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FALL MEETING

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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Members Present:

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Chair

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Russ Oates, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Anchorage, Alaska - 09/30/2010)

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5 CHAIRMAN NANENG: We're going to call
6 the meeting to order. The time now is 8:35 a.m. I've
7 been asked how long it's going to be this morning. I
8 said five minutes and now it's going to be down to two
9 minutes. But we'll go through the agenda as quickly as
10 we can because I intend to leave sometime today because
11 last night I got a call around 3:00 in the morning
12 saying that my daughter had a baby girl, 9 pound 9
13 ounces.

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15 (Applause)

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17 MR. OATES: How many grandchildren is
18 this?

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20 CHAIRMAN NANENG: This is number six.
21 Any time number seven is coming. This one is a girl
22 and the next one is going to be a boy. We know. We
23 know nowadays and we don't have surprises anymore.
24 With that, let's go ahead with the agenda. Yesterday
25 we left off with the proposal from Fish and Wildlife
26 Service on the harvest surveys methodology and today
27 we're down under old business, the Council actions of
28 April 2010. Left are also the assignments of
29 committees and statuses and role of the Executive
30 Director, proposed budgets, grants and conservation
31 concern and management concerns. So we'll go ahead
32 under old business, the action items of April 2010.

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34 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Somebody's
35 glasses?

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37 MR. OATES: Those are mine.

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39 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I was going to say
40 that's why they misidentify birds.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MR. OATES: Myron.

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46 CHAIRMAN NANENG: No, I'm just teasing.

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48 MR. OATES: I'll ignore that.

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50 (Laughter)

1 CHAIRMAN NANENG: It was a hot
2 discussion yesterday. I just had to throw that in.

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4 MR. PEDERSON: Mr. Chair. Before we
5 get onto agenda items can we go back to the Section 7
6 consultation. I have a few issues to point out from
7 Mr. Swem's presentation.

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9 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. I'll give you
10 the opportunity now, Mike. Go ahead.

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12 MR. PEDERSON: Thank you. I just
13 wanted to clarify that when he said he was working with
14 locals, when we started working with the Fish and
15 Wildlife Service on the MOU issues we worked with all
16 of our local organizations in town. I just wanted to
17 clarify that for this last year the only signatory to
18 the MOU was the North Slope Borough, but we did keep
19 the migratory bird task force in Barrow going to deal
20 with our migratory bird issues, especially the
21 Steller's Eiders. So although we are the only
22 signatories, we kept working with our local regions.

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24 Also I wanted to just clarify because
25 what was said was on the record that when Ted talked
26 about the shooting hours he made a mistake. The
27 shooting hours were from sunset to sunrise, not sunrise
28 to sunset. So I wanted to make that point.

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30 I also wanted to say that it probably
31 wasn't Steller's Eiders that was shot during this last
32 year. It was probably prior to that and then one thing
33 that we did ask him to do was verify that. Just
34 because those things were on the record I just wanted
35 to bring that out just to make sure that the record
36 doesn't reflect things that we will be held accountable
37 for in the future.

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39 Josh might have additional things to
40 say. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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42 MR. BACON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and
43 Council. After Ted's presentation I talked to him
44 briefly after the meeting and I asked him if I could
45 make one correction on his presentation and he stated
46 that shooting hours was from sunrise to half an hour
47 after sunset and it's actually the opposite. It's half
48 an hour before sunrise to sunset. Just that one minor
49 correction.

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1 And I asked him about the documentation
2 of a Steller's Eider getting shot after what would be
3 now legal shooting hours and he said he didn't have any
4 of that and he may have been mistaken and he's going to
5 look into that and we're going to try to get
6 documentation on that.

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8 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you, Josh. Any
9 questions regarding that issue.

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11 (No comments)

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13 CHAIRMAN NANENG: If not, I'd like to
14 thank Mike and Josh for making the correct statements
15 for the record. Going back to the agenda items, the
16 action items for 2010 April meeting. Any comments by
17 the Council members. I'll just make one statement. I
18 think the request by the Council was to have the action
19 items listed with a timeframe to be reflected as it was
20 presented to us during the work sessions. So that's on
21 record now.

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23 We'll go on to the discussion on status
24 of committees.

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26 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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28 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Go ahead, Fred.

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30 MR. ARMSTRONG: I'm not sure at what
31 point on the agenda you want to -- there are some
32 action items relative to this agenda item eliminating a
33 couple of the committees and combining some.

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35 CHAIRMAN NANENG: We can take care of
36 those things right now if there's no objection from the
37 Council. During the work session we discussed the
38 Technical Committee. The Technical Committee is to
39 remain in place, but we would have to possibly appoint
40 new members to the Committee because there's some names
41 there that may no longer be attending the meetings.
42 Harvest Committee is still in place. That too we'll
43 also have to identify people to sit on that committee.
44 Standard Operating Procedures Committee would be an ad
45 hoc for planning purposes. Is that right, Sandra?

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47 MS. TAHBONE: Yeah.

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49 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Long Term Goal and
50 Objectives Committee. Would it be an ad hoc committee?

1 Patty, you've got comments?

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3 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG:

4 (Indiscernible).

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6 CHAIRMAN NANENG: The Flyway Council
7 Service Regulations Committee representatives would
8 still remain in place. The Emperor Goose Management
9 Committee. There was some discussion on this and I
10 think at that time when the committee was formed they
11 were trying to get some population objectives and
12 issues related to the Emperor Goose populations. Any
13 comments from.....

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15 MR. ROSENBERG: It was part of the
16 Technical Committee, I believe.

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18 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. So it was
19 moved up to Technical Committee?

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21 MR. OATES: Mr. Chair. At the time I
22 was the chair of the subcommittee for Emperor Geese and
23 after we completed our assignment to revise the
24 management plan, I asked the Council what the wish of
25 the Council was with regard to the future of the
26 committee and the Council made the decision to keep it
27 as a standing entity, whether it was a subcommittee or
28 a committee, independent committee, I don't recall
29 that, but that was my recollection of the final
30 decision of the Council.

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32 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandy.

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34 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair, thank you.
35 Sandy Tahbone. Yeah, I think this committee should be
36 a subcommittee of our Technical Committee to look at
37 the issues that I raised yesterday regarding how other
38 regions that harvest the species -- how we can be
39 either -- how we're going to deal with that issue.

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41 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Molly.

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43 MS. CHYTHLOOK: So the Emperor Goose
44 Management Committee is now a subcommittee to the
45 Technical Committee?

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47 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

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49 CHAIRMAN NANENG: So, as reflected by
50 the question by Molly, the Emperor Goose Management

1 Committee is now the Committee under Technical
2 Committee based on the concerns that eventually the
3 Emperor Goose hunting may be open and we need to work
4 on strategies for that at some point in the future.

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6 The next one, G, Exclusive Committee
7 was moved under the Technical Committee as well?

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9 MS. TAHBONE: Uh-huh.

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11 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Harvest limitations
12 was put into the Harvest Survey Committee combined with
13 it. The Invitation Committee was also put under the
14 Technical Committee.

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16 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Yes.

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20 MS. TAHBONE: I think that Harvest
21 Limitations was moved to Tech because the Harvest
22 Survey Committee deals with the Harvest Survey, not
23 with limitations. Right?

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25 CHAIRMAN NANENG: And the Harvest
26 Survey looks at the reports that are done by the
27 harvest and I think with the information that the --
28 you know, the methodology of harvest surveys, what this
29 done, but I think that one of the discussions that can
30 come out of that Harvest Survey Committee is also to
31 see if there may be any need for harvest limitations
32 and maybe that can be part of that committee or do you
33 want that to be a separate committee or just cross it
34 off completely?

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36 MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Chair. I had in
37 mind that we were going to form an ad hoc committee
38 under the Technical Committee as needed.

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40 CHAIRMAN NANENG: For harvest
41 limitations.

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43 MR. ROSENBERG: Correct.

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45 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. Ad hoc
46 committee for harvest limitations under Technical
47 Committee as needed. Thanks, Dan. Invitation
48 Committee was also moved as an ad hoc committee under
49 Technical Committee. Outreach Committee was placed as
50 a responsibility of the committees that have to provide

1 the information regarding what their committees are
2 working on. I think the Service also utilizes their
3 refuge information technicians to help with the
4 outreach and that will still be ongoing. Law
5 enforcement -- you got the comment regarding outreach?
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7 MS. TAHBONE: Yeah. Kind of what the
8 idea was, there's a lot of people on that, is we wanted
9 to develop a program, but like we discussed each
10 committee will address their outreach issues. But I
11 think what would be helpful is if the Service provided
12 what resources are available to the committees in
13 regards to outreach so we might be able to know what's
14 available to us so when we start making our outreach
15 plans we'll be able to have that available.
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17 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. I think the
18 Service can work with each of the committees and
19 strategize on how to provide outreach on information
20 that needs to be provided to the regional working
21 groups as well as to the villages.
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23 Law Enforcement Committee is still a
24 standing committee. Budget Ad Hoc Committee is still a
25 standing committee. So that's where we are with the
26 committees that we've listed. There's some
27 eliminations and there's some that have been moved to
28 the Technical Committee. Any further discussion.
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30 MR. PEDERSON: Mr. Chair. So I take it
31 at this time we can go ahead and appoint people to
32 committees.
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34 CHAIRMAN NANENG: If it's the desire of
35 the committee or do you want to wait until later?
36 Okay, we'll wait until later. I think that for the
37 record we ought to make a motion to state that we did
38 take actions to transfer our -- to assign some of the
39 committees or reduce the committees and eliminated one
40 for purpose of trying to streamline.
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42 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Mr. Chair. I'll make
43 that motion.
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45 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Motion made by Molly.
46 Is there a second.
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48 MR. PEDERSON: Second.
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50 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Seconded by Mike.

1 Discussion.

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3 MS. TAHBONE: I'd also like if we could
4 amend that motion to include that each of the standing
5 committees that they develop their resolution as
6 directed within our bylaws so we could have the
7 direction and purpose of the committee clearly stated
8 in their function.

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10 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Molly.

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12 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
13 We're again dealing with our committees and we've had
14 these committees forever, well since the start up of
15 this AMBCC. Are we still going to have budget problems
16 so the committees are just committees and not working?
17 If we don't have a budget, to just have one or two
18 committees meet, like Sandy requested, we need to
19 develop -- what was it that -- to guide each of these
20 committees and not just have a meeting whenever it's
21 needed. My concern is are these going to be working
22 committees or are they going to be stale committees
23 like they have been.

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25 Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Quyana, Molly. In
28 the other organizations that I've been involved with,
29 we usually have committee meetings the day before the
30 regular meetings of that organization. I think instead
31 of having a work session the day before the AMBCC
32 meeting there should be committee meetings. If one
33 committee can meet for about an hour and then the next
34 committee meets after that, I think that we can deal
35 with some of these budget issues instead of having a
36 work session having committee meetings. As stated by
37 Sandra, if the committee has a recommendation they put
38 that in the resolution form and if the Council adopts
39 that resolution with the recommendations that they have
40 made, that becomes part of the record.

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42 MS. TAHBONE: Sandy Tahbone. Mr.
43 Chair. What I'm referring to is under Article VI of
44 our bylaws which addresses committees. It says that
45 the resolution must clearly state the committee's
46 purpose or purposes, duration and proposed membership,
47 so that's the resolution that I'm talking of. So it
48 provides what the purpose and the function of the
49 committee. The only committee that does not require
50 that is our Technical Committee because their purpose

1 is outlined within our bylaws.

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3 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Yeah, I understand
4 that, but one of the things that I know with the other
5 organizations that I've dealt and met with is that the
6 committee meeting before, the day before the regular
7 meeting comes out with a list of recommendations and a
8 resolution form from that committee. Like yesterday we
9 went through the list of recommendations that came from
10 the Harvest Survey Committee and we took each of those
11 recommendations one by one, but if they were listed in
12 one document as part of the record and report from the
13 Harvest Committee, we could have just made a motion to
14 say we hereby accept all the recommendations that are
15 made by that committee in a resolution form from them.
16 That's the way we do it in other organizations. I know
17 that this is a quasi-government thing, but at the same
18 time I think that we can deal with it that way too.

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20 If a committee has a report and the
21 list of recommendations, they provide that report to
22 all members of the Council and the Council can vote on
23 accepting part of the recommendations and/or say no to
24 some of them. That's just my suggestion for purposes
25 of trying to streamline the meeting so that we can move
26 forward with the meeting. I think that that way
27 reports can be made by the committee chair as well as
28 members of the committee and all the Council members do
29 is just accept the recommendations and the reports
30 based on that committee report.

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32 Fred.

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34 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
35 I think there was a friendly amendment to the original
36 amendment to include responsibilities of the
37 committees. I think that will cover the
38 responsibilities section of that. It will be the
39 committee's responsibility to develop the mission, if
40 you will, of each of the committees so that it's a
41 defined role and I think that will help move the issue
42 forward.

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44 As far as funding, I think it's
45 unrealistic to suggest we're going to have additional
46 funding. It's been flat for as long as I can remember.
47 There's been attempts to try to increase the harvest
48 survey funding, but that hasn't materialized. It's
49 just the reality of it. I think the idea of combining
50 the committee meetings and meet before in lieu of the

1 work session is a good idea. It's really up to you
2 guys how you guys want to deal with that.

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CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandra.

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MS. TAHBONE: I agree with you, Mr.
7 Chairman, regarding trying to utilize our time better
8 at these meetings. I know there's some committees that
9 require more than one hour to meet and if they have to
10 come in one day to deal with their business, you know,
11 that's the way it needs to be, but we can definitely
12 have the morning prior to our work session. I think
13 our work sessions are important. It reduces the amount
14 of time for our regular meetings or that's the ideal.
15 I think also if need be, you know, once we get on task
16 and we're able to start getting our committees
17 functioning, if we need to be working late in the day
18 so to speak to get our work done, then I think we need
19 to also make the most use of our time while we're
20 together.

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Then there's also, as you know, a lot
23 of other meetings which requires us to be here in
24 Anchorage and I think if we can coordinate -- we just
25 brought it up recently. Our ad hoc committee
26 subcommittee that was recently formed under the Survey
27 Harvest Committee we're going to be meeting when the
28 Federal Subsistence Board meets here in Anchorage
29 because there will be a number of us coming into
30 Anchorage. There's members that live here in
31 Anchorage, so we're going to be meeting at that time.
32 So I think if meetings like that can be coordinated,
33 you know, we can probably get a hold of Fred or Donna
34 and see if we could have use of their office space to
35 hold the meeting. So just try to be as creative as
36 possible to get our work done.

