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TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEMBERS in attendance:

In Anchorage

State of Alaska

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Via Teleconference

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MR. JIM AYERS                                      Executive Director, Trustees Council  
(teleconference)

MS. L. J. EVANS                                      Public Information Officer

MS. REBECCA WILLIAMS                      Executive Secretary

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE in Anchorage/Juneau/via teleconference**

MR. DAVE GIBBONS  
MR. RICH GOOSENS  
DR. JEROME MONTAGUE  
MR. ALEX SWIDERSKI  
MR. MARK BRODERSON  
MR. WALT SHERIDAN  
MR. SANDY RABINOWITCH

P R O C E E D I N G S

(On Record 3:12 p.m.)

MR. SANDOR: This is John Sandor, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental and Conservation -- reconvene the meeting of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Settlement Trustee Council. This is a continuation of July 11, 1994 meeting. In Juneau we have Jim Wolfe, representing the Department of Agriculture; Carl Rosier, Department of Fish and Game; Don Collinsworth, National Marine Fisheries Service, and myself. And in -- I think we have some staff here, as well as in Anchorage, as I understood it, Craig Tillery and Deborah Williams and some staff. Is that right?

MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.

MR. TILLERY: That's correct.

MR. SANDOR: I trust that everyone has copies of the agenda, and our first agenda item is the approval of the agenda, and order of the day, it's -- what's those two items -- call of the order -- habitat acquisition update by Dave Gibbons and the future meeting schedule. Any amendments or additions to this agenda? There being none, then we'll proceed with the -- with the agenda and move toward coverage of the habitat acquisition update by Dave Gibbons. Dave.

DR. GIBBONS: Thank you, John. At the July 11th meeting, the Trustee Council requested that a status report be given on the appraisal progress

and estimated costs. About noon today, a document -- a five page document was faxed to the Trustee Council -- I have extra copies here if anybody needs one.

First,

giving a historical context, to -- where we are, and then for our part, the last page is a appraisal schedule and cost estimate. If anybody has got any questions on the historical context, the first four pages I'll be glad to answer those -- or try to answer those, but I guess the real crux of the report is the fifth page, which is the schedule and cost estimates, and, if I can, I'll jump right to page five, if nobody has any questions on pages one through four -- we can answer those as we go along.

MR. SANDOR: Any questions from anyone? Please proceed then, Dave.

DR. GIBBONS: Okay, on page five you'll see a couple of draft stamps on it. I've got a large draft stamp in my office, and to make sure that this is a draft. That this is the best estimate as of about 11:30 today of what we know about the appraisal schedule and the cost estimate. I'll walk down through this and then I'll open it up for any questions, or any questions like -- when I give the presentation is fine too. The -- number one is the Eyak parcel.

This is the slightly over 2,000 acres that was approved at the May 5th Trustee Council meeting. The acquisition of timber rights. The current -- the timber cruise has been completed. They've got to do a check cruise, I understand, next week, and with that it will be completed by late this month, and an estimated cost for -- a cost of sixty thousand three hundred and twenty dollars for that -- for that cruise. Chenega -- you'll see an asterisk there -- the landowner

permission was given through a nine -- '93 agreement with the Forest Service.

The initial cost on

this of fifty-three thousand for the appraisal was borne by the federal restitution funds. It was not shown on this estimate. The acres is appraised for seventy-six thousand. It's a mixture of fee -- fee simple, partial interest and timber rights. The estimate is for late July to have this done, or perhaps early August. The estimated cost is four hundred and fifty thousand, but that's an estimate. Well, (indiscernible) -- it's going to be -- my estimation it'll be less than that, but this is a cost that will at least cover what the appraisal will be. We don't know what the cost is yet -- to the -- to the hearings and those things that are reviewed here by the -- by the contracting officers and the contracting officer representative as they come in, but this is an estimate of the cost but I can tell you it's an estimate. Shuyak -- it was requested from the Executive Director on the 29th of April -- it's twenty-seven nine hundred acres. It's a fee simple acquisition of the land and timber rights. Right now, it's scheduled to be mid-August. The estimated cost is three hundred -- well, three hundred ninety-one thousand six hundred and three. The latter two -- Chenega and Shuyak were set back due the -- to the acceleration of Eyak purchase. That was put -- that was to be completed within ninety days, and so the timber appraisal had to be done immediately, and so that -- these were put in lower priority, so Eyak was superseded, then Chenega and Shuyak, and was put on -- on first to do for completion of the timber cruise. The next three, I'll talk



about it in -- in combination, Akhiok-Kaguyak, Old Harbor, and Kodiak. Akhiok was authorized on the 6th of May, as

well as Old Harbor, and the Kodiak parcel was authorized on the 11th of July. These are around two hundred -- they're all about one hundred -- it's over a hundred and fifty thousand acres. It's primarily fee. There's a small partial interest, right on Old Harbor, like -- I'm not sure where that is, but it's (indiscernible). This is no timber, and this appraisal will be done, most likely, towards the end of August, but at least by mid-September. Okay. And, we used to have -- late August, early September, but to make sure that we can meet this schedule, it's -- it's mid-September, but I would expect it earlier, since there's no timber appraisals or cruises needed for that -- for those three parcels. The Afognak Joint Venture parcel was authorized by the Executive Director on the 23rd of June. It's a hundred and twelve thousand six hundred and fifty-eight acres. It's a fee simple and timber rights appraisal. It's -- the draft report -- date is due mid-September, and this is based on some conversations we had today and earlier, in that -- there's excellent timber cruise data for Afognak Joint Venture land, that was done recently, and using that -- that the timber appraisal process can be speeded up, and therefore, a cost -- a reduced cost because there's existing data available, and, again, an estimate of two hundred thousand dollars. The last one with a date is Eyak. It was authorized by the Executive Director on 17th of June. It is approximately fifty thousand acres to be appraised. It's a mixture of fee simple and core

lands, partial interest and timber rights. It's estimated -- with an estimated date of mid-September. It will be six hundred

thousand dollars. With a date of late October -- the cost will be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and this is due to the acceleration of hiring new timber cruises and the accelerated process of getting people on the ground and appraising. The latter two, I've been told, and maybe Rich can speak to this more, later -- but there's a fifty-fifty chance that he could get it done by mid-September. In fact -- I think twenty-eight people on ground right now. He would have to hire twenty to twenty-five -- somewhere in that range -- additional people to start on AJV and Eyak. So, that's -- the cost potential there, and Rich can speak more to that cost differential. Tatitlek, I understand, is near being -- authorization to appraise. I'm not too familiar with what's the conversations there on the Tatitlek land are, but John Harmony (ph) and Alex Swiderski have been -- have been talking to Tatitlek and they can provide additional information that -- more information as -- is needed in regards to Tatitlek. As of now, there's been no appraisal ordered -- authorized for Tatitlek. The same is for Chugach. John Harmony and Alex Swiderski have been talking to Chugach Corporation, and I'm not quite sure what lands are -- are involved there, but as of -- presently, there's no appraisal authorized. Port Graham appraisal was authorized on the 29th of April, and there on the 17th of May was withdrawn by the landowner after some preliminary work was done in getting ready for that appraisal. English Bay has not been ordered. These two,

