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2 Oral History Tapes with Seldovia Village Tribe

3 John Crawford

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8 BEGINNING WITH JOHN CRAWFORD:

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10 INTERVIEWER: Lillian Elusaas.

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12 INTERVIEWER: Well, today is November 20<sup>th</sup>, the year  
13 2000, and we're here to interview John Crawford on his subsistence  
14 lifestyle from his past and whatever other interesting information that  
15 he has to share with us, so we'll start.

16 The first question, or the first sentence here is to  
17 describe your household, those who harvested resources with you and  
18 those you shared resources with, John?

19 JOHN CRAWFORD: Well, I guess mostly is my parents,  
20 sister, and just people that we shared the—whatever we got we shared  
21 with other people.

22 INTERVIEWER: Okay, I guess for me to—for you to go  
23 on, on this part here is where did you do your subsistence hunting,  
24 fishing and gathering, were you able to do it from where you're from,  
25 you're originally from?

26 JOHN CRAWFORD: No, I can't do it from where I'm  
27 originally from because I don't live there.

28 INTERVIEWER: I mean when were you last there, were  
29 you able to do any of the family subsistence?

30 JOHN CRAWFORD: I left where I was born when I was  
31 two years old, I didn't do no subsistence hunting there. All the  
32 subsistence hunting that I have done has been in the Cook Inlet area.

33 INTERVIEWER: Okay.

34 I guess the next question is, what animals, fish, plants,  
35 were the most important to your subsistence in the past?

36 JOHN CRAWFORD: You want—what animals?

37 INTERVIEWER: Animals, fish and plants?

38 JOHN CRAWFORD: Well, the animals I guess is the  
39 moose and the goat, did hunt some black bear, seal, hunt seal.  
40 Basically those were the main ones, for food, for subsistence.

41 INTERVIEWER: Did you ever hunt for sea lion?

42 JOHN CRAWFORD: Yeah, we hunted sea lion too.  
43 That wasn't quit as often as the rest of the food.

44 INTERVIEWER: Okay?

45 JOHN CRAWFORD: And the plants I guess we were  
46 mostly gathering would be the berries, the kelp and some of that---

47 INTERVIEWER: Did your family use goose tongue and  
48 patrushkies?

49 JOHN CRAWFORD: Oh, yeah, the goose tongue and  
50 the Marsh Marigolds also. Pushky and patrushkies.

51 INTERVIEWER: Yeah, because, you know, there's other  
52 families too used different things, it's always neat to know other—what  
53 other plants---

54 JOHN CRAWFORD: We also used the nettles and the  
55 dandelions.

56 INTERVIEWER: Oh, what else is there--did your family  
57 use a lot of seaweed and kelp?

58 JOHN CRAWFORD: Not a great lot of it, but we used it  
59 regularly though, just how much of it you need.

60 INTERVIEWER: And when you put up your—when you  
61 put up your animals and your fish, how did you preserve—how did you  
62 preserve it?

63 JOHN CRAWFORD: Before they had the refrigeration  
64 we used to—we dried the fish, we smoked and dried the fish. The  
65 moose meat and other meats we tried to use fresh, but canned—we  
66 used the canning jars and canned moose and some of the meats, of  
67 course the clams you always got them when the tides were right, so we  
68 didn't have to preserve those for long periods.

69                   And then after refrigeration then we used fresh-frozen,  
70 you know, it was in the late Forties when refrigeration comes in.

71                   INTERVIEWER: Did you salt a lot of meat, any kind of  
72 wild meat beside salmon?

73                   JOHN CRAWFORD: No, just basically the cod and the  
74 salmon was salted. The meat like I say was canned.

75                   INTERVIEWER: And, let's see—okay, we could go to  
76 number three unless you want to say some more on number two?

77                   JOHN CRAWFORD: Well, we used all kinds of fish, you  
78 know, Rockfish and cod fish, whiting and herring and salmon and---

79                   INTERVIEWER: Did you guys use Tomcods?

80                   JOHN CRAWFORD: Yeah, isn't that Cod, I said Cod fish.

81                   INTERVIEWER: Oh, I meant Tomcods, like the local---

82                   JOHN CRAWFORD: Sukaluk?

83                   INTERVIEWER: Sukaluk, yes?

84                   VOICE: What's that?

85                   INTERVIEWER: Tomcods.

86                   VOICE: Oh.

87                   JOHN CRAWFORD: Yes, yeah, we used the Tomcods,  
88 whiting---

89                   INTERVIEWER: Flounders?

90                   JOHN CRAWFORD: Flounder, Sole, crabs.

91 INTERVIEWER: And shrimp?

92 JOHN CRAWFORD: Shrimp and crabs, yeah.

93 INTERVIEWER: Gee, years ago there used to be so  
94 much shrimp and so much crab, you know, you could always go into  
95 that too, if you—because commercial fishing was like a subsistence  
96 fishing---

97 JOHN CRAWFORD: I don't know, we ate those before  
98 we even commercial fished.

99 INTERVIEWER: Yeah, that's true.

100 JOHN CRAWFORD: Crabs and shrimp.

101 INTERVIEWER: But then, you know, when you didn't  
102 go out and subsistence fish on your own or hunt and stuff you also  
103 included that in your commercial fishing, right? When you brought  
104 some fish or whatever, seal, crab or whatever you brought home, right?

105 No?

106 JOHN CRAWFORD: I never--I never---what?

107 INTERVIEWER: Did you guys do hunt and fish and stuff  
108 on your commercial fishing to bring home for your home use?

109 JOHN CRAWFORD: Oh, yeah, whenever—subsistence  
110 is an opportunity thing, it's whenever there's an opportunity to harvest  
111 something that's when you get it, you know, no matter what, you  
112 know, whatever you're doing, if you're doing a commercial fishing or

113 just traveling on the coast and you seen the food was there to harvest,  
114 that's when you got it. It's not—lord--sometimes you specifically went  
115 hunting for the food that you wanted to get too, it's a—subsistence is  
116 basically a full time job.

117 INTERVIEWER: Yeah, that's true.

118 Okay, please describe your season-round of  
119 subsistence activities, where did you go for harvest, or where did you  
120 go to harvest and who usually went with you?

121 JOHN CRAWFORD: Well, most of the time for  
122 subsistence was me and my dad, and then in later years when we was  
123 commercial fishing along the coast we always, like I say, whenever the  
124 opportunity arises when you went down and got a lot of fish or clams  
125 or whatever you wanted to get, so it's basically a year-round season for  
126 subsistence, and whenever you're out in the area that's whenever you  
127 find what you're looking for and sometimes something you're not  
128 looking for, you know, that we would use.

129 INTERVIEWER: Okay, here's a—here's some maps  
130 here, John, if you want to show us or if you want to---

131 JOHN CRAWFORD: Well, basically the area was  
132 probably from Montague Island, probably to Gore Point, we didn't go  
133 down Shelikof very often, but the whole coast from Seldovia here on

134 south, that far, and probably up to Kalgin Island and so forth and down  
135 south, hunted and fished.

136 INTERVIEWER: Okay, the next part of this says, please  
137 describe a hunt or fishing trip or berry picking?

138 JOHN CRAWFORD: Well, on one hunt we went in  
139 1964, after the earthquake, we left Seldovia on a forty foot boat and  
140 traveled down south on the coast to Windy Bay where we got seal and  
141 then we went into Port Dick and spent the night there and on the next  
142 morning over in Nuka Passage there, Tonsina Bay, we shot two or three  
143 goats that we took with us and we went on down the coast to Seward  
144 and went in to Seward and got fuel and then we went over to  
145 Montague Island and I think we shot six or eight deer on Montague and  
146 then we started back home again after three or four days there and we  
147 stopped at Port Dick and I think we got twelve goats at Port Dick, and  
148 then we went to Windy Bay again and got five or six seals and we came  
149 back and went to Port Graham and with all that meat

150 And that was a—probably a two week hunt and of  
151 course we didn't start to kill them until we got to the far and then just  
152 hung the meat and then brought it back home, we would just hang up  
153 the deer and---

154 INTERVIEWER: Did you say what time of the year you  
155 went?

156 JOHN CRAWFORD: That was in late September, or  
157 October.

158 INTERVIEWER: Oh, because it would--if you hung your  
159 animal or whatever, it was cool then? As far as, you know—but then  
160 you didn't stay out long enough---

161 JOHN CRAWFORD: We were on the boat and just hung  
162 it up in the air there, the flies, there were very few out on the water  
163 and so there wasn't so many flies, I mean it was—it snowed in the  
164 Prince William Sound, out in the water.

165 INTERVIEWER: In September?

166 JOHN CRAWFORD: In October, this was the middle of  
167 October.

168 INTERVIEWER: So when you guys are out there doing  
169 your hunting you guys probably cook your—cook something that you  
170 guys ate then, right?

171 JOHN CRAWFORD: Oh, yeah, you just basically live off  
172 of your--what you get along the way and also when you're hunting  
173 you'd have the opportunity to pick berries, or clams or whatever else is  
174 in stock.

175 INTERVIEWER: Duck?

176 No?

177 JOHN CRAWFORD: No, not that time of year, basically  
178 duck was done a little later, maybe December or something.

179 INTERVIEWER: Okay, and then when you got your  
180 animal home, how was the—or your catch or whatever kill that you  
181 had, how was the meat processed and preserved?

