guess everybody
32 has it in their book, is the call for proposals will be
33 the next thing up which will be the period of November
34 1st through December 15th. I do have proposal forms for
35 people that don't have them to take back to your regions.
36 We have a whole pile of them up here.

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38 We're assuming sometime during the period
39 of November and December, the Regional management bodies
40 will meet to decide whether or not they want to submit
41 any proposals during this open period. And basically a
42 proposal would be change to the perceived 2003
43 regulations. Now, this gets a little awkward because we
44 don't have final 2003 regulations but the assumption is
45 that what you all proposed is going to pass. And so if
46 you want something changed, season dates or anything
47 along those lines, you would submit a proposal as a
48 region or an individual can. So that will occur November
49 through December.

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1 Once we get all the proposals in we will
2 package them all together and send them out, sort of like
3 the State does with proposals and we'll send them out so
4 that everybody can look at them and see what proposals
5 have come through. It's assumed the technical committee
6 would meet in January to provide technical briefings on
7 those proposals, give some technical background and then
8 the regional management bodies would meet again in that
9 February/March period to review the proposals that came
10 in and give any recommendations on the ones that apply to
11 their region as far as do they like it, do they not like
12 it, that sort of thing. And then the Council would then
13 again meet, probably in April. These dates aren't in
14 stone. We're kind of trying to feel this all out. And
15 at that point the Council would make the final
16 recommendation for the 2004 season, what will go to the
17 SRC.

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19 And then from there on out, it's all
20 going to the Flyaway, going to the SRC and that sort of
21 thing. So this is just an attempt to get some sort of a
22 schedule going that could hopefully work for us as a
23 routine. That's assuming that we can get on a routine
24 basis with the SRC, which normally would do our
25 regulations in August.

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27 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Donna. Are
28 there questions of the Council members? Doug.

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30 MR. ALCORN: Yes, point of clarification,
31 I guess and a question. Clarification, Donna, you
32 mentioned that if a Council did not submit a proposal --
33 a Regional Council -- regional management body did not
34 submit a proposal, that we would assume that it would be
35 no change from the prior year so there's -- okay, so
36 there's no action needed from a regional body if that
37 regional body doesn't see a need to change? Okay, that's
38 an assumption that's made, I didn't -- I wasn't aware we
39 were operating under that paradigm but that's okay, I
40 just wanted to make sure everybody understood that, that
41 you said that.

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43 And the other thing is, I guess, a
44 question, and that is if we adopt this it supersedes the
45 schedule that we adopted a year ago at this time, I'm
46 assuming.

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48 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yes. What was moved
49 was what was in the book under Tab 4. A quick question
50 for Bob Troust or Tom, do we know the specific dates for

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1 the Central Flyaway Council because Mike needed to know
2 that.

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4 MR. TROUST: The week of July 21st, all
5 four Flyaway Councils will meet.

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: And, you know, exactly
8 what date they start Mike, we'll have to get back to you
9 but that gives you a start. Charlie.

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11 MR. BROWER: We're going to adopt this
12 schedule for April and May, April being final
13 recommendations for 2004, those could be sent in by
14 writing or whatever, right?

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16 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well, I think that
17 would be our meeting, April, the next Council meeting
18 sometime in April where we make our final decision. We
19 adopt these and they can move forward. I don't know if
20 we have anything more specific on the date than just
21 April.

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23 MR. BROWER: Well, maybe I don't know
24 who's going to make the final recommendations for what
25 date in April, I would recommend something early April.
26 Because the middle of April until June, us on the North
27 Slope are real busy with our activities. So I wouldn't
28 want to miss those recommendations and we can just have
29 them on an earlier dates, it would be appropriate because
30 we missed those last two meetings.

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32 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Doug.

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34 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
35 think this is a ball park figure and I think we're going
36 to set that date before we adjourn here, right? We're
37 going to try to.

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39 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I was going to do it
40 next if Fred has got a calendar ready and we can try to
41 do it. Mike had a comment.

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43 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. And
44 I think we had talked about the technical committee
45 meeting sometime after the service regulatory committee
46 meeting. And it would seem that that might be a good
47 plan, to put the technical committee back in there
48 seeings as how we -- as far as I can tell, we've
49 developed at least five issues that we needed to discuss
50 as well as whatever the SRC might do and that the

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1 technical committee meeting in January may be kind of
2 booked up with just doing proposals. So I'm not sure, it
3 would seem that we should probably schedule a technical
4 committee meeting sometime after the SRC meets.

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6 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Fred.

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8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
9 Mike this is going to be an annual thing, hopefully from
10 now on. I think this year's an exception with the SRC
11 meeting a little bit later than usual but this will
12 probably be the norm, we're trying to fit into an annual
13 pattern of activities. So point well taken about the
14 tech committee meeting after the SRC but we're trying to
15 look at on an annual basis, regarding this one year.

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17 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. I don't
18 believe that's what he said. I think what we're -- this
19 is a cycle that talks about the Council Flyaway and the
20 regional bodies. And it didn't include the times when
21 the technical committee or the harvest committee or other
22 committees would meet. And so I mean I don't disagree
23 with what you're saying about the timing, it just is not
24 part of this schedule. We're looking at the overall
25 annual cycle.

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27 Are we ready to talk about dates, Fred,
28 for late March, early part of April, to have the next
29 Council meeting? Have you guys tried to figure out where
30 that might be. Doug.

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32 MR. ALCORN: Mr. Chairman, I think we
33 have a motion on the table right now to approve the time
34 line before we actually set a date.

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36 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: So we can approve the
37 general time line and then set the date, is that the way
38 -- let's go ahead and approve, in general, this flow of
39 the time line and then we will work on specific dates for
40 the next Council meeting after we do that.

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42 Is there any objection to adopting the
43 draft schedule that's in our book under Tab 4 as for our
44 annual cycle.

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46 MR. AHMASUK: I don't have an objection.
47 But before we get off of it and before we move away from
48 it, I just received a note here regarding a point of
49 clarification.

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1 I have a point of clarification for the
2 Council to consider and that is regarding the petition
3 for inclusion or exclusion. A number of us had talked
4 about this briefly over lunch but how does that fit into
5 this time line, from excluded areas?

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Fred, go ahead and
8 answer that.

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10 MS. DEWHURST: I think he's pointing at
11 me. The idea was to accept petitions during the same
12 proposal period so that November 1st through December
13 15th of when we would accept the initial petitions to
14 include or exclude. Now, we may get some information and
15 develop information to flesh those out after those dates
16 but the actual petition to name this community or that
17 community would have to be received during that same time
18 period.

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20 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ralph.

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22 MR. ANDERSEN: I'd just like to add
23 something to that. I don't think we'd really set --
24 establish a time frame for proposals for inclusion or
25 exclusion. And according to me, I mean if we don't have
26 one set then they could be submitted at any time.

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28 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think that Ralph's
29 making a point. If we get them in in this time period,
30 you know, of November through December we'll be able to
31 take action on them. But we don't want to tell somebody
32 that, you know, if they just can't get it done, keep
33 working, get it ready and then we will take it up the
34 next time we're able to have a meeting. I think we've
35 talked about that at length before. There's certain
36 dates that there's a cut off and if people come in after
37 those dates they're going to have to wait for the next
38 cycle.

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40 MR. ANDERSEN: That was the point I was
41 making.

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43 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. The motion
44 before us is to accept overall schedule, general schedule
45 of events. Are there any objections.

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47 (No opposing votes)

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49 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
50 will be the action of the committee. I think it is

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1 important for us to get as close as we can now to setting
2 the date for the next time the Council is going to meet.
3 I know it's a long ways ahead but if we don't do it now
4 there's no other real time to do it guys. So have you
5 got some suggested dates, Fred?

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7 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Herman.

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11 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Mr. Chair, I'd be
12 looking to, like Charlie said, end of February or early
13 part of April because all of our subsistence activities,
14 fishing and all that and our hunting, which is going to
15 start, you know, the duck and all that is going to start
16 happening and I'm not missing out, you know, so sorry.

