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#### News Release - For Immediate Release

Date:

December 13, 1995

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Trustees Approve 1996 Work Planthustee Council Administrative Record

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council approved a final 1996 Work Plan

December 11 at their meeting in Anchorage. The 1996 Work Plan funding totals \$18.1 million and supports an ongoing program of restoration, research and monitoring of the biological resources injured by the 1989 oil spill.

The 1996 Work Plan emphasizes restoration efforts for herring, pink salmon, sockeye salmon, subsistence resources, seabirds and marine mammals. In addition, the Trustees continued their support for three comprehensive ecosystem projects: the Sound Ecosystem Assessment, Nearshore Vertebrate/Predator Ecosystem Project and the Seabird/Forage Fish Ecosystem Project. These projects are investigating different aspects of the marine ecosystem which affect the injured resources, such as climate, ocean currents, or fluctuations in populations of small fish which serve as food sources for harbor seals and seabirds populations injured by the spill. Researchers report that results from recent Pacific herring studies in Prince William Sound continue to forecast small returns, and that some seabird and marine mammal populations affected by the spill have not recovered to pre-spill levels.

The Trustees approved a portion of funding for the 1996 Work Plan at a previous meeting in August, but deferred decisions on some projects awaiting results of scientific reviews which took place this fall. Based on these reviews as well as preliminary analysis of restoration work conducted during the 1995 field season, Executive Director Molly McCammon made final project recommendations to the Trustee Council on December 11. Monday's approval of more than \$4 million for 1996 restoration work, when combined with earlier decisions made by the Trustees in August, brought the Work Plan total to \$18.1 million for federal fiscal year 1996.

For more information, contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 645 G St., Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or call 278-8008, toll-free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745.

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		Revised	FY 96 and Estimated Future				
	Approved	FY 96			A STATE OF THE STA	FY 99 to	FY 96 to
Resource/Service Cluster		Request	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	End	End
Pink Salmon	\$2,543.5	\$3,469.6	\$2,017.5	\$1,268.5	\$775.2	\$163.8	\$4,225.0
Herring	\$2,103.5	\$1,432.2	\$1,323.0	\$930.6	\$708.7	\$0.0	\$2,962.3
Sound Ecosystem Assessment (SEA)	\$4,612.8	\$5,154.8	\$4,533.4	\$3,600.0	\$2,600.0		\$10,733.4
SEA Program Related Projects	\$0.0	\$375.2	\$114.8	\$85.0	\$85.0	\$0.0	\$284.8
Sockeye Salmon Program	\$1,569.7	\$2,198.0	\$1,286.2	\$391.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$1,677.2
Cutthroat and Dolly Varden Trout	\$134.8	\$428.4	\$229.6	\$200.0	\$100.0	\$0.0	\$529.6
Marine Mammal Program	\$913.2	\$1,099.5	\$812.8	\$687.3	\$275.1	\$25.0	\$1,800.2
Nearshore Ecosystem	\$3,112.4	\$6,426.0	\$2,989.2	\$1,869.3	\$1,789.4	\$920.0	\$7,567.9
Seabird/Forage Fish Ecoystem Pjct	\$1,262.9	\$1,982.6	\$1,800.7	\$1,750.7	\$1,750.7		\$5,302.1
Seabird/Forage Fish Related	\$617.9	\$1,419.2	\$610.3	\$200.3	\$83.9	\$458.5	\$1,353.0
Subsistence	\$1,006.9	\$2,594.0	\$1,352.2	\$1,226.0	\$957.5	\$1,594.8	\$5,130.5
Archaeological Resources	\$457.7	\$3,880.3	\$504.2	\$195.0	\$195.0	\$135.0	\$1,029.2
Reducing Marine Pollution	\$516.7	\$163.3	\$28.3				\$28.3
Habitat Improvements	\$286.6	\$963.3	\$560.6	\$800.0	\$600.0	\$0.0	\$1,960.6
Information Support	\$0.0	\$42.0	\$42.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$42.0
Research Facilities	\$0.0	\$3,000.0	\$0.0		_		\$0.0
Total: Monitoring, Research, and General Restoration		\$34,628.4	\$18,204.8	\$13,203.7	\$9,920.5	\$3,297.1	\$44,626.1
Public Information, Science Management, and Administration	\$4,208.9	\$3,439.6	\$3,439.6	\$3,200.0	\$2,800.0	\$7,200.0	16.625.
Habitat Protection/Acquisition Support	1	\$1,193.0	\$2,000.0	\$170.0	\$115.0	\$115.0	\$1,241.8
Restoration Reserve	\$12,000.0	\$12,000.0	\$12,000.0	\$12,000.0	\$12,000.0	\$48,000.0	\$84,000.0
Total, All Activities		\$51,261.0	\$35,644.4	\$28,573.7	\$24,835.5	\$58,612.1	\$129,867.9

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Trustee Council Meeting on December 11, 1995

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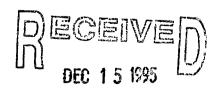
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### Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting

The Exxon Valdez Restoration Trustee Council will meet in Anchorage on Monday, December 11, beginning at 9:00 AM. The meeting will also be accessible via teleconference at the Legislative Information Offices throughout the oil spill region and in Juneau at the Federal Building Forest Service Conference Room, Room 541-A. The public is welcome to attend.

- The agenda will include action on deferred FY96 Work Plan projects, small parcel habitat protection actions and action on the Kodiak Island
   Borough/Shuyak Island large parcel habitat purchase agreement.
- A public comment session will begin at 11:00 AM.
- Access by teleconference will be available upon request at the Legislative Information Offices or Volunteer Teleconference Centers in: Chenega Bay, Cordova, Fairbanks, Homer, Kenai, Kodiak, Seward, Soldotna, Tatitlek, Valdez and Whittier. Contact your Legislative Information Office to arrange to participate in this meeting.
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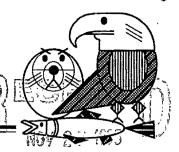


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November 20, 1995

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#### Trustee Council Protects Habitat Across Spill Region

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council today took action to protect over 30,000 acres of habitat in the spill area from Prince William Sound to Kodiak.

Meeting in Juneau today, the Trustees authorized fee simple purchase offers to landowners of 16 small parcels, generally under 1,000 acres. In addition, the Council offered to contribute \$4 million towards a negotiated package between the Kenai Natives Association and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to protect high value Kenai River system lands. Action was also taken to protect lands on Shuyak Island near Kodiak.

Five of the small parcels are located along the Kenai River, three are near Homer, two near Seward and four are at other Kenai Peninsula locations. In Prince William Sound, one parcel is near Tatitlek, and one is within the city limits of Valdez. The Kenai Natives Association package includes lands along the Kenai and Moose Rivers, as well as the lands within the Kenai watershed. If all offers are accepted by the landowners, the small parcel acquisitions will total \$14.8 million.

Governor Tony Knowles announced last April that he would seek Trustee Council support for habitat protection on the Kenai River. At that time, he specified several Kenai River properties he wanted to see purchased and protected. The council approved all purchases.

"Habitat protection on the Kenai River is a top priority," Knowles said in response to the Council's actions. "The Kenai River is the lifeblood of Southcentral economies, communities and cultures. It's important that

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instead of biting the hand that feeds us, we protect it and nourish it and keep it feeding Alaska's families for generations to come."

