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WINTER MEETING

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Members Present:

- Dan Rosenberg, Alaska Department of Fish and Game
  - Doug Alcorn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Patty Brown-Schwalenberg, Chugach Regional Resource Commission
  - Molly Chythlook, Bristol Bay Native Association
  - Taqulik Hepa, North Slope
  - Joeneal Hicks, Copper River Native Association
  - Randy Mayo, Tanana Chiefs Conference
  - Myron Naneng, Association of Village Presidents
  - Enoch Shiedt, Maniilaq Association
  - Joel Saccheus, Kawerak
  - Rick Rowland, Sun'aq Tribal
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Anchorage, Alaska - 4/12/2012)

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5 (On record)

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7 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I'd like to call this  
8 meeting to order on April 12th at 9:06 a.m. and ask all  
9 the Council members to take their seats. We will pick  
10 up on the agenda where we left off yesterday. We  
11 recessed on completion of Item 11E. We completed  
12 discussion in a roll call vote on Proposal No. 4. We  
13 are now at Item 11F, Proposal No. 5, the request to  
14 legalize use of bird parts for use in handicraft sales  
15 and for sale of edible parts and meat and eggs. That  
16 can be found under Tab 6.

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18 Rick, before we ask you to present that  
19 Dan has something he wants to offer for the meeting.

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21 MR. ROSENBERG: I would like to request  
22 that we suspend the order of the day and revisit Item  
23 10A, which was adoption of the 2010 harvest survey  
24 report. I understand the reasons for not adopting it,  
25 but let me just explain if nothing else, at minimum,  
26 we d like to discuss adopting the data from  
27 St. Lawrence Island because that has the most recent  
28 and the best data on the harvest of Yellow-Billed Loons  
29 and we think it's somewhat important to get that  
30 corrected information in the environmental assessment  
31 when it s done for the 2013 spring/summer hunting  
32 regulations. Without that new information we re going  
33 to be operating on the old, contentious -- data that we  
34 think is very unreliable that has led to a lot of  
35 concerns and problems I think for everybody.

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37 So I will make a motion if I may to  
38 revisit that. Is that what I should do?

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40 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a motion to  
41 suspend the rule of the day. You need to select a time  
42 and I would suggest after we finish the consent agenda  
43 items. So it would be a new Item 12 if that s the will  
44 of the Council.

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46 So we have a motion to suspend the rule  
47 of the day. Do we have a second.

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49 MS. HEPA: Second.

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1 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I have a second.  
2 Discussion.

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4 MR. SHIEDT: I have a question. I  
5 thought we adopted it in place already. Are we going  
6 to revisit the adoption and whoever seconded the motion  
7 and start all over? I mean the rules of order we have  
8 to follow. You guys always start saying we need to  
9 change it because of this and that. I mean there s a  
10 protocol we have to follow and I don't want to see it  
11 start being.....

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13 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: You're right, there  
14 is a protocol. The protocol is that we submit the  
15 draft report in the fall and in the spring meeting take  
16 it up with the intent of approving it with any caveats  
17 the regions would like to put as statements for those  
18 regions that they represent. We didn t get there  
19 yesterday. There was no motion to adopt. It was a  
20 decision to postpone until the fall to allow other  
21 regions to meet and have those discussions.

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23 What the State is bringing to the  
24 Council s attention and it's something we're concerned  
25 with as well and that is that we have done some  
26 extensive work for surveying on St. Lawrence Island and  
27 lots of follow up. If there's a way to get that  
28 component discussed and approved, then we can apply  
29 that data for immediate need for the environmental  
30 assessments that we talked about yesterday. So that  
31 would be just an exception. What the motion is to have  
32 that discussion again about that specific element of  
33 the survey.

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35 MR. SHIEDT: In layman terms I  
36 understand it, thanks.

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38 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So we have a motion  
39 and a second. Any other questions or discussion.

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41 (No comments)

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43 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I ll call the  
44 question. Is anyone opposed to suspending the rule of  
45 the day after we complete the consent agenda items and  
46 we insert a new Item 12.

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48 MR. NANENG: (Raises hand)

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50 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I have one dissenting

1 vote. So we'll call roll call. Would you like to  
2 caucus?

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4 MR. NANENG: Clarification. It's not  
5 going to change whatever action we took yesterday  
6 regarding North Slope. The way I understand it the  
7 motion is that we're going to be raising the issue of  
8 Yellow-Billed Loon harvest in St. Lawrence Island. Is  
9 that.....

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11 MR. ROSENBERG: Ultimately the goal is  
12 to revisit the harvest data for St. Lawrence Island and  
13 see if we can approve that data in order to be able to  
14 use the harvest survey information for Yellow-Billed  
15 Loons there. So we can structure it any way we want  
16 once we revisit the harvest survey data I believe. My  
17 motion was to revisit the harvest survey data with the  
18 intent of trying, at minimum, to approve the St.  
19 Lawrence data so it can be released for the environment  
20 assessment. Once we revisit the harvest survey data we  
21 can amend the motion to reflect that. Is that clear?

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23 MR. NANENG: Yeah, that helps clarify.

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25 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Rick, you have your  
26 hand raised.

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28 MR. ROWLAND: Yeah. We didn't get the  
29 money to go discuss it, so my group of representatives  
30 from the village haven't discussed it, so I'm not going  
31 to vote on something that I don't have communication  
32 with those representatives.

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34 MR. ROSENBERG: To clarify. You were  
35 going to review the St. Lawrence data.

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37 MR. ROWLAND: No, this data.

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39 MR. ROSENBERG: No, I understand. I  
40 understand. That's fine, but when we get to it we may  
41 only approve some of the data. If the people from --  
42 if the St. Lawrence Island representative is  
43 comfortable with it and feels that they have reviewed  
44 it, I'm just suggesting that we might just approve that  
45 data for release, not the whole packet.

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47 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Let me see if I can  
48 bring the discussion back on the motion. The motion is  
49 just to reconsider the discussion of Item 10A, adoption  
50 of the 2010 harvest survey report. This discussion

1 should be centered on whether we can even reconsider  
2 the discussion. If we have this discussion later on on  
3 whether or not we can adopt it, that would be  
4 appropriate if this motion passes. Right now this  
5 motion hasn't passed. So all we're talking about is  
6 whether or not we should reconsider this and have this  
7 discussion later today.

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9 Are you still dissenting?

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11 MR. NANENG: Yes.

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13 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay. So we have a  
14 dissension. Do you want to have a caucus?

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16 MR. ANDREW: Yeah, I think we should  
17 talk.

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19 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay, we'll have a  
20 caucus. Do you want everybody to leave? Okay, we'll  
21 step out. Recess for the time being.

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23 (Off record)

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25 (On record)

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27 MS. LEONETTI: (Microphone turned off)

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29 MS. KITKA: Thank you for the  
30 invitation. As I mentioned, it will be very short  
31 because I don't have a lot to report. The primary  
32 purpose of my meeting back here is advanced work on a  
33 (indiscernible) conference that we're putting together  
34 back here in May, but we did have a chance to meet with  
35 Mr. Dan Ashe, the Director of Fish and Wildlife Service  
36 at a meeting that Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk  
37 called on our behalf, so we had probably about an hour-  
38 long meeting on issues on migratory birds, the Duck  
39 Stamp, co-management.

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41 Mr. Ashe, the director, is very  
42 supportive of the activities that's going on at the Co-  
43 Management Council and the new developments of the  
44 Executive Director and efforts to strengthen and really  
45 make the Migratory Bird Council more meaningful and the  
46 relationship between Native people and the Service  
47 stronger. So he just stressed that he was really  
48 supportive, that he thinks we're going in the right  
49 direction and would like to do everything that he can  
50 to help.

1                   We talked about the issue of using this  
2 with the State Department to try to get some additional  
3 resources. In other meetings we had with the State  
4 Department it looks like the State Department is really  
5 focused in regard to the Arctic on preparations for  
6 when the United States takes over the Secretariat of  
7 the Arctic Council, so they're looking at some  
8 different ideas that could be kind of showcased things  
9 for the United States as they take that over. One of  
10 the items they talked about was renewable energy. We  
11 also raised with them the whole idea of strengthen co-  
12 management because there has been interest across the  
13 arctic and Canada and Greenland and Russia and I think  
14 there is some real opportunity with the State  
15 Department to pursue that further and get into the mix  
16 and the preparations again for taking over the  
17 Secretariat.

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19                   The bottom line of the whole discussion  
20 is we need to put our request for additional resources  
21 in a letter in legislative language and get it to  
22 Senator Inouye within the next month in the  
23 appropriations process. We all know that there s no  
24 earmarks, but there is ability to increase funding in  
25 different programs. Not an earmark, but program  
26 funding and I really think that s going to be our best  
27 bet for increasing funding to the Council both for our  
28 resources to be reaching the members as well as getting  
29 additional research dollars.

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31                   We also need to follow up with Arctic  
32 Research Commission. Kim Elton from the Secretary s  
33 Office was in the meeting and he also voiced that it s  
34 very proper for us to go in with the Research  
35 Commission and very proper for it to go into the Arctic  
36 Council. Like I said, the meetings back here didn t  
37 produce any immediate results for what we ve been  
38 working on other than a strong support from Dan Ashe  
39 and his encouragement to keep going and we re heading  
40 in the right direction and he s very happy with what s  
41 going on.

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43                   So that s your 30-second report.

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45                   MS. LEONETTI: Thank you, Julie. Does  
46 anyone have questions for Julie.

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48                   MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: Julie, this is  
49 Patty Schwalenberg. Crystal mentioned yesterday that  
50 you met with Brendan Kelly and he s in the White House

1 now. Can you give us a little update on that.

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3 MS. KITKA: Yes. Basically met with  
4 him. Interesting role that he's got. We also went  
5 through the whole thing with the Council there and our  
6 desire to strengthen the co-management bodies and get  
7 additional resources to the regional organizations that  
8 are representative in the co-management. Very, very  
9 supportive. He has worked on co-management things when  
10 he was with the State and he s very knowledgeable.  
11 What his specific job is to take the five-year arctic  
12 plan from the Arctic Research Commission and turn it  
13 into a five-year plan for the Administration. He said  
14 within another 30-45 days they should be releasing  
15 their draft five-year plan and we could take a look at  
16 it and provide comments on that, but really open to  
17 ideas. Really liked the materials that was given to  
18 him. Very supportive of co-management, so that s  
19 definitely one to keep in the loop of information going  
20 on.

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22 The man from the State Department who I  
23 found very, very knowledgeable also is a man by the  
24 name of Ray Arnaudo. He s a career State Department  
25 person. He s been there for 30 years and he s got the  
26 whole portfolio of the arctic and the four areas of the  
27 Antarctica and he works right in the Secretary of  
28 State s policy office right at the Secretaries level.  
29 So a very good contact there and definitely someone to  
30 get information and keep information going. Especially  
31 any appropriation requests that might come through the  
32 State Department area and stuff, he s definitely the  
33 one to keep in the loop.

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35 MS. LEONETTI: Okay, Molly.

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37 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Hi Julie, this is  
38 Molly.

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40 MS. KITKA: Hi, Molly. How are you?

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42 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Hi. I m good. Thank  
43 you. So that letter or that request, would AFN be  
44 writing that for us or Crystal?

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46 MS. KITKA: I think when I get back  
47 probably Crystal would be the one sending it to all of  
48 you and get your approval before we send a letter  
49 because we want you to be signing the letter and you to  
50 be sending the letter. We ll just provide some

1 technical assistance. Carol Daniel can help in the  
2 drafting on that as well.

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4 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Julie.

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6 MS. KITKA: Like I said, I m sorry the  
7 report is not -- more on that. We didn t get any  
8 commitments on things from the Department of Interior,  
9 but we did get support that they think it s going in  
10 the right direction, they want to support what s going  
11 on in Alaska and from the regional level, so it s  
12 basically a green light to keep going on that. So  
13 that s good and we were pleased with that.

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15 MS. LEONETTI: Any other questions from  
16 the Council. Molly.

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18 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Hi Julie, this is Molly  
19 again. So there's additional support on improving co-  
20 management within AMBCC or overall Native organizations  
21 I guess is my question.

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23 MS. KITKA: Yes, I saw that at Interior  
24 they're very supportive of what s going on right now to  
25 support the Migratory Bird Co-Management Council.  
26 They're very supportive of the Regional Director s  
27 efforts to try to meet the needs of the Native  
28 community and they just want to see progress being made  
29 and relationships being strengthened. The last thing  
30 they want is this all to fall apart. They want it to  
31 be successful. What they're faced with is they're  
32 looking at tight budgets and dwindling money and  
33 internal pressures on that, but they're very supportive  
34 of partnering with other Federal agencies to try to  
35 meet the need as well.

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37 So, like I said, it s not anything that  
38 you can take and say, okay, let s run with it and  
39 stuff, but it is something that -- especially with the  
40 State Department, especially with the appropriations  
41 process, that we can take that support and run with it  
42 ourselves.

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44 MS. CHYTHLOOK: One more comment. I  
45 just wanted to thank Julie and AFN for your help. I  
46 think we re coming along from where we were in January  
47 to today and I just wanted to again thank you for your  
48 guys s support.

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50 MS. KITKA: Like I said, you guys are



1 the ones doing the work. We re just giving some  
2 technical help to try to help you guys.

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4 MS. LEONETTI: Okay. Thank you for  
5 calling in and waiting until we finished the Native  
6 Caucus and we ll see you next week.

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8 MS. KITKA: Okay. Sounds good. Thank  
9 you. Bye.

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11 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Let me call the  
12 meeting back to order after recess and I ll turn it  
13 over to Myron to report out from the Caucus.

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15 MR. NANENG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
16 The Caucus wanted to make sure that the motion, if  
17 we re going to do -- what do they call agenda --  
18 suspension of the rules to talk about a certain issue,  
19 we wanted to really be specific to that issue rather  
20 than the whole harvest survey, very specific to the  
21 Yellow-Billed Loon. We felt that the regions that are  
22 the most impacted would be the ones that need to  
23 discuss that. We came to almost an overall consensus  
24 that we would only support it based on that being very  
25 specific to that issue. The rest of the report will  
26 not -- the harvest report will not be adopted unless  
27 the regional management bodies meet in their respective  
28 regions and review those reports. So it will only be  
29 to the Yellow-Billed Loon and the report on Kawerak and  
30 also the proposal from the North Slope.

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33 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay. With that  
34 understanding I'm going to go back to the maker of the  
35 motion and the seconder is not here. Taqulik is not  
36 here. So, with that expectation of the motion I m  
37 going to call the question once again. Does anyone  
38 oppose approving of the motion to have that very  
39 specific discussion.

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41 (No opposing votes)

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43 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Seeing no opposition,  
44 we will suspend the  
45 rule of the day when we get to it, which will be a new  
46 Item 12 after we ve completed the consent agenda items.  
47 Thank you very much. We will now move into the  
48 discussion of Item 11F, Proposal No. 5, which is under  
49 Tab 6 in your binder. We will refer this to the  
50 regional representative to present the proposal. Rick.

1 MR. ROWLAND: Morning. This proposal  
2 is brought forward the Kodiak Island Village Tribe  
3 migratory bird representatives. The decision was made  
4 to put the proposal in to support artists in the north  
5 gulf coast Kodiak Island area to utilize bird feathers  
6 in their Native handicraft. It would not make a change  
7 to the hunt seasons or regulations. It would utilize  
8 parts that are unused. I have to apologize there was a  
9 type in the proposal.

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11 For some reason on the back page in the  
12 sentence that reads and provided further that any  
13 edible portion of migratory birds may be sold in Native  
14 Alaska and towns in Alaska for Native consumption.  
15 That should read and provided further that any inedible  
16 portion of migratory birds may be sold in Native Alaska  
17 villages and towns in Alaska for Native consumption.