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18 MS. DEWHURST: The only reason I put
19 April on there was I wanted to give the regional
20 management bodies a period -- that they have a chance to
21 meet after they receive the proposals. They won't
22 receive the proposals until January so I'm assuming that
23 they'd need a certain period of time to set up the
24 regional meetings, which I assume would be in February.
25 So we can't have the Council meeting until all the
26 regions get to meet.

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28 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: A suggestion that's
29 been made would be April 2nd and 3rd, which would be a
30 Wednesday and a Thursday. April 2nd and 3rd, that's very
31 early April. Let's do that and hopefully it won't change
32 more than once or twice.

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34 Okay, Mike.

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36 MR. SMITH: Yeah, just a little
37 clarification, I guess. The Regional Advisory Councils,
38 when they meet on these proposals, will take up all the
39 proposals that are submitted to the Council; is that
40 correct?

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42 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Fred, do you want to
43 respond to that?

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45 MR. ARMSTRONG: I don't think we want to
46 belabor the regional management bodies with every
47 proposal but pretty much focus on the proposals that
48 pertain to their region.

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49 MR. SMITH: Okay, well, that was just my
50 clarification, sir. So if there are no proposals

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1 submitted then it's kind of a moot point then.

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3 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay, Doug.

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5 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

6 The way I understand it, if there are no proposals

7 submitted, we're operating on last years proposals.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: The proposals don't --

10 they're going to stay in effect, they don't have to be

11 readopted each time.

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13 MR. ANDERSEN: But that, too, depends on

14 the guidelines that are set by this Council. If your

15 region or after the AMBCC adopts guidelines, you need to

16 take them back to your region, if your regional council

17 wants to develop proposals around those guidelines,

18 following those guidelines then that would be the reason

19 for the meeting.

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21 I mean otherwise, if there are no -- if

22 nothing is going to change, then why have a meeting?

23 That's why -- I mean one of the points for this one --

24 the reason for this meeting and I was going to back up

25 when Donna was giving her presentation, to back up to the

26 October 15th, 16 meeting where this -- where the Council

27 needs to develop, adopt Alaska guidelines for 2004. To

28 be based on those guidelines, that Regional Councils

29 would develop proposals.

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Herman.

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33 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair. A lot

34 of it probably will depend, too, on what happens here

35 next week with the SRC, if anybody's going to have to do

36 any changes on their proposals in the regions or not,

37 so.....

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39 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: That's right. I mean

40 some committees or Regional Councils are probably going

41 to be very busy, regional management bodies because

42 they're trying to prepare documents for -- to have

43 villages included. Others might not have much action.

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45 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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47 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Fred.

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49 MR. ARMSTRONG: You can rest assured for

50 probably the next five or six years that every region

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1 will have a proposal to react to because it's a new
2 process and everybody has to have a hand in shaping these
3 regulations.

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5 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Tom, comment.

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7 MR. ROTHE: Yeah, just real quickly.
8 There's a useful concept that the Flyaway operates on.
9 Just to avoid any misunderstandings, it might not be a
10 bad idea for regional committees and the co-management
11 council to at least adopt something that says no changes
12 are requested so it's clearly on record so in case
13 somebody forgets to file something or whatever, it
14 doesn't get lost.

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16 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right, thank you.
17 Okay, we've adopted that meeting that -- I think
18 everybody agreed to the date of April 2 and 3. Is there
19 anything else people have a question on? Did I miss
20 anybody? April 2 and 3. It will be in Anchorage again
21 because that's by far the cheapest place to have the
22 meeting.

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24 MR. BROWER: Barrow.

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26 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Only if you pay. And
27 I'm speaking for the Service there.

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29 (Laughter)

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay, Mike, go ahead.

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33 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
34 was just going to ask a general question, too. And it
35 was in regards to those communities that have been
36 excluded. One, I guess, do we know if they're even aware
37 that they've been excluded or not? And two, who's
38 responsibility is it to advise them or do they just -- I
39 mean I doubt very many people in Delta Junction have
40 looked at the Federal Register lately, you know. That
41 was just my concern.

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43 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Anybody have a
44 response to that? I think that, you know, the
45 communities that it's very important to are well aware of
46 it. And they've been talking to us over the last two
47 years about how to do it and when they can do it, for
48 eggs in Southeast and for the Copper River country and
49 then Cook Inlet. So I can't say that everyone knows
50 about it for sure but I think that it's out there for the

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1 ones where it's of vital interest and waterfowl hunting
2 in the spring is real important to them.

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4 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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6 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay, we'll move on to
7 the next item on the agenda, it's number 6, it's to adopt
8 the ANCSA boundaries under Tab 4 under -- there's two
9 proposals and there's one titled adoption of ANCSA
10 boundaries.

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12 Can I have a motion to put this before
13 us.

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15 MR. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, aren't these
16 boundaries the same as the protocol that we've followed
17 through, we're just approving them? No?

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19 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I'm going to let the
20 Staff explain why we need to do this. Bill, go ahead.

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22 MR. OSTRAND: Yeah, this is just a
23 housekeeping matter. When we originally began the co-
24 management Council we had fewer regions than we do now
25 and what we've grown to is a mere image of the ANCSA
26 boundaries. We have a representative from every one of
27 the ANCSA regions except for Cook Inlet who has chosen
28 not to participate. When we submitted our
29 recommendations to the SRC one thing that slipped through
30 the cracks was a description of what our boundaries is.
31 This is just a housekeeping exercise so we'll have
32 defined our regional boundaries as we have them
33 represented on the Council.

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35 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Bill.
36 Ralph.

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38 MR. ANDERSEN: Bill, I have a question.
39 The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act identified 12
40 regions, 12 land based regions in Alaska and one in the
41 Lower 48, the 13th region. How did the 12 regional
42 boundaries coincide with the seven regions that were
43 identified, not only in the previous Federal Register
44 notice publications and also with the protocol or the
45 procedural guidelines that had been adopted?

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47 MR. OSTRAND: It's always been implied
48 but it's never been specifically stated that we're using
49 those same boundaries.

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1 MR. ANDERSEN: So the boundaries are 12
2 regions in Alaska?

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4 MR. OSTRAND: Yes, we have 12 regions
5 represented on the Council. And we have -- we don't have
6 regulations for all 12 but that's how we're represented
7 here on the Council.

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9 MR. ANDERSEN: So let me see if I
10 understand this right. So that like Anchorage, let's see
11 and those other communities are within -- even if they
12 are excluded they are still within the boundaries of the
13 AMBCC? Even the communities that are excluded are
14 included in this case?

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16 MR. OSTRAND: No, this is just the
17 purpose of describing it. It's not saying whether a
18 region is included or excluded, it's just so that we can
19 refer to them in the future and have a legal description
20 to refer to. It's not saying whether Southeast Alaska is
21 included or excluded but when we speak to Southeast
22 Alaska we're going to use these boundaries. And we've
23 been doing that all along, we just haven't anywhere set
24 it down and recognized that we're using those boundaries.

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26 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Does everyone
27 understand what we're.....

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29 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman.

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31 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Go ahead, Ralph.

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33 MR. ANDERSEN: I make a motion that we
34 adopt.

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36 MR. SQUARTSOFF: I'll second.

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38 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. We have a
39 motion before us to adopt the boundaries in a legal way
40 that we've been using since we've been in existence.
41 It's more of a housekeeping issue, it doesn't have
42 anything to do with whether you're in or out or whether
43 you want to participate or not participate in the
44 process. Are we ready for the question. Is there any
45 objection to adopting the ANCSA boundaries for the
46 regions as outlined in Proposal 1? Any objection.

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48 (No opposing votes)

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50 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that

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1 will be the action of the Council.

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4 The next item is also under Tab 4 one
5 page back of the previous issue that we just discussed.
6 And it's to adopt an official symbol for the Council.

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MR. BROWER: So moved Mr. Chair.

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MR. ANDERSEN: Second.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: We have a motion
12 before us to adopt this, any discussion.