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CHAIRMAN NANENG: I don't have any
39 objections to those. I think those are good ideas, but
40 I know that all the Co-management Council members are
41 here at the time that we're called for a meeting and
42 that's usually the best time to have the Committee
43 meetings, is the day before the regular meeting. If we
44 have to go through a work session the day before the
45 meeting, that's fine, but I think that the committees,
46 if we have committee meetings the day before, we
47 wouldn't be saying that we never have any committee
48 meetings.

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Some of the other things too is that we

1 never get any information during our Council meetings
2 is the law enforcement activities. What did they do
3 throughout the state on law enforcement activities. If
4 the Law Enforcement Committee can meet the day before
5 to get reports from law enforcement of what activities
6 they've had throughout the state, I think it would be
7 good information for us.

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9 We never state on the agenda -- and
10 here we're trying to come up with rules and regulations
11 and proposals that our people -- for the benefit of our
12 people in the villages, yet we never see how our
13 decisions are reflected back to help our subsistence
14 hunters that we're trying to come up with the rules and
15 regulations and proposals for and never having the
16 benefit of what law enforcement activity there is after
17 we've made those certain proposals.

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19 So my suggestion is that the day before
20 we have our regular Council meeting that the committees
21 meet. I don't care how long they meet, you know, as
22 long as they do the work they have to do so we wouldn't
23 be hearing any more comments, well, the committee
24 hasn't met. This Harvest Strategy Committee, I think
25 they've done their work and I think we all realize we
26 need to do more and some are more regional issues, like
27 in Barrow, Y-K Delta and other places also need to be
28 brought up at those committees. So that's my
29 suggestion, but it's up to the Council to take it or
30 leave it.

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32 Any more discussion on the committees.

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34 MS. TAHBONE: Can you read the motion.

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36 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. I think
37 Molly's motion was to adopt the committees as discussed
38 and there was a friendly amendment offered by Sandy. I
39 think the motioner and the second need to approve that.

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41 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair. So my
42 friendly amendment would be each committee with the
43 exception of the Technical Committee will develop
44 resolutions as described in the bylaws under Article VI
45 and that these be developed by our spring meeting.

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47 MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Chair.

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49 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Go ahead, Dan.

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1 MR. ROSENBERG: Point of clarification.
2 Sandy, each standing committee, I believe, is what you
3 wanted it to be.

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5 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. Any more
6 discussion on the motion. Has the friendly amendment
7 been seconded?

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9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll second the
10 motion.

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12 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. On the
13 friendly amendment that each resolution will be -- or a
14 resolution will be done for each committee for their
15 purposes. Any more discussion on that.

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17 (No comments)

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19 MS. TAHBONE: Question.

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21 CHAIRMAN NANENG: The question has been
22 called. All in favor say aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Those opposed say no.

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28 (No opposing votes)

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30 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Now on to the main
31 motion to have the committees that have been either
32 eliminated or relocated to another committee as ad hoc
33 per the discussion that we've had.

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35 MR. PEDERSON: Question on the main
36 motion.

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38 CHAIRMAN NANENG: The question has been
39 called. All in favor say aye.

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41 IN UNISON: Aye.

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43 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Those opposed say no.

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45 (No opposing votes)

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47 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Motion carries.
48 Okay. Next item. Role of the Executive Director. I
49 think in the work session we had a little bit of
50 discussion on this, but if there's any comments for the

1 record by the members of the Council, this is your
2 opportunity.

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4 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair. I would just
5 like to make a request that the Executive Director
6 provide a written report and give the written report on
7 the record.

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9 CHAIRMAN NANENG: So that would be for
10 the next meeting?

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12 MS. TAHBONE: Correct, Mr. Chair. The
13 way our agenda is designed, I would like to have prior
14 to old business that all reports are given prior to we
15 conduct business.

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17 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. That's a
18 directive. Do we need a vote on it?

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20 MR. OATES: Question.

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22 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay.

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24 MR. OATES: Are you talking about all
25 the Executive Director reports?

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27 MS. TAHBONE: Whatever reports are
28 going to be presented. I would assume we'd have some
29 type of Staff report and then later on I'm going to be
30 requesting that we be given a law enforcement report
31 and then we have -- at our spring meeting we usually
32 have our status population reports. If there's any
33 type of report that we've requested that those reports
34 and the committee reports, all those reports be given
35 prior to our -- before conducting business.

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37 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Molly.

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39 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
40 Under Tab 5 there's a list of Director's list of
41 accomplishments. Maybe he can use something like that
42 to give. Aren't these your list of accomplishments?

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44 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. Yes, I was
45 asked to provide a list of activities that I've done
46 throughout the fiscal year and that was the intent
47 there. I can do that at every meeting if you want.

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49 MS. CHYTHLOOK: This is the format you
50 could use to give your report because this is what

1 we're looking for and you've provided it under Tab 5.

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3 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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5 MR. OATES: Mr. Chairman. Just to
6 comment, I think this is the concept of a written
7 report before each meeting by everybody giving a
8 report. On the face of it, it sounds like a great
9 idea, but it can represent a pretty enormous amount of
10 Staff work potentially. You know, I would consent to
11 this for the Fish and Wildlife Service with certain
12 sideboards put on it because a lot of the information
13 that we present is a result of hundreds of hours of
14 flying and hundreds of hours of data analysis and to
15 say that we will have all that in a fully-analyzed and
16 completely written up scientific narrative form is not
17 -- I don't think I could consent to that.

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19 I mean we could provide at the very
20 least the charts and graphs that we're preparing to
21 present with possibly a brief narrative associated with
22 each, but I cannot commit the Fish and Wildlife Staff
23 to what I would call a complete product with regard to
24 that.

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26 CHAIRMAN NANENG: In the real world,
27 you never get the complete product. You get a summary
28 of what's been done and summaries of activities that
29 you hope to accomplish within your report. So we're
30 not asking for a complete report, we're just asking for
31 summaries of what activities have been done and what's
32 anticipated. The birds never know that we're trying to
33 complete a report.

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35 MR. OATES: Mr. Chairman. There are,
36 obviously, complete reports that we've prepared, but
37 it's not always -- you're not going to have that on the
38 current information and we can provide complete reports
39 for work that has gone through that entire process. If
40 the group is interested in that, they're readily
41 available.

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43 CHAIRMAN NANENG: That will be fine and
44 I think that's what we're asking for, is just at least
45 summaries or information that we can also bring back
46 and share to our management bodies. That would be
47 helpful.

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49 Okay. On the role of Executive
50 Director I think everybody is clear that you would

1 provide a summary like he has done for today's meeting
2 in a written form and if there's any questions from the
3 Council after they've read the report they would ask
4 the Executive Director the status of some of the issues
5 that he's working on on behalf of the Council. No
6 objections?

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(No comments)

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CHAIRMAN NANENG: So that's our
11 expectation of the Executive Director and I think it's
12 pretty clear. Okay. If there's no more discussion on
13 the role of the Executive Director, I think we'll go on
14 to the next agenda item. I think we're going to ask
15 Eric to provide some information regarding the
16 migratory bird status and conservation concerns.

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MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
19 Members of the Committee. My name is Eric Taylor. I'm
20 with Fish and Wildlife Service, the Migratory Bird
21 Division. I'm with the Waterfowl Management branch, so
22 I supervise around 14 people. We have 14 pilot
23 biologists. We have the responsibility of doing
24 abundance and status and trends for migratory birds,
25 particular waterfowl and other water birds in Alaska.

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The Chairman has asked me to present a
28 status report and I have some select species that are
29 of particular interest. So this is an update on our
30 surveys that we conducted in 2010. Simply the
31 objective today is to provide you some abundance and
32 trends for four species of geese, Pacific Black Brant,
33 Pacific White Fronted Geese, Emperor Geese, Cackling
34 Canada Geese, the two Eider species that are protected
35 under the Endangered Species Act, Spectacled Eiders and
36 Steller's Eiders and then Yellow Billed Loons, which
37 are candidate species as summarized by Ted Swem
38 yesterday.

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For Pacific Black Brant, all of you are
41 aware that about 80 percent of Pacific Black Brant nest
42 on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. There are birds that
43 nest up on the arctic coastal plain as well as on the
44 Seward Peninsula. The entire world's population then
45 migrates south during the fall and stages in Izembek
46 National Wildlife Refuge in Cold Bay. Then the
47 majority of birds fly down to San Quintin, Mexico and
48 winter in Mexico. There are additional birds that
49 winter in Washington, Oregon and California.

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1 This is the first of a series of
2 population graphs that I'll show. The vertical axis is
3 the population. In this case, it runs from 20,000 to
4 200,000. The horizontal axis are the dates. In this
5 case, from 1960, to the left, to 2010, our most recent
6 estimate. The black line indicates the three-year
7 average. So the Pacific Flyway Council, the Fish and
8 Wildlife Service manages migratory birds based on a
9 three-year index because any one year can be an
10 irregular year or an outlier. There can be some
11 conditions that birds don't show up at the same time,
12 weather conditions can be such that results are
13 different than previous years, so we use a three-year
14 average to monitor populations.

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16 The yellow line at the top is the
17 population objective for Brant. In this case, it's
18 150,000. So the three-year average there in the black
19 box is 141,749 birds, so roughly 142,000 birds. So
20 we're still below the population objective, but just
21 barely. Brant are relatively stable, so again the
22 population objective is 150,000. The current
23 population is around 142,000. Over the past recent
24 decade the population has been relatively stable.

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26 In terms of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta
27 Goose Management Plan, the parties have agreed that
28 there be no taking of Brant eggs. One of the most
29 significant findings that has recently come to surface
30 is that there's been a change from the five historic
31 Brant colonies on the Y-K Delta to other areas. We're
32 still analyzing this information. The North American
33 Arctic Goose Conference is going to be held on
34 Portland, Oregon in January and we'll present that
35 information there. This is something that has been
36 ongoing for probably the past maybe decade or so. We
37 have documented a significant decline in the five
38 historic colonies on the Y-K Delta and some current
39 analyses that our shop is doing is indicating that
40 these birds are moving primarily to dispersed areas.

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42 The other thing that has recently
43 changed is that there's a greater proportion of birds
44 now wintering on the Alaska Peninsula. In the past
45 there's been relatively small numbers of birds, five to
46 ten thousand or so have overwintered at Izembek. Now
47 we're seeing up to 30,000 birds now staying and not
48 making that migration to the south.

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50 Pacific Greater White Fronted Geese.

1 The population of White Fronted Geese to the west of
2 that white line going through Alaska. They nest almost
3 exclusively on the Y-K Delta and winter in the central
4 valley of California. The population objective again
5 is that yellow line. It's set at 300,000. This is a
6 good example of species that has incurred significant
7 growth in the past probably 10 to 20 years. The
8 population is currently estimated at 600,000, so about
9 twice of what the population objective is. Again, the
10 objective is 300,000 and we're currently sitting around
11 600,000 and the population continues to increase.

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13 Emperor Geese, which I think there's a
14 significant amount of interest in in terms of their
15 population status and interest in opening up the season
16 for legal harvest. Emperor Geese nest primarily on the
17 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. There's also birds that nest in
18 Russia as well as on the Seward Peninsula. They winter
19 primarily again along the Aleutian Islands, both the
20 north and south portion.

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22 The three-year average again is
23 indicated by the black line. The current population is
24 around 74,000. The population at which hunting may be
25 considered to be opened up is at 80,000. The
26 population is slightly increasing at this point, so it
27 continues to creep up. So we're at 74,000, the
28 population objective is 150. As I said, harvest may be
29 considered when the three-year average hits 80,000.

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31 Just as a reminder, the fall season or
32 the sport season was closed in 1986. The subsistence
33 season was closed in 1987. The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta
34 Goose Management Plan states that there will be no
35 taking of Emperor Geese or their eggs. However,
36 continued illegal harvest is occurring based on the
37 harvest reports. These are averages from 2004 to
38 2008. So based on those five years of information
39 around 1,500 birds are being reported harvested on the
40 Y-K Delta and around 1,500 birds are being reported
41 harvested in the Bering Strait region.

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43 I think it's pretty safe to say that
44 this harvest is a contributing factor to the slow
45 population growth and if we could, I think, determine
46 ways, either through outreach or additional education,
47 to curb this harvest, we would see faster population
48 growth and an increase in population size and finally
49 hitting that 80,000 at which we can consider opening up
50 harvest.

1 Cackling Canada Geese is another issue
2 in terms of management right now for the Pacific Flyway
3 Council. In this case, the Cackling Canada Geese nest
4 exclusively on the Y-K Delta. They formerly wintered
5 in California. Recently there has been, in the past
6 decade or so, a significant change in their wintering
7 patterns now to southwest Washington, but primarily
8 northwest Oregon.

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10 The population objective is 250,000.
11 The current population estimate is around 181,000. The
12 average population growth since about 1995 has been
13 stable. As I said, the current population is around
14 180. The Y-K Delta Goose Management Plan states there
15 will be no taking of Cackling Canada Geese as a result
16 of trying to get this population to reach its
17 population objective.

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19 As I said, there's been a change in
20 wintering areas from the central valley of California
21 to Willamette Valley of Oregon primarily. This has
22 caused significant problems in terms of this population
23 on their wintering grounds. Farmers are incurring
24 depredation of agricultural crops. Primarily turf
25 grass as well as winter wheat. There's nuisance areas
26 and public health problems on parks and school grounds
27 and then there's aircraft safety concerns with birds
28 being concentrated near the airports at Eugene and
29 other areas.

30
31 I'll shift to the two Eider species
32 that are listed as threatened under the Endangered
33 Species Act. As a reminder, Spectacled Eiders were
34 listed as threatened in 1993 and are closed to
35 subsistence hunting. As a result of the population
36 that nested on the Y-K Delta, they declined by 96
37 percent.

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39 We have two primary breeding
40 populations. One on the Arctic Coastal Plain at about
41 12,000 birds and another population on Yukon-Kuskokwim
42 Delta. Right now, interesting, both of these
43 populations are not showing the same trends over time.
44 The Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta population is showing a
45 significant increase in recent time where the Arctic
46 Coastal Plain population has been relatively stable.

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48 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Eric. Regarding the
49 Steller's Eiders.....

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1 MR. TAYLOR: Steller's or Spectacled?
2 This is Spectacled.

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4 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. Never mind.

