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9 Dr. TOM ALBERT CONFERENCE HALL  
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16 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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18 Brower Frantz, Chair  
19 Wanda Kippi  
20 Esther Hugo  
21 Quincy Adams  
22 Peter Williams

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26 Regional Council Coordinator, Gisela Chapa  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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(On record)

MS. CHAPA: Hi. Good morning, everyone. This is day two of the North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meeting. If people can go ahead and take their seats, we just need a couple of minutes to get settled, and we'll start shortly.

Hi. Good morning, everyone. This is Gisela Chapa. I am the Council Coordinator for the North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Council, and while we're getting settled, I'll just go over a couple of announcements. For those on the phone, you will find the agenda in the meeting materials online on the Federal Subsistence Program website and the address to visit is [www.doi.gov/subsistence](http://www.doi.gov/subsistence). Under regions, choose the North Slope tab and then meeting materials. We have sign-in sheets for those attending in person. There's a sign-in sheet at the back of the room. If you could please sign your name, we'd appreciate it. There are also blue testifier forms also for those attending in person in the back of the room. So, if you would like to provide a comment or share any information, please fill one out and hand it over to me. I'll make sure that; it helps us keep track of anybody who would like to speak regarding a specific agenda item. For those online, please raise your hand to get a turn to speak and for those on the phone, please press star five to raise your hand and star six to unmute yourself. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right; good morning everybody. All right. Time is 9:10 am, we can get started. 9:10 am on the second day of the North Slope Regional Advisory Council meeting in Utqiagvik out here at NARL. At the Albert Conference Hall here. Doctor Albert Conference Hall. All right. Fairly eventful evening and morning, so a little tired this morning. All right, where are we? So, can I have a roll call to establish quorum before we get started?

MS. CHAPA: Absolutely. Peter Williams.

MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning. Here. Good morning.

MS. CHAPA: Brower Frantz.

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CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Frantz. Here.

MS. CHAPA: Esther Hugo.

MS. HUGO: Here.

MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Esther. Quincy Adams.

MR. ADAMS: Here.

MS. CHAPA: Martha Itta, Steve Oomittuk, and Wanda Kippi.

MS. KIPPI: Good morning. Present. Good morning, Esther.

MS. CHAPA: Thank you. We have a quorum, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you. All right. Sounds like we can finish up the day if we have any more action items that are unresolved. All right. I guess we'll jump right into public comments or tribal comments if anybody on the floor or online has any public comments or tribal comments. Now's the time. So, I'll leave the floor open for a few minutes to see if anybody shows up for this.

All right. It sounds like our folks that have public comments and tribal comments are away for a bit, so we'll give them an opportunity if they call in or stop by throughout the meeting, and we'll check back by the time we get to the end of the agenda. All right. Are we on other business now? So, the 805(c) report Gisela.

MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair and members of the Council. For the record, my name is Gisela Chapa, Council Coordinator with OSM. And I'm going to present you with a brief summary of the Federal Subsistence Board's 2024 805(c) Report to the Council. This report provides the action taken by the Board and proposals affecting residents of the North Slope region. So, this is just an opportunity to bring to your attention the Board's action in a document form and the materials in the agenda can be found in your supplemental packet on page 38, and this is not an action item. So, the supplemental packet is the one that's not bound and

1 is stapled. Specifically in regard to the North Slope  
2 region, the Board adopted Wildlife Proposal 24-27, which  
3 changed the federal muskox permit system in Units 22 and  
4 23 from a federal registration to a federal drawing  
5 permit, standardized the language in all eight  
6 delegation of authority letters to the BLM and NPS, and  
7 changed the in-season manager for the muskox Hunt in  
8 Unit 23, south of Kotzebue Sound and west of and  
9 including the Buckland River drainage from the Western  
10 Arctic National Parklands Superintendent to the BLM  
11 Anchorage Field Office Manager.

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13 The Board adopted wildlife proposals.  
14 Proposal 24-26 closing to all sheep hunting on federal  
15 public lands in Unit 24A and 26B West of the Sag River,  
16 to all users for the 2024-2026 Wildlife Regulatory  
17 Cycle. The Board maintained the status quo on Wildlife  
18 Closure Review 24-31, which reviewed the closure to  
19 moose hunting except for residents of Kaktovik in Unit  
20 26B remainder and 26C. The Board adopted, with  
21 modification, Wildlife Proposal 24-28/29, which reduced  
22 the caribou harvest limit to 15 caribou per year, only  
23 one of which may be a cow, across the range of the  
24 Western Arctic Caribou Herd, and excluded the eastern  
25 portion of Unit 26A from the harvest limit reductions.  
26 Specifically, the harvest limit reductions will apply  
27 to Unit 26A west of the Colville River, drainage upstream  
28 from the Nuka River drainages, and the Chukchi Sea south  
29 and west of and including the Kuk and Kugrua River  
30 drainages. Board actions differ from the Council's  
31 recommendation on Wildlife Proposal 24-30-31, 24-36, 24-  
32 37-38, and 24-01; and the Board's actions on these  
33 proposals are explained in detail in the report. But I  
34 can go into more details if the Council would like to  
35 hear that.

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37 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for your  
38 report. Any questions for Gisela from the Council?

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40 Hearing none. Thank you for that  
41 report, and we'll move on to item P as in Papa, the 2025  
42 Council Application Nomination Open Season. Once again,  
43 that's Gisela.

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45 MS. CHAPA: I'm going to talk a lot this  
46 morning. Thank you. So, I really want to thank the  
47 Council members, you, for your volunteer service on the  
48 Council and the work that you do on behalf of federally  
49 qualified subsistence users in your region, and your  
50 knowledge and experience is of great value to the Federal

1 Subsistence Management Program and to the Board. For  
2 this cycle, the Council has three seats set to expire  
3 on December 2025, and one would be Ms. Kippi's and the  
4 other one would be Mr. Oomittuk's seat and I think  
5 there's one vacant seat that I believe we're hoping to  
6 backfill by this December. So, all incumbents will need  
7 to apply or reapply during this cycle. I think what's  
8 important to note here is that the application would  
9 normally open in September, and after which OSM does  
10 extensive recruitment during that time, but we're  
11 looking to shorten the application period to three  
12 months and so the application period is not going to be  
13 open until later this winter, sometime this winter. And  
14 we don't have a timeline for that, but I just wanted to  
15 inform Ms. Kippi and Mr. Oomittuk that you need to  
16 reapply during this cycle if you're interested in  
17 continuing on the Council. And this is only a small  
18 change in an effort to try to shorten the nominations  
19 process a little bit, but once the application period  
20 is open, I will follow up with both of you to share the  
21 application and give you the information that you need.  
22 And of course, this is not an action item, but it's also  
23 an opportunity for Council members if you desire to give  
24 us some feedback on the nominations process if desired.  
25 Thank you.

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27 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for your  
28 update on the Council application nomination open season  
29 and I do have a comment on that. We did discuss this  
30 once you guys had gotten here a little bit, but I would  
31 really like to see that application window shortened,  
32 or not the window, but at least the timeline shortened  
33 up. So, like, I've reapplied once here and, you know,  
34 I'll have to wait over a year before I even see the  
35 process taken care of. So, I don't know what I'm going  
36 to be doing in half a year from now. That was half a  
37 year ago when I applied for it, but I look forward to  
38 being here. So, shortening it up would definitely keep  
39 people on the hook, especially if they were kind of in  
40 a volatile market here for employment and things of that  
41 nature. A lot of the folks here work oil fields, so if  
42 they're dedicated to that, two on, two off, it's fairly  
43 difficult for them to make commitments ahead of time.  
44 But yeah, I do look forward to seeing this move forward  
45 to a shorter time frame. Any other comments or questions  
46 from the Council on this matter? All right. Hearing none.

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48 MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

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50 CHAIR FRANTZ: Go ahead.

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2 MS. WESSELS: For the record, Katya  
3 Wessels, I was going to see if there are any other  
4 suggestions from the Council members how we can improve  
5 recruitment on the North Slope Council. You know, we are  
6 trying to do our best with what we have, but if you have  
7 any ideas of what else we can do, how we can inform the  
8 users that we have an application period open, with whom  
9 should we talk about that? That would be really helpful  
10 to us. And I also, just before I stop, I also wanted to  
11 add that last; during this appointment cycle, we in the  
12 2024 appointment cycle, the Board just met. They  
13 reviewed the applications and made their recommendations  
14 to the Secretaries. The packet will go to the Secretaries  
15 here within the next couple of weeks. So, the Secretaries  
16 should make the appointments by the 2nd of December. I  
17 don't know if that's going to happen or not, but that's  
18 when the terms expire. But because you have new charters,  
19 you have carryover terms. Whoever's term expires can  
20 continue to serve on the Council until the appointments  
21 are made. So that's just an update, but now I'm looking  
22 to your ideas on how we can improve recruitment going  
23 forward. Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right. Thank you  
26 for that. I think there should be an avenue through the  
27 Fish and Game Management Committee. You can provide them  
28 the details through their quarterly meetings. And they  
29 get a hold of all of the villages, some of them that we  
30 don't have here. So, they might have some of those seats  
31 filled for those locations through the Fish and Game  
32 Management Committee through the North Slope Borough.  
33 So that would be Brian or Quincy, Billy Adams down the  
34 hall, Taqulik Hepa. But also, you can add the North  
35 Slope Borough Mayor's Office and that'll get to  
36 everybody through the North Slope Borough announcements,  
37 and Quincy provided that for this announcement here, and  
38 that goes borough-wide. Anybody that's on the borough's  
39 email system will receive that email. So that's all the  
40 villages. And, do you have something here? Yeah. Go ahead  
41 Brian.