I understand, are being reviewed by the Department of Justice. The -- the appraisal that was -- was done, and the Department of

Justice is going to give us an opinion on -- on the appraisal that -- that was done. They're using, I believe, they're using public interest values. The estimated total is in -- worst case scenario of the six hundred thousand for Eyak, and right now we don't have any totals for Tatitlek or Chugach; it's one point eight -- a little over one point eight million dollars. The appraisal funds authorized by the Trustee Council on the 31st of January for five hundred and fifteen thousand dollars, and that was in project 94126, and the additional funds as we look at it right here, would be one point three million dollars, and in the -- in a short scenario, that's where we are today in the project. Can I answer any questions or -- financial cost questions or scheduling questions?

MR. SANDOR: Thank you, Dave, for that summary on -- were there some questions on -- that individuals may have on -- weren't you going to divert some of them, to explain generally why the divergence in estimated cost appraisals per acre for comparable packages? Shuyak for example, twenty-seven thousand nine hundred acres estimated at eight hundred and ninety-one thousand, and the joint venture and in the Eyak lands, why the ...

DR. GIBBONS: I'll tell you. I know at Shuyak the last timber cruise out there was in the -- in the early sixties. The date of this -- this really -- non-existent or inadequate, so I know the -- the appraiser had to first view it, he took aerial photographs of the island of Shuyak, then analyzed the

general photographs and then set up a timber cruise analysis from there,

and I think there's also of the logistics of -- of Shuyak Island, it's out -- it's close to Kodiak Archipelago, it's -- the logistics are extensive out there. That would be my guess, but Rich may have ...

MR. GOOSENS: Yeah, that -- that's for sure one of the reasons, and each one of these would be timber that's being cruised. There's varying degrees of existing data that they can build on, and Shuyak, for instance, and Chenega, where -- they had to pull the base foundation of what is actually there, not only by volume, but also by timber type. On the ones that we have, for instance, on AJV, we anticipate that they will have a pretty good data base already existing, and so, it's going to be more of a matter of setting up some plots to do a check cruise, rather than having a full scale exercise out there of fifty people measuring trees. The Eyak one is mostly because of the time constraint is why that cost element is so high. If -- tried talking to the timber cruiser this morning, he said if he was allowed to just use the crew that he already has of about twenty-eight people, that he could do that in sequence. You'd -- naturally pass along considerable cost savings to us. That's why if you were allowed to finish Eyak later on, possibly into October, you could save three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. And, the other thing, logistics is big thing. At Chenega, for instance, those folks can charge a hundred dollars per day per man to stay at Chenega to cruise their timber, that's what Chenega



charges them, and it's either that or fly them in or fly them out, and we had some unique

things for each property that are like as well.

MR. SANDOR: Dave Gibbons has invited questions. Are there any questions from Anchorage, first of all, Craig Tillery or Deborah Williams?

MR. TILLERY: One question, the -- other than the Eyak prices, are the other prices don't assume any kind of speed up from the original schedule, or some of additional costs. These are the -- these are sort of like the current schedule and the current costs?

MR. GIBBONS: Craig, I think the AJV is a speed up, but due to the good quality of the information on the timber cruise, that I think it's going to be an easier job than -- than the other ones, but AJV was -- would be a speed up one, but like you say, the excellent data we hope is there will provide for the expedient appraisal.

MR. SANDOR: Any follow up questions in Anchorage?

MS. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, I just have one, and I apologize for having to ask my staff over the teleconference this questions, but he's not here. Glenn are you on the line?

MR. ELISON: Yes, I am Deborah.

MS. WILLIAMS: Is mid-September -- was that our expectation on Akhiok, Old Harbor and Koniag?

MR. ELISON: We were hoping for the end of August, but mid-September

is not surprising, I guess.

MS. WILLIAMS:       Okay, that was -- I had assumed it was August also,  
and that's a little bit outside the scope of this

discussion, but perhaps after this discussion we can talk about the draft report date. I know to try and finalize the deals -- I was hoping for a late August date instead of a mid-September date for Akhiok, Old Harbor and Koniag. Is there any flexibility on that, or are those dates on this chart pretty set in stone?

MR. GOOSENS: No. This is Rich Goosens. I had talked with Diane Blacksmith last Monday when I was in Anchorage, and she had said that now that the Koniag one will also be included, that it's likely AKI, Old Harbor and Koniag may likely be the very first ones done.

MR. AYERS: That's my understanding, as well. This is Jim Ayers. And, I did have a separate conversation with Diane when Rich was out trying to nail this down, particularly when -- once we found a process that would Koniag, as you can see on the chart, it was excluded earlier, it's now included with the package, and she thought that the end of August was possible. And, it's my understanding from what David said was that he put the mid-September date in there just to -- just to be safe, so to speak.

DR. GIBBONS: Thank you, Jim, that's correct. I would expect the end of August, but ...

MR. SANDOR: Any questions from Juneau on this -- this appraisal schedule and cost estimates that Dave has presented?

DR. MONTAGUE: Mr. Chair.

MR. SANDOR: Yes.

DR. MONTAGUE: This Jerome Montague, I had a couple of questions for you, Dave. Well, you've indicated here that there's

a 50-50 chance that use the September 15th deadline. That's without the extra -- or the two hundred and fifty thousand dollar level, there's still a 50-50 chance that Eyak can be done by mid-September?

DR. GIBBONS: That's six hundred thousand dollar level.

DR. MONTAGUE: Well, even at the six hundred thousand dollar level, there's a 50-50 chance.

DR. GIBBONS: That's my understanding.

DR. MONTAGUE: And, your indication that this is a worse case (indiscernible) we're only talking about Eyak that has a worst-case, and the rest of the estimates are average, or they worse case?

DR. GIBBONS: Well, a hundred and fifty is an estimate to make sure and cover it. I would expect it to be less than that, that you understand, but I don't know how much less.

