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***This transcription picks up during the Olgoonik Development/Olgoonik Fairbanks Activity Update, presented by John Ford of Olgoonik Development.***

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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Former tank farms that were in the DEW Line area?

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Oh yes.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

00:00:10.12

Is there any sign of any seepage into the ground?

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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There are a number of contaminated sites; we have dug up most of those in previous years. There is still a little bit of that left to do and that is part of the project for next summer.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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I just thought about that because we just had a tank farm cleanup over by our DEW Line. It was quite a mess.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Most of the old military sites do have fuel spills. This one, Wainwright, has been investigated pretty thoroughly and they think they have found them all. We have dug up a number of them already and there is some more to do next summer. Just fuel spills stuff, I think we have already excavated all the known PCB sites and other hazmat sites.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:00:53.49

Is all that haul...gravel..stationed in these bigger garages?

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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What's that?

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:01:16.15

Gravel that is being pulled out, contaminated gravel - where is it being stored? Is it being stored in these...

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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No, no. The scope of work that the Air Force had for the fuel contaminated soil is to do a land spread - spread it real thin - on the old runway. We did that with some fuel spill gravel from 2 years ago and spread it less than 6 inches thick over about 2/3 of the old runway and tested it several times and we turned it over a number of times, plowed it. And by the end of the second season it was all below the cleanup levels that we needed to achieve. So that is the plan to do that again, we have a smaller quantity than we did in 2010.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:02:01.52

One more question. Are these buildings going to be utilized, is there anything...are they...Is the Army Corp of Engineers just going to demolish these buildings or is there anything - is any of these being maybe donated to Wainwright?

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

00:02:18.19

The most of the buildings there were built in the 1950s and they are in pretty poor shape. There's a couple of them that were built in the 90s and there is some discussions with the Air Force about reusing those and how best to do that. The contract we have right now is to take everything down but if we work out a reuse for those it will be a change to what is in the contract at this time. Actually the buildings that were built in the 90s are in pretty good shape. They didn't use any PCBs, they didn't use any leaded paint, no asbestos, so. It would be nice to salvage those if we can. That hasn't been ironed out yet.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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The next one on the list is the old beach tanks. There was a set of fuel tanks on the shore line about 5 miles from the radar site, there used to be a pipeline that connected them. Some recent investigations found some more contaminated dirt there that needs to be cleaned up and that is on the books for next year also. Probably to be done in April.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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The Aviation Fuel Tank Farm near the village is planned to set up an initial phase of jet fuel for commercial uses. I think the initial phase is for 4 35,000-gallon tanks. That would be...

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:04:01.14

I think they are 87,000 gallons each.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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What's that?

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

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Eighty seven thousand gallons?

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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They are thirty five thousand gallons each. Four tanks at 35,000 gallons each.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:04:07.45

Well that is not the writing that is on the tanks.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

00:04:13.41

Which tanks is that?

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:04:15.02

I don't know: there's four new tanks along with a dispensary...

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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In Wainwright?

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

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Yeah, they are in Wainwright. They tried to put them up there by the gravel on the graveyard and it got denied.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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They have selected a different location to try ...

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

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Yeah but they are 87,000 gallons.

**Weston Howe, Olgoonik Development**

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No sir. They are 37,000 gallons.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Is it 37? Oh, I said 35. 37.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

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I believe I saw 87 written on there. They are really big tanks.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Big skid (??) not a tanks (unclear)

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

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They are as long as this room.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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They are probably about 45 or 50 feet long each, something like that. Let's see...

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:05:04.72

And you said- what is that going to be for? Is that going to be only for the industry's use or, like you say, it is going to be commercially sold to ...

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Commercial sales. Jet fuel.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

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So then...everyone is going to be flying there go to fill up now.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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So that if ERA flies and wants to fuel up...

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:05:26.04

I am talking about industry.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Oh, yes. Yes, if they want to fuel up there too, that is what it is for. Right now, if somebody wants to fill up with jet fuel they have to go back to Barrow, or over to Kotzebue, or leave from Fairbanks with full tanks. This way they can fill up in Wainwright. And it is going to be a destination, probably, for a lot of people. Let's see

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

00:05:58.00

We are looking at construction of another camp facility for Conoco, potentially. Some details to be worked out on that still. And a helicopter hanger, a place to do service on helicopters. Let's see... the gravel pads - those were built a couple years ago. They are out near the landfill north of town. We have a camp now that Shell's spill response crew stayed in last summer. They plan to come back and stay there again next summer. We will operate the camp for them.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Boat services. You saw some of these photos - the Tukpuk, that vessel, it gets a lot of use in the summer, that belongs to one of our companies and they do quite a bit of different projects with that boat. The Olgoonik/Fairweather venture has offshore science work that has been going on for the last few years, that is going to continue, several science vessels floating around off shore there. And the onshore environmental survey, we will be supporting Shell with that project too. I am not familiar with the details of all that work, but, let's see..

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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I believe that we've got a small contract with Linc Energy to be one of their vendors to support them with some downhole tools at Umiat.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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We are probably going to do some work for Brice Construction. Brice has a contract with the North Slope Borough to build a sea wall, part of an erosion control project right in front of the village and they are going to bring something like 30,000 tons of armor rock in and put it on the shoreline there. We will probably help them out in small ways, nothing major for us.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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We've been mining gravel. We have a permitted gravel source near the entrance to the river that we have operated for a couple years. I think we are going to do another gravel haul this winter. North Slope Borough - they are talking to us about providing more gravel, it has not been confirmed yet. And that typically ends up being a pretty big project, winter work.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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And then we started the - a road to get access to the shoreline north of the village landfill. For a number of years, if people wanted to go north to the beach they had to go through the dump.

With this road that we're working on right now, we can go bypass the dump altogether and it makes a better access for people who want to travel north of the village. Those are - there are some other possible projects that are in discussion but not finalized at this point, a park and playground for the city. There is an old dredge that was abandoned up the river 20, 25 years ago. We are in discussion with the Borough about removing that. At the same time as we demolish the old radar station. We put in a new subdivision road for the village last summer and there's some discussion about maybe adding another new subdivision road in the village. Not definite yet. And then we are always looking at projects for the North Slope Borough and the village. We don't have any at this time. Anyway, Olgoonik companies are going to be pretty busy in and around Wainwright and in NPR-A this coming year. Who knows what is going to happen next?

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:10:11.41

This construction for Conoco Phillips, construction of a camp. Are they utilizing or adding on to the Olgoonik Hotel?