182 Like for instance, your seal and goat, do you know how  
183 that was preserved?

184 JOHN CRAWFORD: Well, I think we got four—I think  
185 seal that were close to two hundred pounds in English Bay, and left  
186 them there and I think we took about six or seven into Port Graham  
187 and just put them—give them to the village there.

188 INTERVIEWER: Well, you guys were like subsistence  
189 hunters?

190 JOHN CRAWFORD: Yeah, like on that trip it was Tim  
191 Balishoff, Riley Meganack and myself and a fellow by the name of Bob  
192 Flint and we went on that trip there down to Shelikof, you know, just to  
193 hunt.

194 INTERVIEWER: You know, there's villages too now  
195 they have like subsistence hunters or there were some people that  
196 were used to subsistence hunters and fish that can't, you know, they're  
197 older and can't get out so the younger guys go out and do the

198 subsistence hunting and they bring back what they got and share with  
199 the villages.

200                   JOHN CRAWFORD: I guess a fishing trip that might be  
201 like in the late spring, May, the end of May, June, I took a fishing trip  
202 down to Nuka Bay to commercial fish and we'd go down there and  
203 usually the guys would shoot the seals for fresh meat, have a cook  
204 between the boats that are there and just cook it up and then when the  
205 boys come home they always seem like, you know, they try and get a  
206 seal or two to bring home, so, technically you're—like I say, if you can  
207 finding something you always harvest it.

208                   INTERVIEWER: Okay.

209                   It says—the next question is how were fish processed  
210 and preserved?

211                   JOHN CRAWFORD: Most of the fish we caught  
212 commercial fishing that we used for subsistence was usually on the end  
213 of the period and then we just would bring them home and then we  
214 would can them or smoke or dry the fish out or whatever you—or  
215 however you like to prepare it for your winter, and then of course you  
216 freeze some of it, quite a bit of it gets eaten when it's fresh too,  
217 because that's when it's best.

218 INTERVIEWER: Did—well, the question I asked you  
219 earlier was when you brought your fish in, did you salt salmon, or salt  
220 the fish that you brought, like cod and herring?

221 JOHN CRAWFORD: Yeah, some of the fish was salted  
222 because you like to use that later on for like you're cooking a fish in a  
223 fish pie, and there's special recipes that you--you used from necessity in  
224 the olden days, but nowadays you just do it because you really catch  
225 the kind food that you want.

226 INTERVIEWER: I don't know, before, years ago, I think  
227 it was whatever you caught you just ate every day until it was gone and  
228 when people did, you know, couldn't can or couldn't freeze, I think a lot  
229 of it was put up dried?

230 JOHN CRAWFORD: That's true, yeah.

231 There's always fish hanging in the rigging, drying.

232 INTERVIEWER: Yeah. That was neat when I used to  
233 see the guys come from across the inlet there, down on Nuka Bay,  
234 down on the area, they'd come in and there'd be fish hanging on their  
235 rigging and some of them would be so dry they'd be rattling up there.  
236 That was neat.

237 Okay, how was subsistence fishing worked around  
238 commercial harvesting?

239                   JOHN CRAWFORD: Well, like I just mentioned, when  
240 we were out—towards the end of the fishing period we would always  
241 make some—catch some fish or something to bring some home and I  
242 think it was evenly distributed around and given away or used by  
243 ourselves for drying and canning and stuff, it seemed like most of  
244 that—a lot of the fishing—the local people did that, that’s probably  
245 how a lot of them got their subsistence fish to eat for the rest of the  
246 year.

247                   INTERVIEWER: Okay, how have your subsistence  
248 activities changed over the years?

249                   JOHN CRAWFORD: It’s changed a lot, it’s not—I don’t  
250 do as much of it anymore, it’s just I’m getting older and don’t get out  
251 fishing as much so it’s the-- subsistence has changed—I know the  
252 younger people still do a lot of it though, but we used to get some fresh  
253 fish and some other foods from time to time, it’s just not a lot of fishers  
254 or hunters.

255                   And then I guess this next question was do we use less,  
256 yeah, I guess we use less because we don’t get as much as we used to.

257                   INTERVIEWER: Okay, what have been the major  
258 factors affecting the variation in your subsistence harvests?

259                   JOHN CRAWFORD: The major factors?

260 I guess it's the ability in the being out doing the  
261 outdoors activities more than you used to, specifically going and doing  
262 these things we find ourselves in our older years not able or not as  
263 modified as—or motivated as the younger generation, so it seems like  
264 for me the variation is just getting older. I know the young people just  
265 don't like doing it.

266 INTERVIEWER: Okay, on comments, how has Seldovia  
267 changed in your lifetime?

268 JOHN CRAWFORD: There's been a lot of changes in  
269 Seldovia, in the years, like I mentioned before, in the early days there  
270 was no refrigeration, the only cooling we had was that if you saved ice  
271 in the winter and used it in the summer, but the preservation of foods  
272 and resources has changed quite a bit in the way that the food is stored  
273 now, because the only fresh meat that you had in the old days was  
274 what you caught when it was fresh. And you didn't—the life was really  
275 very limited in how long you could keep it, but since refrigeration now  
276 and you have opportunities to, you know, like to bring a moose in you  
277 can freeze it really and use it at your convenience over longer periods,  
278 because preservation of the freshness of it.

279 Although the can and that is still very good—a good  
280 way to preserve it.

281 I guess basically it's the way that the foods are handled  
282 now, is a lot—quite a change.

283 And in that respect, the—of course now the groceries  
284 come in—they used to come in once a month and twice a month and in  
285 the grocery store now you can get groceries basically every day—I  
286 guess the transportation has been improved to where you don't need  
287 big stores of food to last you for long periods of time.

288 INTERVIEWER: On that question too how has Seldovia  
289 changed in your lifetime, to me there's this question like it asks too—I  
290 mean it could mean—the question could mean a lot of different things  
291 that what the change has been here in Seldovia, and I guess we could  
292 add the question here too is how do you think it has changed in our  
293 subsistence hunting, fishing and gathering, I guess it's more fishing and  
294 hunting, where it seems like years ago you weren't limited, it seems like  
295 there's more limits to our hunting and fishing now?

296 JOHN CRAWFORD: I guess that would probably be  
297 contributed to the—since we have changed to more of a cash economy  
298 more people trying to get a lot of jobs and we're busy working so we  
299 buy our food instead of going and catching it. I know there's people,  
300 you know, that have jobs and everything that have to take off time to  
301 go hunting, but the expense of the hunt now seems like the-- a lot of

302 them come out ahead, if they have a good job they come out ahead  
303 and they can just buy their food, rather than go get it.

304 INTERVIEWER: And it seems like, you know, in early  
305 years you didn't care what size outboard you had to go—if you had to  
306 go on a skiff, a skiff and outboard, it didn't matter what you –what kind  
307 of horsepower you had, nowadays it seems like everybody wants to go  
308 fast and get there fast and—I guess it's just a fast lifestyle that changes  
309 how it happened, because I've seen years ago when I was a kid and  
310 guys would go out hunting and whatever they're going to do, they used  
311 to row, they used to row out in their skiffs?

312 JOHN CRAWFORD: Yeah, but then the motivation for  
313 that was the food source—the food that they brought back was too, if  
314 you wanted to eat you did that, now, if you have a job, like I say, it  
315 changed to a monetary system now rather than you can buy food if you  
316 get a good job, but the subsistence, there's still a lot of people that  
317 supplement their incomes with subsistence foods, and that's—well,  
318 everybody doesn't buy their food.

319 INTERVIEWER: Okay, any comments on the youth in  
320 the community?

321 Are they learning subsistence skills?

322 JOHN CRAWFORD: I don't know, right here in Seldovia  
323 I don't see too much of it, there are a few that are, I think all of the

324 young people that do go out for different things, are aware of  
325 subsistence , you know, realize that it's a good thing to learn, because  
326 some day you may have to depend on it again, but I would hope that  
327 they are all being taught how to, you know, go out and hunt and take  
328 care of the game that you do use.

329 INTERVIEWER: And it's just like when I go up to the  
330 school during sea week in the spring, the kids—the kids are very  
331 interested in—and some are amazed how we can eat the resources off  
332 the beach, like sea urchins and limpets and Bidarkies and things like  
333 that and they're kind of amazed like, ohhh, you know, and then like  
334 once we've prepared them and have the kids try them and then they  
335 think, ohhh, it's different, it's good, so I, you know, they're learning, but  
336 it's---

337 JOHN CRAWFORD: Yeah, I guess the big subsistence  
338 thing for them now is a McDonald's burger. They're surprised that  
339 there's other foods around and they—that they can find.

340 (Laughter all around.)

341 INTERVIEWER: Okay, I guess that's it for our interview  
342 with John and I thank you and if you can think of anything else you'd  
343 like to share with us, anytime, you can—we can do it again.

344 And, thank you.

345 JOHN CRAWFORD: Okay, and thank you.

346 (End of interview with John Crawford.)

347 (Ending at 26:02 on Disc.)

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368 (Break on tape.)

369 (Beginning at 26:03 on Disc.)

370 (Proceedings of meeting.)

371 (Beginning with two or three people speaking over  
372 each other.)

373 FRED ELUSAAS: (Speaking, inaudible.)

374 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah---

375 FEMALE VOICE : An it must also have a date on it,  
376 because everything really looks to be now with a sell date is what it is,  
377 last sell date.