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6 MR. TAYLOR: I'm going to get to
7 Steller's in just a second. If you can hold your
8 question, I'll get there. Spectacled Eiders nest on
9 the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and then also the Arctic
10 Coastal Plain. They winter in this orange area. As
11 was mentioned yesterday, it was a recent discovery in
12 1994, based on some satellite telemetry work that
13 U.S.G.S. did in collaboration with my shop, the
14 Waterfowl Management branch, we were able to discover
15 where Spectacled Eiders winter.

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17 This was a picture taken in March 2010
18 by one of our pilot biologists. This is part of the
19 concentration. Again, this is the entire population of
20 Spectacled Eiders, both from Alaska as well as Russia.
21 This gives you an idea of the concentration of these
22 birds, so this is out in the open ocean in these open
23 water areas. This is a shot of birds on the ice.

24
25 Steller's Eiders. Here you go, Mike.
26 The North American breeding population was listed as
27 threatened in 1997 and closed to harvest. Barrow right
28 now is the only known major breeding area as these
29 birds did breed at one time on the Y-K Delta, as also
30 across the Arctic Coastal Plain, but right now Barrow
31 has the distinct honor of having basically the only
32 major breeding area remaining in Alaska and North
33 America. The Alaska breeding population to our best
34 estimate is around 600 birds, 575 birds.

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36 This map is a little bit outdated in
37 the sense that if you look at the Arctic Coastal Plain
38 it shows the breeding range throughout the Arctic
39 Coastal Plain. Indeed, that may be the case, but we're
40 pretty convinced based on our surveys as well as other
41 information that the population is restricted pretty
42 much near Barrow. The wintering birds, both the Alaska
43 birds as well as birds from Russian, winter along the
44 Alaska Peninsula and Aleutian Islands.

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46 Mike, did you have a question?

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48 MR. PEDERSON: No. I just had a moment
49 of species misidentification.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 MR. TAYLOR: Well, it's easy to do. As
4 Myron said, when I forget my glasses I have the same
5 problem. All right. The last species I want to talk
6 briefly about just because of the concern that the Fish
7 and Wildlife Service has had as well as others relative
8 to its candidate status. Yellow Billed Loons, the
9 distribution occurs from the Canning River Delta along
10 the border between Alaska and Canada to Point Lay.
11 They also occur on St. Lawrence Island and Seward
12 Peninsula.

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14 Population abundance and trend. For
15 Alaska the population for both breeders and non-
16 breeders somewhere between 3,700 and 4,900 birds. The
17 recent past few years have shown a significant increase
18 in birds in the Arctic Coastal Plain. The species is
19 of concern because it's one of very few species, around
20 20 in North America, that has a breeding population of
21 less than 16,000. It's also one of the birds that have
22 the most restricted breeding populations in North
23 America.

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25 Birds are long-lived. They live to
26 about 20 to 30 years, but they do not breed until four
27 to seven years. They nest on freshwater lakes.
28 Primarily fish-eaters, like many other species of
29 Loons. Like other species of Loons, they spend about
30 eight to nine months in marine environments. The
31 species is closed to subsistence harvest. In March of
32 2009, the Fish and Wildlife Service determined that
33 under a review that the species was warranted but
34 precluded from protection under the ESA. In 2010,
35 conservation measures were starting to be implemented
36 by the Service.

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38 As a review, this is a species that
39 while we have reasonable estimates for Yellow Billed
40 Loons in the Arctic Coastal Plain based on 18 years of
41 data that we have done with the Arctic Coastal Plain
42 survey. Our information for populations in Canada and
43 Russia is minimal at best. So the estimates there that
44 I have provided for Canada and Russia, as well as the
45 worldwide estimates are somewhat subjective. We
46 certainly have better information for Alaska.

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48 Again, for Alaska, the population for
49 both breeding and non-breeding Loons somewhere between
50 3,700 to about 5,000. Canada, our best estimate, is

1 8,000. Russia, around 5,000. That gives you a
2 worldwide population of somewhere between 20 and
3 43,000.

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5 All right. So I have put up my name as
6 well as I have some business cards. Several Council
7 members have expressed an interest in perhaps my shop
8 coming to your village or region and giving a
9 presentation and in particular, perhaps, to try to
10 address species specific issues or changes that you
11 have seen either in new species or changes in migration
12 or concentrations or things that your hunters are
13 seeing.

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15 I want to take this opportunity to make
16 sure that we are most willing to do that. Sandy has
17 been pretty good and has pestered me in the past. I
18 haven't made it out to her neck of the woods yet, but
19 we did do kind of a teleconference presentation that
20 worked okay. I think it's much better to meet in
21 person, but I certainly offer either myself or one of
22 our pilot biologists to come out and give you an
23 update.

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25 As Russ mentioned, we do have copies of
26 our reports. I don't have all of the 2010 reports.
27 We're still working on them. Winter is typically a time
28 that we do the data analyses and put the figures and
29 tables together. I certainly will provide copies if
30 you have an interest in the Emperor Goose report or in
31 the Arctic Coastal Plain report.

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33 With that, I'll be happy to take
34 questions.

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36 MS. TAHBONE: Yeah, I have a couple
37 questions. Sandy Tahbone. I really like the format
38 that's used within the final draft of the Western Goose
39 Management Plan. Then maybe just add one more item
40 there, what the current population is. I think that
41 would be real helpful for the most harvested species as
42 well as birds of conservation concern and birds that
43 are closed to harvest.

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45 The other thing I wanted to mention is
46 we've been having increased interest regarding the
47 Tundra Swan, so I'd like you to start providing more
48 information regarding Tundra Swan. Just to note that
49 prior to -- with the Spectacled Eiders and their
50 wintering, prior to '94 when it was officially --

1 what's the word you folks use?

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3 MR. TAYLOR: Discovered.

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5 MS. TAHBONE: Discovered. That prior
6 to that folks from St. Lawrence Island were repeatedly
7 stating where they're wintering. So I just want to
8 make that a part of the record that, you know, local
9 people knew were there, but then it didn't get
10 discovered until '94.

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12 MR. TAYLOR: I think you raise a good
13 issue and that's one of the strengths of increased
14 communication where people from Fish and Wildlife
15 Service make an attempt and get invited and make the
16 effort to come to local locations and talk to
17 individuals that have that information and knowledge
18 that we don't possess. So raise a good point.

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20 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any other questions.

21 Mike.

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23 MR. PEDERSON: I like your picture of
24 that long-tailed duck. I had a birder from the Lower 48
25 come to my office last summer with a long-tailed duck.
26 He asked me what kind of bird it was and I told him and
27 he said he's a bird watcher and he knew that it wasn't
28 a long-tailed duck, but the reason was that he never
29 seen a long-tailed duck without the tail because when
30 they come off. So I just wanted to say that.

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32 Also under Yellow Billed Loons what are
33 the additional conservation measures?

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35 MR. TAYLOR: In terms of what we're
36 trying to do is we're trying to get a better feel for
37 how loons are used and harvested on St. Lawrence
38 Island, so right now we have three individuals from the
39 Division of Migratory Birds that are working with
40 hunters that are trying to get an idea of what species
41 occur and migrate by St. Lawrence Island, how Loons are
42 used and how Loons are harvested. Also to take samples
43 from hunter's birds to prove for identification
44 purposes.

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46 MR. PEDERSON: Thank you. So that's
47 more of a region specific thing for the Bering
48 Straits?

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50 MR. TAYLOR: In this case it is.

1 MR. PEDERSON: All right. Thank you.

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3 MR. TAYLOR: Just to clarify, you'll
4 notice on the little tiny white font there in the
5 bottom of that picture it's Ted Swem. So even though
6 I'm happy to use the pictures, Ted Swem is the talent
7 behind the photography.

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9 MS. TAHBONE: Could ask for a bigger
10 font there.

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12 MR. TAYLOR: Yeah. He'll probably give
13 me some ribbing about that.

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15 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Molly.

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17 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
18 Thanks for your report. I'd like to make a
19 recommendation to -- I like the PowerPoint
20 presentations like this and it would be helpful if
21 we're provided the PowerPoint material so that we could
22 write on the page with comments we might have or
23 questions.

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25 Another thing is that every time I hear
26 a comment from our subsistence surveys that illegal
27 take of certain birds -- because when we go to our
28 communities and when we train our researchers we
29 encourage them to document every bird they harvest,
30 closed or not. Our people that we survey trust us
31 enough to give us that information. But when I hear a
32 comment in public like this about certain birds --
33 they're diminishing because of illegal takes, I cringe
34 because what are we telling our people to do when they
35 faithfully give us these numbers and then publicly
36 they're considered illegal take. Which they are. But
37 I guess what we need to tell our coordinators in the
38 community is that we encourage you to give us all your
39 harvest, but it will be considered illegal take in a
40 public forum like this. But that's going to discourage
41 people from giving us true estimates of their harvest.
42 So what -- you know, we need to be truthful to the
43 people that we survey because it's going to come back
44 to us if we don't.

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46 I guess ever since I've been involved
47 with this Committee on a yearly basis I hear if we can
48 do more research this or that would be improved, but
49 what's the plan for research when there's birds of
50 concern? There's a feeling there's not enough

1 outreach.

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Thank you.

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MR. TAYLOR: Thanks, Molly. You raised excellent points. Clearly the information that the Subsistence Harvest Survey is dependant upon people's faith and trust that the information will be used in a productive manner and not in a destructive manner and faith and trust are absolutely dependant if those survey results are going to be meaningful. The fact of the matter is Emperor Geese are closed to subsistence harvest. They've been closed since 1986, so the past 14 years, yet harvest is still occurring, whether you want to call it illegal harvest or harvest, it's not allowed. Those are synonyms. But the fact of the matter is we have a population that we're trying to reach population objective, which is 150,000. We're sitting at around 80,000 and we've been sitting at that for quite some time.

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There is, as has been expressed by several people in the Council, significant interest to open the species for harvest and in order to get the harvest that's occurring should be curbed back. All of us are concerned with the conservation of species. That's what co-management is about and yet -- and I realize presenting this information maybe causes blood pressures to increase and pulse rates to increase, but nonetheless that's why we're collecting the information so that all of us are aware that harvest is occurring.

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If we can curb it we can see a faster population growth and a faster recovery by this species like we've seen for Cackling Canada Geese, Brant and Pacific White Fronts that now have populations that, as Myron and Russ have stated, are healthy and enjoying harvest levels that are used by both subsistence and fall hunters.

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You raise a good point. We want to make sure that we get this information, that it's not construed as if I report this is the Office of Law Enforcement going to show up at my door. That's not the case. The case is to identify that we continue to have a problem. It's one of several factors that is probably keeping this population from continually growing, but it's something that if you have an idea of how Fish and Wildlife Service can provide better outreach or better education or more helpful

1 information, then certainly we will try to do that.

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3 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I think what would be
4 helpful for me is to know in my region what percent of
5 the people that we survey -- what percent of the birds
6 are illegally harvested in our communities. When we do
7 training with our local research assistants, we point
8 to -- we make sure that they point to the households
9 that they come into contact with there are certain
10 birds that are closed even to our hunters. But when it
11 comes time to tell them we want you to record every
12 resource -- so I guess it comes down to outreach again.
13 We tried to do that even to our regional reps that we
14 have come to our regional meeting, but our regional
15 reps are representing four or five communities, so
16 they're short-handed, you know, in doing outreach also.

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18 Thank you.

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20 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Tim.

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22 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
23 Timothy Andrew, AVCP natural resources, for the record.
24 Eric, if you can go back to the slide where it showed
25 where the Spectacled Eider winter. Since the discovery
26 of the wintering location, has that been pretty
27 consistent or has that moved to some degree at all?

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29 MR. TAYLOR: To the best of my
30 knowledge, Tim, you know that area that's circled in
31 blue is probably pretty close to where that wintering
32 population occurs primarily. I think it shifts within
33 specific regions around St. Lawrence Island. I don't
34 know, Ted, if you have any better information or not.
35 There is a person from University of Wyoming that has
36 been studying that population and I can provide you
37 with what information, publications he has published.
38 To the best of my knowledge, that's the primarily
39 wintering location for Spectacles.

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41 MR. ANDREW: The reason why I ask is
42 because it's an area of concern and there are probably
43 plans in the works right now to perhaps consider the
44 area for trawl fishery, the Northern Bering Sea
45 research area. In fact, over this past summer there
46 were a couple of trawls that had occurred in the area.
47 If that does open up to a large-scale commercial
48 fishery out there, it could have a devastating effect
49 on the wintering habitat of the Spectacled Eider.

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1 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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3 MR. TAYLOR: You raise a good point.
4 Myron also brought that issue up at the Waterfowl
5 Conservation Committee and I made note of it and Dan
6 Rosenberg also made note of it and both of us are going
7 to try to get updated information for you.

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9 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Russ, did you have a
10 comment?

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12 MR. OATES: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Just a
13 brief comment. The Emperor Goose situation is one that
14 we've been watching for a while. I guess we have sort
15 of concluded that we haven't been successful in getting
16 the message out about that species. The fact that it's
17 an all-Alaska species for practical management
18 purposes, we're considering basically initiating
19 discussions with the regional representatives from the
20 effected regions where the species occurs to talk about
21 a strategy to improve outreach and to help get the
22 message out better because we would really like to see
23 this population increase to a point that we would feel
24 comfortable that a harvest could be legally opened up.
25 The best way to do that more rapidly is to improve the
26 bye-in by the hunters with regard to voluntarily
27 picking Cacklers or Brant or some other species as an
28 alternative and give the Emperors enough protection to
29 allow that population to increase a little more
30 rapidly.

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32 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandra. But before I
33 recognize Sandra I just wanted to request that when you
34 make the report of these population of species please
35 specify when you do the surveys -- like I know they do
36 the survey of the Emperor Goose during the fall time --
37 or springtime I mean when they're migrating up towards
38 their nesting areas. Also the Cackling Canada Geese
39 are surveyed during the fall time while they're
40 migrating south. Is that right?

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42 MR. OATES: Correct.

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44 CHAIRMAN NANENG: So I think that would
45 be good information to share with the Council. You may
46 have an increase in population during the fall time of
47 some of the birds of concern, yet there's also what
48 they call mortality that occurs. Also, I think one of
49 the other information that should be shared with the
50 Council is that the nesting cycle of the birds is not

1 all the same. Like the Emperor Geese, according to
2 many of the reports we see, do not nest until they're
3 three years old or more compared to the other goose
4 species. So that's information that we've all learned
5 throughout the years by working with the Goose
6 Management Plan. I think that type of information will
7 be helpful for the rest of the Council to know as well
8 as other people that are concerned about these species.