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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No, the hotel is right there in town. Out north of the village near the landfill we built, a year or two ago, a helipad and camp pad out away from town a couple miles. So that if helicopters do come in they are a couple miles away from the village and that is where that activity would go on.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:10:50.54

So, Conoco is trying to let you use Olgoonik Hotel as a main base?

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Olgoonik Hotel has 11 rooms and generally they tried, the hotel, if the North Slope Borough or visitors or somebody comes in for overnight, they try to save those rooms for that. We tried to use it for a construction camp one winter, it doesn't work very well. If you have construction guys walking in and out all the time - it is not the best use of the hotel itself. So we've got kind of setting up different facilities for long-term construction and other things like that and save the hotel for visitors.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:11:42.20

I think it is a great idea - use of industry to do some upgrades, add some additions, build the city government's bed tax - that is just my suggestion, it would be a benefit to the community, big time.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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We've looked at upgrades to the hotel, it's just on a small piece of property and the fire station is right behind it, you can't expand that way. Two streets on two sides and then a driveway and

somebody else's property right beside it. There is no real place to expand it. We have looked at that, it would be nice if we could. Sky scraper, I guess.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

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I was just curious, thank you.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:12:34.72

There are water lakes 2.3 from the village and where you guys have this road, where you made it is up high and I don't know if you guys going to store those tanks there or if they are contained, but if there is ever a spill it will flow down into that watershed area.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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The new tanks will go - the planned location for them is right next to the North Slope Borough village tank farm. So they will be there and we'll have fuel truck service to go out to the helipad. We'll just take the truck out there and fuel up. So, the big tanks are not anywhere near the water supply lake, they are right next to the village tank farm or that is the proposed location that we are looking at now.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:13:27.37

They haven't decided yet because they got denied where they were trying to put them because, I mean, where they were trying to put them, I mean...

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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That was, there is a lot of history behind that location and I don't know all the details but, yeah, it has been, that won't be the location, near the cemetery there. But right now we are in the process of trying to find and permit, got approval for, another location. And I think most people think next to the village tank farm is probably the best place, so we think that is where it is going to go.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

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The other thing is, you are going to do this - I work water and sewer and it is already putting a stress on us when we are having to accommodate the visitors and we are having to accommodate more water, more waste. And it is only going to get bigger.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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We've been talking to the North Slope Borough about that today, as a matter of fact. About things that we can do and how we need to plan things to either set up our own services or figure out how to expand the Borough's services or capacities and all that needs to be figured out. That is part of the planning operation.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:14:50.25

What I see is a lack of foresight or even planning. It is like everybody there is just jumped in, jumped in with both feet. And it's ...

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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When I started working there 7 years ago, we had kind of a broken down shop and a few pieces of old equipment and nobody had bought the leases off shore at that time. And the lease sales happened in, what, 2008? And then we got some equipment, the Borough wanted to do a big gravel haul, they needed new gravel so we bought some equipment. We needed a place for our crews to stay so we built the camp and it has grown a lot since 2008. There have been a lot of changes, and it is going to continue, I think. I don't...it is hard to be proactive too much because there is no contract, there is no funding to do anything, and then you get a contract and you have to run and catch up. Which is the position we have been in for a while.

**Unknown**

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From what I have seen, Olgoonik Development has provided the North Slope Borough with some very very detailed staged contingent plans depending on what Conoco Phillips, Shell, and Statoil discover out there. And, Bart, correct me if I am wrong, but it was a very well defined structure and long-term planning including preparing for to reduce as much of the local inter - intra village impacts as possible. So I beg to disagree a little bit with Ransom because I do know that there has been, there are models, there are contingent plans, and there are staged sequences as least as they were presented to the North Slope Borough Mayor's office.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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And it is all a work in progress, too.

**Unknown**

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My question would be to you and most of the entities here in terms of the industry working with the village corporations and the willingness of industry to work with infrastructure construction in terms of office spaces and similar burdens in a fashion that would allow for later use of those buildings as long-term office spaces for the North Slope Borough and other entities or remodeling. And I was curious to know if Olgoonik Corporation had ever gone that route. One of our frustrations up here is the unwillingness of the local village corporation to construct office buildings beyond what is presently available or the inability to obtain long-term financing or whatever logistical problems they might be facing.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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A lot of these are ideas that people have talked about but a lot of times it waits for somebody to come up with funding and there is always a hurry up and wait, hurry up and wait, and then you have to run and catch up with a plan. And it seems to be the way it always works. I don't know

the answer to all these sorts of things, that is at the Board of Directors level and above mine.

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

00:18:48.74

I will just say that with Conoco Phillips, some of that planning and some of, like, the pad for the camp and things like that I think are trying to provide some of that investment for future opportunities as well. It is kind of what, over the years of working, that is - seeing that as investment that leaves - we're just looking at exploration - we are going to install a gravel pad and there's going to be some facilities available.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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There's, this is a little off topic, but we are trying to work with the Borough to come up with a master plan for what is going to happen in the village. So much of it is unknown at this point. We know a few things, like we are over capacity on the sewage treatment plant, or pretty close to it, and that needs to be addressed in the planning. But that is a work in progress right now trying to figure out how to make all this stuff work. I don't have an answer to that, I wish I did.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:19:48.42

So the construction of the camp - is that, it is going to happen? Or you don't know, there is no money yet.

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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It's probable, probable. I think that is going to happen in the next 12 months.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

00:20:06.85

The new camp is going to be owned by OC?

**John Ford, Senior Project Manager, Olgoonik Environmental Services (O.E.S.) Inc.**

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Yes. Or one of the subsidiary companies. OC or...probably OME, that subsidiary company is our machinery, shop, and camps. So that is probably how that will be set up. Any other questions? OK.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

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Thank you.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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Conoco Phillips?

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

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Well, my name is Sam Widmer. I work for Conoco Phillips, I am an Environmental Coordinator. And I am going to discuss our upcoming exploration project this year in the NPR-A. So this winter we are looking at drilling two exploration wells and 5 plug and abandonment. Here is a map that kind of outlines the entire project. Does everyone have a PowerPoint presentation? OK. Forgive me; I am kind of sick so it might be hard to hear me. Alright, can you guys hear me better?

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

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Our current plan this year is to begin with the Rolligon route out here at drill site 2P and follow this out to there and then set up an ice pad right here which is labeled "staging area" on the map. This will be our midway camp and then from there we are going to plan to build an ice road in both directions while the Alpine ice road is built at the same time. Current project schedule is to start December first to the 15th, sometime between there, depending on when tundra travel opens and we can begin building an ice pad at site 2P. Once we get the ice pad build, we plan to begin Rolligon out to Lake R076 or at midway camp. Once we set up the midway camp we plan to begin ice road construction in both directions. Current plan is to be in ice road construction around January first depending on ice road conditions and weather. February first, we begin, the plan is to start drilling Cassin #1 and begin the plug and abandonment of 5 P&A wells. We will have two different crews: one crew drilling and one crew working the plug and abandonments. And then with the success of Cassin #1, we plan to drill Cassin #6 and begin well testing of Cassin well #1.