378 CRYSTAL COLLIER: But I think that I like Patty's and  
379 your idea of sending a tribal member to work with—with him on it for  
380 marketing, maybe there is somebody out there just really doing it and  
381 marketing it and we should maybe advertise and look for that type  
382 position, it's going to cost us lots of money, but if it's gets the ball  
383 rolling and maybe when we get the grant and we have that money for  
384 marketing, we can profit from it when it first comes out.

385 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Because, yeah, because when—that  
386 person could also learn what he does and when he's gone he could do  
387 things, he could advertise for a person that's interested to come in  
388 work with that.

389 TRINKET GALLIEN: Because like--and another thing on  
390 another level too is that he could help with who is picking the berries  
391 and if it's been really marketed, because there's no one here charged—  
392 when they come in with their berries and stuff, they get no direction,  
393 and each time they come in here they're dealing with someone totally  
394 different—and then they—well—then too, the right to choose and to  
395 be able to clean them and everything on a mat, on the kitchen table at  
396 home and---

397 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Right, and we did set up a thing  
398 outside and we can do that again this year, you know.

399 TRINKET GALLIEN: And the hours for delivering it went  
400 right through the time when you were out picking the berries, you had  
401 to miss daylight berry picking time when there would be somebody  
402 here to pick up the berries, I just think---

403 CRYSTAL COLLIER: We could have evening hours---

404 TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, have evening hours and then  
405 meet with them before they go out into the field because I know,  
406 because the fact that-- as Ben and Jerry once said if you wanted to  
407 make---well, I mean---

408 CRYSTAL COLLIER: You mean like have a picking  
409 meeting before---

410 TRINKET GALLIAN: Yeah, yeah, have a meeting and  
411 then—yeah, yeah.

412 And then set the time to discuss with them which  
413 would be the best time to do this, you know.

414 FEMALE VOICE: And the way we could do the pricing is  
415 we do it on the size, and that would be a different market and  
416 everything but I know we used to work with Bill---and do a big---

417 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Ahuh, and I think we still do.

418 FEMALE VOICE: Well, maybe we should do that and  
419 expand it and let---

420 (Three people speaking over each other.)

421 FEMALE VOICE: ---and at a lower price than what it  
422 was costing for the smaller ones.

423 FEMALE VOICE: It depends on how much we make---  
424 Yeah, that was the restaurant ones that we have.

425 TRINKET GALLIEN: Right, but I think we were ordering-  
426 to look at---getting lighter, weight-wise, and so we have to deal with  
427 shipments.

428 FRED ELUSAAS: I wonder if you could put boxes of  
429 product into plastic containers.

430 TRINKET GALLIEN: No, it has to be---

431 FEMALE VOICE: I think the plastic jars that have the  
432 metal top with them that have the rubber in the inside, they're still--  
433 you must be able to---

434 (Three or four people speaking over each other.)

435 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, and it seals, and he's going to  
436 take it to the show and if we could get orders for it, then we could do it,  
437 if we didn't get any orders then we could just keep it as backup.

438 (Three or four people speaking over each other.)

439 MALE VOICE: If we're going to do that, we also have to  
440 check ----

441 TRINKET GALLIEN: ----we don't have to fly to Juneau to  
442 get that---

443 FRED ELUSAAS: (Speaking, but inaudible.)

444 FEMALE VOICE: I think our problem is if we get the  
445 grant---we don't know, because to me it seems like we started with the  
446 jam and jellies at the top, now we're scrambling around trying to figure  
447 out what we can do, we've got too big all of a sudden where we should  
448 have worked to---

449 CRYSTAL COLLIER: It sounds to me like we're kinda of  
450 leaving off the fact that we now only have a single line of jams and  
451 jellies, so we should be really interested in trying to expand the—well, I  
452 think that, you know, that's probably what it's coming down to, that if

453 we're going to sell jams and jellies and we want to make money on the  
454 program we're going to have to expand into something, you know---

455 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah.

456 FRED ELUSAAS: That's what the fellow with the  
457 brochure was saying that his better sales are from people that are  
458 buying breads and crackers and stuff and things of that nature---and  
459 they expressed this Indian brand name was outdoor---and I think what  
460 people don't want to buy just the bread they want the stuff that goes  
461 with it.

462 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Oh, we've got some jam, to go with  
463 the bread.

464 FEMALE VOICE: Can't we all meet together and---  
465 ---talk about, and we want to know what direction to  
466 go and---

467 ---It doesn't seem like we have the time and get  
468 together to talk about it and not waiting until February---

469 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: February 18<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>---

470 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, would you like to do  
471 something next week with them?

472 I mean does the council want to do that or---what do  
473 you guys want to do?

474 FRED ELUSAAS: Next week—is that the week of the  
475 fourth?

476 CRYSTAL COLLIER: No.

477 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: No.

478 CYRSTAL COLLIER: Where does it say, Lillian?

479 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: On the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>.

480 FRED ELUSAAS: Oh, so the 29<sup>th</sup> is a Friday then? Must  
481 be---

482 CRYSTAL COLLIER: No, the 30<sup>th</sup> is Friday.

483 FRED ELUSAAS: Oh, the 30<sup>th</sup> is Friday.

484 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, we could do something  
485 Monday, if everybody's here, are you going to be in town?

486 FRED ELUSAAS: I'm going to be here Monday. But I'm  
487 leaving Tuesday morning to---

488 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Do you want to do something  
489 Monday? Is Monday okay with you?

490 FRED ELUSAAS: On 2 o'clock Monday, okay.

491 FEMALE VOICE: I'm definitely going to be here, I don't  
492 think I'm doing anything--Yeah, that'd be fine.

493 TRINKET GALLIEN: You can go ahead and start early  
494 and get some of the other stuff---

495                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, we could start it, you know,  
496 around that time, we could start at one if you want, on Monday.

497                   FRED ELUSAAS: Sure. Two o'clock Monday. Okay.

498                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, that'd be fine.

499                   FRED ELUSAAS: Okay, if I could get away from my  
500 brother, he's always got something for me to do.

501                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Okay, I guess everybody will bring  
502 this back with them since we don't have to make copies?

503                   FEMALE VOICE: Yeah.

504                   FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah.

505                   Well, do you want to act on his request at that point?

506                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: No, we'll just be handling this.

507                   (Three or four people speaking over each other.)

508                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, if we can handle them at that  
509 time, you want to—and then we can finish the rest of the agenda---

510                   TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, okay, good, okay, that'll do.

511                   FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah.

512                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: On the EVOS, I'll just make it really  
513 quick, everybody has a handout in their green packet on the--the latest  
514 handout, and it looks like this? And basically Carl had told me on the  
515 phone that what was in the packet, and everybody probably has read it  
516 and he wants us to do something with SOS and private funding under

517 this community facilitator position, we get twelve thousand dollars per  
518 year from Chugach Resource Commission and we fund Lillian's position  
519 and overhead with it and he feels that SOS was the ones that got the  
520 project started and they should be the ones to receive the funding.

521                   He had called me on the phone and he said he was  
522 trying this--that's CRRC, that's Chugach Regional Resource Company, he  
523 was trying to get them to write a memo to us and tell us what to do  
524 with that money, they obviously do not want to do it, they said they  
525 don't want to get between us and he told me that he wanted to drop  
526 the whole thing if they will write a memo and tell us what to do with  
527 the money, and then after that then he decided no, he was going to tell  
528 us what to do with the money, so, on the last page—let's see, it's not  
529 the last page, on the third page in, there's this, "Proposals for Seldovia  
530 Village Tribe to consider for the EVOS community involvement project,"  
531 there's three of them, those are the ones he'd like us to consider at this  
532 time.

533                   Number one is to act on the pass-through funding and  
534 take twenty or thirty percent of the twelve thousand dollars and pass  
535 the rest on to the SOS team.

536                   Number two is the funds available, split evenly  
537 between both organizations to complete all the tasks.

538                   And number three is to remain in status quo, SOS will  
539 not be involved in the project.

540                   So I guess we need direction on—we've already signed  
541 the contract, because at the last meeting we approved the contract---

542                   FEMALE VOICE: Chugach---

543                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Right.

544                   Okay, so now he wants to know if we're going to  
545 support SOS's funds that we got from Chugach.

546                   FRED ELUSAAS: And, if you all got a copy of that memo  
547 he mailed to you a while back, in which he calls me a liar—and---

548                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Did everybody--it's in the packet,  
549 but did everybody get it, that's mailed out to you---

550                   FEMALE VOICE: Yeah.

551                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Okay.

552                   TRINKET GALLIEN: Really, I don't know any---

553                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: He told me that this EVOS project  
554 was started because of him being responsible---

555                   TRINKET GALLIEN: And that's not true.

556                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: --- and that he was involved, and  
557 that wasn't so, this project was targeted for the Village Tribes, and SOS  
558 was never involved in it—with it, or has SOS has ever been involved  
559 with it, that was the tribal council---we never heard nothing from him,

560 and that's the words that he had told me that he had worked with  
561 them, the Tribe, Carl---has never worked with the Tribe.

562 FRED ELUSAAS: That fact of the matter is when he  
563 heard about the money coming down from the funds, he wrote to---  
564 and SOS to represent the Tribe in Seldovia, not knowing that it was  
565 already in the pipeline, but he said that it was his idea, and it never  
566 was.