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11 MR. TAYLOR: Okay.

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14 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandra.

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16 MS. TAHBONE: Russ touched up on what I
17 wanted to bring up with the intentions of the Service
18 regarding information and outreach to the other regions
19 that harvest Emperor Goose. I will be extending an
20 invitation for you to provide information at our
21 November meeting. If you can maybe also provide what
22 has worked either within the Goose Management Plan or
23 other recovery efforts that have worked regarding -- so
24 be prepared to present a proposal of sorts that we can
25 have discussion during the meeting.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Randy.

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31 MR. MAYO: Yeah, I just wanted to talk
32 about -- I picked out something you said on -- you
33 know, I've been hearing this for the last couple of
34 days on the difficulty of the agencies trying to
35 collect accurate data information on populations and
36 whatnot. I keep going back to, even though I'm here on
37 behalf of our region, that if you don't recognize bona
38 fide work on the ground right in the tribal
39 communities, any tribal natural resource programs that
40 have technicians, and start entertaining the thought of
41 cost share agreements to carry out some of this work,
42 that it's going to be difficult to try to do this one-
43 sided. In your travels and whatnot, in our experience
44 in my community that we have local tribal technicians
45 working under our program and there is a tribal agency
46 protocol when the Service wants to come in and do
47 different types of information collection work. This
48 has been very helpful coming to this meeting.

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50 So I just have to keep mentioning that
we too on our regional side there too that we also have

1 some mandates and the formation up in our region of the
2 Intertribal Natural Resource Fish and Wildlife
3 Commission. Although it's an unfunded mandate right
4 now, but we have to look within our own community to
5 fund such a commission.

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7 In this format here, it's impossible
8 for me to -- I guess I'm not a coordinate. I don't
9 coordinate inherent Federal functions to be the
10 messenger to my respective tribal members and come back
11 with your inherent functions mandated by the laws
12 there. So it's with true tribal council interaction on
13 the ground it's going to be difficult to do this in the
14 way this has always been done. I know that because of
15 the legislation that -- you know the way that the U.S.
16 had entered into the treaty with these other countries
17 that our tribal legal stand-in in Alaska, because of
18 major legislation, is really whittled down to basically
19 we're coordinating your Federal inherent functions to
20 inform our people that, you know, this is what you're
21 carrying out.

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23 I'm not knocking the process here. To
24 stand on the outside and not participate, you can't do
25 that either, but to utilize what's afforded. I just
26 wanted to point out that like the other countries
27 because of like in Canada, First Nation legal standing
28 and status, I'm sure the Canadian government
29 participates within this treaty in regards to First
30 Nation's people vary differently, so you may want to
31 make a note in your head about potential cost share
32 agreements with any bona fide tribal natural resource
33 programs out there. I would like to get your card
34 before we leave.

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36 MR. TAYLOR: Randy, you raised the
37 point that I think the Service and the Council could
38 work closer in terms of trying to, at least in my shop,
39 the Waterfowl Management branch, make an effort to
40 visit Stevens Village and other communities to update
41 residents on what surveys we do, as Myron said, what
42 time of year we do them, so that when they see our
43 aircraft they go, okay, that's the Fish and Wildlife
44 Service.

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46 As you said, it also provides the
47 opportunity for us to explain what sorts of hiring
48 procedures are out there, what sorts of positions may
49 be available. You're located near Yukon Flats National
50 Wildlife Refuge, one of the most important waterfowl

1 refuges in the country in terms of its production
2 particularly of ducks, and the Refuge hires technicians
3 every summer and also enters into cost agreements.

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5 The point is, I think what we need to
6 do is make a better effort, extend an invitation one
7 way or the other for a Service person, particularly
8 from the Waterfowl Management branch, to come out and
9 explain what we're doing, what opportunities may exist.
10 For example, we do aerial surveys and sometimes we need
11 ground truthing on the ground. We need people -- if we
12 fly over a wetland and we think there are 72 Surf
13 Scoters or White Winged Scoters on this wetland, we may
14 need someone to walk around the wetland or go in a
15 canoe on the wetland and say okay how close were we and
16 that provides a good opportunity for local hire, people
17 with the expertise and the skills in terms of canoeing,
18 for example, where there's a balance of shared
19 information.

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21 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Eric, can I provide
22 you an opportunity to talk to him in person regarding
23 local hire and stuff like that.

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25 MR. TAYLOR: Sure. Sorry.

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27 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I think we're
28 reflecting on the report that you've made and I have a
29 list of people who are ready to ask questions or gather
30 more information. Olga, Mike and then Molly.

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32 MS. ROWLAND: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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34 CHAIRMAN NANENG: And the gentleman in
35 the back there.

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37 MS. ROWLAND: One of the statements
38 that you made or that this report has delivered to us
39 is that the stagnation of the Emperor Geese species has
40 been hinging on the subsistence harvest. With all
41 species that are either declining or stagnating, it
42 would be really helpful to hear what other factors are
43 involved in that when you present this information
44 because that would calm people's blood pressures down.

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46 MR. TAYLOR: Sure.

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48 MS. ROWLAND: The second point that I'd
49 like to make is that working with the tribes would give
50 you more reliable information that would be more cost

1 effective. Thanks.

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3 MR. TAYLOR: Olga, right. The point
4 you made is that there are many factors that could
5 contribute to a species either increase or decrease.
6 Weather conditions, the predator intensity, the
7 conditions on the breeding grounds, wintering grounds,
8 could be contaminants. It could be any number of
9 things. The way I paraphrased the subsistence hunt is
10 that it's a contributing factor, not necessarily the
11 primary factor. But it's one factor that we can point
12 to to say that we know that if we could decrease that
13 harvest that the population would likely recover.

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15 We don't really have a lot of control.
16 We know juvenile mortality is high on the wintering
17 grounds. You can imagine a bird going to the Aleutians
18 for their first time wintering ground. You're going to
19 lose a proportion of that juvenile production. But
20 that's something we can't really control, but here's
21 something we can. The point you raise is a good one.
22 There are many factors that contribute.

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24 MS. ROWLAND: Thank you.

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26 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Mike.

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28 MR. PEDERSON: Thank you. With regards
29 to Molly's comments, I agree with what she stated. I
30 just wanted to reiterate that in our region we do
31 encourage people to be honest when we're doing the
32 harvest survey. There have been times when Lilitiana has
33 called me and Josh to double check on some information
34 regarding the closed species that may be harvested and
35 those three birds that you mentioned, the Yellow Bills,
36 Steller's and Specs, those are some of the species that
37 in our region, when we're doing the surveys, some of
38 the hunters want to make sure that they won't get into
39 trouble.

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41 But I agree with Molly and I just
42 wanted to say that we do encourage in our region to be
43 honest in the survey. Sometimes that might get us into
44 trouble. We go ahead and make an extra effort to talk
45 to the hunters when we know that we can double check
46 to make sure that some of the closed species that they
47 reported were indeed harvested and sometimes it's a
48 mis-ID. But I just wanted to agree with them and I
49 appreciate your comments.

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1 Since I work with Josh a lot on some of
2 these migratory birds issues, I just want to check to
3 see if he has anything to add, but I really do
4 appreciate your report.

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6 MR. TAYLOR: Thanks.

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8 MR. PEDERSON: Your report, to me at
9 least, seems to be a little bit more positive than the
10 report that was presented in the past and I just wanted
11 to say that and just wanted to double check with Josh
12 if he had anything to add.

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14 MR. BACON: A couple of things. For
15 the record, Josh Bacon. Thanks, Chairman. Thanks for
16 the presentation, Eric. Could you just go back to the
17 slide with the Yellow Billed Loon numbers, please, if
18 that's possible.

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20 MR. TAYLOR: Oh, yeah.

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22 MR. BACON: The reason I'm having you
23 bring it up is Russ mentioned I think yesterday that
24 Yellow Billed Loons have been counted in the aerial
25 surveys on the North Slope for quite some time. I
26 think he may have said since 1980s, is that right,
27 Russ?

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29 MR. TAYLOR: Eighteen years.

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31 MR. BACON: Oh, 18 years. Is there
32 like.....

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34 MR. OATES: Back to the mid-'80s there.

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36 MR. TAYLOR: 1986, I guess. I'm
37 thinking of the Arctic Coastal Plain survey, that's
38 combined. So if you go back to all our surveys, it's
39 1986.

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41 MR. BACON: There must be trend data
42 from those surveys.

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44 MR. TAYLOR: Uh-huh.

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46 MR. BACON: Is this, what's presented
47 here, this population abundance and trend number, the
48 second line down, is that from those aerial surveys?

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50 MR. TAYLOR: That's the population for

1 Alaska overall and the population trend data is from
2 our 2009 Arctic Coastal Plain report, which I have a
3 copy of and I'll be glad to give you a copy of that.
4 Gives the population abundance and trends for the
5 Coastal Plain as measured by our Arctic Coastal Plain
6 survey. So that's one segment of the Yellow Billed
7 Loon population. We don't measure other areas.
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9 MR. OATES: Eric, what's the beginning
10 year on that data stream?

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12 MR. TAYLOR: I can't tell you off the
13 top of.....

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15 MR. BACON: It would be helpful maybe
16 in the future just to get with some other species we
17 have really nice trend graphs which shows the trends
18 over time for Yellow Billed Loons. It may be easier to
19 visualize it. Is it true where it says that the trend
20 is increasing, population increasing?

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22 MR. TAYLOR: If you read our 2009
23 report, that's exactly what it says.

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25 MR. BACON: Okay. I also wanted to
26 point out and let everyone know that when referring to
27 the U.S. and Canadian population of Yellow Billed
28 Loons, it's not like the Steller's Eiders where the two
29 populations are separated geographically, that it is a
30 continuous population and geographically continuous.

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32 MR. TAYLOR: Uh-huh, that's correct.

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34 MR. BACON: That was all I had.

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36 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you. Molly.

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38 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr.
39 Chairman. I just have a quick recommendation. I don't
40 know how it is with the other regions, but in Bristol
41 Bay we have RITs and they're respected, the majority of
42 them are respected and accepted by our villages
43 throughout the region because they travel. They make
44 an effort to do their outreaches. So that would be one
45 way to have you guys work on our RITs. We have one of
46 the coordinators here, Jon Dyasuk, is a coordinator for
47 our RITs in Bristol Bay. So the more cost effective
48 way would be to work through these guys because these
49 guys are the ones that come to our villages and both
50 Jon and Paul come to our regional meetings to give us

1 updates. So if you work closely with the RITs, it
2 would be one way to give us information regarding birds
3 of concern.

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5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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7 MR. TAYLOR: Molly, it's an excellent
8 point. Jon has contacted me in the past for a
9 PowerPoint presentation and updates, but I think
10 there's clearly an effort for other RITs to do the same
11 thing. No, you're absolutely right, it's a great way
12 to get the information out.

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14 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Gentleman, did you
15 have a question? Come up to the table.

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17 MR. SIMEONOFF: I'm Spiridon Simeonoff,
18 Native Village of Akhiok, Kodiak Island. I sit on the
19 Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council on
20 subsistence. Last week we had a meeting out in Cold
21 Bay and the population of Emperor Goose was reported at
22 93,000. I was just wondering why there was such a big
23 difference between your report and the report we got.

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25 MR. TAYLOR: The 93,000 estimate was
26 our 2009 and, indeed, it was one of the highest
27 recorded. The second highest recorded since the
28 history of the survey, so that was our 2009 estimate.
29 This year's estimate was around 64,000 and that raises
30 a good example on why we use a three-year average in
31 terms of trying to monitor that population. But that's
32 the 2009 estimate.

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34 MR. SIMEONOFF: Thank you.

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36 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Enoch. You had a
37 question?

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39 MR. SHIEDT: Yeah, I do. When you use
40 the word illegal on your surveys, when we do our
41 surveys in our area, these are the words my people are
42 scared of. They want to make a report, yet you're
43 illegal. They're scared, but you're still losing when
44 you're not taking into consideration some of these
45 birds are being taken. You should respect when they do
46 take birds that are in question. Instead of being
47 illegal take, I think the word -- what people are
48 scared of. You need to change your wording probably to
49 questionable take. They're scared of the word illegal,
50 yet they want to give a report. It would help you

1 more.

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3 MR. TAYLOR: Sure. Enoch, you raised
4 the same point that Molly raised. I mean the
5 subsistence survey -- the data are only good if we can
6 trust the information. Yes, the term illegal, whether
7 it's a State trooper stopping you and you're doing 80
8 miles an hour in a 55 mile an hour zone or whether
9 you're shooting a species that's closed to harvest,
10 it's still -- you know, it's a tough word to swallow.
11 The point of the matter is the species is closed to
12 harvest and we're trying -- all of us are trying to get
13 this population to recover. As Russ mentioned, I think
14 we need to do a better job in outreach and education.
15 Maybe there's a substitute species, Brant, Cacklers or
16 something else that they can take instead of trying to
17 shoot Emperors. But, no, I understand.

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19 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thanks, Eric, for
20 your report. I'll share with the rest of the Council
21 every year, every springtime when they do a survey of
22 Emperor Geese out in our region it impacts the other
23 subsistence activities. We get reports from our
24 villages saying a plane is flying around. We're trying
25 to get the license and the number and then we call Fish
26 and Wildlife saying do you have an airplane flying
27 around with such and such numbers. The response
28 usually is that's not our airplane, but we know that
29 they're doing a survey of some type out there. In some
30 cases, it's not necessarily Fish and Wildlife, but
31 maybe a contractor or somebody else that's doing the
32 survey that causes our people to want to shoot the
33 fixed-wing airplane rather than a bird.

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35 MR. TAYLOR: Myron, I actually had a
36 slide showing our aircraft and in a previous
37 presentation I did have that slide showing all four of
38 our aircraft with the numbers and I'll be happy to
39 provide that to the communities. We are actually
40 getting new aircraft this year. In this case, they'll
41 be the only aircraft like it in Alaska, so it's going
42 to be very easy to say that's Fish and Wildlife Service
43 because it's a specialized aircraft with the same
44 color. So if you see it, you can say it's Fish and
45 Wildlife Service and there's no denying it is. I'll be
46 glad to provide pictures of that as well as the
47 numbers.

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49 CHAIRMAN NANENG: If you could provide
50 it to me before next week's meeting in Bethel, I'd

1 really appreciate it.