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

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The Rolligons will cross the same point they usually do, which will be near Ocean Point and will end up near the midway camp or Lake R076. Plan to set up a remote camp near R076, we plan to set up an ice pad to support the camp, ice road will start in both directions, the camp at R076 will be about 300 by 300 feet. That is a typical ice road photo. We actually permitted 8 wells to drill but we are only planning to drill Cassin #1 and Cassin #6. So the total ice road length is 38 miles to Cassin #6 and then approximately 6 miles for spur roads between these others there. And this map here is a land status map that lists Native allotments and other cultural areas along the route, which we are not going to cross with this route. This is the same route we cross every year, or previously for Pioneer and other exploration projects in the NPR-A. This is a photo just showing the general ice pad - layout of an exploration project. Current plans we to plug and abandon are Spark #1, Lookout #1, this is Tooth C, Carbon #1 and potentially Scout #1, depending on the success of Cassin #1. If Cassin #1 is a success, we plan to not plug and abandon Scout #1.

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

00:27:11.39

Then just some general steps for plug and abandonment. I am not going to read them all, but this is just the general steps that we go through for plugging and abandoning. We plan to build 5 ice pads to support the plug and abandonment. So this is a photo of a plug and abandonment, or a well plugged and abandoned and this is the left over, what you have after we are done drilling a

well. So all you have is left over snow. And the next one is well capped and the next one is digging out the well cellar around it - digging it out to 5 feet below tundra grade.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

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After this summer or the next summer, will that well head be refurbished? With seams and all?

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

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IF you go to the next slide, that is typically what it looks like and usually we'll do an inspection the next year to verify how it settles - make sure it is settling out right and then - verify that it is matching the tundra and basically to make sure that it is matching the existing tundra so you don't have a footprint showing where it is.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:28:59.71

Will the ice road be accessible for subsistence hunters?

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

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I guess that is kind of the question that is being addressed by the BLM and the North Slope Borough.

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

00:29:10.51

In Nuiqsut, yes. Sorry. There you go. Lisa would know. This map here kind of lists all the lakes we plan to use for water sources. These lakes were all surveyed by Larry Moulton and most of these lakes have previously permitted in the past for projects like Pioneer and Grand View. And we surveyed these three lakes up here during the summer, so all these lakes, we have the (unclear) data, we have fish surveys so we know whether or not you should take out of these lakes to not affect any fish. And some of these lakes over here have already been permitted by the CD5 program and Alpine resupply ice road. And as part of this project we plan to put two communication towers along the route and they are labeled Com Tower, right here, and Com Tower, right there. So these will provide, give us a way to have communication along the project. Here is the ice pad layout we plan to use, approximately 500 by 500 feet (unclear). Here is a list of permits for the project. We currently have filed all the permits for the projects: BLM, the North Slope Borough, US Fish and Wildlife Service, ADNR, ADF&G, our general air permit, our temporary waste storage permit. We haven't submitted our BLM application for permit to drill yet, plan to shortly. And we have been working on getting the approvals.

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

00:29:10.51

Nuiqsut, yes,

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

00:31:16.31

This slide kind of demonstrates the general rules we use to operate safely on the ice roads. Prior to travel, always check your fuel and lights. All traffic entering the ice roads must check in with security so you don't have people who don't belong to be on the ice roads on the ice roads. And we will also put up signs labeling which direction is the ice road so people don't get lost if they do travel on the ice road. So you can be going to Barrow or going to Cassin, which direction you're going, so you won't get lost out there, if you are on the ice road.

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

00:31:32.70

I guess the next slide - do you guys have any questions?

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:32:16.44

Thank you for letting me use the road.

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

00:32:16.60

Yeah, anytime. And then we did meet with KSOP, we did meet with Kuukpik, did a presentation at the planning meeting in Wainwright, did meet, do a pre-application with the Borough and...

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

00:32:35.09

You had your meeting in Nuiqsut.

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

00:32:35.29

Meeting in Nuiqsut, August 16, I believe.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:32:42.75

After 6 miles I don't have to drive my snow machine, utilize my vehicle - 12 miles to the next wolf camp, so, that is a good plus issue. Well, if you guys don't have any questions, I will hand it over. Thank you, that is it, thanks guys, thanks for your time.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

00:33:14.10

We will take a quick break. (5 minutes)

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:34:47.98

Just before you guys leave I wanted to ask about the bridge crossings for the Rolligons - is there going to be an ice road or is it just all Rolligons?

**Dave Whitacre, Linc Energy**

00:44:46.08

It is snow road all the way in.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:44:56.98

What is the usual ice depth on the river crossing where you guys are going to be traveling?

**Dave Whitacre, Linc Energy**

00:45:00.46

I don't know that.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:45:02.69

What does it have to be - 12 inches to travel across with the Rolligon and a load?

**Dave Whitacre, Linc Energy**

00:45:07.09

I know when they surveyed the streams this summer they were try to pick the shallowest spots to cross because they changed some of the routes to hit those but I don't know what the depth is.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:45:23.67

My concern is just because the current is so strong up there, right at Umiat, compared to the bridge crossing at Nuiqsut. So, I wouldn't want to see a Rolligon going in there even though they are floatable with the giant tires they have - just a concern. I forgot that, I thought there was going to be an ice road and I was really curious if that bridge crossing was going to be bottomed out and if the fish were going to be stuck on either side. So that was my other concern that I was going to bring up but if it is going to be a Rolligon trail then, I'd like to know that you guys just check the ice depth every now and then because it does wear pretty fast with the current.

**Bartley Kleven, Linc Energy**

00:46:04.15

On the Colville?

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:46:09.66

Yes. And I always go hunting - Chandalar, Anaktuvuk, in February and still break through the ice. Just being cautious.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

00:46:27.47

Alright? We'll go on to community concerns.

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

00:46:33.69

Sorry, we had an audience question about whether there was a Rolligon trail to Barrow this winter.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

00:46:39.55

Conoco Phillips could probably answer that.

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

00:46:45.21

Well our Rolligon trail just goes to the Cassin Road, as Sam mentioned, so we don't know, it would be a contract with somebody here in Barrow. We think, we've heard that there will be but we don't know.

**Sam Widmer, Conoco Phillips Alaska Inc.**

00:46:57.48

And Peak (?) was the one planning on doing that.