MR. SANDOR: Jim Wolfe, did you have a question?

MR. WOLFE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I guess my -- my concern is that I hate to see us spend an extra three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for an appraisal just for six weeks time, but if we're going to try and make decisions on the comprehensive acquisition proposal by the end of -- well, early -- early October -- early to mid-October, then we're going to have to have it. I guess, while I have some concern about the price of the expedited appraisal for

Eyak, I do feel like if we are going to make a comprehensive decision, that we need to move ahead with that. I guess that was the point I wanted to make.

MR. TILLERY: Mr. Chairman.

MR. SANDOR: Go ahead, Craig, I guess.

MR. TILLERY: Yes, I -- I have the same -- I have the concern that these are mid-September dates, there's a 50-50 chance that they'll be available by mid-September. Mid-September, if they're there at that time, doesn't give me a lot of comfort, and I guess what I would -- wonder, if Rich can answer, is whether there is any chance of moving these dates forward, or what it would take to move these dates forward about two weeks, so that we have a 50-50 chance of getting them done the first of September. And, the other thing is, with respect to Tatitlek, I wonder if he can give me -- based on like the ninety-six thousand acres, if he can give me an estimated date for that one, as sort of a part of this whole thing.

MS. WILLIAMS: And costs.

MR. TILLERY: ... and costs.

MR. GOOSENS: Rich. I did just get off the telephone before this meeting. I did call up our timber cruiser and shared with him the acreage on Tatitlek. He gave me a cost estimate there of somewhere, plus or minus, two hundred thousand dollars. He's already flown over Tatitlek and has actually done some on the ground inspection to verify cost information used in the Eyak and Chenega timber. The bottom line that he was saying was the two hundred thousand



dollars to do Tatitlek, as well as the lesser cost to do Eyak, as well as finishing the AJV, would be allowing him to have the remainder of the field season to be able to do those and

rotate his crews around. Now, the field season probably ends in October. That was the way he was looking at it out there in Prince William Sound. To have this one timber corporation or timber consulting firm do all three of these by the 15th of September, I think would be almost impossible.

MR. SANDOR: Any follow-up questions on that response?

MR. TILLERY: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Why can't we have another timber consulting firm do part of these if it's too much of a burden for one?

MR. SANDOR: Rich.

MR. GOOSENS: Well, we can -- we can look into that. He's -- has the ability to go out and hire an additional twenty or thirty people, if need be.

The logistics and the operation of putting together a small army to mobilize is a little bit different story. The costs do not go up just per man times the number of rigs. It's -- it's a little bit different than that. He -- he had suggested that, he does have the ability to hire as many as an additional twenty or thirty people, but, then, of course, the cost estimate is probably going to be significantly higher.

MR. WOLFE: Jim Wolfe, Mr. Chairman, Rich, I guess, my question is if we implement it, the expedited Eyak appraisal, would that automatically bring on an additional team of appraisers which could then pick up the Tatitlek work?

MR. GOOSENS: I believe you have to look at it as being a joint

effort on Eyak and Tatitlek, or something like that. I think that would certainly warrant him putting on the additional

people, as well as expediting both of those, as compared to going back and forth from AJV to Tatitlek to Eyak and that type of thing. You're dealing with an economy here of -- of scale as well as location. I believe you're right in that.

MR. AYERS: Could we -- could we clarify Mr. Tillery's question, and I was unclear earlier when we had this conversation, Rich, about whether or not it's possible to have a separate contractor take on a part of the load, which is what I understood Mr. Tillery's question to be.

MR. SANDOR: Mr. Gibbons.

DR. GIBBONS: Mr. Chairman, yeah, I was going to speak to that. It's my understanding that trying to find the -- Pacific Forest Consultants was quite a task in itself, and that some of the timber cruisers in Alaska were -- were thrown out due to either doing work for the -- the private plan, for Exxon or whatever, and so we really had to go out of state to find a timber cruiser. And, so that was my understanding. I don't know how easy it would be to find another one. I don't know, if you just ...

MR. SANDOR: Rich, do you have comments ...?

MR. GOOSENS: Well, yeah, Dave brings up a good point. We did have to go through a whole vast list of timber consultant firms from Southeast all the way up to the Anchorage area, and a vast majority of them had some sort of a conflict, either working for the corporations or for Exxon on a consulting

level. That's why we did go down south for them. Another question that comes into mind, too, is that these larger timber corporations have got

other commitments, and it's no small thing to drop what you're doing and go out and appraise fifty thousand acres of timber. It's a major commitment that they have to take people off of another assignment. That's one of the problems that Pacific Forest Consultants is already having, in that they're -- they're having to preclude getting other work done that they committed to. So, it's a major problem here.

MR. SANDOR: We've got several problems, I guess -- that have been identified. One -- it's a matter of whether or not an additional appraisal -- appraiser -- appraising company could be engaged to do this task, and earlier Jim Wolfe raised the question of why with -- mid-September versus late October appraisal for Eyak that we would probably double that cost. I -- I don't know that we've heard satisfactory answers, but there are -- we're -- difficult to get the one appraiser, I presume then it would be difficult to get another one, but even at these levels. Jim, you had another question or comment?

MR. WOLFE: Well my -- Mr. Chairman, my comment was along the line of, were we looking at a new appraiser or a new person to do the timber cruise -- a new group of people to do timber cruise? If we have to go out for another contract to get another appraiser on board, we will not be able to have that person using our procedures for contracting, we would not be able to get that person on board in time to meet any kind of time frame, so we're almost forced to

-- to utilize the contract we have now. I think -- and he would contract -- that person then would have to

contract with a sub to additional cruise work for us, is my understanding. But, Jim, does that answer part of your questions?

MR. AYERS: Yes, actually, my question had to do with cruise, not appraiser. I understood the appraiser contract through the Forest Service; I did not understand the cruise response until some of the information we got, and, I guess, what -- what did not come clear to me in the earlier conversation, and sounds like it's the same question is, is -- why is it so much more expensive to add cruise capability to go do Tatitlek and Eyak at this point. It seems to be such a phenomenal increase in the costs compared to the other cruise costs, and my understanding is that our current cruise company is saying because it's different than the schedule that they have, but -- and to add, whatever it is, twenty people to go do the Tatitlek and Eyak lands would be more expensive because of the schedule, but I guess I didn't -- it seems to me that the helicopter cost or the flight time and the boat charters and the cruise personnel themselves cost a certain amount of money whether you have them do it forty-five days now or forty-five to sixty days later. That was what was not clear to me in the answer, and it's only the cruise contractor that I was questioning.