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3 MR. TAYLOR: I'll do it.

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5 CHAIRMAN NANENG: We're going to share
6 it with our villages when we have our convention.

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8 MR. TAYLOR: I'll send it to you.

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10 CHAIRMAN NANENG: And also the
11 information that you provided here today of the species
12 populations and the report would be good if you can
13 provide that to Tim as well.

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15 MR. TAYLOR: You bet.

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17 CHAIRMAN NANENG: With that, maybe we
18 can have a 10-minute break. Thanks, Eric, for the
19 report. Interesting discussions.

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21 (Off record)

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23 (On record)

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25 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Call the meeting back
26 to order.

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28 MR. ARMSTRONG: That pretty much is the
29 bulk of our budget annually. Don't get fooled by the
30 page 3 of 18. Those relate to projects that -- we have
31 the same format for three divisions and ours is the
32 smallest budget, therefore we only use three pages to
33 fill that. The other programs have a lot of projects,
34 surveys and other projects that they deal with that
35 take up the rest of the 18 pages that we don't have to
36 see. Any questions.

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38 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandra.

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40 MS. TAHBONE: I guess the expense under
41 Federal Register publication expense. What exactly is
42 that?

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44 MR. ARMSTRONG: Every year we have to
45 print the proposed and final rule. The government
46 doesn't take up the cost of that. It's the programs
47 that do it, so therefore we have to budget for those
48 expenses annually.

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50 MS. TAHBONE: My question is -- I mean

1 that's a function of our partner, the Federal
2 government, so why are we responsible for that expense?

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4 MR. ARMSTRONG: I would take that up
5 with OMB. We are told that we have to budget for these
6 amounts. The Federal Register is a separate entity
7 within the government and they operate by other
8 programs and that rely on the use of printing of
9 publications. So what we have to do is provide the
10 amount of funds that is necessary to cover the cost of
11 the publication of the proposed and final rule. It's
12 changed significantly within the last five years. Now
13 they will bill us at least twice annually for these
14 costs. We've been incurring them, but it hasn't been
15 as mandatory as it is now because the government is
16 tightening up. So it's something that we can't avoid.

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18 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any more questions,
19 Sandra? Molly.

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21 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
22 When Togiak National Refuge was doing the surveys for
23 Manokotak, Togiak and Twin Hills, did they pay for
24 those surveys on their own? BBNA has picked up those
25 three communities.

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27 MR. ARMSTRONG: We will provide you
28 with a cost or expenses for those three villages. We
29 did allocate a few thousand to the Refuge to cover the
30 cost of those expenses. Those will be reverting over
31 to you.

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33 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any other questions.
34 I have a couple questions. The contracts and
35 agreements, list of recipients. Are these the harvest
36 survey work?

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38 MR. ARMSTRONG: That's correct. It's
39 based on the rotation schedule that Council adopted a
40 couple years ago.

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42 CHAIRMAN NANENG: And all of this work
43 is done by whom?

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45 MR. ARMSTRONG: Y-K Delta is done by
46 the RITs. We're going to have to find a contractor to
47 do the surveys in Northwest Arctic. BBNA, we contract
48 with them. Upper Copper River, we may have to --
49 Donna, you'll have to help me out with Upper Copper
50 River. I think we're going to have to get some help

1 from maybe CRNA to try to identify a person. I think
2 Joeneal had expressed an interest. Most of these are
3 all contracted out regionally as much as we can. APIA,
4 I think the State works with -- they combine -- because
5 they have a large geographic range, they combine it
6 with some of the surveys the State does. They have
7 people in each village, I think, that typically conduct
8 the surveys. I think that's what they were trying to
9 do because it's so expensive to do the surveys out
10 there. Pete.

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12 MR. DEVINE: Yes, Fred is right, we do
13 piggy-back with the Aleut Marine Mammal Commission
14 Survey. It's a little more cost effective and we get
15 more bang for our buck. It's pretty helpful. We're
16 subsistence users of not just birds, of everything. We
17 pretty much know what's gone on.

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19 MR. ARMSTRONG: And with the North
20 Slope Borough we contract directly with the Wildlife
21 Department to conduct the surveys for us. The State I
22 think helps out with a little bit of Southcentral.
23 There's three villages, Patty?

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25 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: Actually four.

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27 MR. ARMSTRONG: Four villages, yeah,
28 that they try to piggy-back with other surveys to do
29 those. These surveys are becoming more and more
30 expensive. The cost, the amount allocated really
31 hasn't changed that much, but the cost to do business
32 has increased dramatically.

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34 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any more questions.
35 Enoch.

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37 MR. SHIEDT: Yeah, Fred, I was gone for
38 four years. I'm back. But I was drafting a letter to
39 ask to do a survey in my area. I'm trying to get
40 permission from the villages to go back and do the
41 migratory bird survey, but I'm trying to combine it
42 with seals and caribou same time to cut some expenses.

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44 CHAIRMAN NANENG: That's fine. Mike.

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46 MR. PEDERSON: I just want to reiterate
47 that still that's not enough money to get good accurate
48 information because we don't survey each community and
49 when we do surveys we do only a limited number of
50 households in each community. I just want to bring

1 that up so it's still, in my view, short-funded. This
2 program is not funded enough.

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4 MR. ARMSTRONG: You're correct. I
5 think the Harvest Survey Committee did an analysis
6 years ago and was projected out at \$750,000 for doing a
7 statewide survey and we only had been allocating
8 300,000. We did, after retirement of one of my Staff,
9 contract with the State to do those duties since
10 they're doing the analysis. Lili does the coordinating
11 with all the survey work.

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13 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandra and then
14 Molly.

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16 MS. TAHBONE: Just really quick
17 regarding what Mike brought up and Fred's answers. I
18 was really happy to hear regarding the request from the
19 Service regarding the subsistence harvest survey that
20 the Regional Director will be listening to those needs,
21 so I'm really looking forward to an increased budget
22 that will provide us with better information.

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24 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thanks, Sandy.
25 Molly.

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27 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
28 I think what needs to happen because we've been
29 struggling with the budget that we have serve two
30 rotations. I think we need to think about cutting to
31 three or four rotations, especially those of us that
32 have several villages to equal the little bit of money
33 that we have to work with. In order to do a good job
34 in my region, it's like free labor the rest and I don't
35 think that's fair. But in order to keep up the good
36 work we have no choice. Eventually I think with our
37 standard cost that we have now we need to maybe
38 possibly think back to do more rotations than just two
39 to match the funding if our funding doesn't increase
40 here pretty soon.

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42 Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Go ahead, Fred.

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46 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thanks, Molly, for that
47 observation. I think the Harvest Survey Committee
48 works with the Service and the State to try to look at
49 how the harvest survey is done. Perhaps one of the
50 items that can be discussed is a discussion on what's

1 the best way to make use of the 300,000 that we
2 allocate annually to surveys. Until we get further
3 funding we're really operating within the confines of
4 that. I wish I could provide more money. I wish I
5 could provide at least 250,000 per region. They could
6 conduct the surveys for us and hire the appropriate
7 Staff to do those. That has always been my intent with
8 increased funding, that we provide the regions with
9 that funding to conduct the surveys and do the outreach
10 at their level. Until then we really can't do much.

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12 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I guess my question
13 would be for future thoughts is how complicated would
14 it be to -- you know, if we don't get any more funding,
15 to cut the locations from two to three or four.

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17 MR. ARMSTRONG: That certainly is an
18 option that can be discussed at the future meetings. I
19 know right now to get a statewide estimate is going to
20 take four years with the current rotation system we
21 have and that's really inadequate to wait that long to
22 see how many birds have been taken. By the time we get
23 a four rotation that information is already dated.
24 That can be discussed.

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26 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandra.

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28 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chairman. You know,
29 you're submitting this request and it doesn't really
30 reflect the need and I know it's been a while since
31 each of the partners, each of the Native organizations
32 that are partners with AMBCC have submitted their
33 actual need for their programs. I was wondering if it
34 would be a good time for us to request those from each
35 of the regions. Actually what their need is for a
36 migratory bird if we had the ideal funding available to
37 us. I think it needs to be something that we know
38 annually. I know Kawerak, as well as other partners,
39 provide a lot of in kind to try to put together the
40 best program we can. You know we're all limited in our
41 time and resources, but I think those need to be
42 reflected what our contributions are.

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44 MR. ARMSTRONG: That's certainly
45 worthwhile to look into and actually would give me
46 close to real numbers that we can work with. Right now
47 as far as the contracts are concerned we have to deal
48 with the indirect costs, negotiated rate agreement with
49 each of the contractors. By law, we have to take that
50 into consideration. It is part of the survey contract.

1 I can see your point because each region is different.

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4 I mean, for instance, Pete's region is
5 so wide geographically and it's so expensive to travel
6 from one place to another, his costs are going to be
7 extremely high. Kawerak is 19 villages. TCC has 43.
8 Myron has got 56. All the costs are going to differ
9 and for us to be dealing with \$300,000 and the way we
10 do our surveys is an expensive way.

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12 So looking at other options is probably
13 -- it would be more beneficial to the Council. I think
14 what we need to do before we provide these real-time
15 costs is wait for the survey review to be done to see
16 how it's going to end up. If it changes, we'll have to
17 determine those costs and we'll try to make these
18 accordingly.

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20 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Russ and then
21 Liliana.

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23 MR. OATES: Thanks, Fred, for saying
24 that. Just to emphasize one of the points I made
25 yesterday in my presentation, I think this harvest
26 survey definitely has the attention of our folks in
27 Washington. If we're able to follow through with this
28 process, work together with the Harvest Survey
29 Committee and other expertise as needed and produce a
30 strong package for the Regional Director, he has
31 promised that he will take that forward and he will
32 make a strong case for additional funding to help us do
33 a better job on these harvest surveys.

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35 I hope we don't have to get in a
36 situation where we have to extend the time on the
37 rotations on these things. The longer it takes to
38 survey an area, the longer it takes to learn something
39 about what's going on in the area. So I would urge the
40 group to help us get this done.

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42 Thank you.

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44 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Quyana. Liliana and
45 then we'll take a vote on the budget.

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47 MS. NAVES: Liliana Naves, Fish and
48 Game. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just would like to
49 offer a little detail on how the setting for the 2011
50 -- or each year the survey happens and so we have the

1 preliminary rotations scheduled there and it has all
2 the villages per region that are to be surveyed next
3 year.

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5 As for 2010, for the regions that are
6 being surveyed in 2010, I work individually with each
7 partner organization on cost estimates that are fair
8 for people that are doing work, that are adequate for
9 the work load and it does something that the program
10 could live with. So we really spend lots of time
11 revising cost estimates for most regions. We didn't
12 only did that for the Bering Strait and North Slope
13 because they already had multi-year agreements with the
14 Fish and Wildlife Service directly, but we've really
15 revised the cost estimates for the Y-K Delta and for
16 TCC, that's a new partner in data collection, for the
17 Wood Island Tribe from Kodiak. They are helping with
18 the survey there this year.

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20 So those amounts here are cost
21 estimates based on some standard perimeters and based
22 on the villages listed here. As soon as you get more
23 definition, it generally starts in December. I start
24 working with each field coordinator on really refined
25 cost estimates and I think they tend to be very fair.
26 It takes lots of effort, it's lots of back and forth
27 with both sides until we come up with a final amount
28 that is adequate to the work load and to both parts,
29 Fish and Wildlife Service that's paying the work and
30 the people that are conducting the work.

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32 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Can you quickly
33 summarize.

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35 MS. NAVES: Yes, I will.

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37 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I know you get long-
38 winded. Sorry about that observation, but I wanted
39 to.....

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41 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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43 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Yes.

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45 MR. ARMSTRONG: I don't think we need
46 to go into the details of each of the villages and the
47 cost estimates. This is just a proposed budget that
48 I'll be submitting in the regions that have been
49 identified.

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1 MS. NAVES: I just wanted to give some
2 clarification because I think there's concern on if
3 people are getting paid for getting more villages, that
4 kind of thing. Some of the costs in there include
5 2010, the continuation of the 2010. Fish and Game is
6 contracting with a number of organizations for this
7 year. Some part of the money that goes for Fish and
8 Game is also dedicated to contracting to data
9 collection.

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11 Thank you.

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13 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you. I have a
14 question. At the time of the Migratory Bird Protocol
15 Amendment being ratified by Congress, all indigenous
16 people inclusive of all non-Native, but at the time
17 that we negotiated it was from the Native perspective,
18 but from the ratification that was approved by the U.S.
19 Senate it included all non-Native who live in rural
20 Alaska to participate in the spring and summer harvest
21 of migratory birds. How much money is the State of
22 Alaska contributing to the survey of those -- of the
23 survey that's being done? Is the State of Alaska
24 contributing money to the survey or is all the money
25 that's within the AMBCC budget paying for all that
26 survey? I'll ask Dan to respond to that, please.

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28 MR. ROSENBERG: Well, my first
29 inclination was to respond to that as a rhetorical
30 question, but I'm not sure if it is or not.

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32 CHAIRMAN NANENG: It's not a rhetorical
33 question because at the time that we negotiated the
34 Migratory Bird Treaty Protocol Amendment, the
35 perspective that we brought forth at the table was the
36 Native perspective. The Native harvest perspective.
37 That's why there's a statement in there that was
38 brought up by Fish and Wildlife Service in their
39 harvest survey strategy proposal that came out
40 yesterday. Not to significantly increase the harvest
41 by the subsistence users and that was from the
42 percentage that was provided by previous surveys that
43 was done on the Native subsistence hunters. So that's
44 where I'm coming from.

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46 MR. ROSENBERG: Okay. But, regardless,
47 that's a Federal law.

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49 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I know it's the
50 Federal law, but there needs to be a contribution by

1 the State of Alaska for the survey. Who collects
2 hunting license within the State of Alaska. A week ago
3 one of our people got cited for not having a State
4 hunting license. Where does that money go?

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6 One other observation that I'd like to
7 share with the rest of the group here is that it's not
8 necessarily the people that are seated here, but it's
9 the regulatory bodies that come out with proposals
10 regarding our subsistence use of other resources. For
11 moose, you know, we're talking about.....

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13 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chairman. We're out
14 of order.