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MR. BROWER: Can we make the symbol face
15 a happy face instead of a frown face?

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(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Did you have a Staff
20 report on this one, Fred?

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MR. ANDERSEN: Can we have a technical
23 review committee analysis?

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(Laughter)

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MR. SMITH: I mean it looks rather Yup'ik
28 and not very Athabascan, that's for sure.

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(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Go ahead, Bill.

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MR. OSTRAND: Yeah, it's definitely
35 Yup'ik. Katie Curtis drew the mask for this group,
36 actually before the Co-Management Council was formed and
37 sometime after the treaty and it's been used on our
38 proposals and it's appeared in documents ever since Katie
39 drew it. I talked to Katie on the phone to let her know
40 that this proposal is coming before the Council and her
41 comment was I should have asked for more money and then I
42 asked her if she had been speaking with Ralph Andersen
43 lately.

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(Laughter)

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Bill.

48 Mike.

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MR. SMITH: I was just curious, did we

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1 have to buy this so we got an intellectual property right
2 waiver from her or something like that?

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4 MR. OSTRAND: Yes, we have rights to
5 this.

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Is there any objection
8 to adopting this as the official symbol for the Council?

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10 MR. BROWER: With the formal change of
11 turning it.....

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13 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Charlie can talk to
14 the artist. Any objection.

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16 (No opposing votes)

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18 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
19 will be the action of the Council.

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21 We're down to nine, we already talked
22 about number 8. It's the inclusion/exclusion process.
23 We talked about it yesterday. Ralph.

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25 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I have a
26 motion. I move that the inclusion/exclusion petition
27 process as described in our meeting materials be referred
28 to the Regional Councils for review and recommendations.

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30 MR. BROWER: Second.

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32 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. We have a
33 motion before us and I can't remember -- I didn't write
34 down what tab that's under but it's in our book, we
35 talked about it yesterday and any discussion. Herman.

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37 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair, I'd
38 like to have a little bit of discussion on this if you
39 all don't mind. It won't take long, Ralph. But let me
40 find my notes, under Tab 3. I talked a little bit of
41 this with Fred and Wayne on this exclusion thing and I
42 have a -- I shouldn't have a problem, out in Kodiak area,
43 but it might turn out to be one that we have a potential
44 12 to 14,000 people down there. What we established
45 between I came up here a couple of days ago is we're
46 going to try and set up a meeting with the different
47 tribal councils and stuff down there in Kodiak, one or
48 two members out of each one, we're looking for a meeting
49 next month, the recommendation that I brought to the
50 board last spring for the exclusion of Kodiak, you know,

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1 it's stirred up there a little bit down there in Kodiak,
2 right there in the city of Kodiak itself.

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4 So we have quite a few different options
5 to work on. One, the recommendation itself to exclude
6 the city of Kodiak and road system, we have a map to that
7 effect and everything. I had Bill help me with that last
8 year, Bill and Bob Stevens. That's one option.

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10 Another option is just to exclude
11 proposed road system itself under regulations, just have
12 that area closed so that wouldn't eliminate the people
13 but we still have the potential of all them people out
14 there.

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16 Okay, another option is to do nothing.
17 And I came up with a couple more while we were up here
18 yesterday in the workshop and today. We can exclude the
19 area, you know, do an exclusion there and then have the
20 other tribal councils that are right there in the city of
21 Kodiak petition to be included and that way would have a
22 chance of eliminating all the people that way and only
23 have so many in there that we figure that are normal C&T
24 hunters anyway. That's one other option right there.

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26 And the other one, too, on that one
27 option is if we excluded the road system, eliminated
28 Kodiak, there's a possibility that we can have a list of
29 people in the villages, you know, from Kodiak and to the
30 villages on the island if it's up to the Council. That's
31 another possibility if we can do it that way.

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33 But I just wanted to bring it up. And if
34 anybody in here, you know, I'm looking for some more
35 help, if anybody in here has any kind of ideas or
36 suggestions, maybe you can help us out a little bit. But
37 we are planning on having this meeting. We will come to
38 a conclusion at that meeting next month on what we're
39 going to do down there. Everybody that's coming to this
40 meeting that we invited will have the voting power to be
41 able to vote on whether we want to do whatever there with
42 that situation. I've put it on their lap now. I took it
43 off of mine and put it on theirs in Kodiak.

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45 Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Herman.
48 Ralph and then Austin.

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50 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman. Herman, I

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1 think the procedural guidelines will help to resolve that
2 problem there. But I think, you know, the question -- or
3 I mean the motion that I made was to refer this back to
4 your Regional Council to review and make recommendations
5 on. And so whatever action you're planning to take in
6 Kodiak is really a regional issue.

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8 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Right. But I'm asking,
9 I mean if there's anybody who has any other kind of
10 suggestions besides what I brought up, you know, we're
11 glad to hear them. It will help.

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13 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you.

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15 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Anybody out here, too,
16 so.

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18 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Austin.

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20 MR. AHMASUK: Mr. Chairman. This is
21 pretty much along the lines what Ralph already said. I
22 think the petition process can be a fluid one. Herman
23 just mentioned that in the case of Kodiak, an entity is
24 asking another entity, well, we'd like to be a rural area
25 now, having this process remanded back to the Regional
26 Councils I think maintains that fluidity. We can't
27 control what a particular tribe or something is doing or
28 petitioning to another entity in the government.

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30 MR. SQUARTSOFF: No, that's not what I'm
31 asking for. I'm just asking you if you have any
32 suggestions. I don't want the Council to recommend,
33 that's not what I'm asking.

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35 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Fred.

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37 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
38 Point of clarification. Procedural guidelines for
39 determining inclusion/exclusion was acted on a couple of
40 meetings ago and adopted by the Council. However, what
41 Donna has done is just kind of put some written
42 directions as to how to proceed with submitting a
43 petition. That's the only change that's being made. And
44 so, you know, I don't know if you want to refer to the
45 Regional Councils for that section or I'm not sure what
46 direction you're going to be provided here.

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48 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: No, I think that the
49 motion before us is that we accept this as written. It
50 goes back out to the Councils for their action at this

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1 time. Am I correct, Ralph?

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3 MR. ANDERSEN: Yes. Plus it, you know,
4 because it involves them all the proposals will be
5 referred to Regional Councils. We need to keep the door
6 -- communications open to let the Regional Councils know
7 what to expect. I mean to have them -- to have the
8 Regional Councils aware that procedures are being
9 established to allow petitions for inclusion and
10 exclusion. And I think it's appropriate that the
11 Regional Councils be at least given the opportunity to
12 review and provide comment on guidelines.

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14 MR. BROWER: And also, I think, it's
15 self-explanatory in this paper, the next page on A&P
16 review, number 3, the proposals that will be sent to us
17 we'll review. So I think that the -- the proposals shall
18 be sent to the regions impacted by proposals to review
19 and act.

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21 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right. Fred, go
22 ahead.

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24 MR. ARMSTRONG: One more point. I think
25 one of the reasons that we -- I started working on this,
26 I was actually the author of that initial document and
27 wanted to ensure that the regions and the communities had
28 a say in whatever action that was brought against them,
29 either for inclusion or exclusion. And we wanted to make
30 sure that there was a public process involved because a
31 lot of our actions here on the Council are going to
32 really focus a lot on public process because we're set up
33 a different way, the government's going to have to get
34 used to us doing things other than under FACA, or the
35 Federal Advisory Committee Council Act, so that was one
36 of the things that we had to put together to ensure
37 fairness to everybody.

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39 And as far as a suggestion for Herman,
40 the other option that you guys never brought up was you
41 can keep them included but closed to hunting and that's
42 another option.

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44 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Fred.
45 Doug.

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47 MR. ALCORN: I'd like for Ralph to
48 clarify the motion. Was the motion to send this to the
49 regions asking their comment on the process or to allow
50 them to do what's already described in Items 1 through 5?

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1 MR. ANDERSEN: For them to review and
2 comment on the procedures.