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43 MR. PEARSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yeah.  
44 If I may, Brian Pearson, for the record, I would suggest  
45 reaching out to ICAS as well if you already haven't. And  
46 then there's also another body that encompasses the  
47 entire North Slope, and that's called Voice of the  
48 Arctic, and I know they're meeting today and tomorrow  
49 in Anchorage. Taqulik's there now, but just thoughts.  
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CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for those. I think this should cover a vast majority of the Borough and anybody that is dealing with these items.

MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR FRANTZ: Go ahead, Quincy.

MR. ADAMS: Quincy Adams, for the record. The point of contact for the North Slope Borough is Irina Danner. 852-0200 would be the phone number to get a hold of her. And also, I don't know if you guys have any Facebook, but a lot of people Facebook up here and across the North Slope. That would also be a good avenue to try to recruit. We usually go through our radio, our local radio station as well too. You know, a lot of people go up inland, and if they don't bring their Starlink. Usually, lot of people listen to their radio when they're out at camp as well too and even during whaling time too, some people bring out their radio and listen to their local radio station, so that would be KBRW 852-6811, would be the number to call over there as well.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you. Thank you for those. Oh, go ahead.

MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. If I can follow up, I also was interested in learning if the application process, as it is submitted right now, like it could be faxed, it could be emailed. But is it easy for residents of the North Slope area, do they have easy access to applications and information, things of that nature?

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: I think we should be able to email those to the same locations. Like if they, I don't know if they filled the outreach coordinator position, or for the Borough or designated somebody, or the executive manager for the Fish and Game Management Committee, they should be able to distribute those to the entities. So, I think establishing that communication, you should have those bases covered.

MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Any other questions on this matter for the application nomination open season.

1 Now, hearing none, we can move to item Q as in Quebec,  
2 correspondence update and go ahead, Council Coordinator.

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4 MS. CHAPA: This is your friendly  
5 neighborhood Council Coordinator, Gisela Chapa, and I  
6 will provide an update on the status of the  
7 correspondence that the Council sent since our winter  
8 2024 meeting. The first letter that I'll talk about is  
9 on page 99 of your booklet, and this was a Joint Council  
10 letter to the Board regarding concerns over bycatch. So,  
11 this was a Joint Council letter submitted by the Bristol  
12 Bay, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Western Interior Alaska,  
13 Seward Peninsula, Northwest Arctic, Eastern Interior  
14 Alaska, and the North Slope Subsistence Regional  
15 Advisory Councils, requesting the Board to take action  
16 related to the bycatch and interception of subsistence  
17 resources in commercial fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska  
18 and the Bering Sea. The letter was sent to the Board on  
19 March 28th, 2024. Now, if you look at your supplemental  
20 materials on page 45, there's been a lot of action.  
21 That's why it's in different, in different locations.  
22 So, in your supplemental materials on page 45, you will  
23 see that the Board sent a letter to the Secretaries of  
24 the Interior and Agriculture on July 25th, 2024. And  
25 this letter, in this letter the Board informed the  
26 Secretaries of the Council's concerns and specific  
27 requests for a direct response from the Secretaries to  
28 the Councils, as well as the opportunity to regularly  
29 engage in discussions with the Secretaries or their  
30 representatives on the issue. And this letter has  
31 multiple enclosures for your reference, and I can answer  
32 any questions if the Council has any.

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34 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Any questions on the  
35 Council letters or the correspondence related to this  
36 item? So, these were just the letters and what's going  
37 on with the moving forward. So, it sounds like they're  
38 in action now, though. But, hearing none. Would you like  
39 to move to the next one? We'll give him a minute, looks  
40 like he's reading.

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42 (Pause)

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44 So, I guess I'll just give a short  
45 summary of what these are essentially. Just a real short  
46 summary if this. These are just letters that we put our  
47 names on in order to help support what they, the body  
48 of this is, what their region or their location had  
49 selected, we basically just put our name down and said  
50 we're with you on this and signed that we support it.



1 Yeap. All right. Yeah, I think we can move on to the  
2 next one for compensation.

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6 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yeah.  
7 This was another of those issues that the Council  
8 discussed during the All Council meeting. So, on page  
9 104 of your packet, that's the one with the bound book,  
10 you will see a copy of this letter. So, the Council sent  
11 a Joint Council letter to the Board regarding Council  
12 member compensation. And it was sent on behalf of the  
13 Southcentral Alaska, Kodiak-Aleutians, Bristol Bay,  
14 Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Western Interior, Seward  
15 Peninsula, Northwest Arctic, Eastern Interior Alaska,  
16 and North Slope Regional Advisory Councils. The letter  
17 was sent on April 3rd, 2024, and again this is regarding  
18 the Councils and Council members requesting fair  
19 compensation for their time spent on the Council. Now  
20 on page 85 of the supplemental materials, you will see  
21 that the Board elevated their request to the Secretaries  
22 of the Interior and Agriculture once again on July 29th,  
23 2024. This letter also has multiple enclosures for your  
24 reference, and it includes previous correspondence from,  
25 I believe, 2023, including a memo to the Secretaries on  
26 the matter. So, it has a lot of history, and I can answer  
27 any questions. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: So, I guess in short  
or an explanation for it or I would like to ask for an  
explanation for where this is moving towards or if there  
are any preliminary thoughts or conclusions to it.

MS. WESSELS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead.

MS. WESSELS: Thank you. Katya Wessels.  
So, after the Councils, you know, there were several  
letters from individual Councils before, like Gisela  
said, and then during the All Council meeting, several  
Councils signed on to the letter requesting the  
compensation for the time that you spent participating  
in the Council meetings. And then after that, this  
letter, the Joint letter, the Board basically received  
it, they reviewed it, and they decided to elevate it to  
the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture. It was  
just elevated earlier this letter. So, we have not heard  
anything back. But also, to give you an update, in  
October of 2023, the Board met with the Secretary of the  
Interior in person, and they discussed several topics

1 with the Secretary at that time. They discussed the  
2 bycatch, they discussed the compensation at that time.  
3 So, they brought it up to the Secretary's attention.  
4 After that meeting, the Board followed up with a memo  
5 where they listed all these needs of the Federal  
6 Subsistence Management Program, and I think we're  
7 sharing that memo with the Council, right? Yeah. So, you  
8 have a copy of that memo. And from what we know, there  
9 is discussion with the Solicitor's Office in the  
10 Secretary of Interior's office and discussions among the  
11 staff how we can make that happen, how they can get  
12 approved that Council members are going to get  
13 reimbursed for the time and your knowledge and expertise  
14 that you provide to the Federal Subsistence Management  
15 Program. That's where it is at right now. We don't have  
16 any more information, but as soon as we have more  
17 information, we will let you know. Because we truly think  
18 that, you know, you take time away from your families,  
19 your subsistence activities, your work to be here during  
20 these meetings and that you should get compensated. But  
21 it needs to be a decision made at the highest level of  
22 the agency and the top person in the agency is the  
23 Secretary of the Interior. Thank you.

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25 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for that  
26 explanation. Any other questions on the compensation?  
27 Hearing none. All right. Item number three, Joint  
28 Council letter to the Board to address issues in Council  
29 correspondence.

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31 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Gisela  
32 Chapa. And you will find a copy of the letter on page  
33 118 of your meeting materials booklet and again, it's  
34 the book that is bound. And, this is also a Joint Council  
35 letter sent to the Board on April 2024 on behalf of the  
36 Southcentral Alaska, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Western  
37 Interior Alaska, Seward Peninsula, Eastern Interior  
38 Alaska, and North Slope Regional Advisory Councils to  
39 address any issues related to Council correspondence.  
40 And if you recall the discussion from the All Winter  
41 meeting, there were some concerns that Councils had  
42 submitted correspondence but had not necessarily either  
43 received timely replies and the Councils felt that they  
44 needed to address this issue. And in your supplemental  
45 materials, on page 77, you will see a copy of a letter  
46 that the Board sent to the Secretaries on July 29th,  
47 2024, and more specifically, the Board is asking the  
48 Secretaries to develop procedures for replies to the  
49 Councils on issues that are elevated to their level, and  
50 this letter also has some enclosures for your reference.