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16 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I don't think we're
17 out of order. I'm trying to identify how much money
18 we're paying from the Council funding to the State of
19 Alaska being the contractor. When they say that the
20 amounts needed for subsistence it's only 200 moose when
21 you're providing all the survey information of the
22 catches that you have. I just want to share that
23 because I don't want the surveys to at some point be
24 used as information and then discard it saying that
25 somebody is saying the amounts needed for subsistence,
26 even though the surveys have been provided by our
27 people in the villages, it's not adequate enough to
28 some regulatory body. So I just wanted to share that
29 thought and have everybody think about it because I
30 question the amount of money that we're paying to the
31 State of Alaska solely from this when there can be more
32 money provided to the surveys out in the regions, in
33 the respective regions. You know, we're talking about
34 combining other funding with other things to be able to
35 cover the cost of the surveys.

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37 MR. ARMSTRONG: Are there any other
38 questions relative to the budget?

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40 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I just had one final
41 question regarding the -- I seem to save things for
42 last. There's 141,000. Are we saying the Refuge is
43 going to use that monies to be surveying in the Y-K
44 Delta Refuge? And the Refuge uses the RITs to do the
45 surveys? There's only three RITs left within the
46 region to do the surveys? I just want a clarification
47 because Fred mentioned that the RITs are the ones that
48 are doing the surveys.

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50 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. The cost of

1 doing business I mentioned is expensive and they have
2 to incur the cost of traveling regardless of number of
3 RITs to do the survey. It is an added cost to the
4 Refuge, so we have to accommodate that expense.

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6 CHAIRMAN NANENG: And if you're
7 contracting with other entities in other parts of the
8 state, why aren't you contracting with a regional
9 management body?

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11 MS. DEWHURST: I can give a correction
12 there. The way it works with Refuge money, they do
13 utilize their RITs, but they also have a contract that
14 pays -- I don't know who the contractor is, but the
15 Refuge contracts and then the contractor then hires
16 local people from those villages to do the survey, so
17 there is a contractor involved.

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19 CHAIRMAN NANENG: That's the
20 clarification that I was asking for.

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22 MR. ARMSTRONG: That's good. Thanks,
23 Donna. The way we conduct surveys we have to pay the
24 surveyor and a lot of that money there is done -- the
25 Refuge contracts with the local tribe to pay the local
26 folks that are hired.

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28 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any more questions
29 regarding the budget.

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31 (No comments)

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33 CHAIRMAN NANENG: If not, what's the
34 desire of the Council. I think that we need to take
35 action on the budget or just a presentation that's done
36 by -- an explanation. Even if we accept it or not
37 they're going to use the budget anyway.

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39 MS. TAHBONE: You're correct, Mr. Chair.
40 This is information only. We have no control over the
41 item before us.

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43 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you. Then
44 we'll go on to the next item. It's the cooperative
45 grants.

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47 MS. DEWHURST: This is going to be
48 short. You have the amounts under the budget that will
49 be the amounts proposed for this coming year. The
50 contracting process should have us issuing the new

1 paperwork probably the end of October is my best guess.
2 Things have gotten a lot more complicated in the past
3 year with new rules in contracting and they're changing
4 the rules again this year. So some of you probably
5 noticed in the past year it took a lot longer to get
6 the grants signed.

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8 On a positive note, I want to applaud
9 Attamuk or Enoch that he got Maniilaq to sign a grant
10 and get it done. I think that's the first time in four
11 years that we've had a cooperative agreement in
12 Maniilaq. It was a huge effort on his part because all
13 the prior financial paperwork had disappeared, so he
14 had to start from scratch. I really applaud his
15 efforts. He spent a lot of time and effort doing that
16 and it's great because now we have a cooperative
17 agreement in place for that region. We're hopefully
18 going to do that with Southeast here soon. So the
19 amounts are flat.

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21 One thing Fred asked me to re-
22 emphasize, the primary purpose for the grants is travel
23 for the various meetings, like travel for the
24 representatives to the two statewide meetings and for
25 the organization to hold a minimum of two regional
26 meetings with their organizations. If there's any
27 money left over after that and the overhead from the
28 particular organization is to be put toward outreach in
29 any shape or form.

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31 We do require an annual report from
32 each group as part of the close-out. I tried to
33 streamline those because we have trouble getting them
34 from everybody. You don't have to put a lot, mainly
35 your meetings, but if you want to put more in there,
36 like things you would like to do if you had more money
37 or that sort of thing, you're more than welcome to put
38 that. That would be the place to put it, in the annual
39 report. This is what we're able to do, we could
40 potentially do these other things if we had more money
41 or whatever. The annual reports are pretty much up to
42 you. I'm just saying when I streamlined them I tried
43 to make the minimum amount you have to say in the
44 annual report to meet the requirement. You're
45 certainly welcome to add more in your annual reports.

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47 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Molly.

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49 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
50 Could you use my report for my annual report?

1 MS. DEWHURST: Uh-huh.
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3 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
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5 MS. DEWHURST: I'm easy. Contracting
6 isn't always easy, but I'm easy. My main job is to try
7 to interface between the organizations that have the
8 cooperative agreement in our contracting office.
9 Believe me, some days that's easier than other days.
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11 MS. CHYTHLOOK: So I'm assured my
12 annual report is in.
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14 MS. DEWHURST: Yes.
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16 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you.
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18 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandra.
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20 MS. TAHBONE: Yeah, Donna, in regards
21 to the contracting office, it seems to me that whenever
22 we have a turnover in contracting that their
23 interpretations of the requirements change. It would
24 be nice if contracting could provide what their -- so
25 we can get moving because, you know, like if we -- like
26 I said, it depends on who's in charge of our agreements
27 and they have changed a couple of times within the past
28 couple of years. It would be nice if we could move
29 forward and get the agreements ready to sign so we can
30 get them handled within our region. Right now they're
31 waiting for a budget before they're going to release
32 them?
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34 MS. DEWHURST: That's part of it. Part
35 of it too is they do have a rule -- they made an
36 exception last year for Kawerak, but they do have a
37 rule that they won't do the final new cooperative
38 agreement until the old one is closed out.
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40 MS. TAHBONE: But my understanding was
41 there's nothing to prevent them from -- they're the
42 last signature on the agreement, so there's nothing to
43 prevent them from not signing it. So it can get
44 routed, it can get sent to us. We could go through our
45 process so it's ready to fly. I mean it could sit on
46 their desk until they have what they need and then sign
47 it. If we can work those out instead of waiting for
48 the last minute so to speak.
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50 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Enoch.

1 MR. SHIEDT: I'd like to say I was gone
2 for four years and without you and Fred's help it would
3 have taken me a lot longer to do the paperwork because
4 I couldn't find nothing. Thanks for your help.

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6 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you. I don't
7 think we have any action on this unless the Council
8 wants to change the figures, which I believe everybody
9 is pretty much happy with it at this time.

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11 MR. ANDREW: It's still not enough.

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13 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Not enough. Other
14 than that being not enough. So Donna will work with
15 the regional organizations for their contracts for the
16 upcoming year. Now we have to put our own regional
17 budgets together to meet their needs, I guess.

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19 On Item F I'll just make a short report
20 on WCC and Pacific that we had a meeting on on Monday.
21 We're meeting with Oregon and Washington and Pacific
22 Flyway to talk about the potential review of the
23 population harvest levels for the Cackling Canada Geese
24 and I'd like to invite anyone from other regions who
25 utilize that resource to let me know so that when we
26 start talking with them that you be informed and be
27 provided information when we talk about that. AVCP is
28 going to be selecting representatives to work on a
29 small committee to work with Oregon and I know that
30 it's going to impact some of the users from other
31 regions, so we'll be sending a notice out once that is
32 done.

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34 MS. ROWLAND: Kodiak Island would like
35 to be involved with that. Thank you.

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37 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. Tim, make a
38 note of that. Enoch.

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40 MR. SHIEDT: Put me on your list.

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42 CHAIRMAN NANENG: We'll send the
43 invitation to all the members through Fred.

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45 We'll go down to invitation for public
46 comments I think is the next item.

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48 MR. ANDREW: Mr. Chair. I think we've
49 got to do Bob Trost and the Izembek EIS first.

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1 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Do you want to do
2 that, Bob.

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4 MR. TROST: In deference to the time
5 the Committee has here, I just want to remind everyone
6 -- I'm Bob Trost, Fish and Wildlife Service -- I
7 believe I've mailed a copy of this to all of you and
8 you all have a copy. Enoch called me up, so I know at
9 least somebody got one because he said why did you send
10 me this telephone book.

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12 (Laughter)

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14 MR. TROST: And I promise that I'm not
15 going to sit here and read this, but it is rather
16 fundamental to how this body operates and how
17 subsistence harvest regulations are set as well as how
18 hunting regulations are set nationally. This is the
19 first time we've included subsistence harvest in our
20 impact statement on setting migratory bird regulations.
21 So it would be important for you to have at least the
22 opportunity to review the information in here and
23 apprise us of any comments or suggestions you may have.

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25 The comment period will close on March
26 31st next year, so you have some considerable time to
27 go through this yet. You should all have copies. If
28 you don't have copies, they're available online or
29 they're available from me. You can submit your
30 comments to the website that we've established for
31 comments on this document. That is described in the
32 first page of this. You can also send your comments
33 directly to me. If anyone has any questions as you
34 work your way through this, don't hesitate to give me a
35 call. I'll do my level best to answer any questions
36 you may have.

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38 That's all I'd like to say, Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you. Any short
41 questions.

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43 (No comments)

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45 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thanks, Bob. On the
46 agenda we have an invitation for public comments.
47 Anybody wants to make a comment. Tim.

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49 MR. ANDREW: Again, we added on the
50 agenda, maybe you forgot, but Patty was going to talk

1 about the Izembek thing.

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3 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. Go ahead,
4 Patty.

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6 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: I will be
7 equally as brief, Mr. Chairman. I was asked to
8 participate in the planning and scoping process
9 regarding the Environmental Impact Statement for
10 Izembek, which is the road between Cold Bay and King
11 Cove. I've participated via teleconference and in
12 person in almost all the meetings. I've missed some of
13 them, but they're pretty dry to be honest with you.
14 They're having a workshop in phase three or step three
15 of a 10-step process in the NEPA process and that's the
16 analysis of the alternatives. We're actually having a
17 workshop today and tomorrow to discuss the alternatives
18 and try to narrow them down and look at how we can
19 address each of those comments that were included in
20 the public comment section of the Federal Register.

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22 So that's kind of where it's at right
23 now. The next steps will be the Service will select
24 the preferred alternative and then they'll issue the
25 draft EIS and then there will be a public hearing,
26 people can comment, then the Service will respond to
27 the comments and then they will issue the final EIS and
28 after that will be a record of decision, which isn't
29 expected until summer of 2012.

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31 I've been participating mainly as an
32 observer as there are people from the two communities
33 as well as the Borough and the Federal and State
34 agencies that are involved in the process that have a
35 larger stake than the AMBCC and they also have
36 migratory bird people at the meeting.

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38 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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40 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any questions for
41 Patty.

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43 (No comments)

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45 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thanks, Patty.
46 Apparently for the record we usually have to have a
47 second invitation for public comments. Tim, you wanted
48 to make a comment?

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50 MR. ANDREW: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 Timothy Andrew with AVCP natural resources. I would
2 like to make a comment on the committees. Currently
3 I'm listed in six of the committees within AMBCC and I
4 cannot possibly commit my time to a large majority of
5 them. In talking to Carol Brown, she has graciously
6 volunteered to take at least two of the committees off
7 my hands. I would like to replace my name in a couple
8 place. One, Standard Operating Committee. Insert
9 Carol Brown in place of me.

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11 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Tim, it's on the next
12 item. I was just asking if there's any public comments
13 regarding some of the issues that have been brought
14 forward. The committee appointment is going to be
15 next.

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17 MR. ANDREW: My apologies.

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19 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Josh, you have public
20 comment?

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22 MR. BACON: Yes. I have two
23 testimonies from locals in Barrow. Thank you, Mr.
24 Chair. I'll be brief here. I have two testimonies
25 from subsistence hunters in Barrow.

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27 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Josh, can you state
28 your name for the record, please.

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30 MR. BACON: Sure. It's Joshua Bacon.
31 First one, a 37-year-old male from Wainwright, Alaska.
32 I did not want to buy a duck stamp for many reasons. I
33 had to be careful when I went out to get ducks this
34 year because I didn't want to get in trouble.

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36 The next one is a whaling captain from
37 Barrow, Alaska. Members of my crew were reluctant to
38 go goose hunting because of enforcement of the stamp
39 requirement. I was a successful whaling captain this
40 spring and was worried I wouldn't have enough geese to
41 feed the community soup at our Nalukataq celebration.

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43 That's all I have.

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45 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you. Anybody
46 else. Tim. Not on the committees.

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48 MR. ANDREW: No, Mr. Chairman, it's not
49 going to be on the committee process. For the record,
50 Timothy Andrew with AVCP natural resources. As you had

1 elaborated earlier, Mr. Chairman, the face of the
2 Native harvest of migratory birds in the spring has
3 changed considerably due to then Senator Frank
4 Murkowski's insertion or the redefinition of indigenous
5 inhabitants. Largely the contribution to the operation
6 of the Waterfowl Conservation Committee as well as
7 other regional management bodies have been solely
8 funded by the Federal government despite the other
9 parties being able to hunt during the spring.

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11 In our region or at least in my home
12 community, when the spring opportunity to harvest
13 migratory birds arrives, I have many people -- my house
14 is situated right on the tundra with access to various
15 lakes and marshes where the geese come in during spring
16 and I see not only the Native hunters going out there
17 but non-Native hunters as well. Those people I feel
18 are taking a ride on the expense of the Native
19 organization.

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21 For example AVCP. My position is
22 solely funded through tribal money in which I advocate
23 for the spring hunt of migratory birds and try to make
24 it as easy as possible. I don't really feel it's fair
25 to continue to utilize Native compact money, tribal
26 money, to advocate for others that are taking a ride in
27 this process. I feel it's really important that the
28 Migratory Bird Co-management Council either drafts a
29 letter or a resolution requesting legislative
30 contribution to this process from the State of Alaska.

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32 All morning we've heard about comments
33 like not enough money, still not enough money. We've
34 heard comments that the costs are rising. It is true.
35 Costs are rising considerably out there. Like, for
36 example, what used to cost \$75 to travel round trip to
37 one of the villages in close proximity to Bethel now
38 costs \$150 and in some places it's \$800 and I can
39 really understand the challenges in the APIA region and
40 those costs continue to stay and we have stable funding
41 from the Federal government.