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19 It was voted on by all the reps in the  
20 area. We have included historical photos of masks from  
21 the different areas throughout Alaska and some photos  
22 that are contained in Alutiiq Museum and Archeological  
23 Depository in the Kodiak area. Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. Are there  
26 any questions to ask the presenter.

27  
28 (No comments)

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30 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I don't see any  
31 questions, so we will go to the process that we ve  
32 adopted and used all day yesterday. We re now at item  
33 2, asking for any technical analysis that might be  
34 offered by the State of Alaska.

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36 MR. ROSENBERG: Yeah, we do not have  
37 any technical analyses, any biological analysis of  
38 this. We have more information to present when we get  
39 into the other aspects of it.

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41 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. The Fish  
42 and Wildlife Service is in the same position. We ll  
43 talk more when we talk about whether to approve or not.  
44 So that takes us to item 4 of the process to read into  
45 the record the report from the Technical Committee and  
46 I ll do that.

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48 It s item 5 under the report, sale of  
49 migratory bird bird parts and eggs, submitted by the  
50 Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak. This proposal is requesting to

1 authorize the sale of migratory birds parts and eggs.  
2 The committee spent much time on this proposal because  
3 there is authorization in the language that allows  
4 limited sale of bird parts if they are part of a  
5 traditional Native handicraft.

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7                   The proposer wants to allow tribal  
8 members to make handicrafts using bird parts and be  
9 able to seal them. This proposal would also allow the  
10 sale and consumption of edible portions of migratory  
11 birds in Native villages and towns in Alaska. It was  
12 noted that this may take an amendment to the treaty.  
13 This question was raised with the solicitor and  
14 recognized the need to assess the birds listed in the  
15 U.S./Japan treaty which contained 186 species.

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17                   This issue needs to be researched and  
18 clarified to avoid confusion over this issue in the  
19 future. The issue is related to identification because  
20 DNA is needed in most situations, which makes any  
21 change unenforceable. The goal is to make any  
22 clarifications for the 2014 rules. So that s the  
23 statement read into the record by the Technical  
24 Committee.

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26                   The next step in the process is to ask  
27 the audience from the public if there are any comments  
28 about this proposal.

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30                   (No comments)

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32                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Seeing none. Council  
33 discussion. Are there any questions or discussion of  
34 this proposal. Molly, you have your hand raised.

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36                   MS. CHYTHLOOK: Since Rick changed that  
37 edible to inedible, I guess, for the record, do we need  
38 to change the wording of this technical analyses too or  
39 just keep it as is?

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41                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I would say not  
42 because we do have a  
43 transcript of the discussion and Rick did make that  
44 presentation and said he would amend the proposal to  
45 change that word. Myron.

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47                   MR. NANENG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
48 I'd like to thank Rick for me to be able to buy wings,  
49 drumsticks, the backbone of the birds, since under  
50 sports regulation those are considered to be inedible,

1 but within the Native community those are edible, so  
2 I'd like to thank you for this proposal, which makes it  
3 legal for us to buy those edible parts of the birds  
4 that we in the Native community think are the best part  
5 of the birds to eat. With that, Mr. Chairman, thank  
6 you and I ll vote in support of this proposal.

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8 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Any other comments.  
9 Taqulik.

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11 MS. HEPA: We talked about this during  
12 the workshop. I just wanted to note that with the  
13 technical report it does say that there is  
14 authorization that allows a limited sale of bird parts  
15 and so on. In the regulation booklet on Page 3 it  
16 states otherwise. So I would just make a  
17 recommendation that the AMBCC clarify very clearly what  
18 is legal and what is not in regards to this topic.  
19 Thank you.

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21 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Seeing no other  
22 comments, the next step is to -- I guess we re going to  
23 go through and entertain a motion now to support the  
24 proposal. Do we have a motion to that effect.

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26 MR. NANENG: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

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28 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a motion on  
29 the table to approve the proposal.

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31 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Second.

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33 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a second.  
34 Discussion.

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36 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Question.

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38 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Does anyone oppose  
39 approving the proposal as amended by the proposer?  
40 I ll raise my hand for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
41 Service. We would oppose the motion.

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43 MR. NANENG: Under what grounds?

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45 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I'll explain that.  
46 I'm still asking. Any other opposition.

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48 MR. ROSENBERG: Yeah. And I d like to  
49 explain it too. If now is the appropriate time, I  
50 will, or do you want me to wait on that?

1                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I'll defer to the  
2 State. You can go ahead and explain.

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4                   MR. ROSENBERG: Let me just say the  
5 State does want to provide the opportunity to maintain  
6 the customary and traditional lifestyle and when  
7 possible, of course, allow the sale of handicrafts. We  
8 do allow the use of non-edible parts of fin fish and  
9 terrestrial mammals for resale and, of course, sea  
10 otters can also be used under the Marine Mammal Act.  
11 So the concept -- we support the concept. Our only  
12 concern here right now is clarification and how this  
13 can work and how we can make it work. There seems to be  
14 some conflicting information on the current regulations  
15 that I think need to be clarified.

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17                   There also seem to be some concerns  
18 about the treaty limitations. Donna handed out a list  
19 of 29 birds that she felt were not covered by the  
20 treaty with Japan that could be eligible and maybe  
21 likely are very eligible for this. Again, I guess we  
22 would like further clarification as to how this can  
23 work and how it can be best implemented if that s the  
24 case.

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26                   Again, conceptually, I support the  
27 concept, but would like more clarification before we  
28 end up approving this and moving forward with it.  
29 Thank you.

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31                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Any questions to the  
32 State. Myron.

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34                   MR. NANENG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In  
35 response to that comment, you know, when the Native  
36 community tries to enter into a business venture that  
37 will provide economy to an community or to a village,  
38 we've heard public comments in other various venues  
39 that the Native community would be better off sitting  
40 home and making arts and crafts. That's the only thing  
41 they know how to do and that's the only way they can  
42 make money. For the State to take the position right  
43 now to try and ask for clarification of how that can be  
44 done, I think it should be the AMBCC that should be  
45 putting together that process instead of trying to give  
46 it to someone, a so-called legal like the solicitor,  
47 and if it s put into a book where it will be very  
48 difficult to remove.

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50                   So my request would be that if we re

1 going to be asking for a clarification that I think it  
2 should be clarified by the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-  
3 Management Council rather than some solicitor who will  
4 end up putting it in a book and make it very difficult  
5 for people to make a livelihood out of what they've  
6 done for many years. At the same time remove that  
7 ideology that the only way that Native people can make  
8 a living is to stick with arts and crafts. So that  
9 will be my comment. Thank you.

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11 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Yes, you have the  
12 floor, Dan.

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14 MR. ROSENBERG: Thank you. My intent  
15 was not to go through a solicitors process. It was to  
16 work through the AMBCC to come up with a process that  
17 we could all work with here and support and try to iron  
18 out any of the potential pitfalls before we marched  
19 into this thing full speed ahead. I m sorry if you  
20 interpreted that for me to suggest that I wanted a  
21 solicitor s opinion. There may be some issues here  
22 that we do need to clarify and if it ends up being  
23 where that s the only way to go, maybe that s what has  
24 to happen, but I m not suggesting it at the moment.

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26 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. Any other  
27 questions for the State.

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29 (No comments)

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31 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: All right. The Fish  
32 and Wildlife Service is not going to be able to support  
33 the proposal and I ll list the reasons for the record.  
34 The first reason is that it does grant an exclusive  
35 right to the hunting community by naming the Federally  
36 recognized tribal members who reside in Alaska. As  
37 we ve stated yesterday in the discussions of some of  
38 the other proposals that s not consistent with the  
39 protocol amendment and the definition of indigenous  
40 inhabitants and eligibility of indigenous inhabitants.

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42 Another concern that we have in reading  
43 the proposal is that in looking at the proposal and  
44 looking at the treaty protocol letter of submittal,  
45 I ll refer you to Page 10 of the letter of submittal.  
46 Page X, Roman numeral 10, if you re interested in  
47 following along. I m going to read the -- let me find  
48 the binder that everybody has. The black binder, the  
49 treaty protocol. It s the letter of submittal  
50 associated with that. Let s take a moment and let s

1 find it. I m going to read a reference paragraph in  
2 that document.

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4 Under Tab 3, the letter of submittal,  
5 turn to Page X and go toward the bottom of the page.  
6 It s the second from the last paragraph on that page.  
7 Just for the record I m going to read it. You can  
8 follow along. The provisions of article 24B, and I ll  
9 state parenthetically that 24B is a section of the  
10 protocol amendment. The paragraph goes on to read:  
11 will be implemented so that birds are taken only for  
12 food. Nonedible byproducts of birds taken for  
13 nutritional purposes incorporated into authentic  
14 articles of handicraft by Alaska Natives may be sold in  
15 strictly limited situations and pursuant to a  
16 regulation by the competent authority in cooperation  
17 with management bodies. Regulations allowing such  
18 harvest would be consistent with the customary and  
19 traditional uses of indigenous inhabitants for their  
20 nutritional and other essential needs. The term  
21 handicraft does not include taxidermy items. The  
22 protocol does not authorize the taking of migratory  
23 birds for commercial purposes.

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25 We see that as allowing this proposal  
26 to move forward. We see it allowing the concept of  
27 commercial use for authentic articles of handicrafts by  
28 Alaska Natives. We are very much aware of the  
29 statement in that paragraph that says pursuant to a  
30 regulation by the competent authority. A regulation by  
31 the competent authority would be the regulation that  
32 the Secretary establishes that would authorize this.  
33 One of the conditions of establishing the regulations  
34 by the Secretary are that they have to be enforceable.

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36 So we are at this point with the given  
37 proposal we do not know how they could be -- the  
38 regulations, the way it s stated right now, could be  
39 enforced. We think that more discussion needs to be  
40 included in the proposal so that there is a way that  
41 there can be a determination that those parts that are  
42 being used were, in fact, harvested, for example,  
43 during the legal season and not during any other season  
44 where they might not be legal for use. For example,  
45 the fall and winter season.

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47 Until those regulations are changed we  
48 would have a very difficult time of interpreting and  
49 applying this regulation in actual practice. That s  
50 another concern that we have and want expressed on the

1 record. But we do say that we do support the need, we  
2 do support the proposal in concept.

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4 Finally it does -- as mentioned by the  
5 state, it does create a conflict with the treaty with  
6 Japan which states expressly and specifically that  
7 commercial uses of the birds that are listed in that  
8 treaty are prohibited and that treaty was not amended  
9 to change that language, so it does create a conflict.

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11 We asked and I think the Technical  
12 Committee also asked Staff to look at what list of  
13 birds were not listed by the Japan treaty but open for  
14 harvest by the AMBCC and I think we do have that list  
15 right here. It has 29 birds on it. So a very cursory  
16 look at that list and an assessment of what birds could  
17 technically be open under the treaty with Japan in  
18 order not to conflict with that would limit it to those  
19 29 birds unless the Council took action or unless the  
20 treaties were amended.

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22 So those are the reasons that the U.S.  
23 Fish and Wildlife Service is unable to support the  
24 proposal as written. We would recommend that it be  
25 referred to a committee for future discussion and  
26 refinement. Myron, you have your hand raised.

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28 MR. NANENG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
29 Once again here is a selective review of treaties. At  
30 the time that we negotiated the Migratory Bird Treaty  
31 one of the things that we tried to implement was the  
32 restrictive harvesting done that's stated within the  
33 Japanese treaty that was exclusive to Alaska Natives  
34 and American Indians. The negotiators did not want to  
35 do that and here we're trying to implement a program  
36 that s for the benefit of people that live in the  
37 villages. Now they're trying to find -- okay, we can't  
38 do this because it's restricted and the Japanese or the  
39 Mexico treaty or the Russian treaty.

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41 You know, how frustrating can the  
42 process get. This is one of the reasons why AVCP is  
43 not willing to put up any proposals to the process  
44 because the State and the Feds will try and find a way  
45 to make it very limiting. They say they support it,  
46 yet there are other treaties that are very restrictive.

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49 In order to make this proposal go  
50 through, the process that we re going to have to take



1 is to try and go amend the other treaties so that this  
2 can be recognized. Those lists that were provided by  
3 Fish and Wildlife Service are also going to have to be  
4 removed from that other treaty. We re going to have to  
5 go back to the international process just to be able to  
6 do what many people in the villages would be willing to  
7 consider as part of their livelihood as an opportunity.

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10 So it s okay for a person from  
11 somewhere out of state or elsewhere, maybe within state  
12 of Alaska, to get a guiding permit and allow for  
13 harvest of birds as long as that guy gets money for  
14 someone to come onto their lands and pay a fee. Is  
15 that okay? Is that allowed under the treaties or is it  
16 just the U.S. government stance that it s commerce, we  
17 can allow that?

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19 The more I delve into this issue that  
20 deal with migratory birds and the restrictions that  
21 come up and the explanations that come up from the  
22 State and Fish and Wildlife Service it makes me wonder  
23 what s the use of putting in a proposal. When you put  
24 a proposal forward, they'll find every means and ways  
25 to kill a proposal that s for the benefit of people  
26 that have used these resources for centuries, even  
27 before the establishment of the U.S. government, before  
28 the establishment of the State of Alaska. It seems  
29 like we re second-class citizens and that s my  
30 frustration about this whole thing. Maybe I m a  
31 foreigner within my own country.

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33 If they say that it's okay for Russians  
34 to have Emperor Geese hunts, commercial hunts, then  
35 signing a treaty with another country saying that s  
36 it s most restrictive yet we have to follow it, where s  
37 the balance? So the explanations that are given today  
38 I just don't buy them. You re being selective on how  
39 to make it the most restrictive as possible.  
40 Ultimately, even if we put this to a committee, we re  
41 going to have to try to work to change those treaties  
42 that exist that were just cited as being part of  
43 something that will prevent this proposal from going  
44 forward.

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46 With that, Mr. Chair, thank you. I  
47 think that the process is so frustrating that I ll have  
48 to request to be excused from the rest of the meeting.  
49 The consent agenda and things like that, I don't think  
50 I need to be consented to hunt and fish for food

1 security. I don't think my people need to be consented  
2 to be able to harvest food, food that they've had to  
3 harvest for many, many years. This process is not  
4 working the way it s supposed to be.

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6 With that, Mr. Chairman, thank you and  
7 I hope you guys enjoy the rest of the meeting.

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9 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Myron.  
10 Are there any other comments.

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12 (No comments)

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14 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: The motion did not  
15 pass by consensus, so we ll do a roll call. Myron s  
16 leaving, and so Patty are you the one that is going to  
17 sit at the mic? Taqulik, you have the floor.

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19 MS. HEPA: I just want to say that I  
20 concur and have the same emotions as you were reading  
21 your reasons or stating your reasons in opposition to  
22 the proposal and it does hurt, you know. It seems like  
23 we re forever trying to protect our way of life. The  
24 way that this process is set up with the rules that you  
25 have to follow and we have to try to fit in is not  
26 working. I was really hoping at the January gathering  
27 that we had that we would talk more about those types  
28 of things.

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30 I think just being involved in this co-  
31 management body since 2006 or whenever it was that it  
32 always comes back to that and it s an emotional  
33 process. It s almost like a slap in the face. I know  
34 that he was feeling it and I was feeling it and many  
35 others around the table were probably feeling it. So I  
36 just want to be on the record to say that something  
37 else needs to be done. We need to take a closer look on  
38 where the root of the problem is. Thank you.

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40 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. Randy,  
41 you have the floor.