MR. SANDOR: Dave Gibbons has a comment.

DR. GIBBONS: I guess that's the point I was going to make -- the same thing, Mr. Chairman, is that the Blacksmith Richard's appraisers don't seem



be where the problem is. It's the -- it's the large amount of work to do in timber cruises is where the real question is.

MR. SANDOR: Any further questions on this table, appraisal schedule and cost estimates? Is this table then satisfactory in -- do we go with the -- the mid-September or late October Eyak report date? Any thoughts.

MS. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman.

MR. SANDOR: Yes, Deborah.

MS. WILLIAMS: I would like to make a motion and that is that the Council adopt additional, or authorize an additional appropriation of approximately one million five hundred thousand dollars to accommodate the appraisal schedule, plus Tatitlek, that is indicated on this chart, which would indicate also by my motion a mid-September completion date for Eyak, but I would as part of my motion like to make two, at least -- well, one change and one recommendation, and I would like to change the Akhiok, Old Harbor and Koniag target dates to be late August. I would prefer to have that on the chart and a goal. And, secondly, I would like an explanation, a written explanation, from the appraiser justifying the difference between late October and mid-September. I'm not sold on that difference. I don't understand it as I -- I mean, many other people have expressed, but for purposes of getting on with it, I would go ahead and make my motion for an additional one million five hundred thousand dollar amount to appropriated for appraisals.

MR. SANDOR: Is there a second to this motion?

MR. WOLFE: I would second, but also I have a question.

MR. SANDOR: Seconded by Jim Wolfe, with a follow-up question. Yes, Jim.

MR. WOLFE: Deborah would you preclude Chugach at this point in time, or did you not add something in for Chugach because we haven't heard any estimates on Chugach at this point?

MS. WILLIAMS: It was simply the latter.

MR. WOLFE: Okay. I guess my question then would be to some of our negotiators, do we have something -- Jim, have you heard anything from the Chugach folks as to a proposal, or to the fact they may be coming in with something sometime soon?

MR. AYERS: Chugach is in the discussion stage. They've indicated interest, but not detailed, unless Alex Swiderski is on line and has -- or unless he's notified Craig, or Walt Sheridan of a more updated version. We are only in -- previously referred to as preliminary negotiation, simply trying to outline the seller's and our interest. Unless Craig has -- or Walt Sheridan is there and has more recent information, I do not believe we have details of what they're interested in.

MR. SWIDERSKI: This is Alex Swiderski. We don't yet have details of what they're interested in. I think Jim's summary is an accurate one and stands to date.

MR. SANDOR: Jim Wolfe has a follow-up question.

MR. WOLFE: It really isn't ...

MR. SANDOR: Comment.

MR. WOLFE: It's a comment, Mr. Chairman. Well then, I guess, my concern was this, we need to at this point in time get

all of the parcels on the table that we're going to ask our appraiser to be dealing with so that we can start nailing down the time and the costs once he sees the total work load, and, I think, at least from my view, is that if Chugach isn't to the point where we can get something going here within the next week or ten days, that we should postpone anything on that for the time being and just go with what Deborah has proposed here.

MR. COLLINSWORTH: Mr. Chairman.

MR. SANDOR: Yes, Don Collinsworth.

MR. COLLINSWORTH: Yeah, I have one question. Jim spoke to it a bit earlier, but I'd like to have him, perhaps, elaborate just a little bit on what public interest is served by speeding up the Eyak mid-September to late October for three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. I mean for five or six weeks, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, what public interest is going to be served, and why couldn't we get the -- you know, why couldn't Eyak be dealt with outside of the package of rest of them?

MR. WOLFE: Mr. Chairman.

MR. SANDOR: Yes, that was addressed to Jim Ayers.

MR. WOLFE: Let Jim answer it.

(Laughter)

MR. AYERS: I'm sorry, I think I'm being disconnected. (Laughter)

Mr. Chairman, I actually had chatted with people about that question earlier, and this is the response that I believe is the practical one -- Mr. Chairman, Don -- that the question of whether or not we can accomplish these during this season, includes

maintaining the credibility of the timber cruise check, and in the event we identify problem or there's something that -- additional has to be done in the field, if we want to accomplish that -- our efforts this year, or as much of our efforts as possible, that was the reason we had the original time lines was to make sure that we had the field work scheduled this year. The later we go into October, unless -- unless -- and I have not directly talked to the timber cruise person, but that's the conversation I had with Diane Blacksmith and the others earlier is simply to make sure that we get this accomplished in this year. I don't know if, in fact, the mid-September can't be accomplished. No one said it couldn't, they just said it was most likely it wouldn't be, unless we added the additional funds and put the additional cruise on now. What I didn't understand from that response, is if you have twenty-eight people working, let's say, in parcel X, and you want to move them later to parcel Y, but if you have those twenty-eight people moving -- working over in X, and you want to go get another twenty-eight to work in Y, why is it three hundred and fifty thousand dollars more to bring the other twenty-eight in, as opposed to simply waiting the twenty-eight days -- or to move the twenty-eight people. I have not understood why the additional twenty-eight people cost three hundred and fifty thousand dollars more as opposed to waiting, and that was the reason I -- I wanted to force the question, so I guess that's two -- two things. One is a statement. I think the



issue is can we -- will we get it done this year if we don't expedite it, and my understanding of it, it

becomes questionable. If that's not accurate, then I need to hear from Rich Goosens or someone who has talked directly to Manley, the timber cruise person.

MR. SANDOR: (Indiscernible) a good question, raise your hand.

MR. GOOSENS: After talking with Manley, the difference is not simply the number of men in the field. What he's talking about is that if he's got an additional time in office time to accurately go on over a multitude of maps and aerial photos and all sorts of things like that to better design the cruise, then he can pass along savings to us. If it's a tight deadline where the field work absolutely has to be done by a certain deadline date, he has no option but to immediately send a double crew immediately to the field to get that kind of work done. There's little time for office preparation and that type of thing which actually is a cost-saving element. So, one is the increase of doubling manpower. The other thing is because of the short time frame, it precludes any additional planning and preparation in the office as far as aerial photos and designing the cruise. That's where the additional costs come.

MR. AYERS: Mr. Chairman, this is Jim, could I do a follow-up question?

MR. SANDOR: Please.

MR. AYERS: It's my understanding from our earlier conversations that the act -- that the response to Don Collinsworth's question, Rich, is that if --

if you don't expedite,

it may not happen this field season. Is that your understanding?