The small parcel process is part of the Comprehensive Habitat Protection Program developed by the Trustee Council in response to priorities identified by the public and incorporated into its *Restoration Plan*.

"Today's Council action will help promote the restoration effort, protect important fish and wildlife habitat in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and provide public access for recreation purposes on lands adjacent to the Kenai River," said George T. Frampton, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, in the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Protecting habitat is an important restoration option because it minimizes further injury caused by development to resources and services injured by the 1989 oil spill, and allows recovery to continue with the least interference. The first element of the program was protection of imminently threatened parcels and resulted in acquisition of inholdings in Kachemak Bay State Park, tracts on Afognak Island, and timber rights in Orca Narrows near Cordova. The second element, protection of other large parcels of land, has resulted in acquisition of three large tracts on Kodiak Island. Negotiations are continuing on eight other large parcels, including large tracts of land in Prince William Sound.

As part of the large parcel habitat protection program, the Trustees today also approved a resolution to offer \$42 million to the Kodiak Island Borough for 25,565 acres on Shuyak Island. The resolution expressed the Council's desire that a purchase agreement be finalized soon. The Borough has indicated its intent to use \$6 million of these funds towards construction of a research facility at Near Island in Kodiak.

The land to be acquired is adjacent to the Shuyak Island State Park to the west and the Aleksandr Baranof State Game Refuge to the east. Protection of this parcel will ensure protection of the entire Shuyak Island ecosystem. The lands purchased today support a rich diversity of wildlife habitat, and are home to seabird colonies, bald eagles, harbor seal haulouts and 15 known historical or archaeological sites. Pink, coho and chum salmon are found in streams and

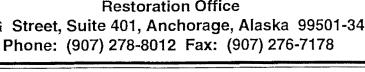
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Stellar sea lions, sea otters, porpoises and whales inhabit nearshore waters. The area is popular for its outstanding hunting, wildlife viewing, fishing and sea kayaking opportunities. This agreement would result in these lands being incorporated into Shuyak State Park.

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#### Trustees Protect Kenai River Habitat

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"I am particularly pleased that the Trustee Council has agreed to protect these very valuable habitats along the Kenai River," said Frank Rue, Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. "This is a river at risk from development along its banks. Our efforts to protect key pieces of habitat are an important part of keeping the Kenai River healthy."

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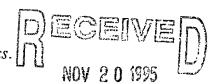
# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting

The Exxon Valdez Restoration Trustee Council will meet in Juneau on Monday, November 20, beginning at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be accessible at the Trustee Council office in Anchorage and via teleconference at the Legislative Information Offices throughout the oil spill region. The public is welcome to attend.

- The agenda will include small parcel habitat protection actions and possible action on the Kodiak Island Borough/Shuyak Island large parcel habitat protection.
- A public comment session will begin at 11:00 AM.
- Access by teleconference will be available upon request at the Legislative Information Offices or Volunteer Teleconference Centers in: Chenega Bay, Cordova, Fairbanks, Kenai, Kodiak, Seward, Soldotna, Tatitlek, Valdez and Whittier. Contact your Legislative Information Office to arrange to participate in this meeting.
- In Homer the teleconference site will be the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust Office at 395 E. Pioneer Avenue, Suite 5. For more information regarding the Homer site contact the Land Trust at 235-7911.
- Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this
  meeting should contact L.J. Evans or Cherri Womac at 278-8012 to make any
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#### EXXON VALDEZ TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING

10:00 AM, Monday, November 20, 1995 Forest Service Conference Room, Juneau

- Available by teleconference throughout the spill area upon request. For more information contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G Street, Anchorage, AK 99501, or call 278-8008 (toll free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745).
- The agenda will include: Kodiak Island Borough/Shuyak Island and Small Parcel Proposed Acquisitions.
- Public comment period begins at 11:00 AM.
- Persons needing special modification to participate in this meeting should contact L.J. Evans or Cherri Womac at 278-8012 to make any necessary arrangements.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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**September 25, 1995** 

Subject:

Presentation on seabird restoration October 1

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# **Public Meeting on Seabird Restoration**

Seabird restoration techniques and restoration options specifically designed for seabird species not recovering from the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill will be discussed at a public meeting at the Alyeska Prince Hotel in Girdwood on Sunday, October 1, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The meeting will be hosted by the Pacific Seabird Group and the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council.

During a one-hour overview of seabird restoration at the Sunday session, seabird biologists will explain the processes that need to be followed in developing a restoration plan and provide a preliminary report on a seabird workshop taking place over the weekend. After the presentation, members of the public will have the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

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Date:

Friday, August 25, 1995

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**Trustee Council** 

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

# Trustees continue work to restore resources injured by 1989 oil spill

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council today approved \$13.7 million in funding for general restoration, habitat protection, research and monitoring projects to be undertaken in 1996.

"The Trustees continue to carry out the mandate they received from the public for a comprehensive, integrated approach to restoration, "said Executive Director Molly McCammon. "The 1996 Work Plan reflects the Trustee's commitment to restoration of commercial fisheries, subsistence resources, as well as understanding continuing declines in seabirds and marine mammals injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill."

The package approved today includes funding for twenty-four projects. Decisions on funding an additional package of 19 projects was deferred for Trustee Council action in December, after data collected in the 1995 field season can be analyzed. The Trustees will also set aside an additional \$12 million in 1996 for the Restoration Reserve, a fund to support restoration work after Exxon's payments end in 2001.

"The projects we approved today are a product of wide public and community involvement," said Craig Tillery, Assistant Alaska Attorney General and chair of today's meeting. "The 1996 Work Plan reflects a well thought out, balanced approach to restoration of the resources injured by the oil spill."

The 1996 projects are organized into several clusters with related objectives. A significant part of the funding is directed at restoration of Prince William Sound fisheries. The Sound Ecosystem Assessment program, which is

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analyzing factors influencing pink salmon and herring population fluctuations, received approval from the Trustees for funding at \$4.53 million.

Other projects address additional pink salmon and herring problems, sockeye salmon restoration, recovery of the nearshore ecosystem, research to understand continuing declines in seabirds and marine mammals affected by the spill, subsistence resource restoration, restoration of cutthroat and Dolly Varden trout, a project to restore damaged habitat on public lands along the Kenai River, a new planning project for archaeological restoration, and habitat improvements.

The Trustee Council also added Kittlitz's murrelets and common loons to the list of species injured by the spill.

"This addition does not really reflect new findings," said Dr. Robert Spies, Chief Scientist for the Trustee Council. "The evidence was already clear that the affects on these seabirds were significant. This action reprsents an official recognition of that fact."

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For more information, contact L.J. Evans at 907/278-8012, or the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 907/278-8008, or toll-free for Alaska residents at 1-800-478-7745, outside Alaska at 1-800-283-7745.

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL

Prince William Sound a majoration Trustees' 1996 work plan

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council today approved \$13.7 million in funding for general restoration, habitat protection, research and monitoring projects to be undertaken in 1996. Resources important to Prince William Sound commercial and subsistence fisheries were a major focus.