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CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Any questions on the correspondence? Sounds like they just wanted to speed some things up and get some answers. Any questions on the correspondence?

MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead.

MR. ADAMS: Gisela, on this matter, have you guys gotten any answers from Secretary Haaland and Vilsack or is there just no response yet at all?

MS. CHAPA: Gisela Chapa here. And no, this letter was elevated to the Secretary's just fairly recently in July, and I think this is one of the issues that we hope to address soon, and I might ask Katya to give an update on where we stand with the issue.

MS. WESSELS: Yeah. So, since we got administratively moved from Fish and Wildlife into the Office of the Secretary just on the 14th of July, we are working on establishing the lines of communication and the processes. We are really hoping that it will shorten the processes, because we don't need to go through all the other steps when we got all the correspondence, that had to be approved by the Fish and Wildlife Alaska Region, and then Fish and Wildlife at the national level, and only after that it went to the Secretary. The other thing that the Board is asking the Secretary to provide us a contact in their office, sort of a liaison between the program and the Secretary, that will help us to be able to follow through on the letters, to make sure the letters get where they need to get to, to make sure that we get the acknowledgment that they were received, and to continue these discussions, like, what is there going to be a reply and to move the issues forward, basically. So, that's what we're working on right now, but we are in the very early stages of that work since we just recently moved.

MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead, Quincy.

MR. ADAMS: Thank you for that answer. I know even during the application process, a lot of this takes time, and it takes more than a couple of months

1 to get a response because it took a while for the  
2 application portion as well. So, I understand it's going  
3 to take a while until we get an actual response from  
4 this.

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6 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, I just would  
7 like to also add that we are really working with the  
8 Secretary's office on making sure that the applications  
9 can get approved, much quicker than they usually are,  
10 because I will be honest, over the last several years,  
11 the terms expire on December 2nd, but we pretty much  
12 never get the new appointment letters at the earliest,  
13 it's the end of December. You know, a lot of the times  
14 it was January and February and even March sometimes,  
15 and that's like really nerve-wracking for the program  
16 because we have meetings upcoming, and we don't even  
17 have appointments. So, we are really trying to work all  
18 these kinks out.

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20 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right. Any other  
21 questions on the correspondence? Hearing none. Moving  
22 to item 4, Joint Council letter regarding caribou  
23 concerns statewide.

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25 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Gisela  
26 Chapa again, and you can find a copy of this letter in  
27 your supplemental packet on page 110. And again, the  
28 supplemental packet is the one that is stapled and not  
29 bound. And this is also a Joint Council letter to the  
30 Board to address concerns over issues affecting caribou  
31 herds across the state and their recovery; and they're  
32 requesting action from the Board to address these  
33 concerns. The letter was sent on July 12th, 2024, on  
34 behalf of the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, Western Interior  
35 Alaska, Seward Peninsula, Northwest Arctic, Eastern  
36 Interior, and the North Slope Regional Advisory  
37 Councils. The Councils asked the Board to forward the  
38 letter to the Alaska State Legislature and the Alaska  
39 Congressional Delegation for their awareness on the  
40 following subjects: observed human activity affecting  
41 caribou migration patterns, impacts of sport hunting on  
42 caribou, high predator populations and their impacts on  
43 the herd's ability to recover, habitat changes and  
44 degradation due to the rapidly changing climate, and  
45 communication and data sharing among federal and state  
46 agencies in rural communities.

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48 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Any questions for the  
49 caribou concerns statewide Council letter?

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1 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chair.

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3 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead, Quincy.

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5 MR. ADAMS: Understand there's been all  
6 kinds of concerns for caribou over the last how many  
7 years? You know, there's quite a bit of closures that  
8 are even in the lower part of the state that are  
9 affecting some of the native tribes in the interior, as  
10 well as the southwest, saying they have to go a lot  
11 farther nowadays. We were always taught not to overhunt,  
12 not to catch just to catch, but to get what you need in  
13 order to feed, your families as well as the elders and  
14 the widows. The big sharing portion is a concern because,  
15 you know, they remember when we went to the Western  
16 Arctic Caribou Herd Meeting Working Group and or the  
17 Board of Game. They mentioned proxy hunting and proxy  
18 hunting was, you know, when hunters go out and not just  
19 for themselves, but also for the elders and widows that  
20 can't go out. We kind of have been doing that through  
21 our sharing methods. You know, like when you get your  
22 first kill, you give it all away to an elder so that you  
23 can get more. And it's a really good feeling when you  
24 give to elders, you know, just to see their expressions  
25 on their face when you give them that meat that they  
26 love to eat as much as we do. So, not trying to overhunt  
27 or overkill and just getting what you need and then  
28 share. It's always been a big part of who we are and how  
29 we support one another up here. I just wanted to throw  
30 that out.

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32 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for that,  
33 Quincy. So, before all of this got to where it was or  
34 where it is now, to where it was previously, I think it  
35 was 4 or 5 per year that they were trying to get, and I  
36 think it was per household, wasn't it? But after talking  
37 with the rest of the areas for this item as far as the  
38 North Slope was concerned, we really had to fight for  
39 getting 15 per person, and even some of the other regions  
40 were not in agreement with that, and we had to let them  
41 know, hey, they're not changing any other regulation  
42 other than the locals here in order to try to mitigate  
43 with us up here in the North Slope. So, I'm not going  
44 to agree with that, and we really had to fight with  
45 them, even the other regions that were nearby were trying  
46 to get us to go down to 5, 4 or 5 per household. So, we  
47 had to fight with them and say, hey, no, we need it to  
48 be 15 per person. The migratory path doesn't even  
49 directly go to these locations. So, I don't see why  
50 they're doing that to us, especially without taking away

1 non-resident or fly-in guided hunters out of the  
2 equation. So, we, you know, if we're going to make this  
3 to where our subsistence folks are impacted first, which  
4 is backwards, and we made sure to have them document  
5 that by us accepting this and knowingly doing this  
6 without you guys doing anything about non-resident  
7 hunters. First, you're going against what the law says.  
8 And you know, ANILCA is there for a reason, and by us  
9 doing this, you are going completely around what ANILCA  
10 says. And if you want us to do this, we want to be at  
11 15 per person, and at that point, they finally, within  
12 the other regions, even accepted discussing that. So,  
13 it was a fairly intense fight last year over this, this  
14 item and I'm glad we got that to where it was, and we  
15 even changed the boundary to match some of our other or  
16 boundaries. I think it's for migratory bird stuff, but  
17 or at least for the sections. But yeah, it was not  
18 something that we took lightly. And it needed to be  
19 said. it needed to be documented, and I still don't  
20 think it was the right thing to do. I don't think we  
21 should have changed anything, but in order to get  
22 everybody's consensus there, we moved to change to 15  
23 per person per year for those three locations on the  
24 North Slope. So, it was not something that left a good  
25 taste in our mouth at the end of the day because we  
26 still have the same amount of fly-in hunters, guided  
27 hunters that come into those locations and are still  
28 impacting it to this day. Today, they're there right  
29 now, and yet we're the ones that are abiding by these  
30 rules to lessen our take. So, why is it that way? We  
31 want them to know, you know, you guys are completely  
32 pushing against ANILCA, and you're pushing your  
33 boundaries of where law says you should be doing this.  
34 So, with that being said, that's at least what I saw  
35 happen in the last year.

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37 MR. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chair.

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39 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead.

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41 MR. WILLIAMS: Peter Williams for the  
42 record. The last time when we went to the meeting in  
43 Anchorage conference in (indiscernible) there or, we  
44 were making a testimony, and I explained to them that,  
45 you know, elders taught us how to use an animal. We just  
46 don't go out there and kill them and, you know, and  
47 anyways, I saw that tension up there to, we just applied  
48 ourselves so much because, you know, you gotta let the  
49 animal, you know, instead of depleting, you know, you  
50 just kept so much caribou out of it so that, you know,

1 it could get a rise. In our tradition, the way that our  
2 people always said that they used, use it with care. You  
3 respect animals and animals will respect you. Another  
4 thing is that I talked to a lot of people around  
5 (indiscernible) and around Kuskokwim area and Nome area,  
6 and they explained to me that Anaktuvuk is mostly within  
7 the boundary of caribou migration and or middle right  
8 and middle of it. And there are two corridors coming up.  
9 There's one, the pipeline, that one, and I know that  
10 disturbs caribou migration. But I explained to the  
11 industrial that there's no ability to really configure  
12 in each region. And, you know, it's just like it's just  
13 cutting them off their migration routes. In the  
14 industrial area you could see when we were working up  
15 there, you could see them caribou is going to come right  
16 through, migrate right through the oilfield, because  
17 that's where they were. It's just like us when we have  
18 our camp somewhere, we go back to the same camp, same  
19 identical. Another one is that we're trying to get a  
20 committee going for caribou at home, but a lot of people,  
21 kind of shy away from it because, you know, they hear  
22 all this and that and, and some of these papers that  
23 she's talking about, you know, they got pretty strong  
24 words in there. And they could kind of push aside from  
25 that because, you know, they don't understand that too.  
26 So, a lot of people always push these paperwork away and  
27 they say no, and then too many questions, too much  
28 answers. And one more thing I want to say is that, you  
29 know, we really need support on caribou and Anaktuvuk.  
30 And, you know, other people have told me that, you know,  
31 we're mostly involved with caribou, but I'd like to see.  
32 Thank you very much, Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Peter, for  
35 that. Wanda, did you have something?