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43 MR. MAYO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
44 just wanted to concur with our Native Caucus chair and  
45 with the North Slope representative that when we got  
46 proactive in our region, we looked at this as a real --  
47 you know, we d be able to participate somewhat as a  
48 little more than advisory group in this work here.

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50 I, as a tribal leader for the last over

1 20 years, have always looked at this kind of initiative  
2 where -- you know, it s a violation of basic human  
3 rights, the inherent cultural and spiritual right to  
4 pursue our way of life as given to us by the Creator.  
5 Our governments predate the U.S. Constitution and I  
6 always go back to where Indian tribes fall into the  
7 Constitution based on doctrines before the U.S. was  
8 even created. You know, doctrines of discovery.  
9 That s what Federal Indian law stands on. We are not a  
10 racially defined group within the U.S. Constitution but  
11 a political group based on true  
12 government-to-government relationships.

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14 I ve always had a real problem with  
15 every time there s -- you know, and furthering basic  
16 human rights extended to Indian tribes across the  
17 country, that the Alaska delegation will always put in  
18 there except Alaska tribes and then money given over to  
19 -- Federal Indian money given over to the State of  
20 Alaska. So, you know, for the record that these are  
21 basic human rights violations, issues in the U.N.  
22 level.

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24 So I just wanted to concur with the two  
25 previous speakers for the record. Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Randy.  
28 Are there any other thoughts. Molly, you have the  
29 floor.

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31 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
32 I also want to concur with the last three speakers. I  
33 think the reason why we re still sitting here  
34 hopefully, I am, is because I m hoping that the January  
35 meeting that we had is helping with the process and I m  
36 hoping that the spring meeting will also help with the  
37 process. If that doesn't help, I don't know where this  
38 board is going to go because it's frustrating.

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40 It s sad to be sitting here and not be  
41 able to uphold our subsistence way of life and  
42 continually trying to fight the only way of life that  
43 we know and have it confounded with all these  
44 regulations that seem to be nationwide in respect to --  
45 and I understand that. I know that Federal regulations  
46 deal with nationwide processes, but it s just -- I  
47 guess it s just frustrating to continually sit here and  
48 fight for something that -- the only way of life that  
49 we know.

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1 I think the majority of us have learned  
2 to live the two worlds, but our cultural life is our  
3 number one life that I don't think we'll ever trade for  
4 anything else. Thanks.

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6 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Enoch, you have the  
7 floor.

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9 MR. SHIEDT: I really don't know what  
10 to say. As a Native, we're taught not to fight over  
11 our animals in anything and yet every time to save our  
12 culture we still lose no matter what because of the two  
13 agencies. I am going to say that bluntly. I concur  
14 with what the others say. I just don't know what to  
15 say in words.

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17 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Rick, you have the  
18 floor and then Joeneal.

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20 MR. ROWLAND: Rick Rowland from Sun'aq  
21 Tribe, Kodiak representatives. I appreciate your  
22 comments in relation to these proposals. We were aware  
23 that Secretary of Interior must establish these rules  
24 and it s appreciated for your comments and research  
25 into that. Also these are proposals and this is a  
26 co-management body and our proposals weren't accepted  
27 at this level and we re not begging. We have something  
28 at home that says (in Alutiiq). That means that our  
29 bear is waking up. So we know the process of what we  
30 have to ask in order to where we have to go. So your  
31 comments are appreciated.

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33 We also know that there s hard work put  
34 in by all these members here for their people. It s  
35 important to them because it s food for their table.  
36 It s part of their soul. It s an effort to utilize  
37 your system of legal process but it s not begging. So  
38 thank you for your comments.

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40 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Rick.  
41 Joeneal, you had your hand raised.

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43 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
44 want to say that I'm in support of this particular  
45 proposal and I kind of base my opinion on what I m  
46 reading here in the regulations. As I understand the  
47 particular proposal, it is limited to Kodiak in  
48 particular or even more strictly limited to let s say  
49 the elders or the people who actually use these  
50 nonedible bird parts, in other words the feathers, the

1 head, whatever, for their regalia. In other words,  
2 based on their customary and traditional use. You've  
3 got the pictures in here that shows that. There's no  
4 argument in that regards.

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6 Again, like I said, as I understand the  
7 proposal, it's strictly limited to a very few number of  
8 people and basically it's restricted to Alaska Natives  
9 as I read this particular article. It says Alaska  
10 Natives. If I heard it correctly, your objection or  
11 the State's objection or the Federal's objection was  
12 that it does not specifically address indigenous  
13 inhabitants. Again, as I read this here, it says Alaska  
14 Natives.

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16 Then it also goes further to say that  
17 this type of use could be adopted by a competent  
18 authority in cooperation with management bodies. We  
19 are a management body. You, as the Fish and Wildlife  
20 Service, is a competent agency. Am I not correct?

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22 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Correct.

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24 MR. HICKS: So I don't see why or how  
25 you cannot work with the Alaska Native people to make  
26 this proposal a success. I mean the intent is a good  
27 one. I mean that's something that has been practiced,  
28 something that we practice. I just cannot understand  
29 your objection is what I'm saying. Thank you.

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31 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I'll respond to that  
32 and I'll let the State respond from their position, but  
33 I did say that we would recommend that this be referred  
34 to a committee to have the discussion because we do  
35 support it in concept. There are just some very  
36 specific issues that I cited with the proposal as  
37 written, but the concept is not one that we're  
38 objectionable to. We would be supportive of those  
39 further discussions and helping to refine a proposal  
40 and a way that it can be done that we, as a regulatory  
41 agency, can support it.

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43 MR. HICKS: Excuse me. I'm going to go  
44 a little further then. Would Kodiak be willing to work  
45 to refine this particular proposal to the liking of or  
46 the thinking of the objectioners?

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48 MR. ROWLAND: When we put these  
49 proposals together in that meeting in the spring, one  
50 of our elders said we should not do that. We should

1 just write a letter to the Secretary of Interior and I  
2 suggested that we follow through this process. That  
3 way questions that arise could be answered and  
4 discussed in relation to that letter that will be  
5 submitted. So we re working towards a number of  
6 different things to continue our customary and  
7 traditional lifestyle and one of them is to make sure  
8 that this is straightened out.

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10 So we re not going to drop it. We ll  
11 just have the discussion of which avenue that we ll  
12 head down and work on. Of course, the group is  
13 understandable that they'd be willing to communicate  
14 with any government agency without bias.

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16 MR. HICKS: I'm sorry, Mr. Chair, but I  
17 hope I m not out of order. Would this be something we  
18 could use as an agenda item, Patty, at the gathering to  
19 work towards making.....

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21 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: You have the floor,  
22 Patty.

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24 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: Yes, since  
25 yesterday and even during the workshop I ve been making  
26 notes of what are some of the issues that we re going  
27 to be discussing and I ve made note of that. Thank  
28 you.

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30 MR. ROSENBERG: And if I may reiterate,  
31 the State does support the intent of this thing. We  
32 think it s -- you know, we just want to see it  
33 clarified and we d like to see that it can work  
34 effectively for everyone. Again, I think it s always  
35 been the intent since at least that January meeting to  
36 discuss these at the spring gathering and come back  
37 with future proposals that we hope will work.

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39 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Molly.

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41 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
42 I think our frustration, Joe and Myron, I think that s  
43 the one reason why Myron walked out is because even  
44 though the intentions of the State and Federal -- even  
45 though they like the intention of the proposal there s  
46 other treaties and other areas that are complicated and  
47 those complications are usually the ones that totally  
48 affect and the majority of the time doesn't process the  
49 proposals that we come forward with the way we want to.  
50 That s where the frustration is. The frustration isn't

1 that these guys are willing to work with us. It s just  
2 the underlining of that other portion where it seemed  
3 like we just can t get a handle to fix that. Thanks.

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5 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Enoch, you have the  
6 floor.

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8 MR. SHIEDT: All I'm going to say is I  
9 sit here to do my job  
10 to preserve traditionally the way my people live off  
11 the land and I m going to live that. Traditionally the  
12 way we live off the land. Preserve it the best way I  
13 know how. The goal I ve been having and that s the way  
14 I ve been doing it in all the meetings I go to and if I  
15 can t preserve it, I feel what good am I doing here.  
16 Every time we want to do something it s just shut down,  
17 yet you guys will agree to a point, but your point is  
18 always no, yet you agree to it.

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20 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Randy, do you have  
21 something to say. You have the floor.

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23 MR. MAYO: Yeah. You know, again, you  
24 know, when we re dealing with -- you know, you look at  
25 the attached photos on those ceremonial artifacts, you  
26 can equate that to other religious institutions  
27 throughout the world and you have to understand where  
28 I m coming from how offensive this is to sit here with  
29 State and Federal officials talking about such things  
30 and it s subject to getting the blessings of State and  
31 Federal government agencies to continue this way of  
32 life.

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34 This is a matter of religious  
35 degradation. You go look at a lot of the religious  
36 institutions that Native people have adopted into our  
37 way of life also that are tax exempt and are allowed to  
38 sell some of their symbolism to raise money, but yet  
39 this is what the Native people are broken down into and  
40 it s very degrading again for the record.

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42 You know, the way the Western mind  
43 works and the Federal government has dealt with these  
44 religious freedom -- deprivation of religious freedoms  
45 is always based on economic. Those four principals  
46 that the Federal government goes on to not ensure the  
47 full rights but to accommodate Native usage of these  
48 resources based on economics and that has to change.  
49 So these are for the record.

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1 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. Are there  
2 any other comments.

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4 (No comments)

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6 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I m going to ask the  
7 Executive Director to do a roll call on this motion.  
8 We have a motion to approve the Proposal No. 5 for the  
9 commercial use of inedible products. I ll ask the  
10 Executive Director to make the call.

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12 MS. LEONETTI: Native Caucus.

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14 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: The Native  
15 Caucus votes in support of the proposal.

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17 MS. LEONETTI: State of Alaska.

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19 MR. ROSENBERG: No.

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21 MS. LEONETTI: U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
22 Service.

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24 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: U.S. Fish and  
25 Wildlife Service votes no.

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27 MS. LEONETTI: The proposal does not  
28 pass.

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30 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Molly, you have the  
31 floor.

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33 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Before we go on, you  
34 mentioned that you would like to refer this proposal to  
35 a committee. Would you name that committee so that for  
36 sure something will happen to this proposal.

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38 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Well, it s at the  
39 will of the Council to take that action and we would  
40 need a motion. That was just my recommendation, but we  
41 would need a motion to refer it to a committee and then  
42 we d name a committee.

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44 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I d make that motion.

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46 MR. HICKS: I second.

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48 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay. We have a  
49 motion and second to refer this Proposal No. 5 to a  
50 committee. Is there any discussion. Enoch, you have



1 the floor.

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3 MR. SHIEDT: Yeah, if we are going to  
4 name a committee, I feel like the whole board should  
5 sit there because it s going to affect the whole state.  
6 If we leave him out and we leave Nome out and they're  
7 not sitting on the table as part of the technical  
8 whatever this committee is going to be, I would just  
9 feel like it s not right for the others and I will not  
10 let an exact anyone s decision for my part in Northwest  
11 Alaska and I won t decide for the Interior and other  
12 areas completely. It s got to be the whole, all of us  
13 have got to sit in there. That s just the way I feel.  
14 It s that important.

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16 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Enoch.  
17 All right. Any other comments on the motion.

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19 MR. ROSENBERG: Would it be possible to  
20 convene a special meeting around the time of the spring  
21 gathering with everyone just to discuss this issue as  
22 opposed to farming it out to a separate subcommittee?

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24 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We could have a  
25 special meeting or we could make an addendum to the  
26 spring gathering agenda, however you d like to address  
27 that. It s up to the Council.

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29 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair. I do know that  
30 there is an Invitation Committee meeting that is to be  
31 called. Supposedly  
32 it is to happen prior to the gathering, so maybe the  
33 latter part of that day would be a good time to have  
34 that. I would kind of like to refer it to the  
35 Technical Committee. I do understand Enoch s  
36 statement, but then everybody is invited to attend  
37 these particular meetings from a public standpoint  
38 also.

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40 MR. ROWLAND: I support what Enoch is  
41 saying. My impression is that Invitation Committee is  
42 about tribes that invite individuals to come hunt in  
43 their area, not the Fish and Wildlife to invite members  
44 to come and have a meeting. So I would support what  
45 Enoch says.

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47 MR. HICKS: Just for clarity, in other  
48 words there was an invitation meeting that s supposed  
49 to be called for.....

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1 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We did refer Proposal  
2 No. 3, the request to amend eligibility standards for  
3 invitation hunts.

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5 MR. HICKS: For invitation, yeah. What  
6 I m saying is that the Technical Committee, if that s  
7 what s going to be -- this proposal, your proposed  
8 meeting referred to, then maybe we could piggy-back  
9 after the Invitation Committee meeting is over, then  
10 have a Technical Committee meeting later to talk about  
11 your proposal specifically. I m just suggesting that.

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13 MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Chair, if I may.

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15 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Go ahead, Dan.

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17 MR. ROSENBERG: There are two issues --  
18 two proposals that have bene referred to a committee.  
19 When we referred the one to the Invitation Committee,  
20 the Chair made it clear that everybody was invited. It  
21 wasn't just going to be really the Invitation  
22 Committee, that anybody that was interested could  
23 attend. So essentially we have two proposals that were  
24 referred to a committee, but everyone is invited  
25 essentially. So maybe we should just combine these two  
26 into whatever meeting we re going to have, encourage  
27 everyone to participate and work through them both.

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29 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Enoch, you have the  
30 floor.

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32 MR. SHIEDT: Yeah, I just feel like if  
33 you're going to invite the Technical Committee only and  
34 if someone is not there, you re not going to call it.  
35 That s why I say we should sit -- everyone should sit  
36 on this one here.

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38 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Hearing this  
39 discussion, I guess it was my suggestion to refer it to  
40 a committee, but I agree with you, Enoch. I think that  
41 this is a significant issue. It s applicable to every  
42 village that has this as a custom and I think it s  
43 probably more fitting to have a full discussion by the  
44 Council at a set-aside meeting for that purpose. So I  
45 would speak against the motion and maybe think this  
46 through how best and most comprehensively to address  
47 this. Molly.

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49 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Maybe what we could do  
50 with this is have a special agenda item doing the work

1 session. When would this proposal be up to put forth  
2 again? If not, we could deal with this probably at our  
3 next meeting but make it a special agenda item during  
4 part of the work session. I don't know. That s just  
5 an idea.

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7 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Well, the question  
8 that you asked, the actual motion failed, so the  
9 proposal is not -- we didn t table it, so the proposal  
10 will not come back on the table for discussion, but if  
11 we -- based on this motion that s on the table right  
12 now, if we elect as a body to reconsider the issue or  
13 reconsider the proposal, that needs to be specified in  
14 whatever action we take. Right now the action on the  
15 floor is to refer the proposal to a committee. We have  
16 a first and second and we re discussing that particular  
17 action that s been proposed.

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19 Taqulik.

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21 MS. HEPA: And then I would just say  
22 maybe we ll leave it up to the Executive Director to  
23 organize the people, all of us involved, and set a  
24 potential date and time.

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26 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So it sounds like we  
27 have a solution that those that are vocal have  
28 explained, but it is not consistent with the motion, so  
29 I m ready to call the question on the current motion  
30 and then perhaps entertain another motion to actually  
31 address this in a different way.

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33 MS. HEPA: Call the question.

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35 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So I ll call the  
36 question. Does anyone oppose the current motion to  
37 refer this to a committee?

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39 IN UNISON: I do.

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41 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Everyone agrees to  
42 oppose the motion. I would entertain a motion to  
43 address this particular issue.