**Unknown**

00:47:04.33

John with Olgoonik said he needs to get some stuff over to Wainwright by Rolligon, so.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

00:47:14.67

Where's Wainwright? I mean Olgoonik - OC? When are they going to have a trail?

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

00:47:22.65

I don't know where they went. They left.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

00:47:31.91

Call them back.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:47:34.65

Does Conoco already have camps over there, in Wainwright?

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

00:47:34.65

I'll see if they really left.

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

00:47:38.62

No, that would be next summer.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:47:41.50

Oh next summer. Would that be Rolligoned in this winter?

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

00:47:47.27

No, I think it is by barge.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:47:51.93

OK, thank you. Does Conoco want to Rolligon to Barrow? 2013 Kivgik coming up, c'mon now!! We'll save you some tickets!

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

00:48:26.04

Well for the past few years there has always been a snow trail to Barrow - Cruz or Peak or somebody gets a contract to haul fuel and we expect that there will be X snow trail, but there won't be an ice road to Barrow.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:48:46.83

Yup, 2013 Kivgik coming up. It's all of our communities coming together and it's where, a lot of times our communities get to barter like in the old days when they had nothing. Of course we all know that it is a very traditional thing that we all love over here and donations are much welcome to all the communities!!

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

00:49:12.51

Just saying that travel on those snow roads, there is concern from I think everybody involved because people get stuck and Search and Rescue and there is concern in Nuiqsut and Barrow and so, if people do that, make sure you understand the risks.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:49:32.50

Travel at your own pack (?)

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

00:49:42.26

Bart, isn't the Borough planning, trying to put together a meeting on this topic? The non-industrial local use of the ice roads and snow trails?

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

00:49:45.19

That's been a subject every year. There's always somebody - fuel, coming in from Prudhoe so there is always something coming in.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

00:50:14.88

I think I got an email about a meeting for early December to talk about this in Barrow but I can't pull it up because we've changed our email system. But I think that's the schedule and I hope I am not confusing that with some other meeting.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

00:50:36.82

And you can email us an update?

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

00:50:38.82

Yeah sure, no problem. But it is a public safety issue and it is an economic issue and it involves a lot of people and agencies, everybody from oil industry to BLM to the Borough to troopers - everybody, Search and Rescue, everybody is concerned with it and making sure it is safe and something that doesn't cause environmental damage.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

00:51:13.57

That is a good subject. Just that, you can see, Coast Guard helped us a lot this summer and now we are back to one helicopter. So, if somebody gets hurt, that's - give and take.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

00:51:43.63

A lot of things come into play with this because the prize for Wainwright is - that is a lot of money.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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Yes it is.

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

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Yeah, no, I'm just saying it's just a safety and we just need to, if people are doing it, make sure you know what you are doing.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

00:52:06.16

We really need the Borough's help on it because the Borough is the one with the law enforcement presence and the Search and Rescue presence and hopefully we will be able to work something out so that it is safer this year than it has been before.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

00:52:23.55

Alright well from there we will go on to Community Concerns and we can start with Wainwright.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:52:45.87

Yeah. Ransom and too bad Mr. Ford left because that is one of the concerns now - I mean I didn't know that they were going to commercially start dispensing fuel for helicopters so we are going to be seeing more traffic, is what I am thinking. And that is going to be a concern, I mean I don't know how well they relate this information even to the shareholders. I was even aware of it until he brought it up and that's just one of the concerns I have is the lack of - I see it with Conoco, Shell, and everybody else but with OC, I mean, there is no - I don't know who they are relying on to do all this stuff for them, but it hurts me because I am an OC shareholder and I didn't even know about that until he brought it up.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

00:53:33.72

I'll just say that I have been at meetings and teleconferences with people at pretty high levels in the department, the Associate - or Deputy Secretary Hayes and Olgoonik, the City, and the Tribe were all represented on a teleconference I sat in on and they all - the message from the teleconference was basically Wainwright is open for business, we want to support development...

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

00:54:11.15

Well, well, that is the other thing. I hate to interrupt you but the Tribe just got recently got formed like last month and the only reason it got restarted was OC finally realized that the Tribe needed to be functioning and most of the- well let's see. It is a 7 member board, and I believe 3 of them are on the board of directors of OC. And 2 of them are hired under OC - they work for industry. So it's kind of, you know, it's like almost they don't even give you the choice. It's like here, take it. Because you are in a village you don't really want to speak out because, you know, it's a social thing, it's hard to decline when you live in a village and it's like that. It is not really nepotism, it's not really...well it might be nepotism, it's a combination of a whole bunch of things and it is just typical. And being on this - new to this panel, and I don't know the federal government does oversight like with the tribal governments because, like, can that be...I mean is that even correct to have - I mean they started that tribe up because they realize it had to be up and running and it's like most everybody in Wainwright's been - they are under this illusion that we are going to be millionaires or something and that is not true. I can see some benefits coming but I don't - myself - I don't see the benefits given the risks they are taking out there in the ocean, in my eyes it is not. I'd rather, I say go ANWR. Go to ANWR. You know, it is on the land. I mean, it is just hard to fathom - how can they engineer anything out there that will stop ice, ice from...we, as hunters we have tremendous respect for the ocean; we know what it can do. We have never tried to control it or say "we can" because, in our eyes, we can't, I mean nobody can and it's - it might even be, it might be later on if they do this and get this pipeline up and running like they say they are going to. I hate to say it but something is going to happen, you know, if not early, it's later on. And there just needs to be, I don't know, more planning or something. A lot of 'what if' thinking: what if, what if, what if - you need brainstorming. And I don't see it in my own corporation and that's one of the things I wanted to bring up because I don't know how well that can work when you have corporate members doing business for money being on a tribal government where, it's like, you know, we don't get paid. We don't get paid to attend the meetings on the tribal government. Like conflict of interest or something. That's one of my,

well really my only concern now, so I will stop there.

**Jennifer Ungarook, Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope**

00:58:15.20

I am Jennifer, I have only been with ICASS for four days now and I am filling in for Qinugan and I don't have anything right now.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

00:58:25.12

Thomas Napageak, Nuiqsut, Native Village. My first one, recommendation, I would like to see more stipulants (stipulations) be added in permitting process for (unclear) project during our moose season. They affect every boat, every local that has a boat in my community. I think that is all I have for now; if I come up with something before we adjourn here I'll bring it up. Thank you.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

00:59:10.26

Martha?