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43 We do need to make that difference up
44 with other sources of money. If the Feds are not going
45 to contribute to the process, I feel that the State of
46 Alaska should contribute in some way or another.
47 Perhaps a legislative grant would be a good opportunity
48 to cover some of those expenses.

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50 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any other public
2 comments at this time.

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4 MR. ROSENBERG: Yes, Mr. Chair. I'd
5 just like to say that I do appreciate Mr. Andrew's
6 comments and I also would like to say that every year
7 the State of Alaska advocates for increased Federal
8 funding for these surveys through its role in the
9 Pacific Flyway Council.

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11 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thanks, Dan. Any
12 other public comments.

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14 (No comments)

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16 CHAIRMAN NANENG: If there's no public
17 comments, the public comments is closed now. We'll go
18 on to the next item, the committee appointments and
19 assignments.

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21 MR. PEDERSON: Mr. Chair.

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23 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Yes.

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25 MR. PEDERSON: I'd like to be removed
26 from the Standard Operating Procedure Committee and add
27 Joshua Bacon to the Technical Committee. Those are our
28 only changes from our region.

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30 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Is Robert Suydam
31 still on there?

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33 MR. PEDERSON: Yes, Dr. Suydam
34 requested to remain on the Technical Committee and I
35 still utilize both him and Josh when I have issues that
36 I need help with.

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38 CHAIRMAN NANENG: What about Jim Fall.
39 Dan Rosenberg.

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41 MR. ROSENBERG: Uh-huh.

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43 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Tim Andrew. Eric
44 Taylor. Patty.

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46 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair. Maybe if we
47 could just go through each region as well as the
48 partners if the partners have changes, the State and
49 Feds, but if each region just makes their changes that
50 would be probably quicker.

1 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I'm going through the
2 list of names because some of the names may no longer
3 be participating from the current list. Who is Cara
4 Bethe?
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6 MR. DEVINE: Mr. Chair. That's our
7 coordinator for APIA.
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9 CHAIRMAN NANENG: So she still remains
10 there?
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12 MR. DEVINE: Yes.
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14 CHAIRMAN NANENG: And Austin from
15 Kawerak.
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17 MS. TAHBONE: Remove Austin's name and
18 put Sandra Tahbone.
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20 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any other regions
21 want to be participating. Olga.
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23 MS. ROWLAND: Olga Rowland, Kodiak
24 Island.
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26 MR. OATES: Is that Technical
27 Committee?
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29 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Yes, on the Technical
30 Committee. Anybody else on the Technical Committee.
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32 (No comments)
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34 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Harvest Survey.
35 Molly.
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37 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Mr. Chair. I'll
38 remain.
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40 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandra, you main
41 there. Josh. Dan. Vince. Who is Vince Mathews?
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43 MR. OATES: I believe he's subsistence
44 employed with Yukon Flats Refuge. Tim Andrew. Eric
45 Taylor.
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47 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.
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49 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Taqulik. Joe Azulik.
50 Joe is an RIT from Bethel, from one of the villages.

1 Liliana. Jim Fall again. Molly and Enoch is the new
2 addition.
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4 Standard Operating Procedure. Olga.
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6 MS. ROWLAND: Replace my name, Olga
7 Rowland, where you have John Reft, please.
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9 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. Tim Andrew.
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11 MR. ANDREW: If I can reference my
12 earlier comments before I was ruled out of order, Carol
13 Brown, please, in place of my name.
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15 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Molly.
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17 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yes.
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19 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Doug Alcorn.
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21 MR. OATES: Yes.
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23 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Dan Rosenberg.
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25 MR. ROSENBERG: Yes.
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27 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Peter Devine.
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29 MR. DEVINE: No.
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31 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sky.
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33 MR. STARKEY: It's up to you.
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35 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Yeah, we'll put you
36 on. Sandy.
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38 MS. TAHBONE: Yes.
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40 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Mike
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42 MR. PEDERSON: No.
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44 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Anybody else.
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46 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: I believe I
47 agreed yesterday to help Sandra with this committee, so
48 you can add my name if the Council agrees.
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50 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Just for everyone's

1 information we'll have two Browns in there, Carol and
2 Patty Brown.

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4 Long Term Goals and Objectives. That
5 was put under the Technical Committee as well as the
6 Flyway. Okay, Flyway Council reps. You want to remain
7 the same? If there's no objections, we'll maintain
8 those.

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10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair.

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12 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Yes, go ahead.

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14 MR. ARMSTRONG: This is one of the more
15 important committees. It ends up every year that
16 people have to be replaced at the last minute. Last
17 year we had to go down to a Staff level for
18 representation. I'd like the Council to consider
19 people that would be committed to attending. These are
20 really critical meetings that we need to attend to. If
21 you guys are happy, we just need to make sure that --
22 it's difficult to try to do last minute things. I'd
23 like you guys to take that into consideration.

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25 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandy.

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27 MS. TAHBONE: I apologize. I think
28 Fred is referring to my last minute withdrawal. I was
29 prepared to go. I had my ticket bought and my
30 reservation made and that slot machine waiting for me
31 down there in Reno. No, I'm just teasing. Some of you
32 know, but my daughter, Marjorie, who is a senior now at
33 UAF, ran for Ms. Arctic Native Brotherhood, which is
34 our regional cultural patient, and she was crowned, so
35 we had to prepare her traditional wear for the rural
36 Eskimo Indian Olympics, which was a month away, so I
37 chose Flyway, SRC or family memories, so I chose family
38 memories. I'm proud to say that she was crowned
39 Ms. Rural Eskimo Indian Olympics.

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41 CHAIRMAN NANENG: So Flyway Council
42 Committee. Molly.

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44 MS. CHYTHLOOK: If Frank's not
45 available, I'll be happy to be his alternate. If he's
46 not available, I will be available. Thank you.

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48 MR. ARMSTRONG: I want to make sure
49 that these people make a concerted effort. I'm not
50 picking on you, Sandy. It was other members too.

1 We've had this problem for several years in a row.
2 Patty is the only local person and I've had to pick on
3 her to attend. I think if we had a commitment, then we
4 wouldn't have a problem.

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6 CHAIRMAN NANENG: The only issue that I
7 know of is that the meetings are held at the wrong time
8 of the year. It may be good for other people, but for
9 us up here we're always getting ready for the next
10 season, so it's always the wrong time of the year.
11 Especially during summertime. But we'll just keep the
12 list and if anybody wants to volunteer at the last
13 minute we'll keep it open. Mike.

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15 MR. PEDERSON: Just to make a point on
16 Fred's, I don't appreciate his comment stating that we
17 had to go down to the Staff level. Because Taquilik is
18 listed here and I'm usually her alternate, so I did let
19 Fred know probably in April or May that I wouldn't be
20 attending and Taquilik wouldn't be attending, so we were
21 going to have Josh do that. That wasn't last minute.
22 The other thing too that I want to stress is that at
23 the PFC and SRC it was requested by the Council that if
24 we're having proposals that we should send somebody
25 there and not necessarily a Council member, so I take
26 issue with Fred's comment on going down to the Staff
27 level.

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29 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. I'm not
30 going to debate the issues. I just think it's a
31 critical committee that needs Council representation.
32 The representatives are really the backbone and provide
33 the traditional customary documentation that is needed.
34 I'm sorry if I offended you.

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36 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair.

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38 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Sandy.

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40 MS. TAHBONE: Do we need to go to
41 Native caucus on this one? If there's no objection,
42 we'll just keep it as is.

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44 CHAIRMAN NANENG: If there's no
45 objection, we'll keep it as is. I think that one of
46 the things too is that if we have the opportunity to
47 serve as alternates, we should make ourselves
48 available. As I stated, meetings are held at the wrong
49 time of the year for these Flyway Councils and SRC.
50 That's my only concern.

1 The Long Term and Objectives, I think
2 we did put that with the Technical Committee. The
3 Emperor Goose Management Committee, we've also put that
4 into the Technical Committee. Exclusion Committee,
5 Technical. Harvest Limitations was eliminated.
6 Invitation Committee was placed under Technical.
7 Outreach Committee was put into the respective
8 committees that are still functioning so they can share
9 their work with whoever needs to provide that outreach
10 to the Council and to the villages.

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12 We're down to Law Enforcement. Olga.

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14 MS. ROWLAND: Replace Olga Rowland for
15 John Reft, please.

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17 MR. SHIEDT: You could add my name in
18 there, Myron. Enoch.

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20 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Randy.

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22 MR. MAYO: Yeah, I'd like to serve on
23 this committee.

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25 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Anybody else.

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27 (No comments)

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29 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. No objection
30 from the others that are on there. I know Gene's not
31 here. Al Kane.

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33 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I can't speak
34 for Al Kane, but I will check to make sure of his
35 availability.

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37 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Gary Young, no
38 objections. The rest of the group that's here, no
39 changes.

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41 Down to the Budget Ad Hoc Committee.
42 I'll remain on there.

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44 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll remain.

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46 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Joeneal is appointed
47 in absentee. So we're done with the committee
48 appointments.

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50 MR. OATES: Mr. Chairman. I should

1 have been a little quicker on the trigger here. Gene
2 Peltola is listed in Law Enforcement Committee. I
3 could drop him an email and confirm that he still wants
4 to do that.

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6 CHAIRMAN NANENG: That will be fine.
7 So we've got the Committee appointments and
8 assignments.

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10 Council and Staff comments.

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12 MR. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
13 just want to take this opportunity to welcome our new
14 member from Sun'aq Kodiak, Olga. It's been a pleasure.
15 I also want to take this time to show my appreciation
16 to the State of Alaska for working with us. It seems to
17 be a change from previous work, but I just want to
18 state publicly that I appreciate the work from the
19 State of Alaska in our region and not only in that, but
20 the local wildlife biologist for his efforts on working
21 with us relating to migratory bird issues.

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23 So thank you, Dan.

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25 MR. ROSENBERG: Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any other Council or
28 Staff comments. Russ.

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30 MR. OATES: Yes, Mr. Chairman. The
31 first thing I want to do is ask for some help from the
32 regional representatives. Earlier in this meeting
33 there was a joking reference to someone shooting at a
34 Fish and Wildlife Service airplane and it reminded me
35 that in a recent regional meeting there was a similar
36 reference, but it really wasn't in a joking sort of a
37 sense.

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39 I want to ask the regional
40 representatives to help us help folks that make such
41 references understand that these are not airplanes that
42 they're talking about shooting at, they're people that
43 have families and they're very dedicated to
44 conservation, they're very dedicated to ensuring that
45 we have a viable migratory bird resource for all the
46 good things that we care about migratory birds for. We
47 feel that it's not constructive, it's threatening, and
48 these people, no matter what uniform they wear or don't
49 wear, don't deserve to be spoken of in that way. So
50 I'm asking the regional representatives if they hear

1 any such thing to please try to help these people
2 understand that they're talking about people.

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4 I know in the past that there have been
5 concerns about airplanes overflying hunters and I think
6 we've tried very hard to be responsive to those
7 concerns. If those concerns still exist, we would ask
8 that the Fish and Wildlife Service, whatever branch,
9 the State people, whatever branch, be contacted to sit
10 down and discuss this. So, having said that, I'm
11 asking for your help on that.

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13 The next thing I'd like to do on a
14 totally different note is thank all the members for
15 their indulgence. Parliamentary procedure, Robert's
16 Rules, those sorts of things are not my strong point.
17 I'm sure my work in this Committee wasn't up to Doug
18 Alcorn's standards of those sorts of procedures, but I
19 appreciate your indulgence. I also want to appreciate
20 the very constructive attitude that I sensed as we
21 discussed one of the more controversial issues that we
22 had and I'd say the Service looks forward to working
23 with its partners to make this whole program better. I
24 thank you for that.

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26 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thanks, Russ. Any
27 other comments. Olga.

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29 MS. ROWLAND: First of all I want to
30 thank all of you for your patience and helping me to
31 represent my area and helping me to understand where
32 all of you are coming from and all of us working
33 together on this issue. I'm excited to be working with
34 you guys and I appreciate the welcome. Thanks.

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36 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Randy.

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38 MR. MAYO: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
39 Coming from our region there, I've got a lot of
40 catching up to do. This is only my second meeting
41 here. I did participate some years ago in the Eastern
42 Interior Subsistence Advisory Committee and I left
43 that. Now I'm back in the advisory circle here to make
44 the best out of a not to good situation coming from a
45 tribal governing standpoint in the state of Alaska in
46 this day and age. But to get back into this what I see
47 here as a technical workgroup here.

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49 To go back to my region, we have a lot
50 of work to do there to get the communities up to speed

1 and offer a new generational shift of mindset within
2 the Native community in our region. Ever since 1971
3 when the large non-profits were formed because of land
4 claims within the for-profit regions, what I see in my
5 community and the surrounding communities we bought
6 into a non-tribal system.

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8 So working within those confines the
9 approach to achieving a means to address a lot of our
10 inherent cultural and spiritual right to exist, you
11 know, the term having been broken down to subsistence,
12 I guess that's what I see my role in as to hand the
13 ball off to the next -- the younger generation that
14 this model is not going to achieve what we really need
15 to do. There has to be a change in thought in our
16 community rather than me sitting here trying to catch
17 up technically to affect regulatory change. The
18 traditional cultural has no place in the scientific,
19 biological arms of the State and Federal agencies and
20 you guys carrying out your Federal inherent functions.

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22 So I want to be here to participate and
23 start laying the groundwork in our region that in the
24 Native community there has to be a radical different
25 change and a train of thought.

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27 Thank you.

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29 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Any other comments.
30 Sandra.

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32 MS. TAHBONE: Yeah, just a couple. One
33 I'm not sure if it's going to need to be in the form of
34 a motion or if we just need to request. I would like
35 that law enforcement provide this body with a report at
36 both our spring and our fall meetings, a report of
37 citations statewide, not just in the rural areas.

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39 I know I asked yesterday what all is
40 reported, but if we could maybe have those discussions
41 at the committee level and then we can kind of outline
42 exactly what we need so we can try to move forward with
43 our law enforcement efforts.

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45 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you. We'll try
46 and make sure that's on the agenda for the next meeting
47 and we need to remind Fred and Donna to make sure that
48 they put it on there. Molly.

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50 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1 I just want to, I guess, thank the Staff first. I know
2 it takes a lot of work to prepare a meeting like this
3 and knowing how short staffed they are and how much
4 they try to accomplish for us. I just want to thank
5 Fred and Donna for all their work.