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45 MS. HEPA: I would like to make a  
46 motion to ask the Executive Director to organize a  
47 committee involving all members to address the two  
48 topics that we have talked about in regards to the two  
49 proposals for committee consideration.

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1 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Do I have a second.  
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3 MR. SHIEDT: I second it.  
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5 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: For clarity, that  
6 would be Proposal No. 3 and Proposal No. 5. Those two  
7 proposals would be discussed at a future meeting for  
8 that purpose alone.  
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10 MS. HEPA: Call for question.  
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12 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Call for the  
13 question. Does anyone oppose the motion as stated and  
14 seconded.  
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16 (No opposing votes)  
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18 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Hearing no  
19 opposition, the motion passes by consensus.  
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21 MS. HEPA: Mr. Chair. I'd like to make  
22 a motion to approve the consent agenda items for  
23 regulation 2013.  
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25 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I have a motion to  
26 move to item 11G and we have a motion to approve those  
27 consent agenda items 1 through 11.  
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29 MR. HICKS: Second.  
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31 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Any discussion.  
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33 MS. HEPA: Question.  
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35 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We do have a process  
36 though. We do entertain -- don't we entertain  
37 comments, technical comments?  
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39 MS. HEPA: During this discussion part.  
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41 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Correct. So we re  
42 having discussion. Are there any technical biological  
43 issues that need to be raised? I ll first refer to the  
44 State.  
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46 MR. ROSENBERG: No.  
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48 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I ll refer to the  
49 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Eric, did you have any  
50 technical comments on these consent agenda items,

1 basically the existing regulations?

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3 MR. TAYLOR: No, I did not.

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5 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I m going to open it  
6 up to the public for any comment before we consider  
7 this. I have a hand raised. Jon Dyasuk, please come  
8 to the microphone.

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10 MR. DYASUK: I just want to make it  
11 very clear because I'm the one that s going to be  
12 taking it out to the villages. This Proposal No. 5  
13 it s still going, right?

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15 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: The action that the  
16 Council took on Proposals No. 3 and 5 are to  
17 establish.....

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19 MR. DYASUK: (Indiscernible), right?

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21 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: One was actually  
22 referred to committee and then one was -- one failed to  
23 pass.

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25 MR. DYASUK: That s No. 5, right?

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27 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Yes. But the  
28 subsequent action was to refer both of these proposals  
29 to a special meeting of the full Council for  
30 discussion.

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32 MR. DYASUK: Okay. That s what I  
33 wanted to make very clear because I m the one that's  
34 going to be dispersing that information to the  
35 villages. By versa, I bring the information back to my  
36 refuge manager. This came up I don't know how many  
37 times. But like myself, when I travel to the villages,  
38 I see changes throughout the time I ve been with the  
39 Service.

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41 You know, this handicraft at the time  
42 goes, you know, like anything else. Like people buy  
43 berries from the different regions. Like from Y-K  
44 Delta they buy five-gallon buckets of berries. They do  
45 the same thing with eggs now, marine mammal eggs, and  
46 anything that relate to a person that's getting too old  
47 to hunt. They look for good hunters from different  
48 villages, like especially from Molly's region, from  
49 Platinum/Goodnews. They go to the hunter that's a good  
50 hunter and they gather bones from the good hunters, the

1 leftovers from the hunter and they get those as a  
2 handicraft, to make it into handicraft because they  
3 themselves cannot go out anymore.

4  
5           These are things that you guys don't  
6 see. I see them all the time and nobody is willing to  
7 control them. I mean there's no way that -- because  
8 they're already caught, they're legally caught. One  
9 thing that I always tell them that sometimes when I go  
10 to the village I see all these things, but sometimes  
11 when I see you guys here you couldn't travel to the  
12 villages. Not even one person from this table probably  
13 ever see the villages of other regions.

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15           I travel to Y-K Delta and I travel to  
16 Bristol Bay villages. Just like last week when I  
17 traveled to nine villages all together. When I have to  
18 explain now what you guys have been doing, I have to be  
19 very clear, otherwise I'm the one that's going to be in  
20 trouble and vice versa. If I don't bring information  
21 back to my refuge manager, he's not going to know  
22 because he doesn't have any time to travel to the  
23 villages himself.

24  
25           So I just want to make sure that what  
26 you guys do know what goes on in the villages. It's  
27 changing. The villages are a lot poorer and the ones  
28 that are able to hunt couldn't hunt anymore, so they  
29 hop into another skiff and do that. When they do and  
30 the one that couldn't do, if they gather bones of the  
31 birds and they're able to sell their handicraft, they  
32 participate in next year's hunt. They gave the little  
33 money they have to the person that's going to go out  
34 and hunt. That's what they do. They participate just  
35 like even small amount of money because when you go to  
36 the villages a gallon costs \$9. Some places \$15. If  
37 you buy five gallons, that's not going to take you no  
38 more than 30 miles out or even 50 miles out to the sea.

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40           A hunter, when he goes out -- not very  
41 long ago, when I have a hard time traveling, I become  
42 very creative. I get into Facebook. I have some  
43 people, a group of hunters from Platinum, that report  
44 their take by taking a picture, actual pictures, and  
45 then post them into Facebook exactly how many birds  
46 they caught, how many were mammals of seal they have  
47 gotten. They take pictures of those.

48  
49           The last week before I came over here,  
50 that's why I had a hard time, the boat I saw was this

1 much deep. No more than seven inches off the water. I  
2 had a hard time gobbling my pancake thinking about what  
3 he had in the skiff way out, 50, 70 miles out. These  
4 are things that I see. Sometimes when I see them I m  
5 uncomfortable sitting over here, but I make my choice  
6 and he also makes his choice. We all make our choice  
7 in doing what we need to do.

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9 But restricting somebody from doing  
10 what he is able to help in the village I don't think  
11 it's right. I know that when I go back to the Refuge  
12 manager that's what he's going to hear because I don't  
13 hide anything. Since I'm not looking for any friend or  
14 anybody to like me, I talk the way I talk. I don't  
15 hide anything. When you have a feeling like that, I'm  
16 not handsome, I'm not popular and I'm not looking for  
17 any popularity. I tell people exactly what I see. If  
18 they want to see it, they'll see it in a picture.

19  
20 This is what you guys need to see.  
21 Maybe you guys got to hang into my Facebook and exactly  
22 see what I see so that when I don't make it to the next  
23 time meeting because sometimes I don't like coming over  
24 here. I don't like Anchorage. What I see you guys  
25 need to see it because that's the only way you guys  
26 will be informed. If I don't talk about it, you're not  
27 going to hear it. That's what people are. We don't  
28 concentrate on something that we're not interested in.  
29 That's what it's all about. When I'm not interested in  
30 something, I ignore the whole situation and I shouldn't  
31 be like that. As a free country, we shouldn't be like  
32 that. We live in one country. We're the same people.

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34 I don't think we need to make other  
35 people suffer as well for what they didn't have. I  
36 know that sometimes when I look at a person with a  
37 handicraft, I looked at it the way it is and I cannot  
38 even afford it at times. Even to this day I don't even  
39 have a piece of ivory in my home. That's how I've  
40 lived. My grandmother raised me don't take anything  
41 home. That's the way she was raised and I was raised  
42 like that. Molly knows my home. I don't usually talk  
43 about it, but that's what I want to see. When I go  
44 back from here, I want to be very clear. What I hear  
45 from here is that Proposal No. 5 is dead.

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47 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Jon. We  
48 have a motion to approve the consent agenda item.  
49 We re at Roman numeral V, public comment. Are there  
50 any other public comments on this proposal.

1 (No comments)  
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3 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay. I'm ready to  
4 call the question.  
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6 MS. HEPA: Question.  
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8 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Is there anyone  
9 opposed to the motion as stated to approve the consent  
10 agenda items.  
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12 (No opposing votes)  
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14 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Seeing no opposition,  
15 the motion carries. Let s take a 15-minute break.  
16 Taqulik, you have the last word before we go to break.  
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18 MS. HEPA: Yes. I just want to -- in  
19 talking briefly with Patty, I would just encourage us  
20 to go back and review the entire regulation booklet and  
21 maybe come to the next meeting with any changes that  
22 need to be addressed. The one that I referred to on  
23 Page 3 is an example, use and possession of migratory  
24 birds. It says here in red that we re not able to sell  
25 and so on. In reality, there is some legal aspect to  
26 that. So I would encourage us to go back, read it and  
27 at our next meeting come to the table with any  
28 recommended changes. Thank you.  
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30 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay, thanks. We re  
31 on break. Let s get back together at quarter after  
32 11:00.  
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34 (Off record)  
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36 (On record)  
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38 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I'd like to reconvene  
39 after the break. We have a motion that s been approved  
40 to suspend the rule of the day and we ve added Item 12  
41 -- I m going to go with 12A now -- to reopen the  
42 discussion of the 2010 harvest survey report. I will  
43 turn it over to Dan Rosenberg, the maker of the motion.  
44  
45 MR. ROSENBERG: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
46 The motion is to review the 2010 harvest survey report  
47 in order to release the information on the harvest of  
48 Yellow-Billed Loons in the Bering Strait region.  
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50 MS. CHYTHLOOK: That's your motion?



1 MR. ROSENBERG: That s my motion.  
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3 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We ve already.....  
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5 MR. ROSENBERG: I can make it broader  
6 if you like, but I was trying to get to the point here.  
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8 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I m sorry. You  
9 caught me not thinking. I wasn't listening to you  
10 making a motion. I thought we were talking about it.  
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12 MR. ROSENBERG: Oh, well, I thought we  
13 had too, but then I thought you asked me to make a  
14 motion.  
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16 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: No, I said I m going  
17 to open it up to you so that you can explain why we are  
18 doing what it is that we re doing.  
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20 MR. ROSENBERG: Okay. Well, let me  
21 remove the motion for the time being and explain what  
22 we re doing again. I will actually -- in that case,  
23 maybe for everybody s sake, I ll defer to Jim Fall.  
24 Would you like to explain, Jim, what we re doing here.  
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26 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We ll call Jim Fall  
27 from the Subsistence Division, Alaska Department of  
28 Fish and Game, to the table.  
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30 MR. FALL: Okay. First of all I  
31 apologize that I wasn't here yesterday. I had a long-  
32 standing commitment elsewhere and I apologize that  
33 Liliana Naves cannot be here either. She also had  
34 previous plans for this week prior to when this meeting  
35 was scheduled.  
36  
37 As we discussed in the work session, it  
38 is the normal piece of business at the spring meeting  
39 to adopt the survey findings that are presented in  
40 draft form in the fall meeting. My understanding is  
41 that there was a discussion of that yesterday. Because  
42 some of the regional partners were unable to meet and  
43 review those findings that has been postponed until the  
44 fall.  
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46 I think what s before us right now is  
47 the question of the basic embargo on all findings until  
48 the AMBCC approves them. In other words, information  
49 in some cases has been reviewed by some regional bodies  
50 and even in some cases local communities that s in the

1 report. It s basically tied in with unreviewed  
2 information.

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4 In the case of the Bering Strait  
5 region, specifically the St. Lawrence Island area, we d  
6 be making very special efforts. They are with outreach  
7 to basically improve confidence at all levels and the  
8 findings there. With Yellow-Billed Loons specifically  
9 there s action in the endangered species arena for  
10 Yellow-Billed Loons. Some of the information that has  
11 been available in the past has been questioned as to  
12 its accuracy. Again, we ve been working very closely -  
13 - we meaning the Department of Fish and Game and the  
14 Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as I believe Kawerak  
15 staff and local experts in those communities to improve  
16 how we collect that information.

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18 There is information for Loons and  
19 other migratory birds collected in the Bering Straits  
20 region and then specifically for the mainland,  
21 subregion and for the St. Lawrence Island subregion,  
22 which is its own subregion, which we believe is pretty  
23 solid. We did get some comments back from Kawerak s  
24 staff several weeks back, which we did respond to. The  
25 table that we re talking about is Tables 36, 37, 38 and  
26 39 in the draft report, which are the draft findings  
27 for the Bering Strait/Norton Sound region. The  
28 specific information for St. Lawrence Island birds as  
29 opposed to eggs is Table 36. That table does reflect  
30 some of the comments that we did receive from the  
31 regional partner. I believe the regional partner will  
32 have more comments on that.

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34 To get to my point is that I think the  
35 Department at least would ask the AMBCC to consider the  
36 use of the findings for the Bering Strait/Norton Sound  
37 region be permitted. That we be allowed to use those  
38 in any, for example, write-ups of more recently  
39 collected work that we re doing in St. Lawrence Island  
40 regarding migratory birds as well as any response to an  
41 agency request to update previous information, which  
42 again we think has some questions attached to it with  
43 more reliable information that we have now. Again,  
44 it s specific.

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46 My request generally would be it s  
47 always good to put information in a context. Specific  
48 species in a broader context. I think what my  
49 recommendation would be to start out consideration is  
50 the findings for the Bering Strait/Norton Sound region

1 overall. If, indeed, the body decides to go more  
2 specific, then that s at your discretion.

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4                   Anyway that s what I think the  
5 potential motion is about. Thanks.

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7                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So your  
8 recommendation is not specific to Yellow-Billed Loon  
9 harvest survey report data. It s for the whole survey  
10 report for that region specifically.

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12                   MR. FALL: That's where I would start  
13 and the reason again is because the Yellow-Billed Loon  
14 information is part of the general effort that went  
15 into collecting that information in that area. It s  
16 one species of many. There s used and I think those  
17 who are looking at the Yellow-Billed Loon data  
18 critically need to know what the entire effort was and  
19 the entire set of findings.

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21                   Secondly, as I mentioned, we did get  
22 some review back from Kawerak staff on this particular  
23 data set and tried to respond to that. Unlike for some  
24 of the other regions, it was our understanding that  
25 once we had responded to those concerns that we d met  
26 the expectations from the regional body.

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28                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Jim. Are  
29 there any questions of Jim. Molly.

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31                   MS. CHYTHLOOK: Okay. I guess the  
32 survey reports that are within this report, the draft  
33 report, not only deal with one specific species of  
34 birds but it encompasses different species. So your  
35 request is to have us approve the Bering Strait s  
36 region s migratory bird survey report, which includes  
37 some of the information on Loons?

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39                   MR. FALL: Mr. Chair. Molly, that s  
40 exactly right.

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42                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Jim. Any  
43 questions of Jim.

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(No comments)

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46                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thanks, Jim. Rose,  
47 did you have a comment you wanted to make.

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49                   MS. FOSDICK: Yes.

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1                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN:  Would you come to the  
2 table.

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4                   MS. FOSDICK:  Thank you for this  
5 opportunity.  I'm Rose Fosdick for the record.  A  
6 number of comments in regards to what's being proposed  
7 now.  Yes, we did receive the report.  It's a draft  
8 report and staff, yes, did take a look at it.  However,  
9 the actual regional management body, Bering  
10 Straits/Norton Sound Migratory Birds Council, has not  
11 had an opportunity to review it in person with the  
12 researcher during their meeting on April 4 and 5 in  
13 Nome.

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15                   Tamara Zeller presented the information  
16 on behalf of the researcher, who is Liliana Naves of  
17 Fish and Game.  Information she provided was that -- of  
18 course, you already know that 2009 Yellow-Billed Loon  
19 were listed as warranted for listing in ESA but  
20 precluded.  Tamara reported that she went to  
21 St. Lawrence Island and her quote was while Yellow-  
22 Billed Loon are harvested not as much as reported  
23 because of language difference and we also acknowledged  
24 and presented that information that the actual  
25 household survey was a question about Yellow-Billed  
26 Loon, the question was using St. Lawrence Island Yup'ik  
27 name for the bird because that's the only name they  
28 have for that bird.  So there were language  
29 differences.