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37 MS. KIPPI: Yes, sir. Wanda for the  
38 record. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I wanted to mention about  
39 the sport hunters that fly. They're always scaring the  
40 caribou, changing the migration, especially for the  
41 Anaktuvuk Pass area and around our region, around our  
42 area too, because they scare the caribou. We see them  
43 flying and nothing's being done about it, and that's  
44 been going on for so many years. They change the  
45 migration, which hurts especially AKP, because they  
46 can't hunt the caribou because the caribou won't go  
47 through there. So, I'm hoping that something will be  
48 done about it instead of just letting it slide by every  
49 year. Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
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CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for that. I guess a little bit later, I'll show you guys what Carmen had sent me yesterday about a shift in their boundary line that they were discussing with us yesterday. So, I think we'll go into more detail with that. She did send me an email with the actual location on that for me to show you guys, so I'll let you know.

MR. WILLIAMS: Chair.

CHAIR FRANTZ: Go ahead.

MR. WILLIAMS: Was that that same where they extended that portion of that? No?

CHAIR FRANTZ: Yes.

MR. WILLIAMS: Oh, Okay.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yeap, so I've got a depiction of that that I can show you.

MR. WILLIAMS: All right. Oh, one more thing I want to add on to this is Sister Esther Hugo. You know, she explained about that's been going on for years, this caribou. Same as Brower, said the same thing, and Wanda, I heard her talking about that testimony too, and it's been going on and on. So, we need, you know, something to clarify this here. And this caribou migration is getting to us, most of the people that speak about is that they are really concerned about our people, too. So, keep this in attention.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Peter. So, I'll make sure to get with you guys on the correspondence on the matter. Any other questions for the caribou concern Council letter, Joint Council letter.

MS. HUGO: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead, Esther.

MS. HUGO: (In Native) Good morning. Just listening, and the question I have is, why are we just meeting and meeting over the tuttu issue we have for years and years? It's been years, and a lot of our old folks are gone. Out of the founding fathers, we've got three of our elders, and the rest are gone. And these people at home, they've been having this concern for



1 years, and yet we're still talking about it. How can we  
2 as a community overturn or make it where we've been  
3 saying for years? If sport hunters are getting what we're  
4 waiting for to put food on their table for the harsh  
5 winter, sport hunters are flying over, scaring the  
6 caribou or just flying over them, letting them divert.  
7 The sport hunters are taking away something that you  
8 survive on. And then there is the possibility between  
9 now, because right now we know we're going to be waiting  
10 for the fall caribou. If they don't make it again, we'll  
11 be catching the cow. It just could mean it's not as big  
12 as a bull, but we'll catch them as many as we can for  
13 the winter time. It's another question, fall after fall.  
14 And if they're coming by the thousands, and after seeing  
15 piper cubs flying this month. Oh, no. We'll have to wait  
16 till after (indiscernible) again. And this time, I don't  
17 think we'll be sending our hunters out to Nuiqsut or  
18 nearby because of the cost of the planes, the float  
19 planes to land, or a charter to Nuiqsut. Our people have  
20 had these patients for so long, and we've been talking  
21 about this issue forever.

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23                   And it's been continuing so long. It's  
24 what we've been saying and repeating for years, the same.  
25 Like a broken record. We live here. We've always lived  
26 here. We wait for caribou like we always did, like our  
27 grandfathers did. They chose this place because of the  
28 abundance of caribou that used to travel when we were  
29 younger. That included the Porcupine, the largest herd  
30 all the way from Canada. How much more do we have to go  
31 on repeating ourselves and going meetings and meetings?  
32 It is quite embarrassing for me because I'm doing all I  
33 can, and it seems to fall right back, and we're still  
34 waiting for that answer. We need to start working now  
35 cause we're getting older. The second generation, my  
36 generation, there were few of us, and what will that  
37 leave my kids and my grandkids and my amaus? I've got  
38 ten amaus. I'm thinking about their future. When I'm  
39 struggling today. What we're struggling today, our  
40 future. Will they be still battling for the rest of  
41 their lives like my grandfathers did or my uncles and  
42 the hunters? So many meetings. Now I'm wondering if the  
43 fall caribou will come or will just have to wait and  
44 catch the cows. It's just not a problem for us because  
45 that's meat. That's survival. And if somebody listened  
46 to our leaders back in early 70s, 80s, I'm sure we could  
47 have had some things going on besides what we have now  
48 today, but they're all gone. They're not here. We can,  
49 I can hear them. I know what they're saying, but they're  
50 always put down, put aside. Lord knows what; but we live

1 here. We need to do this before too long, because I'm  
2 getting older, and I'm looking for somebody younger. The  
3 next generation to have this. I know it concerns you to  
4 see what happens this fall. It's very soon. Next month.  
5 And it will be another disappointment and a lot of cries  
6 from us, but we go on. We will survive, we need to keep  
7 this going. Sorry but we live here and we depend on the  
8 tutto to survive. Thank you.

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10 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Esther, for  
11 your communication there. I do appreciate you and all  
12 your meeting attendances. Working along, and hopefully  
13 we do get somebody in the application process to help  
14 you and in your fight for your community. I really do  
15 appreciate it, and I hear your concern loud and clear.  
16 I think we have a spot for that a little bit later during  
17 the annual report, so that we can take down your concern  
18 and work directly with you on what you would like to see  
19 happen, and we'll work with you on that, in that regard.  
20 So, once we get done with our Joint Council letters,  
21 we'll work with you on the annual report and make sure  
22 we take down your direct information for what you want  
23 to see on your end for your community. Any other  
24 questions for the Council letters. We're pretty specific  
25 right now, just on the Council letters. If we have any  
26 other community concerns, then we can push them back to  
27 the end of the session. But for now, we're moving forward  
28 with the Joint Council letters. Go ahead, Peter.

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30 MR. WILLIAMS: Anyways, you know, this  
31 Joint letter when I read it, when I brought up this  
32 commission, you know, I know we could write letters to  
33 them and say, you know, we see if we could get something  
34 going, because, you know, the problem is, they told me  
35 that the grant money for funding it. But to me, you  
36 know, it's an important issue for our community and the  
37 rest of the regions that I spoke with. And even around  
38 the Kuskokwin area, they're what, they're down to 40,000  
39 caribou, they said. And, that's something they don't see  
40 and around Nome area, so they've been they've been  
41 kicking here and there. But no, they didn't, they need  
42 come around, they don't come around anymore from Point  
43 Hope area. I think that's the western migratory. And one  
44 more thing I add on to that is Nuiqsut brought up the  
45 tension about caribou were sick at one time between Point  
46 Wainwright and Point Lay somewhere, I'm not sure, but  
47 they found some caribou that were sick there at one  
48 time, and I was just kind of curious about that. Thank  
49 you.  
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CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for those. So, as far as funding and your other concerns there. Yeah, we can discuss those at the end of the meeting when we have the annual report. Once again, this one is just specific to these council letters for now, but we will get back to you on your concerns there.

MR. WILLIAMS: Sure.

CHAIR FRANTZ: Go ahead.

MR. WILLIAMS: No, reason why I brought this up because I read this Joint letter (indiscernible) brought this up. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes. Yeah. So maybe we'll just move to the next one. The Western Arctic Caribou Herd Joint Council Letter. And that way, once we get to the letters, we can get to their concerns for the annual report.

MS. CHAPA: Sounds good. Gisela Chapa, for the record. And the next item is the Joint Council letter, specifically regarding the Western Arctic Caribou Herd. And just to give the Council a refresher, back in the All Council meeting, we had four Councils who met specifically to discuss proposals on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd. I believe there were proposals, Wildlife Proposal 24-20. I'll look at my notes and specifically talk to that. But anyway, one of the discussions during that meeting was the Councils tried to address concerns outside of the proposals that concerned the Western Arctic Caribou Herd. And you can see this copy of the letter in your supplemental packet on page 115. And it was a Joint Council letter on behalf of the Western Interior Alaska, Seward Peninsula, Northwest Arctic, and North Slope Subsistence Regional Advisory Councils. This letter was sent to the Board, to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game Commissioner, and to the Alaska Board of Game on July 12th, 2024, and the letter is asking for all three entities to collaboratively address concerns about the continuing decline of the Western Arctic Caribou Herd through regulatory changes and increased funding for additional herd monitoring. And I can provide more information as well if needed. I can answer any questions.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Any questions on the Joint Council letter regarding the Western Arctic

1 Caribou Herd? (Pause) Hearing none. Looks like the next  
2 item on our agenda is the DOI declining balance cards  
3 for Council members.