567 TRINKET GALLIEN: So what do we need to---

568 CRYSTAL COLLIER: We need a motion on which  
569 proposal we'd like to accept.

570 TRINKET GALLIEN: Of these three?

571 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, one, two or three?

572 Unless we have one of our own?

573 FRED ELUSAAS: I would like to---

574 FEMALE VOICE: What are we taking from SOS then---

575 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Nothing.

576 FEMALE VOICE: ---that they're doing down there---

577 FRED ELUSAAS: I would, you know, recommend that if  
578 you make a motion that you make a motion totally separate from his  
579 proposal, otherwise he'll send you another one.

580 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah.

581 FRED ELUSAAS: ---You know, and whether we should  
582 address his proposal or not. And I think a motion is in order to do it  
583 that way and that kills it once and for all and carry that one over to the  
584 next meeting---

585 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, I don't---speak to the council  
586 and again I don't invite anybody to come and speak—address the  
587 council unless the council gives me prior permission to do that, you  
588 know, so if you want him to come and speak he's perfectly willing to  
589 and I just told him that, you know, not at this time until we get further  
590 direction, so, if you wanted to wait until the next meeting that I  
591 personally don't feel that SOS ,other than we can do a Memorandum of  
592 Understanding saying that Lillian was provided with all the information  
593 she gets for EVOS, she has to anyway, that's part of what her job is, so,  
594 you know, I don't think--I don't see any problem with, you know,  
595 addressing it in that fashion.

596 But providing with funding to do Lillian's job, I felt kind  
597 of that, I felt he thought that the Native people couldn't represent the  
598 White people is basically what he said in the memo, but, you know,  
599 that non-Native people aren't getting fair representation and I know  
600 that's not true, so I just had a problem with that.

601 FRED ELUSAAS: Well, I'm totally in---what he really  
602 needs to do---send down copies of all the legislative journals from every  
603 place you can imagine---

604 VOICE: Maybe you can send SOS the copy.

605 FRED ELUSAAS: ---and, you know, just get him copies  
606 and then---if he's not getting his share I know that he'll get it elsewhere  
607 too, but, you know, on this---the leader on this ANA grant, she is really--  
608 -she just doesn't like to carry it, and now--flagged for doing---yeah, the  
609 RCAC council---

610 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: And he was at the meeting there, on  
611 the subsistence representatives from our area.

612 FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah, and yet he's against the  
613 subsistence --so anyway, I have a hard time, you know with addressing  
614 this and that brings up another thing, I think I will resign from SOS---I  
615 just really can't, you know---sitting there and---

616 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: I just talked to one of---meetings in  
617 Port Graham today and he had told me--because Port Graham has been  
618 involved---Port Graham sent a memo and been involved in this letter  
619 that he wrote to Pat Sonenberg, in regards to SOS, that Port Graham  
620 memo, that they have worked---that he has also worked with Port  
621 Graham memo and Port Graham said they want nothing to do with  
622 that, because of past conflicts or whatever, but they have told him that

623 they don't want to do it, that they wanted to do that one project, on  
624 their own, so, I don't know, they say that SOS is involved with the Port  
625 Graham memo, but Fred you might know more about that than I  
626 would.

627                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, I think that if we just have a--if  
628 someone would just make a motion that states that we would work  
629 with SOS to the extent of providing them with information that is  
630 available through the EVOS project when it comes to the community  
631 facilitator and Lillian can just copy all she needs.

632                   She get faxes all the time and stuff and she can just  
633 copy those and we can even hang those up in the Post Office, I mean,  
634 that's not a bad idea.

635                   FEMALE VOICE: Yeah.

636                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: And then just drop a copy by his  
637 office, you know, and---

638                   FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah, and I'll get them specifically and  
639 mailed to you.

640                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: And I have fax, I have fax too.

641                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, either fax them or drop it off  
642 or whatever.

643                   FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah, fax them from the community  
644 facilitator's---

645                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, fax them on a community  
646 facilitator's page—yeah.

647                   But if somebody will make a motion to that extent  
648 instead of addressing his things and just say we'll work with you and  
649 provide you with paperwork, but, you know, the funding is not  
650 available.

651                   FRED ELUSAAS: Okay, somebody motion?

652                   MALE VOICE: I will.

653                   FRED ELUSAAS: Okay, you got it, Trinket?

654                   TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah.

655                   FRED ELUSAAS: Okay, and second?

656                   Somebody?

657                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Anybody want to second it?

658                   FRED ELUSAAS: Violet?

659                   FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, I don't know that much about it,  
660 so—I don't know nothing about—what's he trying to get?

661                   FRED ELUSAAS: He wants our money, he wants nine  
662 thousand out of about twelve.

663                   FEMALE VOICE: Well, he did that before?

664                   FRED ELUSAAS: Ahuh---

665                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: No, no---

666                   FRED ELUSAAS: No, no, he---no---

667 FEMALE VOICE: He wasn't a community---

668 FRED ELUSAAS: No, no.

669 CRYSTAL COLLIER: No, no, the first year that the  
670 money came in, it came to the Tribe. And Lillian has said---

671 TRINKET GALLIEN: And that's what it said in one of the  
672 letters---

673 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: The reason that the community  
674 facilitator ----is funded to all the tribes, it's not from one non-tribal  
675 organization.

676 FEMALE VOICE: And then what are you supposed to  
677 do with this year's funds, see, I don't---

678 (All over-speaking.)

679 FEMALE VOICE: I never read that before.

680 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: The community facilitator is  
681 supposed to gather information from either the Tribal Council or the  
682 community on some projects that they want done, like we were trying  
683 to get the project on the re-seeding of the clams across the bay, and  
684 that went down the tubes because the clams weren't surviving on the  
685 hatchery that they were doing, so the next project is the handout  
686 that—the copies that I just made, on the---

687 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Oh, on the repository, yeah.

688 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: ---on the repository for the  
689 communities, for the individual—there's different proposals here for  
690 either-- there's one repository for each community, or for each village  
691 or community, so it had been passed and the proposal is—the deadline  
692 for the proposal is April, was it 15<sup>th</sup>?, yeah, April 15<sup>th</sup>---

693 FEMALE VOICE: Or is that, what was—was that some  
694 of the money that we used---

695 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: No, no---

696 CRYSTAL COLLIER: The first time we got money was  
697 last year, and it provides Lillian with funds to go to these conferences  
698 and also subsidizes part of her salary, but what it entails is in the last  
699 packet, we had that contract with Chugach and right in there it tells you  
700 what the community facilitator has to do, you're supposed to do things  
701 locally, she's supposed to provide information, like hanging up at the  
702 Post Office and help the community know about---

703 MALE VOICE: Yeah, like sharing and getting  
704 information out to the community.

705 VOICE: Yeah, like what EVOS is doing, what projects  
706 are available and that sort of thing.

707 (Break in tape from 46:47 to 47:00.)

708 (Beginning new session.)

709 (Same voices.)

710 FEMALE VOICE: ---Chugach, you know, that  
711 commercial fishing is different kinds of fish too, so you can't really  
712 control it---

713 FRED ELUSAAS: That's going to come up under  
714 number seven.

715 FEMALE VOICE: ---but when subsistence people do fish  
716 they know the difference between a Mackerel and a wild King so that  
717 fish is let go, if that's the line between, you know between---

718 FRED ELUSAAS: Under motion---

719 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Under motion?

720 FRED ELUSAAS: Under motion?

721 Okay, motion called, all in favor say aye.

722 FEMALE VOICE: Aye.

723 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Aye.

724 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Aye.

725 MALE VOICE: Aye.

726 FRED ELUSAAS: Opposed?

727 It passes.

728 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Okay, the Alaska Native Heritage  
729 Center is—real quick--has anybody put any thought into whether they  
730 wanted to show us that Aleut/Alutiiq, that's what they're questioning, if  
731 we don't have an answer, I mean that's just what they're asking, I don't

732 know if anybody put a lot of thought into it, it's on page 31, in the  
733 packet, and it's whether or not we'd be offended against the  
734 Aleut/Alutiiq section, I don't see a problem with it, I think that's kind of  
735 how the thing's been classified all the time—the little memo map  
736 shows you we'd be , that's how the classification would be in this, the  
737 Native Heritage Center.

738 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Okay, no problem.

739 CYRSTAL COLLIER: Okay, so you don't have any  
740 problem---

741 FRED ELUSAAS: I don't.

742 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Crystal, look at the map on the next-  
743 - on the other side—where it says Aleut and Alutiiq, and then there's a  
744 line where it's black and where it says Sugpiaq, that's--since Sugpiaq is  
745 not used in that—is this—I haven't really read this, is this supposed to  
746 cover the lower Cook Inlet area also.

747 CRYSTAL COLLIER: The Sugpiaq is the language, they're  
748 differentiating that that's the language spoken in that area.

749 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Oh, okay.

750 CRYSTAL COLLIER: But that the ---and the people—  
751 yeah, the cause and the people would be considered Alutiiq.

752 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Oh, we were always taught to  
753 believe that—okay.

754 FRED ELUSAAS: You know, everybody changes.

755 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Okay, on the rural count, I assumed  
756 that—I was hoping Fred was going to go through that so I went ahead  
757 and prepared—it's on page 33, when ahead and prepared a  
758 resolution—I don't know, if Fred doesn't want to go maybe somebody  
759 else wants to go and the resolution would need to be changed, it's  
760 March 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> in Juneau, and it was the same thing, if we want  
761 to apply for funding we have to get our allocation in, we're not always  
762 funded, and if we don't get funding maybe the person wouldn't want to  
763 go, but we need to get it in here shortly so that's why kind of a decision  
764 has to be made.