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31                   Back to the meeting.  The researcher  
32 was not present to review the report and answer any  
33 questions regarding the report.  It was on the April  
34 agenda for Bering Straits/Norton Sound Migratory Bird  
35 Council, but they did not take any action.  One comment  
36 is that the researcher is not here at this meeting.  
37 However, we understand the EA is due on Yellow-Billed  
38 Loon in July and impacts of the proposed action right  
39 now may result in delayed action in regards to a  
40 proposal by North Slope Borough in regards to Yellow-  
41 Billed Loon.

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43                   I would like to suggest that AMBCC  
44 consider approving or adopting just the portion on  
45 Bering Straits/Norton Sound Yellow-Billed Loon of the  
46 data and information within the report and give the  
47 Bering Straits/Norton Sound Migratory Bird Council an  
48 opportunity to again put it on the their agenda, which  
49 will probably have to happen soon so that they can  
50 again have an opportunity to review the information

1 with the researcher, ask questions and then approve the  
2 full portion of just our region. Thank you.

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4 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Since Donna is the  
5 Staff that will be developing the EA and using  
6 information that s been approved, I ll let her come to  
7 the table and address the Board.

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9 MS. DEWHURST: This is just a short  
10 clarification for the record. The 2010 surveys in  
11 Bering Straits were conducted under contract by  
12 Kawerak, so the researcher actually would have been  
13 Sandy Tahbone as the harvest survey coordinator.  
14 Liliana Naves, once the data is given to her, she  
15 basically crunches the numbers and puts it in the  
16 report, but the actual researchers were all Kawerak.  
17 Starting in 2011 that s when Tamara started doing the  
18 work on St. Lawrence Island. The 2010 data, which is  
19 what we re discussing, was conducted by Kawerak.

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21 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. I have a  
22 follow-up question for you, Rose, if you wouldn't mind  
23 coming back up to the microphone. The question is, as  
24 you re coming up, as I understood your statement, I do  
25 appreciate your statement and willingness to work to  
26 enable further analysis for the EA that s going to be  
27 required, if I heard you right you specified that you  
28 would be supportive of the Council taking action to  
29 approve the survey data for the Bering Strait region  
30 for Yellow-Billed Loon data only and not for other  
31 birds?

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33 MS. FOSDICK: Yes.

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35 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So a comment, just  
36 for you to think about this, as I understood Jim s  
37 comment and as I understand the analysis there are some  
38 -- because of language differences and because of  
39 potential to call one Loon a different species, I m  
40 wondering if there s value in approving all just Loons,  
41 which would include Red-Throated Loons and Arctic Loons  
42 and Pacific Loons. I think, I m not sure if there s  
43 value in approving the full suite of Loons. I m seeing  
44 Jim Fall nod his head.

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46 In the context of analyzing the harvest  
47 numbers and estimate of Yellow-Billed Loon, there is  
48 value in being able to analyze that in the context of  
49 other Loon species because of the issue that we talked  
50 about in the language differences. One Loon perhaps

1 being misidentified. I m not quite sure.

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3                   Would you be comfortable if that were  
4 expanded to just Loon species, not exclusive just to  
5 Yellow-Billed Loons?

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7                   MS. FOSDICK: Yes. And I m looking at  
8 my notes from Tamara Zeller s comments again. Yes, I  
9 understand what Donna is saying, that 2011 Fish and  
10 Wildlife Service did local surveys and that they plan  
11 to do that again in 2012. Questions were raised during  
12 that discussion what were the results of the actual  
13 surveys in which they were doing visual surveys and the  
14 response was that the majority of the Loons that flew  
15 by were Pacific Loons as opposed to Yellow-Billed  
16 Loons. The visual surveys did not see Common Loons.  
17 So I think by presenting all the information that was -  
18 - the updated information will be a good thing to  
19 clarify harvest estimates and the population for Loons  
20 on St. Lawrence Island.

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22                   One question was raised during that  
23 discussion also regarding the ESA outcome and realizing  
24 that hunters are not getting many Yellow-Billed Loons.  
25 What is the plan to respond to those who have asked for  
26 an ESA. That will be a question that we will want to  
27 learn more about maybe at an upcoming meeting.

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29                   Yes, I would say Loon data and report  
30 that was written by Tamara in 2010 will be acceptable.

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32                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you for that  
33 clarification. Rick, you have the floor.

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35                   MR. ROWLAND: Yeah, I was under the  
36 impression that discussion was going to be just about  
37 Yellow-Billed Loons and now it s switching from just  
38 Yellow-Billed Loons to a wide variety of Loons. So  
39 which is it? Is it just Yellow-Billed Loons or is it  
40 switching to a wide variety of Loons?

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42                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: The topic is Yellow-  
43 Billed Loons and the reason for the specificity of the  
44 Yellow-Billed Loon is because it is currently what s  
45 considered a candidate species. One of the factors  
46 that was considered when it was considered for listing  
47 as a candidate species was the level of harvest and the  
48 estimate at the time that was based on the 2007 survey  
49 the estimate was very high, over 1,000 birds when the  
50 number was expanded. So the context of this discussion

1 is for Yellow-Billed Loons.

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3 In developing an analysis through the  
4 environmental assessment process that we have to go  
5 through, we talked about that yesterday and the day  
6 before, we have to consider the impacts of the  
7 regulations on those candidate species and listed  
8 species, so the Yellow-Billed Loon is the candidate  
9 species that has to be analyzed for and discussed and  
10 the potential impacts to that particular species.

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12 The reason that there s value in  
13 approving the data set that includes all the Loons for  
14 that region is because of the association of all those  
15 Loons during the survey that some species of Loons are  
16 identified as Yellow-Billed Loons and so it inflates  
17 that estimate. When in fact, through our follow-up  
18 work, we believe that many of those birds that were  
19 identified as Yellow-Billed Loons are actually Arctic  
20 Loons and Pacific Loons because those are the majority  
21 of the Loons that are present in the area available for  
22 harvest.

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24 So there is a need to analyze the  
25 Yellow-Billed Loon data in the context of all the Loon  
26 that are harvested. You are right, the motion was to  
27 talk specifically about Yellow-Billed Loons, but it is  
28 a larger issue. Loons in general are really the issue  
29 that needs to be discussed.

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31 We do not have a motion on the table  
32 now based on the clarification, the explanation of the  
33 need for that information, a motion would be in order  
34 at this point in time.

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36 MR. ROSENBERG: I'll be happy to submit  
37 a motion that Council approves the harvest survey data  
38 from the 2010 report for all species of Loons on St.  
39 Lawrence Island or in the Bering Strait region. Let s  
40 leave it at that, which I think included only St.  
41 Lawrence Island if I m correct, but just to be safe I  
42 think it s a survey in the Bering Strait region.

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44 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a motion. Do  
45 we have a second.

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47 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Second.

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49 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a motion to  
50 approve the Loon information for the Bering Strait

1 region for the 2010 harvest survey report. Discussion.

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3 MS. HEPA: Question.

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5 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Call the question.

6 You have a question, Rick.

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8 MR. ROWLAND: So this is the vote just

9 of the State, Feds and the Native Caucus, correct?

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11 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: If it's a roll call,

12 it would be. If no one is opposed to it, then it just

13 passes by consensus. If I call the question to approve

14 just that Loon data for the Bering Strait region and no

15 one opposes it, then it would be approved.

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17 MR. ROWLAND: So then that would make

18 it the roll call vote for the Council votes.

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20 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: No, the only time we

21 do a roll call vote if there is not consensus.

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23 MR. ROWLAND: Okay.

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25 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So I m going to call

26 the question. Oh, another question. Patty, go ahead.

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28 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: There was not

29 consensus in the Native Caucus, so I think we do have

30 to do a roll call vote.

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32 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Hearing that, we will

33 ask the Executive Director to do a roll call.

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35 MS. LEONETTI: AVCP is not present.

36 Bristol Bay Native Association.

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38 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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40 MS. LEONETTI: Chugach Regional

41 Resources Commission.

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43 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I m sorry. I

44 mischaracterized the vote. It would be a vote of the

45 three voting entities. So the Native Caucus vote, the

46 State and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I m

47 sorry, Crystal.

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49 MS. LEONETTI: Sorry. Native Caucus.

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1 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: With respect  
2 and deference to the Kawerak region, the Native Caucus  
3 votes yes.

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5 MS. LEONETTI: State of Alaska.

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7 MR. ROSENBERG: The State of Alaska  
8 votes yes.

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10 MS. LEONETTI: U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
11 Service.

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13 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: U.S. Fish and  
14 Wildlife Service votes yes as well. Thank you all. We  
15 will go back on the agenda. Item 12 was formerly 12,  
16 it s now 12B. Taking up discussion of the fiscal year  
17 '12 and '13 budget.

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19 Before we go into that agendum I d like  
20 to do a little bit of checking with you all on your  
21 times available. I understand some members have  
22 commitments for lunch. One member has to leave at  
23 1:30. I was thinking that it might be prudent just to  
24 work through the agenda until we re done. Is everyone  
25 agreed to that? It s unfortunate -- Patty, I m going to  
26 defer to you since you re the one who is going to have  
27 to leave in about 15 or 10 minutes.

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29 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: Thank you, Mr.  
30 Chairman. I think we can put Molly in my place if we  
31 need a vote. I ve been working with Crystal on the  
32 spring gathering, I would request that you put that  
33 agenda item -- hold it until I get back in other words.

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35 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I'll entertain a  
36 motion to suspend the rule of the day. We ll just take  
37 that agendum right out of order. We ll take it right  
38 now. Do I have that motion?

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40 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yes.

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42 MS. HEPA: Second.

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44 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I have a motion and a  
45 second to take on the spring gathering, Item 13. We ll  
46 move directly to Item 13. Patty, we ll give you the  
47 floor.

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49 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: In five  
50 minutes or less. The spring gathering dates have been

1 set for May 7th and 8th. We are still looking for a  
2 location for that. As soon as we get the Board's  
3 blessing on the details of the spring gathering we're  
4 going to be sending out invitations to the various  
5 participants, including the representatives from  
6 Washington, D.C., the Pacific Flyway Council  
7 representatives and all the entire AMBCC and their  
8 alternates or whoever else they would like to bring.  
9 We're thinking since it is a public meeting we may be  
10 getting up to 100 people there, but at this point we're  
11 really not sure.

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13                   Some of the things we talked about was  
14 a budget and potential funding sources, meeting  
15 location and someone suggested the Dena'ina board room,  
16 but we haven't really checked into it since we've just  
17 nailed down the dates last week. Some of the agenda  
18 topics that we discussed is improving the current co-  
19 management structure, law enforcement, the Endangered  
20 Species Act, regulatory changes to the Migratory Bird  
21 Treaty Act, the Duck Stamp issue and fall and winter  
22 subsistence harvest season, development of an  
23 integrated research agenda, adequate funding for AMBCC.

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26                   Some of the issues that were identified  
27 in the past couple of days and I'll just reiterate some  
28 of them. The definition of indigenous inhabitant has  
29 been problematic, again the fall and winter subsistence  
30 harvest, the transport of migratory bird meat or parts  
31 to excluded areas, formulation of a budget that truly  
32 reflects the needs of the AMBCC to run an effective  
33 organization, refine the language regarding the  
34 permission of the village council to invite people to  
35 hunt in their areas, definition of limited sale of  
36 handicrafts and how we get this into the regulations  
37 handbook. Kind of a look back on the last 10 years of  
38 the AMBCC and how we have evolved, where we started and  
39 where we are now and changes that we can make for the  
40 future to improve the process.

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42                   So that's kind of it in a nutshell. I  
43 was hoping to have a typed-out agenda just for you to  
44 look at since I've been traveling for the past couple  
45 of weeks. So I'd like to ask Crystal if she has any  
46 additions she'd like to comment on. Thank you.

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48                   MS. LEONETTI: In addition to what  
49 Patty briefed you on, we're looking at potential  
50 keynote speakers to include Deputy Secretary David

1 Hayes. We re also looking at potential speakers to  
2 give expertise and knowledge about co-management, how  
3 it works potentially in other countries with indigenous  
4 people. So on our list of potential speakers is Jimmy  
5 Stotts, who is chair of Inuit Circumpolar Council, Sky  
6 Starky, who is a Native Rights attorney and then to  
7 look at research and science, a potential speaker would  
8 be Gaby Chavarria, who is U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
9 Service National Science advisor. Patty already talked  
10 about the other invitees, including Brad Bortner and  
11 Jerome Ford from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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13 We d also do a press release so that  
14 media could be welcome. I think that s all I had to  
15 add.

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17 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Rick, go ahead.

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19 MR. ROWLAND: Did you state the  
20 location?

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22 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: We are still -  
23 - that s yet to be determined, but it will be in  
24 Anchorage.

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26 MR. ROWLAND: I recommend St. Lawrence  
27 Island or Bethel.

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29 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I do have a question  
30 on the date. I thought the date was contingent on  
31 Deputy Secretary Hayes being available. Is that still  
32 a contingency or are we set on those dates?

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34 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: No, that is  
35 not. We waited and waited and pretty soon it s going  
36 to be the middle of May and then the Native partners  
37 aren't going to be able to attend because of the  
38 subsistence season. Since it s an election year, it s  
39 going to be even more difficult to hold it in the fall  
40 and may be pointless to hold it a year from now, so we  
41 had to choose a date. When I was in D.C., those are  
42 the dates that both Jerome Ford and Brad Bortner are  
43 available. We sent that out and didn t get as big of a  
44 response as I had hoped, so we set the date.

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46 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Joeneal, go ahead.

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48 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
49 would suggest -- well, let s see, a comment was made  
50 earlier that we tried to get as much of AMBCC members

1 together at the Technical and Invitational Committee.  
2 May I make a suggestion. Maybe May 6th we have those  
3 meetings prior the gathering if that s at all possible  
4 mainly because of funding. Rather than make two trips  
5 to Anchorage, we can piggy-back these committee  
6 meetings at the same time.

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8 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Crystal, go ahead.

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10 MS. LEONETTI: Thank you. I believe  
11 May 6th is a Sunday. May 9th, for everyone s  
12 information, is Federal Subsistence Board meeting and  
13 they'll be taking up their tribal consultation policy  
14 and adopting that on May 9th. I won't be able to be  
15 there, but I'm not critical. So May 9th might be a  
16 possibility for you.

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18 MR. HICKS: Well, I don't have a  
19 problem with it. Another comment that I wanted to make  
20 also was that please get out the notice for this  
21 particular meeting as soon as you can. My organization  
22 is really -- they want that notice now.

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24 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: That's why we  
25 decided to set the date because we're still waiting for  
26 David Hayes and we don't know if he's even going to be  
27 able to make it. We do need to get that notice out to  
28 as many people so that we can have maximum  
29 participation. Thanks, Joeneal.

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31 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I'm going to comment  
32 on Joeneal's comment and that is that we did talk about  
33 having a special meeting of the AMBCC would be  
34 different than the spring gathering, as I understand  
35 it, to take up these other two issues, those two  
36 proposals that we deferred. I'm wondering if we re  
37 just going to leave that and let it ride for now and  
38 focus on the spring gathering and then take it up later  
39 on. I'm seeing heads nod. I think you were asking the  
40 same question I ve got in my head right now, when are  
41 we going to take up action and try to consider those.

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43 MR. HICKS: My only comment was made in  
44 that regards. People are questioning funding. We  
45 don't have the funding. Why make two trips to  
46 Anchorage when we could probably kill one bird with two  
47 stones or one stone, however it goes.

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49 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Molly, go ahead.