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4 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Donna.

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6 MS. DEWHURST: Just real quick. For my
7 own clarification as the one that's going to probably
8 have to be handling this. I don't have any problem with
9 that and I understand the need to have the regions
10 comment on it. My only question is we have an open
11 period, we are going to be announcing publicly starting
12 November 1st and I need some sort of a procedure, even if
13 it's a draft, you know, if you want me to just use this
14 and announce to the public it is a draft procedure,
15 that's fine, but I have to be able to answer those e-
16 mails and phone calls when people say, how do I do it? I
17 have to have something to tell them starting November
18 1st.

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20 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Ralph.

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22 MR. ANDERSEN: I'd say tell them it's a
23 draft.

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25 MS. DEWHURST: Okay, I can do that. So
26 just use this procedure but say it's a draft at this
27 time?

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29 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yeah, use the
30 procedure knowing that it might be altered slightly down
31 the road away. I think, you know, because we have to
32 have a process for them to use now but we also are going
33 to give them the opportunity after they go through it to
34 say, boy, you know, why don't we do it this way and they
35 can come back and suggest those things to us at this
36 time.

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38 Is everybody clear on the proposal and
39 what's going to happen with it now?

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41 Okay, is there any objection to accepting
42 the motion? Is there any objection?

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44 (No opposing votes)

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46 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
47 will be the action of the Council. We have one more item
48 of new business before we go to Page 2 of our agenda.
49 Ralph.

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1 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, I make a
2 motion that we refer the invitation and possession
3 permits document to the Regional Councils for review and
4 comment.

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6 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. I realize
7 that's what we decided yesterday that was the most
8 appropriate action. We probably need to do that a little
9 bit more formally You know, that comes back up to Mike's
10 question a little earlier. There might not be some
11 things for some bodies to talk about but there probably
12 is because.....

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14 MR. BROWER: Mr. Chairman, I think you
15 need to have a second before your discuss or you continue
16 your verbal.

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18 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: You're correct.

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20 MR. BROWER: There needs to be a second.

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22 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you for keeping
23 me honest here.

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25 MR. BROWER: Second.

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27 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: So even without a
28 second, I think what I said is still valid.

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30 MR. ANDERSEN: Can you repeat it.

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32 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think this is a
33 process that is going to take some time to develop. It's
34 an important issue. It's something that when we
35 negotiated a treaty it was a very emotional issue about
36 who could come back and how to do that and I think it's
37 going to be, you know, it's up to each region but you
38 might as well start thinking about it so that we can move
39 forward on that.

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41 But the motion right now is to refer this
42 issue back to the Regional Councils. We have a second.
43 Is there any more discussion. Mike.

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45 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman. Did I hear you
46 correctly that there are already proposed invitations and
47 permits developed?

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49 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: No, there are none
50 developed. We haven't heard of any coming in. There's

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1 some very, very broad guidelines in the protocol language
2 itself that puts the burden, essentially, if that's what
3 you want to call it on the regional bodies. Any further
4 discussion.

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6 The motion is to refer this issue back to
7 the Regional bodies, is there any objection to taking
8 that action?

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10 (No opposing votes)

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12 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Hearing none, that
13 will be the action of the Council. We're going to take a
14 10 minute break and then we're going to come back and
15 talk about proposed guidelines.

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17 (Off record)

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19 (On record)

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21 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess we're missing
22 a couple of people, they'll join us. But let's go ahead
23 and get started again and call the meeting back to order.

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25 One of the things that I may have left,
26 Item 10 under new business, a little prematurely and I
27 guess what I'd like to do is just give my interpretation
28 of what I would like to see happen and if any Council
29 members have a different opinion or we can discuss it
30 some more. But on the issue of invitation of who can be
31 invited back to a village or to an area, region to hunt,
32 that we ask Fred to write a letter to each of the
33 regional bodies explaining that this is a possibility,
34 the protocol allows it, outline what the guidelines are
35 and that it's up to the regional body to decide how they
36 want to do it and you could give a couple of examples of
37 how they might do that Fred if you wanted to. Just so
38 that they know that they should address this, it's
39 something that they don't have to do immediately but it's
40 something that they should put on their video scope so
41 that they do deal with this.

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43 I look at possession permits as a very
44 separate issue from the invitation to hunt. And that's
45 more of a legal issue and we're going to probably talk
46 about that more next spring on our one day workshop. So
47 that was my interpretation of what action we just took.
48 Does anybody have disagreement with doing it that way and
49 asking Fred to draft that letter and send it out so that
50 we're communicating and they know what we're doing.

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1 Ralph.

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3 MR. ANDERSEN: Well, it also wouldn't
4 hurt to hear back from the regions what their ideas are
5 on possession permits. I don't think it would either
6 slow us down or cause any problems.

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8 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well, I guess I would
9 separate the two in your letter, Fred, because I think
10 they're separate issues but it's probably smart to bring
11 both of them up as an issue now. It's not that we have
12 to deal with this at the next meeting or anything. But
13 some of these things are going to take a lot of time to
14 think through and there's lots of different ways and each
15 region is probably going to do it a little differently.

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17 So that's the direction that you have
18 Fred.

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20 The next item on this is proposed
21 guidelines for the '04 season or as we get into the next
22 regulatory cycle. I think that we put quite a lot of
23 time on the agenda for this because we thought that the
24 SRC would have taken action and this is where we would
25 have had quite a lengthy discussion about what we might
26 want to do in response to any action they took. We don't
27 know that yet, we'll have to postpone that but I think
28 the key issues in my mind that I can see because we've
29 talked about them at this meeting that will be parts of
30 the regulatory cycle will be Regional Councils or
31 individuals will be putting in proposals and it will be,
32 for some regions the big issue is going to be inclusion.
33 I'm not sure we're going to get any as to exclusions
34 right now but at some point down the road we might. Some
35 people may be ready to discuss invitations of people to
36 hunt. Other things, maybe the bird list will come back
37 and we'll have to deal with that over e-mail and
38 telephones probably to decide just how we deal with that.

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40 Are there other things -- I'll open it up
41 to discussion. I think we can just have a general
42 discussion about what to take back to your Regional
43 Councils if you would like.

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45 (Pause)

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47 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well, I must have been
48 thorough. Doug.

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50 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I

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1 guess it's my understanding that the proposed guidelines
2 are similar to the discussions that we had last year at
3 this time and throughout the winter and even into this
4 spring when we were trying to settle on those statewide
5 guidelines. And I guess I'm now operating under the
6 assumption based on the comment that we had from Donna an
7 hour or so ago that the '03 statewide guidelines,
8 generally, still apply. And so unless there's a change
9 needed for the region it's going to be a pretty simple
10 process unless a region comes in and wants to change that
11 statewide guideline for that region or for the state, I
12 guess.

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14 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I agree. Other
15 discussion on this issue. Other ideas. If not, you
16 know, we can go with what we had in '03 and polish it up
17 a little, I guess. Did you send these guidelines out to
18 each Regional Council or -- I think they're sort of for
19 us, I think, as much as anything.

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21 Other discussion on this issue. I don't
22 know if you guys are just tired or -- hey, we're back on
23 schedule.

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25 The next item for discussion or next item
26 on the agenda was a second opportunity for public
27 comment. Does Gabe have anything else he wants to say?
28 Anybody from the public would like to address the
29 Council.

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31 Okay, we do that at the end of the
32 meeting just in case we've done something that really
33 made somebody mad. Maybe we shouldn't. But I don't
34 think we've ever had anybody ever come and want to talk a
35 second go around. Anyway, we'll do that. The next item
36 was Council comments. And I know earlier Charlie wanted
37 to say something so we'll start with him.

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39 MR. BROWER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
40 We're going through all these proposals and guidelines
41 for these Co-Council concepts here and it took us almost
42 75 years to get to where we're at and now everything's
43 being shoved right down our throat as if it needs to be
44 done the next day. My feeling on this issue is, at
45 least, you know, we should not rush into these matters
46 but take time to get used to the regulations and factors
47 to this new Co-Management. And the way we're being
48 pushed, like I just said, shove this down their throat
49 and get it done. I think, you know, it took 75 years to
50 get to where we're at. I think we should take some time

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1 and take this matter on a slower base. They didn't
2 recognize us for that long why should we jump up and take
3 their advice.