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McCammon noted that the Sound Ecosystem Assessment, developed and implemented extensively by residents of Cordova, received approval from the Trustees for funding at \$4.53 million, roughly a quarter of the estimated total FY96 Work Plan.

"This reflects the priority the Trustees place on the SEA objectives in a time when funding for many similar projects is beginning to decline," McCammon said.

Funding approved for other projects in Prince William Sound will deal with restoration of subsistence resources, pink salmon and herring problems not otherwise addressed in the SEA program, sockeye salmon restoration, recovery of the nearshore ecosystem, research to understand continuing

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#### KNOWLES APPLAUDS EVOS FUNDING FOR KENAI RIVER

Trustees Council Approves \$560,000 to Restore Damaged Habitat

Governor Tony Knowles today applauded the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustees Council for their approval of \$560,600 to restore damaged salmon habitat on public lands along the Kenai River.

"The Trustee Council action puts another piece of the puzzle into place to protect salmon habitat on the Kenai River," Knowles said. "It further demonstrates the importance of the partnership that's needed between local, state, and federal efforts to tackle this complex issue." The Governor has identified the restoration of Kenai River habitat crucial to commercial and sport salmon fisheries as a priority of his administration.

Fish and Game Commissioner Frank Rue, a member of the of the Trustee Council, said the benefits of the project would extend beyond the boundaries of the public lands involved. "We've asked private land owners along the Kenal to work with us to restore riverbank habitat that the salmon need to thrive," Rue said. "This project will result in habitat improvements to some of the key areas on the Kenai River. It will help us be part of the solution that we need to sustain the river and provide lishing opportunities for Alaskans."

The funding will be used to restore 5.4 miles of publicly owned land along the Kenai River, part of 19 miles of important riverbank habitat that has been adversely impacted by trampling, vegetation loss and development. The project is one of \$13.7 million worth of projects approved by the Trustee Council Friday as part of its 1996 work plan.

The Trustee Council is a panel of state and federal officials appointed to oversee trust funds obtained from the settlement of litigation over natural resource damages due to the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Kenai River sockeye salmon are among the species determined to have been injured by the spill.

The work to be undertaken in 1996 is the first part of a three year, two million dollar project to restore and protect habitat, and provide recreational opportunities on the Kenai River.

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# Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Teleconference Meeting

The Exxon Valdez Restoration Trustee Council will meet in Anchorage on Friday, August 25, beginning at 8:30 AM. The meeting will be accessible via teleconference at the Legislative Information Offices throughout the oil spill region. The public is welcome to attend.

- The agenda will include action on the 1996 Work Plan and additions to the injured species list.
- The public comment session will begin at 11:00 AM.
- Access by teleconference will be available upon request at the Legislative Information Offices or Volunteer Teleconference Centers in: Chenega Bay, Cordova, Fairbanks, Homer, Juneau, Kenai, Kodiak, Seward, Soldotna, Tatitlek, Valdez and Whittier. Contact your Legislative Information Office to arrange to participate in this meeting.
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Public Meeting on July 20, 1995

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# Public Meeting on Trustees' Draft 1996 Work Plan

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council has distributed a Draft Fiscal Year 1996 Work Plan for public comment. A meeting will take place beginning at 7 PM Thursday, July 20 in Anchorage to take public comment and present a briefing on the status of restoration activities, including habitat protection and acquisition. The meeting will take place at 645 G Street, Suite 100, in the Oil Spill Public Information Center.

Residents of communities and villages in the oil spill region may participate in this meeting via teleconference by contacting Rebecca Williams at 907/278-8012, toll-free at 1-800-478-7745. Arrangements to teleconference should be made at least a day in advance of the meeting.

The draft work plan describes restoration projects under consideration by the Trustees for action in federal fiscal year 1996 (October 1, 1995 – September 30, 1996). A summary of the draft 1996 work plan is available at libraries and some Legislative Information Offices in the spill region. To obtain a copy, contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 907/278-8008, toll free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745.

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# Trustee Council Calls for VALDEZ OIL SPILL Fresh Look at Eyak Negotiations TRATIVE RECORD

The *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council today expressed disappointment at the inability to work out the details of a timber exchange between the Council and Eyak Native Corporation on lands near Cordova.

"Attempts to come to an agreement on the exchange have not been successful to date. The Council continues to be willing to work with Eyak to explore other opportunities to protect the lands near Cordova as well as other Eyak lands important for restoration of injured resources and services," said the Council's Executive Director Molly McCammon. "We believe this can be done while addressing Eyak's interests in economic development, subsistence, and public access."

Elements of the timber exchange, intended to provide alternative commercial logging areas to Eyak outside of Orca Narrows, were the focus of mediated discussions during the past two weeks. As a result of the present impasse in discussions, Eyak will retain their timbered land along Orca Narrows and the U.S. Forest Service will retain the timber rights along the southwest portion of Simpson Bay.

"Both sides sincerely tried to work this exchange out and accommodate the respective interests," McCammon said. "However, due to legal procedural requirements, we were not able to find a way to protect the injured resources and services and meet Eyak's timber harvest requirements." This was not the fault of either party, McCammon noted.

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"Rather, it reflects the fact that we have been trying to implement extremely complex trades that have a lot of different parties involved, and still meet Eyak's desire to harvest timber quickly." In particular, a state requirement that the public be provided an opportunity to comment on the trade, as well as the requirement to determine a new value if only a portion of the trade could happen, made it impossible to meet Eyak's schedule.

McCammon acknowledged that the most recent round of negotiations has been difficult for both the Trustee Council and Eyak. She suggested that both sides take a break from current negotiations, rethink their positions, and then convene within the month to discuss future efforts. McCammon said the Trustee Council remains willing to use the services of a professional mediator to help develop a comprehensive protection package for Eyak lands in eastern Prince William Sound.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date:

June 15, 1995

Subject:

Trustee Council Meeting on June 16, 1995

Contact:

Eric Myers or L.J. Evans 278-8012

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

## Exxon Valdez Oil Spill **Trustee Council Teleconference Meeting**

The Exxon Valdez Restoration Trustee Council will meet briefly via teleconference on Friday, June 16, beginning at 11:00 AM. The public is welcome to attend.

- The agenda will include an update on habitat protection issues and may include an executive session to discuss habitat protection strategies...
- The meeting will be accessible by teleconference in Juneau in Room 859A of the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, and in Anchorage at 645 G St., in the fourth floor conference room.
- Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this meeting should contact L.J. Evans or Cherri Womac at 278-8012 to make any necessary arrangements.

For additional information, please contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G St, Anchorage, AK 99501, or call 278-8008 (toll free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745).

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### **Press Advisory**

Date:

June 6, 1995

Subject:

Trustee Council meeting of June 1, 1995

Contact:

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

The purpose of this Press Advisory is to correct the record regarding certain information included within a recent statement issued by Luke Borer, representing Eyak Corporation and Sherstone Corporation dated June 1, 1995.