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7 I also want to thank, I guess, our
8 agency people for the constructive -- I guess when we
9 have our debates or whatever they are we try to make
10 them as constructive as possible and sometimes we can
11 be pretty aggressive, but at the end I appreciate the
12 agencies for their positive attitude towards this board
13 and also the program that we're trying to accomplish.

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15 I want to thank State of Alaska for
16 their work in assessing our survey projects because it
17 made it simpler for us to deliver the surveys to our
18 communities, communities where they have their hands-on
19 experience in the resources that we're trying to
20 collect. So I thank not only the State of Alaska but
21 the Federal agencies for partnering as we try to go
22 through the process and now the survey project is going
23 on. So thank you and have a safe trip home, you guys.

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25 Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Enoch.

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29 MR. SHIEDT: I'd say it's good to be
30 back. I've been away for four years. I thank the
31 Federal, the State, Fred and Donna for all their
32 efforts in trying to help us here and I thank the rest
33 of the Co-management Council I work with, thank you.
34 It's a pleasure to be back.

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36 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Did you have
37 something?

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39 MR. DEVINE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.
40 I'm going to bounce all over the place because now this
41 is comments and it doesn't have no caption behind it
42 that says migratory birds only.

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44 I just want to stress to Eric that I'm
45 still interested in being part of the survey for the
46 goose. I'm a trained observer in the sea otter,
47 trained by the State. And sea lions, we did a four-
48 year study. I was flying airplanes, counting, taking
49 pictures, scat samples. Just my knowledge of the area
50 brought that count from 400 to 4,000. That was just

1 checking 14 sites on the sea lions. That's 25 percent
2 of our rocks only. I found an overwhelming number that
3 the Feds never recognized. I've got 20 years
4 experience doing our buffalo, so I'm familiar with all
5 resources. If there's room in that brand-new airplane
6 of yours, I would love to go up.

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8 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Thank you. I think
9 I'll just make closing comments. I know there was a
10 reference by one that I've worked with for many years,
11 Russ, regarding the shooting of airplanes by hunters
12 out in the village. You know, that's reality for many
13 of our people in the Y-K Delta and we work with them to
14 try and address that issue. I'm not making a threat,
15 but I'm just speaking of reality of what we have to
16 deal with from people with our villages who feel that
17 their subsistence activities are being impacted
18 negatively by their efforts to catch seals or other
19 marine mammals while they're out hunting and while the
20 surveys are happening.

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22 I've been involved with the Waterfowl
23 Conservation Concern since 1984, back when the Hooper
24 Bay Agreement first started, but I practically grew up
25 in the village of Hooper Bay where our lands there are
26 the most coveted by Fish and Wildlife Service for the
27 large number of nesting birds that come to our lands in
28 the Y-K Delta. My heart is trying to protect the
29 resource so that my kids in the future, my grandkids or
30 even my granddaughter that was born early this morning
31 will have an opportunity to have at least the pleasures
32 and joys of what I've had over the years in my lifetime
33 of eating a goose, a duck, an egg of any waterfowl
34 species.

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36 Whenever we've had any concerns about
37 not only the goose species we've raised it up with Fish
38 and Wildlife Service and other agencies and asked them
39 why is this shorebird no longer being seen within our
40 area and we involve our young people at the village to
41 help try and do the inventory. At the same time I'm
42 speaking on behalf of the people that I've worked with
43 since 1984 to try and express to the agencies and other
44 people that may not be sensitive to the subsistence use
45 and harvest of resources and the way that they
46 historically harvested them and have an impact on them
47 and reduce their ability to harvest the other resources
48 that are not necessarily migratory birds.

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50 I think that we're all in this

1 together. Like I've stated, I've been in this arena
2 for many years. I've seen decline and rises of birds.
3 Even within our own village corporation lands we've
4 even tried to restrict our people from being able to
5 impact the nesting grounds by restricting all-terrain
6 vehicles. That's the local initiative from the
7 village. But we're working with not only the Fish and
8 Wildlife Service but other Federal agencies to make
9 that happen and I think that's a partnership.

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11 The Goose Management Plan that we've
12 had since 1984 has really made a difference for many of
13 our people in the Y-K Delta. In essence, that was the
14 only reason why many of our people in the Y-K Delta and
15 others throughout this state were still able to
16 continue to hunt birds while we were still working on
17 the protocol amendment because of that Secretarial
18 discretion.

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20 I think this group has an opportunity
21 to make a difference. We all have an opportunity to
22 make a difference, but I think that nobody should take
23 anything personal when we make comments of the reality
24 of what our people are facing with. We're not
25 threatening. We're working to try and keep that threat
26 as low as possible.

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28 We're working with villages to reduce
29 other impacts like lead shots. I personally made three
30 trips to one village that was being monitored by law
31 enforcement this past spring. Meeting with the
32 community and working with them to try and get them to
33 comply with some of the things that we've agreed to.
34 It's not easy. Sometimes even I, not being a Fish and
35 Wildlife or an agency representative, I get looked at
36 as if I'm the one that should be put on some kind of
37 shooting gallery or something like that.

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39 But ultimately once our people
40 understand that we're trying to work together for the
41 benefit of the birds as well as for themselves, they
42 realize that we need to work together and it's not an
43 easy job. Sometimes even trying to work with the
44 agencies it comes both ways. Get stuck between a rock
45 and a hard place.

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47 I just want to say thank you for the
48 opportunity to be the Chair. I think we've had a good
49 productive meeting and I hope to participate more in
50 future meetings. With that, thank you. Fred.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thanks. I just
2 appreciate everybody attending this meeting. It's been
3 interesting to say the least. There was one comment
4 made that the Harvest Survey Committee could meet
5 during the Federal Board meeting.

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7 MS. TAHBONE: Sandy Tahbone. It's the
8 subcommittee that's going to be meeting.

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10 MR. ARMSTRONG: You guys will just keep
11 us apprised.

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13 MS. TAHBONE: Oh, yeah.

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15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Also if you guys could
16 start looking at a date when we can set a harvest
17 survey review meeting so that we can get started on
18 this process. You don't have to do it today, but email
19 me with suggested dates that I could try to coordinate
20 that meeting.

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22 The other thing, as far as the grants
23 are concerned, everything would electronically
24 grants.gov, that changed a lot of the way we do things.
25 It's not so much as interpreting of the requirements,
26 it's -- since everything is out in the open now we have
27 to do things a little bit different and requirements
28 change. So just bear with us as we go through and try
29 to get these grants sent out and approved.

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31 I really want to thank Donna for all
32 the work she's done. She's three people put in one and
33 doing a heck of a lot of work trying to keep this up.
34 We're multi-tasking daily and try to keep this program
35 moving along and I really appreciate you guys stepping
36 up and helping us. That committee discussion was good.
37 At least it gives us clarification what we need to do
38 and where we need to go.

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40 Thanks to the Flyway Council for coming
41 up and watching this process as we go through some of
42 the issues. We appreciate your attendance. I want to
43 thank Myron for his work as chair and look forward to
44 working with all of you in the future. Thanks.

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46 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Mr. Chair. With this
47 harvest survey -- what was it?

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49 MR. ARMSTRONG: Review.

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1 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Review. Are you going
2 to be emailing that out to us for future meeting? Are
3 you wanting to set up a future meeting or session?

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5 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Yes. I think it
6 would be good to try to get the process going. I think
7 identifying -- the Service needs to identify people to
8 sit on this committee as well as the State. I think we
9 could do that as we go. We'll probably need some other
10 expertise, biometricians and stuff like that to be in
11 attendance. If you guys could email me with dates
12 availability, I'd appreciate it.

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14 MS. CHYTHLOOK: If you could email us
15 something, then we could do dates. Thanks.

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17 CHAIRMAN NANENG: If there's no Staff
18 comments or any more comments. Peter.

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20 MR. DEVINE: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.
21 Last year the regulation book was a week behind. This
22 year, because we had to order out of state, they were
23 like a month behind. Is there anything we could do to
24 make sure that regulation books are in the post office
25 boxes when the hunt opens?

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27 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. That's
28 always our goal. We unfortunately have to deal with
29 another entity that's not controlled by the Service or
30 any other government. It's called GPO, Government
31 Printing Office. I think it's out of Seattle. We
32 provide our needs and they are the ones that do the
33 contracts. It's really out of our control. The goal is
34 to try to get them out before the hunt opens.

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36 CHAIRMAN NANENG: Okay. Last of all
37 I'd like to thank all the people that traveled up from
38 the states of California, Washington and Oregon to
39 listen to the process and also Bob and others who have
40 traveled across country to work with us on the
41 migratory birds, as well as Dan and Russ for
42 participating.

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44 Dan doesn't look like Doug Alcorn, but
45 almost close, I guess. No, just kidding. I'm just
46 teasing.

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48 (Laughter)

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50 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I find that it's very

1 hard for him to take a joke from me.

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3 MR. OATES: My hair is gray. His hair
4 is invisible.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 CHAIRMAN NANENG: I thank him for
9 participating and everyone else from the other regions
10 for participating today. I think that we're down to
11 the next item that's the transfer of the Chair and
12 who's going to be the next -- oh, State of Alaska.

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14 So I'll adjourn my meeting and let him
15 call his.

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17 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Thank you very
18 much. I didn't comment earlier during the Council and
19 Staff comments because I knew this was going to happen
20 here, so I thought I'd wait. First of all, I will
21 gladly accept this on behalf of Dale Rabe and I want to
22 thank you all for your patience in putting up with me.
23 Now that we've spent two days doing this I actually
24 have to admit I kind of enjoyed being up here, but that
25 was because I enjoy working with all of you and I
26 appreciate all your input and I appreciate the fact
27 that everyone in this room and everyone that
28 participates in this process has the best intentions.
29 So thank you and I will gladly accept this for Dale.
30 Just don't tell Dale that I did enjoy being up here.

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32 Now we need to schedule the date of the
33 next meeting. I have April 11th down in my notes as
34 the potential date. Does anyone have any comments on
35 that or other ideas?

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37 MS. TAHBONE: The week of the 11th is
38 good. If we could make like Monday a travel day,
39 Tuesday committee day and Wednesday, Thursday meetings
40 days.

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42 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: For those of you
43 who need a calendar there's a calendar back on Tab 8.

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45 MS. TAHBONE: I think we should
46 consider just for future if we could -- because that
47 seems to be a good week, the third week in April, we
48 might just want to consider it as our official spring.
49 That way we can always plan our regional meetings
50 accordingly. We don't have to make that decision

1 today. I would make those recommendations that travel
2 day is Monday, committee meeting/work session Tuesday,
3 meetings Wednesday, Thursday.

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5 MR. NANENG: And I'd like to invite the
6 group to come to Bethel for the spring meeting because
7 I think we do tentatively have our Waterfowl
8 Conservation Committee meeting during that week too.

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10 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Does anybody have
11 any comment on those dates, any discussion about the
12 dates. Is everybody amenable to those dates? Do they
13 work?

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15 (No comments)

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17 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: What about the
18 location? Does Bethel work for everybody?

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20 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair. It was my
21 understanding that our spring meeting was held in
22 Anchorage and our fall meeting was held out in our
23 regional communities. Are we going to want to change
24 from that? I mean, you know, we were supposed to be
25 down in Kodiak today. This fall meeting we were
26 supposed to be in Kodiak. Yeah, last year it was in
27 Nome. This year we -- but since Herman stepped down
28 those plans were changed.

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30 MR. NANENG: The reason why I'm
31 inviting you to Bethel for their spring meeting is that
32 when we have our Waterfowl Conservation Committee
33 meeting, we have a lot of issues that we deal with and
34 discuss with Fish and Wildlife Service and the agency,
35 like research projects as well as projects that they're
36 going to do during the spring time as well as the
37 preliminary harvest surveys that they do as well as the
38 population counts that they've done during the fall
39 time. It's a good informational thing for everybody if
40 they want to participate with that.

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42 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. Chair. I'm really
43 not sure, but the fall meetings typically are held in
44 the regional area. The spring regulatory meeting,
45 because of the public process, the Council decided that
46 there's probably more of an opportunity for public
47 input if we had centralized in Anchorage. Is that
48 going to change?

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50 MR. NANENG: And how many bird hunters

1 do we usually have in Anchorage if we're going to have
2 public comments on proposed rules and regulations?

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4 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Okay. Do we have
5 any more discussion on the location.

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7 MR. SHIEDT: Are the dates -- are we
8 going to keep them open?

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10 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: We have the date
11 set for the week of April 11th. Would the group prefer
12 to meet in Anchorage?

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14 MR. SHIEDT: Yes.

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16 MS. TAHBONE: That's our SOP.

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18 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: It's our SOP here
19 in Anchorage? Okay. The next meeting unless I hear
20 anything else will be the week of April of 11th with
21 Monday being a travel day, Tuesday a committee and work
22 session day, and Wednesday and Thursday, the 13th and
23 the 14th, meeting dates and it will be held in
24 Anchorage.

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26 Ron, would you like to day anything?

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28 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair. It's Sandy.
29 I would also like to say that if we -- our meeting gets
30 over early, like it seems to be doing today, and since
31 we're scheduled to be here two full days for meetings
32 that we go to committee work if we end early. I mean I
33 know we're not prepared to do that today, but I would
34 make that recommendation to make use of our time so
35 that we can go right to committee work if we adjourn
36 early.

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38 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Okay. If those of
39 you who are chairs of committees would remind us of
40 that if you would like to get your committee to meet
41 afterwards, I'd appreciate that.

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43 Molly, please.

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45 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Another comment. You
46 know we make an effort to attend here. We spend money
47 to come here. We schedule for two full days. I don't
48 think it's polite to start going as fast as we can.
49 The last few agenda items -- because we're here for
50 business. We're not here to do other -- we can do

1 otherwise afterwards, but I think when we're here for
2 business we need to be here for business and accomplish
3 what we need to do instead of rush out of here.

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5 Thank you.

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7 MR. PEDERSON: Mr. Chair.

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9 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Please.

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11 MR. PEDERSON: This is the second time
12 that this issue has been brought up, so it's been a
13 concern at the last two previous meetings as well.

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15 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Thank you. Any
16 other comments.

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18 (No comments)

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20 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Anybody from the
21 public that would like to say anything before we
22 adjourn?

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24 (No comments)

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26 MS. TAHBONE: Mr. Chair. Sandy
27 Tahbone. I make a motion to adjourn.

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29 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Molly Chythlook.
30 Second.

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32 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Any discussion.

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34 (No comments)

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36 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Question.

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38 CHAIRMAN ROSENBERG: Meeting adjourned.

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40 (Off record)

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