MR. GOOSENS: Yes, if we add all AJV, Eyak and Tatitlek together.

MR. AYERS: Well, I don't know that you'd add AJV, but if you added Tatitlek -- if you want Tatitlek and Eyak done during this field season, my understanding is that -- it's -- you are going to have to expedite it, but it sounds to me like it -- that's what costs money, the additional three hundred and fifty thousand, so let's don't debate that issue because I -- I still want to talk to Manley myself about that issue. But, the reason to expedite it so that it's accomplished this field season, which is in the public interest as well as the seller's interest. Is that your understanding? To get it accomplished this year, it has to be expedited, or do you know the answer to that question?

MR. GOOSENS: Yes, that's -- that's accurate.

MR. SANDOR: But, from the Chair's perspective, following up on Don Collinsworth's question, and you use the term public interest as Don used, why is it anymore of a public interest to spend three fifty thousand more to move this up six weeks when we will have the Chugach appraisal following up in -- when -- at some future date, this is a continuing process. And, recalling the questions that were raised at our July 11 meeting, I think it's a very legitimate question of -- it's -- not a worthwhile spending that additional money for moving up the appraisal process, and I'm not sure I heard a satisfactory answer -- that, as

yet, did you? Are you satisfied?

MR. GOOSENS: Let me tell you what my understanding is, then -- then I can be corrected. My understanding, at this point is, the reason for the hurry-up and the reason that it would be in the public interest is not that we're so much benefitted by gaining a few weeks by spending -- getting the appraisal back a few weeks earlier by spending additional three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the point is that we're going to lose our field season, and we may not have any follow-up or verification cruises, and it might be next spring before we get back at it. So, it's not so much picking up a week or two, but -- but perhaps losing eight or ten months.

MR. AYERS: That's my understanding.

MR. GOOSENS: Okay.

MR. SANDOR: Carl Rosier.

MR. ROSIER: In following up on the -- this -- do we know what the difference would be between the -- say, moving ahead at a later date then? Would it still be the three hundred and fifty thousand dollars if we could get the appraisals outside of this, as a separate project? What would be the cost of the appraisal if it was done outside of this package?

MR. SANDOR: Anyone answer that, Dave Gibbons?

DR. GIBBONS: My understanding, it would be two hundred and fifty thousand dollars or less. (Aside comments) It would be two hundred and fifty

thousand.

MR. SANDOR: Thank you. Mark Broderon has a comment.

MR. BRODERSON: I want -- have some more question. I want

to re-ask a question to Rich here -- Rich, a little bit differently than Jim Ayers asked it. If we take the late October date for Eyak as the date acceptable, what is the likelihood of not meeting that date, as opposed to (indiscernible) earlier? What is the likelihood of not being able to complete the appraisal by late October? In other words, just ...

MR. GOOSENS: The likelihood of completing the appraisals by late October is very good.

MR. BRODERSON: So, that we wouldn't fall into the trap of having to wait until next field season to finish it?

MR. GOOSENS: Yeah, and the way -- in talking with our timber people here, what would happen is that would give us also the time to coincidentally conduct check cruises as the main cruise is going on. So, we're doing the checking as we going along. That is up to Jim Peterson, my connect in our timber shop, but that would be the proper way to go about it. So, that we do not have as quick of a time line to save some money, and we certainly would get a high quality timber cruise.

MR. SANDOR: We would get a high quality timber cruise?

MR. GOOSENS: Yes.

MR. SANDOR: That even adds a ...

MR. COLLINSWORTH: Well, my understanding, Mr. Chairman, is not that I



just spoke -- it takes me back to my original question, what is the public interest of having a six day -- or six week -- three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, if in fact we're going to get it for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and a

very good -- a very high probability by late October.

MR. SANDOR: May I ask Deborah, in your motion, the second part of it, you propose that the mid-September date of the cruise be moved up to mid or late August. Is that true, in -- I guess, Akhiok?

MS. WILLIAMS: That's correct, Mr. Chairman, for Akhiok, Old Harbor and Koniag, I recommend that that be moved up until late August. I heard earlier that it's people's expectation that it'll be done by then. As we all know, there isn't much timber on those lands, so it's not a huge timber cruise issue, and in terms of hoping to bring to the Trustee Council deals to look at in the time frame that we've been talking about, we had been basing our time assessments on a late August appraisal date. That would then give us adequate time to sit down with the sellers, and hopefully work out the deals that we will be bringing to the Trustee Council for approval. But, that was based on late August. I heard that it could probably -- it will probably be done by late August, and I think everyone here knows that you put in a date that you hope something is done by if there is a realistic chance instead of the worst possible date, in terms of motivation and expectations.

MR. SANDOR: A follow-up question to that, Deborah, is there to be an increase in the cost of moving that -- and I see a negative comment from Dave Gibbons, is that right?

DR. GIBBONS: Mr. Chair, that's my understanding I'm the one that said that we'd probably get it late August. I'm guessing because there's no timber, it's just a matter of pulling the

information together by Blacksmith & Richards, and conversations with them -- it seems -- you know, Rich can (indiscernible) you know, it's real do-able at the same cost. I just put -- I'm the one that put mid-September to make sure that we have it in there.

MR. SANDOR: Any other questions on the motion that's upon the floor, which is to approve one point five million dollars for the cost associated with this and to move the target dates up for Akhiok, Old Harbor and AJV to late -- late August. Is that right?

MR. GOSENS: Koniag.

MR. SANDOR: Koniag, is that right?

MR. TILLERY: Mr. Chair.

MR. SANDOR: Yes, Craig Tillery.

MR. TILLERY: I have a comment, or two comments, I guess. One is, if the later dates for Eyak and Tatitlek are adopted, then either nothing will be considered in October because we're not going to -- one wouldn't have a package ready then until December, I suppose or so, or we would consider things in October without those two. I believe it -- while that would not be impossible to do, it would be better to consider all of these together. I think it's easier to make choices and to evaluate where money should be -- could be best spent and so forth, and for that reason it would be better to have them come in together in

the mid-September, although I again feel that August -- late August would be a better time for all of them. That's my comment on the timing issue. My other comment, sort of on the amendment, or on

the motion is, I believe that the Forest Service should be requested to go back and try to find some more help on this, if that means finding another company, seeing that there's not -- there must have been somebody that came in second place, if they did as extensive a search as they did, and see if there's not someone out there that could pick up a couple of these timber cruises and do them quicker and cheaper.