- The June 1 statement suggests that an appraisal for the Orca sub-parcel, prepared for the Trustee Council, was inappropriately modified.
- In fact, the draft appraisal referenced was a working document that had not been subjected to critical review. As a result of the peer review, required by the government's appraisal process, errors in the analysis were identified and corrected. These corrections resulted in a revised appraised value.
- It is not unusual for the estimate of value to change during the review process given the large number of assumptions and variables upon which an estimate of value is based (e.g., anticipated costs and markets that are difficult to predict and subject to professional differences of opinion).
- In the case of the Bomb Point (Orca sub-parcel) appraisal, Eyak/Sherstone prepared an appraisal which suggested a value higher than that identified by the appraisal prepared for the Trustee Council.

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- To resolve the difference, a third party review appraiser recommended by Sherstone Corporation and agreed to by the Trustee Council — was brought in to review both appraisals and give advice concerning the final value.
- The recommendations from this third party review appraiser generally supported the value reflected in the Trustee Council appraisal.
- The Trustee Council can only work with willing sellers and has no ability to acquire habitat by means other than fully voluntary sales of land or interests in lands.

At the June 1st meeting, Eyak Corporation requested that the Trustee Council agree to seek mediation as a means to resolve disputes about terms of an exchange agreement being negotiated. The Trustee Council agreed to mediation with an initial session scheduled for Tuesday, June 6.

"The Trustee Council remains committed to working cooperatively with Eyak and Sherstone to negotiate a habitat protection package that will both aid the restoration of injured resources as well as meet Eyak's needs," said Molly McCammon, Executive Director of the Trustee Council.

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Date:

May 25, 1995

Subject: Contact:

Trustee Council Meeting in Cordova on June 1, 1995

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# **Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting in Cordova**

The next meeting of the *Exxon Valdez* Restoration Trustee Council will take place at the Mt. Eccles Elementary School Auditorium in Cordova on Thursday, June 1, beginning at 1:00 PM. The public is invited to attend.

- The meeting will be available by teleconference in Juneau in Room 859A of the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, and in Anchorage at 645 G St., in the fourth floor conference room.
- In response to public requests in Cordova, the public hearing period has been separated into two time segments. The first will take place from 1:15 to 1:30 PM. The second public hearing period will begin at 2:30 PM.
- Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this
  meeting should contact L.J. Evans or Cherri Womac at 278-8012 to make any
  necessary arrangements.

To obtain a copy of the agenda or additional information, please contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G St, Anchorage, AK 99501, or call 278-8008 (toll free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745).

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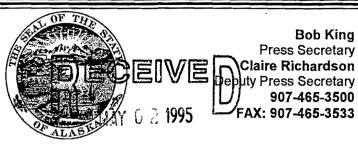
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#### KNOWLES ANNOUNCES COOK INLET SPORT FISHING INITIATIVE

Revitalization of Kenai Riverway Tops Effort

Calling Cook Inlet a unique area of scenic beauty, rich resources and unparalleled fisheries, Governor Tony Knowles today announced his plan for ensuring that the Cook Inlet region reaches its full potential as one of the finest sport fishing regions in the world.

The plan includes revitalizing riverways, expanding recreational access throughout the Inlet, and improving scientific information for the protection and management of the Inlet's valuable sport, commercial, subsistence and personal use fisheries.

"The most important fish is the fish on an Alaskan's dinner table," Knowles said. "But the population of southcentral Alaska has grown dramatically and so has the demand for fish. Increasing demand means increasing risk to fish stocks and habitat. Our challenge is to maximize fishing opportunities while ensuring protection of our fish resources and habitat in this very special area."

"Meeting this challenge won't be easy," Knowles added. "Everyone - people fishing for their own use, those involved in commercial and commercial-sport fisheries, state and local governments and area residents - we all must do our part to accomplish the vision of a sustainable, diversified and healthy fisheries in Cook Inlet and Kenai River."

#### The Governor's plan includes:

• More than \$20 million in expenditures for habitat acquisition and responsible recreational access, including \$6.7 million for Kenai River projects, \$3.2 million for the rest of the Kenai Peninsula, and \$10 million for Anchorage and the northern Inlet. Funding is to come from a variety of sources including Exxon civil and criminal settlements, Dingell-Johnson sport fishing funds, ISTEA enhancement funds and Scenic Byway funds.

- Reconstitute the Kenai River Advisory Committee to work in a coordinated manner with state resource agencies, streamling the permitting process and update the nai River Management Plan.
- Establish the Kenai River Center to provide interpretive and education information on river including an educational programs for adults and children alike. The center can also serve as a clearinghouse for permitting agencies to allow residents a "one stop" permitting process.
- Volunteer Stream Watch enforcement program.
- Encouragement for the proposed Kenai Peninsula Borough zoning ordinance.
- And last, but not least, Knowles wants the state to put its own house in order by cleaning up a Department of Transportation road maintenance site near the Kenai River.

The Governor's two part action plan also includes a comprehensive scientific and management analysis of Cook Inlet/Kenai river fisheries and submission of a proposal for an updated management plan for consideration by the Board of Fisheries in their January, 1996 meeting.

Governor Knowles will ask Fish and Game Commissioner Frank Rue to contract with a neutral facilitator with the following responsibilties:

- Review the scientific information that is currently available and identify additional needed information.
- Review and analyze current management practices and alternatives.
- Facilitate user group discussions to identify options and needs and prepare a report with recommendation for the improved management of the Kenai River/Cook Inlet fisheries.

"I'm a strong supporter of the Board process and their expertise and involvement in this initiative will be crucial," Knowles said. "My goals are to protect important fisheries habitat to maintain and restore runs, ensure necessary escapement to protect and built stocks, ensure access for the personal use needs of Alaska families and maintain a viable commercial and commercial-sport fishing industries."

Knowles announced his draft initiative before the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Monday.

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#### KNOWLES ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR MORE FISH IN COOK INLET RIVERS

Better recreational access, habitat protection tops effort

In an effort to ensure that Cook Inlet reaches its potential as the world's finest sport fishery, Gov. Tony Knowles today announced a three-part plan designed to put more fish into the region's rivers, improve recreational access and protect the habitat of Kenai Peninsula, Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage bowl rivers.

The plan includes a process of working with the Alaska Board of Fisheries to make more fish available for Alaskan families, an unprecedented commitment of more than \$20 million for improved recreational facilities and a new partnership with local governments to protect habitat.

"I have long maintained that the most important fish is the one on Alaska's dinner table," Knowles said. "Although this plan may be controversial, it would be irresponsible of me not to step up to the plate. The changes in population and economics in Southcentral Alaska and the value of the fish must be reflected in allocation decisions. My vision is of sustainable fisheires which meet the needs of all Alaskans."

The governor's plan includes:

\* A process to put more fish in the rivers. To do that, he is directing the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to contract with a third-party facilitator to gather and analyze scientific, demographic and management information and identify if more data is needed to improve fisheries management for Upper Cook Inlet.

The facilitator also will conduct discussions with user groups designed to protect tisheries habitat, ensure escapement to build and protect wild stocks, provide for the personal needs of Alaska families and maintain viable commercial and guided sports fishing industries. The facilitator will then prepare a report with recommendations for improved management of the region's fisheries which will be available to the public in advance of the Board's January meeting on Cook Inlet.

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\* Increase recreational access to area rivers. The governor is pledging more than \$20 million for habitat acquisition and recreational access, including \$6.7 million for Kenai River projects, \$3.2 million for the rest of the Kenai Peninsula and \$10 million for Anchorage and the Susitna drainages. Funding is from a variety of sources, including Exxon civil and criminal settlements, Dingell-Johnson sport fishing and federal enhancement and scenic byway funds.