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5 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well, you know,
6 Charlie, you and I have been doing this since -- I was
7 thinking this morning, 1991. Always with the idea that
8 what we wanted to do was make legal what was a
9 traditional and cultural practice and had been going on
10 for a long time and don't make it illegal for people to
11 practice their culture. And we got there. And so maybe
12 we rushed a little bit, but I think we all wanted very
13 much to get regulations on the books to make it legal.
14 And for the first time next March when people start
15 harvesting birds it's going to be legal.

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17 And, now, I guess I think maybe we pushed
18 but I don't apologize for pushing because I wanted to
19 make it legal. I wanted to accomplish what we -- you and
20 I sat down and talked about 12 years ago how to make this
21 happen and it did so now let's not say -- and, you know,
22 we're not saying that we got to rush through and get
23 every detail done here in the next year, we know it's
24 going to take years to do. But boy, aren't you proud
25 it's going to be legal next spring?

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27 MR. BROWER: I'm proud, but it's just a
28 matter of rushing, trying to get everybody's opinions and
29 stuff into this matter and just rush, rush, rush. And, I
30 mean I've been praying for this thing to happen for the
31 past 75 years and from the start, you know, we're just
32 going to make it simple, make it legal for us to hunt in
33 the springtime. Out of the blue comes all these
34 regulations and proposals and guidelines that we have to
35 follow through and believe me, the majority of the people
36 might not have digested this issue yet like we have.

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38 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Other comments
39 from the Council. Ralph. Mike next.

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41 MR. ANDERSEN: Mr. Chairman, thanks. I
42 think this is what, closing comments?

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44 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Yes.

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46 MR. ANDERSEN: I got a good feeling
47 today. I think we accomplished quite a bit in the past
48 couple of days. I mean it's good that we're able to get
49 together and work things through like this. I think some
50 of our accomplishments include giving better and more

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1 clear direction to the committees, to the harvest
2 committee and the TRC. But I think one thing that I'd
3 like to stress that I think is really important is that
4 what's going to -- my feeling is that what's going to
5 make or break us in this process is communication. If we
6 don't have open and clear communication with each other,
7 if we're not able to maintain those kinds of
8 communication systems, not only between the Council
9 members here but also between the Council and the
10 regional bodies, making them feel like they're part of
11 the process is a really important thing to do. And I
12 think that's the charge that all of us from the regions
13 have.

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15 But we also need to keep communications
16 open between the committees that we've set up and not
17 only the members of the agencies but also back to us and
18 to the regions. Because like I say, one of the things
19 that I think will make or break us and cause us a lot of
20 problems is the lack of communication. Because without
21 communication people tend to draw, like me, I mean I draw
22 the worst conclusion, that somebody's out to get me if I
23 don't hear from them when, in fact, it could be the other
24 way around; that they could be looking out after my best
25 interest. But the lack of knowledge of that is -- you
26 know, draws -- you know, makes me think the worst.

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28 So I just want to encourage the committee
29 members that are here, the agency people that are here
30 and the village and the regional representatives that,
31 you know, the need to keep these lines of communication
32 open and keep everybody as well informed as possible.
33 Because I think the best decisions are those that are
34 made with the best information.

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36 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Good. Very good
37 points. Mike was next and then Herman.

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39 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
40 guess just in final closing, I would like to just express
41 my concern that the representatives to the SRC once again
42 fully express our support for the list as it stands. And
43 to point out to the SRC that in particular in regards to
44 the trumpeter swan, I think we can all pretty much agree
45 that that's where the big issues are coming in at, that
46 this is a distinct population up here. That this
47 population has increased for many, many years. That the
48 purpose of the protocol was to protect the subsistence
49 rights of those people who take those birds.

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1 And additionally, that we have had no
2 input or say or have they expressed to us any of their
3 concerns that may come up at this meeting. That this
4 Alaska Migratory Bird Council will not have had an
5 opportunity to address their concerns at all until after
6 the fact and through the regular register process where
7 we've been told that things never get changed anyway so
8 it's kind of a moot point after it's already been
9 published.

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11 Then, I guess I would also request that
12 they report back to us or at least at the SRC -- advise
13 us as to why they did -- do what they have done and the
14 concerns for that after they do it. Because it's my
15 understanding that sometimes they don't do that and they
16 just do their own thing and we never get any response as
17 to why they did what they did.

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19 And with that, I had a great time here at
20 this meeting and certainly have learned a lot. I
21 appreciate your patience for allowing me to get up to
22 speed.

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24 Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Next was
27 Herman.

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29 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair. I'd
30 like to thank you and commend you for the job that you've
31 done for us this year as the Chair. I understand you're
32 going to be losing your position here shortly to Doug, so
33 I appreciate what you've done. And I appreciate what
34 you've done today, you and Ralph both for kind of saving
35 Enoch and me from having to talk so much. So, you know,
36 me but I think we've come a long ways, like Ralph said in
37 the last couple of days and we've accomplished a lot.
38 Especially the workshops, they really help a lot. So
39 they're great to do and we don't have to discuss so much
40 at the meeting.

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42 And also for the reports that came out of
43 the audience and Staff, great job. Thank you.

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45 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Herman.
46 Mike.

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48 MR. SMITH: One more real quick
49 clarification. The technical committee is anticipated to
50 meet here sometime after the SRC and I just wanted to

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1 remind those members present and maybe get Fred to send
2 out a letter or something to those who aren't -- that we
3 do have, you know, four or five issues that have been
4 brought forward that we should think about and prepare
5 for the technical committee.

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7 And it's my recollection that those
8 issues are how do we address the emperor goose plan.
9 Whatever responses we need to make to the SRC, upcoming
10 SRC decisions. What's our approach and what avenues we
11 have to address the white-fronted goose issue. The
12 development of possibly some educational material. And
13 I'm not real sure and maybe other members can clarify
14 whether or not the whole issue of enforcement and the
15 permits and stuff should or should not be taken up with
16 the technical committee at this time.

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18 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Herman.

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20 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, sorry, Wayne, I
21 forgot one more thing. I'd like to suggest that if we
22 have any new members that we haven't had in the past
23 couple of months or somebody that missed meetings in the
24 past couple of months, this was suggested to me by Patty
25 and I don't see her, she either left or whatever, but
26 they should either be -- I think they should either be
27 sent the minutes, the transcripts of the last couple of
28 meetings or be briefed by the Staff, you know, the day
29 before or something so they could be brought up to snuff
30 on what's been going on and I think it will speed our
31 process up a little bit.

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33 Thank you.

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35 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. I guess,
36 you know, Mike, we're going to talk about law
37 enforcement, you know, at a full day workshop before the
38 next -- so I think there's probably enough on the
39 technical committee's plate right now that we can wait
40 until after that workshop and see if there's some
41 specific assignments. That would be my personal thoughts
42 on it. Do other Council members have a difference of
43 opinion? If they do, we'll listen. But I guess that I
44 think that we've talked numerous times the last three
45 years about how we're going to deal with law enforcement
46 and I guess we're at the point where we're going to sit
47 down and deal with that for a day and I guess probably
48 it's wise for the technical committee to wait until after
49 that meeting and see what kind of work might come out of
50 it for the committee. Does that make sense to you?

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1 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
2 Certainly, I agree that the technical committee certainly
3 has enough on their agenda already. However, I was just
4 concerned that when we do have the enforcement meeting or
5 work session or whatever, that at least we have some
6 information available so that, you know, the meeting
7 isn't, you know, just kind of spinning or wheels there
8 and not having anything productive come out of it. At
9 least have some options maybe available or a list of the
10 specific issues of concern or things like that.
11 Something to kind of focus the discussion on the
12 enforcement issues.