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5 MS. CHAPA: And that is me again, Gisela  
6 Chapa. And this is basically an update to the Council  
7 on some administrative ideas or potential changes for  
8 us to implement. And as you have heard from Katya earlier  
9 in our meeting, the Office of Subsistence Management has  
10 moved from under the US Fish and Wildlife Service to the  
11 Office of the Secretary of the Interior under the Office  
12 of Policy, Management, and Budget (PMB for short). And  
13 this transition gives us an opportunity to revise some  
14 administrative processes, such as the way that we  
15 process travel for Council members on official business.  
16 OSM is considering ways to make the way we process  
17 Council member travel more efficient, more user-  
18 friendly. And we would like your feedback on this matter.  
19 And I'll give you a little bit, a brief overview of how  
20 we process travel and to see how the change, how we  
21 would change that process. So as of right now, Council  
22 members receive around 60% of their estimated total  
23 travel per diem in the form of a check at the start of  
24 a meeting. And this is called the travel advance. The  
25 remainder of the per diem is mailed to you in a second  
26 check once travel vouchers are processed after the  
27 meeting. So rather than continuing to issue and mail  
28 checks, we're considering switching to declining balance  
29 cards, and they're basically like debit cards that would  
30 be loaded with funds for you to use for meals and  
31 incidental expenses during Council meetings, instead of  
32 having to deposit or cash a paper check. If OSM proceeds  
33 to use declining balance cards, each Council member  
34 would be issued a card, and it would be the  
35 responsibility of the member to keep it safe and bring  
36 it to each meeting. If the card is lost, it can be  
37 replaced, but it might take several days to get a new  
38 one in the mail. Council members would be able to use  
39 their card while on travel status or to withdraw cash  
40 from an ATM. And us, the coordinators, can give you more  
41 information on how much per diem has been deposited to  
42 the card. And of course, the cards can be used to pay  
43 for expenses like meals, cab fare, groceries, etc. And  
44 cab and parking receipts would still be needed to be  
45 turned to Council members for reimbursement. So, there  
46 are some charges that are paid as a reimbursement, and  
47 there are some charges that we basically give you an  
48 advance for food. OSM would continue to book flights and  
49 lodging. Council members would use the declining balance  
50 card when they check into a hotel or other accommodation,

1 and the remaining per diem owed to Council members after  
2 the meeting would be direct deposited to their bank  
3 account.

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5 Any ATM fees would be reimbursed as part  
6 of the direct deposit, as well as any unused portions  
7 of the travel advance funds on the card. The card will  
8 be turned off between meetings so it cannot be  
9 accidentally used, and then we'd reactivate it again as  
10 we're planning for upcoming meetings. If OSM decides to  
11 proceed with using declining balance cards, in an order  
12 to set them up, we will require Council members to submit  
13 some forms that contain personal identifiable  
14 information, such as your date of birth, and banking  
15 information. But I want to assure you and let you know  
16 that we respect your privacy and this information will  
17 be kept confidential. So, this process using declining  
18 balance cards is a potential new tool and no final  
19 decisions have been made. We are hopeful that they could  
20 help reduce the administrative burden that comes with  
21 processing travel for over 100 Council members twice a  
22 year, and help you receive your per diem payment more  
23 quickly. And again, to help us evaluate this potential  
24 change, we'd like to hear your feedback and perhaps  
25 answer any questions. And we will be talking to all the  
26 Councils about this during the Fall 2024 meeting cycle  
27 before making any decisions. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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29 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for that. Any  
30 questions from the Council on the declining balance  
31 information? Sounds like it'll be a lot more streamlined  
32 if it goes forward, so I'll be happy to see that so that  
33 we don't have to provide so many cab fares to the nearest  
34 Wells Fargo or bank. All right. So, looks like that was  
35 the end of the written or agenda but, we did move some  
36 stuff back to the end. As far as the annual report, I  
37 don't see anybody here for the public comments yet, but  
38 we do have the, I guess, consolidation of our annual  
39 reports. I didn't mean to push you guys back a little  
40 bit, but we had to get through the agenda items first  
41 before we discuss anything further outside of it. So,  
42 any of the caribou concerns or what you would like to  
43 see, we can put inside the annual report right now. And  
44 that's what we had to... Yeah. Yeah. So that's what we had  
45 to make sure we had all the right information by the end  
46 of the meeting to put down for what you would like to  
47 see, and we can put whatever the wishes of you and Esther  
48 are for your community inside the annual report. But it  
49 looks like we'll take a 30-minute break. Maybe we'll  
50 discuss with you in more detail about what that should

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1 be. And we'll get back online in 30 minutes. All right.  
2 We'll be recessed for 30 minutes. So, we'll come back  
3 10:45. 10:45, we'll be back.

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9 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right. It is 10:45  
10 exactly. We're getting back from our break and just want  
11 to make sure everybody's ready and available for the  
12 final portion of our North Slope Regional Advisory  
13 Council meeting as we're wrapping up our annual report  
14 discussion that we pushed back to the end of the agenda.  
15 And we may open it up one more time for public or tribal  
16 comments after the annual report, if we had missed  
17 anybody. All right, Gisela. I'll give it back to you for  
18 the annual report finalization.

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20 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Gisela  
21 Chapa, for the record. And yesterday, the Council  
22 discussed some potential topics to include in the 2024  
23 annual report and I wanted to summarize it to the  
24 Council, see if those seem accurate, and ask if there's  
25 any other potential topics to discuss at the time. So,  
26 the first item that I noted was that the Council wanted  
27 to have a more accurate count for muskox. The second  
28 item was that the Council is still concerned about fly-  
29 in hunters interfering with caribou migration and  
30 monitoring. I also heard the potential request for  
31 creating a caribou commission. And these are the three  
32 topics that I noted. Are there any other topics, perhaps?  
33 Does this seem accurate, and if are there any other  
34 topics for me to include?

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36 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: So, we did have a  
37 discussion on a wanton waste issue and the possibility  
38 of requesting a funding source so that we can create  
39 some type of monitoring for wanton waste in some of the  
40 most heavily used locations that are part of the road  
41 system and are accessible for the fall time hunts that  
42 happen for guided and fly-in hunters, but not so much  
43 specific right now, but monitoring for wanton waste of  
44 a subsistence resource that is heavily used on the road  
45 system by fly-in and guided services that may be  
46 impacting our food security here.

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48 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So,  
49 then I have, having a more accurate count for muskox,  
50 concerns over fly-in hunters interfering with caribou

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1 migration, a caribou Commission, and wanton waste  
2 monitoring. If those seem accurate, then perhaps we can  
3 have a, or the Council might want to discuss some of the  
4 logistics so that I may develop the report.

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6 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, it would be great if  
7 the Council can have a, you know, a more in-depth  
8 discussion of these topics on the record. So, we have  
9 more meat to put in the report.

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11 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right. Which one  
12 should we start with?

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14 MS. CHAPA: Well, the first one I noted  
15 was the one related to having a more accurate count for  
16 muskox.

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18 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Okay, so on the item  
19 for muskox I know we're having a muskox count happen in  
20 2025 spring. But the rest of the North Slope is really  
21 dependent on just that for muskox. So having a request  
22 put in for possible funding source for other entities  
23 to have some type of monitoring within their communities  
24 would be, I think, helpful. Especially if some muskox  
25 were sited in locations not necessarily provided in the  
26 count that is provided to us by the state. So just a  
27 request for having funding put forth for the North Slope  
28 for providing other entities or local resources to  
29 assist in making that either more accurate or having  
30 more documentation of their presence. Thank you.

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32 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chair.

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34 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead.

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36 MR. ADAMS: On the muskox count, I know  
37 they stated in there, you know, other reports that they  
38 do it like every 2 or 3 years. If we can get, I think  
39 you can get more accurate count if we, or not we, but  
40 if we request to do an annual count instead of a biannual  
41 count or every three years. I think we can get more  
42 accurate count if we do it on an annual basis.

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44 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Quincy. I  
45 wouldn't object to that. So, yeah. Funding source, I  
46 guess, additional for like a more consistent count as  
47 well. Just fund it all, please.

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49 MS. CHAPA: Okay. Mr. Chair, so again,  
50 as I'm trying to make sure that we have enough

1 information to draft the annual report and expand on the  
2 topic. And so, what I'm understanding is that the Council  
3 would like to see more monitoring for muskox that aren't  
4 necessarily biannual counts. You want to see counts for  
5 wildlife monitoring happen basically every year to have  
6 more consistent counts. And may I also follow up and ask  
7 if the Council is asking for funding to continue or to  
8 provide this monitoring? Does that sound right?

