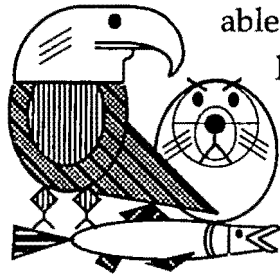


How Are Funding Decisions Made?

Each year, the Trustee Council uses public comments and advice from agency and public scientists to decide which restoration projects to fund. To help the public and agencies see all the projects they publish a Draft Work Plan.



The Draft 1995 Work Plan will be published in mid-August and will be available for public review until the end of September. It will describe the projects proposed for funding for 1995 — how much they cost, how they will help restore the resources and services injured by the spill, and whether they will be conducted by a state or federal agency, or whether an agency will solicit for competitive proposals to complete the project.

The public will have a chance to read the draft to give the Trustees advice about which of the proposed restoration projects to fund. Near the end of October 1994, the Trustees will meet and vote upon the projects to be funded for 1995. Unanimous vote is required to fund a project.

Scientists, agency staff, and the public can suggest projects to be included in the Draft 1995 Work Plan. Once a suggestion is received, Trustee Council staff will evaluate the project to determine:

- Is it consistent with the Civil Settlement and with the Draft Restoration Plan? Projects must be consistent with the rules of the Civil Settlement and with the Council's policies which are explained in the Draft Restoration Plan.
- What is the project's scientific value? Will it help restoration? To answer this question, the Trustee Council relies on a staff of independent scientists and peer reviewers to give advice about the feasibility and scientific value of a project.

To help people suggest projects, the Trustee Council will publish a Solicitation for Proposals on May 15th. That booklet describes the types of projects the Council believes are needed for next year, and how to suggest proposals. Between June 15th and August 15th, Trustee Council staff will use the public and agency suggestions to put together the Draft 1995 Work Plan. It will provide more direction than in the past.

How can you be involved?

May 15 – June 15, 1994:

- Read the Solicitation for Proposals and if you have proposals to suggest, write us on the forms provided in the booklet.

August 15 – September 30, 1994

- Read the Draft 1995 Work Plan and write or call to let us know which of the project you think should be funded next year.
- Or call us and give us your opinions about what should be done. Anytime. The telephone number is 907/278-8012, or toll free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7795 or from outside Alaska at 1-800-283-7745.

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