**Martha Itta, Native Village of Nuiqsut**

00:59:13.20

I have a concern from a hunter. They wanted to know whether the hunters can be compensated for being impacted by the industries for having to go further out to get caribou and what not. That was the concern by a hunter in Nuiqsut. They wanted to know because they only get 20 gallons of gas from the city but they said that that's not even enough for the distance they have to travel now to harvest caribou or whatever it is they are hunting for. And they wanted to know if the hunters can be compensated for that.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:00:05.59

I think I can partially answer that. I think it was Shell or the Coast Guard that locally here was giving out gas vouchers. I don't know if anybody in town - Ernest, do you remember who that was? I can find out that information for you. I think it was either Shell or the Coast Guard. We had the same problem with air traffic, with helicopters and they were giving out gas vouchers for those impacted hunters.

**Shell Employee (Walter Sandel?)**

01:00:07.96

Was this here in Barrow? Yeah, that was Shell.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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It was Shell? I don't know if it was Shell that was in your area at that time but it would be good to find out.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:00:49.03

Let me try to answer that. There's mitigation funds that is established with the industry for the affected village. With the North Slope Borough, Planning Department and Mayor's Staff and Nuiqsut, probably some KSOP people, they are the people that review and make recommendations about the funds to each hunter who applies. So, just check with Gordon for that part.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:00:49.03

It's actually a 3-way committee between all 3 - one member from Native Village, one member from City Council, and one member from Kuukpik and yes, they do, we do get mitigation funds from industries that do work in our areas from having to travel far and it's just dispersed in fuel and other varieties of ways that the community thinks we can benefit out of it.

**Shell Employee (Walter Sandel?)**

01:02:24.78

Excuse me, that was because of an incident, we had one of our offshore helicopters that was doing some flying out to one of our rigs out there and it was because of that incident that we gave some vouchers.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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It comes with the permit.

**Shell Employee (Walter Sandel?)**

01:02:42.75

Well, it was Shell's decision; it didn't come with the permit. That we had an effect on these subsistence hunters.

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

01:02:51.01

Yeah they are talking two different things. Yours was something different, and then there is this permit mitigation fund. So but those funds are getting dispersed?

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:03:03.18

Yes.

**Lisa Pekich, Conoco Phillips Alaska**

01:03:09.52

Do people need to know how to apply?

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:03:10.89

It doesn't need to be applied for. What we require for gas vouchers is hunting license. Due to the fact that the State of Alaska decides to come to our community and wants to enforce the Fish and

Game regulations after 38 years of going to my community twice, so the - our community is trying to make sure that we follow state and federal laws as well as when we disperse our monies.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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Next?

**Martha Itta, Native Village of Nuiqsut**

01:03:50.26

How involved are the tribes - what is their role in the permitting process? I mean, giving out the permits.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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When there's a permit, when we receive an application, a permit is reviewed and the admin fee is paid, that is when we - if there is no fee, we don't work on it. When the fee is paid, we start the process and we talk - we all try to talk with what we call pre-application meeting. We review the application and get in touch with either the Tribe and then, if it is a use permit, there's a 15-day review period during which anybody could rebuttal, make recommendations, that's when we email them off and post them, ask the Tribe, the cities to post them. We do get some rebuttals and they are entered onto the log and then it is up to the administrator to elevate it or not. If it is elevated it comes up to the Planning Commission. And it's not the administration that is going to decide, it is the commission that is going to decide.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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In terms of permitting, this is part of it. These major activities that - the ice road building, the exploration activity that you heard about tonight - this is an outreach to the Tribes and a consultation with the Tribes where we are listening for recommendations about how to administer these permits. What we are doing right now is involving the Tribes in the permitting process as it is in the spring where we talk about the summer studies that are scheduled and we passed out those spreadsheets that showed who is doing what where and that's part of our consultation with the Tribes on a government-to-government footing.

**Martha Itta, Native Village of Nuiqsut**

01:07:04.06

An archaeologist just found human remains where they were surveying and we had asked North Slope Borough and the oil company industry to stop all operations until they came and notified the community. They still haven't done that yet and we just received an email saying that they are going to start packing the snow for the ice road today without even coming to the community and notifying them about their findings. And when I spoke with an elder, she said there may be more remains in that area and we need to discuss what steps need to be taken and how much of that area is historical.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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OK, that part, I'll get what's his name, Kunneak Nageak, the archaeology specialist who reviews the permits.

**Martha Itta, Native Village of Nuiqsut**

01:08:11.76

I've been talking with Qaiyaan.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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So Qaiyaan and Kunneak - I will relay the concern to the board.

**Martha Itta, Native Village of Nuiqsut**

01:08:11.86

The concern is they need to, we request them to stop all operations until this is settled. So we would like that. That area is where the Indians and the Eskimo had was back then over territory, so what the elders are saying is that there could be a lot more human remains around there and should be considered historical.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:08:21.31

Would you believe ...there are 3 ways to join the Union: one, you are won by war. Two, you are bought. Three, you join. So, you got NPR-A - none of them did. What she just said - there was a turf war between the Indians and Eskimos and this is what. I have been waiting for this. The Final EIS is coming out. This is the last piece of federal land on the whole United States that is going to be part of the United States. And the history, I could see the history right here of NPR-A and I like to talk about, in the 70s, the first mark up of NPR-A, they picked up all the land chiefs from each village, the city mayor. This is history. From all the villages. And then we had a workshop. And what the subject was: Native allotments. And we asked about - it says right here, Native Allotment Act passed, 1906. And then the project manager said "oh we are going to get onto a different subject." And we said we wanted to find out how many Native allotments were approved. But he said, "One." And we looked at each other and said, "If you," - cause there was a lot of applicants that were filed. And we said, they said, we are not going to talk to you anymore not unless you approve some Native allotments on NPR-A. And then 3 or 4 months later, there was a blanket approval stating that all the Native allotments were approved under this order if they qualify. And then, turning to a different subject: Veterans. I am a veteran. All the veterans got this allotment act because we are at in service during the ANCSA, and then we all filed who missed out. And the whole North Slope, I haven't even heard one veteran get an allotment. And with - I work for the village corporation trying to close out ANCSA selections here in Barrow, they told us, like your boss said, you cannot select any land within NPR-A. Where can we go? That is why there are under-selections. This whole system is just.....If the government just could bend a little we could have everything cleaned up but they are not listening to us, the stakeholders that were here before, our grandfathers who had fought the Indians. We fought for our land. But, with one sheet of paper, they included the North Slope. Southeast started the land claims and every time I see them I ask "Why did you guys include us on that part?" "Oh, we just want more people." You can see the history of that - the North Slope

didn't want to be part of the ANCSA. All my uncles and aunts were born over at Colville and most of them when they used to go back and forth to Kotzebue, Selawik, they used to - they went down to visit grandma's hometown. While they were coming back, grandfather died and then the young ones went back down to Selawik, Shungnak, Ambler. But the older ones came up this way. So, ANCSA came around they lost their birthright. They were told that wherever you are staying now, that is where you are going to apply. Where they grew up for good 20 years! Well, enough of history.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:10:38.62

Anyway I got this (unclear) about the morning session about Spatial Data - that BLM Spatial Data Management System. I wasn't here this morning, who was doing that?