765 But it's a good opportunity, if they fund it, to get to  
766 visit Juneau.

767 FRED ELUSAAS: Well, like I say, I talked to Bruce---a  
768 couple of times at the Anchorage meeting, I asked him, I said what  
769 should I do to address these---to do these things, where it's really good  
770 is it gives you a chance to get to Juneau to lobby for whatever you got  
771 going, especially in our case, the BIA, and BIA hosts a lot of the people,  
772 and a lot of legislators meet with other officials and so forth, the  
773 downside of the whole thing, every year they pass a whole bunch of  
774 resolutions and once they're passed they put them in a file and nobody  
775 ever knows what happened to them. And that's their duty to call up

776 the resolutions and hopefully they'll find somebody to do that, and see,  
777 once you pass them everybody goes home, the guys in Juneau don't  
778 care, if they don't call them up they're lost, but, you know, this year a  
779 big push is going to be on education, and I don't know, but if you wish I  
780 will go on behalf of--

781 FEMALE VOICE: I'll make a motion.

782 CRYSTAL COLLIER: ---we'll pass on resolution 91, Fred  
783 Elusaas to attend the meeting in March.

784 MALE VOICE: Second.

785 FRED ELUSAAS: The motion is passed in this session,  
786 and I think it's good to have representation, especially if we get into the  
787 subsistence issue, because that's on the agenda

788 Session has been called, all in favor say "Aye."

789 VOICE: Aye.

790 VOICE: Aye.

791 FRED ELUSAAS: Opposed?

792 And if you note, I didn't vote.

793 CRYSTAL COLLIER: The next thing is the Costa claim  
794 that---on page 35, and I—Dave Smith mailed it to us, it's just an idea if  
795 we can't get Cook Inlet Housing to come forth with the plan, but I do  
796 believe they'll probably do the plan, but I do believe you can see that  
797 the plans out there are going for ten thousand dollars for a housing

798 plan, so it doesn't require any action on it, unless everybody wants to  
799 jump the gun and forget about Cook Inlet Housing.

800 FRED ELUSAAS: I think we should file it for future  
801 reference.

802 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, I think it would be good for  
803 future---

804 On the subsistence issue on page 39, we had a letter  
805 from the Chamber of Commerce that didn't get in the packet, a  
806 handout—yeah, okay, but it's in the handout, and it talks about what  
807 they would like us to do is they had passed a motion to have a joint  
808 committee of, consisting of the City Council, the Chamber and the SVT,  
809 and the sport fishing and commercial fishermen to sit down and discuss  
810 the allocation of fish to all people and instead of fighting over the fish,  
811 they encourage the Fish and Game to enhance the fisheries that we  
812 have and to maybe add a couple new ones like the Silvers at one time  
813 they promised us and they never did do, so it's a good idea for  
814 somebody to sit on this committee, from the Tribe, we need one  
815 representative and possibly an alternate, but the first meeting is  
816 January 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday at noon, in the Multipurpose Room, and it's open  
817 to the public.

818 FEMALE VOICE: January 26<sup>th</sup>?

819 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, that would be this Monday---

820                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: ---and so is there anybody that  
821 would like to volunteer their services to sit on this committee?

822                   The person that I think of is Lillian, because, you know-  
823 --

824                   FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, well, I was going to say, that is  
825 something that she's been working with---

826                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah—I know, if you're willing to do  
827 it, I mean, I think you'd be good on this.

828                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: I mean I could go Sunday--I'm going  
829 to leave Tuesday for that—on respiration conference this week, but I  
830 will go ahead and go.

831                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Okay.

832                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: And when is it, seven-thirty?

833                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: So that's Monday at Noon.

834                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Oh, Monday at Noon?

835                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah. So, our meeting would be at  
836 one so maybe there'd be done at one, and I asked them if they're  
837 catering to the working public and they said they'd be done at one.

838                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: And you say at Noon?

839                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah.

840                   FRED ELUSAAS: And we're meeting here at two.

841                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, two, right.

842 TRINKET GALLIEN: And we're meeting here at two on  
843 Monday?

844 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Right.

845 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Well, I'll have something to bring to  
846 you guys.

847 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Did you say the 29<sup>th</sup>?

848 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: The 26<sup>th</sup>.

849 FEMALE VOICE: The 26<sup>th</sup>.

850 Because the 29<sup>th</sup> is a Thursday.

851 CRYSTAL COLLIER: The 26<sup>th</sup>.

852 Okay, and then the Harbor Seal Commission is just the  
853 draft management agreement, if nobody had any questions on that—  
854 ahuh---

855 FRED ELUSAAS: On subsistence, Lillian and I attended  
856 the Global Fisheries ten day extension, we found out that the—that we  
857 didn't have proper notice of the meetings so that we could act, and it's  
858 been extended to February 4<sup>th</sup>, and instead of allowing five minutes of  
859 testimony per person, they allowed three minutes and then we get  
860 another three minutes on the floor at the podium, and they are willing  
861 to work with us provided we provide a memo to them, which is fine and  
862 I said I will be back and I'm sure Lillian can be back on the 4<sup>th</sup>, we had  
863 this Swanson fellow to speak, that spoke against it because of the

864 allocation problems, and one of the big things he said was that he was  
865 a resident of Seldovia for four years, and he's not a resident, but  
866 unfortunately I spoke first and Lillian spoke next and then Swanson  
867 spoke and you can't speak again, because they were only doing it as a  
868 courtesy since we traveled, and--but on the 4<sup>th</sup> they will give us a  
869 chance and it looks favorable, but we have to keep the presence.

870 MALE VOICE: You should reserve one of your people  
871 for the end.

872 FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah, yeah.

873 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, that's a good idea.

874 FRED ELUSAAS: And the fact—if it—it doesn't look  
875 good if we have people making statements and misrepresentations and  
876 so forth, I didn't want to make an issue of it and then we had to travel a  
877 good bit, but anyway it is coming up and it does look very favorable.

878 And the unfortunate thing about the ten day  
879 extension, if you look at the calendar it actually comes down to I think  
880 is six days I think, because with holidays and weekends and whatnot,  
881 but anyway that's where that's at, and I don't have anything further on  
882 it.

883 CRYSTAL COLLIER: And on the Harbor Seal  
884 Commission, if you guys had any comments on it, that was just in there

885 to show you that they are moving ahead with the management  
886 agreement.

887                   And Lillian is the Secretary/Treasurer so I guess she'll  
888 keep us up on any of the---

889                   And the housing thing again now, is this big thing?

890                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: This big thing?

891                   FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah.

892                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Didn't you read it?

893                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: I looked through it.

894                   TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, it's large.

895                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Before you guys get started on that,  
896 can I—I should have brought this up earlier, under the—I guess the  
897 community facilitator, I was talking to John Crawford today earlier  
898 about a--on a Fish Creek Project, and the deadline for proposals is April  
899 15<sup>th</sup>, and I would like to maybe write letters to the land owners around  
900 the Fish Creek and find out if we can get some kind of project going to  
901 where the city does not block the salmon off every year, and everybody  
902 has seen what has happened to the salmon last year and the year  
903 before—or two years ago, maybe, of the blocking and, you know, that's  
904 not right, so I—I'm interested in whoever can help me to figure out  
905 how or who to see about writing a proposal to do like a hatchery or,  
906 you know, open the cove, the creek there, maybe we can get together

907 and negotiate with the city or whoever owns that property to see if we  
908 can get some kind of project going for this, so that we can have salmon  
909 there, because a lot of people in the community have to get their  
910 salmon from Fish Creek, I do, and I see a lot of other people go over  
911 there and if they want to eat salmon, for an evening, and they go and  
912 catch their humpies, or whatever is there, their kids are there---

913 FRED ELUSAAS: I went---

914 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: So I, you know, do you guys have  
915 any suggestions or—I don't know how—who do I see about this?

916 FRED ELUSAAS: Well, Monday let's take a minute after  
917 the session with this and---

918 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Okay, because the Tribe should—  
919 and every year Fred was always written a letter supporting the opening  
920 of the fishery and Fred has given his involvement in this, even though  
921 Fish and Game says you have to open it---

922 FRED ELUSAAS: Okay.

923 CRYSTAL COLLIER: ---because they don't enforce it.

924 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Because I had asked the Fish and  
925 Game about this and Fish and Game won't even bother with this,  
926 because---

927 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, yeah, because it's small  
928 potatoes to them.

929 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Yeah, and the city too, the City of  
930 Seldovia, and because of the---too.

931 TRINKET GALLIEN: (Comments, inaudible.)

932 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Maybe approach the council and I  
933 understand you'll get a new manager eventually down the line too and  
934 maybe start with the council and brainstorm with them, and have a  
935 committee from SVT---

936 MALE VOICE: You can get a very good feel of it by---

937 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Oh, yeah, that would be a good  
938 place to bring that up because it is called the Subsistence—King Salmon  
939 Subsistence thing or something---

940 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Okay, maybe I can get something  
941 written down and take it to the media and present it to them if they're  
942 interested in it and find out who owns the where the salmon---

943 CRYSTAL COLLIER: And they do want to talk about the  
944 blocking off of the fisheries---

945 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Yeah, the blocking off there and  
946 who owns the land along the streams there, because the city don't use  
947 that anymore, we wouldn't—I know I wouldn't drink it, just all the  
948 animals---

949 FRED ELUSAAS: It's the people upstream making all  
950 the---

951 FEMALE VOICE: Like the bears---

952 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Okay, you guys, think on this one---

953 FRED ELUSAAS: Okay, we better move on to--where  
954 are we, the Federal Subsistence Council---

955 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Housing.