Some of the recreational improvements and habitat acquisition projects include:

- \* Bing's Landing access improvements, Soldotna, \$200,000.
- \* Cooper Landing sconic overlook and boat access, \$600,000.
- \* Pillars boat launch and boardwalks, Kenai River Mile 12.5, \$1.8 million.
- \* Kenai River watershed acquisition, up to \$2 million.
- \* Talkeetna River boating access, \$400,000.
- \* Süsitna River landing improvements, \$90,000.
- \* Bradley Kepler lakes, \$300,000.
- \* Lake Louise State Recreation Area improvements, \$340,000.
- \* Fort Richardson Fish Hatchery expansion, \$4 million.
- \* Chugach State Park improvements, \$2.9 million.
- \* A new partnership with local governments. The state will coordinate with local and state agencies to revitalize or create advisory committees on Kenai and Mat-Su river land use management plans. A Kenai River Center will be established in cooperation with the Kenai Borough to provide interpretive information and educational programs about the river. The center also will serve as a clearinghouse for government agencies to allow residents a "one stop" permitting process.

The governor also said the state will clean up and move a Soldotna Department of Transportation road maintenance site near the Kenai River and provide for pollution prevention along the river.

"We Alaskans live in this country not only for its enormous economic opportunities, but because of its beauty and its abundance of natural resources," Knowles said in remarks to the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce where he announced the plan Monday. "We need to avoid the mistakes made in many other rivers systems where once healthy runs of fish are gone forever. It would be irresponsible for us not to act now to preserve the treasure of Cook Inlet for our children and grandchildren."

#### **GOVERNOR TONY KNOWLES'**

# Upper Cook Inlet Fisheries & Habitat Plan

"The most important fish is the one on Alaska's dinner table."



ENSURE THAT COOK INLET REACHES ITS POTENTIAL AS THE WORLD'S FINEST SPORT FISHERY FOR ALASKA FAMILIES.

- While maintaining healthy subsistence, personal use, commercial, and commercial sport fisheries.
- Governor initiates process for analysis, input and development of recommendations;
   management roles of Department and Board of Fisheries are maintained and protected.



#### REVITALIZE UPPER COOK INLET RIVERWAYS.

- \$20 million to provide habitat protection along the Upper Cook Inlet Riverways (Kenai River, Anchorage, Susitna Drainage).
  - Expand and improve responsible recreational access.
  - · Acquire critical lands on the Kenai River.
  - · Clean up our own house.



PROTECT OUR RIVERWAYS AND FISH STOCKS
THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH KENAI & MAT-SU
BOROUGHS AND ANCHORAGE, PROVIDE
EDUCATION AND PROMOTE COORDINATION OF
LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES.

#### EDUCATION

- Schools
- Stream Watch

#### COORDINATION

- River Advisory Committees
- Kenai River Center
- Community action to protect rivers



Direct the Department of Fish & Game to contract with a third-party facilitator to:

- Gather and analyze scientific, socio-economic, demographic and management information, and identify additional information needed to improve fisheries management for Cook Inlet and the Kenai and Susitna River drainages.
- Facilitate discussion with all user groups, citizens and local governments to develop ideas and options for achieving the following goals:
  - Protect important fisheries habitat.
  - Ensure necessary escapement to build and protect wild fish stocks.
  - Provide for personal needs of Alaska families.
  - Maintain viable and prosperous commercial and commercial sports fishing industries.
- Prepare recommendations for consideration by the Board of Fisheries.



# PROJECTS FOR REVITALIZING UPPER COOK INLET RIVERWAYS

#### Total Expenditures :more than \$20 Million

- · Konal River \$6.72 Million
- · Rest of Kenoi Peninsula \$3.2 Million
- · Anchorage & Susting Prainage 38 Million
- Commitment of money to purchase acreage along Konai Kwen at fair markee value

#### Sources of Money

- . Exxon Criminal Funds
- Exon Civil Funds
- \* Dingell Johnson Sport Fish Restorungn
- ISTUA Enhancement Funds
- Scenic Byway Funds
- NMFS Senator Stevens special appropriation
- Expand and improve responsible recreational access in Upper Cook Inlet while protecting habitat. (Parks, boardwalks, interpretive displays, boat launches, camping, balanced with habitat protection.)

#### Susitna

- | Talkeetna River boating access \$400,000
- Susitna River landing improvement \$90,000
- Bradley Kepler lakes \$300,000
- Lake Louise State Recreation Area \$340,000

#### Kenai

- Pillars \$1.8 Million
- Gooper Landing scenic overlook \$600,000
- Bings Landing \$200,000
- Acquisition for habitat protection

#### Anchorage

- Fort Richardson Fish Hatchery \$4 Million
- Chugach State Park \$2.9 Million
- Acquisition of critical lands on Kenai River and enhancement of greenways
  - | Cove Parcel 100 acres near the mouth of Kenai River at Kenai River Flats
  - Kobylarz Subdivision Parcel 20 acres at Big Eddy
  - River Ranch Parcel 146 acres near mile 32
  - | Salamatof Parcel 1260 acres between miles 26 and 28
  - Stephanka Tract 803 acres southeast of Sterling 4
  - Public Use Cabins in Kachemak Bay acquire existing private cabins for public use at Bear Cove, Halibut Cove, Eldred Passage, Sadie Cove and Tutka Bay
- Cleaning up our own house
  - Move DOT site in Soldotna
  - Pollution prevention



# EDUCATION & AGENCY COORDINATION

- Education
  - Educational programs in Cook Inlet area schools
  - Volunteer program "Stream Watch"
- Create partnerships with Kenai & Mat-Su Boroughs and Anchorage to protect our riverways and fish stocks.
- Revitalize Kenai River Advisory Committee
  - Resource agencies to work in a coordinated manner.
  - Update Kenai River Management Plan (including longrange acquisition goals & habitat protection).
  - Streamline the permitting process.
- Create Susitna Drainage River Advisory Committee
- Establish Kenai River Center
  - Provide interpretive and educational information on the river.
  - Act as a clearinghouse for the permitting process.
- Support the Kenai Peninsula Borough in enacting a zoning ordinance and community action to protect other Cook Inlet rivers.

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#### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Date:

April 14, 1995

Subject:

Public Meeting in Anchorage Accessible by Teleconference

Contact:

L.J. Evans or Sandra Schubert 278-8012

Please announce!