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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We didn't actually do that...

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

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We didn't get to it because we spent too much time on everything else. So I was actually going to ask the panel whether it is something that they are interested enough in that they would like it to be a future workshop subject, and to what extent, like, to where Lon and I would give a presentation on it or we could try to arrange to have somebody from Anchorage who works with - they are called Master Title Plats and there are surveyors who know all that stuff, to come give a lesson or a presentation or a tutorial on it. So I was going to gauge the Panel's interest in that subject. But as far as we got today, Bart is what you see on the sheet. I told people that it existed and that is as far as we got, we had a lot on the table.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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I like GIS, that is why.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

01:12:47.40

It is a pretty cool system and it allows people to do a lot of, basically anyone in the public, to do a lot of basic research. Like, you could see a map of that allotment near Umiat and look to see the next closest allotment. It is a pretty cool system but you have to understand the basics of land status and how to read a plat and so on but it is something that we want people to be aware of because it is the electronic version of the land records up to the time the land leaves the federal government.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:13:35.82

On the North Slope, all the Native Allotments were recorded, on the North Slope, under BLM. They did that work. So, with this new computer high tech GIS Arc-info, Arc-GIS, nowadays it

is so easy. And I love playing with maps. It's just that when we were doing that NPR-A study, 106, what we called TLUI - Traditional Land Use Inventory. We went to each village, interviewed most of the elders, and put everything on the map - the futures of the land, how they used the land, where all the graves were, the historic sites, gold, oil, but we left those out because somebody going to come rushing in, so. But I tell you, you guys locked me in for putting lock in NPR-A - all that gold, it is just locked up. Our grandfathers' gold mines is just - I just keep telling just go over there, put some in your pocket, then get off NPR-A. Go sell it someplace else. Just, there is a lot of gold. Just, but you guys locked me in. So, I don't know what to say. Just want good history but....

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:14:13.15

You should write a book.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:20:21.61

How far is heaven. There is a place called "Allatqanaigak" (sp?). Allatqanaigak means a place where you cannot look in to because that is where you gonna get, once you look in there, you are not going to turn your head, you are going to go in. It's a story and my uncle always say, "Let's go over there, let's go fishing over there, just get a long rope, try to hook something, see what it is." Might be an alien, but who knows. There is places like that. Like Brooks Range, there's places called "Siuktaḡnaigak (sp?)" Siuktaḡnaigak is a place where you cannot sleep, if you go to sleep you are not ever gonna wake up and nowadays you can see that all that gas coming out. That's why, in my mind, if you smell that gas too much, you are not going to wake up. So it is a big country, I love this country; it is unknown to everybody except the history. It's....but, my whole party, just. I just heard about the aborigines down Australia. The World Courts gave them their own land and now all the people are living there are making - they doing leases, contracts with them, but the former government is taking care of that for them, so that's an option. Just for the sake of the people, never mind closing out the whole thing. Let the people here decide and we will work with you.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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I like that.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:22:20.45

It's just a thought, just ...you got one mind, but nobody - everybody got their own Obama and...What is the other guy's name? That is going to be our next president?

**Unknown**

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He lost. Romney lost.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:23:41.49

That's tomorrow, right? Romney's going to win.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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Romney lost.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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Well thank you, just brief history.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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Thanks.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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That is something to look forward to. Take ownership.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

01:24:03.17

The government has given away a lot of land in the past and all it takes is a law to pass and be signed by the President.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:24:15.52

I am on a mission now. Helen? No? Wanda.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

01:24:15.63

Good evening, my name is Wanda Kippi from Native Village of Atqasuk. My concern for our area and as well as the other communities is our hunting. Our hunting for us is our lifestyle because we live in a remote village and I hate to see it be developed due to gas and oil because we live off of the land there. As a single parent, excuse me, as a single parent - I just lost my daughter and I now care for my grandchildren now and they are pretty young, I have five of them at home and I live off of the land and I feed my children from the land. I work temporary during the seasons and I barely get by and in our village it is our lifestyle and I sure hate to see it go, because who is going to feed us? Are you going to feed me? Are you going to feed my children? It is going to be hard for our families, especially in the rural villages, we don't get fresh stuff like you guys do and like Joe said, you see the greens that we get? You should see them in the village when they come in frozen. They are supposed to be fresh, they come in frozen. You know how you see that black spot on your fresh fruit after they have been frozen, that is how we get ours. I sure hate to see the development in our area and in the other villages and for sure I know it is hurting Nuiqsut right now and I sure hate to see it in my community.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

01:27:05.29

And have you been hearing about the Inukpasuk? I have seen it last year during the fall time, my fall time hunting, and I have seen it three times during my hunting season this year in the summer and fall. Within one week I saw it three times and that is when after that it moved to in between Atqasuk and Barrow after I see it. I tried going after it, couple of times, never could catch up to it. I wish I could take a picture of it too, but I couldn't. That is all I have, thank you.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:27:53.01

You know what she is talking about?

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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Well, in broad outline, I don't know...

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

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Oh, don't be surprised if you see one out there when you are out there with your developers. I'd be surprised if you guys didn't see anything about it.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

01:29:10.58

Mr. Chair? Yeah I would just like to make one more comment. We all saw the super storm hit the East Coast and we are still praying for them now. And that is where we are at with our food security. We are just one natural disaster away from... Everything comes in by plane. You see it in our stores at home: the weather shuts down the plane, and in two or three days you will see the shelves in the store running empty. Just think about scenarios, disasters happening when we can't get no planes – even 9/11, when they shut down the airports, I can still remember it because the planes didn't come in for a few days and we are running out of food. That was when the population, we had less people and not that many visitors. And it would be something else if something like that happened and we'd have a whole - say 80 people, 100 people living in Wainwright in this other camp and.. Scenarios like that that might play out, you never know. Nobody saw the Super Storm coming either. The point that I wanted to make was food security. And like she said, not everybody has income. I am lucky, me and my wife can be working but we see people struggling and what she just said is the truth, it's the truth. What she just said, it is the truth. And I back her up one hundred percent.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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Next time you come, bring some fresh fruit. Thanksgiving coming up. Lot of fresh food in Fairbanks, right? That's one stop.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:30:30.60