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10 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes, that sounds  
11 correct. And also, I guess another one on the matter  
12 would be to see if there was any correlation between  
13 muskox habitat or their areas, versus caribou deflection  
14 or migration changes. (Distortion) Love to see if they  
15 have caribou deflections or migration changes  
16 (distortion) I'd love to see if they are affecting  
17 caribou movement as well.

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19 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yeah,  
20 I think I have a good idea of what the Council is  
21 requesting. And, so, I guess when I start drafting the  
22 annual report, I want to make sure that I have a good  
23 catching title for, for the Board. And I just want to  
24 see if we can kind of condense the topic. Would it be  
25 accurate to say that the Council is requesting for  
26 funding to ensure more accurate counts for muskox? Well,  
27 for muskox monitoring, we just keep it broad and then  
28 specify in the body of the report.

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30 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes, that sounds  
31 accurate.

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33 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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35 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair.

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37 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead.

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39 MR. WILLIAMS: Anyway, Peter Williams.  
40 This person asked one time that when there was muskox  
41 coming around the village, about two, three of them, and  
42 they were wondering if they could go hunting for them,  
43 you know, are they limited there, you know, or get a  
44 permit for it? Because I told them to get a permit for  
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47 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes. Very limited. You  
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MR. WILLIAMS: (Indiscernible) a permit for it? Because I told them there is a permit on that?

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes. Very limited. You have to have a permit for it, and they're very limited permits for two different locations. One is a state location, one is a federal location, and you must have a permit. That is through kind of a lottery system. So, you cannot just go out and hunt them.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Because he asked me already and I told him, no, we got to check regulations first before I know because we don't even have muskox on our list. But, you know, that's what we're asking about. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes, that's exactly why we're having these population assessments so that we can move forward with the opening more numbers if needed. But that's exactly what we're talking about here. Thank you. All right, so what's the next topic?

(Simultaneous speech)

MS. HUGO: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR FRANTZ: Go ahead, Esther.

MS. HUGO: Yes. Before your next topic on the muskox. Is there a way we can up the number for them catching those? I'm sure the population is more than back in the late 90s for me, playing the muskox up north. Can we up the numbers that way? I always believed my father and (indiscernible) that the muskox scares the caribou. And I'm glad we're going to try and get funding for the monitoring. That's what he seemed and told us about muskox in our area. They scare our caribou might be one of those things that we need to look into. It's been years, but nothing has been done. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Esther, for the comment and the concern there. That's exactly why we're requesting this funding for the muskox it's for a more accurate count. And the more muskox that we find on these counts, the higher, the possibly higher number of hunts that might be able to be provided or the number of permits. So that's why we're doing this. Thank you.

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(Silence) All right, moving forward so, Gisella. I'll leave this up to you for now. So next. Next. Next item on the annual report.

MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Okay, the next item was the Council's concern about fly-in hunters interfering with caribou migration.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right. So that. So, the next. So, for the guided fly-in and hunter. Sorry, I got thrown off there a little bit. So, we would be looking at possible funding source for monitoring of fly-in and guided hunters and the effects on the caribou migration within the vicinity that these guided and fly-in hunters would be located at due to the volume of the flights, the amount of flights so that we can see if there's any correlation between migration movements just because of the sheer volume of fly-in and guided hunters that are happening within the locations. And the thought on this was that there were two locations. One is on the Dalton Highway, and we want to monitor up and down the Dalton between Happy Valley, there's a lake that is pretty close to Happy Valley, but is on the side of the haul road, and D.O.T. has provided a brand new parking station there specifically for these float planes to fly in and do hunts there. And also, there are a couple pull-offs that have additional guided hunters on the sides of the roads that are typically inundated with hundreds of cars that drive in specific to these caribou hunts. So, monitoring of these locations and disturbances of caribou in the vicinity. So, one is for the Dalton and the state hunts. The other is a little more west in the middle of the Brooks Range between Anaktuvuk Pass and Point Hope. There is a fairly large section that is within, looks like the NPRA boundaries or close to it. So there, you know, there is some possible federal land there that we do have folks that fly into the river systems and land on sandbars there. And we've had a fair amount of folks that got left out there over the last few years. More than 20 individuals that had to get picked up because their fly-in guide services could not bring them back. But anyways, this would be more over towards monitoring and the deflection of migration. But we do know their presence is pretty heavy in these locations. So, monitoring for these two locations would be wanted.

MS. CHAPA: Okay. Thank you for that, Mr. Chair, and just to clarify, the ask to, there is an ask

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1 to the Board on this topic, and that is for funding for  
2 monitoring. Is that correct?

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5 CHAIR FRANTZ: Yes.

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7 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. May I  
8 proceed to the next one?

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10 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes. You may.

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12 MS. CHAPA: Okay. I also heard discussion  
13 of creating a caribou Commission. Yeah. Go ahead.

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15 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: So, we did receive a  
16 request from Anaktuvuk Pass that they would like to see  
17 a North Slope Caribou Commission created specific for  
18 our herds up here. One area being specific to Anaktuvuk  
19 Pass but creating a commission up here I think would be  
20 beneficial. But we wanted to push this forward to our  
21 Fish and Game Management committee a little bit further  
22 along the lines and have the discussion and possible  
23 members for the North Slope region.

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25 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And to  
26 clarify, this is an item that does not require action  
27 from the Board. This is informational for the Board. Is  
28 that correct?

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30 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes. I don't believe  
31 any funding source was in the talks for this one.

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33 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And may  
34 I proceed to the next one?

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36 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes. You may.

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38 MS. CHAPA: I believe I heard you mention  
39 wanton waste monitoring funding. Is that correct?

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41 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes. So, for the  
42 locations that we discussed about guided hunts  
43 additionally, we would like to have some form of wanton  
44 waste monitoring. Kind of similar to what people see  
45 down south, maybe the 40-mile herds and dumpster  
46 locations to where multiple individuals in dump sites  
47 or dumpster locations are finding high amounts of  
48 caribou. We want to know if that is occurring up on the  
49 North Slope due to the volume of guided and even driving  
50 residents might be doing it, I don't know. But at least

1 for the locations on the Dalton Highway to where a lot  
2 of these hunts are occurring and in very high numbers  
3 during the fall time. And to make sure we're monitoring  
4 for wanton waste as we have seen it throughout other  
5 sections of the state doing similar things.

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7 MS. CHAPA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. And  
8 again, this is an item that is requesting action from  
9 the Board in the form of funding. Is that correct?

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11 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Yes, in the form of  
12 funding for monitoring purposes. And it's pretty far to  
13 get to those locations for many of the villages here.  
14 So, funding. A funding source, I believe would be ideal.

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16 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair.

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18 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead.

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20 MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah, Peter Williams.  
21 (indiscernible) Anyway, back in (indiscernible) 88 to  
22 90. Anyway, when the country used to come to Anaktuvuk,  
23 Anaktuvuk Pass and they just drop off their hunters  
24 there, and the guide hunters take them out. Well, I got  
25 involved in that, and this guy named Richard, his plane  
26 crashed, he got killed on his plane crash guide hunting.  
27 Anyways, they used to bring the meat to the village.  
28 Because I asked them to bring the meat that, you know,  
29 there's been waste, wanted. They brought those or they  
30 did pretty good all right. And every time they just drop  
31 it off. Don't tell the village people about it and the  
32 dogs (In Native) on it, you know, and sometimes too  
33 late, they put the plastic bag and you know, they leave  
34 it there for what 2 or 3 days when they bring it and it  
35 gets sour, which I tell them that that's why they did  
36 away with them, guide hunters there because that was  
37 going to be a problem. They're just dropping the meat  
38 off there, and they didn't like that it (indiscernible),  
39 so we said no. And that's when they cut off coming in  
40 with their guide hunters. Thank you.

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42 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for that.  
43 I've heard of multiple instances where guided hunters  
44 were tasked with flying in meat, but in general, that's  
45 not a good idea. You don't know how they were taking  
46 care of what the situations were if there was hazardous  
47 materials there. So that's definitely a concern. Thank  
48 you. So, a little sidebar, but go ahead. We think we  
49 have enough for that.

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1 MS. CHAPA: I do, thank you. And I wanted  
2 to go back to the first topic on muskox monitoring  
3 because we did not necessarily specify a location. And  
4 I believe we have our Wildlife Biologist online. Perhaps  
5 Kendra can ask a couple more questions if there's a  
6 specific location, that or unit that the Council would  
7 like to focus the monitoring on. Kendra, you're online?