956 CRYSTAL COLLIER: On the housing, this big packet is  
957 what Frank Kradovich from---is here and what we need to do—and the  
958 reason I said March is because we have new council members that will  
959 be coming on and it'd be fair to take up their input on this, so if we  
960 could just take it and what we'll do at the February meeting, the  
961 February meeting is just to meet the council and elect officers, we'll  
962 hand this out to them and so everybody can get a fair shake at getting  
963 their two cents in to what kind of management program we should  
964 have on the housing on the inlet site there, and so you guys got it early  
965 and you can start marking it up if you want.

966 Just mark it in red pen so when we get ready to go  
967 over it, you know, on every page, we'll just see if there are any changes,  
968 see any changes they have on it.

969 And then one of you wants to talk about mold?

970 TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, I just think—yeah, I just—  
971 yeah, I did, it's in our visitor center, like in New York in their—all their  
972 apartments, people die from it and it's highly toxic and it's that black

973 mold that grows in the corners which is as far as I can understand it is  
974 what we have and I think someone in the housing should maybe look  
975 into it, and do something, I'd hate to see something drastic happen.

976 FEMALE VOICE: There's a box up against the wall in my  
977 daughter's room and I pulled it out—I usually open up the windows  
978 too, so---

979 TRINKET GALLIEN: If they're saying that it is that, that  
980 usually is what this is and it's highly allergic, people will get a rash, but  
981 like young children they---

982 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, like Romeo has that infection---

983 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: You know, there's been a lot of  
984 people that have respiratory problems since they have moved into  
985 those houses, even in Port Graham, into those homes.

986 TRINKET GALLIEN: (Comments, inaudible)

987 CYRSTAL COLLIER: Yes, well, I was really surprised that  
988 only one person turned in a complaint about their house and that was  
989 something that I don't know if we can do anything about it.

990 FEMALE VOICE: Well, I looked all over my sheet and I  
991 think it says they've been taking samples on the wall and I've got  
992 something ---

993 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, I sent a letter to you just  
994 asking---

995 FEMALE VOICE: I thought that it was something that  
996 we just turn it in---

997 CRYSTAL COLLIER: No, it's just that—please just  
998 provide us with a list, and said that Debbie could comment on, it's that  
999 just Debbie and people that wanted to---

1000 VOICE: No, I couldn't find anything---

1001 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Turn in your list, write up a list of  
1002 every call you get---

1003 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, we sent it to everybody, it's  
1004 not a---

1005 FEMALE VOICE: Well, I know I got something, it was  
1006 right around Christmastime and it got shuffled away somewhere---

1007 FRED ELUSAAS: Well, if you know you've always had  
1008 the problem even though you're going to buy it now?

1009 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, I knew about it and I went to  
1010 Seldovia Village—Seldovia Tenant Council trying to get help—trying to  
1011 figure out how I could get proof to Housing, how I could prove it, how  
1012 do you prove something like that.

1013 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, looking at—

1014 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, no, well, they have documents  
1015 where I told the house inspections, but I mean for coming down to the  
1016 wire and buying the houses, people have objections about buying this

1017 house because it has mold all in it, because I'd like to get it fixed before  
1018 I end up buying it, how do I—you know, I guess I had no—I just—and  
1019 they couldn't help me either, I'll just end up buying it---

1020 FRED ELUSAAS: Put that in here and send a copy to the  
1021 Tribe, and Cook Inlet and to---

1022 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, and I'm sure it should be in  
1023 some of my instructions, I'm sure I did bring it out---

1024 TRINKET GALLIEN: I don't know maybe if you should  
1025 take a couple pictures and let them know---

1026 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, one person came in and just  
1027 started complaining and we said please, you know, just write it down  
1028 and then they didn't come back and then Dwayne came in and said he  
1029 had a bunch of broken windows too, you know, we took his complaint,  
1030 but I don't know what we could do right there, but---

1031 FEMAL VOICE: Yeah, and they went in there the first  
1032 year and they said that---

1033 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Are you complaining?

1034 FEMALE VOICE: No.

1035 FEMALE VOICE: And I used dehumidifiers, we were  
1036 having condensation problems because the houses were airtight, but  
1037 anyway I use my dehumidifier, and my electricity bill went up a lot and I  
1038 checked my records, because I use it so much because in the house and

1039 it makes so much noise and I get a lot of water out of there by using it,  
1040 but it still doesn't solve the problem, it still has a lot to be done, it  
1041 doesn't solve the problem.

1042                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: And you wanted to say something  
1043 about bottled water?

1044                   FRED ELUSAAS: Well, we've got two other things first.

1045                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: The Federal Subsistence Regional  
1046 Advisory Council is seeking nominations, if anybody's interested, it's the  
1047 Subsistence Advisory Council and it has all the regions that—and we're  
1048 South-Central Region, so it has criteria in application form, so if  
1049 anybody's interested, right now it's looks like Helen Teknekin is the one  
1050 that does our area and they sent us something a little while ago and I  
1051 wrote a letter in support of it and said the moose feeds in 15A, we  
1052 don't ever go up there but we should preserve our rights to do so, I said  
1053 I think our tribe should retain our rights to 15A, you know, our people  
1054 up there might ever decide to use it, somebody might want to go up  
1055 there.

1056                   FRED ELUSAAS: I was supposed to---

1057                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, and I guess nobody has used  
1058 it, but----

1059                   FRED ELUSAAS: I used to go up and fish and hunt---and  
1060 the problem with that, and I talked to the council, we hunted in area 15

1061 and never stayed in ---and it's still 15, and so, you know, they can start  
1062 cutting it down to where--but we didn't hunt up to Bradley Creek, hunt  
1063 up the bay and so forth, and that's not right. Anyway, I ---

1064                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: And so, Roy Ewans from G-A-K-O-N-  
1065 A, Gakona, and Gary Galikof from Ninilchik the terms are expiring, if  
1066 anybody from the council is interested in looking into this I have the  
1067 application form.

1068                   FRED ELUSAAS: There should be an opening because I-  
1069 --

1070                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: There is, there's two, Gary and---  
1071 the other guy from Ninilchik.

1072                   FRED ELUSAAS: ---

1073                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: And another thing is this David  
1074 Case, he wants to know if we're going to— it's in the handout packet,  
1075 the last thing—well, the second to the last thing, the last, in the  
1076 yellow—in the green packet there---

1077                   FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, I have—I rearranged it for  
1078 everybody.

1079                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: It looks like this—and basically what  
1080 it is, is the Alaska Native—Unaffiliated Alaska Native Health Tribal  
1081 Committee, we are part of the unaffiliated seats that are available for  
1082 the consortium that's going to run Alaska Native Medical Center,

1083 there's two seats available for approximately anywhere between  
1084 eleven to twenty-one unaffiliated tribes.

1085                   So, he's trying to draft the—he's trying to draft the  
1086 rules of conduct and all that and basically what he wants is a  
1087 commitment from the tribes and to let you know that he's going to be  
1088 doing it so there's going to be no problem—no problem with conflicts  
1089 of interests or anything like that, but he's requesting a thousand dollars  
1090 retainer to help along these lines, and it's going to be prorated out to  
1091 each client basically, and if he doesn't get at least six of the tribes  
1092 before the end, then he won't be doing it.

1093                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: What's the five thousand, two  
1094 thousand?

1095                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: That's how much it's going to take  
1096 to completion, but it'll be prorated out to, like I said, between the  
1097 eleven to twenty-one, but I don't' know how many of them are going to  
1098 jump in on it, but we've been kind of always been the front runners in  
1099 working on the health and things like that and we're part of the Cook  
1100 Inlet Treaty Tribes, which is, you know—eight or nine of the tribes that  
1101 are in this unaffiliated group.

1102                   FEMALE VOICE: What is that UANTHC stand for?

1103                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: It's on the first page, it's the  
1104 Unaffiliated Alaska Native Tribal Health Committee.

1105 FEMALE VOICE: Okay, oh, there it is, okay.

1106 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Okay, so if we're going to help out  
1107 we need to send a thousand dollars and sign it.

1108 FRED ELUSAAS: I—David Case has done a good job in  
1109 Native tribal affairs, because we needed an attorney on Native law, and  
1110 he did work for us and I would recommend that we utilize him and at  
1111 some point if we wanted to change his position, you know, we certainly  
1112 could simply---

1113 FEMALE VOICE: Well, this is a law firm that we're  
1114 giving this to?

1115 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, Cohen Landye Bennett and ---

1116 FEMALE VOICE: And what's he?

1117 CRYSTAL COLLIER: He's an attorney.

1118 FRED ELUSAAS: And that's a private company.

1119 FEMALE VOICE: Oh.

1120 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, he's an attorney working in  
1121 that firm. He's not a partner or whatever---

1122 FEMALE VOICE: Oh, I see.

1123 FRED ELUSAAS: It's a professional corporation, that's  
1124 what it is.

1125 FEMALE VOICE: And he's an attorney---

1126                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: He's a good attorney, actually BIA  
1127 sent out his statement and I copied it for you guys and what he said, on  
1128 (Vena Type), and that looks good.