We don't have that luxury. That's a reality. That is not something that you could say just, these guys live hard and then move on and then say we are super human for surviving up here, it is a reality.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:31:06.11

All the freight comes through Prudhoe. Trucked up from Fairbanks and Anchorage to Prudhoe then here. I mean they are flown from Prudhoe to here. It used to be good back in the old days when they were flown from Fairbanks or Anchorage. Now you could see all the bananas all brown, the oranges all frozen.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

01:31:36.18

And the mail is a lot slower too, way slower. We could go on and on, probably.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:31:50.96

What she was talking about, there is a story about a man with a lot of hair - Inukpasuk. Tall and really hairy and it is still out there. So... We don't tell no lies. Just gotta speak the truth.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

01:32:16.78

Some people don't believe it but I have seen it. With my own eyes. I believe it. So it is up to you if you want to believe it or not.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

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I seen two of them in the Brooks Range.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

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I have heard of a white one. It was around the Qalluraaq area.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:32:42.84

Unless grizzly bears can walk up a mountain on two feet!

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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There is one at Umiat too.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

01:32:47.16

I heard their faces are really ugly, scary you out of your pants. Really I am not lying!

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

01:33:06.18

How close do you have to be to see that?

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:33:06.18

We could go on until 12.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:33:10.06

No, we are not going to do that. Well, I guess I look at the whole picture. As you guys know me by now, those of you who have been meeting with me. I don't just look at 2013; I don't just look at few months down the line as far as dealing with future development, future prospects and stuff like that. I look 30 years down the line - where am I going to be then? Where are my kids going to be then? And I have asked the decision makers in DC - I looked at them in their face and I asked them personally, would you want to be responsible for altering a culture that has been with us for over a thousand years? Oil companies are basically building a wall that is creating that alter (*ed.: alteration*). And that is not - that is something that you will not be able to interpret to your bosses that decide to explore in our backyard. That is a reality, that is what I am facing. And that is what my kids are facing. But they don't know that, they are innocent kids. I feed my kids what I hunt all the time. I feed my kids what our communities hunt all the time, every year, spring and fall. Muktuk, meat, caribou, fish, ducks and geese- because the hardship is a reality. The cost of living is just outrageous and it is growing, it is getting higher. Would you guys want to be responsible for that? Well I can tell you one thing - you are responsible for that - altering situation of our culture. Because of your explorations. Because of what the State tells you to do. The decision makers made the choice without facing the reality of a culture that's been with us for over a thousand years. We are the most unique people in the world. And like I have always said, since I started working with the federal government, is that I am going to do everything I can to put a stop to that.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:35:38.22

The rest of the world, the rest of the United States, everybody who has easy road access to easy transportation of goods - they don't see, you guys don't see our reality. We live 200 miles from anywhere else in the world. We can't just hop in the truck and go to the next town and hopefully find a new beginning. The hardship of dealing with industry - not just oil and gas industry, it is Department of Transportation as well. International shipping is another issue that we have to face in the Arctic Ocean. We can't grow anything up here. It's winter 9 months out of the year - it is hard. But this is who we are. And I am going to do everything I can to fight for our people. I am just starting now. I have only been to DC once to actually have a meeting with Congress, with Department of the Interior, with the Senate. I have only been there once and I told them right to their faces "I will be back." I gave them the same speech; I said the exact same thing. "Do you really want to be responsible for altering that?" I also have respect for other people in the rest of the world, though. You see, I am not going to go to Chicago or Alabama or Texas and tell them how to live.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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I put out a scenario and I told them right to their face because they are higher, elected in to that position to make the choice - the choice of exploring for oil, oil and gas, for development. I said,

"How would you like it if I was to tell you how to eat everything every single day? How would you like it if I told your kids they can't have this anymore?" Because that is the reality that we face. Oil and gas development not only in the North Slope but in the Arctic Ocean is basically telling my kids and me how I am going to eat in the future. Because it has that much of an impact on our people and it is only growing, this is just the beginning. The Arctic Ocean and the land itself. See, people don't think about those kinds of things. And that is the reality of this whole deal. And I am going to keep saying and keep saying it until they actually say, "Oh, OK. Maybe we should stop. Maybe there are other alternatives to energy. Why - what makes us so special? Our land, our ocean. What makes it so special that you want to alter our culture? For the sake of money? I have always told my kids, and anybody that looks up to me: money comes and goes. Who you are and where you come from is forever. But is that going to be history? Am I going to be able to say that 10 years, 20 years from now? Am I going to be able to tell them to keep on whaling like we have always told ourselves? Ever since I was a kid, we have always heard: keep on whaling. That is something I want you guys to think about as decision makers.

### **Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:51:17.39

Each village has their own unique lifestyle and their own unique history. You see, Anaktuvuk, for one, the caribou is like our whale up here in the Arctic Ocean. They can't live without it - that is not who they are. That is the main reason they became Anaktuvuk Pass is because of the caribou. And each other village has their own unique style as well. And I am always going to bring that up on all Community Concerns, every time. And I know I am going to be meeting a lot of other different people until I talk to the right people. Just like I have always said: send me the right people to talk to, I will tell them how I feel, I will tell them how we feel - that live the hardship. Just to put food on the table. Just like Wanda said - what happens if the caribou and fish don't show up no more? Are you going to feed them for the rest of their lives? I don't think so. And that is just one family. You have the whole North Slope to deal with. And I seriously hope that you can interpret that to your bosses and say hey, this is something I don't want to be responsible for. Human being to human being. Me to you. It says in the Bible that we are given dominion over this land - we inherited this land from God and it is up to us to take care of it. Oil and gas development is not taking care of it. That is for the sake of money. That is why we thrive for over a thousands of years - because we took care of our land, we took care of our ocean with respect. If you look in the Bible in the Book of Genesis that we were inherited the land, the oceans, it was inherited to us. And that is why we thrive today because we respect it and we took care of it with everything we got. So I want you guys to think about that. Just like I said: human being to human being, never mind who you work for or what you do for a living. That is why we don't literally say "No, we don't want you guys here" because we are not that type of person. We open our doors to anybody, any human being, with open arms and welcome and that just shows what kind of respect we have for other people in the world.