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9 MS. HOLMAN: Good morning, Mr. Chair.  
10 This is Kendra Holman, Wildlife Biologist with OSM. So,  
11 one of the things as you as the Council, you and the  
12 Council have been discussing, was, you know, there are  
13 two separate muskox populations up on the North Slope.  
14 So, I guess part of this is a clarification for your  
15 request with requesting funding for one population or  
16 both populations. You know, because there's the  
17 population of muskox on the western portion of 26A and  
18 then there is the population that's primarily in 26B it  
19 comes into the eastern portion of 26A and then goes  
20 possibly a little bit into 26C. But I know the Arctic  
21 National Wildlife Refuge does not do population surveys  
22 over there. So, we don't know exactly what that looks  
23 like. And there had been discussion about that  
24 population last fall when I was presenting the closure  
25 review for the muskox or excuse me, not the closure  
26 review, the proposal for the changes to the regulations  
27 regarding 26C and that muskox population. So, we just  
28 wanted to kind of see if you guys could discuss a little  
29 bit, make sure we have a clarification on both  
30 populations and whether or not you are looking for one  
31 population versus the other for funding.

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33 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right. So, yea this  
34 is Brower. So, what I would envision is that the North  
35 Slope Regional Advisory Council is discussing muskox  
36 population as a whole. So, both essentially from Point  
37 Hope clear to Kaktovik so that we know exactly what's  
38 in front of us. Because if we're only focusing on the  
39 NPRA or the small area between Nuiqsut and Anaktuvuk  
40 Pass area there for the for their smaller area there,  
41 then we're leaving out a fair chunk there for Anaktuvuk  
42 Pass through Kaktovik or Wainwright through Point Hope.  
43 But I'm looking at this as, as a whole. That, you know,  
44 we are charged here with, we're put in charge of looking  
45 at all of our wildlife on the North Slope. So, I wouldn't  
46 section it off and I would imagine that's where the  
47 state might be limited in their focus, and maybe the  
48 federal side might be limited in their focus. But if we  
49 got provided some form of funding as a whole for the  
50 North Slope, that we might be able to expand that and

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1 have a lot more detail in order to provide for our  
2 subsistence resources as a whole. I'm not looking at  
3 this as state and federal. I'm looking at this as a  
4 subsistence portion for all of our communities.

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6 MS. HOLMAN: This is Kendra again. Thank  
7 you, Mr. Chair. I think that helps clarify everything  
8 that Gisela was needed from our discussion that I was  
9 having with her. She can, I guess, at this point, let  
10 you know if she needs.

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12 CHAIR FRANTS: Thank you.

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14 MS. CHAPA: Okay. Mr. Chair, this is  
15 Gisella, for the record. I believe we have one, two,  
16 three, four topics that the Council has discussed to  
17 include in the 2024 annual report. And I'm going to try  
18 my best to summarize the discussion and condense the  
19 topics for the Council to consider taking action on. So,  
20 we have the first topic, which is requesting funding for  
21 muskox monitoring. The second topic is requesting  
22 funding for monitoring for, I guess, monitoring and  
23 potential deflection of caribou migration along two  
24 specific locations. But again, maybe the topic should  
25 stay fairly broad and then we include the details in the  
26 body. The potential, informational topic to the Board  
27 about the potential of a North Slope Caribou Commission  
28 and requesting funding to monitor for wanton waste of  
29 subsistence resource or subsistence resources.

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31 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: I think that sounds  
32 general enough for now and if we need to refine later  
33 down the lines that we can have those discussions then  
34 as well. What is the wish of the Commission? Does that  
35 sound adequate to you for the annual report? And this  
36 requires a motion. And how would you like the motion to  
37 move forward?

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39 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chair?

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41 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead, Quincy.

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43 MR. ADAMS: I'll move to approve the  
44 motion or the request as stated.

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46 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: So, we have a motion  
47 to approve the. Well, maybe I'll have them adjust it  
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50 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chair.

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CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Go ahead, Quincy.

MR. ADAMS: I'll move to approve the amended report. Topics for 2024.

CHAIR FRANTZ: Annual report.

MR. ADAMS: Yes.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Okay. There's a motion on the floor to approve the annual report, as amended to which we just discussed.

MR. WILLIAMS: Second.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Seconded by Peter.

MS. KIPPI: Question.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Question has been called for. All those in favor of approving the amended annual report, as we have just discussed. Say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Those opposed, same sign. Hearing none. The annual report is approved, as amended. All right, so before we move to adjournment looks like we have. Well, we actually have, I think, public comments coming up as well. We have an individual here. Go ahead.

MS. LEAVITT: Lucy Leavitt. I work for the Department of Wildlife Management, but I'm a hunter also. So just in regards to your proposal on the muskox in the additional packet for 2022 there were 421 muskox, 100 cows and 61 yearlings. So that's like a 60% reproduction rate and with those amounts and you mentioned the concern of possibly the muskox deflecting the caribou migration. I know we hunted the same area. So, you know, more and more muskox are showing up in that area, and we're limited to five hunts, federal, five hunts on the state. I mean, is just to get an idea of, you know, the reproduction rate if we could increase hunts also because caribou are sparse. I mean, last year we went up twice. We've seen muskox. Actually, I had a permit last year, so I got one, but we didn't see caribou for days. And then, you know, after I got that, there were actually two muskox that we saw. Then we were out

1 like a week and then we finally started seeing caribou.  
2 And when you're in the Barrow area, you have to go out  
3 and it's -- the shortest, maybe 15 miles, but most  
4 hunters go out 40, 50, 60 miles. And that's not a day  
5 trip. And it costs a lot to try and subsist. So just I  
6 wanted to add comments onto that. And when we're also  
7 in the monitoring of the air traffic, the studies. And  
8 just last week somebody showed on Facebook a surveyor  
9 between just close to the Colville. According to one of  
10 our employees, the majority of the Teshekpuk Herd, was  
11 still in that area between Umiak and Teshekpuk Bay, and  
12 so who knows if that's caused a deflection of the  
13 migration. I know last year caribou hunting was late. I  
14 mean. And just concerns of the migrations being  
15 deflected with all types of studies. We don't know who's  
16 studying what, surveys, whatever, and it's getting  
17 harder and harder to answer. Thank you.

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19 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you very much for  
20 your comments, and I'm really hoping that pushing for a  
21 more accurate and consistent and more avenues for  
22 keeping track of the muskox that we're able to do that.  
23 It's delicious though. That's like one of the best meats  
24 there is up here. I got to, yeah, I've been brought some  
25 over. So, but thank you for that. And we look forward  
26 to having more accurate counts and monitoring things  
27 that are affecting our migration of the caribou that we  
28 eat. All right. So, I wanted to move to maybe opening  
29 public comments or tribal comments as well. If there's  
30 anybody online, just I know somebody I think from ICAS  
31 was planning on saying something, but I was unsure if  
32 they were online. So, if ICAS is online or if anybody  
33 has any other public comments or concerns, right now is  
34 the time to do it before we adjourn. So, I'll leave it  
35 open for a minute or two. Mic is open.

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37 MR. REXFORD: Good morning. This is Jason  
38 Rexford with ICAS. I just missed the tribal report  
39 yesterday. I just wanted to do a report for ICAS. It's  
40 just we do hunting for the elders, the disabled, the  
41 widows. We hunt for the senior center. We also help  
42 with, like, AEWK culture camps every year where all the  
43 kids come from all over the Slope and we help with that  
44 every year, and we do some fishing in the fall time, but  
45 that's just about it. Just the fall time fishing, and  
46 it's all for the elders. But I think that was all.

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48 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you very much  
49 there, Jason at ICAS. We appreciate you guys and what  
50 you provide to the community here. I know my parents



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1 were the recipients of some on anaglik, whitefish, last  
2 fall, so we really appreciate that. It tasted good. Thank  
3 you, Jason.

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5 MR. REXFORD: Yep, no problem. Have a  
6 good day.

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8 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right, so, anybody  
9 else on the floor with any public comments or concerns?  
10 Hearing none.

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12 MS. HUGO: Mr. Chair.

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14 CHAIR FRANTZ: Oh, go ahead, Esther.

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16 MS. HUGO: Yes, I'm taking my hat off,  
17 and I'm a member in the tribal Council. As I listened  
18 to the meeting and being the North Slope Bo. RAC  
19 Commissioner, I think we're going to have a good  
20 direction starting now. You'll have to have patience,  
21 like we always had for years and years, regardless of  
22 being, like, put aside. But we do survive on the caribou.  
23 That's our main diet. I will pass this on in the Council  
24 meeting. Just information. And I appreciate the starting  
25 point of probably the feds or the state to do what we're  
26 asking on the monitoring funding and it's a start. Thank  
27 you so much.

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29 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Esther. I  
30 really appreciate all your input and your support and  
31 your longevity for being with us in these meetings and  
32 also, through other Councils through the North Slope.  
33 You are a very important person for the North Slope and  
34 Anaktuvuk Pass. Go ahead, Gisela.

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36 MS. CHAPA: Mr. Chair, I just wanted to  
37 point out somebody has their hand raised on Teams. That  
38 would be Clayton Merrill.

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40 CHAIR FRANTZ: Clayton, did you have  
41 something to say? You have the floor.