MR. SANDOR: Any comments on the feasibility of that from either Rich or Dave?

MR. GOOSENS: This a -- that certainly is a possibility. The search already that's been done, Mr. Chairman, has been a pretty extensive one. We certainly are not adverse to going back out and making additional contacts, whatever, both for Blacksmith & Richards and the existing timber cruiser. The -- we don't -- we do have the flexibility under our contract to be able to subcontract a number of different timber cruise firms, if they're available. The problem is, there's going to be, as I said before, is the timing, and some of these people that have the capability are committed to other large projects, but we certainly can make another effort to do that.

MR. AYERS: Mr. Chairman, this is Jim Ayers, I -- just a point of clarification. I think we've all done this a couple of times, but just a point of clarification. I do not believe that Mr. Tillery was suggesting any change or

even addition in the number of appraisers. We're only talking about cruisers and the flexibility the Forest Service has for finding additional cruise

capability. Rich Goosens mentioned Diane Blacksmith, but I don't -- I think that was just a misunderstanding.

MR. BRODERSON: Mr. Chair.

MR. SANDOR: Yes, Mark Broderon.

MR. BRODERSON: You know, to sort of follow up on what Craig Tillery was saying here about the desirability of having it -- all of the package together in late October. One counter-consideration to that is that even if we have this appraisal in mid-September, there are still some other steps that have to be done before you're able to go ahead with -- with the landowner, which then gets us down to a very short window in which to deal with Eyak, and our history with Eyak seems to indicate that we do best with them if we don't let either side get too pressed for time. We may not want to get ourselves in the box of trying to cut a deal with Eyak in a couple week period just before the end of October, which would then argue for the late October appraisal date and taking our time and coming to a reasonable deal with them later.

MR. SANDOR: Any other questions or comments on the motion on the floor? The Chair has one. Deborah, that one point five million is an assumption that the -- Eyak would be six hundred thousand or two fifty.

MS. WILLIAMS: Six hundred thousand, and that we would include Tatitlek at approximately two hundred thousand.



MR. SANDOR: Any further comments or questions?

MR. COLLINSWORTH: I just -- I don't wish to belabor

this point, Mr. Chairman, but I will. Craig -- Don are you -- this is Collinsworth -- you indicated that by having a package before the Trustee Council, the public, in making decision, you thought that was best, and you think that -- that by having the Eyak and Tatitlek projects in that package is going to improve our decision-making by three hundred and fifty thousand dollars?

MR. TILLERY: Yes, I do.

MR. COLLINSWORTH: Can you give me a hint why?

MR. TILLERY: Because I believe we would be better able to evaluate whether the dollars that we might have available are better spent on one piece of land versus another piece of land, is the primary reason, and I think it also may make some difference in terms of negotiations with some of these people, as to whether we have everybody in talking to us at the same time, it oftentimes one can do a little bit better.

MR. COLLINSWORTH: Okay, thank you.

MR. SANDOR: I guess the Chair has a question or concern, I guess, partly raised by Mark Broderson's comment. We're assuming, I guess, in discussions that we've made up to this point that the only thing that would be holding up a decision and an offer is in fact the appraisal process. Are we in fact getting related information, I guess -- is that, in fact, the case, or -- I understood that there were some problems in -- in some of the appraisal process,

some in dealing with Eyak providing materials or information, others in individuals running to Senator Stevens' office to get the appraisal process changed, is any of this in

practice? Is this the practice, the appraisal that -- do we have this appraisal -- all the rest of the information that's needed to -- to complete the negotiation and reach an agreement, or not? Can anyone answer that?

MR. GOOSENS: Well, Mr. Chairman, I know that there's going to be a significant issue raised, particularly where the landowners have decided to seek out their own appraisal, and these are specifically related to those that have gone to Senator Stevens and discussed appraisal issues. The concept of public interest value is going to become a major issue, and it's become a major issue on a national level. It's become a major issue within the whole profession. The Department of Justice -- that is precisely why the Department of Justice is looking at the appraisal that was done by an appraiser in Anchorage on Port Graham and English Bay. There is -- the question is bound to be raised. It's been thrown out by many of the legal representatives of the Native corporations involved here, that we consider it as the principal indicator of value. It's a battle we're going to have to try -- hopefully, our appraisal product will be able to hold up under all the scrutiny and certainly the valuations will be sound ones. But, that, at least, is one appraisal issue that is going to have to be tapped.

MR. SANDOR: I guess I had some inkling of that on Friday on the trip with -- an attorney, that, in fact, had been referred to Department of Justice,

and I was wondering at the time, well, what happens if -- if they were successful in getting a different appraisal process or some modification of the existing

appraisal process to apply to Port Graham or English Bay, and why shouldn't it apply to others, or why wouldn't it immediately -- why wouldn't it immediately the fairness issue be raised, and, so I was concerned. Dave Gibbons, did you have a comment or question?

MR. GIBBONS: I was following up on -- Mr. Chairman, you know, to make the kind -- required after the appraisal -- well, this is the draft appraisal report. It has to go through a review process by state and federal review appraisers, it comes back and then another process that needs to take place is with a habitat group where there going to weigh the amount of acreage, the benefit and the cost and give the Trustee Council some kind of a cost benefit for the acres and the parcels. So, this is a draft and I don't know how long between draft and final, but it'll vary, I'm sure.

MR. AYERS: Mr. Chairman, this is Jim Ayers, and I just had a couple of observations. First of all, I think that the actual work that needs to be done has to be done in order to provide the Trustee Council with the information they need in order to make decisions about what is the best investment with regard to habitat protection and restoration, obviously. And, with that, let me say that, I think that the logic, Mr. Tillery's logic about having as much information in front of the Council, as possible, in order to make informed decisions, is the logic that seems to prevail here, at least from what I have

heard, including my conversations with Diane Blacksmith and people from -- from Katts. Mr. Katts is off in Washington, D.C. about what he has heard about

this reference, and also talking with people about what this referral has been by the Secretary of the Interior to the Department of Justice of the Port Graham and English Bay acquisition efforts. I do not think that -- that the Department of Justice, whatever they decide, is -- is not necessarily going to change how the sellers are going to deal with us at this time, or even during the appraisal process because we have accommodated, at least their interest, in being able to revise what they perceive to be information regarding to the value of their property, and we did that specifically by building the twelve step appraisal process that includes them, and includes their appraisal. They're going to be -- they're going, at least in writing, and that's what we've required, in writing, they have agreed to proceed through the appraisal process and to participate. And, in order to have all the necessary information, or the best possible information available, so that you can look at that and consider it, I think that we do need to get a good look at what the habitat that is available for protection is, and that -- that the seller at any point very well may walk away, or, in fact, we may walk away if it is not maximum protection at a reasonable cost. So, those two things. One, that we need to get the best information and the best possible information in front of the Council, and two, I don't think that we can worry at this point because the sellers that we're dealing with are sellers that agreed to go through our process and -- and we have allowed them the



opportunity to provide information. Let me just say, the one other thing that is

mentioned is this idea about the habitat working group providing information, and I can tell you that, that simply dividing acreage is by dollars, and anyone of us can do that and put it on a spreadsheet, and that -- that is not necessarily a complicated process that's going to take very long at all, and we met with them this week to discuss that. So, it's my view that the logic would -- that would prevail is getting the maximum possible information in front of the Council when they make the decision regarding habitat acquisition.