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14 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Charlie.

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16 MR. BROWER: No, I just wanted to thank
17 you for a job well done for this past year. You stepped
18 in and continued the work and in the long run we are
19 moving in a positive way and it was just my thoughts, on
20 the rush that we're complying all these guidelines and
21 stuff. But I just want to thank you for a job well done.
22 And Ralph and Doug, for sitting up there. And Fred, for
23 taking control of this new episode. I know the first
24 year's kind of hard but hopefully things will start
25 running smoothly and the Staff of the Migratory Division,
26 thank you for being there. And folks, invited folks from
27 the Pacific Flyaway, thanks for being here and giving us
28 all this information.

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30 Thank you.

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32 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Charlie.
33 Next was Enoch. And I'll talk -- we'll come back to your
34 question in a little bit, Mike.

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36 MR. SHIEDT: I'll make mine short and
37 sweet. Charlie's ready to leave, his bag is full. I'd
38 like to thank Fred and his crew, Wayne, Doug, job well
39 done. Staff, same to you.

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41 And I think our spring hunt is not going
42 to be fun anymore, it's going to be legal, that's about
43 it.

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45 (Laughter)

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47 MR. SHIEDT: I mean it's going to be hard
48 for me to go out there and hunt now, it's no fun. And
49 I'll close at that.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Austin was next.

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3 MR. AHMASUK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
4 I'd like to thank you for your due diligence there as our
5 Chair for the past year. I think this meeting was a very
6 good meeting.

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8 I have a couple comments. First one goes
9 along with what I said earlier. I'd really urge the
10 Staff to try to get to back to each of the Council
11 members regarding what's going to come down from the SRC.
12 As Mike mentioned, I think the spring meeting, they're
13 going to have to have something for the enforcement
14 workshop and I think all of us should be given as much
15 time as possible to look over what sort of things came
16 down from the SRC and how possibly this enforcement
17 workshop, which I understand is going to be tied to the
18 next Co-Management Council meeting, is going to be how
19 things are going to look.

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21 I see that our region might have some
22 issues with the newly legal season. I don't think that
23 the moving boat guideline is going to play out like we
24 had expected. It seems as though enforcement could come
25 to a point and issue citations for which regions who had
26 thought that they had proposed a moving boat regulation
27 might not expect. I think some citations could
28 conceivably be given in that respect, maybe a lot of us
29 are expecting.

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31 Other than that, our region will shortly
32 be having a meeting after this one.

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34 I'd like to thank everybody here for
35 expressing their thoughts and concerns and the Staff that
36 was here to help us through some of these issues.

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38 Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Edgar was next.

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42 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
43 As you know this is my second meeting and it was very
44 informative. And WCC just completely changed last year
45 and we do have new members and, you know, as we know
46 we're still working for our future generations and I
47 appreciate, you know, a lot of information from Staff and
48 especially for my region. I would like to have a short,
49 very short caucus with the Natives before we adjourn the
50 meeting. It will be very short.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. First Ralph and
2 then Doug.

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4 MR. ANDERSEN: Well, I forgot to extend
5 to you, thanks for your leadership during the past year
6 and congratulate Doug in his Chairmanship and look
7 forward to his leadership as well.

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9 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Doug.

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11 MR. ALCORN: Thank you, Ralph. I think
12 that we -- I sense a lot of uneasiness about the
13 potential outcomes of the SRC meeting and what the
14 Council ought to do in response to that final
15 recommendation that the SRC will make to the Director. I
16 would certainly entertain the option, if you all are
17 willing, to convene in a conference call to discuss that
18 package of regulations that the SRC adopts or recommends
19 to the Director. We could coordinate a conference call,
20 you know, within a week or so or even sooner after we get
21 a final package from the SRC. We could schedule that,
22 coordinate it, everybody call in and we could have a one
23 item agenda.

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25 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I guess that I think
26 that is possible but we may not need it. Did I miss
27 anybody as we went around the table that wanted to
28 comment, Council members? Mike.

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30 MR. SMITH: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. Doug, I
31 was just curious, the teleconference would be in the hubs
32 that we could somehow counteract the possible SRC's
33 actions to the Secretary or just to let us know what
34 happened? I mean we can wait for that, I guess.

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36 MR. ALCORN: Well, it would be both. I
37 think that, you know, we do have an opportunity as Dave
38 Allen mentioned, there is a public review period. And we
39 have a vested interest in the outcome of that final
40 regulation. So we have an opportunity to provide comment
41 as a Council and the Service, before they actually impose
42 the regulation, the Service has to respond to every
43 public comment and it is also published in the Federal
44 Register. So you can see what kind of a response there
45 is, a written response to our concerns about the draft
46 package of regulations. So that's one thing that we can
47 do.

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49 Another, is to just share with the
50 Council, I mean outreach and communication has been

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1 mentioned here a half a dozen times today. And that's
2 one way that we can all have a common understanding of
3 what happened, just one way to share information.

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5 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure if
6 a motion is appropriate now or not but I would submit a
7 motion that we conduct a telephonic hearing shortly after
8 the SRC meeting.

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10 MR. ANDERSEN: Second, if one is needed.

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12 MR. SMITH: Well, I was just throwing it
13 out there.

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15 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay, we have a motion
16 with a second. I guess that the question would be, as
17 Ralph brought up, if they adopt everything that we've
18 submitted we probably don't need a teleconference and if
19 they don't then we could talk about what they did and how
20 we would like to respond to it. And I guess we'll leave
21 that to the call of the Chair and you can use your
22 judgment if it's necessary.

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24 Everybody made comments but me and I
25 guess I'll make a couple.

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27 MR. ANDERSEN: Did you get Ben?

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29 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: He didn't raise his
30 hand. Did you have anything you wanted to say, Ben.

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32 MR. GOLODOFF: Well, Stanley Mack was
33 supposed to have been here and I'm sort of new at this,
34 not very well at public speaking. But I learned a lot
35 and I appreciate being here. About the Aleutian -- the
36 emperor goose is what I'm interested in because we used
37 to hunt them a lot and it's been shut down for quite
38 awhile. And somebody asked me one time to ask the
39 Council if maybe they could lower the cap on it so we
40 could go back to hunting them.

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42 But anyway, I just want to thank
43 everybody for inviting the Pribilof/Aleutians to the
44 meeting.

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46 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right.

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48 MR. GOLODOFF: Thank you.

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50 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Well, thank you. I

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1 guess I'd like to say a couple of things. First, kind of
2 apologize or do apologize, not kind of, for my lack of
3 patience at times during this meeting. You know, it
4 seemed at times like we were going back and discussing
5 the same thing we'd talked about two or three times and
6 it gets frustrating. At the same time, I'm really
7 pleased that Mike wants to know the details and what some
8 of the thinking was because he's new, you know, and it's
9 great to somebody that has enough interest to keep
10 questioning us. So I hope I didn't offend anybody by
11 being a little -- but it made me think that -- something,
12 I guess Herman said.

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14 As people rotate off and we get new
15 members on the Council, we're probably going to --
16 there's lots of history and it's a difficult thing to do.
17 And probably a couple of things, read the most recent
18 minutes and then maybe the Staff needs to try to -- for
19 new members have a couple hours or orientation to just
20 bring you up to speed on some of the most critical
21 issues. It might be beneficial to you and save some time
22 on the Council.

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24 MR. SMITH: If I could just respond real
25 briefly. I mean I think that would have certainly been
26 beneficial to me. Had I been given the opportunity to
27 sit down with Staff or something like that the day before
28 the meeting, you know, come in a day early and have them
29 go over a little bit of the history, what's going on.
30 I'm still not real sure, I mean I've been to a few
31 meetings now but I'm still not sure exactly what the
32 guidelines are and, you know, that type of thing.
33 Because I'm not sure what those guidelines are right now
34 to be quite honest with you. I'm not sure if it's just a
35 semantic thing, you know, maybe the terminology's a
36 little off for me or what but I'm not real sure what the
37 difference between the guidelines, proposals, so on and
38 so forth are.