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43 MR. MERRILL: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I  
44 just had an update from Arctic Refuge about their sheep  
45 surveys that wasn't available to me during the time for  
46 reporting yesterday, so I just wanted to share that with  
47 the Council. The Arctic Refuge was not able to conduct  
48 a sheep survey this summer. Since November of last year,  
49 we tried to coordinate with other agencies to include  
50 areas of the refuge in planning sheep surveys, but

1 several factors hindered this effort. Service pilots  
2 were not trained and experienced in current sheep survey  
3 methods, and sending out contracts for a week's worth  
4 of sheep surveys is not profitable enough to attract  
5 contract pilots. When we did try to do a minimum count  
6 two weeks ago, the pilots were turned around by bad  
7 weather. We will plan for a different approach next year,  
8 and we have requested for service pilots to train on the  
9 current sheep survey methods. Thank you. I just wanted  
10 to share that with the Council.

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12 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Clayton. And  
13 that was 26C.

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15 MR. MERRILL: Yes.

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17 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you for that  
18 update. All right. Last chance for anybody to have any  
19 public comments before we adjourn. Hearing none. What's  
20 the wish of the Council? Yeah, well, Gisela go ahead.

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22 MS. CHAPA: Mr. Chairman, the Council  
23 still has one more item in the agenda, and that is  
24 closing comments.

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26 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Okay, let's move to  
27 closing comments. Sorry, I forgot about that one. All  
28 right. Does anybody have any closing comments?

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30 MR. WILLIAMS: Chair.

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32 CHAIR FRANTZ: Good, Peter.

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34 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. I just want to say  
35 thank you very much and I hope everything goes through  
36 as we're working on everything, and one more thing is  
37 that we got to support one another to be on top of this.  
38 So, thank you very much again.

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40 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Peter.  
41 Really appreciate you here. You've got a wealth of  
42 knowledge, and you always bring up some good concerns  
43 and comments for your area on the North Slope and we  
44 look forward to hopefully developing something along the  
45 lines of a caribou council. Wanda.

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47 MS. KIPPI: I have no closing comments,  
48 but I thank you all for attending. Thank you for sending  
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1 me here and I enjoy listening to everybody else's  
2 comments and reports. Thank you.

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4 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Wanda. I  
5 hope you have a bountiful upsik season in Atqasuk. And  
6 I look forward to getting ahold of you maybe, here  
7 shortly for bartering or something. Quincy.

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9 MR. ADAMS: Just want to thank the OSM  
10 for making their trip up here and having this meeting.  
11 It's always good to finally meet the names behind and  
12 meet and see the faces behind the names. Very good  
13 informational meeting. You know, just getting a little  
14 more knowledge of how the system works and how procedures  
15 go through, starting from the bottom and working their  
16 way up towards the federal side. A lot of good concerns  
17 within the villages. You know, there's always going to  
18 be concerns from the villages and it's just finding a  
19 way to work through all the problems with each other.  
20 You know, it's a lot better when we come together and  
21 make our voices heard. It makes it a little bit stronger  
22 in a sense. But hopefully we all have a good fall hunting  
23 season, this season coming up for fishing and caribou  
24 hunting and all other hunts as well too. Especially fall  
25 whaling too. And we hope to have another meeting again  
26 soon. It's good to see you guys, and I just want to  
27 thank you guys for all your hard work.

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29 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you, Quincy.  
30 Looking forward to serving at your house. Yeah, we always  
31 go to his house for the whale servings. All right.  
32 Esther, Esther do you have any closing comments?

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34 MS. HUGO: Mr. Chair, thank you. Yes, I  
35 do. I'm glad I got to do the teleconference, and I'm  
36 happy that my brother-in-law Earl is there. As we've  
37 known for years since I've been on Board the same issues  
38 on tuttu, the same old broken record repeating it gets  
39 frustrated when you live in a community where the main  
40 diet is tuttu and all these obstacles, sport hunters  
41 that we know of. These are years that it's a problem if  
42 somebody just can hear us. We know our country. We know  
43 what's happening to the tuttu. Like we're, we're tuttu  
44 people, kind of like thinking like them. I mean, that's  
45 the way I feel and most of the people here. It was very  
46 interesting. We learn as we go. Just praying and praying  
47 and praying and praying that our fall caribou, the bulls,  
48 will come our way. I doubt it because, you know, the  
49 sport hunters or whoever's at the Dalton are there  
50 already -- But even if we prayed enough, I guess it

1 wasn't meant to be for now. But of course, we'll be  
2 catching the cows. It's just that part of taking the big  
3 bulls like we used to make a lot of (In Native) lot of  
4 ribs. A lot of everything in the caribou that we eat;  
5 and the sport hunters are already taking (indiscernible)  
6 while we're waiting for to put food on their table for  
7 winter. The harsh winters we have here. And as I speak,  
8 we've got some snow halfway down our mountains. It rained  
9 so hard last night, and we wake up and there's snow. So,  
10 I hope the caribou knows that we're cooling off or I  
11 don't know. It's hard to say. But I'm looking at the  
12 little light in the tunnel there, and it's always been  
13 there. It's just a matter of getting there and doing  
14 what's right and how we can survive to this issue we  
15 have because of course, there's my kids, my grandkids,  
16 and my amau. That's why I get scared. That's why I feel  
17 like -- Well, my great-granddaughter or some remain the  
18 same issue after the fact when I'm gone. I mean, I'm  
19 trying to do this so it can be right for them in the  
20 future and I thank you all. I appreciate you all. Thank  
21 you and happy hunting, whaling or be careful out there.  
22 Thank you.

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24 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Quyanaqpak, Esther.  
25 really appreciate you here. Thank you for being  
26 available and online. Looking forward to the next  
27 meeting and yeah, we hope you guys have a bountiful fall  
28 time. And we really appreciate all your input, concerns,  
29 and anything you have to throw our way so that we can  
30 help out your community. Thank you very much. All right.  
31 I wanted to check maybe online, see if Steve was  
32 available for a closing comment. Steve, are you online?  
33 Or any of the other Council members online before we  
34 have my report or my closing comments. Hearing none.

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36 I really appreciate all of you coming  
37 up north to Barrow, Utqiagvik. Thank you for coming to  
38 my hometown. Talking with our concerns on the North Slope  
39 and making sure that we're doing our due diligence to  
40 make sure that we're working with our people to ensure  
41 that we're going in the right direction. I really enjoy  
42 discussing the needs of caribou, fish, muskox, migratory  
43 routes, waterfowl, you name it. I enjoy this and anything  
44 I can do to help benefit our subsistence ways I think  
45 is a happy conversation for me because we're always  
46 finding better ways to do things. More effective ways  
47 to get things done and working with the individuals  
48 seamlessly if we can. If not, then we're still working  
49 with them. So, thank you for giving us your time and  
50 energy to come up here. You guys are doing great work.

1 Appreciate you guys over at OSM and look forward to  
2 going to the next meeting and following up with all this  
3 information to make sure we're not dropping the ball on  
4 anything. Thank you very much. You guys have any closing  
5 comments or is that it? Well, we'll offer the floor.  
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7 MS. CHAPA: Mr. Chair, since you offered,  
8 Gisela Chapa for the record. I also want to thank the  
9 Council for welcoming me into your home, into your  
10 region. I had a great time going to store with Ms. Kippi  
11 and I, yeah, and dinners and I look forward to doing my  
12 part to ensuring that we don't drop the ball on areas  
13 that are important to the region and to the subsistence  
14 users of the area. So, thank you again for welcoming me  
15 to your home. I hope to invite you and have you at my  
16 home sometime soon.  
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18 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you very much.  
19 Anybody else? Go ahead.  
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21 MS. WESSELS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.  
22 Members of the Council. You know this, coming to the  
23 communities is by far the most favorite part of my work.  
24 You know, being a government bureaucrat and pushing all  
25 the papers around. You know, maybe I'm very skilled at  
26 that, but it brings me joy, you know, when I come to the  
27 communities and meet with real people and talk with you  
28 and really learn about the issues that are of the  
29 greatest importance to you. That's what makes me, you  
30 know, want to continue working and helping you to get  
31 through the labyrinth of government bureaucracy. So,  
32 thank you for having us here. We felt really welcomed,  
33 and I think we had some great discussions.  
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36 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Thank you very much.  
37 Anybody else with closing comments or are we good? Okay.  
38 All right. Next up on the agenda we have is adjournment.  
39 What's the wish of the Council?  
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41 (Simultaneous speech)  
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43 UNIDENTIFIED: Mr. Chair.  
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45 MS. HUGO: I so move.  
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47 CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: All right, there's a  
48 motion on the floor to adjourn. Any second?  
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50 MR. WILLIAMS: Second.

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CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Seconded. Any discussion on the matter?

MR. ADAM: Question.

CHAIR FRANTZ: Question has been called for. All those in favor of adjournment, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN FRANTZ: Those opposed. All right. It's unanimous. Adjournment at 11:37 am. Thank you very much. Thank you to all those online. Thank you for listening in. We are adjourning.

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