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1 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
2 So May 7 and 8 still aren't set in stone yet?  
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4 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: Yes, they are.  
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6 MS. CHYTHLOOK: They are? Thanks.  
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8 MR. ROSENBERG: Mr. Chair. I m just  
9 trying to clarify if May 9th is rules out then to have  
10 the AMBCC meeting.  
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12 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Can we see a show of  
13 hands of who s available. So do we want to have an  
14 AMBCC meeting on the 9th following the summit.  
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16 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I ll be out of state,  
17 but I ll have an alternate come in and he ll be able to  
18 attend.  
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20 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: It seems to me a  
21 motion would be in order to actually schedule a  
22 meeting. Go ahead, Dan. You said you had a comment.  
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24 MR. ROSENBERG: Well, I just thought it  
25 might be worthwhile to have some of the people that are  
26 there on the 7th and 8th from Washington to be at the  
27 May 9th meeting if possible, if that s how we structure  
28 it.  
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30 MS. BROWN-SCHWALENBERG: That's all I  
31 have. I guess I wanted feedback. Is this the  
32 direction the Council is wanting to go or is there any  
33 other issues we need to be bringing up or anything else  
34 you d like to see, any burning issues.  
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36 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay, I don't see  
37 any. I think a motion is in order to schedule a  
38 meeting of the AMBCC for the 9th.  
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40 MR. HICKS: I so move.  
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42 MS. HEPA: Second.  
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44 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I have a motion and a  
45 second to have a one-day AMBCC meeting at this point to  
46 take up the two proposals that have been moved to that  
47 discussion forum and any other agenda items that might  
48 arise between now and then or result from the spring  
49 gathering.  
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1 I ll call the question. Is anyone  
2 opposed to having that meeting. That would be  
3 Wednesday, the 9th.

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5 (No opposing votes)

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7 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I see none. That s  
8 when we ll schedule our next meeting. Thank you,  
9 Patty. All right. We ll go back on the agenda. Item  
10 12B, which was formerly Item 12, which is an update on  
11 the fiscal 12 and 13 budgets. If you will go to Tab  
12 7 in your binder, the very back page of the letter --  
13 actually two letters. One letter dated February 3rd,  
14 2012 and on the back page of that letter dated May 8th,  
15 2012. There were two letters that were sent to Julie  
16 Kitka in response to the January meeting, the summit  
17 meeting, and then on the very back page of both of  
18 those letters is a budget for the fiscal 12, which is  
19 the current fiscal year budget. Monies that are set  
20 aside to conduct AMBCC business.

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22 Then I handed out during our work  
23 session a single page for what s called draft AMBCC  
24 approximate budget. That represents the budget that is  
25 available to conduct AMBCC business from the U.S. Fish  
26 and Wildlife Service and that s based on prior year  
27 budgets and we did discuss in more detail during the  
28 workshop, but one reason why the two numbers are  
29 different is because the 2012 budget does not reflect  
30 the cost of a contract that we funded from different  
31 monies for the State of Alaska harvest survey  
32 coordination contract. That was \$193,000 contract.

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34 So, in discussing this with my  
35 supervisor and the Regional Director and looking at the  
36 resources that have been made available to the AMBCC  
37 and have been traditionally used through my budget and  
38 through the budget that I receive from the Refuge s  
39 subactivity account, these are the funds that are  
40 available. They represent a 6% reduction in my budget  
41 that occurred in this fiscal year. So this budget is  
42 the budget that we would anticipate for having  
43 resources available to us come October 1st of this  
44 year, which would be fiscal '13 and then year in and  
45 year out after that.

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47 These are the current monies available,  
48 but we did talk about the appropriations bill that was  
49 passed for fiscal '12 that has in it language -- a word  
50 referred to or a word used is sequestration. That is a

1 budget balancing term for the intent of reducing the  
2 Federal deficit and reducing, I believe, over  
3 \$1 trillion out of the Federal budget. If the Congress  
4 and the President don't reach agreement, that  
5 appropriations bill will force automatic reductions in  
6 across the board agencies and their budgets from fiscal  
7 12, which could translate into over a 7% reduction in  
8 my budget. That would also translate into over a 7%  
9 reduction in the Refugees program budget, which are  
10 both of the programs that are funding the AMBCC.

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12 Right now the conventional wisdom is  
13 that the President's budget for 2013 is proposing a 1.3  
14 percent reduction. In my budget and for Refugees, I'm  
15 not quite sure what the proposal is for the Refugees  
16 budget, but for mine it would be a 1.3 percent  
17 reduction. That's exclusive of that sequestration  
18 strategy that would occur if the Congress and the  
19 Administration fail to reach agreement on a budget for  
20 fiscal 13.

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22 So it's not great, but it's not as bad  
23 as it could be given the economy, given the concerns  
24 that Congress has for balancing or at least attempting  
25 to reduce the deficit of the Federal budget. This is  
26 the level of funding that will be available barring any  
27 unforeseen reductions in the Federal appropriations for  
28 '13.

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30 I'll take any questions that you all  
31 might have. Molly, go ahead.

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33 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Our 2012 budget for  
34 grants to regions was 213,600. I notice for 2015 it's  
35 the same. There was a talk of reducing the face to  
36 face to one in 2013, but I see the two budgets are the  
37 same for both 12 and 13.

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39 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Right. And really I  
40 think what the \$213,600 reflects is the current level  
41 of funding that the regions received for two years in a  
42 row now. What I did at the request of the Council is  
43 to lump the monies that are available for discussion by  
44 the Council, they're in this discretionary category.  
45 So the Council now is going to need to decide on how  
46 best to allocate these funds.

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48 We have these funds that are listed  
49 here available for discretionary purposes. The  
50 \$213,000 that go to the grants, the 400,000 that had

1 been budgeted for the survey, involvement in the AFN  
2 convention and then the AMBCC support Staff position at  
3 31,000. All of those dollars add up to \$647,000.  
4 Those are the discretionary dollars that are on the  
5 table for discussion by the Council for allocation in  
6 fiscal 13 barring any -- like I mentioned earlier,  
7 barring any significant changes from the  
8 Administration. Joeneal.

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10 MR. HICKS: May I ask what the harvest  
11 survey or what areas are you planning or is being  
12 planned for the survey?

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14 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I guess I would ask  
15 Jim Fall to come forward. This year we all recall the  
16 discussion we had in the fall meeting of the harvest  
17 survey. The Service came back after the motion by the  
18 Council and agreed to fund the Northwest region, the  
19 Bering Strait region and next year I m not sure what is  
20 scheduled. It s certainly dependant on the funds  
21 availability what will actually be implemented.

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23 MR. FALL: Mr. Chairman. That s right.  
24 There is in your --not your black handout but the other  
25 one, this document that I believe Malla Kukkonen read  
26 into the record yesterday under 2012 data collection.  
27 Basically the schedule that s in the design has been  
28 suspended. That s no longer operative until the review  
29 of the current procedures starts and reaches some  
30 conclusions.

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32 Right now what's almost certain is that  
33 we will be doing St. Lawrence Island subregion again.  
34 That will be the only subregion within the Bering  
35 Straits/Norton Sound area that would be done. The  
36 other region that's up for discussion right now is the  
37 Northwest Arctic area and in the work session Enoch  
38 reported the progress on that and the interest that  
39 Maniilaq is developing in helping with conducting those  
40 surveys. That's still to be set up, but that's the  
41 most likely one other region that will be done. It's  
42 my understanding that the Y-K Delta will not be done  
43 this coming year. As far as next year, I think it's  
44 fair to say we don't know.

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46 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Jim. Any  
47 other questions on the budget.

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49 (No comments)

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1                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So what I propose, at  
2 the request of the Council that there be this  
3 discussion, this opportunity now to be involved in the  
4 allocation of these financial resources that the  
5 Council give some thought on how we would go about  
6 doing that. We could actually add it to the agenda on  
7 the 9th of May or we could continue to think about it  
8 and postpone it. At some point the Service is going to  
9 need to receive some allocation advice from the Council  
10 before we get to fiscal 13 so that we can begin to  
11 establish those contracts if it s contract work or  
12 allocate accordingly. Molly.

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14                   MS. CHYTHLOOK: I think -- and I ve  
15 brought this forward to Crystal to get our committees  
16 active again. By getting our committees active we  
17 wouldn't be -- the Councils wouldn't be sitting here  
18 trying to figure out our budget. As we sit here, we d  
19 have the budget committee do all that work for us and  
20 then come forward with their recommendation. So  
21 hopefully, if we re going to get our co-management  
22 bodies here working again, my suggestion would be to  
23 get our committees working and maybe have the budget  
24 committee hash this out and then bring it to this body.  
25 Thank you.

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27                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. Are you  
28 willing to make that a motion?

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30                   MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yes, I make that  
31 motion.

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33                   MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair. If I can make a  
34 comment here first before that.

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36                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Well, we need a  
37 second before we can actually discuss it.

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39                   MR. HICKS: Okay, I second.

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41                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a motion and  
42 a second to refer the draft AMBCC approximate budget  
43 table document to the budget ad hoc committee, which is  
44 comprised of Myron Naneng, Molly Chythlook and Joeneal  
45 Hicks. Now you have the floor, Joeneal.

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47                   MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
48 just wanted to make the comment, as I have complained  
49 in the past and I ve complained at this particular  
50 meeting is that our grants per our region specifically,

1 and I know every other region probably has the same  
2 particular problem as that, there needs to be an  
3 increase somehow, some way, in our budgets. I want to  
4 go on record as again reiterating that.

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6 I also want to make note, like I've  
7 said in the past and I'll say at this particular  
8 meeting, we have no data, we have no survey for our  
9 particular areas and yet we are constantly being  
10 disregarded for whatever reasons you may call it. I  
11 know that the Bristol Bay area are hard hit and that's  
12 probably why the money is earmarked for it, but still  
13 there needs to be some consideration given for the  
14 Copper River region where we can get some data and some  
15 surveys so that we can make some good decisions. Thank  
16 you.

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18 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Molly.

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20 MS. CHYTHLOOK: It's probably been  
21 about a year now that our Regional Director cancelled  
22 the survey program because of funding. Remember I had  
23 that proposal to hopefully continue in a lower scale  
24 the survey project so that the survey program wouldn't  
25 completely die out. That's why in a low scale there's  
26 one or two regions that have been picked to do the  
27 survey. I think this body should have the privilege of  
28 maybe choosing which region should be surveyed if this  
29 low-scale survey program continues so that we'll be  
30 able to have the survey communities picked ahead of  
31 time so that we would know what's going to happen year  
32 after year regarding surveys. Thank you.

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34 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Molly. I  
35 agree and there's a harvest limitations committee  
36 that's charged with helping make those management  
37 decisions. It seems to me that there would need to be  
38 coordination between the budget committee, the ad hoc  
39 committee, which we might also now consider to make  
40 that a standing committee. The budget committee needs  
41 to be able to coordinate with the harvest survey  
42 committee so that the harvest survey committee would  
43 then know what resources are going to be available to  
44 actually conduct a survey.

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46 So we have a motion and second on the  
47 table to charge the ad hoc budget committee with  
48 considering this budget table and making a  
49 recommendation back to the full body. Do I have any  
50 further discussion. Enoch.

1 MR. SHIEDT: I don't know if I'll  
2 (indiscernible - turned mic off). What I'm saying is  
3 every time we're going to have a meeting we have to  
4 call to Donna to buy our snacks. Why can't -- when we  
5 stay in a hotel, we have a meeting in a hotel. Let the  
6 hotel put the snacks as part of the bill of the  
7 meeting. Correct me if I m wrong.

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9 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I m going to correct  
10 you. It is against the law, it is against Federal law  
11 to spend Federal dollars on food without.....

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13 MR. SHIEDT: I m not saying  
14 (indiscernible).

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16 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Don't key your mic.  
17 I understand your point and it's a point well taken.  
18 It is a quirk in the Federal system that we are not  
19 able to do that.

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21 MR. SHIEDT: Okay. Correct me again.  
22 We always have a problem with our budget being short.  
23 I think what we need to direct Crystal, like the beluga  
24 committee, Congress will allocate for these groups to  
25 have funding year after year and we always have to  
26 depend on the Federal. I think maybe we should look  
27 elsewhere where we would be allocated from Congress to  
28 have our own money. Have a meeting as long as we want  
29 at no cost until up to that budget. I think that s  
30 what we need to do in the future.

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32 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Rick, go ahead, you  
33 have the floor.

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35 MR. ROWLAND: Along with the State of  
36 Alaska supporting the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-  
37 Management Council financially.

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39 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay, I'm ready to  
40 call the question that we ll refer this to the  
41 committee. Anyone opposed to referring this budget  
42 table to the committee for discussion and reporting out  
43 at the spring meeting or the May meeting.

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45 (No opposing votes)

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47 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I see none, so that s  
48 the action we ll take.

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50 We are now at Item 14 on the agenda,

1 review of the proposal process. I m going to ask did  
2 any Council members bring this up to Crystal when she  
3 was putting the agenda together that would like to  
4 address this.

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6 (No comments)

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8 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I ll ask Crystal to  
9 comment on it.

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11 MS. LEONETTI: I actually heard this  
12 from several of the Council members as I was calling  
13 when I initially started this detail. Generally people  
14 want to see more clear guidelines on how to work a  
15 proposal so that it s successful. I don't know if  
16 everybody got this handout. I drafted this. This is  
17 just a straw dog. It s not set in stone. It s for  
18 discussion purposes and it can be changed and my  
19 feelings aren't going to be hurt if you suggest some  
20 changes to it, but I ll go through it quickly and see  
21 where we want to go from there.

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23 To start, your region or the proponent  
24 for the proposal would ask the question does your  
25 proposal address one of the following: Regional season  
26 dates including closure periods, bird species, open or  
27 closed to harvest, methods and means of harvest or  
28 special season openings and closures. If the answer is  
29 no, then contact the AMBCC office and find out how to  
30 address your concern. So, in other words, is it a  
31 congressional change or where would you go next, what  
32 would you do next if it doesn't fit in the AMBCC  
33 process.

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35 If the answer is yes, you ask the next  
36 question. Do you need current year biological data to  
37 develop or support your proposal. If the answer is  
38 yes, then that data would be presented during the AMBCC  
39 fall meeting. You may, of course, start developing  
40 your proposal, but wait to further develop it until you  
41 have that information. If the answer is no, you can  
42 begin whenever part of the year. Developing your  
43 proposal, working with AMBCC staff and your regional  
44 representative. So it gives kind of a timeframe there,  
45 January through November, because the proposal --  
46 proposals are accepted from November 1st to December  
47 15th.

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49 I gave some recommended steps for the  
50 proponent or the region on writing an AMBCC proposal,

1 so you would draft the proposal using the proposal  
2 form, you d send it to your regional representative for  
3 review and edit and then revise it as necessary. Then  
4 you could coordinate with AMBCC Staff if you would like  
5 prior legal or biological review and then revise it as  
6 appropriate and finalize your proposal and provide to  
7 your regional representative and AMBCC by December  
8 15th.

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10 Donna is also handing out a nice  
11 timeline of the regulatory cycle when things are done  
12 and this timeline was created generously by Vince  
13 Mathews and I liked it. It was simple and made sense  
14 to me. You can see there when proposals are accepted  
15 and how that works.

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17 Doing this work ahead of time with  
18 Staff and your regional representative would help get  
19 proposals on the table that were acceptable by all. So  
20 just a straw dog to throw out there for discussion.

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22 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Crystal.  
23 Are there any questions of Crystal. I ll go to the  
24 Board first, Vince, before I call on you.

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26 (No comments)

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28 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay. Vince, I ll  
29 call you up to the table.

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31 MR MATHEWS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
32 A little background on me to understand what I m going  
33 to bring up. I was Staff to the Alaska Board of Game,  
34 Board of Fisheries and the Joint Board. I was also  
35 Staff to the Federal Subsistence Board. So the first  
36 thing I want to bring out, and I live in that world, is  
37 we think linear, subsistence thinks circular.