MR. SANDOR: Any other questions or comments on the floor? With regard to Eyak, who has been doing the negotiation, John do you know who?

MR. SHERIDAN: Alex and I have been doing it.

MR. SANDOR: You -- directing the question then to Walt Sheridan and -- I think, Alex if he's on the line. Do you feel then that's what the three hundred thousand -- three fifty thousand to go up to mid-September -- or there other things that may hold up Eyak's decision-making process? I guess that's -- what I'd hate to have happen is us shell out three hundred and fifty thousand dollars and then come October 1 and nothing is happening. Now, it's November 1 and nothing is happening, or this is dragging on, and then the public interest question -- I blush easily, I would have red face.

MR. SHERIDAN: Mr. Chairman, as you know the Eyak negotiations have been difficult, and there are outstanding issues. The Council asked, I

think, at its last meeting that we work with

the Public Advisory Group in looking at policy questions on what constitutes less than fee and the question of public access. That still has not been resolved from the standpoint of the Council establishing some policies. Depending on what these policies might be, you -- you could cause major difficulties with Eyak negotiations. On the other hand, the Eyak board has told us very clearly that as of next spring, I guess March 31st date or something, that they feel compelled to move forward with the (indiscernible) timber harvesting on -- on ... If we don't have this appraisal information, this field season, that puts us in an awkward position, vis-à-vis their plans for the spring.

MR. SANDOR: Any other comments or questions? Any call for the question?

UNKNOWN: Question.

MR. SANDOR: Motion on the floor is to -- to allocate an additional one point five million dollars for the appraisal process outlined and that the Akhiok, Old Harbor and Koniag, that scheduled be mid or late August as opposed to September, and that the Eyak schedule be mid-September as opposed to late October. All those in favor of that motion signify by saying aye.

ALL TRUSTEES: Aye.

MR. SANDOR: All those opposed? (No response) The motion carries.  
Any other items to cover at this time?

MR. AYERS: Mr. Chairman, the next item -- were you ready for the next item on the agenda?

MR. SANDOR: Yes.

MR. AYERS: Mr. Chairman, the next item on the agenda is we've been, at your direction, trying to maintain an accurate future meeting schedule. It appears that August 23rd is the next time that the Council needs to meet and is able to meet, and August 23rd would be a morning meeting. There will be discussion regarding the final restoration plan, we would have the public comments in by then, we will have circulated those to you and your staff, we would also have the discussion of EIS proposed alternative. It could take -- it will take at least a couple of hours of discussion, and that includes, of course, getting that information out to you a head of time on the first two items. The other item would be the '95 interim budget, which also could take some time. I estimate the meeting could go from two to four hours.

MR. SANDOR: §

there any public comment period in this meeting, Mr. Chairman -- at that time?

MR. AYERS: I beg your pardon.

MR. SANDOR: I mean -- excuse me -- Mr. Ayers, is there a public comment period in that -- in that August 23 meeting?

MR. AYERS: Mr. Chairman, we have discussed the issue of public comment, however, let me say that the public comment period will have closed, and I would -- I raise that issue today, and I would want to talk with -- with the Forest Service, but it's my understanding that there will have been numerous public comment meetings as well as the open public comment period, and it's my

understanding the public comment period will have closed. It actually closes August 1st, so there would not be -- it's my

understanding, public comment at that time, that period would have closed. It would be action by the Council based on the comments that you have previously received.

MR. SANDOR: Jim Wolfe.

MR. WOLFE: Mr. Chairman, I -- I think that -- what Jim was saying would be appropriate. The only other thing I would add though is we would, I believe, like to have the benefit of the Public Advisory Group's input on -- on the preferred alternative approach or the public comments by the time we get together in August, and Jim, would this allow us to have their -- their input on this?

MR. AYERS: Mr. Chairman, they did discuss that at this last meeting, and we went through that, and it's my understanding that they are preparing -- they took that issue up. It was the things that Brad Phillips mentioned at your last meeting, with regard to their observations and their comments on the final restoration plan and the EIS proposed alternative. Those comments are being put together from their previous meeting and will be submitted by the Chairman. They're circulating those now, and we're working with them on that. Those were the three -- the three big issues were that they had developed, kind of what a -- a policy statement, three major policy statements, they also talked about, they wanted an expanded discussion of the reserve in the restoration plan and the



proposed alternative, and they also wanted to see the clarity, which we discussed, which is the clarity being the goals and objectives and strategies so that it's clear the

projects would have to be related specifically to -- or projects would be related specifically to measurable objectives. We've been working with them on that, and that will have been submitted to you in writing, is my understanding.

MR. SANDOR: If the meeting is two to four hours, Jim, and the departure date now scheduled for a flight from Anchorage to Kodiak is ten, so I'd like to toss that. How firm is that departure from Anchorage to Kodiak? Deborah, do you know when?

MS. WILLIAMS: Glenn -- Glenn are you still on the phone?

MR. ELISON: Yes, I am Deborah. I want to suggest that maybe in order to try to accommodate both the meeting and the flight to Kodiak, if the Trustees who are planning on going to Kodiak could arrive in Anchorage and go directly down town and have their meeting here in Anchorage and then we could proceed down to Kodiak whenever it was finished.

UNKNOWN: Well, that's flexible.

MR. SANDOR: Any other questions about either the content or the timing of the meeting on August 23 as proposed? Jim Wolfe.

MR. WOLFE: One last, and then I'll quit. We also have meetings scheduled on the 29th and the 30th, or thereabouts -- the 29th, I guess, is what I have on my calendar for the Trustee Council, and I guess now that we've pushed this meeting that far into August, Jim, my question would be is there some way

that we could combine those two and save some travel there. I mean, we've got to have (indiscernible).