1129                   FRED ELUSAAS: Trinket, do you know—we need to get  
1130 that re-copied, because you didn't copy the back pages, one, three,  
1131 five and seven side copies—it's two, four, six---

1132                   TRINKET GALLIEN: On the (Vena Type) thing?

1133                   FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah.

1134                   TRINKET CALLIEN: Yeah, I see it.

1135                   FEMALE VOICE: And also---

1136                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Are we burning your lights too long  
1137 now?

1138                   (INTERRUPTION)

1139                   OUTSIDE MALE VOICE: No, I guess you guys are real  
1140 ambitious today, you're going to go all night, huh?

1141                   FRED ELUSAAS: Oh, yeah, we're just getting started,  
1142 we're going to have a break here pretty soon.

1143                   TRINKET GALLIEN: Well, what do we need, a resolution  
1144 then?

1145                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: No, just a motion.

1146                   TRINKET GALLIEN: A motion on?

1147                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Which way to retain him.

1148 MALE VOICE: I'll make the motion.

1149 CRYSTAL COLLIER: I'll second it.

1150 FRED ELUSAAS: Alright, any more discussion?

1151 Okay, Trinket, the motion will be recorded---

1152 FEMALE VOICE: February 14<sup>th</sup>---

1153 Crystal, where's that---

1154 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, that should have been on the  
1155 handout, yeah.

1156 FRED ELUSAAS: Okay, any more discussion on the  
1157 motion?

1158 CRYSTAL COLLIER: No, no, it just came---you want to  
1159 copy here---

1160 FRED ELUSAAS: We're here until Midnight, all in favor  
1161 say "Aye."

1162 FEMALE VOICE: Aye.

1163 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Aye.

1164 MALE VOICE: Aye.

1165 FRED ELUSAAS: Opposed?

1166 CRYSTAL COLLIER: I can have her send up copies.

1167 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Okay.

1168 FRED ELUSAAS: The motion is passed.

1169                   Okay, the last statement for the record, what is that  
1170 one—as long as we’re going to be here to Midnight, but--and Crystal  
1171 was talking about this, about bottling Native water or something and  
1172 selling it, it’s the favorite thing all over, and bottled water is all over the  
1173 nation now, there’s even a company in Anchorage now bottling water  
1174 and selling it through cars and so forth, but whatever’s in D.C.--- sell  
1175 the A&A stuff, and I said well, but it’s an eligible project and there’s  
1176 other guys outside looking at the same thing, then in Anchorage the  
1177 other day, I was talking with an attorney and he represents some  
1178 people that we contacted about it, the Russians, and they want to buy  
1179 water, lots of water, but they want to buy it by the tanker-full, they  
1180 don’t want to buy it from bottles, you know, they need, they want fresh  
1181 water and much of it—especially for that cold Siberian—and the  
1182 attorneys support it. And it’s quite a lot ---I guess, is my understanding  
1183 and he’d like to know if there was an interest in it, and I said well I don’t  
1184 want to talk about it unless I talk to the tribe first, because it’ll probably  
1185 have to go through a corporation first, and they will be interested in a  
1186 partnership and they would be interested in anything that will bring in--  
1187 --and they market their product in California---but there’s a couple  
1188 interests in bottled water and---

1189                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: What’s the name of that company?

1190                   FRED ELUSAAS: I don't remember, but the bottling  
1191 company bottled it, but what they do is they purify it with steam, they  
1192 don't boil the water, they inject steam into it that kills all the germs in  
1193 it, it has to be pure, and that keeps the taste in the water, so there's  
1194 ways to do this, so I was thinking in terms of condensers and making  
1195 distilled water and stuff like that, you know, and of course in the case of  
1196 the Russians it's not necessary, they're looking at some source place to  
1197 run a line to their tankers so where they that they could fill them up  
1198 and---

1199                   TRINKET GALLIEN: That don't have to be steamed  
1200 there too, do they?

1201                   FRED ELUSAAS: No.

1202                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: No.

1203                   FRED ELUSAAS: There are two real good potentials  
1204 here, one would be if you use Seldovia, we could run a hose line out  
1205 into the harbor here, the ships could come and just anchor and take  
1206 water.

1207                   The other would be like the other people, if you have a  
1208 large mooring there, the boats, both areas are in the corporation land  
1209 area, and you know, it could be something that could be real good, on  
1210 the other hand it could be something that is not so good.

1211 In Sitka they're sending tankers with fresh water to  
1212 California right now.

1213 TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, I would think we would need  
1214 permission from---

1215 FRED ELUSAAS: I could start following it up if you  
1216 want.

1217 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Well, I think you could certainly  
1218 look into it.

1219 It depends how much they want, how much money  
1220 they would want to pay for it and how much it would cost to transport  
1221 it and—sure.

1222 FRED ELUSAAS: Well, there's state permits and Fish  
1223 and Game of course would oppose it, the State claims they own the  
1224 water and but nobody's ever told me who did it and ---

1225 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: That'd be another project for the  
1226 Tribe, you know, bottled water.

1227 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Would we have a problem with the  
1228 security of that?

1229 FEMALE VOICE: It's our land where we get the water---

1230 CRYSTAL COLLIER: I'm sure the Fish and Game would  
1231 have to be involved with it.

1232 FRED ELUSAAS: Oh, sure

1233 TRINKET GALLIEN: The water is surface water---

1234 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, is it surface?

1235 FRED ELUSAAS: You'd have to hold—you'd have to  
1236 have the hose up high enough to---

1237 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Well, the water--the people in the  
1238 community now even in Port Graham they usually use the Britta—a  
1239 filter---

1240 FEMALE VOICE: Use a filter.

1241 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, filter the water.

1242 You guys have seen that "Purely Alaska" commercial  
1243 lately that Courtney and---

1244 FEMALE VOICE: There's a lot of commercials now---

1245 CRYSTAL COLLIER: ---I mean they used a clipping of  
1246 one of our commercials now, I don't know how they did that.

1247 I mean they sit down and they've got a shot of Seldovia  
1248 harbor saying---well, it's on channel four it's called "Purely Alaskan  
1249 Waters"—and I don't know how they got that---

1250 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Can they do that?

1251 FEMALE VOICE: Because they bought that, bought the  
1252 rights to that piece, that segment of---

1253 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, but I don't know who they  
1254 bought it from, because it's ours.

1255                    Yeah, because they got Courtney and Mary on there—  
1256 you know, they're walking down and holding hands---

1257                    FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, they're using that down at the  
1258 Fish House.

1259                    LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Well, shouldn't we get something  
1260 out of it?

1261                    FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, I know.

1262                    CRYSTAL COLLIER: Yeah, except the ones that did the  
1263 radio---

1264                    FRED ELUSAAS: I'll go ahead and check this out and  
1265 I'm sure you're going to get a ---lunches and so forth on this---

1266                    LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Yeah, there's always somebody  
1267 from the city saying that there's lead in our water and copper—

1268                    Yeah, I bought a Britta pitcher for Sharon and Steve  
1269 just because of what I heard was—I've always drank water from a Britta  
1270 pitcher at home.

1271                    FRED ELUSAAS: Okay, the next thing is tribal members  
1272 comments—we've lost our audience of one---

1273                    No comments.

1274                    Okay, council comments?

1275                    MALE VOICE: No comments.

1276                    FRED ELUSAAS: No comments.

1277                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: Okay, she's last so I guess she didn't  
1278 say anything, so I guess---

1279                   FRED ELUSAAS: Lillian?

1280                   LILLIAN ELUSAAS: No comment.

1281                   FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, I have a comment, I make a  
1282 motion to adjourn.

1283                   TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, I hope everybody really tries  
1284 hard to show up for this meeting on Monday, because—the meeting's  
1285 at two-thirty though---

1286                   CRYSTAL COLLIER: I think it's two o'clock?

1287                   TRINKET GALLIEN: At two o'clock, yeah.

1288                   FRED ELUSAAS: Well, for my part I'll vote on the water  
1289 thing, I'll try to come up with marketing ideas and get some back to  
1290 you.

1291                   I got this resume from this Ted George who's  
1292 interested in working on three grant applications for ten thousand  
1293 dollars, for specialties in health clinics and so forth and that might be  
1294 something once we take on the housing---

1295                   TRINKET GALLIEN: -----

1296                   FRED ELUSAAS: Yeah, and he's a very successful type  
1297 person, but we don't need to spend that money---

1298                   TRINKET GALLIEN: Do we say "Aye"?

1299 Did you call the vote for a motion.

1300 FRED ELUSAAS: Well, maybe for a lack of interest  
1301 maybe we are adjourned.

1302 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Well, if you guys like too, here's  
1303 some information on the harbor seals and their studies that they're  
1304 doing, and the book on Natives in Alaska---

1305 CRYSTAL COLLIER: You can leave that other stuff up  
1306 here too and just get it tomorrow---

1307 I'll just put this stuff up in the fridge---

1308 FEMALE VOICE: I'll just take it home.

1309 That's all right.

1310 CRYSTAL COLLIER: Oh, don't worry about it.

1311 FRED ELUSAAS: I'll be by tomorrow---

1312

1313 MALE VOICE: ---if you've got one, if you pass it you can  
1314 always send it in with your application, if it helps that way, but as far as  
1315 them doing anything with it, that---

1316 (Meeting adjourned.)