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39 So what I would request on this process  
40 is that there's no feedback to the original proposal.  
41 The person submitting the proposal, what happened with  
42 their proposal. That tends to get lost in the shuffle.  
43 What I hear from villages is literally all we know  
44 about the Boards is that they say no and that s not  
45 true. The Boards don't always say no. They may say no  
46 to that particular proposal or idea, but they support  
47 portions of it. So there needs to be a feedback loop  
48 to the proposer and you kind of need to put that in  
49 policy because your leadership will change or bylaws.

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1                   When you feed that back, and that s  
2 what I'm trying to work on now with the Federal Board  
3 and I haven't succeeded yet, is the feedback has to be  
4 more than yes or no, fail or adopt. It has to be why  
5 it did that and that s a very controversial area. We  
6 have to remember, if I understand the proposals, and  
7 that s something you have to discuss, proposals in my  
8 opinion are addressing a problem or a change. So if  
9 you re looking at that, there s a timing factor in that  
10 and I ll cover that a little bit later. If that is  
11 true what you see proposals doing, then that influences  
12 your process. So, with that, there needs to be a  
13 circle loop back and some possible requirement that  
14 that happen.

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16                   Okay. You noticed at the work session  
17 I think I asked was all of the subparts A, B and C, I  
18 don't know how many parts you had, but I know you had  
19 up to C, were open for comment. The response was yes.  
20 Then box number 1 has to change because box number 1  
21 only deals with a portion of those three subparts.  
22 Does that make sense?

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24                   If it's not -- I'm not saying it has to  
25 be open, but it has to be clear to the public what they  
26 can submit proposals to change or that they have  
27 problems with. Then you go down to your second box. I  
28 think you want to say do you need current  
29 biological/harvest data. I work for an agency that is  
30 very biologically driven and that's fine. There s  
31 that. But there's also harvest data or harvest use  
32 that may need to be incorporated.

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34                   Now I m going to ask you a tough  
35 question back to my original thing. If a proposal is  
36 to address a problem, then why is it the burden of the  
37 proposer to see if they need additional data? They're  
38 flagging a problem. They're signaling it to you and  
39 the managers to address. I'm not sure that should be a  
40 check-off point. Again, I've only been involved with  
41 your process for two years. I look at proposals as  
42 problem solving. So that's something you have to look  
43 at to see.

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45                   What that does is it may put up a  
46 roadblock for those submitting proposals. I don't know  
47 that data. I don't understand the biology. I just  
48 know I've got to hunt birds and then they say do I need  
49 more biological data. Well, I don't know. I mean I  
50 see a lot of birds, I don't see a lot of birds,

1 whatever. So I'm looking at it from that perspective.

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3                   Finally, on the box to your right, the  
4 one with the square blue around it, I know it's a  
5 draft, so I apologize for pointing it out, but I don't  
6 see anywhere where it goes back to the regional body.  
7 That's another thing that's a little pet peeve for me  
8 sitting in the crowd. I've heard three titles for each  
9 of those regional groups. Management body,  
10 conservation committees and I can't remember the third  
11 one. If I'm here as a staffer for 40 hours a week  
12 working on it and I can't track it, maybe I'm not swift  
13 enough, but I think our public can't track that either.

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16                   So that may be something you'll want  
17 to consider later, what is your official title of your  
18 regional group. I'm not saying change your name of  
19 Bristol Bay or whatever. I'm saying that latter part  
20 so it's clear in the record on that.

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22                   Anyway, so those are the things.  
23 Hopefully that will help on that. I was speaking on  
24 that on my background. I have not cleared this with  
25 any of my supervisors or whatever, but they've kind of  
26 empowered me to look at things from a different  
27 perspective. I would encourage -- since now I'm  
28 putting back on my uniform, per se -- encourage that  
29 this process be shared with other programs that are  
30 involved with this, in particular refuges, because they  
31 are the front line.

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33                   For example, Steve Guinness came to me  
34 to assist with writing that proposal. Because I'm  
35 present there, I know him and et cetera. So refuges  
36 would need to have input on this enough so they would  
37 understand when someone comes in -- and I'm very proud  
38 that Huslia did respond to the tribal consultation and  
39 I will let the refuge manager know that. So that when  
40 they come to that refuge staff they might have some  
41 basic information to be assisting them into the process  
42 because it is difficult for communities to go beyond  
43 their local contact to go to a larger government  
44 office. It's sometimes viewed as they're being shuffled  
45 around.

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47                   So we need to not have maybe at the  
48 lowest level they have 100% of the information but  
49 enough to give them direction and track it. That's  
50 part of my job is to track it with them. If he came in

1 with an idea, went to the next level and was confused,  
2 then I'd encourage him to come back to me and then  
3 maybe I could clarify that or get key people involved.  
4 The product is what you're looking at. You want the  
5 best product in front of you so you can act the most  
6 efficiently. That's what's driving this and the public  
7 needs to know.

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9 So that's it. Any questions.

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11 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you for your  
12 observation. Any questions for Vince. You have a  
13 comment.

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15 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I think -- and I  
16 appreciate your knowledge and all your work that you've  
17 done. I think what needs to happen and this is going  
18 to be my recommendation is maybe to work with Crystal  
19 to fix -- well, you know, make suggestions on this  
20 because just from your comments and your steps as you  
21 went through these boxes made it a little bit more  
22 clear, so that's going to be my suggestion is maybe  
23 work with Crystal to clarify this.

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25 MR. MATHEWS: Yes, I have a good  
26 working relationship with Crystal and hope that that --  
27 we will do that. I was going to do it and I did ask  
28 her to be able to come up here to talk because of that  
29 goes on in the background, so I wanted to get that out  
30 in the open so you could see that. Not that we'd hide  
31 anything. It's just that it makes it easier maybe to  
32 get it out in the open so you can start thinking about  
33 it. Think about from your experience what you need to  
34 know to make it work, then let us know that so we can  
35 put the boxes in there or the lines or whatever,  
36 otherwise it doesn't work as well.

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38 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Crystal, you have the  
39 phone. The phone. I'm tired.

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41 MS. LEONETTI: Can I call a friend?

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43 (Laughter)

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45 MS. LEONETTI: Also I wanted to bring  
46 up one thing, is that, you know, when we put this  
47 together, when I worked with you, Vince, and I wrote  
48 down all the notes that you brought up, so I think I  
49 can incorporate everything and then get back to you and  
50 see if it works. This would just be a suggested



1 process. It's not necessarily what people have to do  
2 because they could simply submit a proposal during that  
3 period of time that proposals are accepted. This is a  
4 suggested process to ensure better future success of  
5 proposals. So maybe I need to clarify that on the  
6 title or something. So I just wanted to point that  
7 out.

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9 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Taqulik, you have the  
10 floor.

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12 MS. HEPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Then  
13 the only thing I'd add too is just to encourage Staff  
14 or for us to utilize Staff to review proposals to make  
15 sure that they're complete. We do that with the Board  
16 of Game and other avenues as well.

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18 MR. ROSENBERG: I was just going to  
19 make another suggestion because I think this came up a  
20 couple of times. That is to somehow encourage or find  
21 a mechanism where it would be easy for people to  
22 identify whether this proposal has been or a similar  
23 proposal has been proposed in the past. This came up  
24 like with Rick's proposal, for instance, in Kodiak. I  
25 mean that proposal had been submitted -- and the Delta  
26 Junction proposal, of course, had been submitted before  
27 in the past. It probably would have been helpful to  
28 the proposer to realize that and I don't know if they  
29 did or did not, but in all cases it would be helpful if  
30 they could somehow have an avenue to identify if this  
31 proposal has been reviewed recently or historically by  
32 the AMBCC and, if so, what was the decision and why so  
33 that they could address new information without going  
34 through this feedback process before they found that  
35 out.

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37 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Todd, do you have a  
38 comment. Do you want to come to the table.

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40 MR. SFORMO: Todd from North Slope  
41 Borough.

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43 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Say your last name,  
44 please.

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46 MR. SFORMO: Sformo. Sorry. I was  
47 just wondering though when you look at that first box  
48 would -- if you look at Proposal No. 5 that we went  
49 through, would that get a no? I'm just curious. If it  
50 does, then it seems as though -- I mean everyone

1 acknowledged the importance of this proposal and, in  
2 fact, wanted to make not a separate committee but  
3 everyone involved in furthering this. So if this goes  
4 to a no, that almost seems like it excludes AMBCC from  
5 some of these really important proposals. So it was  
6 just an observation.

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8 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Crystal, go ahead.

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10 MS. LEONETTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
11 That s a good point, Todd. Thank you for bringing that  
12 up. It was a note that I wrote down from Vince s  
13 presentation about expanding the questions in that box  
14 to include everything in the Treaty Act that proposals  
15 can be submitted on, so that would be something we d  
16 look into as well. Thank you.

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18 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Eric, you have your  
19 hand raised. Please come to the table.

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21 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
22 Eric Taylor with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I  
23 first want to thank Crystal for putting this together.  
24 I think it's a great draft. My only clarification to  
25 offer in terms of a proposer or an author needing  
26 biological data, they do not have to wait until that  
27 fall meeting, for example. They are more than welcome  
28 to call my office at any time and say, you know, what s  
29 the current population abundance or trend for a suite  
30 of species or the species itself. Anyway, that's it.

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32 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Eric. Any  
33 other comments. Rick, you had your hand raised. Go  
34 ahead.

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36 MR. ROWLAND: Rick Rowland. I  
37 appreciate the draft proposal and open to comments. I  
38 think it s a lengthy process. If we look at it on a  
39 document level, it s probably the sixth document down  
40 from the U.S. Constitution. So you have to go through  
41 the Constitution and the treaties and the acts and the  
42 regulations and on down to the proposals to come to a  
43 committee that has difficulty making decisions to  
44 communicate about all of the stuff that's related to  
45 both sides of the proposal. Mainly probably because of  
46 lack of interpretation of both sides. We don't  
47 understand your side, you don't understand our side.

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49 There also is the other avenue that  
50 each tribe is available to bypass this process if they

1 so choose. And then also the process that is in this  
2 draft does not address how this will create more of a  
3 specified classification of process that the individual  
4 proposer has to go through and may, in fact, create  
5 more of a hurdle to arriving at a solution to a problem  
6 that s existing.

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8 So before you put something in  
9 documentation about a process and quickly adopt it, it  
10 should be well discussed for quite a period of time.  
11 The reason why I m saying this is because someone at  
12 home now is passing away. One of the elders. We have  
13 this process that we have to deal with for doing  
14 appropriate legal things in this society. Someone in  
15 his family is interested in some type of food for his  
16 celebration in the event when he does pass away. In  
17 order to obtain that food, we would have to go through  
18 a proposal process that would take over a year to be  
19 allowable, but in fact we have always done it. So the  
20 simple solution for the people who are frustrated with  
21 this process just go do what we have always been doing.

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23 So instead of adding more  
24 classification, prioritization and the list of stuff  
25 that we have to follow, I think it should be discussed  
26 for a period.

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28 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Very well said. I  
29 have a similar concern and that is that the discussion  
30 we had earlier today and the discussion we had  
31 yesterday is evident to me that the process is painful.  
32 We come to the full Council meeting and the agencies  
33 have a perspective that they present, the regional  
34 representatives have their perspective and the Caucus  
35 has its perspective if there s any disagreement. So  
36 there are many iterations needed to have consensus  
37 developed around any proposed change to the existing  
38 regulations. That is a very complicated and,  
39 personally, for me, an unsatisfying -- dissatisfying  
40 process.

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42 It seems to me we need to give some  
43 thought to the communication aspect of this so that we  
44 don't come to a Board meeting having not had the  
45 benefit of having the dialogue between the proposer and  
46 those that are going to be expected to give a vote up  
47 or down on a proposal. It seems to me that there needs  
48 to be some process for an exchange of ideas and  
49 helpful, constructive dialogues so that if a proposal  
50 is not acceptable for the reasons that we stated, there

1 might be an opportunity to have those discussions so  
2 that when we ultimately come to the table we can all be  
3 in support for it.

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5 I don't know if we can get there. I  
6 think this is a graphic example of the process, but to  
7 me it doesn't resolve the issue of the need to have  
8 more dialogue about that. So some way I think we need  
9 to address that issue and I think that s consistent  
10 with what I think I hear you saying, Rick, that this is  
11 not going to solve the problem as you see it.

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13 MS. HEPA: Isn't that what the  
14 Technical Committee does?

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16 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: The Technical  
17 Committee looks at the proposal from a technical and  
18 biological perspective and advises the Council on  
19 whether or not there are any issues associated with it,  
20 but the Technical Committee, as I understand it,  
21 doesn't advise the Board how to vote on that, but I  
22 think it could include a review of some of the legality  
23 of as well. What I see missing in the whole process is  
24 this opportunity to have the exchange of ideas and,  
25 again, a constructive dialogue about the proposal.

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27 What I find dissatisfying about the  
28 current process is that by December 15th we all know  
29 that s the holiday season, people are on holiday, on  
30 vacation, and just getting these compiled, photocopied  
31 and redistributed takes until the first of the new year  
32 each year and then that allows just a couple of months  
33 to have Staff review, Technical Committee convene and  
34 review, reports written, any observations that come out  
35 of that process, needing to have then the dialogue with  
36 the proposer. All of this worked through and try to  
37 reach any kind of an agreement before the spring  
38 meeting is really a monumental task. I m just not  
39 satisfied with the way it s worked in the past and the  
40 way it continues to work. I think the emotions that  
41 were expressed here today provide evidence that that  
42 system and this process is not working well.

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44 I am going to take this opportunity to  
45 tell you that I was not happy in that discussion  
46 either. I have to carry my stoic outlook and be  
47 objective as a Federal representative, but I do have  
48 emotions about those sorts of issues and they are not  
49 satisfying to me. The decisions that we have to make  
50 sometimes are not satisfying.

1                   So I would like to see some thought  
2 given beyond a flow chart to our process and to see if  
3 there are ways we can improve it. I really think that  
4 we need to improve the way that we re handling these  
5 proposals today. So I'm just going to leave it at that  
6 and I will stand down. Rick, you have your hand up.

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8                   MR. ROWLAND: That just reminded me of  
9 the importance of what it is we re doing here is  
10 because this is a food source. We re dealing with a  
11 food source that flies around. So we only get part  
12 time of that group of birds that are flying around in  
13 our area. I recently saw this here at an environmental  
14 conference. Somebody was talking about the population  
15 of the planet and it s soon to be 7.9 billion. On that  
16 same graph they mentioned that there s only so many  
17 resources available for the population on the planet  
18 and that amount available crossed over in 1983. So the  
19 agricultural and cultivative production of foods in the  
20 world is not sufficient to meet what is going on now.

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22                   So we're experiencing that in the rural  
23 communities. We've got a price of gas that's -- what  
24 were they saying, 20 bucks a gallon. It's being flown  
25 in. So this is a food source. We don't have tomatoes  
26 or lettuce that comes in. That s their food. And that  
27 crossed over in '83. So the ability to be more  
28 expedient and efficient in producing something that s  
29 sensible and usable on the grounds as quickly as  
30 possible is the prudent thing to do. So in moving  
31 forward with things like this when we start talking  
32 about parts of it, that would probably be appreciated  
33 by the people that are out there making these decisions  
34 daily.

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36                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. Are there  
37 any other comments, thoughts about this.

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39                   (No comments)

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41                   CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Right now we have no  
42 action on the table. This was a report presented as a  
43 draft. I would entertain a motion by the Council if  
44 the Council is inclined to move and make an action.  
45 Molly, you have the floor.