### **Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

01:51:17.39

I just want to add - when people travel to go to meetings to Atqasuk, I actually invite them, I don't know who they are but I give them a meal if they come to my home. If they are willing to go eat native food, they come to my home and eat if I can give it, I will feed them. There was quite a few meetings we've been having during the summer and fall, or mostly during the spring

winter and fall and I had invited quite a few people even from here when they come for - come from Barrow, I invite them, all kinds of people have been in to my house just to eat. And they love to eat our native food too, it is not just us. Thank you.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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That is just proof of who we are. They can go to any other village and they'll do the same thing. I got maktaq in my freezer, I got caribou meat in my freezer, but then again I can never eat squash.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

01:52:50.74

We don't only have caribou, we have reindeer. I have been catching reindeer for the past 6 to 8 years, maybe more. I have seen more reindeer these past 3 or 4 years, I have seen more this past year than any other year along with caribou.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:53:22.04

Can you tell the difference between...when you are eating meat, like when you go down Anchorage, you order a steak, and you can tell the difference, if it is a male or female, can you do that?

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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No.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:53:42.10

All these people, up here, they could easy tell. So. That is our secret.

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

01:53:56.00

Not only that, you can tell what season it was caught in. Just by the taste of the animal. There is a lot of things.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

01:54:10.38

I think we tell you too many secrets.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

01:54:16.78

And the food that you get from the store is more processed. Ours is all natural.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:54:21.98

Mr. Chair if you don't mind, I make a motion to move to the next item: Recommendations to

BLM.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:54:28.82

Yes.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:54:38.72

More stipulants (stipulations) or monitoring of subsistence usage on the Colville River for Nuiqsut.

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

01:54:51.59

Joe, you said something about trying to get the FAA to a SAP meeting?

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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Yes, flight patterns, numbers, the whole nine yards.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:55:13.51

Just for industry - we would definitely appreciate it if we got your guys information, what do you call it, packets. So we can bring them back to our communities next time and show our community what exactly we are doing on this Subsistence Advisory Panel and who we are having our meetings with. Thank you.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:55:42.34

I wouldn't mind by Friday. We have an annual meeting coming up.

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

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You want Linc's hand out?

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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Just the basics, just the highlights.

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

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Oh you want the summary by Friday.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:56:05.46

Yeah, because we have an annual Native Village of Barrow meeting coming up and it would be good to have an update on what industry is doing. I am telling on you guys.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

01:56:28.18

Yes, please, for all the SAP members, please, can we have highlights? Thank you.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:56:38.47

Any recommendations from Wainwright for the BLM?

**Ransom Agnasagga, Wainwright Traditional Council**

01:56:41.23

Other than the OCS BOEMRE; it would be nice if they sent a representative so they can at least get an idea of what they are going to be dealing with in the future, say everything does. But yeah, it would be nice if they would be able to listen to this too. Like Joe said, we need the right people to listen sometimes.

**Jennifer Ungarook, Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope**

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No recommendations right now.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

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**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

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Anybody else?

**Martha Itta, Native Village of Nuiqsut**

01:57:41.39

The only thing is I recommend the oil industries to consult with the Nuiqsut Tribal Council too. I know they have been going to the Kuukpik Corporation so we have been pretty much left out and I recommend them to consult with the tribe. Thank you.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:58:05.31

Tribal consultation. That is a big one. On the other hand, I can say it has been hard to get tribal representation to these meetings but at least get the word out to each village on basic things like the summary of what you are doing. Little things like that can add up to a lot. Points of contact. That is another thing, we have so many different points of contact on so many issues and lack of communication it is bad. Because there are issues where we have no idea this person is going to be there - that lack of communication is...

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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Every time you see a permit there is a clause in there on the permit. You have to consult with the tribe, with their phone number and then the village corporation. So.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

01:59:54.31

Anybody else?

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

01:59:54.39

Mr. Chair, if there is no other recommendations I would like to schedule a date for the next Subsistence Advisory Panel board meeting.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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Washington D.C.

**Unknown**

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Done, seconded, laughter.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

02:00:12.38

Are these meetings every three months or is it twice a year?

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

02:00:13.35

It's - we try to have it at least three times a year. And we have not had a SAP meeting in Atqasuk for a very long summer.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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What about last summer? Oh that was Shell Oil.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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We should have a meeting in the spring when operations are ongoing or when they are just getting buttoned up so industry can...I mean this is the first year that we have a winter drilling program in some time we'd like to get a briefing on that, how that went, get some feedback on how it affected the villages. So that would be a good target - one thing that needs to be said: We all know from the news that the federal government might conceivably see some real trouble with the budget, getting the budget to the agencies so in this year, it is always the case, especially this time of year, we generally don't know how much money we are going to have after March but this is a particularly bad year, I think. We'll know more. Just so that everybody knows that

we acknowledge that we can only do what we have money for and right now we are on what is called a "continuing resolution" so we know we have less than we had last year. In January, we might have a lot less than we did last year and really not be able to go at all.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

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There was a snow fence meeting that was about to close that had the last meeting in Hawaii.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

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Too hot for me, sorry. I decline.

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

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So, depending on the budget, we will have a meeting in the spring. I think if we have two good, well-attended SAP meetings per year that is better than having four where we don't get enough people there to make a difference. Because it is really expensive to have one, especially when we go have on in a more remote community and so, if we do do that, we'll make sure that everybody can come and have plenty of time there.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

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Specifically, what date?

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

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Well, we want it to be spring after the winter exploration season is done.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

02:03:42.37

So you are looking at May?

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

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But before, not right in the middle of spring geese hunting or subsistence activities in spring.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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We did have a public meeting in Atqasuk in spring during geese hunting and it seemed awful early to me, all the lakes were frozen, but no one came to our meeting, they were all gone.

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

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Somehow, early June actually worked ok this past year in Point Lay, so perhaps May or June would work?

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

02:04:25.24

First week of June. Targeted.

**Bart Ahsogeak, North Slope Borough**

02:04:31.42

That is when we are all land-locked.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

02:04:34.07

Everybody is land-locked at that time.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

02:04:38.28

Not me, I still go out. Before the mosquitoes come! I'll see if I could make it.

**Stacey Fritz, BLM Arctic Field Office Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist (SAP Coordinator)**

02:04:52.23

And in the interim we are going to try and start doing more regular teleconferences with the Native Villages themselves and whoever wants to come to those teleconferences.

**Lon Kelly, BLM Arctic Field Office Manager**

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And, budget permitting, we'll try to continue to visit - try to cycle through the villages and just make ourselves available for a day or two to answer questions and talk about issues that might be in a particular village.

**Thomas Napageak, President, Native Village of Nuiqsut (Vice-Chair)**

02:05:28.47

Alright. If there is no other I'd like to make a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

02:05:35.00

Motion to adjourn.

**Wanda Kippi, Native Village of Atqasuk**

02:05:36.03

Second.

**Joe Sage, Native Village of Barrow (Chairman of the SAP)**

02:05:37.93

Seconded. Question has been called. All in favor say 'Aye'.