MR. AYERS: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wolfe, that -- that is my understanding and that is exactly what we're trying to do. That was the discussion at the end of the last meeting, and our contacts with the respective Trustees have been to accommodate your schedules and the costs of the various meetings into one meeting, which would be the 23rd, and our primary concern on that 29th - 30th meeting was to deal with the issue of those items that will be in the work plan, the interim projects, the interim work, those items will need to come before you before the October meeting when you'll deal with the big -- with the whole work plan, and so that's what that meeting is about. So, you will not need the 29th or the 30th meeting, we will accommodate those on the 23rd. God willing.

MS. WILLIAMS: Mr. Chairman, may I recommend that we start the meeting at 7:30.

(Laughter)

MR. SANDOR: Distinguishable groan. (Aside comments) 7:30 -- is there a second to that?

MR. COLLINSWORTH: Mr. Pennoyer says he's going.

(Laughter)

MR. SANDOR: ... by 8:00?

MS. WILLIAMS: If that's the will of the body.

MR. SANDOR: Beg your pardon?

MR. ROSIER: I say at 8:00 -- if we hold the meeting at 8:30 in the morning, we can fly up in the morning, otherwise we have to -- everybody in Juneau has to go up the night before.

UNKNOWN: The earliest we can get there now is 9:30.

(Aside discussion)

MR. SANDOR: Mr. Rosier, would you care to make a motion?

(Aside discussion regarding airline flights)

MR. AYERS: I suspect, Mr. Chairman, that we would not be able to get the meeting going until probably 10:30 if we waited until the next morning.

MR. WOLFE: Mr. Chair.

MR. SANDOR: Mr. Wolfe.

MR. WOLFE: If we should change the -- amend the motion to start at 10:30 on the 22nd and then end the day, and those folks going on down to Kodiak can do so the next morning, first thing, and those of us who aren't going could come on home that evening.

MR. SANDOR: You're proposing move the date to August the 22nd? Is that what you're doing? It's been moved by Jim Wolfe that the next meeting schedule be August 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at the Simpson Building. Is there a second for that motion? Deborah, there's not a lot of enthusiasm about that. The motion dies for a lack of a second. Carl Rosier.

MR. ROSIER: I move we start the meeting at 10:30 a.m. on the 23rd, and that we schedule the Kodiak trip to begin immediately following.

MR. SANDOR: It's been moved that the August 23rd meeting begin at 10:30 a.m. and those going to Kodiak can take whatever, if any, planes to Kodiak

following that meeting. Is

there a second to that motion? Lot of hands signals, but no voice!

MR. WOLFE: I guess, Mr. Chairman, I don't know what that does to Deborah's schedule, to get to Kodiak. I'm okay with the 10:30 time frame, but I don't want to totally foul up the trip.

MR. SANDOR: Mr. Collinsworth.

MR. COLLINSWORTH: Mr. Pennoyer is available on the 23rd, so ...

MR. SANDOR: Beg your pardon?

MR. COLLINSWORTH: Steve Pennoyer is available on the 23rd, and whether it's a 7:00 a.m. or 10:30. I think probably he would be just as pleased to go up in the morning rather than the night before.

MR. ROSIER: Deborah, what -- this issue in my mind here is the Kodiak trip, but how much time do we in fact need for the Kodiak trip. Do we have any kind of schedule at the present time for the Kodiak leg of this ...?

MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, we do, and there is some flexibility on the first day, as those of us who went a couple of weeks ago know. But, Glenn, I'll defer to you. What do you think the latest the group could leave and still fly over the Koniag lands, and did we do the boat trip -- we did the boat trip the first night didn't we, or was that the second night?

MR. ELISON: Well -- answer your first question. I think that if -- the latest you want to get out here is about 3:00 -- out of Anchorage.



MS. WILLIAMS:       Okay.

MR. ROSIER: Well, you could still do two to four hours -- just give an abbreviated lunch period or have some sandwiches brought in.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yeah, if Glen said that leaving by 3:00 is okay by him, it's okay by me, which means we could go with Commissioner Rosier's motion and start the meeting at 10:30.

MR. SANDOR: We'll assume that that's a second, Deborah?

MS. WILLIAMS: That's a second.

(Laughter)

MR. SANDOR: Second is that the meeting be August 23rd at 10:30 a.m., with a working lunch, and the trip to Kodiak for those going, no later than 3:00.

Any further discussion on this motion? Is there any objection to that? There being none, the next meeting will be -- it'll be a brand new meeting, incidentally, (laughter) August 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

MR. ROSIER: Is there a motion by the Chair to have this meeting adjourned.

MR. SANDOR: It's a ruling!

(Aside comments - Laughter)

MR. WOLFE: And there will be no 29th meeting.

MR. SANDOR: There will be no 29 or 30 meeting. God willing, if the creeks don't rise, Jim.

MR. AYERS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. SANDOR: Okay.

MR. WOLFE: Thank you, Deborah.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, (indiscernible) thank you all. I move ...

MR. SANDOR: Other items on this agenda, anything for the good of the order here. If not, we express appreciation to everybody for putting this package together, and this meeting is adjourned.

(Aside comments)

MR. WOLFE: Deborah, are you still there?

MS. WILLIAMS: Was that a Deborah, yes?

MR. WOLFE: Are we going to try to get down to lower Kenai and Prince William Sound during that week sometime?

MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, Jim, I would propose that we go ahead and try on the -- you know, tentatively we were scheduled to go to Kenai Fiords on the 22nd, but with the meeting on this date, that would -- unless we went to Kenai Fiords meeting and then Prince William Sound, we could do that, or I could check with the Kenai Fiords folks and see if we could do Kenai Fiords on the 24th or 25th.

MR. WOLFE: I'm okay, we could probably do most of it on the 22nd if we wanted to do that, to try to make a -- kind of a long loop out of that thing.

MS. WILLIAMS: Okay, and so your thinking, it would be more flying in a goose, landing in a few spots?

MR. WOLFE: Or otter, or something in that nature, right.

MS. WILLIAMS:       Okay.

MR. WOLFE: Do you want to check with your Park Service folks first?

MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

MR. WOLFE: I can get in touch with you in a day or two. I'm going to be flying out of town shortly, but I will call you back in -- for ...

MS. WILLIAMS: Okay, that sounds like a good plan.

MR. WOLFE: Okay, thanks Deborah.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thanks, Jim.

MR. SANDOR: Thank you all.

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