BRIEFING & PUBLIC MEETING

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

Update on Restoration

6:30 PM, Thursday, April 20 645 G Street



EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Trustee Council representatives including Executive Director Molly McCammon, Chief Scientist Bob Spies and scientists working on the restoration program will hold a meeting in Anchorage to discuss the restoration program and hear the public's views about projected future activities. This meeting will be accessible via teleconference to other locations in the state. For more information, contact the Trustee Council at 645 G St, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by calling 907/278-8012, toll-free at 1-800-478-7745.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date:

April 14, 1995

Subject:

**Seward Public Meeting** 

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Update on Restoration

6:30 PM, Tuesday, April 18 Visitor's Center, Kenai Fjords National Park 1212 4th Avenue

Trustee Council representatives including Director of Operations Eric Myers and Chief Scientist Bob Spies will hold a meeting in Seward to discuss the restoration program and hear the public's views about projected future activities. For more information, contact the Trustee Council at 645 G St, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by calling 907/278-8012, toll-free at 1-800-478-7745.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date:

April 6, 1995

Subject:

**Kodiak Public Meeting** 

Contact:

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BRIEFING & PUBLIC MEETING

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

Update on Restoration

5:00 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 13 Kodiak Auditorium Choral Pod EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Trustee Council representatives including Executive Director Molly McCammon, Alex Swiderski and Ernie Piper will hold a meeting in Kodiak to discuss the restoration program and hear the public's views about projected future activities, including a shoreline survey in the Kodiak area to take place this summer. For more information, contact the Trustee Council at 645 G St, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by calling 907/278-8012, toll-free at 1-800-478-7745.

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#### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

Date:

April 6, 1995

Subject:

**Homer Public Meeting** 

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Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council

Update on Restoration

6:30 PM, Wednesday, April 12 Homer City Council Chambers

Trustee Council representatives including Director of Operations Eric Myers and ADF&G Fisheries Specialist Joe Sullivan will hold a meeting in Homer to discuss the restoration program and hear the public's views about projected future activities. For more information, contact the Trustee Council at 645 G St, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by calling 907/278-8012, toll-free at 1-800-478-7745.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date:

March 30, 1995

Subject:

Cordova Public Meeting

Contact:

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#### **BRIEFING & PUBLIC MEETING**

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Update on Restoration

4:00 - 6:00 PM, Wednesday, April 5 Cordova Library Meeting Room

Trustee Council representatives including Executive Director Molly McCammon will hold a meeting in Cordova to discuss the restoration program and hear the public's views about projected future activities. For more information, contact the Trustee Council at 645 G St, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by calling 907/278-8012, toll-free at 1-800-478-7745.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Date:

March 29, 1995

Subject:

**Public Meetings in April 1995** 

Contact:

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#### PUBLIC MEETINGS

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Update on Restoration

Nanwalek, Tuesday, April 4, 1:00 PM, Community Building Pt. Graham, Wednesday, April 5, 1:00 PM, Community Center Seldovia, Wednesday, April 5, 6:30 PM, Multi-Purpose Room

Trustee Council representatives will hold public meetings in Nanwalek, Pt. Graham and Seldovia to discuss the restoration program and hear the public's views about projected future activities. A similar meeting in Homer will be announced next week. For more information, contact the Trustee Council at 645 G St, Suite 401, Anchorage, AK 99501, or by calling 907/278-8012, toll-free at 1-800-478-7745.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date:

March 22, 1994

Subject:

Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group Meeting

Contact:

Doug Mutter 271-5011

#### EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL PUBLIC ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Public Advisory Group will meet on Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, beginning at 8:30 AM at the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G. Street in Anchorage. The public is welcome to attend.

There will be a public comment session on Friday, March 24 beginning at 10:00 AM. The agenda will include an introduction to the Trustee Council staff, briefings on the major elements of the restoration program and the status of recovery, and election of officers. This will be the first meeting of the second term of Public Advisory Group members, who are beginning the 1995 – 1997 term.

The Public Advisory Group advises the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council on decisions relating to the planning, evaluation and conduct of restoration activities. The Public Advisory Group consists of seventeen members and reflects representation from the public at large and the following principal interests: aquaculture, commercial fishing, commercial tourism, environmental, conservation, forest products, local government, native landowners, recreational users, sport hunting and fishing, subsistence, and science/academia.

Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this meeting should contact L.J. Evans at 278-8008 to make any necessary arrangements. For more detailed information on the role of the Public Advisory Group or a copy of the agenda, contact Doug Mutter, U.S. Department of the Interior at 907/271-5011.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date:

March 22, 1994

Subject:

Trustee Council Open House 4:30 - 6:30, March 23

Contact:

L.J. Evans 278-8012

#### Trustee Council Holds Open House to Commemorate Sixth Anniversary of Spill

The public is invited to mark the sixth anniversary of the oil spill at an informal open house on Thursday, March 23 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G Street, Anchorage. In attendance will be members of the Trustee Council, the Chief Scientist, Trustee Council staff, and the new Public Advisory Group members. Tours of the Oil Spill Public Information Center will be available.

For more information, contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center at 278-8008 or the Trustee Council offices at 278-8012.

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

### Trustee Council, Eyak Corp. reach agreement

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council and representatives of Eyak and Sherstone Corporations announced today at a joint press conference that they have reached a cooperative agreement which will result in protection of habitat important to restoration of resources and services injured in the 1989 oil spill.

"This agreement was structured to provide for habitat protection and Eyak's continued management of their economic resources, and at the same time, it protects an important area of viewshed for the Cordova community," said Phil Janik, U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester and member of the Trustee Council. "An essential element of the agreement is that both parties are committed to immediate commencement of a negotiation schedule, which upon conclusion should provide for the protection of other Eyak lands in eastern Prince William Sound with especially high resource value."

The agreement includes a number of potential timber exchange opportunities and possible purchases of timber rights. If successful, these actions will enable Eyak to go forward with logging on portions of their lands and also protect in perpetuity certain lands considered important for recovery of resources and services injured by the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill.

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"We are pleased because we have protected the interests of our shareholders and the community of Cordova," said Donna Platt, President of The Eyak Corporation. "Speaking on behalf of the Eyak board, it has been a long process, but we have all met in good faith to assure the best outcome possible for everyone concerned." Ms. Platt noted that the agreement is still subject to final approval by the boards of Eyak and Sherstone Corps.

As a result of the agreement, impacts from timber harvesting and road building activities in the viewshed area across from Shepard Point will be greatly minimized. This is an area many citizens of Cordova have identified as most important for recreation and tourism. Negotiations will continue regarding Eyak Corp. lands in Sheep Bay, Windy Bay & Port Gravina which are of the highest value for the Trustee Council's restoration objectives.

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### **Press Advisory**

Date:

February 28, 1995

Subject:

Press conference on February 28, 1995

Contact:

L.J. Evans or Molly McCammon for the Council at 278 SM1 VALUEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

### Trustee Council/Eyak Press Conference

Representatives of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council and Evak Corporation will hold a joint press conference on Tuesday, February 28 at approximately 2:30 PM in the 4th floor conference room, 645 G Street, Anchorage, immediately following a Trustee Council meeting set to convene at 1:00 PM. The topic will be an update on negotiations between the two parties.

Access is available via teleconference; please call L.J. Evans at 265-9327 to make arrangements.

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: February 28, 1995

Subject: Trustee Council Meeting on February 28, 1995

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EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL TRUSTEE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

### **Exxon Valdez** Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Exxon Valdez Restoration Trustee Council will take place on Tuesday, February 28. The meeting will begin with an executive session at 1:00 PM, with a public session tentatively scheduled to begin at 1:30 PM. A brief public comment session will be held before action items are addressed. The meeting will take place in the 4th floor conference room, 645 G Street, Anchorage. The public is invited to attend.