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40 So I mean that's just an example. But I
41 know for me it would have been certainly beneficial.

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43 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right, thank you.
44 Fred will probably try to put a package like that
45 together with the key elements to help that out.

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47 I guess the other thing is I think I
48 sense a lot of uneasiness and it's been brought up,
49 enforcement over and over, and I think remember back --
50 we know it's a difficult issue, it's one we're going to

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1 face and we're getting ready to. But remember what Dave
2 Allen said yesterday, that they've used discretion in
3 their enforcement policy for the last 20 years and
4 they're going to continue to. There's going to be some
5 common sense that goes into this and Dave said that
6 that's going to be used. So don't -- you know, I guess
7 we all got to be thinking about it and it's a very
8 important issue but I guess I think it's one that isn't
9 going to come up and be something that stymies us from
10 making progress and I think we've made a lot of progress.

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13 It seems like -- I have to go back to
14 Charlie, he says we're moving too fast and, you know, it
15 seems like forever that we've been doing this. And at
16 times I didn't think we were ever going to get here to
17 where we're on the verge right now of having regulations.
18 And we're going to, it's going to be legal and it's going
19 to evolve and do nothing but improve.

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22 I just want to add, the last thing is
23 Ralph talked about communication and you can never have
24 too much of that and you can always -- you should always
25 strive to improve it.

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28 I think that I've criticized at this
29 meeting a couple times, if the SRC has problems and they
30 couldn't get together, tell us what they are and maybe we
31 can help. You know, so I criticized them and it's
32 probably the same thing that you guys are or people out
33 in the villages say, well, what in the world are those
34 guys doing they didn't even tell us, you know, so it's at
35 all levels and probably I should be a little more careful
36 about -- think about it before I criticize other people
37 because we all can do better there and should all strive
38 to.

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41 But I guess I've enjoyed it this last
42 year. I like -- if I'm Chairman I can talk a lot.

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(Laughter)

45 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: And keep Enoch from
46 talking too much, you know, sometimes that's a real
47 challenge.

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50 MR. SMITH: Mr. Chairman, I appreciate
51 your comments on your patience with me and stuff, but
52 certainly I think that once our -- my people certainly
53 get used to the idea of what all this is about, I mean

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1 I'm sure they're not fully aware of the fact that they're
2 going to have to give permission for people who have, you
3 know, lived out there and may be living in town to come
4 back and hunt; I'm sure they're not going to like that
5 prospect. The idea of village permits, they're not going
6 to like that at all. So I mean the fact that we're going
7 to revisit a lot of these issues that you guys have had
8 the opportunity to hash out for years, I think is going
9 to come up again. And I just wanted to kind of give you
10 forewarning on those things, I guess.

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12 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right, well,

13 thanks.

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15 MR. BROWER: Mr. Chair.

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17 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Charlie.

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19 MR. BROWER: Just to, you know, when we
20 brought this issue of people that can come back to hunt
21 within their village was one of your representatives from
22 Tanana Chiefs that stood on that stand until we made the
23 amendment so hopefully, you know, that was communicated
24 then. But it's, you know, that's where it all started
25 from.

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27 Thanks. And good luck in your new
28 adventures there, Wayne.

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30 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. I guess
31 I'm not quite sure what I'll be doing in a couple months.

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33 The last comment -- or last thing on the
34 agenda was Staff comments and Fred just handed something
35 around, we'll let you start Fred and we're about to wrap
36 this up.

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38 MR. ARMSTRONG: Well, in the interest of
39 time I just whipped something together.

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41 A couple of things on the report, on the
42 second page, is our new toll free number. We're going to
43 try to start publicizing that and let people know that
44 they can call in toll free.

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46 We need to update our e-mail list. If
47 you look at the list of Council members and your e-mail
48 address is old let us know and give us the new one so
49 that we can send out the information a lot faster and
50 quicker that way.

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1 Communication works both ways. You know,
2 we need to know if there's any concerns that you guys
3 have that are lingering and the sooner that we're made
4 aware of it the faster we can react to them and try to
5 provide you with some insights or answers that we may
6 have. So if there are concerns just let us know and
7 we'll try to work on them.

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9 I promised last year or last -- when was
10 it, I can't recall, last fall that there would be an
11 annual review by the Council of my performance and I'm
12 still holding to that. So maybe at the next meeting I'll
13 set aside some time for perhaps an executive session with
14 me to let me know how I'm doing and what changes I should
15 make, if necessary so be aware of that.

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17 Orientation, that's a good idea. I think
18 we've got a standing committee that needs to meet and
19 finish the work on the Council handbook. It's supposed
20 to be providing direction to new and current Council
21 members so that they know their role and their
22 responsibility on this Council. I think we need to
23 pursue that also.

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25 In the past we started this newsletter.
26 We've been so focused with getting the recommendations to
27 the SRC we've never really had time for anything else
28 other than that. Bill and I had talked about trying to
29 get that thing going again and we'll certainly work
30 toward that effort.

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32 AVCP, and it's goose management proposal,
33 Edgar, we did have a meeting with Alan Joseph and Dario
34 came over and Alan participated by teleconference but I
35 think the proper venue for looking at updating the goose
36 management plan lies with the WCC and so I think they're
37 going to try to schedule a meeting to review that and
38 then out of that will probably come recommendations from
39 your region as to what to do with the goose management
40 plan.

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42 I know Bill's got a mission that he wants
43 to talk about a poster that's being developed and make
44 the Council aware of.

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46 MR. OSTRAND: Yes. I'm not sure that you
47 folks are that familiar with the government budgeting
48 process but at the end of our fiscal year we get an
49 accounting of our expenditures and how much money is left
50 over and this year we had some money left over and that's

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1 how we bought these reference books that we're handing
2 out to the regions. And, they're for your use and
3 hopefully if you move on from representing your region on
4 the Council you'll pass them on to whoever replaces you.

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6 We also used some of the year-end money
7 to do some contract work for some outreach. It seemed
8 like a good thing to do with the money so we contracted
9 with a graphic artist to do a poster and a brochure. The
10 poster is just going to be a small one and what Fred and
11 I have talked about is just to inform the public about
12 the Co-Management Council and the message that we talked
13 about is conservation through co-management. And then
14 we're not very far along on the brochure but it would
15 also be about the Council. So I'm interested in your
16 input on the poster and brochure and if you have any
17 photographs we could sure use some photographs and some
18 art work to go with a small poster and a brochure. And
19 if you want to be involved in this process, certainly
20 you're welcome.

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22 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you. Enoch, had
23 a comment first.

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25 MR. SHIEDT: Real short. I would like to
26 recommend to Fred and his crew that the next time we're
27 going to have a meeting here, we need a map of the
28 flyways and what we're talking about, you know. I don't
29 know if we all know here -- you know, the public knows it
30 here because we need it -- I'd like to see it and talk
31 about it and then we could just look at it.

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33 MR. ARMSTRONG: One final note, we have
34 three fax machines. I know it's hard to get a hold of
35 some people and we could loan these fax machines out and
36 perhaps pay the monthly fee for that to some of the
37 Council members. Because Stanley Mack, you know, there's
38 a need for one -- and I talked to him about it and we'll
39 probably loan him one. But we have two others that we
40 could probably loan out for the duration of the term of
41 your seat on the Council here. Just get with me after
42 and let me know and we could try to work out some
43 specifics on that.

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45 Donna, do you have anything for the
46 Council?

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48 MS. DEWHURST: (Shakes head negatively)

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50 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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1 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Herman had a comment
2 and then come on up if you want.

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4 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Yeah, Mr. Chair, yeah.
5 So Bill's here sitting and talking about posters, I'd
6 kind of like to know what happened to the posters that
7 we're kind of recommending to have out in the villages
8 and all that and everything else to show the people on
9 the different birds and all that. I thought the Staff
10 was going to try to bring something or get something up
11 and then up for us here by this meeting.

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13 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Cynthia.