1317 (Tape runs from 1:22: 35 to 1:25:36, with just general  
1318 conversation off the record between three or four people.)

1319 (Break in Tape.)

1320 (Beginning 1:25: 37)

1321 (Beginning with female voice speaking)

1322 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1323 ---you know everybody that lives here, but another

1324 thing you don't know---

1325 FEMALE VOICE: You could have either a rent receipt or

1326 when they purchase their home---

1327 FEMALE VOICE: ---rent receipts.

1328 MALE VOICE: Yeah, that's what I'm saying---

1329 (Three or four people speaking over each other.)

1330 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, see, because someone with a

1331 permit, they always ask about that.

1332 TRINKET GALLIEN: What's that?

1333 FEMALE VOICE: "I pay for my box rent and I have a

1334 home here so I assume I'm a resident."

1335 MALE VOICE: Yeah, that's what they say, but they're

1336 not here half the time.

1337 TRINKET GALLIEN: Physically present---

1338 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1339 Okay, it says length of Seldovia residency---(Reading)

1340 MALE VOICE: "Reside in area for one year", but

1341 anybody can get—you could say he's living out of the back of a truck

1342 and only see him once a month or something, you know, we need to  
1343 figure out a little bit better definition---

1344 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1345 Part of the basis of refusal is we need clarification on  
1346 what residency is.

1347 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah, because I spend so much money  
1348 here in Seldovia---(Laughing)

1349 TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, spend so much money--  
1350 physical evidence, definite physical---

1351 MALE VOICE: Yeah, staying for one year and spending-  
1352 --yeah.

1353 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Wouldn't that be wonderful.

1354 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1355 Okay, number "G", (Reading), applicant shall be  
1356 considered accepted into tribal membership upon approval by the  
1357 council at any regular special meeting which affirms its residence. It is  
1358 this vote which determines enrollment for tribal membership in  
1359 accordance with the requirements of the tribal constitution---

1360 TRINKET GALLIEN: I request that they have a roll call  
1361 vote, so that you have—with the names of the persons—a good tribal—  
1362 this vote, like a roll call vote—or so, you know, like they have---

1363 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1364 Oh, okay.

1365 TRINKET GALLIEN: Like a roll call vote or something  
1366 instead of just this vote.

1367 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1368 Okay.

1369 TRINKET GALLIEN: Like this---

1370 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: A roll call vote?

1371 TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah.

1372 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1373 (Reading) Review of tribal rules, "A", the tribal council  
1374 shall have the right to review the tribal rolls to determine whether all  
1375 persons on the rolls were properly enrolled in the tribal membership  
1376 divisions in effect at the time they were placed on the tribal rolls.

1377 Well, that's always available.

1378 (Reading) The tribal council may direct the enrollment  
1379 committee or any other committee at that point to conduct such a  
1380 review.

1381 Our rolls are so small we can look at them at any time,  
1382 I mean, they're not—like—a lot of tribes have thousands and thousands  
1383 of people, and we don't have that sort of rolls.

1384 TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, like we have quite a bit of  
1385 background from SNA anyhow.

1386 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1387 Right, yeah, we tend to know everybody in Seldovia.

1388 (Reading) Persons whose tribal memberships are  
1389 disapproved and persons that are proposed for disenrollment shall  
1390 have the right and opportunity to be heard and present evidence at a  
1391 membership hearing before the tribal council.

1392 Such hearing shall be conducted according to the rules  
1393 and regulations prescribed by the council.

1394 So, if we decided not to approve somebody's  
1395 application, they get to have a right and come in and appeal our—so  
1396 that's why we better have that refusal pretty---

1397 TRINKET GALLIEN: Yeah, and the reasons, yeah.

1398 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Crystal, when somebody becomes a  
1399 member of our tribe, when they're adopted, does that mean that if  
1400 they belong to—or they go by Chugachmuit, and we adopt them that  
1401 they go by our services? Do they go by our services?

1402 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1403 No. Our services such as—like health services, that  
1404 goes by where you live, it doesn't matter what member of a tribe, if you

1405 move to Port Graham, they could not refuse you service, if you live  
1406 there, no matter if you're a member of Seldovia Village Tribe or not.

1407 TRINKET GALLIEN: If you chose to utilize their  
1408 services.

1409 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1410 Yeah, if you use their services, they cannot refuse to  
1411 give you services it doesn't have anything to do with tribal membership.

1412 So, if you went to Anchorage and you wanted to go to  
1413 ANC, they wouldn't tell you no you can't because you're not our  
1414 member, they have to give you health service.

1415 Now, they don't have to give you, like some other  
1416 services if they don't want to, but there are certain things they have to.

1417 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Like for instance if my brothers and  
1418 my mom move from Port Graham, and they wish to be adopted by our  
1419 tribe, would they be able to---

1420 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1421 They're already covered.

1422 FEMALE VOICE: They're already tribal members,  
1423 they're already valid members.

1424 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Well, they're tribal members from  
1425 Port Graham also?

1426 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1427 Well, they can't be both.

1428 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Yeah, that's what they were told.

1429 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1430 We allow for dual enrollment, we say that you could—

1431 Lillian could be a member of us, and you could be a member of Port

1432 Graham, and Port Graham says no, you cannot, Port Graham said you

1433 guys pick who you want to be a member of, so at the time that we did

1434 our base enrolling and we—your parents and your brothers were on

1435 that, they had to sign a form that said if they wanted to be part of Port

1436 Graham or they wanted to be part of Seldovia, and there was what,

1437 eight of them I think, that we found here, or nine---

1438 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Seven---

1439 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1440 ---people that had told Port Graham that I want to be

1441 Seldovia, it was I think only one that said they don't want to be, so

1442 they've already picked their---

1443 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: I think there were three.

1444 FEMALE VOICE: Or maybe Port Graham had their

1445 benefits with their members, tribal members, I don't know.

1446 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1447 No, they can't.

1448 FEMALE VOICE: Oh.

1449 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)  
1450 They lost at this point.  
1451 They'd have to serve them if they lived in the village.  
1452 FEMALE VOICE: Is there a certain amount of time that  
1453 you have to live—is that a year or two---  
1454 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Oh, yeah.  
1455 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)  
1456 I don't know what other—what other tribes---  
1457 FEMALE VOICE: I mean any place?  
1458 FEMALE VOICE: Here it's one year.  
1459 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)  
1460 For—to get health benefits?  
1461 FEMALE VOICE: Oh, no, to be eligible.  
1462 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)  
1463 To become a member of our tribe you have to live here  
1464 one year.  
1465 FEMALE VOICE: I mean for health benefits, I mean  
1466 somebody up in Anchorage that lives in Homer and they know that they  
1467 move here, then they have to---  
1468 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)  
1469 We have to serve them within six months---  
1470 FEMALE VOICE: Oh, six months.

1471 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)  
1472 ---unless they go in with an emergency, if they go in to  
1473 the emergency room then we have to serve them no matter what.  
1474 IHS does not allow us to refuse service to somebody  
1475 who's dying or something else no matter where they live or where  
1476 they're from. So, bills and stuff are---  
1477 So, being a member of the tribe, for your mom, it  
1478 doesn't give her benefits either way, being a member of either tribe,  
1479 unless they're discriminating against an official member of the  
1480 Seldovia—let me---  
1481 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: A lot of that happens.  
1482 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah.  
1483 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Including me, it happens, but they  
1484 have been refused from a lot of things, jobs, they're---  
1485 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)  
1486 And that could be their corporate—because she's a  
1487 corporate member here too, not just a tribal member.  
1488 At any time she could ask for—to be dis-enrolled from  
1489 Seldovia and join Port Graham if she wanted to.  
1490 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Uh, huh.  
1491 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1492 I mean I don't know, you know, what Port Graham  
1493 thinks of that.

1494 FEMALE VOICE: I was just thinking of something, we  
1495 were just saying that we're getting stuck, that if somebody has an  
1496 emergency and we get stuck with the bill, well, what if it's an  
1497 emergency and they're sent out of town to Anchorage or wherever,  
1498 anymore, are we still stuck with the bill? Or does it---

1499 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1500 We serve people in Homer, so if they go—like if an  
1501 emergency happens here at nighttime and they go to Homer, then--  
1502 they go to Homer Hospital, then we're stuck with that.

1503 People up to Anchorage, I don't know.

1504 LILLIAN ELUSAAS: Like what if they went to  
1505 Anchorage?

1506 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1507 Then yeah, we don't pay.

1508 FEMALE VOICE: We don't pay, okay.

1509 MALE VOICE: Generally they—if they go up to  
1510 Anchorage then they have to call---

1511 FEMALE VOICE: (Crystal Collier)

1512 Right, normally people—if people from Seldovia--will  
1513 always send them to Homer, and for stabilization, they have a what

1514 they call a—I forgot the words for it now—it’s not tort reform, but it’s  
1515 something--it’s COBRA law, they have a COBRA law that says no  
1516 hospital can refuse service to an indigenous person or a destitute  
1517 person or a person that is low income or anything like that, so they  
1518 are—they’re all scared over there because they’re worried that they’re  
1519 going to get written up for shipping people out.

1520                                   And what the law was meant for was places like  
1521 California, when people come in to the emergency room and they don’t  
1522 have health insurance---(Break in tape.)

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