- The agenda will include an update on recent negotations with Eyak Corporation.
- Access by teleconference will be available upon request at the 1 Information Offices or Volunteer Teleconference Centers in: Cl. Lq. Evans, access Cordova, Fairbanks, Homer, Kenai, Kodiak, Seward, Soldotna, by teleconference Valdez and Whittier. Contact your Legislative Information Off to participate in this meeting.

will be available in Juneau also.

Persons who may need a special modification in order to partic meeting should contact L.J. Evans or Cherri Womac at 278-8012 to make any necessary arrangements. To obtain a copy of the agenda or additional information, please contact the Oil Spill Public Information Center, 645 G St, Anchorage, AK 99501, or call 278-8008 (toll free within Alaska at 1-800-478-7745).

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Date:

Friday, February 24, 1995

Subject:

Trustees suggest mediation to resolve issues w/Eyak Corp

Contact:

L.J. Evans or Molly McCammon at 278-8012

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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

Trustee Council, Eyak Corp pursue outside mediation

The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council today unanimously recommended the Eyak Corporation Board of Directors and the Trustee Council seek assistance from an outside mediator to come to a mutually-acceptable agreement for protection of habitat in eastern Prince William Sound. Late this afternoon Eyak Corporation representatives indicated to Trustee Council member Phil Janik their willingness to seek mediation. Arrangements are being made to bring the groups together as soon as possible.

The Trustees offered on February 22 to pay Eyak Corp. \$4.13 million in exchange for a seven-year commercial logging moratorium on 14,800 acres in Orca Narrows to protect those lands while negotiations for a more permanent arrangement continued. The Council wants to protect the lands from logging as a means of protecting habitat important to the recovery of resources and services injured by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Eyak is scheduled to begin logging the lands on March 2. The offer stipulated that the moratorium would not effect Eyak's subsistence and access rights and was also conditional on donation of a timber harvest moratorium on other Eyak lands important for restoration.

Eyak's counter proposal of February 23 requested \$15 million for the logging moratorium and stipulated that the money must be in hand by March 1, 1995. Eyak also stated they would not commence logging on March 2 if the Trustees agreed to pay \$100,000 a day and continue these payments until a deal was concluded and money received. They also stipulated that such payments could not be used to offset any agreed upon purchase price.

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"Today we met to discuss the counter offer and decide what our response should be," said Phil Janik, Regional Forester and Trustee Council member. "Even though we are declining Eyak's offer, we want to reaffirm our strong desire to avoid the imminent threat of logging in these areas. We agreed on the importance of emphasizing our desire to reach a resolution."

The Trustee Council made an offer to Eyak Corporation last December 2 to purchase lands and negotiate a conservation easement on several parcels of land near Cordova for an amount to be based on certain stipulations and appraisals, the total not to exceed \$50 million. The Board of Eyak Corp. rejected that offer and indicated their intention to pursue clearcut logging commencing March 2.

Trustee Council member Phil Janik of the U.S. Forest Service, Craig Tillery representing Alaska Attorney General Bruce Botelho, and Executive Director Molly McCammon met with the Eyak Board of Directors in Cordova on Thursday to discuss the recent offers. The Trustee Council representatives held a meeting later that afternoon to update Cordova residents on the status of negotiations.

The Trustees have received considerable public comment in support of protection of the Eyak lands.

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Attached:

Summaries of December 2 and February 22 offers from

the Trustee Council and February 24 resolution

Map of area under consideration

## SUMMARY OF RECENT TRUSTEE COUNCIL ACTIONS REGARDING EYAK CORPORATION LANDS

#### February 24 Trustee Council Action

On February 24, the Trustee Council met and reaffirmed, through the passage of a motion, its continuing interest in negotiating with Eyak Corporation for the purchase of interests in Eyak's lands. The Trustee Council reaffirmed its prior actions of February 22 and December 2. Additionally, the Trustee Council indicated its willingness to seek mediation as a means of reaching an agreement with Eyak.

#### February 22 Trustee Council Resolution

On **February 22**, the Trustee Council adopted a resolution that authorized an offer that included:

- Orca Revised Lands: an offer to purchase a 7 year moratorium in the form of a limited conservation easement on commercial timber harvest on the Orca Revised lands for \$4.13 million
- Other Lands (Sheep/Gravina/Fidalgo/Hawkins Island): as a condition
  of the above, the Trustee Council asked Eyak Corporation to donate a 7
  year moratorium on development on Eyak's Other Lands (west of
  Shepard Point) with the exception of such Eyak shareholder homesite
  development that may be mutually agreed upon by the Eyak
  Corporation and the Trustee Council (as represented by the US Forest
  Service)
- <u>Core Lands</u>: a reaffirmation of the Trustee Council's offer to purchase
  the Core Lands in fee and recognition that negotiations for those lands
  are on-going; an appraisal of the <u>Core Lands</u> is in progress (the <u>Core
  Land</u> offer remains independent of and separate from the <u>Orca
  Revised-Other Lands</u> offer)

#### December 2 Trustee Council Resolution

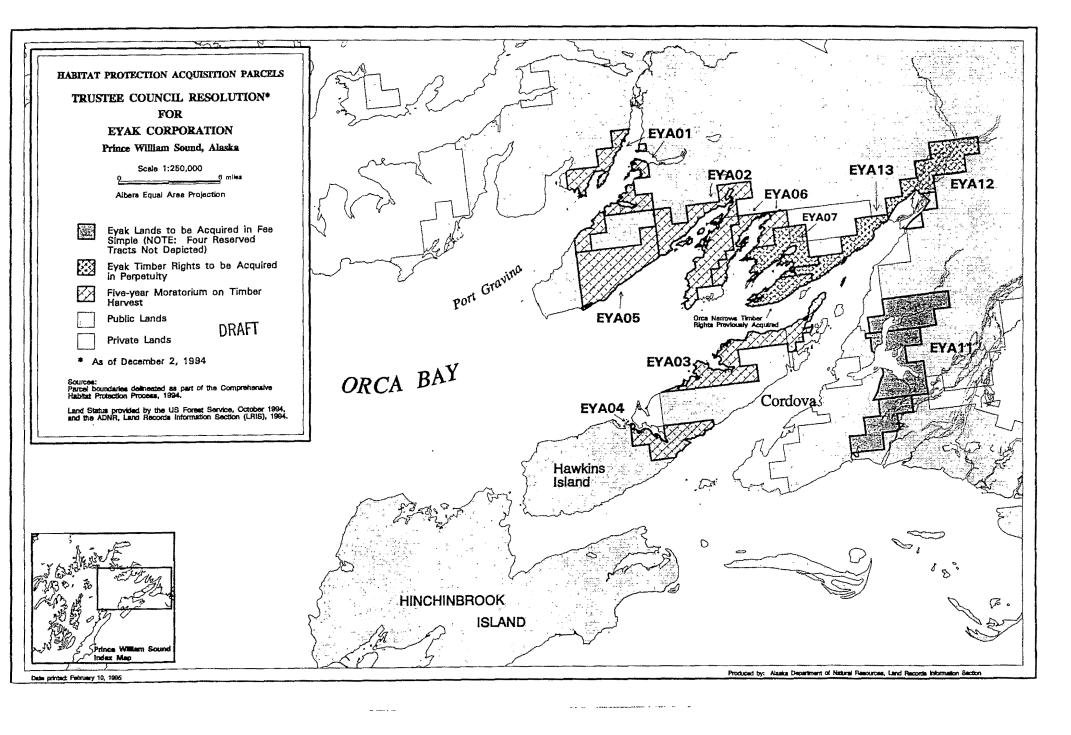
On **December 2**, the Trustee Council adopted a resolution that authorized two offers: 1) a preferred offer (<u>Core Lands</u> and <u>Orca Revised</u> together); and 2) an alternative offer (<u>Core Lands</u> only).