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15 MS. WENTWORTH: Yes, those posters are
16 almost ready to go to the printer but we're still waiting
17 for the Inupiat names. That's been a lot harder than the
18 Yup'ik names to get all the four dialects. But we have
19 Larry Caplan at the University in Fairbanks working on
20 that and we got Siberian Yup'ik, which will also be on
21 the Inupiat poster from Austin some time ago. So that's
22 what we're -- the bird names.

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24 MR. BROWER: Of all the birds?

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26 MS. WENTWORTH: Yes, huh.

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28 MR. SQUARTSOFF: Okay, thank you Cynthia.
29 I was kind of wondering because that would be nice to put
30 out and let people be aware of what the birds are and
31 endangered ones are.

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33 MS. WENTWORTH: Yeah, it's almost -- we
34 just have that final, in fact, I've got to make the phone
35 call tomorrow when I go back to find out where the
36 Inupiat names are because I sent the list up in August
37 and we're just waiting for that -- for Larry to finish
38 working on that.

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40 MR. BROWER: Mr. Chairman.

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42 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Go ahead, Charlie.

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44 MR. BROWER: Well, I haven't received any
45 information regarding the Inupiat names but all you had
46 to do was make a call to us and.....

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48 MS. WENTWORTH: I did make a call to you
49 and they didn't get back to me.

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1 MR. BROWER: Well, I didn't.....

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3 MS. WENTWORTH: I did make a call to
4 them, yeah.

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7 MR. BROWER:receive your call but
8 we do have.....

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10 MS. WENTWORTH: Well, they didn't get
11 back to me so I went.....

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13 MR. BROWER:a list of all the.....

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15 MS. WENTWORTH:to Larry Caplan.

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17 MR. BROWER:Inupiat bird names.

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19 MS. WENTWORTH: Yeah.

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21 MR. BROWER: And believe me if I'd known
22 you had called or something we would have been here.

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24 MS. WENTWORTH: Well, I did call the
25 North Slope Borough. The North Slope Inupiat is not the
26 problem. The problem is some of the other dialects,
27 getting those all down.

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29 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, there's several
30 dialects on Inupiat we're dealing with.

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32 MR. BROWER: Believe me, I think we have
33 a full complex names of all the birds in Inupiat there
34 and I'm up there constantly but I never have received any
35 information regarding you wanting the names in Inupiat.
36 So you can either call me and get a hold of Robert up
37 there in my office or we can refer you to ISLC which has
38 a complete name structure of all the birds.

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40 Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you.

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44 MS. WENTWORTH: Uh-huh, okay.

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46 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Did you have something
47 else?

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49 MS. WENTWORTH: Yes, I do. We came up
50 with the dates for the next committee meeting for

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1 November 4th and 5th for the harvest survey committee.

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3 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Very good, thank you.

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5 MS. WENTWORTH: Okay.

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7 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Any other -- did you
8 have your hand up a minute ago, Ralph?

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10 MR. ANDERSEN: No.

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12 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Okay. Any other
13 business to come before the Council.

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15 MR. BROWER: Mr. Chair. Bill, did you
16 work on -- does he work on a budget or something, or who
17 works on our budget from the AMBCC?

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19 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: That's Fred's job.
20 Let's go with Tom who came up to have a comment and then
21 we can.....

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23 MR. BROWER: Wait, I just have one, if I
24 may. This budgetary thing, that's for the Regional
25 Council, it only had a life span of two years; is that
26 right?

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28 MR. ARMSTRONG: One.

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30 MR. BROWER: One. And is that -- when is
31 that going to go in effect -- and from now on we're going
32 to come to these meetings, each representative has to pay
33 for their own trips down here; is that right?

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35 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, that's correct.
36 The cycle ends September -- well, the grant agreements, I
37 think, ended August 31st and we had 30 days for Regional
38 partners to submit and close out their grant agreements.
39 They were just completed towards the end of September,
40 October 1st. We sent out new grant agreements right out,
41 that same day to that new partner, so once you get that
42 -- there is language in there that will allow you to get
43 reimbursed for the cost of these charges here, from
44 September 1 on. We did put language in there. That's
45 the only way we could get around it.

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47 The laws have changed as far as grants
48 and contracts are concerned. We can't initiate new
49 contracts until the old ones are closed out. That's the
50 thing we have to abide by.

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1 MR. BROWER: Then once these grants are
2 dissolved and empty, then how is our different regions
3 going to have regional meetings at a set place, each
4 representative will have to make their own travel and
5 stuff, I believe; is that right?

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7 MR. ARMSTRONG: I really envision the
8 grant agreements not going longer than October 1st, the
9 first week so I don't think that any of the grantees will
10 have a problem with that. Again, we're trying to figure
11 out the best way to get by this and the only way we could
12 figure out at this time was to put enabling language in
13 there to get reimbursed for any costs. And that's how we
14 operate anyway, is a cost reimbursable basis.

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16 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I'm not sure if you
17 guys were communicating. Because October 1st, there will
18 be a new source of grant money to pay for your travel.

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20 MR. BROWER: For the regions?

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22 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: For the regions.

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24 MR. ARMSTRONG: But since the grant
25 agreements end August 31st, we did allow any expenditures
26 related to the Council to be reimbursed from September 1
27 on.

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29 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Tom.

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31 MR. ROTHE: Thanks, Mr. Chairman. I
32 guess I really appreciate all the wrestling you did with
33 issues here. And want to just mention that I share some
34 of the frustration I heard about some of these last
35 minute concerns about certain bird species and the
36 technical committee, we'll try to wrestle with it when
37 the dust settles after the SRC makes some decisions.

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39 But second of all, I wanted to -- in the
40 State system I end up kind of running all sort of aspects
41 about waterfowl regulations and one thing I want to bring
42 to your attention, it will come down on Fred's shop
43 mostly is that we don't want to get out in front of the
44 headlights but we want to put it on high beams to try to
45 determine how we're going to tell people in rural areas
46 about these new regulations. I never underestimate the
47 importance of having your regs booklet and your public
48 information ready to go so that when March 11th comes
49 around people know what to expect. And I guess I'd be
50 glad to work with Fred's shop and everybody else to come

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1 up with some ideas on how we make sure that when those
2 regs are done, they get out there and are widely
3 circulated so that a lot of people can't say I didn't
4 know this was coming.

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6 And then last is, as usual, I'd be glad
7 to support any of your information needs about the
8 Flyaway process -- Pacific Flyaway. We have technical
9 meeting in Newport, Oregon, March 3rd to the 7th if
10 anybody's interested in coming to our regular meeting. I
11 think it was mentioned that the Pacific Flyaway Council
12 will meet in Winston, Salem with the North American
13 Wildlife Conference on -- I think it's Exxon Valdez day,
14 March 24th. Then we'll have July meetings that I can
15 keep you up to speed on, too. That will be the ones
16 where any reg changes would come forward and that will be
17 in Colorado for the Pacific Flyaway.

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19 So anyway, I appreciate all your hard
20 work and I'm kind of glad Wayne's rotating out of the
21 Chair so that he won't pester me so much but he's the
22 secretary so I may inherit some more duties.

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24 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chairman.

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26 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Thank you, Tom. Who
27 -- Edgar, go ahead.

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29 MR. HOELSCHER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
30 My request still stands. I'd like to give you a short
31 break and caucus with the Natives.

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33 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: I think we're done
34 with issues to come before the Council. So do you want
35 to come back into general session after your caucus or
36 not?

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38 MR. HOELSCHER: No, we could do it after
39 the meeting.

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41 CHAIRMAN REGELIN: Fred.

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43 MR. ARMSTRONG: Just one more note that I
44 know is not important to you guys, but to us is please
45 leave the black books with the material. We get tired of
46 making copies and keep up an adequate number of reference
47 books. But you're welcome to take the white books.

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49 And then in closing, on behalf of the
50 Staff I'd like to thank Wayne for his leadership.

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Thanks.

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CHAIRMAN REGELIN: All right, we're
adjourned and I'm passing the gavel over to Doug, he's
the Chair.

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