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47                   MS. CHYTHLOOK: Earlier I made a  
48 recommendation that the Executive Director and Vince  
49 work on this draft. I guess my motion would kind of  
50 reflect that.

1 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So we have a motion.  
2 I m sorry. Did we have a motion on the floor?  
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4 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yes.  
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6 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Okay. We did have a  
7 motion. It s been so long ago I forgot.  
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9 MS. CHYTHLOOK: No, no, no.  
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11 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Oh, you just now made  
12 the motion. All right. I apologize. So we have a  
13 motion to delegate this task to the Executive Director  
14 to work with Vince and to refine this flow chart and  
15 make recommendations to the full Council. Are you  
16 going to ask that they do that for the May meeting or  
17 give them more time?  
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19 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah.  
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21 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: For the May meeting?  
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23 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, for the May  
24 meeting.  
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26 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So we have a motion.  
27 Do we have a second.  
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29 MR. SHIEDT: I ll second.  
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31 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Enoch, you have  
32 seconded it. Any discussion.  
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34 (No comments)  
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36 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Seems like we ve  
37 already discussed it. I ll call for the question.  
38 Anyone opposed to the motion as stated.  
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40 (No opposing votes)  
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42 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: All right. We ve  
43 asked the Executive Director and Vince Mathews to work  
44 on this and report back at the May meeting of Council.  
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46 Item 15 is a Federal Subsistence  
47 Regional Advisory Council meetings and regional  
48 Migratory Bird Council meetings. Is this your agendum,  
49 Crystal?  
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1 MS. LEONETTI: Yes.

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3 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I ll ask you to  
4 address it.

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6 MS. LEONETTI: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
7 attended the Kodiak/Aleutians Regional Advisory Council  
8 meeting. The Regional Advisory Councils are a regional  
9 body for Federal subsistence management process. They  
10 had specific questions about Emperor Geese and about  
11 AMBCC regulations and processes. Eric Taylor  
12 generously provided a PowerPoint presentation to them  
13 ahead of time in hard copy and then I just sort of went  
14 through very briefly some of that information.

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16 I was also reflecting as I was  
17 attending that Regional Advisory Council meeting that  
18 the Bristol Bay migratory bird regional body meets on  
19 purpose the day before that area s Regional Advisory  
20 Council meeting, so they collaborate well together on  
21 the overlap of their meetings. Any migratory bird  
22 issues that come up at the RAC meeting can be discussed  
23 with representatives from their migratory bird council  
24 and vice versa.

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26 So it was a good collaboration. We had  
27 Fish and Wildlife Service representatives that could  
28 attend both. The information presented would not be  
29 duplicated and it was more efficient that way. So I  
30 wanted to let the other regions know that that's an  
31 opportunity that you have.

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33 Rick, for your information, if Peter  
34 was here, the Kodiak/Aleutians RAC mentioned at their  
35 meeting that they d like to invite both of you to their  
36 next meeting, which will be in the fall in Sand point.  
37 So I wanted to give you a heads up about that. It  
38 might be something to consider to hold those meetings  
39 near each other so there isn't a duplication of  
40 efforts.

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42 I don't think there s an action item.  
43 I just wanted to make everyone aware of that.

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45 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you for that  
46 helpful suggestion. Any questions. Comment, Dan. Go  
47 ahead.

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49 MR. ROSENBERG: Crystal, I don't know  
50 what Eric s schedule is like in terms of meeting all

1 these -- in getting to all these meetings, but if he  
2 needs help from us, we can try to fill in the void or  
3 attend some of those too and provide some of that  
4 information.

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6 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. Seeing no  
7 other hands raised, let s move down to Item 16, Council  
8 member training/work session usefulness. Is this your  
9 issue as well, Crystal? Oh, Molly.

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11 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, this is the  
12 suggestion I made to Crystal when she came on board. I  
13 think it s so important. I ve been with AMBCC since  
14 2006 and when I first came on I had no clue and I feel  
15 for Joel. He was at a work session, but we just went  
16 through our agenda and there was really no  
17 informational training regarding how AMBCC board  
18 process works.

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20 In order for each one of us to be  
21 productive sitting here, I think it s really crucial to  
22 take the first half of the work session to be a  
23 training session for the board. So that s why I wanted  
24 to bring this suggestion up again for this board. I do  
25 appreciate the work session. It s where we hash out  
26 our agenda items so that when we meet as a board we  
27 won t spend so much time hashing out each agenda item  
28 because we ve done that during the work session.

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30 Again, I want to punctuate the need for  
31 Council member training and the importance of it.  
32 Again, we'll just be sitting ducks not really knowing  
33 what's happening if we don't have the training. Thank  
34 you.

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36 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: So are you going to  
37 make that.....

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39 MS. CHYTHLOOK: That s just  
40 informational and I d like to make a motion to include  
41 Council member training prior to the work session.

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43 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a motion to  
44 add that to the work session agenda. It s typically  
45 scheduled 1:00 to 5:00. Would you say make it during  
46 the morning session?

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48 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I think the  
49 training session should be the morning session and then  
50 followed by a work session in the afternoon.



1 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a motion. Do  
2 we have a second.

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4 MR. SHIEDT: I'll second it because I'm  
5 going to be replaced pretty quick.

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7 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: A motion and second.  
8 Discussion. Taqulik.

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10 MS. HEPA: I agree with the concept  
11 and, two, I think that that opportunity would be --  
12 maybe we could call it orientation open to all board  
13 members who are interested in attending.

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15 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. The  
16 question has been called for. Anyone opposed to the  
17 motion as stated.

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19 (No opposing votes)

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21 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: The motion carries.  
22 We will add that training and orientation session to  
23 the morning session of the regularly scheduled work  
24 sessions that occur prior to every scheduled AMBCC  
25 meeting. The one exception to that is going to be this  
26 May meeting when we'll be having the spring gathering.

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28 All right. We are down to Item 17, an  
29 invitation for public comment. You're probably  
30 exhausted. Does anybody in the audience feel like  
31 saying anything to the Council before we adjourn? The  
32 Executive Director has raised her hand.

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34 MS. LEONETTI: I just want to say thank  
35 you to everybody for coming and making this a  
36 productive meeting. I want to acknowledge and validate  
37 everyone's emotions on Proposal No. 5 today. I left  
38 yesterday feeling really good about the way the Council  
39 was moving forward and being collaborative and I really  
40 just looked forward to making this -- at least during  
41 my next few months making it as collaborative as we can  
42 with as much communication as we can and making this a  
43 meaningful process for the people whose lives it  
44 affects the most. It's been my honor to work with all  
45 of you and look forward to seeing you over the next few  
46 months. Thank you. I'm hungry.

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48 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you. Are there  
49 any other comments from the -- Joel. We're going to  
50 get to Council comments. I don't see any hands, so I'm

1 going to go ahead and go on into Council member  
2 comments.

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4 MR. SACCHEUS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
5 This training session would really help. The way I  
6 come here to this meeting is I was a secretary at their  
7 regional meeting up there. And the president and vice  
8 president at the meeting and I end up running the  
9 meeting there in Nome two times. When we had the  
10 election, they elected me to come here. This is the  
11 first time I m a president of something.

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13 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you for your  
14 patience.

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16 MR. ANDREW: Many more to come.

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18 MR. SACCHEUS: This thing about the  
19 Loon thing is pretty interesting for St. Lawrence  
20 Island that s coming up. I hope to be better prepared  
21 the next time we have the meeting. That s all. Thank  
22 you.

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24 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Joel. We  
25 do welcome you and we thank you for your patience to  
26 work through this with us. Any other comments from the  
27 Council before we move to Committee appointments and  
28 assignments.

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30 I would just like to take the  
31 opportunity to thank you all and I thought that this  
32 was a good dialogue and I think we're making positive  
33 steps forward and I think the work we've done here and  
34 the work that will occur later in May and in the future  
35 will move this Council forward to a better place.  
36 Molly.

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38 MS. CHYTHLOOK: And I want to thank  
39 Geoff Haskett for giving us or having Crystal on board  
40 to help us along. I hate to lose her. When we were  
41 having our regional meeting in Naknek with our  
42 migratory bird representatives, I told them that she  
43 was going to be in for two years and she corrected me  
44 for two months. So I want to just personally thank  
45 Crystal for helping us this far. Thank you.

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47 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Go ahead, Dan.

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49 MR. ROSENBERG: Yes. As you know, I  
50 was filling in for Dale Rabe today or the last few

1 days, so I want to thank you all for your patience.  
2 Dale wasn't here because he broke his ankle and had to  
3 have surgery. Had I known in advance how this morning  
4 was going to go I might have broken my ankle.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MR. ROSENBERG: Anyway, I appreciate  
9 everybody's patience and I do acknowledge all the  
10 emotions and all the frustrations that have gone on and  
11 I certainly understand every one of them. I just want  
12 you to know that I recognize all that and I'm not  
13 sitting through this cold-heartedly. Thank you very  
14 much.

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16 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Dan. Any  
17 other closing thoughts before we go to committee  
18 assignments. Enoch.

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20 MR. SHIEDT: Yeah, it's a pleasure  
21 working with all you people, whether good or bad, but  
22 it's all -- the whole idea is we try to get what we  
23 need to do for the preserving of our migratory birds.  
24 I mean I enjoy it. But I'll tell you one thing, my  
25 bottle of aspirin is now empty.

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27 (Laughter)

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29 MR. SHIEDT: So I'm retiring.  
30 Basically, back to what I said earlier, I would love to  
31 see this migratory bird working group find a way to get  
32 funding outside the Federal because this is such an  
33 important thing and if we keep getting cut on funding,  
34 it's going to eventually -- we're not going to -- the  
35 future is not going to finish fight what we're trying  
36 to do to preserve our culture and I love doing that. I  
37 would say -- and back to Donna. We need to work it in  
38 somewhere where maybe I could get extra per diem,  
39 unnamed person, and I could cash the check and give it  
40 to Donna. I thank you, Donna, for whatever you bring  
41 here. I hope we help you a little bit with whatever  
42 money you spent.

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44 On our Native Caucus I would love to  
45 see like the representatives from the AFN like Carol to  
46 sit in with us whether she's not -- you know, because  
47 she's here on our behalf and I would love to see it in  
48 the future when we Native Caucus that they sit in.  
49 Thank you.

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1 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Enoch.  
2 And thank you for your service. You have been on this  
3 board I think as a charter member, were you not?

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5 MR. SHIEDT: Uh-huh.  
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7 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Yeah. So thank you  
8 for the decade of dedication. It took a lot of  
9 patience. I d like to give him a hand for his work.

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11 (Applause)  
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13 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Rick, go ahead. You  
14 have the floor.

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16 MR. ROWLAND: As we're thinking about  
17 closing thoughts, I wanted to say that I appreciate the  
18 effort of the individual village representatives that  
19 sit and communicate to all these individuals that come  
20 up here and try to relay their message. Sometimes the  
21 message isn't relayed, but the stuff that is spoke in  
22 these meetings here goes back to those people in the  
23 villages and through the communication quite possibly  
24 solutions will arise.

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26 I d reflect on a Regional Advisory  
27 Council meeting that I went to and then on to a Federal  
28 Subsistence Board meeting. In the Federal Subsistence  
29 Board meeting, Tim Towarak mentioned that Secretary of  
30 Interior Salazar has made the statement that the  
31 Federal Subsistence Board needs to fix subsistence in  
32 Alaska. That held a special spot in my heart when I  
33 heard it because I know that we re at a time in history  
34 where it s taken quite a few years, a couple hundred  
35 years to get us here. With the thought of moving  
36 towards fixing something, it isn't going to happen  
37 overnight and it s not going to be easy. With the  
38 continued course of fixing it and communicating back  
39 and forth, eventually maybe we ll arrive at a spot to  
40 where we re agreeing on what should happen in relation  
41 to the foods that are for the table. So thank you.

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43 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Thank you, Rick. We  
44 do have committee assignments on Agendum 18. If you ll  
45 go to the back of Tab 8. I ll give you a moment to  
46 review that. The Native Caucus has reviewed that and I  
47 believe has a number of names. Are you going to read  
48 those names for us, Molly, on that list.

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50 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I'm going to have

1 Taqulik read those names, the ones that were deleted  
2 and the ones that were added.

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4 MS. HEPA: Thank you, Molly, Mr. Chair.  
5 Committee appointments and assignments from the Native  
6 Caucus. For the Technical Committee we d like to  
7 remove Robert Suydam and Enoch Shiedt and add Randy  
8 Mayo, Myron and Todd Sformo.

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10 For the Subcommittee for Emperor Goose  
11 Management, remove Carol Brown and add Tim Andrew.

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13 Harvest Survey and Harvest Limitations  
14 Committee, remove Enoch and Carol Brown. We ll add Tim  
15 Andrew and Rose from Kawerak.

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17 For Long Term Goals and Objectives,  
18 remove Sandy Tahbone and add Rose and Rick Rowland.

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20 For Law Enforcement, remove Enoch and  
21 add Tim Andrew.

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23 For the Budget Ad Hoc, we ll add Mr.  
24 Michael Peterson. That s the changes that we have from  
25 the Native Caucus group.

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27 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Crystal, go ahead.

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29 MS. LEONETTI: I think during the  
30 course of business we also  
31 added a new committee on consultation. Do we want to  
32 ask for volunteers?

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34 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: That would be in  
35 order.

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37 MR. ROSENBERG: State the purpose of it  
38 again just so everybody knows what it is.

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40 MS. LEONETTI: The purpose of the  
41 Consultation Committee would be to determine how AMBCC  
42 would like to incorporate the Federal government s  
43 requirement to consult with Federally recognized tribes  
44 and ANCSA corporations.

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46 MR. MAYO: I ll volunteer.

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48 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I ll also volunteer  
49 since that is a Federal mandate. I ll volunteer to be  
50 on that committee.

1 MR. ROWLAND: I ll volunteer also.  
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3 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: I have a comment on  
4 the Technical Committee. I m sorry, I ll retract that.  
5 Molly.  
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7 MS. CHYTHLOOK: I guess I'll volunteer  
8 for the consultations unless Taq wants to be on there.  
9 We need some women in there.  
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11 MR. ROSENBERG: Do we need a State  
12 representative on there?  
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14 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: For Federal  
15 consultation? It would be up to you all.  
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17 MR. ROSENBERG: Oh, it s Federal  
18 consultation. We re not getting into State.  
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20 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Correct. It would be  
21 up to you all. Molly, you have your hand raised.  
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23 MS. CHYTHLOOK: Yeah, I guess I need a  
24 -- the Invitation, what was on the Invitation? It  
25 seemed like we just added that Tim Andrew to that  
26 Invitation or did we just leave that alone?  
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28 MS. HEPA: It was good. No changes.  
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30 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: All right. U.S. Fish  
31 and Wildlife Service doesn't have any changes to offer.  
32 Does the State?  
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34 MR. ROSENBERG: No, the State has no  
35 changes to offer.  
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37 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: Well, we're completed  
38 with that agenda item. The next agenda item is date  
39 and place of next meeting and we ve already set that.  
40 Not the place, but the date will be May 9th.  
41 Presumably it will be in Anchorage because it s going  
42 to be in association with the spring gathering and the  
43 location will be announced when we do have a venue.  
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45 If there are no other issues that the  
46 board wants to discuss, a motion to adjourn is in  
47 order.  
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49 MS. HEPA: So moved.  
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1 MR. SHIEDT: So moved.  
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3 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We have a motion to  
4 adjourn. Anyone opposed stand up.  
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6 (No opposing votes)  
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8 CHAIRMAN ALCORN: We are adjourned.  
9 Thank you.  
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11 (Off record)  
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13 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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