1. The <u>preferred offer</u> to be made to the Eyak Corporation provided:



- to purchase a *combination* of interests in the Core Lands (fee simple) and the Orca Revised Lands (conservation easement):
  - the <u>Core Lands</u> would be purchased in fee simple
  - the <u>Orca Revised Lands</u> would be subject to a conservation easement in perpetuity that would prohibit commercial timber harvest yet allow for development to the extent compatible with the restoration of injured resources and services and for general public access (except for negotiated exceptions)
  - the offer was conditioned upon a grant of a moratorium on the commercial harvest of timber for 5 years on Eyak's remaining Other Lands (west of Shepard Point)
- the purchase price for the interests in the <u>Orca Revised</u> lands
   (conservation easement) and the <u>Core Lands</u> (fee simple) would be
   based upon the final approved appraised fair market value using the
   Trustee Council's standardized appraisal methodology of the interests
   in the <u>Orca Revised</u> and <u>Core Lands</u> plus twenty percent, so long as the
   total did not exceed \$50 million
- 2. In the <u>alternative offer</u>, the Trustee Council authorized an offer to purchase fee simple interests in the <u>Core Lands</u> alone with the purchase price to be determined through the Trustee Council's standardized appraisal methodology to determine the fair market value of the interests plus twenty percent so long as the total did not exceed \$21 million.

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### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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February 23, 1995

Subject:

Public Meeting in Cordova 3:30 PM Februar

Contact:

L.J. Evans 278-8012

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### Public Meeting in Cordova DMINISTRATIVE RECORD

Craig Tillery and Phil Janik, *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council members, and Molly McCammon, Executive Director for the Trustee Council, will discuss the Council's most recent offer to Eyak Corporation at a public meeting in Cordova on Thursday, February 23, at 3:30 PM in the Cordova Public Library meeting room.

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News Release - For Immediate Release

Date:

February 22, 1995

Subject:

New Eyak Offer

Contact:

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TRUSTEE COUNCIL

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### Trustees Council extends a new offer to Eyak Corp.

Following negotiations with Eyak Corporation to reach agreement on an offer made on December 2, 1994, the Trustee Council today extended a new offer to Eyak in order to protect habitat necessary to accomplish restoration objectives in the Cordova area.

The proposal was made by the Council to address the imminent threat of clearcut logging on the lands owned by Eyak Corporation in Orca Narrows near Cordova. The offer calls for a seven-year timber harvest moratorium, or limited conservation easement, on the lands designated "Orca Revised" in exchange for \$4.13 million. As a condition of this offer, the Trustees are asking that Eyak donate a seven-year moratorium on development, including commercial timber harvest, on the Eyak lands west of Shepard Point referred to as the "Other Lands." The offer made by the Trustee Council will not affect Eyak Corporation's existing subsistence and access rights to the properties involved. At their meeting today, the Trustees also reaffirmed their desire to purchase the "Core" Eyak lands as part of the overall habitat protection program. The "Core" land negotiations are ongoing and separate from the offer made today.

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"This resolution is the result of many long negotiating sessions," said Phil Janik, Trustee Council member and Regional Forester for the U.S. Forest Service. "We make this offer in good faith, being sensitive to the needs of the Eyak shareholders and at the same time responding to the restoration needs identified by the Council."

"Our goal is to keep moving forward with the habitat protection process," said Molly McCammon, Executive Director for the Trustee Council. "The resolution directly responds to the support expressed for protecting these lands by many Alaskans as well as by residents of the Cordova community."

Several members of the Trustee Council are scheduled to present the most recent offer at a public meeting in Cordova on Thursday, February 23.

Attachment: Summary of Resolution

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#### SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION

#### **ORCA REVISED**

 The Trustee Council has made an offer to purchase a 7 year moratorium (conservation easement) on commercial timber harvest on the Orca Revised lands for \$4.13 million.

#### OTHER LANDS (Sheep/Gravina/Fidalgo/Hawkins Island)

 As a condition of the offer to purchase the 7 year commercial timber moratorium (conservation easement), the Trustee Council is asking that the Eyak Corporation donate a 7 year mortorium on development on Eyak's Other Lands (west of Shepard Point) with the exception of Eyak shareholder homesite development that may be mutually agreed upon by the Eyak Corporation and the Trustee Council (as represented by the US Forest Service).

#### **CORE LANDS**

 The Trustee Council has reaffirmed its offer and desire to purchase the Core Lands in fee and negotiations for those lands are on-going and an appraisal of the Core Lands is in progress. The Core Land offer remains independent of and separate from the Orca Revised-Other Lands offer.

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#### **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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February 8, 1995

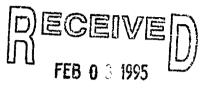
Subject:

Trustee Council Meeting on February 13, 1995

Contact:

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### Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Meeting

The next meeting of the *Exxon Valdez* Restoration Trustee Council will take place on Monday, February 13, beginning at 10:00 AM in Conference Room 541A, the Federal Building, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau. The public is invited to attend.

- The agenda will include reports on project status, recent workshops, small parcel habitat protection, Public Advisory Group appointments, and an executive session to begin at approximately 1:00 PM.
- A public comment session is scheduled to begin at 11:30 AM.
- Access by teleconference will be available at the Trustee Council office in Anchorage at 645 G Street, in the 4th floor conference room, and upon request at the Legislative Information Offices or Volunteer Teleconference Centers in: Chenega Bay, Cordova, Fairbanks, Homer, Juneau, Kenai, Kodiak, Seward, Soldotna, Tatitlek, Valdez and Whittier. Contact your Legislative Information Office to arrange to participate in this meeting.
- Persons who may need a special modification in order to participate in this
  meeting should contact L.J. Evans or Cherri Womac at 278-8012 to make any
  necessary arrangements. To obtain a copy of the agenda or additional
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#### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Date:

January 30, 1995

Subject:

Public meeting on January 31, 1995

Contact:

Margy Johnson 424-6200

L.J. Evans 278-8012

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# Exxon Valdez Trustee Council Representatives in Cordova Tuesday, January 31

There will be a general information public meeting in Cordova with representatives of the *Exxon Valdez* Oil Spill Trustee Council on Tuesday, January 31, between 4:00 and 6:00 PM in the library meeting room of the Centennial Building, 602 First Street.

Trustee Council Member Phil Janik from the U.S. Forest Service, Trustee Representative Craig Tillery from the Alaska Department of Law, and Executive Director Molly McCammon will discuss the Trustees' 1995 restoration program with meeting participants.

For more information contact Mayor Margy Johnson at 424-6200 or L.J. Evans at the Trustee Council office in Anchorage at 278-8012.

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